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MASSACHUSETTS shows an increase in wealth of sixty-three millions during the past year. This is a seductive opening for tramps.

LYING AND STEALING are acts not consistent with the ministerial character. At least it has been so decided by the Chicago Presbytery.

THE NEXT Massachusetts Legislature is going to economize in the item of chaplain, as it contains four clerical members, who will divide the duties between themselves.

THE Homeric controversy is spreading, and now even the New York politicians are debating upon Homer A. Nelson. We know that never was Nelson A. Homer, but we cannot be so sure of the answer when it is put the other way.

A MUTUAL ASSOCIATION for the encouragement of marriage is now proposed in the State of New York. The Pennsylvania judges sat down very heavily upon a similar project recently, and it is to be seen whether the scheme will have better luck this time.

IN SPECIAL SESSIONS in New York a prisoner has been recently discharged, being arraigned for the unknown crime of "petitte" larceny. Justice Bixby exonerates any of the clerks of the police court from this charge of heavy spelling, and thinks the Hon. A. H. Purdy ought to be right to a "t."

IN THE old Kentucky home the sound of the pistol is still heard. A few days ago the wedding of a widow was being celebrated in her own house, when a slight difference arose between the son of the bride and his new stepfather. Shots were interchanged, and the son mortally wounded. The bride refused to recognize the groom, and he left the house.

A NEW WAY of ringing in the innocent countryman has been just detected by the police of New York. A plated ring, inscribed with initials is wrapped in a kid glove and dropped in the right place at the right moment. When the victim picks it up the ring is claimed, identified and then it is offered for sale at the extraordinary low price of a couple of dollars. The ring is often sold and so is the countryman.

THE ATLANTA *Constitution* says:

"If Mahonism in Virginia means a political revolution in the whole South, then the Democrats would do well to seize it by its ponderous ears and direct it. This is in the nature of a word to the wise."

This would all be good enough advice but for the fact that the time and energies of the Democratic party are consumed in attending to its own ears. The auricular appendages of the jackass are small in proportion.

THERE will soon be war between the Grant and Blaine factions of the Republican party. Now, would not a first-class Democratic leader utilize this inevitable breach?—*Augusta Chronicle.*

Well, from past experience with "the Democratic leader" we should say "No." Whenever he gets a first-class opportunity to jump ahead he always manages to reverse his engines. For further particulars inquire of S. J. Tilden, S. J. Randall and A. S. Hewitt.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., is gathering the material for a new and thrilling romance of the detective school. A dashing young clerk who attempted to kidnap the daughter of a railway king, was sent to prison for ten years for his attempt. Before completing the term he broke jail, carrying with him several of his fellow prisoners, and despite a standing reward for his arrest, he has since rambled largely in the great west, and has now returned to the scene of his former adventure to live on the community as a "reformed" convict. Sundry officers are understood to be tracing his steps, with a modest deference for his pocket-pistol.

SOME OF OUR esteemed and venerable friends down South are waking up from their Rip Van Winkle nap. For instance, the Charleston *News and Courier*, after admitting the force of young men in politics, says that "there are young men enough in the Democratic party in the South to make it, and keep it, all that such a party should be. In South Carolina the election of 1876 was won by those who are classified in politics as young men. But they cannot be expected to do and dare unless their worth and work are recognized. It is not exhilarating to find that services 'before the war' count for more than services in the war and since. Age is a good thing some times, but there is age which sours as well as that which ripens."

The fact is, as Brother Mahone seems to have shown, it isn't so much the age that has "soured" this time as the young men, and the simple problem for the Southern Democracy is to sweeten them again with Jacksonian taffy.

IN A NEAT pamphlet of fifty-five pages, entitled "Report of the Postmaster-General," Mr. James describes the operations of his Department under the auspices of Civil-service Reform and A. M. Gibson, since March last. The report, so far as it deals with the actual business of the Department, was, as usual, compiled by the heads of the respective bureaus, and does not differ materially from preceding reports, for years past. But those portions which appear as the special innovations of James—and which, by the way, are said to have appeared at the Printing Office mainly in the manuscript of a notorious professional blackmailer—present some subjects of comment. It is observed, as a matter of general policy, that James does not affirmatively recommend anything. Such recommendations as he does make are all of a destructive nature, looking to the abolition or paralysis of postal facilities in that large and unfortunate section termed the Far West.

Somebody, it appears, has informed Mr. James that the regions west of the 100th meridian are not so densely populated as are the central and eastern portions of New York State, and James has thereupon decided that the scanty populations in those parts ought not to enjoy any mail facilities to speak of. At all events, in his paragraph on "the Government as a common carrier of merchandize," James practically says that, in all parts of the country where the population is too sparse to admit of the ordinary postal rates being remunerative of the cost of transportation, the whole business should be turned over to the express companies, which, being managed on business principles, would charge rates in proportion to the cost of carriage.

The lobby that the express companies had here three or four years ago tried hard to make Congress believe just what James says in his report, but Congress, lacking the wisdom and b. p. (business principles) of James failed to be convinced; but, on the contrary, provided certain liberal facilities, whereby the Government interfered between the helpless pioneers of the Far West and the rapacity of the express companies. It appears, however, from the report under discussion, that the express lobby—and perhaps its money—has been more potent with James than it was with Congress; inasmuch as the paragraph in the report denouncing third and fourth class mail matter reads very like the briefs that the attorneys for the express companies used to file with the committees of the House and Senate when the four-pound package bill was on the calendar.

Whether James himself received the retainer of the express companies, or whether it was paid to the notorious professional blackmailer who controls him, is not an inquiry of much interest. The main point is that the express companies have at last succeeded in getting their case advocated in a Postmaster-General's report; a fact to which we shall without doubt direct the attention of Congress at the proper time.

Under the heads of Star and Steamboat services, James liberally advertises himself as a Reformer and a saver of public money. But we note a conspicuous omission to explain how it happened that he ordered paid out of the Treasury "on recommendation of A. M. Gibson and P. H. Woodward" the sum of $24,000 in settlement of a contract which he had declared upon oath to be corrupt and fraudulent!

Perhaps this interesting matter is to be made the subject of a special communication to Congress. In fact, we know it will be, because Congress will ask for it by resolution at an early day.

The report closes with a chapter on Civil-service Reform, through which we searched in vain for Mr. James' views as to the propriety of the "marking up" of candidates for clerkships, like Adsitt, and for the education of the sons of postmasters, like young James, at the public expense.

It is a remarkable report.

Advice to Telemachus.

Burlington Hawkeye.

You want to know, do you, my son, why it is that, with all your management, you can't live on your salary, and are always in debt at the end of the year. Well, I'll tell you, my dear Telemachus, why it is, and it won't cost you a dollar for the information. It's because you are trying to have a $1,200 time out of a $900 salary, and it can't be did. Older men than you have tried it and failed right along. A $600 boarding-house and a $300 livery-stable just exactly cuts the last coupon off your salary, and then how the man who makes your clothes expects to get anything out of you is more than you can tell him. Yours is a very simple case, my dear, and you can apply the remedies yourself and perform the necessary operation without the presence of a consulting surgeon. "Will it hurt?" My poor boy, you can bet your last bottom dollar that it will hurt. It will make you squirm a thousand times a day until you get out of debt, and then you will feel as though you were in Paradise. Begin treatment at once; the longer you wait the worse your case will be and the more you'll dread it.

Employment for Mendicant Dogs.

New York Times.

What is needed to break up the profession of mendicancy among dogs is to furnish them with honest employment. As we have societies for doing everything for all sorts of disreputable men, let us have a canine employment society that will find situations for homeless dogs—either in the hunting field, as watch dogs, or as companions for lonesome men and women. No dog will beg who can earn his living respectably, and it needs but little organized effort to give every vagrant dog an opportunity to become an honest, self-supporting and moral animal.

Where the Constitution is Lacking.

San Francisco Post.

We regret to inform our fair correspondent, Mrs. McRafferty, of Stevenson street, that after diligent search we find there is no clause in the Constitution of the United States making it a penal offense for Mrs. O'Hooliban, whose back-yard is to windward of Mrs. McRafferty's, to sift ashes while the McRafferty linen is hung out to dry. It is just these inexcusable omissions to protect the most sacred rights of our most prominent citizens that are slowly but surely bringing about the downfall of this alleged republic.

The Bandit States.

St. Louis Republican.

We overlooked Iowa in making up our pyramid of Republican bandit States. There was an attack on a train on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway not long ago, which entitles the Banner Republican State to a place in our pyramid. This little monument is open to further contributions, and as we have now got in the pile two-thirds of the States that have Republican Governors it is not at all unlikely that we shall be able to add the other third before the six months expire.

An Important Invention.

Atlanta Constitution.

We have had patented an editorial hurdle for night service. It is placed at the bottom of the stairs leading to the sanctum sanctum, and fills a long-felt want. By careful management night visitors can reach the editorial rooms one hour after starting up stairs. A half hour is consumed in recovering consciousness and another half hour in examining the simple arrangement. No entrance fee is charged.

An Æsthetic Picture.

Boston Post.

A South End man recently smashed a very ripe tomato on a yellow canvas, and set it up in an artist's studio and three-fourths of the critics who called pronounced it a most æsthetic and delightful piece of color work; in fact, *chef d'œuvre*, and he sold it to a rich man for $500. Money goes to the inventive genius.

Guarded Criticism.

Michigan City Dispatch.

Much cannot be said of last night's play. The house was fairly filled, and it paid. "Dash" is about as bad a play as it ever entered into the heart of man to conceive, and Miss Georgie Woodthorpe is about as poor an actress as ever was deluded into believing herself to be a star; under these circumstances we cannot speak of the thing as a success.

As to Cabinet-Making.

Philadelphia Times.

It is easy enough for anybody to make a Cabinet except the President. That high official always seems to have some trouble.

"There once was a gay millionaire,
Who ran for an office somewhere;
His money did flow,
But he found 'twas no go,
And he tore out his beard and his hair."

—Hon. W. W. Astor.

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