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SLEMP'S POWER.

A few weeks ago the Dispatch expressed the opinion that Congressman-elect Slemp of the Ninth District, would probably be awarded the glory and worry of distributing Federal patronage in Virginia.

In the present Congress there is no Republican member from this State, but in the Fifty-eighth Congress, that party will be represented by Colonel Slemp.

A distinguished congressman from this State once said he was a happy man until Grover Cleveland was elected President; that then the burden of distributing patronage in his congressional district fell upon his shoulders and that he (the congressman) made enemies by the score.

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VENEZUELA AND ARBITRATION.

The Venezuelan trouble now seems in a fair way for arbitration and the time has arrived when a settlement by that method is advisable. We say "the time has arrived" because arbitration at a previous stage of the affair would have been unfortunate, especially if the good offices of the United States were to be in evidence in bringing it about.

The Venezuelans needed to be brought to a realization of the fact that we would not interpose the Monroe doctrine to shield them from the consequences of dishonesty and insulting conduct towards other nations. They needed to be taught the limits of that doctrine as we construed it.

Had arbitration been resorted to before Venezuela got her hammering it is altogether probable that Castro and his like would have continued to rest under and foster the false impression which has so long existed in Spanish-America touching the license the States down there could safely take by reason of our "historic obligation."

Now, taken as a whole, we don't suppose that Slueth Jacobs is one whit more disreputable, vacillating, or dishonest than millions of other persons, but it was, on the embarrassing occasion mentioned, his misfortune to be a detective. The interested public had set a Sherlock Holmes pace for him to go and he couldn't do it. And no other detective on earth can, so far as we know.

Far be it from us to disparage the profession of sleuthing. It is to us who defend it, and protest against Sherlock Holmes, Monsieur Le Cog and that other fellow who solved the mystery of the Rue Morgue.

This trio set a standard—on paper, however—which no mortal save some unborn freak combining the qualities of Colonel William F. Cody, President Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and Carrie Nation could measure up to. We wonder that the detectives—poor human beings—haven't rebelled long ago and utterly repudiated these fictitious divinities of the realm of mendacity.

By the way, we'd like to know who it was that first idealized the sleuthing vocation. Here is a nice nut for the literary fellows to crack. Was it really Edgar Allan Poe, who was born in 1809 and died in 1842, or that superb French novelist Gabriel, who commenced on milk diet in 1835 and quit eating altogether in 1837? Certainly it wasn't Dr. A. Conan Doyle, the creator, murderer, and resurrecter of Sherlock Holmes, for Sherlock's marvellous inductive processes were as familiar to us as the multiplication table—and maybe a little more familiar—long before Dr. Doyle commenced writing.

It is denied that there is to be a demonstration against Turkey, but there will undoubtedly be such a movement on December 25th.

It is said Andrew Carnegie will endow a national theatre. He insists on making a grandstand play.

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THE NEWPORT NEWS PRESS says it is pleasant to note that the House passed the bill by an overwhelming majority, and then remarks that such laws should not be necessary in an enlightened land, but, unfortunately, they are, as daily revelations prove.

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AN EXCEPTIONALLY BRILLIANT WRITER.

They were discussing the wayward youth who was endeavoring to break into literature. "Is he a good writer?" "Oh, fine." "His man's friends always think that, but his work ever brought him much of anything?" "Well, rather. Why, say! only a few of his letters brought him three breach of promise suits in less than two years."

POSTED HIM. (Ally Sloper.) Rev. Tubthumper—"I've been preaching this morning to a congregation of asses." Lily Sugastick—"Yes, I noticed you called them 'beloved brethren.'"

SO THOUGHTFUL. (Detroit Free Press.) "She—"There, dear, haven't I been thoughtful of you and yourself?" "How?" "I kept all these bills of mine away from you until the middle of the month."

METHOD IN IT. (Washington Star.) "She pretends to enjoy everything that her rich uncle, who has lived in Italia, likes." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne, "she favors curry in order to enjoy favor."

THAT NORTH CAROLINA POSTMASTERSHIP. (Washington Post.) Of themes that come and themes that go, The Vick case keeps us guessing.

IN DAYS OF OLD. (John N. Hilliard, in Life.) In days of old, the long ago, When blushing belle and dashing beau Drew round the cheerful ingkstand To play the games of Christmaside, Those merry games, which—comme il faut—

SOUTHERN SENTIMENT. Comment of the Newspapers on Various Subjects. We like Fitzhugh Lee, but we don't like his talk.—Wilmington (N. C.) Star.

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has been ordered. The defence expects to show that the character of the warfare waged at Samar had the sanction of the highest military authority, and that the report will be asked to summon Cnafee and Smith, and have produced all correspondence covering the policy pursued in that particular territory and other disturbed parts of the islands.

THE "MARTHA LEE." (Victor A. Herman, in Harper's for January.) Do of steamboat wid de big stahn wheel Cum puffin' up de steam; She shook en shook fum deck to keel En her 'llahs hissed wid steam.

Do of steamboat wid de shohst stack on. Det cum fum way up Noff, Swung out fum de landin' lark a swan, En dropped her hawsch off. Her hull wah steel, en gleamin' bright, She chahned det muddy watch white, En blew a challenge blas.

Do of steamboat she answered back; Her engine chahn en grin; But de strange steamboat wid de shohst Cum creepin' up behin'. Her graceful keel en steady chahn Wah a pretty sight to see; En when she made de narah tabn She pressed de Marly Lee.

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Cure for Hog Cholera.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: Nothing in your paper the prevalence of hog cholera in parts of the State, the following may be of service to some of your readers. The cholera was in this neighborhood last spring. I lost two; some of my neighbors five to eight. We used the prescription published by the United States Agricultural Department in Farmers' Bulletin No. 100, on "Hog Raising in the South." It cured the disease promptly in each case. Since then I have used it once a week as a preventive. There has been no return of the disease. The prescription costs at the drug store 10 cents a pound. Having now a hundred hogs, it is, of course, important to give them close attention. Hogs in pens need some vegetable matter to aid digestion. I use a little hay daily, but with no hay corn fed with shucks on answers in place of hay. Pens must be kept clean and sprinkled with slacked lime. A box with one-half salt and one-half slaked wood ashes should be kept in the pen. To prevent lice and keep the skin clean, sprinkle once a month with one-half best coal oil, one-half warm water.

Respectfully, C. I. N. Casanova, Va., December 17, 1902.

What a Gait Called.

The present Legislature was chosen with special reference to the qualification of its members to put the new Constitution into operation and to conform the statute law of the State to its requirements. That accounts for the large proportion of lawyers in that body, many constituencies, like that of Petersburg, selecting a full delegation of lawyers, contrary to the previous practice of dividing the delegation so as to have one representative business man and one lawyer. By this course it was hoped that the Legislature would apply itself, as far as practicable, to the work for which it was specially chosen. That hope has been disappointed. Measures of every conceivable character of legislation have been introduced to consume the time of



REV. DR. J. M. STIFLER.

the body and to divert its attention from the main work. There seems to have been an eager competition on the part of every one to make as much waste paper as the rest. There is no telling to what extent this spirit will run in the present unlimited session. Can't some one call a halt and induce the Legislature to close up the main business in hand and go home?

Little Princess Mafalda. (New York Commercial.) Little Princess Mafalda of Italy is named after one of the legendary heroines of the House of Savoy. The first Mafalda was the daughter of Amadeo III. of Savoy; she delighted in all manly exercises, and, clad in armor, led a Piedmontese contingent to help Milan when it was besieged by Frederick Barbarossa. The Emperor fell in love with her, and when she was captured, after being defeated in a hand-to-hand fight, he held the whole between death and becoming his mistress. She very properly chose death, declaring that she belonged to the House of Savoy and that no member of that house had ever been a coward. Alfonso Henriquez, who subsequently became King of Portugal managed to make the Emperor give her up, and afterward he married the Princess. After her husband's death Queen Mafalda became a nun in the nunnery of Coimbra. Historical dates do not tally with the legend, but Mafalda is undoubtedly a historical person. Her granddaughter, of the same name, was made venerable in the Catholic church on account of her piety. The name Mafalda is explained as being the form the Portuguese gave to the harsh name Mechtild or Matilda.

Wager Swayne Dead. NEW YORK, December 18.—General Wager Swayne died this afternoon at his residence, of a complication of diseases. His widow, two sons and a daughter were at the deathbed.

DR. J. M. STIFLER DEAD

Professor in Crozer Theological Seminary—Well-Known Here.

The Rev. Dr. James M. Stifler, well known in this city, where he has frequently supplied the pulpit of the Second Baptist church, died suddenly Tuesday evening in Boston of apoplexy. Dr. Stifler, who was professor of New Testament in Crozer Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania, was in Boston on a lecturing trip. Tuesday evening he delivered a lecture in Clarendon-Street church, and on his way to his hotel was stricken with apoplexy and died soon after.

His body arrived Wednesday at Crozer Theological Seminary, where his death has caused a profound grief over the students and faculty. Classes were dismissed and all work suspended.

The Rev. Dr. Stifler was an author of note, a commentator on Sunday-school lessons and the New Testament, and a man of brilliant attainments.

Whenever he came to Richmond, which he frequently did, he was warmly welcomed. During long periods he had supplied the pulpit of the Second Baptist church and greatly endeared himself to the people of the city.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE. James Madison Stifler, M. A., D. D., was possibly one of the widest-known theologians of the Baptist denomination in this country. He was born on Dec. 3, 1838, in Union, Ill., and gained his early education in that section of the State. Possessing a keen mind and the natural talent of the ideal clergyman, he applied himself to scholastic pursuits and graduated from Shurtleff College, Upper Alabama, in 1858. His theological course was not completed until 1862, at the same institution, though he was licensed to preach in 1862.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1859 and served his first charge at Nokomis, Ill., which he resigned in 1871. He served at Upper Aton in 1874 and 1875, also at South Aton, Ill. He was connected with the Fifth Baptist church, also the Second church in Philadelphia, Butaw Place church, Baltimore, and a charge in Richmond. He was a pastor at a church in New Haven, Conn., from 1875 to 1882, the year in which he was called to Crozer Theological Seminary, the duties of which post he discharged with marked ability.

AS A WRITER. Not only as a preacher and teacher was he renowned, but as an author as well. In 1858 he wrote "An Introduction to the Book of Acts," in 1857, "A Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans," appeared. Another work which is used in the Baptist libraries extensively as a reference book, was his "Life of Christ," which was published in 1859.

In 1871 Shurtleff College, his alma mater, conferred upon him the degree of M. A., while from the same institution, in 1875, followed the honorary degree of D. D.

Dr. Stifler was an active Sunday-school worker, and each week had charge of the Teachers' Study Class at the Y. M. C. A. in this city. He served also as a member of the International Sunday-school committee.

HIS FAMILY. Besides his widow the following family survives: Mrs. Benjamin J. Hope, of Augusta, Me.; Mrs. D. G. Stevens, of Bryn Mawr, and Mrs. E. E. Meyer, of Beltsville, Pa., all wives of ministers in active service; one daughter, Miss Rose Stifler, and two sons, one, Rev. James M.

Stifler, Jr., who is pastor at Roselle, N. J., and an unmarried son, Francis, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Municipal Bonds. A New York exchange of December 17th says: The \$5,000 issue of Cambridge, Mass., 3 1/2 per cent, 20-year sewer bonds was awarded to Merrill, Olmstead & Co., of Boston, at 102 1/2. The \$5,000 issue of water and \$1,000 issue of street improvement bonds were disposed of at private sale.

The Union Trust Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., has purchased \$3,000,000 4 per cent, bonds of that town at an average price of 101 1/2.

The municipal authorities of San Francisco are awaiting the action of the Legislature in amending the charter so that more than one bond proposition can be submitted at the same election. Fifteen bond issues, aggregating about \$12,000,000, are contemplated, and will be submitted at the first election under the new law. Later, a proposition to acquire a water system at a total expense of \$33,000,000 will be submitted. The debt limit is 15 per cent of the tax valuation, which would allow an indebtedness of approximately \$2,000,000. A new sewer system, extensive repaving, new school-house sites, and the extension of parks and boulevards are some of the immediate improvements desired.

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BRIEF CAPITOL NOTES. Governor Montague was in his office at the Capitol yesterday. He continues to suffer with a heavy cold. Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolmer is in Baltimore attending the sessions of the Maryland Horticultural Society. He will return home to-day. Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston was at his office yesterday, after a week's visit to his home in Charlotte county.

Mr. Sidney N. Moon, auditor of the New Amsterdam Casualty Company, of New York, was a caller at the office of Auditor Morse yesterday.