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Vardaman's Second Defeat.

For the second time in his career, James K. Vardaman has been balked in his ambition to represent the State of Mississippi in the Senate of the United States.

In electing to keep James K. Vardaman at home, the State of Mississippi, we think, has acted wisely, and it is to be congratulated.

Mr. Vardaman's one pet obsession—for political purposes exclusively—has been negro domination and failure of white supremacy in the South.

Let Cupid Lead the Way. Marriage and longevity go hand in hand, says Dr. Jacques Bertillon.

Much obliged to Mississippi for furnishing Washington an opportunity to get acquainted with Senator Gordon, at last.

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Garfield and His Candidacy.

The announcement that James Rudolph Garfield is willing to become the Republican candidate for governor of Ohio will meet with a pleasurable response in the hearts of many Washingtonians.

Mr. Garfield being with much success the work of reorganization in the Department of the Interior, which his successor, Mr. Ballinger, is pushing to a completion.

It was during his service with the Keep Commission that he came to the realization that the Department of the Interior needed help.

But James Rudolph Garfield knew, and he started out by abolishing processes right and left, until the fogies were agitated and predicted certain ruin and disaster.

He may not win the governorship. His qualities as a politician have not been tested. But if he should win it and display the executive ability he showed here, the Buckeye State will be the gainer.

Reclaim the Anacostia Flats! A low, disease-breeding marsh of a few years ago, known as the Potomac flats, is to-day Potomac Park.

Now let this splendid project, this magnificent work, be duplicated in the eastern section of the city. Reclaim and reclaim the waste marshland there.

The "Joe" Brown-Hoke Smith war is about to break loose in Georgia again. Remember the other thing that breaks loose in Georgia now and then? Well, the "Joe" Brown-Hoke Smith war is its most conspicuous rival.

That picture of Mr. Charles F. Murphy in the garb of a reformer surely arrived several days behind its scheduled time. It was due, of course, on February 14.

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A Little Nonsense.

THE FLUNKVILLE TEAM. It looks as if Bill Bashelet might not sign. They haven't got Tom Twirler quite in line.

Before we start the pennant race We lose. It gives the keenest fan a case Of blues.

Modern Poetry. "Does he work in a baked bean plant, or a breakfast-food factory?"

The Awakening. "Cholly, what do you do to amuse yourself before you fall in love?"

Timing Its Approach. "The comet won't be visible until May. Seems to be loitering along."

Couldn't Float It. To market, to market. To buy a fat pig. Home again, home again, Deal was too big.

Beginning Right. "The first valentine I ever gave my wife was a 10-cent affair of tinsel. I still send her a similar one each year."

The Latest. "What's this gang in front of the butcher shop?" "Meat speculators. They always grab up the choice locations. We'll have to buy from them, I s'pose."

SNAP SHOTS. From the Dallas News. Do not work too hard in displaying your ignorance.

Congratulate Mississippi. Vardaman's defeat for the United States Senate is an event upon which the people of the State of Mississippi are to be heartily congratulated.

A Democratic Administration. From the Dallas News. The news from Spain that a Democratic administration is now in power shows how far the Spaniards have advanced beyond the Americans since the war.

A Legal Opinion. From the Philadelphia North American. Attorney General Wickham says that the people of this country are protected against the trusts.

Congressional Salaries, Etc. From the Savannah News. The president of a baseball association gets a salary of \$2,000 a year with a contract for twenty years.

A Field Proposal. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. He—You know, Celeste, what modern living means. You read the papers, of course?

Register Letters by Machinery. From the New York Times. Innovation which has been welcomed by the public in Berlin is an automatic box machine installed in the post-offices for the registering of letters.

The Natural Place. From the Baltimore American. "Where should a vessel encounter the teeth of a gale?"

Affluence. From the Birmingham Age-Herald. "Who is the gentleman seated in the large touring car?"

Lower Quotations Impossible. From the Baltimore Sun. Estimates on all hogs except end-seat ones are high.

POOR OLD LINCOLN. He never said he'd had a bully team. He never rode a capyote to his lair.

Victimized. From Life. Newsboy—Great mystery! Fifty victims! Paper, mister?

A Slight Error. From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "The paper states that eggs have gone up to \$2 a carat."

Other events of importance occurring on February 25 were the birthday of Charles C. Pinckney, soldier and statesman (1746), who made familiar the expression "Millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute"; George Henry Preble, naval officer (1816); Jane Goodwin Austin, the author (1831); Ida Lewis, the "Grace Darling of America" (1842); the Legal Tender Act was passed in 1862; the day on which John Adams was appointed the first Minister to England, in 1788, and on which Count Wallenstein was assassinated in 1624.

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A DIALOGUE IN THE HOUSE.

Messrs. Boutell and Henry Discuss the High Price of Beef. From the Congressional Record.

Mr. Henry, of Texas—Does the gentleman from Illinois think the price of beef is too high in Chicago? Mr. Boutell—Well, with prime heavy steers selling in the gentleman's district at \$10 upon the hoof, I do not see how the people in Chicago can buy them for \$5 on the hoof.

Does the gentleman want to repeal the duty on cattle? Mr. Henry, of Texas—I will answer the gentleman. Mr. Boutell—Does the gentleman want to repeal the duty on cattle to help lower the price?

Mr. Henry, of Texas—I shall plainly answer all questions before concluding. Where we in Texas get \$80 for a Texas steer, the beef trust gets \$40 and much more from the starving citizens of Chicago and the people throughout the country.

Mr. Boutell—Then will the gentleman from Texas favor the repeal of the duty on cattle? Mr. Henry, of Texas—I want to ask the gentleman how will you reduce the price? You say it is too high in Chicago.

Mr. Boutell—Will you repeal the duty on cattle? Mr. Henry, of Texas—I will agree to repeal every protective duty in your bill and the duty on meats dressed and shipped into this country. And, furthermore, I will agree to put every one of those beef trust magnates in the penitentiary. Will the gentleman from Chicago help me to the same thing? (Applause on the Democratic side.)

Mr. Boutell—To whom does the gentleman refer? Mr. Henry, of Texas—The beef trust. Mr. Boutell—Who are the beef trust? Mr. Henry, of Texas—Do you not know? And you from Chicago. If you do not, then those starving children will hunt you in your dreams, and their fathers will be swift to remove you from Congress. (Applause on the Democratic side.) Now, I decline to yield further, just as the gentleman did the other day.

Mr. Boutell—That is a very excellent place to stop. The Motive. From the Detroit Free Press. To help others, we must first learn. To help others, we must acquire strength. To help the world, one must first become fitted for the task.

A man weak in morals cannot help the world morally. The blind cannot lead the blind. The purpose, therefore, of personal reformation is ultimately to reform the world.

Humility must be trained for the task. The giving up of vice and the conversion to virtue are not, therefore, for one's own selfish benefit, to gain heaven and avoid hell. And these motives are now losing their power.

There must be a sufficiently strong motive to induce a man to become a good man. To give up a bad habit just because it is a bad habit is usually a failure. But to give up a bad habit because it prevents us from doing good is an appeal to the better nature, to the heroic in man, which is nearly always effective.

Negative virtue is no virtue at all, is the world's great need, and the world will recognize and respond to it. Hence the necessity of self-discipline, education, and spiritual training, the object of this special course of forty days in the higher education.

Is Aldrich a Statesman? Edwin Ladd, in American Magazine. Is Aldrich a statesman? Like whom, for instance? I do not suppose many people would call him that. After all, that is one of the points we shall determine at the autopsy. But he is, beyond question, the most interesting personality in public life to-day—not alone for what he is, but for what, with his extraordinary mind, he might have been with a different environment in his formative period.

He may be the last of his type, for his type can last, for a time, the progress of humanity toward real brotherhood by sheer weight of mind and adroit utilization of self-interest. And the influence of such men on the community is always proportionate to their mental capacity rather than to the capacity for self-obliteration in the service of their fellows.

Brother Large Orders. From the Brooklyn Eagle. Members of Congress frequently receive requests of an unusual character. A few years ago Senator Frye was asked by a constituent in Maine to send to him the Congressional Library. Correspondence was required to disclose that the writer wanted a report of the Congressional Library. That request was considered all-embracing until yesterday, when one reached Senator Hale, of Maine, which was as follows: "Will you please send me the United States?"

A map of the United States was sent in response to the letter. The National Banking System Organized—February 25. The earliest use of the term "bank" in the American colonies was to designate an issue of paper money. All the banks mentioned in Colonial history were loan banks, and not deposit banks.

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