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THE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

Dr. Townsend, the highly efficient Health Officer of the District, has just published his report for the year ending June 30, 1889. The operations of his office cover a broad field...

The report shows that Washington compares favorably in point of healthfulness with any city in the world and ranks far above the majority of the cities of the Union.

As a fact the death rate in both classes of the population is decreasing, that of the colored class being 3.62 per thousand less than the average of the last thirteen years.

It would seem that enough must be now known about the levees of the Mississippi to justify an intelligent judgment of their efficiency.

Wherever the levee system has been tried elsewhere it has had the effect of raising the bed of the river...

The only way in which these periodical and devastating floods can be prevented is by providing an outlet for the accumulated waters.

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CHURCH LIBERALITY.

Last Sunday evening, in an orthodox Congregational Church in Boston, the Rev. Dr. Peabody of Cambridge occupied the pulpit.

Unitarians have never objected to orthodox preaching in their pulpits, but orthodox pulpits have not been open to Unitarian ministers.

Why should not this example be duplicated and retuplicated throughout the land? Whatever they desire the Unitarians should desire.

There are so many philanthropic and charitable causes that demand associated and combined strength that the disposition of effort by reason of sectarian zeal is no longer allowable.

WOMEN'S CLUBS' CONVENTION. A few days ago we called attention to the unprecedented gathering of working girls and women held in New York.

THE TROUBLE about the silver question is that the country does not need the extra amount of silver which is to be injected into the currency.

WE SHUDDER to think what the experience of Mr. John Hay must have been before he wrote the dispatch which is published in "Scribner's" for May.

IT IS SAID that Colonel Tom Ochiltree will run for Congress in a New York district. If he does it is to be hoped he will introduce a few new jokes.

A TEXAS contemporary refers to Job as saying that all men "are addicted to the sin of peulogy."

IN THE LOWER Mississippi there are thousands upon thousands of acres as fertile as the Nile Delta and it would seem that it might be within the achievement of engineering skill to prevent their yearly devastation.

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THE SOCIAL WORLD.

President and Mrs. Harrison and Vice-President and Mrs. Morton, assisted by the ladies of the Cabinet, will give a reception to the public this evening from 8 to 11 p. m.

A large and fashionable audience attended the concert given at Lincoln Music Hall last evening for the benefit of the Home for Incubables.

The pleasant weather of yesterday decided the committee, under whose auspices the subscription concerts and garden parties will be given during the spring, to hold the first of the series, which had been postponed from Saturday on account of the rain.

REPUBLICAN PAPERS are keeping in conspicuous view of the public the fact that while foreign nations put Mr. Bayard into a state of tremulous trepidation during his official career as Secretary of State, Mr. Blaine stands in his boots undismayed, unruined and stalwart—a spectacle for an admiring world.

"THE PASSING OF THE BLONDE" is being discussed by the Philadelphia press. Our contemporaries are of the opinion that these delightful specimens of personal beauty are about to retire.

Mrs. Russell Harrison will leave with her little daughter and father, Senator Saunders, to-night for Omaha. At Chicago they will make a brief stop in order to meet Mr. Russell Harrison.

THE LADIES of the Garfield Hospital Sewing Society are busily preparing for a garden party to be given in the grounds of Mount Vernon in early May.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Mrs. and Miss Winthrop, at present sojourning at Mrs. Winthrop's "Lodge" in Norfolk, were present with Mrs. Winthrop, where they will be the guests of ex-Minister Mrs. Curry.

Mrs. A. L. Rives and Miss Gertrude Rives, the wife and daughter of Colonel A. Gordon Rives of "Canaan Hill," near Warrenton, Va., will leave next month for Paris, where they go to join Mrs. Amelia Rives Chanler.

MR. CHARLES P. GRUMP of the Piedmont will be married in the next month to Mrs. Julia Butler, daughter of the Rev. L. A. Butler of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Cleveland has concluded her visit to Atlantic City, where she was the guest of Mrs. Macalister Laughlin at the Brighton Hotel.

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-General Clarkson will be the guest of honor at a dinner to be given early in May by the National Association of Postmasters.

A small number of invited guests assembled at St. Matthew's yesterday at the christening of the infant son of Mr. John Vinton Dahlgren.

THE BRASS BAND of the Department of Justice left last night for Weston, W. Va., where a telegram called them to the deathbed of his brother-in-law.

Senator Wolcott of Colorado is to marry Mrs. Bass, widow of the late Congressman Lyman K. Bass of Buffalo.

MR. WOLCOTT and Mrs. Bass became acquainted in Denver, where they both died of consumption. The acquaintance ripened into love, which will naturally lead them to Hymen's altar.

MR. CARLIE is preparing a reply to Senator Davis' article on the first of President Harrison's administration.

GENERAL MAHONEY is here at work studying French in anticipation of going to Paris to succeed Consul Rathbone.

DE BRAZZA, the French explorer, has returned on his sixth trip to Africa—not as a civilizer, but as a money-maker.

A servant of the queen of the Belgians was lately stricken with apoplexy. The first aid the some queens would have thought of would have been an aid-de-camp to fetch a doctor, but she turned in and doctored the servant herself.

ANOTHER MOT of Prince Bismarck's is repeated in a private letter from Hamburg. During the torchlight procession in his honor some one said to the ex-Chancellor: "The last days in Berlin must have tired you very much; but it was beautiful."

HERBERT GLADSTONE is reported as saying that it is his intention to pay the United States and Canada a visit next summer.

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