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THURSDAY, - - - NOVEMBER 11.

Speaker Carlisle has denied the report that he intended to resign and force a new election if his opponent contested his seat. He said there was no ground on which a contest could be made for his seat.

Prince Waldemar has been elected to succeed Prince Alexander to the throne of Bulgaria.

The Assembly arose and voted unanimously, but there was no enthusiasm in the galleries, and the indication, therefore, is that the people do not approve the selection.

Why should there be protests against executive clemency to Cluverius?

The Governor is not going to pardon Cluverius, and the protests are not complimentary to the Governor's sense. The methods of the trial went through the judicial test of the Supreme Court, which is enough.

The State very wisely sets up the wicked abuses resulting from the free-pass system. It is a strange thing that people had rather give away their character than ten dollars for a railroad ticket. It is also strange that a goat will climb a cliff to get a straw rather than seek an honorable living in a pasture.

G. A. Easnick, a merchant of Loudoun county, tendered coupons for his license taxes, and when they were refused he went on selling goods without a license. The grand jury indicted him for doing business without a license. He pleaded his tender, and on Monday last the County Court quashed the indictment and dismissed the prosecution.

Lord Salisbury in his speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet did not forget the main point.

He said that Russia had violated the treaty of Berlin in her recent policy in Bulgaria, and that it was the duty of the powers participating in that cartel to see to its enforcement. He said that in this England would not be backward, and that she would act in harmony with Austria in the coming trouble.

Is it not a plain thing to anybody but a man blindfolded with ignorant persistency against reason, that when the State puts the result of a "levy" in her treasury, she recognizes the levying officer in his official capacity, and therefore cannot recover the coupon which she refused as a tender for taxes?

Can she eat her pie and have it still? She takes the result of the official action and then says the officer is no officer of hers.

The Republicans all over the State are paying their taxes with coupons, and their leaders openly declare that the party intends to cut loose from everything that has even the semblance of defiance of the Supreme Court of the United States, and demand acquiescence in its decisions. Where will the Democratic party be when the Republican party officially declares itself in favor of accepting the liberal compromise which the creditors have proposed? Will it undertake to run its candidates upon a platform calling for defiance of the Supreme Court of the United States and repudiation also?

## "MOONSHINE" STATESMANSHIP.

There are certain districts of country, wild and remote, where the unkempt and untutored sons of the waste boast of that picturesque and exciting sort of lawlessness known as "moonshining," the principle of which is to defraud the Government out of the value of taxes on whiskey by producing an article that can be sold low and by imparting to it the delusive flavor of forbidden fruit. By pale Cynthia's flickering glimpses in weird mountain gorges with the fascination of Gypsy incantation, the ardent fluid is manufactured with strange spells, and the ingenious mountaineer as he quaffs it in his cabin, dotes on the half superstitious tale of lost revenue officers who have ventured over the boundaries to violate the sacred privilege of a local sovereignty that is above all law. Even here, in "the ancient and glorious Commonwealth," a member of Congress was defeated by the horrible cry, that he had favored the prosecution of "moonshiners."

There is no doubt of the injustice and cruelty of putting a poor moonshiner in the Albany cell just for making a few gallons of whiskey with a limited machine, somewhat the size of a teakettle; but still it is the law, and the civilized world will not sympathize with the theory of the moonshiner.

And so it is exactly with the theory of the "policy."

A set of gentlemen who are steeped in the ante-war theory of State's rights, announce that the State of Virginia has a right to violate a law of the United States, and actually order the tax-collector to defy it.

The fact that the outside world jeers and contemns the State and puts it in Coventry, is naught to the men stiffened by the stubbornness of one fanatical fallacy that colors every other consideration to its own bad complexion.

But the question is, can the people of Virginia be brought to the standard of this moonshine statesmanship?

We have nothing unkind to remark of the officers of the State, and, personally, it is with pain that we find much fault with their official capacity.

But the facts hold up the argument of folly in such proportions that, when the truth of the whole matter is known, the manliness of the Virginia people will revolt at the condition to which we have been brought, when we had a majority capable of doing the right thing.

## MACHINE LIFE.

Of course ours is an age of machinery. Mr. Gladstone estimates that machine power is doubling itself every seven years. Then well may the Knight of Labor be jealous of a steam engine; for it looks as if, presently, the world will be entirely possessed by things made of iron and oak and run by steam or electricity. Our boys may exercise and harden their muscles as they may, they can never reach the capability of a one-horse Tanner & Delaney. Steam engines are taking a place in society calculated to arouse jealousy; and their social influence is felt and showing itself. Men, women, and children are learning. The boys must throw off smoke-like little donkeys, and the men and women run in conventional tracks and talk platitudes and utter emotionals as unvarying and unchangeable as steam whistles. Society rolls on like a great big machine; the old pieces play out, and new ones are substituted for them. The game of life is played with puppets, and then all are laid away. All this is true of the commonplace world. And who wonders that a man writes a book and asks, "Is life worth living?"

Who can think that all this is natural? Who doesn't believe that after all the hope of the world may be in the unlucky? There are men and women that can't be conventionalized. There are men and women that will not work in harness.

There are men and women that will not be fixed in moulds and grooves. There are men and women that almost resemble the wild ass; that will not heed the cry of the driver; that scorn the multitude of the city. For whom the range of the mountain is a pasture, and that crave things fresh, natural, and true. These will survive machinery and inherit the earth.

## Interest on Coupon Bonds of '91 to be Anticipated.

The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday afternoon issued the following order, which will release about \$10,000,000, to meet the demand for money needed in the movement of crops:

"By virtue of the authority conferred by law upon the Secretary of the Treasury, notice is hereby given that the interest due December 1st, 1886, on United States coupon bonds of the funded loan of 1891 will be paid without rebate, on the presentation of the proper coupons at the Treasury at Washington, D. C., and at the various sub-treasuries."

The Chicago strikers doubtless have reason in what they say about the attempt of the packers to bind their employees by an ironclad oath, which would tie them to the employer's arbitrary will. But the discussion of that most important issue should be peaceful, and becoming to the dignity of a cause that pleads a great wrong. We are always on the side of the workingmen when they put themselves right.

But we earnestly hope to see them appeal to reason and justice, not to organized passion.

The car-strikers in New York city illustrated the fact that public opinion would back a just demand always.

## A POINT OF COURTESY.

The *Dispatch* publishes a note from Mr. Cooper, an Englishman, who represents the English bondholders.

Mr. Cooper complains that the *Dispatch* treated him unfairly in trying to put him under the ban of public opinion for exercising a legal right.

The *Dispatch* is a great oracle, but it slips up dangerously in mistaking the temper of the Virginia people on a question of justice.

Mr. Cooper, as a foreigner, has rights that our ideas of hospitality acknowledged above politics, and the motives of the Richmond *Dispatch* will be impugned any time it attempts this most extraordinary plan of manufacturing false sentiment in its back office.

We have before us a letter from one of the largest tax-payers in Albemarle county, in which he declares his intention to tender coupons for his State taxes, and refuse to pay anything else. In his letter he uses the following language:

"I think the best way of settling the public debt question is, for gentlemen of property and character to pay their taxes in coupons, and so compel the Legislature to come to some agreement with the bond holders."

Words of soberness and wisdom. If the large property owners in the State will all co-operate this fall in tendering coupons for their taxes, the Legislature will be compelled to reassemble this winter and accept the offer the creditors have made to settle at the present rate of taxation, after maintaining the schools and expenses of government, and thus end the horrid spectacle of the State officials undertaking to set at defiance the supreme law of the land.

The annual Convention of the Law and Order League will meet at Albany, N. Y., 20th day of February, 1887.

## SPECIAL AND PERSONAL.

Brooklyn will "receive" Mr. Beecher at the Academy of Music on his return from Europe. Welcome, dear pastor, as they said to Talmage.

Edwin Booth, who is at the Star Theatre, New York, was unable to appear last night, and is scratched for to-night in consequence of his illness.

Bartholdi is in Washington, and there will be a conference on his models for the proposed Statue of Lafayette. The models are in the State Department.

Jones, of Washington, writes us that he cannot approve of the *Reformer* because his sort of reform is to turn the rascals out. An excellent good sentiment. But does Jones want to turn rascals in?

The spiritual welfare of the next House will not be alone in the hands of the chaplain. Rev. Miron Reed, of Colorado, and Rev. L. F. McKinney, of New Hampshire, have been returned, and will be able to hold the floor up to a needed reform.

Mrs. Langtry said that the handsomest man she saw in America was a Wall-street broker named Smith.

That is as bad as the broker, who said that Miss Jones had the prettiest figure in the world—that is an arithmetical figure of \$10,000,000.

Mr. Blaine's friends insist that his stay in Gotham had no reference to politics, and as he is no longer a social star, the *Graphic* discovers the fact that he was there to decipher the hieroglyphics on the Egyptian obelisk.

There was a lurid report all over Washington this week that the police would "shadow" the festive statesmen, who are suspected of having too gay a time when they ought to be in their seats.

Congress has a good deal to do with the management of the District, and it is not likely that so absurd a piece of blackmailing would be attempted.

In case the Republicans have a majority of only two in the next Senate, Senators Van Wyck and Riddleberger anticipate a good deal of fun at their expense. With Mr. Riddleberger holding up one end of the balance of power and Mr. Van Wyck teetering on the other, they will be apt to make things lively for the gentleman in the chair.—*Washington Critic*.

## MEN AND WOMEN OF LETTERS.

Gen. Lew Wallace's "Ben Hur" has reached a sale of 115,000 copies.

Rhea has agreed to write a magazine article on French and American actresses.

Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton is back from Europe. She will pass most of the winter in Boston.

Professor Huxley has retired from his active educational duties on a pension of \$7,500 a year.

Hon. Andrew D. White is said to have the finest historical library in the country. It numbers over 30,000 volumes besides many valuable manuscripts.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich will be 50 years old on Nov. 11. Half a century has fallen easily on the author's shoulders and he scarcely looks to be more than 40.

W. D. Howells is going abroad next year and will remain two years in Europe. His son will go with him, and will be placed in the Polytechnic school at Paris.

"Aironclad" Murray has given up his Montreal restaurant and is going to devote himself entirely to authorship and lecturing. He says he will never enter political life as he has no taste for it. He hasn't been asked to yet.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has written a poem entitled "Two Sinners," and Mrs. James Brown Potter expects to recite it. In this way she will add to the fame she achieved by reciting "Ostler Joe." Mrs. Potter will winter in France.

Mr. Bancroft, the aged historian, is very simple in his habits. He goes to bed early and sleeps for eight or nine hours. He works about four hours a day, and occupies the rest of his time driving or walking with his granddaughter, Miss Susannah, who lives with him in a great brown stone house.

## CURIOUS THINGS IN LIFE.

They are telling the old story of sparrows killing a cat again. This time it comes from Galena, Ill.

Tom Acrefoot is the appropriate name of a man in Key West whose feet are 16 inches long and 6 1/2 inches wide. His mother was from Chicago.

A curious wedding ceremony took place in Nicholasville, Ky., the other day. Miss Carrie, a deaf mute, daughter of Dr. F. M. Jasper, was married to Prof. M. C. Clever, of the Danville Deaf Mute institution. The ceremony was performed in sign language by Prof. W. K. Argo and G. T. Schofield.

The light from an electric lamp tower in Davenport, Ia., falls full upon a flower garden about 100 feet away, and during the past summer the owner has observed that lilacs which have usually bloomed only in the day have opened in the night, and that morning glories have unclosed their blossoms as soon as the electric light fell on them.

Miss Rosa Fenton, of Crittenden county, Ark., was recently bitten in the left hand by a huge cotton-mouth snake. She seized an ax near by, laid her wounded hand on a block of wood and chopped the bitten finger off at a single blow; then she ran into the house, swallowed half a tumbler of whisky and fainted. She recovered in about two weeks.

A correspondent writes that in a gambling saloon in Moscow the walls and ceiling were covered with paper on which stars were stamped. Among the stars in the ceiling holes were cut, and a man lying on the floor in the room above saw the hands of those playing cards and telegraphed them, by means of wires connected with his shoes, to his confederate.

## CREATION'S LOWER ORDERS.

A snake entered the house of Burt G. Smith, at Kissimmee, Fla., entered the bird cage through the wires, and after swallowing the canary coiled up in the bottom of the cage to take a nap.

An engine of the "camel back" type, used by the Pennsylvania road, has been on exhibition on the Consolidated road, and has taken several trains over the road. Once the feed pipe seemed to be choked up. At Bridgeport the pipe was opened, and after the water was drawn off a two-foot eel came squirting out.

A rat was put into a box with a rattlesnake in the Sacramento the other day. Instantly the snake struck it, and in a moment the rat turned over and died. The next day another rat was put in the box, and although his ratship provoked the snake to bite him several times, continued as lively as a cricket, and when released ran away none the worse for the battle.

John Burdick, employed on a Ridgefield (Conn.) farm, was picking up apples for the cider mill about four weeks ago. One, mellowed than the rest, tempted him, and he bit out a big mouthful. With it came a bee, which stung him on the tongue. The tongue swelled up, and for two days he was constantly nauseated. Then the swelling went down. Since then every time he bites an apple his tongue feels just as though a bee was stinging it. Two or three days ago he made up his mind to eat an apple, any way. He tried to, but the tongue swelled up again and the nausea returned.

An interesting battle recently took place between a rat and a garter snake at Visalia, Cal. The rat was cautious but quick, springing with lightning jumps upon the snake and burying its teeth in the serpent's body. The latter would coil and dart forward frequently, knocking the rat over on its back. Once the rat caught the snake's head and held it until the latter, coiling about its body, squeezed it so tightly that it was forced to let go. Finally the rat, by biting his antagonist through the neck several times, severed its head, and dragged its body in victory away.

On the strength of recently made tests the *Revue Scientifique*, of Paris, affirms that, for purposes of moderate traction, it is cheaper to employ animal than steam power. With the latter there is a loss of quite 90 per cent. in converting chemical into mechanical energy; that is, only one-tenth of the power latent in coal can be changed into applied force. With the former, on the other hand, there is a loss of but 68 per cent.

## PLAYERS AND PLAYHOUSES.

Fanny Davenport is playing "Fedora" again.

Kate Claxton is now playing "The Two Orphans" for the eleventh season. She has ordered a new play from D'Emery.

Fay Templeton is still in London trying to obtain a new piece to be brought out at the Gaiety the first of the year.

It is intimated that Joe Jefferson will withdraw from the stage shortly and pass the remainder of his life in the enjoyment of his fortune.

James Barton Key is going to bring out "Jack," Mrs. Harry Becket's play, in New York. It has had a great success in London, and Mr. Key is very sanguine about it.

Myra Goodwin has 8,610 of the drummers of the country on her free list. They work up a boom for her wherever she plays "Sis," and this novel advertising scheme is turning her in a lot of money.

The Boston Ideal Opera company is all torn up by a quarrel between the two leading ladies—Miss Huntington and Mlle. Lablache—and if Manager Foster cannot reconcile them one or the other will have to retire.

Mr. Dion Boucault is playing "The Jilt" in New York. It is said to be the freshest of the many plays he has produced and all the plot is inferior. The play is diverting enough to make a pleasant evening's entertainment.

Mr. Henry Irving will visit this country again next September, bringing with him Mr. Wills' version of "Faust," which is acknowledged by all who have seen it in London to be the finest production in a spectacular sense ever seen on the stage.

Lawrence Barrett is a busy man this season, directing as he does his own, and the tour of Edwin Booth, and acting seven times each week himself. He contemplates producing a new play, by George H. Boker, in Washington in a few weeks.

Madame Modjeska proposes to sink herself as a star. She would rather become the leading member of a strong stock company than to play a "one part piece." Her plays are selected for intrinsic strength, and, though her parts will naturally be leading ones, they will not stand out and dwarf all the others.

## MUSICAL NOTES.

Strauss receives \$1,000 apiece for his waltzes from his German publishers.

A new American aspirant for artistic honors abroad is Miss Alice Whiteacre, of Chicago, who recently made a successful debut in concert at Covent Garden, London.

The Thomas popular concerts have begun at the Metropolitan opera house, New York. The orchestra this year is larger than last, and Mr. Thomas says it is the best he has ever brought together.

The Philharmonic society of New York has just ordered from a Leipzig manufacturer a pair of pedal tympani turned by cogwheels worked by the foot. The accuracy with which the drums are tuned mechanically is said to be so great that half the drummer's task is gone.

William Candidus, the Philadelphia tenor, who has such a fine reputation in Europe as well as in his native country, will return to the American Opera company this season.

Miss Mathilde Philipps, the well known contralto and sister of the lamented Adelinde Philipps, remains with the American Opera company this season as one of the principal contraltos.

A letter from Milan states that preparations are being actively pushed forward at La Scala for the production of Verdi's new opera. For a long time it was talked about under the name of "Iago;" now it would seem that Verdi inclines to retain the name of "Othello."

Miss Cornelia Van Zanten, who has been secured by the American Opera company, and who will make her operatic debut in this country during the first week of the season in Philadelphia, has a fine stage appearance and a rich voice of large compass. She is expected to make a great success.

## SPORTING AND ATHLETIC.

The race between Hanlan and Ross is off. The American Turf Trotting congress will meet in Cincinnati on Nov. 10.

Manager Watkins says the Detroit club cleared over \$25,000, most of it being made on eastern ball grounds.

John Teemer has offered Dave Godwin, the English oarsman, ten seconds start in a race over the Thames championship course.

The fight between Tommy Warren and Pat O'Leary for the featherweight championship of America will take place near Louisville on Nov. 8.

Cummings, the English champion, will arrive in New York soon after Christmas and run L. E. Myers a series of races, providing the latter has returned home from Australia.

Patsy Cardiff has signed articles to meet John L. Sullivan in December, eight rounds, with four ounce gloves, winner to take 75 per cent, and loser 25 per cent of the gate receipts.

Jack Dempsey is turning out an all-around athlete. He ran 150 yards in 17 seconds at San Francisco and won a running broad jump, clearing 18 feet 5 inches. Burke's manager says it's "dollars to doughnuts" that Dempsey will be defeated at the meeting between the two pugilists in San Francisco, Nov. 15.

## AMONG THE RAILROADS.

The Baltimore and Ohio has not responded to the invitation to stop cutting rates from Chicago to Washington.

Lehigh Valley railroad people deny the story that the company has purchased the Pennsylvania, Slatington and New England road.

The tunnel under the Baltimore and Ohio railroad under Twenty-fifth street, Baltimore, will in all probability be completed by Dec. 1.

The St. Louis and San Francisco people calculate that they will have \$500,000 surplus for the year ending Dec. 31, after paying the first preferred dividend.

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