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A GOOD example is the best sermon.

THE Rhode Island ten-hour law goes into effect January 10th.

THE House of Representatives pays its chaplain six dollars for each five minutes of prayer.

W. H. VANDERBILT was a Democrat and one of the old school, at that.

SENATOR VEST has introduced a bill to incorporate the Eads Ship Railway.

GEN. ROBT. TOOMBS died leaving an estate valued at nearly half a million.

SHOULD Queen Victoria live until June 20, 1887, she will have reigned fifty years.

PAULINE MARHAM, the actress, has fallen heir to a fortune, by the death of her mother in England.

It is believed that but few, if any, confirmations have been, or will be made by the Senate until the holiday season is over.

SOME records are going to be made during the sitting of the next Legislature that can be had before long at very reduced rates.

If half the effort was made to prevent crime in New Orleans as has recently been made to prevent the execution of criminals, there would be few murders committed in that city.

THE cranky Will. H. Kernan, formerly of the Okaloosa States, is now grinding out "fat copy" for the Northwood (Dak.) Headlight, of which, however, he is only the associate editor, having apparently been promoted down a peg. Here is what he says of President Cleveland: "Cleveland is a fizzle and a fraud."

THE New Orleans Picayune's Washington special correspondent, in his telegram to that journal on the 17th, credits one Burrows to Mississippi as a member of Congress, and speaks of him as a bloody-shirt orator. We repudiate the individual. We have no Burrows, and no bloody-shirt orators in Congress.

MISSISSIPPIANS might find it profitable to attend to their own business and not go out of the State to interfere in the enforcement of the laws of another State. We are not quite sure that our own laws do not lack enforcement. Let Louisiana hang her murderers if she chooses. The example will be good in that State and its shadow may fall upon us.

THE City Bank, of Houston, closed its doors Saturday and passed into the hands of a receiver. From the last statement, which was made in August, it is judged that depositors will lose very little. It was owned and run by men of high standing and it is thought they took this method of winding up the affairs, as there was no run on it.

SOME of the advocates of Woman's suffrage are displeased with the President's message, because it failed to mention that subject. It is well that the President premitted such mention. When the question comes up in proper shape it will deserve and receive respectful consideration, but just at this time the great mass of American women seem indifferent about the right to vote and do not ask for it.

THE Republicans objected to the immediate consideration of the Presidential succession bill, and asked the Democrats why there was any greater hurry than last session, when the Democrats were indifferent. Vice-President Hendricks' death makes the situation an entirely different one. If the President should die now, the Government would descend to a different party and the anxiety lest a great change of that kind should occur ought to be speedily removed.

MESSRS. HAMILTON, HOSKINS & Co., have settled to date in full with the State for the lease of the penitentiary convicts. These gentlemen have always kept good faith with the State, and even those opposed to the leasing system, find no fault with the present lessees. They are fair and prompt in their dealings, and kind to all prisoners under their immediate care. We doubt not that many of the convicts fare better in the fields than they would in the cells.

THE PRESIDENT'S SISTER.

The glowing periods on the miseries of polygamy, found in President Cleveland's message to Congress, are attributed to his sister, Miss Rose Cleveland. These periods are marked by peculiarities of metaphor, construction, fervent, indignant and impatient thought. They are the same as those that distinguish the style of Miss Cleveland when she is writing of the wrongs of womanhood, or in pointing out remedies for social evils. The New York Sun says: If Miss Cleveland did, as appears to be the case, furnish her brother with the most intense and energetic passage in his discussion of the Mormon problem, the fact is certainly very interesting. It is perhaps the first time in the history of the United States that a woman has contributed so important a State paper. The incident is equally creditable to the President and to Miss Cleveland.

THE New Orleans Times-Democrat's Washington correspondent says Leathers and Cowden last Winter sold their Lake Borgne outlet scheme to two wealthy citizens of New York, and surmises that the scheme to secure Congressional aid will be renewed this session. This might mean nothing, except that the correspondent mentions President Cleveland's failure to refer to the Mississippi Valley in connection with the information given about the Lake Borgne matter, and says that both gentlemen are friends of the President. He also says the suggestion is freely made, that the Lake Borgne matter may have something to do with the President's omission of Mississippi River improvement.

We think this is a slander of the President by innuendo. No one for a moment can entertain the opinion that he has any connection, direct or indirect, with any "scheme" or "job." The Times-Democrat has never admired the President, but hitherto it has not indulged in such modes of attack. We are quite sure our Senators are of the opinion that the President will approve any appropriation for the Mississippi river, that Congress will pass.

THE first trouble that occurred in the administration of the affairs of our city, after we ousted the Radicals, began when a number of Democrats bolted a regular nomination for Mayor. We foresaw the evil then, and predicted it, but the bolting Democrats and the Radicals defeated the regular nominee. It is advisable now for all good citizens to re-discipline the Democratic party and stand by it.

"MR. BLAINE OWNS the best hunting lands in Virginia," says an exchange. Mahone and Wise thought they did, and did not discover their mistake until after their recent hunt for office.

CATTLE IN THE SOUTH.

FULLY one-quarter of the live stock of the United States is owned and fed in the South. The South has \$600,000,000 invested in cows, oxen, other cattle, sheep, hogs, horses and mules. The South owns one-third of the milk cows, one other cattle and hogs of the country, or fully her proportion according to population. One-quarter of the sheep of the country are raised in the South, when ten years ago the proportion was only one-seventh.

HON. JNO. W. DANIEL, who was recently elected United States Senator from Virginia, is only forty-three years of age. He entered the Confederate army as a private when fourteen years old, and rose to the rank of Colonel, and was with General Early. He was wounded six times.

A BILL, we understand, will be introduced at the next meeting of our State Legislature to change the law making hog stealing a misdemeanor, instead of a felony as it now stands. The reason given for the proposed change is, that sending hog thieves to the penitentiary does not stop the crime and only depletes the laboring force of the country. It is further argued that nine-tenths of the hog thieves have less fear of the terrors of the penitentiary than they have for those of the county penal farms or contractors. The bill proposes to make hog stealing punishable by fine and imprisonment in the county where the crime is committed.

It is said that a number of experienced District Attorneys favor the proposed change in the law as an economic measure, whereby the State will be saved much expense in the prosecution of offenders.

EMPTY barrels give the most sound, and empty pistols kill the most frequently.

CONGRESS has gone into Winter quarters.

THE election for President of France will occur on the 28th inst.

CARL SCHUBZ is delivering comic lectures on civil service reform.

REV. SAM JONES, the revivalist, will attack Cincinnati in January.

MANY distinguished men have passed away during the year 1885.

THE best estimates put the cotton crop grown this year at about six and a half million bales.

A BAD padlock invites a picklock, and the non-enforcement of the law invites further violations.

THE New York Sun of Saturday has the whole of its first page covered with portraits of Parnell and his men.

THE Labor question is chiefly one of industry and not of law. No law can make a drone worth the honey he devours.

SENATOR MCPHENSON has introduced a bill providing for a penal colony in Alaska. Cold comfort for criminals.

JUDGE STEVENSON BURKE, is said to have received a 50,000 dollar fee for purchasing the Nickel Plate Railroad for Mr. Vanderbilt.

THOSE who "fought with Siegle" in the late war, will be glad to learn that the gallant General has been appointed Pension Agent at New York.

SANTA CLAUS, like other people, reads the advertisements of merchants in newspapers, before purchasing his presents for the little folks.

TWO Indianapolis school-boys only sixteen years of age, had a fight during the noon recess. One struck the other on the head and killed him.

GEO. FRANCIS TRAIN has a book in press on the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt. The title is "Dives and Lazarus," and Mr. Train promises a big sensation.

FRANK BURKITT, who will hang up in the North end of the Capitol, is the son of the old oaken Burkitt who hangs on in the Senate at the South end.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is opposed to the Nicaraguan canal treaty, but appears to favor the project of a ship railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

THE New Orleans Picayune is bold and outspoken in the matter of the reprieve of the murderers Ford and Murphy and denounces it in unmeasured terms.

J. B. MANNIE, the assignee of Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, confesses in open court that he has squandered \$200,000 of the trust in wild speculation.

A COUNTRY editor says the reason he wishes a suspension of silver coinage is "because it is inconvenient to his delinquent subscribers to remit hard money through the mails."

HON. A. M. KILEY, ex-Minister to Italy and Austria, lectured Sunday night in Washington to an audience of fifteen hundred persons on Irish nationality. Many prominent men were present.

THE Chicago Tribune severely criticised, or in fact, attacked the reports of all the Cabinet officers, with the exception of that of Secretary Lamar. As a general rule, the Tribune abuses the South and everything Southern, and the fact that it acknowledged that the report of the Secretary of the Interior was not open to criticism caused considerable astonishment.

THE Editor of the Grenada Sentinel appears to have a very level head. In the last issue of his journal he thus refers to the Poor-house in Grenada County, and indicates a preference for a residence within "hell's hot jurisdiction" to the County Hotel kept by Maj. Penn:

We have every reason to believe that Maj. Penn has always been a kind and thoughtful host in his character as keeper of the Poor-house, but when he essays to keep men at \$2.50 per month, and feed them, and clothe them, and nurse them in sickness, the conviction is forced upon us that the woes of poverty intensified by neglect and starvation and nakedness, will be their lot. He could not comfortably board that many old rats at that price. We have always considered the Poor-house the last link in the chain of Christian humanity, and the difference between it and Sheol was simply local—one on this side of the divide, and the other beyond, and if we had either to choose, we would draw straws for choice. But if our Poor-house is to be kept at the present bid, then we would risk the devil and hisimps at once, and take chances for better quarters.

THE SAME OLD SLANDER.

THE New York Tribune says: "The present Congress will occupy much of its time in endeavors to restore Jefferson Davis to American citizenship, and in pensioning ex-Confederate soldiers."

THE Tribune knows that Democratic Congressmen contemplate no such thing, and we surely know that Republican Congressmen, as far as the proposition is concerned to remove Mr. Davis' disabilities, are not sufficiently imbued with that fraternal feeling, or gifted with that lofty statesmanship, that would induce them to honor the whole country by removing those disabilities.

In regard to the second proposition, ex-Confederates are not only patriots but are men of sense; they do not look to the government of the United States against which they fought, to pension them, nor would they have Southern Representatives stultify or dishonor themselves by the advocacy of any such proposition. The ex-Confederate has long since accepted the results of the war, and asks no favor of the conquering power but the peaceful enjoyment of his self-consciousness of having done right in discharging his whole duty to his section and State. When the Tribune intimates that Southern soldiers desire pensions from the Government it not only falsifies the truth but insults brave and true men.

W. H. VANDERBILT died with his boots on.

THE REV. SAM JONES, who thunders forth his denunciations against drinking, dancing, playing progressive euchre and visiting theatres, is greatly addicted to the use of tobacco. Recently some one in St. Louis tackled the Rev. Jones about his tobacco chewing, when he at once proclaimed that if anything could be found in the Bible against the chewing of tobacco he would abandon the practice at once. If brother Jones were asked to point out a passage in the Bible denouncing progressive euchre or visiting theatres we fancy that he would not be apt to find it.

IT is enough to make a mule laugh to see the New York Tribune try to be just and impartial.

FOR the first time in the history of the United States there is not a Smith in Congress.

IT is said that the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt gave, on an average, \$250,000, annually to private charities.

THE election of the Prohibition ticket in Atlanta has accomplished one thing. The young men there no longer carry pistols in their hip pockets. The festive flask now fills the place of that festive toy.

WHETHER the wives of Senators rank the wives of Cabinet officers or not, is the question now worrying Washington society. We advise the ladies to appoint a committee of conference to present the question to Miss Cleveland for decision.

THE talk about a change of our municipal government from an elective to an appointive one grows stronger every day. It is a question that should be patiently considered by our citizens. We have many grievances, but we should be careful not to do anything rashly.

GRANT, McClellan, Hendricks, Montefiore, Vanderbilt and Toombs, are gone and yet the world moves quietly along as well without, as with them. There are no men however great or prominent that the world, in its busy whirl, stops long to think of when they are gone.

A MAN named Aaron Somers, recently died in Connecticut, leaving an estate of \$12,000, and a will cutting off his relatives without a dollar, and bequeathing his entire estate "to poor, white American Democratic widows and orphans." As the Supreme Court of Connecticut has sustained the validity of the will, we may look for a good large crop of "Democratic widows and orphans" in the near future in the nutmeg State.

IT is not all of life to live, nor all of death to be condemned by a fool jury like that which tried Pat Ford for his life.—Jackson Mississippian.

THE recollection of the fact that Pat Ford confessed to the killing of "Cap Murphy," should be received as some palliation of the act of the "fool jury" in convicting him; and the other fact that the Supreme Court of Louisiana affirmed and approved the verdict of the jury and the rulings of the court below, taken in consideration with the additional fact that the Board of Pardons refused to interfere in the case of Ford, may also be adduced in extenuation of what the New Mississippian is pleased to call a "fool jury."

Petroleum V. Nasby to the President.

To His Excellency the President:
I beg yer attention to the follerin fax. I am at present incarcerated in a Basteel at the Corners fur havin' attempted to enforce my ritea my pitchin the digger wich now holds the Post Office here out onto his nose onto the sidewalk. Yoo will understand that I am a applicant fur the Post Office at this place, wich posishen I adorned under the late lamented Johnson, wich wuz succeeded by the brootal Grant, wich histed me.

It hez bin generally sposed that I am a offensive partisan, but I make haste to deny it. I voted fur yoo fur President last fall, Ist, becuz I admired yoo sterlin integrity, yoo firmness and power uv will, and yoo general fitness fur the exalted posishen, and 2d, becuz I fully coincided with yoo in yoo no-shuns uv civil servis reform, and desired to do wat I cood to purify and bring about necessary reforms in Amerikin polity.

While I did all that a honest man cood do to bring about your election, and to block the unballoved ambishun uv that polittike skeemer, Blane, I want it understood that I did not do it as a partisan. I hev allus bin a Democrat, in a general way, tho uv a very mild type. I hev been hankerin fur yers fur a oppoortunity to git rid even uv a semblance uv Dinocrisy, and to that end, that I mite be a reformer and no Democrat, the very mornin that I heerd the noose uv yoo nominashen I borrowed a cleen shirt, washed my feet, and otherwise disguised myself.

The only regret that I hed in votin' the tikkit wich yoo headid wuz that Hendrix, uv Injeany, a man wich bleeved in the etruskus maxim, "To the victors b'long the spoils," wuz on the tikkit wich yoo. However, I hed to swallow him in order to vo'e fur yoo, fur wich I entertain an esteem wich I hevint words to eggpress. The untimely death uv Hendrix leaves yoo free to do ez yoo please, onembarast by spollsmen, onto which, while regrettin' his deh, I congratooate yoo in the interest uv our common kentry.

In the interest uv civil servis reform I rekest the remove uv the gentleman now okkepyin the post ofis at this place, and my appointment in his sted. Mr. Lubbock hez held the place fur 24 years, and ez a matter uv course, in that time must hev become corrupt. It ain't in the nacher uv things that he cood be otherwise. He hev never bin uv any yoose to the Corners, ez the entire emoyooments uv the ofis hez hev slishly put into a house into which he lives, instid uv spendin' it ez the rest uv the citizens do in Bascom's which is the headquarters uv the civil servis reform element. He is also an offensive partisan. Nigger ez he is, and knowin he's a nigger, he hed the audacity and temerity to come to the poles and offer to vote fur Blane, and wood hev votid hed we not sent him away wid a broken hed. He refused to give a dollar to assist in sendin a lot of us Kentuckians over into Injeany to vote fur yoo, and hez conducted himself in all respects in a way that demands his immedie remove. Uv course we can't hev offensive partisans in ofis so long ez we are the administration.

Danger Ahead!

There is danger ahead for you if you neglect the warnings which nature is giving you of the approach of the fell-destroyer—consumption. Night-sweats, spitting of blood, loss of appetite—these symptoms have a terrible meaning. You can be cured if you do not wait until it is too late. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," the greatest blood-purifier known, will restore your lost health. As a nutritive, it is far superior to cod liver oil. All druggists.

GROUP, WHOOPING COUGH and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. For sale by Hardaway & Cassell.

MONSIEUR TONSON COME AGAIN.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, writing under date of the 19th inst., says:

"The Senate Committee on the Improvement of the Mississippi river held a meeting to-day to consider the bill for making an outlet through Lake Borgne for the Mississippi river. Several people who favor the bill were before the committee. A man who has had fifty years experience as a navigator of the Mississippi said the river is more destructive to vessels and to property along its banks now than it was fifty years ago, despite the large sums expended for its improvement."

To assert that the great river is more destructive to the vessels navigating now than it was fifty years ago, is flying in the face of unquestioned facts and figures. The whole country knows that the assertion is wild and groundless.

THERE are 120 members of the present House of Representatives who were never in Congress before.

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Woman are everywhere using and recommending Parker's Tonic because they have learned from experience that it speedily overcomes despondency, indigestion or weakness in the back or kidneys, and other troubles peculiar to the sex.

"I have long been a sufferer from female complaints. I have tried physicians and advertised remedies, but without any relief whatever. With but little hope of receiving any benefit, I bought a bottle of Parker's Tonic. The effect of that one bottle was so satisfactory that I kept on using it, and am to-day well and strong. It certainly is the remedy for suffering women and my advice to all is to use it.—Mrs. S. DODD, 204 West India street, Chicago, Ill."

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[Prepared by Hixcox & Co., N. Y.]
Sold by all Druggists in large bottles at One Dollar.

MISSISSIPPI WOMEN.

In to-day's paper we chronicle the formation of a State Industrial Loan Association, of which Miss Ellen Martin, formerly of this city, is President. This association is the natural outgrowth of the County Associations of that name, and is intended to combine and increase their efforts. It is a movement that should meet with the hearty encouragement of all citizens and the substantial aid of those able to contribute in the most effective manner to a worthy cause. There are hundreds, yes thousands, of citizens of the State able to contribute liberally to aid our girls to educate themselves, to open new modes of profitable occupation, and keep independent step with this age of progress. The time is fast passing away, when idleness among Southern women can be tolerated.

The true way to keep up the high standard of Southern women is to make them independent. The Industrial Loan Association will do millions of dollars worth of good if backed by a few thousands of dollars, which wealthy Mississippians can contribute and never miss, and there are few so poor they cannot help so estimable a purpose some.

A Conflict Between Two Families.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 23.—News has reached this city of a very sensational and sanguinary conflict between two families in Clay county, Tenn., among whose bitter vendetta is of long standing, and as a result of this affair three men were mortally wounded and two quite seriously. Geo. James and Budd Taylor and Geo. Scarborough attended a school examination and on return home began drinking heavily, and in their drunken orgies met a man named Stewart, who is related to a family named Coes, with whom the Taylors had a feud of long standing. They assaulted Stewart furiously, and would have beaten him nearly to death had not three members of the Coes family come up at a fortunate moment. All parties were armed to the teeth and a fierce battle with pistols ensued. Short range duels were very effective, and as a result, James Taylor was shot through the bowels, Budd Taylor through both hips, Scarborough through the lungs, and George Taylor was wounded in three places. The Coes escaped unscathed. It is thought that two of the Taylors and Scarborough will die.

A Valuable Medical Treatise.

The edition for 1886 of the sterling Medical Annual, known as Hostetter's Almanac, is now ready, and may be obtained, free of cost, of druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the United States, Mexico, and indeed in every civilized portion of the Western Hemisphere. This almanac has been issued regularly at the commencement of every year for over one-fifth of a century. It combines with the soundest practical advice for the preservation and restoration of health, a large amount of interesting and amusing light reading, and the calendar, astronomical calculations, chronological items, etc., are prepared with great care, and will be found entirely accurate. The issue of Hostetter's Almanac for 1886 will probably be the largest edition of a medical work ever published in any country. The proprietors, Messrs. Hostetter & Co., Pittsburg, on receipt of a two cent stamp, will forward a copy by mail to any person who cannot procure one by his neighborhood.

PROPER TREATMENT FOR COUGHS

That the reader may fully understand what constitutes a good Cough and Lung Syrup, we will say that Tar and Wild Cherry is the basis of the best remedies yet discovered. These ingredients with several others equally as efficacious, enter largely into Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, thus making it one of the most reliable now on the market. Price 50c and \$1.00. Samples free. Sold by C. C. Reynolds & Co.

SCENE: A fashionable West End shop. Enter a lady of title, addressing a shop-walker: "I wish to exchange something I bought yesterday." "Yes, madam; do you remember whether you were attended on by the gentleman with dark moustache or the gentleman with the light beard?" "O, neither; it was the nobleman with the bald head."—London Globe.

A WONDERFUL CURE—I have sold half of the gross of Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine, which I bought a short time ago. It is giving the best of satisfaction. Here is one case using it that had been sick two years, and was given up by different physicians to die. The first bottle gave him great relief, and he is now using the fourth bottle, and is able to do hard work. I have never had a single complaint from it. J. A. Gable, Druggist, West Salem, Ohio, September 17, 1885. For sale by all Vicksburg druggists.

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