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SPRING

After a tenacious hold and a serious contest between the seasons winter has finally made its exit. Spring—balmy, beautiful lovely has made its appearance.

"Spring hangs her infant blossoms on the trees.
Rocked in the cradle of the western breeze."

Nature is clad in emerald, hue, refreshing to the eye, reinvigorating to the weary body after a long, bitter winter.

With the poet whittier we can exclaim!

"'Tis Spring time in the eastern hills,
Like torrents gush the Summer rills;
Through winters moss and dry dead leaves
The bladed grass revives and lives.
Pushes the mouldering waste away,
And glimpses to the April day."

It is as Tennyson calls it, "the boyhood of the years", it is the season of flowers, and song, and poetry, and love. It unbosoms every grace, opens every beauty, turns every heart gay, makes life alive in everything.

The lovely garments which nature dons awaken in the breasts of all pleasurable emotions. It lightens the mind, gladdens the heart, strengthens, regenerates revivifies the physical man.

How perfect and grand is the work of the creator. We cannot appreciate the wonderful structure in which we live. It is beyond human comprehension. We stand in awe while considering the magnificent and complicated, yet faultless machinery of the world: mighty in its conception, unerring in its operation, sublime and beautiful in its design. It makes man feel more and more as he studies the matchless creations of an Infinite Being his weakness, his littleness, his insignificance. As the earthly traveler during his short Journey pauses in his mad, incessant, weary struggle, and contemplates, the greatness of "nature and nature's God," he becomes appalled at life's reality, its aim its purpose, its end. He bows to the great truth: it is God's work. In so doing, however, he must not lose sight of the patent fact that all objects, animate and inanimate, have their mission. They were placed here for a purpose which each must carry out. Let him not forget that man is his noblest work, his mission the most serious and important. He should so live that he may prove that mind and heart are alive to Divine truths and that he is not unworthy of the Divine Father, who unceasingly and lovingly watches over his children on earth.

AMICABLY ADJUSTED.

The Railroad companies of New Orleans and their employees have at last settled their differences, and thanks to good judgement and second sober sense, peace reigns supreme in our Southern metropolis. It is indeed a happy condition of affairs when employe and employer agree and when each feels that the interest of one is that of the other and when the rule of "live and let live" is carried out to the letter. Labor and capital should work to-gether: one cannot exist without the other.

In many States organized capital and trusts have disregarded the rights of the laboring man and trampled under foot principles of equity and justice, and strikes on part of the laborers were the inevitable consequences.

We hope never to see any strikes in our State. We hope to see harmony and peace prevail. Every man should be willing at all times to make concessions, while maintaining his rights and this we are glad to see has been done.

If differences ever arise here we hope to see them settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

The amicable adjustment of the trouble in New Orleans is a subject of congratulations all over the State.

The *Avoyelles Blade*, edited by Ex-State Superintendent of Public Education A. D. Lafargue, uncle of the Editor of this paper, thus comments on the attitude of the President on the reciprocity tariff with Cuba:

"Forty-nine republican congresmen have promised and agreed to vote against tariff concessions to Cuba. If they hold out in this determination they will be able by joining the democrats and co-operating in this measure, to defeat the administration. Mr. Roosevelt is weded to tariff concessions and he is using all the power of his high office to bring it about, and it would serve him right if a bold and determined faction of his party was to frustrate him in his unamerican ideas. For trying to help the ungrateful Cubans at the cost and almost financial ruin of his own countrymen he will be made to feel the wrath of a wronged people. It would have been better for this country never to have raised a sword in defense of Cuba if she is to be a thorn in our sides and constant menace to an important branch of our agriculture and manufacturing interests."

The Probate Court of the District of Columbia is badly in need of the services of a Solomon. An estate valued at $200,000 is involved in the question the court has been asked to answer. The question is raised by the will of the mother of twins, who was twice married, leaving three children by her first husband and the aforesaid twins. She made a will before the birth of the twins, leaving her estate to her children by her first husband, but providing that should another child be born to her it should be entitled to one-fourth interest in her personal estate. Then the twins were born, and the mother died without changing the will. Now, the court is asked to decide whether only one of the twins is entitled to one-fourth the estate, and if so, which one, and what will be the share of the other. Or whether the one-fourth interest should be divided equally by the twins. Wouldn't you like to have to decide the case?

THE PRESIDENT AND THE POLITICIANS.

President Roosevelt has before him a good prospect of resembling his distinguished predecessor, Grover Cleveland, by splitting his party.

The President, in the expression of his strong prejudice against Admiral Schley, of the navy, and Lieutenant General Miles, of the army, has already antagonized some prominent members of the Republican party, and his determined stand in favor of a reduction of the tariff on Cuban products has served to estrange some others.

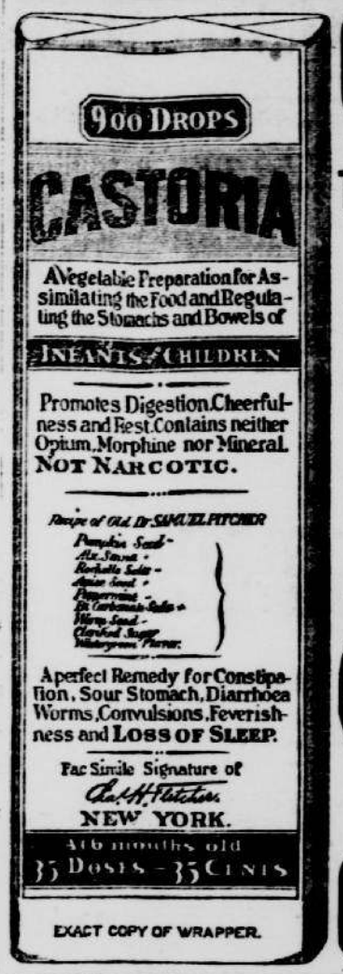
But the straw that promises to break the camel's back of bartisan patience is his appointment of Democrats to office in the place of Republicans. It appears that the President, to use a phrase that has been adopted to characterize the situation, is in a deadlock with Senators from a number of States, who are seeking to have the incumbents of revenue collection offices succeeded by other Republicans who, in the judgment of the Senators, have won recognition because of their service to the party.

Nineteen of these offices are at stake. The President absolutely declines to remove one of the present nineteen occupants, because, he says, their records entitle them to reappointment.

Two of the offices are in Iowa. One of two was put aside by Senators Allison and Dolliver for Henry Weaver, in whom Senator Dolliver is specially interested, and these Senators are greatly worried over the situation.

Politicians will endure everything done by the President if only he does not interfere with their supposed prerogatives to dispose of the patronage and party spoils of their respective bailiwicks. Even President Cleveland's determined stand to maintain the credit of the Republic and keep its money standard up to the highest mark in opposition to the efforts of the silver miners to depreciate the coined currency, would never have turned the politicians against him, but when he put many places in the public service under the civil service law, and then refused to let the politicians handle the patronage to suit their own ends, he set them all against him, and then they repudiated him.

President Roosevelt can secure the same results by a persistent course of depriving the politicians of their power to hand out patronage. A political boss who has no places nor perquisites at his disposal is simply a nonentitty, and to deprive them of their power is an unpardonable sin in the President. Mr. Roosevelt, if he wants to be re-elected, would do well to take warning in time and throw himself into the arms of the political bosses.—Picayune.



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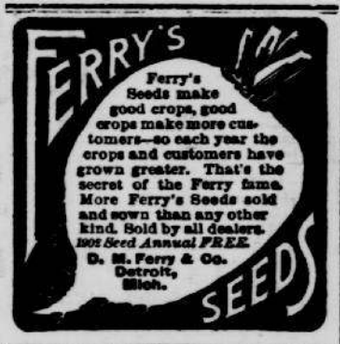

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