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Gen. Grant's Position.

The Washington correspondent of the Providence Journal says: The attempt of conservative or radical change to take possession of Gen. Grant as a presidential candidate does not succeed. He does not respond to any of their movements. Even the Forney and Thayer speculation in this line has failed. Gen. Grant won't reply to them, and the statement that he was assenting to the nomination is false. He neither assented nor dissented, but he will not allow himself to become a tool of any clique. He tells his friends that he doesn't seek the nomination from anybody, and therefore is not alarmed lest his chances may be injured by that or paper or politician.

The strongest statement he has been known to make in this connection was this, that under the circumstances he would run as the candidate of the opposition, and he is frank in conceding that he is not a disciple of the Stevens and Ashley school, which is about all he has said on the subject.

SENATORIAL ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last, Mr. Solomon Pierce, one of Vermont's most valued and respected citizens, met with a most unexpected and fatal accident, while en route to his home, in the stagecoach, on the road from Burlington to Montpelier. The accident occurred about two o'clock P.M., on the road from Burlington to Montpelier. The stagecoach was driven by a large and experienced driver, and was carrying a large number of passengers. The accident occurred about two o'clock P.M., on the road from Burlington to Montpelier.

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Young Men's Association.

THE ANNUAL REPORT. The Report of C. A. Sumner, Treasurer of the Association, shows that the Receipts of the year were \$2,103.82, and the disbursements \$2,125.83, leaving a balance against the Treasury of \$23.01.

The receipts from membership tickets were \$744.00, and from sale of tickets for lectures \$319.25. The same paid lecturers and the receipts from lecture tickets sold, for the respective lectures, were as follows:

Lecturer	Receipts
Theodore Tilton	\$11.00
Schuyler Colfax	10.00
Prof. Davis	10.00
Prof. Chapin	10.00
Rev. H. W. Briggs	10.00
Gen. Cady	10.00

The total amount of sugar actually made into sugar cakes from the practice just mentioned, is said to be very large—many thousands of pounds, at least. I judge, moreover, that of late years the loss to the estate owners in this way has been on the increase. For the Colonial Canal had under consideration during the last year, an ordinance to put a check to the sugar cane industry, and by imposing very stringent regulations to the cane sugar cane, it was alleged to be a large extent by the laborer. Yet I noticed that a decided resistance to the Royal Government against giving validity to the ordinance, was made by two of the magistrates who were members of the Council. They alleged that the provisions would injuriously affect lawful trade, and as to the imposition that the laborer should the sugar cane, they positively denied its truth, and pointedly said in the way of retaliation, that while charges of this nature were often brought against laborers before magistrates, none were brought for this of sugar cane, as alleged. They charged the loss of sugar directly upon the managers who gave it to the laborers, to secure their profit.

But there are other sources of indirect profit from the estate to the laborer, besides the sugar cane. The fruit of the cane, fruit trees, and the like, are also a source of profit to the laborer. The fruit of the cane, fruit trees, and the like, are also a source of profit to the laborer.

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Affairs at the Capitol.

Correspondence of the Free Press. MONTPELIER, Nov. 15, 1867. Dear Free Press: If for a space the Legislature was abated, it recommenced to-day in earnest; and it is pushing forward to an early termination. Members become uneasy. The inquiry is often made, "When are we to adjourn?" But the great error of the Bradford election, State's prison, and Burden road yet unreported. Almost all the committees are very busy investigating the cases before them, and are disposed to hasten them as much as possible. Unexpectedly, an interesting debate arose on the interest bill, reported by the committee of ways and means, which requires six per cent on the lawful interest, but makes any other rate fixed in writing collectible. It was shown in the debate that members in the State have often taken twelve per cent; and of course this law would only be needed by them as security against a loss, and recovery of unlawful interest. Also, that money in the central portion of the State, and in rural sections, could still be obtained at six per cent. To what extent this possibility exists was not shown. It was acknowledged that the banks charged eight per cent; and an amendment was offered limiting the rate at eight. Speaker Stewart left the chair, and spoke with earnest protest against the bill. Mr. Charles Johnson, who said he had made all his money in capital borrowed of another member of the House at twelve per cent, was anxious for it as a measure of relief. Mr. Andrews of Berlin was strongly opposed to it because it was oppressive and mercenary. Mr. Andrews of Woodstock thought it might be beneficial, as tending to increase the amount of money in circulation; and Mr. Brigham believed it would be just, between money lenders and borrowers. No other debate has had so wide a range or elicited so much general interest. It was moved to lay it on the table and make it the order for Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1867.

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