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BLAINE'S LIMPING LOGIC.

Secretary BLAINE's speech at Canton last week was a cutting one, yet it lacked spontaneity and did not rise to the heights of enthusiasm. The apostle of reciprocity had a hard time to make his plan dovetail with McKINLEY's Chinese-wall protection system. The result was that while he said one word for McKINLEY he said a hundred for BLAINE.

How could the man who denounced the McKINLEY bill for not opening a market for a single additional barrel of pork or bushel of wheat grow enthusiastic over that bill or its Napoleonic author? As a matter of fact he didn't. He talked smoothly and well, but the magnetic force of other days was not there.

Again, in answering CARL SCHURZ's speech at Boston, in which that distinguished tariff reformer dwelt upon the prosperity which followed the WALKER tariff of 1846 and quoted Mr. BLAINE's own words as recorded in his history in support of his position, Mr. BLAINE practically gave the whole case away. Mr. BLAINE said that prosperity was due to the revolution in Europe of 1848, the Irish famine, the Crimean war, and the discovery of gold in California.

Well, why did these things bring prosperity? Because they gave us a foreign market, an increased market, additional markets for our surplus products of all kinds, and especially of the farm. That is what the Democratic party wants to accomplish now, and that is what the Republican party, by its mistaken policy, is striving with might and main to prevent.

Mr. BLAINE did not follow the logic of his answer to its conclusion.

MILLER'S PARTISANSHIP.

Last Saturday THE CRITIC published the news that Attorney General MILLER had rescinded Attorney General GARLAND's order limiting the pay of deputy United States marshals employed for election purposes to five days only. We then exposed the shameless partisan use to which the officials of the Republican party had put deputy marshals in the past, and intimated that the rescission of the order was intended to revive these practices at the coming election.

This view of the case has been confirmed by Attorney General MILLER himself. Yesterday he issued the following order to United States marshals:

I wish to call your attention to the necessity of using great care in the selection of deputies to act in connection with the election.

1st. None but men of the very best character that can be obtained should be selected; men of prudence and known integrity, who will do their duty, but at the same time, will not do anything needlessly to provoke trouble.

2d. No greater number of deputies should be appointed than is essential to the maintenance of order about the polls or registration offices, with a view to a fair election. Nor should they be employed for any greater number of days than is essential for this purpose.

I rely upon you to exercise prudence, fairness and economy in this business. In no case can they be paid for more than ten days, and within that limit only for such number of days as is essential to the discharge of their duties. These accounts will be rigidly scrutinized.

"In no case can they be paid for more than ten days." Of course not. The law limits the pay to ten days. But ten days at $5 a day is pretty good pay for the Republican workers, and bummers. Fifty dollars apiece will enable QUAY's henchmen to transform an ass's doubtful voter into an active BLACKBURN shouter. The same methods will be liberally and shamelessly used in McKINLEY's district to help him in his task of re-electing himself. "Vote for the home market and protection to home industries" is the legend inscribed on his banners that float in public. In private it is "vote for McKINLEY and there's money in it for you." So there is from five to fifty dollars all paid out of the public treasury.

Evidently Attorney-General MILLER is trying so to ingratiate himself with the boodle element of the Republican party as to make his confirmation as Justice of the Supreme Court certain. He has got a clach on the nomination. He could have had it before, but for the fact that the "man over there," as HANNA called him, became convinced that if nominated MILLER would be rejected by the Senate. If aiding the Republican managers to loot the treasury in their desperate efforts to win a losing campaign will gain him confirmation, MILLER is bound to compel them to vote for him. It is a shameful spectacle. One that could only occur under a shameless Administration, one that has "stolen the livery of heaven to serve the devil in."

ACCORDING to AGENT McLAUGHLIN the Sioux Indians are about to settle, or break out, or do something of the kind. SITTING BULL, it seems, according to Mr. McLAUGHLIN, is at the bottom of the trouble. He and other medicine men of the tribe are going to scatter the whites under thirty feet of soil and have things their own way. The amiable Dr. BLAIR is more or less mixed up in the story. Perhaps he is not to be smothered. Seriously, SITTING BULL should be taken away from the rest of the tribe. He is quite as dangerous as GERONIMO.

THE CINCINNATI Board of Public Improvements tried to enjoin the Mayor from appointing a new Board, as authorized by the law adopted at the recent extra session of the Legislature. Before the temporary restraining order could be served on the Mayor that officer had appointed the four members of the new Board and sworn them into office. The members of the old Board then swore out of office.

MERRY HALSTEAD has sold a part of his stock in the *Commercial Gazette* of Cleveland. He seems vexed at the interest the public takes in his being crowded out of that paper. He should recollect that the public is very tired of him and is naturally interested, not to say delighted, to hear anything that promises to send him so far to the rear that his yawp will be lost in the distance.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY has issued orders to discharge all telegraph operators who are members of the Telegraphers' Brotherhood. The company, it is hoped, will permit its employes to remain members of the Human Brotherhood. The company certainly doesn't belong to it.

MR. T. P. SPENCER, financial secretary of the Connecticut Republican Club is quoted by the *Post* as saying: "HOOSEVELT's sudden determination to prevent the raising of funds among Government clerks is extremely late." Well, it certainly is not premature.

MR. ELAM, President HARRISON's former law partner, claims he was misquoted when he was reported as saying that the President would not be a candidate for renomination. He now says he knows nothing about HARRISON's intentions one way or the other.

THE PROMPTITUDE with which ex-Governor PATTISON instituted libel suits against the Harrisburg *Call* and Philadelphia *Inquirer* and *North American* quite shocks the believers in and admirers of "dignified silence" of the Pennsylvania brand.

SOME MEN HAVE VERY muddled opinions of public affairs. For instance, Mr. GEORGE W. SARGENT, secretary of the New Hampshire Republican Club, thinks the Republican party pays the members of the Civil Service Commission.

A QUIET ELECTION is going on in this city to-day. It is to decide whether women can be delegates to the Methodist General Conference. The churches of that denomination are the polling places.

BRANCH 461 of the Irish National League of Buffalo has over $4,000 to turn over to DILLON and O'BRIEN, to be used for Irish sufferers, either by famine or eviction.

PRESIDENT CARNOT of France will visit St. Petersburg next May to open the exhibition of French products to be held in that city. Emperor WILLIAM will not be there.

THE GERMANS of New York last night celebrated VON MOLTKE's 90th birthday.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Metropolitan—R. C. Williams and A. Nugent, New York; Hon. Benton McMillin, Tennessee; D. F. French and G. W. Startuck, Richmond, Va.; J. M. Hotle, Philadelphia; A. J. Galloway, North Carolina.

National—George W. Archer, San Juan de Norte; A. M. Pierce, Brooklyn; George M. Bowers, West Virginia; W. G. Hamilton, New York; W. J. Sutherland and wife, Chicago; W. Newberry, Virginia; W. W. Burger, Orange, Va.; W. Stebbins, Baltimore.

St. James—L. G. Smith, Denver, Col.; T. T. Hay and wife, Raleigh; W. R. Zeigler, Waverly, N. Y.; R. P. McAnally, Madison, N. C.; D. C. Christy, Chicago; Walter Richmond, Providence; C. L. Griffin, Madison, N. C.

Willard—T. P. Vaille, Philadelphia; H. A. Gross, W. Felch and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodhue, New York; George J. Sheppard, Montreal.

Ebbitt—F. H. Flagg, Massachusetts; Andrew C. Patrick, Glasgow; G. W. Schofield, Warsaw, Pa.

Wrighton's—T. R. Morgan, W. N. Morgan and John R. Morgan, Alliance, Ohio; L. D. Doyle and wife, Brooklyn.

Hornsby's—H. W. Brown, Cincinnati; W. Bakewell and Charles A. Terry, Pittsburgh.

Arlington—H. C. Townsend, New York; C. [illegible]cles, Manchester; Jas. Truxton, Pa.; [illegible], Va.

Arlington—A. L. Fuke, New York; James Joy and wife, Detroit; Mr and Mrs. O. L. Doty, Oakland, Cal.; D. Beisebarth, New York; R. Heppenstall and Miss F. Heppenstall, Huddersfield, England.

Rhoe—Robert Grant and Henry Burn, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. Waterhouse, Philadelphia.

Normandie—Walter K. Freeman, New York; J. Y. Carpenter, Cazenovia, N. Y.; Walter L. Clark, Philadelphia; R. Ellis, T. P. Harris, A. C. Harris and A. J. Cassell, Philadelphia.

Ebbitt—John L. Andrews, H. O. Eshberg, New York; H. J. Pierce, Buffalo; A. W. Bass, Jacksonville, Fla.; Clarence H. Howard, St. Louis; J. R. Reynolds, Dayton, Ohio; H. Ayers, Virginia; L. B. McCabley, Baltimore; J. W. Wattand, Arthur C. Pine, London, England.

Hotel Johnson—J. M. Stillinger, M. K. Stillinger and M. Arton, Connellsville, Pa.; William D. Scott and William S. Hart, Virginia; John V. Pelouze, Minneapolis.

COMPENSATION.

I knew a man who loved the bees,
And cribbed them day by day.
To see them build their waxen cells
And store their sweets away.
And then, though blindness stole his sight
And bees his property,
All singlees came his bolted pats
Among his decks to play.

I knew a man whose soul's delight
Was sweet concordant sound,
In music almost heavenly lay
For him was amply found.
But deafness came and locked him
Of joys he loved to hear—
Then pity softly touched his cheek
With music of a bear.

I know a man whose dearest life
Was charming woman's love,
To him her grace and confidence
Was even Jordan's dove
But age and loneliness of face
Came to him day by day
Yet those he loved grew cold to him
And forced him all the way.
—Will Carleton in Kalamazoo Herald.

Reciprocity.

They had a quarrel and she said
His letters back next day;
He stay and all his presents sent
To him without delay.
"Fine send my kisses back to me,"
He wrote. "Could you forget them?"
She answered speedily that he
Must come himself and get them.
—Boston Herald.

AMUSEMENTS.

Rhea at Albaugh's.

Mlle. Rhea has always been a prime favorite with the best class of our theatre-going citizens, and it is evident her popularity at each of her ever-welcome visits is as steadily as decidedly on the increase. In Mr. Haven's impressive historical play, "Josephine, Empress of the French," her regal beauty and bearing find a worthy setting in the truly imperial magnificence of her costumes and surroundings.

The play is still a series of gorgeous archæological tableaux, veritable object lessons in history, enlivened by the deployment of a tragic and appealing plot and passages of strong emotion and noble and forceful declamation. The dramatic movement has been quickened somewhat to the manifest improvement of the piece as a play, but the central interest is still the beauty and sorrows of the lovely and unfortunate sovereign.

As she moves across the stage in her stately coronation robes, attended by the brilliant figures of the famous men and women of that stupendous era, each in the authentic costume and physical and facial contour, not merely of the period, but of the individual, history, memoir and *memorabilia* all seem to live before us as something wholly different from the cold abstractions of the printed page. Here is the real and living Napoleon, even to the gray surtout, the awkward snuff-taking and the playful pinching of the cheeks and ears of his favorite attendants. Here is the limp of *Talleyrand*, the marital bearing of the *bon vieux Marat*, and even the lovely Creole Empress herself, if she ever spoke English, no doubt spoke it with very much the same irresistible accent as her charming Belgian representative.

Mr. William Harris presents the same startling and realistic impersonation of the Little Corporal as formerly, except that, as so often the case upon the stage as in real life, one comes more and more to look the role and character he enacts. The *Talleyrand* of Mr. Fraunoux is the same carefully studied reproduction of the wily diplomate, while Miss Annesley, as the beautiful *Pauline*, looks the part as charmingly as she portrays it. The entire cast is excellent, and no one of them, which is high praise, seems out of place in the lofty roles they are called upon to sustain. Every evening and matinee throughout the week.

New National Theatre.

It seems to be the rage this season to play vaudeville troupes on the legitimate stage, and Washington theatre-goers have been treated to several excellent companies. But the attraction at the New National this week, the Boston Howard Athenæum Star Specialty Company, is unsurpassed for an entertainment of the variety. It consists of a rapid succession of high-class specialties, all of which are entirely new, and admirably rendered by some of the best artists in the vaudeville profession. The audience last night was quick to appreciate the excellence of the performance, and each of the twelve acts on the programme received a deserved encore. Messrs. Rich and Harris have a combination that is the peer of any in the variety line, and will undoubtedly reap the profit of their enterprising venture.

The performance commenced with an excellent original acrobatic act by the Polinski brothers, the English comedians, Mr. Arthur Forrest's songs and dances were heartily applauded, and those old favorites, Conroy and Fox, introduced a new specialty, "Christmas Day," which gave them ample opportunity to introduce a number of new and pleasing character songs. Bob Slavin was given the heartiest reception of the evening. He has always been a favorite in this city, and his quaint mannerisms last night gained him many additional friends. Cinquevalli, the juggler, gave an unusually marvelous act, and the remainder of the excellent programme was furnished by artists of unexceptional ability.

"Faust Up to Date" at Lincoln Music Hall.

The pretty little *ecru* and silver opera-house on Ninth street held a large and apparently appreciative audience last evening to witness the latest distortion of the world-old legend of the Devil and Dr. Faustus. Our old friends *Faust* and *Mephisto*, *Siebel*, *Martha*, *Valentine* and pretty *Marguerite*, disrespectfully abbreviated to "Mag," were on hand in force, but in such "questionable shape" that it was difficult indeed, in some instances, to resist *Hamlet's* resolve to "speak to them" in epithets of endearment proportioned to their varying attractions.

Miss Kate Castleton made a very saccharine and seductive *Marguerite*, and by way of variety sang "For Heaven's Sake Don't Say I Told You" in her usual dulcet and delightful fashion. Miss Hilda Thomas as "Faust Up to Date" was simply "Faust Out of Sight," or would have been but that a very comely and withal substantial personality kept her very generally and very pleasantly before the eyes of the audience. Miss Genevieve Reynolds was literally in name as *Dame Martha* and as literally brought down the house when she sat down upon the advances of his Satanic Excellency in the garden scene. The *Siebel* of Miss Lottie Mortimer was a very lively version of that love sick youth. Miss Mortimer sang a nice little song, but the best part of her voice, both for range, volume, expression and flexibility would appear to be those notes of her lower register which last evening were encased in a pair of *old* blue silk tights, and executed some of the most novel and surprising terpsichorean gymnastics known to the stage.

The Gaiety Skirt Dancers (whatever article of dress reform a "gaiety skirt" may be) are certainly a contribution to the gaiety of nations, and their evolutions were wildly applauded. Mr. Bell and Mr. Lowe are at least remarkably industrious fun persuaders, and the elaborate hideousness of their make-up furnished a much needed antidote to the otherwise unbearable loveliness of the army of beautiful little medieval warriors and vivandiers and plump Nuremburg maidens. Azais to night and through the week.

A Great Theatrical Event.

The sale of seats for the engagement of Booth and Barrett at Albaugh's New Lyceum Theatre opened yesterday morning and at the closing of the sale at 6 o'clock the receipts had reached $6,000. The indications are that the engagement will be a tremendous success, and that Mr. Albaugh's new and handsome amusement temple will be welcomed with open arms by the citizens of Baltimore. Mr. Albaugh has built a house that cannot be excelled for beauty and completeness, and Washingtonians who avail themselves of the excursions to Baltimore during this engagement will be surprised at the new edifice. The sale for the Booth and Barrett engagement will open here Thursday morning.

Harris' Bijou Theatre.

As a star Bobby Gaylor is so immense success. The transition from the variety to the legitimate stage is somewhat difficult, but Gaylor seems to have taken it easily, and his interpretation of "An Irish Arab" at Harris' last night was well received by the large and appreciative audience. The comedian rendered his grotesque character in truly comic style, and was well supported. Marie Rene, who assays the part of *Jessica*, made a charming sister of *Mohammed*, and her graceful and pretty Spanish dance was deservedly applauded. Miss Jessie Story, who first appeared here in "The Henriettas," took one of the leading parts successfully, and received a flattering reception from her many friends. Altogether the play is an excellent comedy, and it gives Gaylor abundant opportunity to display his versatile talents to perfection.

Kernan's Washington Theatre.

Harry Edwards and Daisy Kernell, two favorites in Washington, opened the programme for the week's engagement of Hyde's Star Specialty Company at Kernan's Theatre last night to the presence of a packed house. Their singing, dancing and witty sayings, although a little out of date, caught the audience. Lillie Western gave some very remarkable musical selections, and her feat of playing on two banjos at one time was heartily encored. Belle Gill, too sings and dances to perfection, and Smith and Lord, the aerial comedians, do a very clever burlesque. One of the strongest features of the programme was Le Petit Freddy, who as a juvenile artist has few equals. His impersonations and songs are excellent. Helene Mora, the baritone vocalist, is another strong feature. Henrietta Clementina and Charlotte St. Felix are very versatile, and their skirt dances were exceedingly well done. Yank Hoe and his assistant, Omene, the Japanese fantasists, presented a novel and interesting act.

A Young Artist's Reception.

Le Petit Freddie, the musical prodigy with Hyde's Star Specialty Company, at Kernan's Theatre this week, will receive the ladies and children who attend the matinee on Thursday or Saturday. This will be a rare opportunity to meet this wonderful little artist, as well as to witness the most refined entertainment on the vaudeville stage. The matinees at Kernan's are designed especially for ladies and children, and are most liberally patronized. Master Freddie is always delighted to meet his young friends and lady friends, and takes great pride in holding these receptions. He is a handsome, polite and popular youngster, and makes a most favorable impression in the rich costume of a courtier of Henry V. His receptions in Europe were attended by the nobility, and in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore by the best society. Freddie speaks twelve languages, and feels at home with representatives of every nationality.

PERSONAL.

A. M. Palmer, the theatrical manager, bears a strong resemblance to M. Floquet, the President of the French Chamber of Deputies, and is frequently mistaken for him when in Paris. Mr. Palmer also looks enough like Sir Henry James, the distinguished Englishman, to be his brother.

The Presbyterians of Spokane recently sold their church to a man, who at once started a saloon in the basement, and now there is seen a beer sign on the corner of a fine structure with a tall steeple on it.

The present empress of Russia, formerly the princess of Dagmar, celebrated for her beauty throughout Europe, has become so thin and haggard that her old friends scarcely recognize her. The fear of assassination for herself, her husband and son is what has caused her to lose flesh.

The earl of Feversham, the father of the duchess of Leinster and of the Lady Helen Duncombe, who was married recently to Sir Edgar Vincent, is a noble man whose idiosyncrasy consists in not paying his servants or tradesmen until he is forced to do so by a general strike or refusal to do service or furnish goods.

The arrest of General Butler at Pueblo, Col., in order to enforce the payment of an old claim for $72 01 recalls Butler's advice to a politico friend at Lowell over forty years ago. "Keep your name before the people, keep people talking about you," said he; "if you can't become prominent in any other way get into the Police Court."

The youthful King of Spain has not been out of the cradle long, but he appears to have a full appreciation of his position in life. One day recently he was served for lunch with the breast of a chicken cut in small pieces. He at once began to help himself without the aid of either spoon or fork. "Sire," said his attendant gravely, "kings never eat with their fingers." "This King does," responded His Majesty, continuing his meal."

The wardrobe of Alexander III., Czar of Russia, vies in extent and variety with that of Henry Irving. His Imperial Majesty has forty four different uniforms, all of which he has worn save one—that of a Russian field marshal. Although the titular head of his army, the Czar has vowed never to wear the dress of a field marshal until this rank shall have been conferred upon him by the other field marshals after a victorious war.

Miss Elinor Buckingham, a senior of the Harvard Annex, has been appointed an instructor in the Royal Normal College for the blind at London.

One Every Other Year, of Course.

From the New York World.

One of Jay Gould's interesting tariff observations seems to require further elucidation. He thinks the tariff will work no particular hardship, even though it will put up the price of clothing, inasmuch as the man who has been buying two suits of clothing a year will now content himself with but one. Mr. Gould overlooks entirely the fellow who has been buying but one suit a year. What is to be done with this man? How is he to get through the year and keep himself on good terms with society and the police on Mr Gould's plan? This is a delicate problem.

An Engulfant Bill.

From the New York Evening Post.

Our budget of trade circulars to-day announcing an advance in prices due to the McKinley bill includes one on the subject of corsets from Ottenheimer Bros., 443 and 445 Broadway. The style known as C. P. a la Sirene No. 950, formerly selling at $1 50 at retail, will sell hereafter at $1 75; No. 263, formerly $2 25, now $2 50; No. 473, formerly $2 50 now $3; No. 1, formerly $2 75, now $3 25. Children's corsets and styles are advanced in the same ratio. It is thus that we "make foreigners pay the tax" and it is thus that the tariff "brings down the prices of goods to the consumers."

The Spoiled Veil.

This "warning to girls" is found by the New York *Herald*:

She wore a new style spotted veil,
The store's best quest,
And thought as on Broadway she walked
She looked extremely "fast."

But not to say, she'd got from
Without a looking-glass,
And that is why the women smile
As this fair maid trips past.

For one big spot had settled down
Right underneath her eye,
And made her look as though she'd been
Inhiting rock and rye.

MARITAL WOES.

Two Unhappy Wives Who Want Divorces from Cruel Husbands.

Clara D. Harvey, through her attorney, W. C. Stone, has filed a petition for a bill of divorce from her husband, Charles P. Harvey. They were married in this city by Dr. Addison of Trinity Church, in December, 1885. The plaintiff alleges that her husband, although able to support himself, depended upon her for a living. In 1887 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was court-martialed for drunkenness. He totally abandoned his wife in 1889, and has since been residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A petition for a bill of divorce was filed to-day by Melonia Brock, through her attorney, John A. Smith, from her husband, Gustav Brock. They were married in Denver, Colo., in 1885, and two years ago her husband deserted her. The petitioner also charges that her husband is an habitual drunkard, and has treated her with great cruelty.

Probate Court Business.

In the Probate Court to-day the bond of Joseph T. Gordon, administrator of the estate of Hugh Myers, was qualified.

An inventory of the personal estate of Cordelia Skidmore, deceased, was filed by Alfred G. Gross, administrator.

A petition of John F. Green to have the household furniture and United States bonds of the late Charlotte M. Green was filed.

The will of the late Bernard McGee of this city was filed to-day. All his real estate and other property is left to his widow, Mary Ann McGee, to revert at her death to their children.

Naval Orders.

The following orders were issued at the Navy Department to-day: Lieutenant Hamilton Hutchins to temporary duty in the Bureau of Equipment as the assistant to the inspector of electric lighting; Assistant Surgeon Lewis H. Stone to the Pinta. Assistant Surgeon William F. Arnolt detached from the Pinta on the reporting of his relief and ordered to return home, and granted two month's leave from date of reaching home. Assistant Engineer W. D. Weaver from Navy Yard, New York, and ordered to the Boston.

The Oldest Government Clerk.

To-day is the forty-seventh anniversary of the appointment of William P. Moran of Norfolk, Va., Register of Naval Commissioners, to a clerkship in the Navy Department. Mr. Moran had been nearly twenty years connected with the Navy ashore and at sea before his appointment. He is now senior clerk in the civil service of the United States.

Naval Lieutenant Dead.

A cablegram was received at the Navy Department this morning from Admiral Belknap, at Yokohama, announcing the death, by pneumonia, in the Marine Hospital at Yokohama, of Lieutenant Constant of the Omaha. Lieutenant Constant had been ill for some time.

Preparing The Estimates.

The Commissioners are still engaged over the estimates for the next fiscal year. They will be ready for publication in a day or two. It may become necessary to leave out some of the streets.

Reciprocity Inverted.

From the Albany Union.

The French Chamber of Deputies is now considering a heavy retaliatory tariff against the United States. Then, probably, our High Protection friends here will commence to howl at the ungracious conduct of France. But retaliation is merely reciprocity inverted.

Leaders of All Liars.

From the Omaha World-Herald.

For monumental lying commend us to the editors of the Eastern high tariff papers. Baron Munchausen, Eli Perkins and all the liars of ancient and modern times are cast into oblivion by the advance these editors have made in the art which made famous the liars of other days.

A New Jersey Tragedy.

From the New York Herald.

"I'm onto you," said the mosquito.

"Come off," said the Jerseyman, slapping him.

"Gad! He's made a mash on my wife," cried the mosquito's husband as he flew away, and, lighting on an Asbury Park man's nose, drank himself to death.

Confession of Incompetency.

From the Albany Argus.

There is very little talk now about that extra session of Congress. It was too ridiculous a position for the party to assume. After a session of ten months, in which they had control of both Houses and the Administration at their back, it would be a practical confession that the session had been a waste of time and money, if it were found necessary to go to the trouble and expense of an extra session to dispose of unfinished business.

The President's Power.

From the Hartford Times.

With a great increase of the war taxes, a surplus of over $90,000,000 squandered in the ballots of the people in the form of hired and dependent employes of the central power, "a Government by the people" would certainly be seriously crippled, and the people, like subjects of the Czar, would be in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy.

Two Views of It.

From the Somerville Journal.

"The best thing about a vacation is the change it brings," said Mr. Bjonks in a tone which showed he knew.

"Yes," assented Mr. Bjones; "and the worst thing about a vacation is the change it costs."

A Big Catch.

Side by side near a babbling brook,
With rod and reel in the bright spring weather,
He not watching his line and hook;
She not caring for trout, or whether
She filled her basket; but when at night
They homeward went, back had nimly
Hooked her,
For she with her hook—and eyes as bright—
Had captured a hundred-and-sixty
pounder!
—Berkshire News.

Kansas in a Tight Box.

From the Detroit Free Press.

People are moving out of Kansas on account of the failure of the corn crop. Last winter they stayed in Kansas and nearly froze to death on account of the high price of coal, being compelled to burn corn as fuel. This winter it is no matter how low the price of coal may be this year, the unfortunate Kansan cannot eat it, although the man who can swallow Senator Ingalls as a political leader should be able to accomplish any gastronomic feat.

Explanation of a Sailor.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Canadian justice of the peace recently fined a man $50 for slaughtering a neighbor's goose. "A fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind."

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TOADS ON THE JUMP.

Millions of the Hoppers Start on a Northern Journey.

From the Wilmington (Del.) Gazette.

Without a bugle call or a drum beat to announce the arrival of the hour for a general advance, the millions of little toads that have been so conspicuous for their numbers in this city for several days started on a journey North yesterday afternoon. Soon after the heavy shower had ceased the toads, by the hundreds, thousands and millions, started on a hop, skip and jump, and the many interested spectators at once observed that the migratory movement was in the direction of the North. The toads had been keeping close to the river for several days, and the number that covered the banks for miles beyond the power of calculation. The tiny creatures seemed gifted with intelligence, and it was noticed that, unless headed off, they never lost any ground by retracing their hops.

The liveliest scene was on Market street. Tens of thousands of the toads came up from the river or hopped west along the railroad to the roadway crossing the tracks and advanced like an army up Market street. The crossings at the Market street toll gates were black with them, and hundreds lost their lives beneath the wheels of passing trains.

The railroad proved an almost insurmountable barrier, as they were unable to jump over the rails, but they followed along until they came to the jumping-over place. Many succeeded in getting over the first rail only to be made prisoners between the rails, but in due course of time they succeeded in getting out and then continued north. About dusk last evening they were crossing the canal, where they had temporarily halted, ostensibly for rest and refreshments. A curious feature in connection with the sudden emigration was the fact that the toads made use of public highways, including the alleys. Very few of them were found in yards. Their movement was regular and well defined, and they kept at it with a staidness that was surprising.

One Item

From the Jacksonville Times-Union.

Every last man, woman and child of us must pay more for our blank books and writing paper, and the difference is a robbery of our pockets to enrich the American manufacturers of the raw material. And Republican Senators have the effrontery to call the McKinley bill a blessing, and Benjamin Harrison was particularly proud and gratified when he took his pen to sign the infamous document!

Not Rich, but Graceful.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Joe Howard says that Ward McAllister "is a much misjudged man. He is not a person of individual fortune. He married a little money, not much, and has been known here for the last forty years as a dancing master."

Beating the Machine.

From Money's Worth.

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"How was that?"

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Miscellaneous Bonds—U. S. Electric Light 1st, 6's, 104; U. S. Electric Light, 2d, 6's, 100; W. & G. R. R. 10-40 6's, 105 bid; W. & G. Convertible 6's, 118; Masonic Hall Ass'n, 5's, C 1898, 101; Wash. Market Co., 1st Mort., 6's, 110; Wash. Market Co., Imp., 6's, 115; 10th & Seaboard Co., 6's, C 1927, —; Wash. Light Infantry, 1st, 6's, 1901, 98; Wash. Light Infantry, 2d, 7's, 1904, 104; Wash. Gas Light Co., Ser. A, 6's, 1894; Wash. Gas Light Co., Ser. B, 6's, 1921; Hygeine Ice Co., 1st Mort., 6's, —; American Security and Trust, 100.

National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washington, 450; Bank of Republic, 275; Metropolitan, 265; Central, 300; Second, 240; Farmers and Mechanics, 205; Citizens', 170; Columbia, 170; Capital, 120; West End, 105; Traders', 124; Lincoln, 104.

Railroad Stocks—Washington and Georgetown, 238; Metropolitan, 55; Columbia, 72; Capitol and North O Street, 59; Eckington and Soldiers' Home, 66; Georgetown and Tenallytown, 48; Brightwood, —.

Insurance Stocks—Firemen's, 47; Franklin, 54; Metropolitan, 75; National Union, 26; Arlington, 185; Corcoran, 67; Columbia, 56; German American, 190; Potomac, 40; Riggs, 72; People's, 2; Lincoln, 5½.

Title Insurance Stocks—Real Estate Title, 125; Column ia Title, 60; Washington Title, —.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks—Washington Gas, 48; Georgetown Gas, 53; U. S. Electric Light, 104.

Telephone Stocks—Pennsylvania, 52; Chesapeake and Potomac, 60; American Graphophone, 10.

Miscellaneous Stocks—Washington Market Co., 127; Washington Relief Machine Co., —; Great Falls Ice Co., —; Building Association Co., 10; National Safe Deposit, 140; Washington Safe Deposit, 120; Washington Loan and Trust Co., 115; National Typographic, 99; Metropolitan, 14; Pneumatic Gas Carriage, 4; American Security and Trust Co., 97; Lincoln Hall, —; Hygeine Ice Co., —; Interocean Building Co., —.

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