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Poor Presidents.

New York Recorder.

It is still true, even in these days of great fortunes undreamed of when it was founded, that the American Presidency may be aspired to by men who are not rich. Our wealthiest Presidents have been the first and the last elected—Washington and Cleveland. Washington was one of the wealthiest men in the country in his time.

Adams was worth \$100,000 at his death. Jefferson was "land poor" and in straits. Madison and Monroe had comfortable estates for those days.

Jackson was born in abject poverty and never became wealthy. Van Buren was the son of a tavernkeeper, and had a fight with poverty.

Johnson's youth was even more unfortunate than Lincoln's. He was apprenticed to a tailor, barely learned to read in his minority, and was taught to write by his wife after marriage.

Grant was born only moderately poor and never became rich. So of Hayes. Cleveland's youth was one of privations and toil.

Harrison was of good but not wealthy family, and was, up to recent times, a country lawyer in good circumstances. He is but moderately wealthy.

The "aristocracy of wealth" has never made any inroads upon the White House.

Which Congress Spent Most

Baltimore Sun.

Did the Congress just ended, in which the Republicans controlled the Senate and the Democrats the House, appropriate as much money as the preceding Congress, in which the Republicans controlled both the Senate and the House? The question is not a simple one, for the reason that the Fifty-first Congress is responsible in part for the appropriation of the Fifty-second—in a de permanent pension law, that compelled the Democrats of the House to appropriate unwillingly vast sums of money. Mr. Holman shows that \$154,172,049 of the money appropriated by the Congress just adjourned was necessitated by permanent laws passed by the Reed billion-dollar Congress. But for these compulsory laws the Fifty-second Congress, in which the Democrats controlled the House, would have appropriated \$160,000,000 less than the Fifty-first Congress appropriated. As it is, the Fifty-second Congress appropriated, putting both sessions together, \$1,026,822,049, or \$8,864,871 less than the first billion-dollar Congress appropriated. The difference would have been greater, but the Republican Senate forced up the total by as much as \$24,486,085.

By Moonlight Alone.

A female moonshiner was taken to the Fulton county jail this morning, and until the United States court meets she will remain there.

She is Miss Mahinda Turner, who was arrested yesterday in Pike county where she has been operating a large dis-

tiltery. She is over thirty years of age and says that for a number of years she has been making a living by illicit distilling. She will remain in jail until tried.—Atlanta Journal.

Keep the Birthdays.

Keep the birthdays religiously. They belong exclusively to, and are treasured among the sweetest memories of home. Do not let any thing prevent, so ne token, be it ever so slight, to show that it is remembered.

Birthdays are great events to children. For one day they feel that they are heroes. The special pudding is made expressly for them; a new jacket, or trousers with pockets, or the first pair of boots, are donned; and brothers and sister sink into insignificance beside "little Charlie," who is "six to-day," and is soon "going to be a man."

Fathers who have half a dozen little ones to care for, are apt to neglect birthdays, they come too often—sometimes when they are busy, and sometimes when they are "nervous;" but if they only knew how much such souvenirs are cherished by their pe-

Susy or Harry, years afterwards, when away from the hearthstone, they have none to remind them that they have added one more year to the perhaps weary round of life, or to wish them in the old-fashioned phrase, "many happy returns of their birthday," they would never permit any cause to step between them and a parent's privilege.

THE WALDENSEN.

Wilmington Messenger.

There is now quite a sufficiency of the lawless element among us without an influx from Europe and elsewhere. But the Waldensers are a people of another type. The persecutions of their forbears, and the martyrdoms of their heroic manhood and womanhood, have come to them as sacred traditions. They know they are the descendants of those who suffered death for the Protestant faith, and they will be true to freedom, a benison for the down-trodden, and with them soul liberty will be as precious as civil liberty is to those whose ancestors won it on the battlefields of England when struggling with tyranny. These people in the ages have shown themselves of heroic mould, the very stuff out of which noble manhood is made. They will make good, faithful, useful citizens.

A Fayetteville correspondent suggests that Governor Carr name a committee of progressive citizens of this State to confer with the delegation when they arrive in the United States. He thinks there should be "such concert of action by our people as will induce these good people to come and settle among us."

A Southerner on Smith.

"I do not much like this Hoke Smith," said he. Our people have had a hard struggle with poverty. Here is a man who has come from N. C. to Georgia and suddenly got rich. He can squeeze a fortune out of such a turn-up as law in the South and even make a newspaper there pay. He looks to me like a Yankee."

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St. Louis Globe Democrat: A person of the name of Grover Cleveland, without official information of any kind showing that he had been elected to any office whatever, on Saturday, 4th, took the oath of office as President of the United States. The Chief Justice of the United States, who did not know, except by hearsay, that an election for President had been held in this country last November swore Mr. Cleveland into office.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as the administrator of Elijah Dotson, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement, and all persons holding accounts against said estate are notified to present them duly authenticated within twelve months or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. Feb. 13 1893 J. B. GREEN, Administrator.

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