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ANNOUNCEMENT:

Attention, Young People!

THE SUNDAY HERALD is going to give a magnificent present to the most popular boy or girl in Washington. It will be something every boy and girl would like to have, as well for its utility and beauty as for its intrinsic value.

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Full particulars of the manner in which the present will be bestowed will appear in next Sunday's HERALD. Get it, and prepare to answer the question, "Who is the most popular boy or girl in Washington?"

Mr. FRANK HUME has yielded to the solicitation of a large number of Democratic voters of the Eighth Virginia District and announced himself an independent candidate for Congress in opposition to Gen. W. H. F. LEE, the sitting member. The causes which have led to this action on Mr. HUME's part are already pretty well understood by the readers of THE HERALD. From the utterances of individual citizens of the Eighth District and the tone of Democratic newspaper comment it has for some time been evident that serious and widespread dissatisfaction had arisen with Gen. LEE's course as a Representative in Congress. This dissatisfaction was not lessened by the methods which Gen. LEE's lieutenants adopted to force his renomination a few weeks ago. Those who desired the selection of another man assert that unfair advantages were taken of them, delegates were chosen irregularly in Gen. LEE's interest, and other practices were resorted to which good citizens could not patiently endure, and which a man worthy to sit in the halls of Congress should not countenance. A large number of voters of the district resolved they would not submit to being deprived of their rights as Americans and Virginians in this way, and decided to put an independent candidate in the field. Mr. FRANK HUME consented to stand, and has entered the fight with an enthusiastic following behind him, and with a determination to win if hard work can do it. Mr. HUME is well known to the voters of the Eighth District and to the people of Washington as a successful man of affairs, broad-minded, public-spirited, and thoroughly familiar with the needs of his people and the duties of a Representative in Congress. He is a Democrat, thoroughly in accord with his party on all the questions of the day, and if he is elected he will speedily make a name for himself. On another page THE HERALD to-day prints an editorial article from the Fairfax Herald, a Democratic paper published at Gen. LEE's home, in which that gentleman is severely arraigned and his shortcomings as a Congressman fearlessly pointed out.

Mr. REED's rules may have been adopted for the purpose of preserving order in the House of Representatives, but his rule certainly has had the effect of provoking more disorder during the present session than has been known before in this generation. And yet when you come to look into the facts, Mr. REED is not to blame. He's all right. He works like sixty to make things run smoothly, and he would succeed admirably if properly seconded in his efforts by the other 325 members of the House. But what can any man, big, bold, and brainy though he be, do with 325 stubborn fellows who foolishly insist on having opinions of their own and thrusting them forward at inconvenient moments? It is really sad to see how little appreciation of Mr. REED's imperial force and splendid talents there is in the House of Representatives, especially on the Democratic side. Mr. REED would almost be justified in resenting this obtuse ingratitude by resigning and retiring to some country where he would be better appreciated—Russia or Persia, for instance.

CHAUNCEY DEWEY has been traveling along the line of his railroad endeavoring to dissipate the angry feelings which were engendered by the recent strike. But it is hardly likely that CHAUNCEY's eloquence will be found as delightful by his fellow-citizens who have been denied the rights of Americans and shot at by PINKERTON detectives as it has been in the past by the sumptuously dined and expensively wine-d good fellows who have usually listened to it. Many of those he is now called on to address have not dined at all, and it is doubtful if CHAUNCEY's eloquence would evoke much enthusiasm from an empty stomach.

The Democrats of RANDALL's old district will make a great mistake if they allow the Hon. RICHARD VAUX to be superseded in the next Congress. No other man in the district can possibly command the attention which Mr. VAUX commands when he rises to address the House. He is always listened to with interest, and he usually has some good Democratic doctrine to enunciate in a style that causes it to make a permanent lodgment in the minds of those who hear it.

To-morrow the army of Washington school-boys and girls will begin another advance movement on the ramparts of learning. They go, not like SHAKESPEARE's school-boy, creeping like snail unwillingly to school, but with springing steps and ringing laughter, for they are intelligent modern youth, to whom intelligent modern teachers in the great majority of cases make the acquisition of an education a pleasure instead of an irksome task.

It really begins to look as if the English government could safely be relied on to blunder at the most opportune moment for the Irish

Nationalists. The arrest of O'BRIEN and DILLON the other day apparently can have but one effect, and that a most stimulating one on the Irish cause. One fool enemy can sometimes do more for a man than a legion of wise friends.

The Republicans of the House are about to give the country a photographic illustration of the interesting and important fact that in spite of Speaker Reed and his rules the Democratic minority still finds means of maintaining its rights against the tyrannical Republican majority. The photographs of the Chamber of Representatives taken on Friday, showing the Republican side crowded with members while only four seats were occupied on the Democratic side of the House, will be lithographed by the Republicans and scattered by the hundred thousand throughout the country in the coming campaign. This will make a unique campaign document, and maybe the Democrats can turn it to their own uses just as well as the Republicans.

Speaker REED should put on his sash again, so as to make clear just what portion of his anatomy he considers his waist. Then if any over-wrought Democrat slugs him the pugilist will not run the risk of disgracing himself by even inadvertently hitting below the belt. The Speaker should be magnanimous enough to give his enemies a fair show.

Still another venture in the field of Washington journalism has been made by Mr. WILLIAM H. POPE, who has had many years' experience in connection with local newspapers. The Saturday Mirror is the name of the new paper, which is admirably made typographically, and its columns are filled with interesting local, humorous, and miscellaneous matter.

Some people insist that strong religious feeling has died out of the world. And yet in Jersey City the other evening a pious gentleman resented so deeply his son's marrying a girl who belonged to another church that he attempted to murder the young man while he stood before the altar with his bride.

PERSONALS.

Senator Hale has returned from Maine.

James P. Voorhees has gone to Detroit, and will return here in December.

Mr. E. B. Hay is getting the better of an attack of muscular rheumatism.

Senator-elect E. D. White, of Louisiana, was among the visitors here last week.

Capt. James E. Towson has returned to the city after visiting his family at Upperville, Fauquier County, Va.

Mr. Russell Harrison Scott, of the Chase National Bank, New York, made a brief visit to the city during the week.

Senator Manderson says he is still suffering from the effects of the attack of quinsy, with which he was afflicted several weeks ago.

C. W. Barrett, of the Senate, has been recreating at his home in Massachusetts. Refreshed and invigorated, he returned to duty yesterday.

C. E. Creech has been enjoying a visit of a fortnight at Fort Monroe, Newport News, and other points of interest in the vicinity of Hampton Roads.

Senator Edmunds has gone to Vermont, but will return here in time to vote for the Tariff bill as it will be patched up by the conference committee.

Thomas F. Dawson, clerk of the Senate Committee on Patents, who is also the Washington correspondent of the Denver Times, is slowly recovering from an attack of illness which was produced by overwork and exposure to malarial influences.

H. B. F. Macfarland, the correspondent of the Philadelphia Record, has been very ill with typhoid fever at his residence, 1816 F street northwest. His condition yesterday was somewhat improved, but although he has passed the point of immediate danger he is very sick yet.

The District has lost a hard-working and capable official by the resignation of Assistant District Attorney Andrew A. Lipscomb. Mr. Lipscomb is one of the most popular and energetic young attorneys of Washington, and in private practice will probably meet a larger measure of success than if he had continued in office.

Mr. William T. Donnelly, a well-known and talented young man of this city, has decided to enter on a theatrical career and will make his first appearance on the professional stage in New York in a few weeks. He has accepted an engagement with Messrs. Locke and Davis and will fill an important part in the magnificent production of "Nero," soon to be seen in New York. Mr. Donnelly has the best wishes of many warm friends in Washington for his success.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

A HAND-BOOK OF POLITICS FOR 1890. By Hon. Edward McPherson, LL.D. This useful and valuable record of the important political events of the last two years has just been issued by Mr. James J. Chapman, of this city. It is a close-printed volume of two hundred and seventy pages, with an index that makes it easy to find any subject touched on in the book. The "Hand-book" has exclusive possession of a field in which it is practically indispensable to the public man, the journalist, and to all who desire accurate information on political events which are of too recent occurrence to have passed into history, but are yet not within the range of current memory. The important legislation of the past two years is outlined; there is an epitome of our diplomatic transactions for the same period; the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, including the late "original package" decision, are given; there are tables of Government revenues, expenditures, appropriations, and public debt; election returns; and a chapter devoted to the history of the Coinage act of 1873. This is the twelfth issue of the "Hand-book" which Mr. McPherson has got out, and it is believed to be more complete and accurate than any of the previous ones.

THE SOUL OF PIERRE. By Georges Ohnet. Translated by Mrs. M. J. Serrano. Here is a clever and dainty story, told with grace and effectiveness. It scarcely touches on those unwholesome subjects of which French writers are so fond, and when it does touch them it is with a moral purpose. The sweetness, the quiet, refined charm of Pierre's home is rendered with a sympathy too seldom found in the pages of the feverish French school. The leading characters are well drawn, and the plot is well within the bounds of probability. The English of the book is excellent, like all the work of the accomplished and painstaking translator. The book, which is published by the Cassell, is prettily illustrated with photographs and may be had at Brentano's.

Messrs. Loeb & Hirsch, 912 F street northwest, have an unusually large stock of gentlemen's furnishings on hand. They are also sole agents for the Ureka revolving scarf—something entirely new. Their stock of hats is unsurpassed; they have them in all shapes, shades, and qualities at the lowest figures.

TALK OF THE WEEK.

The result of the Maine elections has given some Republicans hope of obtaining a majority in the next House. In view of the fact that although Speaker Reed obtained the largest plurality ever given him, his total vote was less than at the two preceding elections, it is not easy to see why the Republicans should find much encouragement in the result in Maine. But they have begun to talk that way, whereas a month ago a man as prominent as Uncle Joe Cannon is said to have admitted that the Democrats would control the next House by a good majority. The Republicans bank largely on the passage of the Tariff bill, no doubt. Perhaps they also imagine that the Democratic Congressional campaign committee means to continue all over the country the policy of masterly inactivity, pursued with such satisfactory results to the Maine Republicans. This is hardly likely, however. Chairman Flower will at least refrain from sending out any more of his famous arid land speeches, and this is a point gained for the Democrats. It is believed that the 25,000 copies of this speech, which Mr. Flower sent to Maine, had more to do with keeping the Democrats away from the polls than anything else. Maine Democrats are always dry enough, Heaven knows, and to have a speech on such a subject as arid lands thrust at them to aggravate their chronic thirst, was more than they could bear with equanimity.

Republican hopes of capturing the next House have not shaken the Democratic confidence that they are certain of being in control. So confident are the Democrats that the question of Speaker Reed's successor frequently comes up among them. There is a strong feeling among many Democrats that they owe it to themselves to select a man for the place who will give the Republicans a dose of the sort of medicine Mr. Reed has been pouring down the throats of the Democrats so volitionally and with such a steady hand all this session. They want a fearless, aggressive, strongly partisan Speaker who will take for his party every advantage, as the Democrats claim Reed has done, and the name most frequently mentioned by these revenge-seeking Democrats is that of Mr. Bynum, the thunder-voiced and fiery-tempered gentleman from Indiana. Bynum, they think, would just make the Republicans curse the memory of Reed and his rules before the end of the Fifty-second Congress. The more moderate Democrats, who probably make up a majority of that side of the Chamber, while admitting that a strong, aggressive man will be a necessity in the Speaker's chair in the next Congress, are inclined to object to Mr. Bynum because his Congressional experience has been comparatively brief. Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, is about the style of man these Democrats desire for Speaker. He is aggressive, fearless, a strong but not bitter or narrow partisan, he has frequently led his side of the House during his long service in Congress, and his knowledge of parliamentary practice is thorough. Objection may be raised to Mr. McMillin because of his geographical position, but this objection would apply with even greater force to Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, who is also generally talked of for the Speakership. Mr. Crisp would make an admirable Speaker, perhaps a little too conservative to suit the present Democratic temper, but in every other way fully equipped. It is thought, however, that the strongest objection to his election will be that he can be of much greater use to his party on the floor than he can in the chair. Gen. Hatch, of Missouri, also has many points that commend him strongly for the Speakership, while of course Mr. Springer will be in the race, and well up in it, too. His geographical location will be a strong point in his favor.

Representative McCreary had hoped to be able to report back to the House yesterday from the Foreign Affairs Committee the resolution calling on the State Department for information relative to the assassination of Gen. Barundia, but the absence of a quorum and the early adjournment of the House prevented this. In speaking of the matter, Governor McCreary declared strongly that something should be done to vindicate the honor of the American flag in the premises. "The assassination of Barundia," he said, "on an American vessel flying the American flag by foreign soldiers was one of the most flagrant violations of international usages on record. It doesn't matter that Barundia fired the first shot. He had the right to defend himself from assault, and when armed men advanced on him in a threatening manner an assault had already been committed. The deck of a vessel, if anything, considered more sacred from invasion by foreign soldiers than the soil of the country whose flag flies at her masthead."

People at the Capitol have been asking for the last few days if Speaker Reed was losing his grip. His somewhat vacillating course in dealing with the Democratic filibuster and reversing several of his own decisions has caused a good deal of comment. Some people say that if he had been very anxious to do so he could have forced the seating of Langston two or three times during the week, but when the Republicans seemed to be just on the point of finally getting the best of the Democrats the fighting grew slack, or some slip was made, and Mr. Langston's chances faded away again. This has given rise to an impression that even Speaker Reed is not over anxious to seat Mr. Langston, as it is well known, a number of his colleagues on the Republican side are not. Before the House met yesterday morning a leading Republican who wanted to get a matter of his own up was heard to remark that they "had wasted enough time on that nigger and ought to try to do something of more importance."

Mr. Crisp, of Georgia, has greatly enhanced his reputation in the last few days by the admirable manner in which he led the filibustering operations in the House. He got the best of Speaker Reed in the parliamentary fight on several points, and scored very heavily when he exposed the shortcomings of the Speaker's count of members before the tellers were appointed on Friday. Mr. Crisp never loses his head and seldom loses his temper, but when he does the latter it is never in a way that lessens respect for him.

In debate on the floor of the House Representative McMillin usually employs big oratorical guns to rake the Republicans with broadsides of denunciation, but in private talk he handles the toy pistol of wit very neatly. In speaking of the probable action of the conference committee on the Tariff bill the other day he said: "It is likely that the Senate will yield most of the amendments which it made with such a flourish, cutting down the duties on a number of articles. Oh, yes, the House will probably yield something, too. It will yield the semicolons and commas, and it's just possible, a few sections."

Lieut. Guy's Case.

A rumor was current on the street last night that the District Commissioners had reached a conclusion in the case of Lieut. Guy and that it was unfavorable to the indicted officer. No one seemed able to verify the statements, though every one confessed that he had heard it. Commissioner Douglas said there was no foundation for the rumor, and that nothing would be done until Col. Robert was able to resume his duties.

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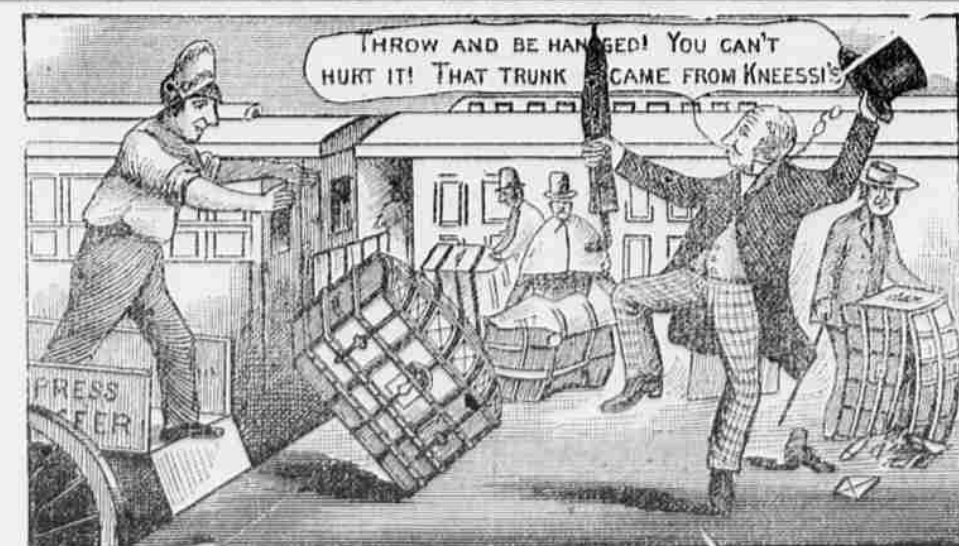
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