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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Senators and Representatives in Congress will be received by the President every day, except Mondays, from 10 until 12.

Persons not members of Congress having business with the President will be received from 12 until 1 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENTS.

Secretaries Blaine, Proctor and Tracy have issued the following order for the reception of visitors:

Reception of Senators and Representatives in Congress, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Reception of all persons not connected with the Departments, at 12 o'clock, except Tuesdays and Fridays, which are Cabinet days; and Thursdays in the Department of State, when the members of the Diplomatic Corps are exclusively received.

Persons will not be admitted to the building after 2 o'clock each day, unless by card, which will be sent by the captain of the watch to the chief clerk or to the head of the bureau for which the visit is intended.

AN EDUCATIONAL FAILURE.

The old-fashioned spelling school is still popular in Kentucky, and a very good thing it is. Many strong men and clever women have developed their first ambitions in a spelling school, and the effect of these gatherings is always profitable, or nearly always so.

An exceptional case was possibly that which occurred at the Mount Welcome school-house last week, in the southeastern part of the State named. The school is taught by a Miss Jarvis, and the spelling match was a most exciting one, the sides being about evenly matched.

It was while the spelling contest was in full progress that a boy opened a window to drive away a supposed dog, which was prowling about the house.

The boy opened the window, but did not stay there. As the sash was lifted a bear began to clamber in and school was dismissed and out of the front door and down the road in three seconds by the clock. The bear did not pursue. He merely took possession of the school-house and proceeded to make himself as comfortable as circumstances would permit.

The suddenly adjourned school went down the road until a farm-house was reached and then the farmer, with his rifle, and the farmer's big son, with a shot-gun, went after the bear attendant at school.

In the absorption of knowledge in bulk. He was eating spelling-books and arithmetic, and they looked cautiously in through the door, and seemed to be enjoying the diet. He was not a bear of more than ordinary intelligence, apparently, but he had in half an hour taken in more orthography and mathematics than had the brightest pupil in the school in three months. The farmer shot him through the heart and he rolled over and died with his mouth full of wisdom. His last words were never uttered, but they were all there.

Admirable as the conduct of the bear in the case above related, it seems tolerably clear that the system of teaching bears and children in the same school is not and never will be a success, and the Kentucky authorities should recognize the fact. The two races do get along well together. Their ways are different, and if Kentucky bears are to be taught at all it will not be on the co-educational plan. The experiment has been tried and proved a failure. It was nobody's fault in particular, but it was a failure.

TWO WOMEN IN POLITICS.

The advent of women in politics will be objected to by none when they appear, as did the two daughters of Jacob Roxbury of Alexandria last week. The father was candidate for Gas Superintendent. He is an aged man with no sons, and his two daughters, one of whom is a teacher in the public schools, resolved to canvass for him. They did so, effectually, and Mr. Roxbury now occupies the office. One of the young ladies visited the houses of all the voters in town, the other saw to it that tickets were issued and all work of that sort properly attended to, and it has been a long time in Alexandria since any candidate's cause was better served.

The Frimrose League in England never worked on its broader scale to more purpose.

"The woman in politics, as daughter or wife, will never be an unpleasant figure. She retains all that is womanly, because she is impelled by a womanly instinct. She is as far removed from the noisy suffragist as the dove is from the lion. Somehow, the regard and sympathy of the community is always with them, and they are always a power. Women of the type of Mrs. Logan will always be as attractive as women of the type of half a dozen

THE TOWN'S PHOTOGRAPH.

One of the neatest, pleasant cells in the District jail, is that of James Brown, a well-known young man who was arrested on Monday and held to await trial on a charge of larceny. The cell is decorated with excellent taste, and the occupant is a well-dressed, good-looking and neatly dressed, he looked more like a guest in a big hotel as he roamed about the corridors with the daily papers in his hand and his hat on his head. His cell is decorated with excellent taste, and the occupant is a well-dressed, good-looking and neatly dressed, he looked more like a guest in a big hotel as he roamed about the corridors with the daily papers in his hand and his hat on his head.

Another Southern newspaper man has given up his post and entered the pulpit. This time it is Mr. Henry D. Howden of the Charleston News and Courier, who has resigned. He preached to 1,500 people last night. The greatest feature about this business is that when a man gets so boozed that he is no good on the newspaper he swears that he will enter the ministry. It would look better if the newspaper man changed his calling without having to go through a reformatory process.

Several boxes of persons have written to the New York papers to say they own the knee-bucklers Washington wore at his first inauguration. George must have been an omnivorous old buckleer unless somebody is doing what George could not do.

DEATH IS NOT a pleasant thing to contemplate, and yet not many persons are feeling badly to-day, because one hundred years from now they will be too dead to go over to New York to the second Washington Centennial.

Each paper in New York will have the largest circulation in that town to-morrow. The Little Hatchet supply ran out before it reached the abject wretches attached to our Metropolitan contemporaries.

A REPORT IS received that Khartoum has fallen. As we have heard no "dull thud" from the direction of Africa recently the inference is that Khartoum has fallen without the usual accompaniment.

THE NEW YORK Sun says: "Wall three years ago, the 'materialized' at a spiritualistic meeting in Findlay, Ohio. Findlay, by the way, is the great natural gas centre.

HUNDREDS of boomers who failed to catch on in Oklahoma have hitched up and gone forth to find pasture, or at least less possessed. Their curses are louder than their deeds.

MR. STUYVESANT FISH and Mr. Ward McAllister, with locked horns, should lead the procession in New York to-morrow.

LOUIS LONSDALE back from his Arctic trip in a man Queen Victoria should be proud to own as a son-in-law.

IT IS "dull shocking" around the White House to-day for the office-seeker.

CRITICULAR. A young man subscribing the large sum of a quarter to a church erection fund over on Capitol Hill accompanied the cash with the following effort:

Should every one his quarter give, Will such capacious quarters have, As will provide for all.

So herewith find the quarter, which I freely give to thee, And some day may the good Lord show Some quarter unto me.

You may think it is a Centennial you are going to New York to see, but you will find it is a Dollar-tenal or Ten-dollaral, just as you prefer, before you get home again.

The printer at the case stands up for the editor's writes. Thus we see the true harmony of labor and capital.

The egotist doesn't go to an oculist for his troubles.

The sun is no respecter of grammar. It rises early and makes light of its rays.

A correspondent calls attention to the fact that the President signs his name "Benj. Harrison," and asks how the name should be pronounced. As "Wilhelm" is pronounced Wilhelm, we presume Benj. is pronounced Benny. If not, why not?

The wheels of a watch go round in cog.

The office-seeker has been weighed in the balance and found wanting—anything he can get.

What some people say is "utter" nonsense.

Some tailors grow bill-ferant after a year's waiting.

All coin possesses a metallic odor, particularly the copper cent.

A Handsome Testimonial. (Chicago Herald.) A Missouri preacher while hunting wild turkeys the other day committed himself in a clump of brush and initiated the cry of that fowl so perfectly that his companion shot him down. The incident was a handsome testimonial to his powers of imitation, but it hardly compensates him for the loss of several teeth and a fragment of his jaw.

Their Kind of Brown. (Omaha Herald.) It is with deep grief that we notice the Chicago News referring to the Hon. R. Todd Lincoln as the possessor of whiskers which are "scurry black and unbragging." Unbragging, we grant you, but not black. The Hon. Todd's whiskers are a beautiful brown—about the color your mouth tastes next morning.

Noah Ah Right. (S. F. News Letter.) "Dr. Tanner was not the first man who lived on water for forty days," said Smudge.

"Not quieted Fudge.

"Of course not."

"Well, what's the matter with Noah?"

No More Trouble With Canada. (Chicago Herald.) Judging by newspaper cuts, British Minister Pausette bears something of a resemblance to Mr. Armour, the eminent banker. If he knows half as much about fish as the latter knows about hogs we may expect an early and satisfactory settlement of the fish question.

MATTER WORTH READING.

The following incident is related on the authority of W. L. Bright, M. P.: "Mr. Bright, after a long and arduous day, one day and he had to walk from the station a long way into the village. While he was a clergyman who was driving in a dog-cart came up to him and the two men passed the time of day. The clergyman offered to drive Mr. Bright into the village, but Mr. Bright, accepting the offer, the clergyman, as it were, had been reading a speech Mr. Bright had made the previous night, and turning to Mr. Bright he said: 'Have you seen the papers to-day, sir?' 'Yes,' said Mr. Bright. 'What is in them?' 'Why, that rascal John Bright has been ining another speech.' 'And what was it about?' asked Mr. Bright. 'Why, about so-and-so, and so-and-so, and he went on to relate the incidents of the speech. Then they discussed the topic, and Mr. Bright said: 'Well, it's just possible that Mr. Bright may have been right, and that he was only expressing his honest convictions. There is something about it, and I don't know what it is, but I don't like it.' 'Neither revealed his identity, but before they separated the clergyman invited Mr. Bright to go to his church next morning, and Mr. Bright promised to go. And he kept his part, as he always did. The clergyman took for his theme Mr. Bright's speech, and at the conclusion Mr. Bright thanked him for his very able sermon. As he was going home to dinner a friend of the clergyman met him and said: 'You have been preaching under distinguished patronage, and I am glad to hear it. The clergyman, 'Oh, yes, you have,' said the friend. 'You had John Bright among the congregation. You must have noticed him in the front in the middle pew. I know him perfectly well, and I assure you it was Mr. Bright.' 'Why,' said the clergyman, 'I don't know him, and I don't know what you dog-cart, and called him a rascal and ex-ecrated him in all the moods and tenses, and he never said a word. He kept perfectly calm and cool. I have insulted him. I must go and apologize at once.'—[St. James's Gazette.]

Practical Uses of the Graphophone. A graphophone which is a simple and practical use in the offices of a few stenographers in this part of the country. The man who takes the notes, sits down and dictates to the type-writer, sits down and talks into the machine, and the cylinder on which his remarks are recorded is then sent to the typewriter, and the typewriter prints the notes on a sheet of paper attached to the machine into each ear, and working the roller by a treadle as she would a sewing-machine, has whatever is there talked off to her as rapidly or as slowly as she can take it down. In practice it is said that a stenographer can dictate to a machine in the same way as a rapid typewriter can transcribe in three or four hours. The time thus saved is so much clear gain for the stenographer, and in a case where a copy is needed in a hurry the work can be done by the employment of enough type-writers in a third to a quarter of the time that would be necessary if the stenographer were to dictate to the typewriter. The graphophone and the photograph are controlled by the same company, which refuses to sell either, and which charges such a high price for the rental of the instruments that stenographers who have not a large business hesitate to try the machine.—[New York Sun.]

Heaven is a beautiful place. With beautiful streets of gold, I'm going there to meet my Lord, And all the 'poet's of old.

John Philip Baratar was born at Schwabach, in the margravate of Ansbach, in 1721. At the age of 4 he was covered with the music in French, with his father in Latin and his servants in German. In his 11th year he translated "The Travels of the Gull" from French into Latin, and in his 13th year he was elected a member of the Royal Academy of Science at Berlin, and was offered the degree of M. A. at the Halle University, to which he was admitted on drawing up and defending fourteen theses in philosophy and the mathematics (1735). He died at the early age of 10.

Some Frenchmen Chatter. William Heinicke, who was born at Lubek, February 6, 1721—just twenty-seven days after Baratar first saw the light of day. He could recite the principal facts of the "Pentateuch" when but 1 year old; the entire history of the old and new testament as a child of 2 years; and at 3 years he could answer the principal questions in ancient and modern history, and at 5 he died.

Goethe is said to have known German, French, Italian, Latin and Greek before he was 8. On January 20 of the present year a young man named Robert Robertson, a little more than 10 years of age, knew all of Appleton's "Encyclopedia" by heart and could recite anything he had ever heard.—[Notes and Queries.]

The English Breakfast. Breakfast is a delightful hour in England, for it is informal. Servants are often dispensed with altogether; people come in when they choose, no one waiting for another, and the men get up and lounge for a time in the room. The women get up and dress, and the simple in toilet, the sportsmen in knickerbockers and shooting suits ready for the occupation of the day. In some houses the host and hostess sit at opposite ends of the long table, and one pours tea and the other coffee. In other mansions, neither the host nor the hostess is visible. The table is spread only with fruit and bread, and possibly cold sweets, jellies and marmalade. Perhaps a young lady of the family sits behind an egg boiler and cooks eggs for her friends, but the substantial meats, hot and cold, are on the sideboard, and the men get up and lounge for a time in the room. 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