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ELECTION OF U. S. SENATORS.

The people of the United States seem very loath to make any changes in their Federal constitution. This is exemplified particularly in the future thus far to amend the constitution so as to elect United States Senators by popular vote.

The Montana war is thus described by the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post: "Clark decided many years ago to come to the United States Senate and to run the politics of Montana."

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In the efforts of Quay to again foster himself upon the Senate, Pennsylvania appears in a light little better than Montana. For years Quay has been the boss of the Key Stone State.

The spectacles presented to the nation by Pennsylvania and Montana are most alarming. If Quay shall be seated and the precedent thus established that governors have the right to appoint where legislatures fail to elect, the situation may be expected to grow still worse.

The election of Senators by popular vote would most assuredly be productive of much better results in every respect. Not only would better men be sent to Washington by the election of Senators, but the legislative bodies would be improved through the removal of influences that are demoralizing to them.

THE SHOOTING MR. GOEBEL.

The attempted assassination of William Goebel comes as a natural climax to the lamentable condition of affairs in Kentucky, which has been constantly growing more and more threatening for some time.

No one really believes that the man who did the shooting acted as a representative of the Republican party, for surely the effect of this cowardly attempt upon Mr. Goebel's life with all the conditions that surround it cannot but prove disastrous to that party.

Mr. Goebel is a diplomat. He went to the Democratic convention in Louisville last June the weakest of the three candidates for the gubernatorial nomination, he combined his forces with those of the next weakest man and, succeeded in juggling through his own nomination.

The editorial from the Atlanta Journal (Dem.) yesterday is given as a sample of the comments of the press on the situation. The Journal said: "The exercise of the ballot in Kentucky last November under the election law which Goebel himself put through the legislature proved that he was not the choice of the people of that State for Governor."

Since the Legislature has decided in Mr. Goebel's favor would it not be better if Mr. Taylor and his followers should peacefully accept the decision, just as Biden accepted the decision of the electoral commission of '76, when his followers were convinced that he had been elected President?

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RESTRICTION ON MARRIAGE.

While the Western States are generally the pioneers in freak legislation yet some measures of real merit have originated on our prairies. Where so much rubbish exists it is natural that some jewels should be hidden.

cal examiners in each county, to consist of three physicians and the granting of marriage licenses is to be placed entirely in the hands of this board. No marriage license shall be granted until a certificate is had from the board that the man is not less than 25 years old, the woman not less than 22, and that both are free from any form of organic or true insanity, hereditary insanity, tuberculosis of the lungs, or other vital organs; hereditary asthma, scrofula and epilepsy; and that there is no blood relation existing between them.

The bill has commendable features beyond doubt, but it is safe to say that if placed upon the statute books of Colorado it will cause the exodus of many citizens with matrimonial designs.

The Wilmington Dispatch has become a very irregular visitor to our office, we are sorry to say. The Dispatch is one of our favorites, particularly because of our friendship for the editor.

TWO COMMENTS.

The Raleigh Times-Visitor is one paper in North Carolina that has a true sense of journalistic ethics worthy of emulation.

We heartily agree with our esteemed neighbor, the Daily Sun, that "the Raleigh Times-Visitor is one paper in North Carolina that has a true sense of journalistic ethics, and is worthy of emulation."

We heartily appreciate the kind words of both of our Durham contemporaries.

Asheville Citizen: The rock-ribbed Democratic county of Cleveland has never had a representative on the State ticket and now comes forward with the name of Dr. B. F. Dixon as a candidate for the nomination for State Auditor on the Democratic State ticket.

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YOUNGEST CONFEDERATE.

Mr. Wise Entered the Army at Eleven Years Old and Served Through the War. The Charlotte News has received the following letter from Mr. L. H. Wise, of Charlotte: "I see an article in the News of recent date from a South Carolina veteran who wore the gray at the age of twelve years. That was quite young, but I claim to be the youngest soldier who ever entered the Confederate army and can show a longer record."

JOYS OF WINTER.

Joys of winter let us sing! Air that sets the blood a-tingling, Where the skate blades grate and ring, Or the sleighbells go a-jingling; Hoar frost glancing in the sun, Snowflakes dancing from the dun! Who would not have happy reason To rejoice this mappy season!

DOES AS HE'S BID. How doth the ferried suitorer We see about the town, Delight to praise his trinkets up And then to knock them down!

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? Most slothful people that we know Improve when wrapped in slumber deep; Awake they may be very slow, Yet may we see them fast asleep.

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