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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 fatture thus far to amend the constitution so as to elect United States Senators by popular vote, instead of by the State legislatures, although there can be little doubt that a vast majority of the electors are eager for the change. The present system has proved most unsatisfactory and its evils are becoming more and more apparent. This system is now responsible for two scandals in the United States Senate. Evidences of wholesale bribery and corruption are presented in the contest for the seat of the new Senator from Montina, Mr. Clark, before the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections and the spectacle which that State now presents can but alarm the friends of good government throughout the country.

The Montana war is thus described by | the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post:

"Clark decided many years ago to ome to the United States Senate and to run the politics of Montana, Mark Daly, another copper king, decided that Clark should do neither of these things. Ever in Montana every time any political or other favors were to be disposed of. The terms Republican and Democrat are almost as unknown there as Whig and

THE SHOOTING MR. GOEBEL. The attempted assassination of Wil-

SATURDAY, FEB. - E3 1900 liam 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. That the deed was a most cowardly and dastardly one will not be denied by any friend of law and order

> anywhere. At the same time the partlsans of Mr. Goebel were liberal contributors in the features which gave rise to the conditions in which such a crime was likely to be committed; but Mr. Goebel and his friends are not the only ones to blame for the conditions in Kentucky, Gov, Taylor and his associates have certainly made a most miserable blunder in allowing armed men to appear in irresponsible bands at the State Capitol when it was almost certain that such demonstrations must in-

> cite bloodshed. 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 Kenneky last November under the election law which Goelel himself put through the legislature proved that he was not the choice of the people of that State for Governor. The returning board, acting under the Goebel law and with a

majority of the board politically in Goebel's favor, declared his chief opponent, Taylor, elected . We do not believe that any unprejuliced man in Kentucky or outside of it doubts that Taylor was elected. "And yet Goebel appeals to the legts-

lature to sent him. "He knows that he was beaten, but he wants to be Governor of Kentucky. That is his whole case.

"But there are other men in Kentucky vho know also that Goebel was beaten and do not propose to have a fraud crammed down their throats. Several thousand of them have gone from the countains and the lowlands of Kentucky to its capital to see whether the popu lar will is to be sustained or defied. "They are determined men and no partisan vote of the Kentucky legisla-ture will either convince or te rrify

them "The condition of the once proud old Blue Grass State is deplorable Its cit! zens are armed and are meditating mischief against each other and the entire responsibility for the trouble lies at the door of a coterie of cheap and conscience less politicians." Since the Legislature has decided in

Mr. Goebel's favor would it not be better if Mr. Taylor and his followers should peaceably accept the decision, just as Tilden accepted the decision of the electoral commission of '76, when his followers were convinced that he had been elected President? If the Legislature since then an auction has been going on | has really deliberately over-ridden justice and public sontiment in order to sear Mr. Goelel then the people of Kentucky may be trusted to visit punishment on that legislature in due time

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 insunity, tuberculosis of the lungs, or other vital organs; hereditary asthma, scrofula and epilepsy, and that there is no blood relation existing between them. In no case shall a certificate be granted a person notorious for moral depravity, or who shall at the time of the application be on trial, under bonds or in prison for felony.

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 25 year limit will greatly tax the impationt Colorado youth.

The Wilmington Dispatch has become very irregular visitor to our office, we are sorry to say. The Dispatch is one of our favorites, paticularly because of our friendship for the editor. We will forgive The Disputch if the evil is rectified.

TWO COMMENTS.

The Raleigh Times-Visitor is one pa per in North Carolina that has a true sense of journalistic ethics worthy of munition .- Durnam Sun of Jan. 27.

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 emu lation," but The Recorder would never nive thought this fact of sufficient sig nificance to have referred to, since the science of moral philosophy, coupled with a high regard for professional eff quette, is so general that the exception to this line of consider on the part of the North Carolina press are alone worthy of notice. For instance, to attribut these same virtues to the Daily Son would be deserving, but, nevertheless, a ase of invidious distinction,-Durham Recorder of Fub. 1.

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

------Ashevile Citizen; The rock-ribbed Domocratic 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. Dr. Dixon has held many positions of honor and trust, and ably represented his county in the Legislature in the session of 1897.

Wilmington Messenger: Pope Leo has scanted as to this being the twentieth entury. It is time for some other church dignitaries to recant also. It is the nineteenth century, but they have not found it out. Rev. Dr. Hawthorne, the able and eloquent Baptist minister in Richmond, Vt., "is stil waving h s flag," says the Central Presbyterian. After awhile the doubters and ministers will find out that it takes 100 to make a century. But how people with heads ever came to the conclusion that 99 years constitute a century, which means me hundred, is marvelous

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, Charlotte: "I see an article in the News of recent date from a South Carolina veteran who wore the gray at the age of That was quite young, twelve years. but I claim to be the youngest soldier who over entered the Confederate army and can show a longer record. 1 was born March 28th, 1850, and entered the Confederate army in 1861. I remained in the army 'till the last day, 6th of April, 1869. April, 1869. Now, if there is one younger than this or one that can show a longer record, trot him out. I was in many of Stewart's famous raids, was captured at the battle of Gettysburg, and, owing to my extreme youth, was treated very kindly: carried from Gettysburg to Baltimore, where I lost all of the buttons from my clothes, Hundreds of Indies flocked around, begging for buttons. I cut off the last one I had, but they gave me enough presents to buy a half a dozen suits. I was carried from Baltimore to Fort Delaware and remained in prison four nonths. I made my escape in a peculiar way. I made my way back, and sgain joined my comrades. I continued in the saddle until Lee surrendered, when we cut our way out and returned home. We never surrendered. I belonged to Company K, Second Infantry, The company was commanded by Capt. W. A. Graham, son of ex-Governor Gra-

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 snappy season!

Joys of winter let us sing! Rheumatism, influenza, Coughs and all that sort of thing: Trill them in a low cadenza; Chant of intermittent chills And the train of frigid il.s-Also sing by the gas grate or Else close to the radiator. -Chicago Record

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

How merrily he spends his breath, With many a funny crack, And he is tickled half to death Whenever folks talk back,

-Chicago Record. 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. -Chicago Record.

"Pride Goeth

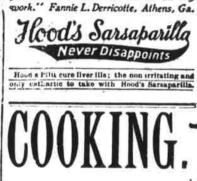
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I OTY Everything is Clark or Daly. Both leaders are Democrats, but the Republicans are likewise divided into the 'Clark' and 'Daly' factions. Practi cally all the newspapers of the State are either Clark or Daly, and are run as the iterary machinery of the rivals. No and advertisements, any more than he would think of running a Methodist church for the profit to be made on church sociables. Occasionally some Clark man switches over from Daly, or vice versa, and in the present trial all turns upon the allegations that some Daly spies insinuated themselves into the Clark camp, took Clark's money, sealed it and marked it, and then come out and 'blew'-on him.'

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. Last year a sufficient number of Pennsylvania Republicans rebelled against his despotism to prevent his securing a majority in the legislature. The Assembly adjourned without electing a Senator and Governor Stone thereupon appointed Quay Senator to succeed himself. He is now seeking admission to the Senate by virtue of this appointment.

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, for then politicians, who are partisans and friends of the candidate who has the governor's support will deliberately plan deadlocks in order to secure the appointment of political favorites, who, like Quay, may be very obnoxious to the

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 by the people, but the legislative bodies would be improved through the removal of influences that are demoralizing to then

and in due form. Better acquiesce in a wrong than depended on lawless force as a means of securing justice.

THE COMMON CARRIER

The Common Carrier is the name of a new monthly review of railway affairs wan would think of standing a news. that has made its appearance from the paper in Montana to stand on its own presses in Atlanta. It is handsomely merits and be supported by subscriptions printed, contains twenty-four pages filled with interesting reading matter for the railway world, and discusses topics of vitul interest to the country at large, though the object of The Common Carrier is to fill a long felt want in its line in the South. Mr. Frank Weldon is editor and publisher, and his record with the Atlanta Constitution justifies the statement that The Common Carrier will ever present an attractively gotten up review, with inside information at times,

such as Mr. Weldon cannot resist from giving. If The Common Carrier is to perform the service outlined by Mr. Weldon it is to be welcomed by all railroad men in the South, in fact by the country at large. It is to be hoped that it will keep its footing and will not become the organ of any one system or monopoly, that it will not become, to use The Carrier's words alluding to other railroad journals, "a self-alleged railroad paper that is neither of nor in the wast industry, and only around it for what can be picked up, like sharks following a ship." Mr. Weldon is an able writer and an enterprising and up-to-date news paper man, and if he continues to manage The Common Carrier its success m assured and its task will be successfully accomplished.

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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. Any bill which ossesses originality is worthy of at least casual consideration. Colorado now comes to the front with a bill which is intended to restrict marriage.

Governor Thomas looks favorably upon the measure, and is expected to embody its salient points in his message to the assembly.

The bill provides for a board of

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