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HOME.

We heard a preacher say from the pulpit recently: "The religion of our churches never rise above the level of the religion of our homes. During a heated revival season the church thermometer may register fever-heat but when the excitement subsides the home-level will be sought and seen again." And is not this man of God strictly right? And may we not add that what's true of piety is equally true of patriotism and of the general conduct of the citizens? Men will not in public life or in business life, or in social life rise above the level of home-life.

Lecky said of Christianity: "It gave the world an ideal character, and has done more to regenerate and to soften mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers and all the exhortations of mortals," and Christianity was born in the home and had its origin in the family circle. How deplorable, then, is it that in this age the home is being abandoned for the hotel, and that woman wants political freedom rather than larger liberty as mother and wife. Washington's mother had much to do with making Washington just the valuable citizen he was, and home was the training ground. The church is God-given, the Sunday school is its nursery, leagues and societies do noble work, but neither the one nor all combined are substitutes for homes. Here the vine is trained in the right or wrong direction, and here are born influences that are blessings or blights. "There is no place like home."

Rev. Dr. Hatcher, in a matchless eulogy on the late Rev. Dr. Hoge, said: "If men are true at home—truly-true—then they can not be false anywhere. If men are false at home, then all social life with them is a crime."

Mothers, wives, sisters you must make men "true" or they will be "false." You have no time to "dabble" into politics.

President McKinley was entertained at a banquet recently in Boston and delivered quite a long address. He frankly admits that he is no prophet, that the conditions now to be dealt with are all unexpected, but we must make the Filipinos better if it has to be done at the point of the bayonet. He expresses confidence in Congress and thinks the American people can safely trust to the same representative body. Secretary Alger went with the president to Boston and was welcomed with hisses rather than hurrahs. Cries of "beef," "beef" met him on the street corners, but no banquet. He would do well to stay in his office or better far resign. Still if he comes South while in office our people will not insult him.

We are told that 60,000 persons, a majority of them young children, suffered for fuel and food in the city of New York during the recent severe cold spell. "The poor always with you" is, we believe, misunderstood by many persons. The poor with us and to remain poor, we have no doubt, to the end, but does that mean that they are to be allowed to suffer physical torture when it can be so easily prevented? We think not. What better use could the government itself make of its surplus of "humanity" than to expend some of it on the poor of America? There is enough in this our land and to spare if some one would superintend the distribution.

The lawyers of Richmond have adopted a schedule of fees. The brother who "cuts" will be reckoned unorthodox, but with many of them it is half loaf or no loaf. The fellow who is hungry will grab at the half. Suppose the farmers unite in fixing prices on corn, wheat, tobacco, &c? Haven't they the same right? and if they stand together they can bring the eaters and "chawers" to their terms. The trouble with the farmers is that they won't stand as one man. They can dictate legislation if they would.

We are glad to learn from the Richmond *Dispatch* that a Farmers' and Planters' Loan and Trust Company is to be organized in Baltimore, and that among the things promised is to "enable persons desiring to begin business with small capital and promising prosperity to secure enough money to carry on their enterprise." Now that looks like business "sure nuff," that is if our dear city cousins can be made to see any "promising prospects" in quiet country places.

The Virginia Court of Appeals recently decided that the legislature has made no provision authorizing counties to assess for taxation the capital employed by merchants in their business. Judge Harrison wrote the opinion, and Judges Keith and Cardwell concurred. Judges Riley and Buchanan dissented.

"The city itself seems to have furnished good hunting grounds for the boys." That's what a correspondent of the Richmond *Dispatch*, writing from Petersburg says of the city. Is it possible that the boys are allowed to shoot robins from the yard trees of our sister?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Does Capt. Camm Patteson, of Buckingham, see such a "vista of prosperity in the future" as to drive him from free silver to the single standard, from Democracy to Republicanism?

M. Felix Faure, president of the Republic France, died suddenly of apoplexy on the 16th inst. He was a man of coolness and courage, and his death is a great loss to the French people especially at this juncture.

Mardi Gras and zero weather, flowers in the yard and below freezing in the air, makes a combination the South is not prepared for and which it by no means welcomes.

Hon. W. J. Bryan is the most conspicuous American of the day. He was in St. Paul recently when the legislature invited him to address them and afterwards adjourned to shake hands with him, though 90 of the 116 members are Republicans.

Surely there is no element of the humanitarian about those bullets which have been flying in the Philippines.

Congress is dishing out Uncle Sam's money as though the supply was inexhaustible. Isn't it an opportune time for Farmville to be asking for a public building? We will be satisfied with a fifty thousand dollar structure.

Don't re-open the oyster question, but "keep on" opening the glorious bivalves. Thanks to the God of the land and of the sea, that legislation hasn't destroyed them so far.

The negroes are to have a first-class hotel at Atlantic City. That's all right, and we warrant they will not be disturbed by a white intruder. Why should a negro ever want to go where he is not wanted.

"Thou hast no sorrow in thy song,
No winter in thy year."

A song with no sorrow in it may do, but with every year give us a winter. Glorious winter! that is if you have good clothes and a warm bed.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb., 20, 1899.

According to a statement made by a member of the Court of Inquiry, which this week begins the taking of testimony on the embalmed beef charges, the Court regards itself as sitting as a Court-Martial to try General Miles on the charge of lying, although without authority to pass sentence should it find him guilty. No other construction can be placed upon this language, used by the member of the Court referred to: "We look to Gen. Miles to prove his allegations. We have no concern as to the witnesses as to that side of the inquiry, and it is incumbent upon Gen. Miles to secure and produce before us those whom he expects to establish his case." In other words, the Court believes Gen. Miles guilty, but will give him a chance to prove otherwise. Gen. Miles will produce sixty-odd officers who reported from the field against the beef issued, including Gov. "Teddy" of New York, and the proof will be made so hot that it is likely to scorch Secretary Alger and other officials as well as the beef contractors.

There is some talk of a compromise on the Army bill, which is now before the Senate, but it is not coming from Democrats. Senator Cockrell, who reported the Democratic bill to the Senate, saying that measure will give the administration temporarily, all the troops it can possibly have any need for, and that further than that he and his Democratic colleagues are not inclined to go. It is believed by many that the semi repudiation of imperialism made by Mr. McKinley in his Boston speech was intended to help the Hull Army bill in the Senate. This may or may not be true. Democrats in Congress were glad, of course, that Mr. McKinley should have disclaimed imperial intentions, but believing the saying that acts count for more than words, and having their wits about them, they fail to see the point of the disclaimer, while he insists upon having at his command a large standing army, and refuses to accept the Democratic offer of a temporary force large enough for his admitted intentions. The Hull bill provides a large number of juicy plums in the shape of commissions for civilians in the regular Army, and the attempt is being made to get Democratic and Populist support for the bill by offering big chunks of this patronage to Senators. This week is likely to determine whether the bill can be passed or not.

The scheme to make this government pay a private company a subsidy of $100,000 a year for 20 years for the use of a Pacific cable, was thought to have been knocked out sometime ago, but it is on deck again as an amendment to the sundry civil bill, proposed by Senator Frye. It cannot be knocked out in the Senate on a point of order as the Nicaragua Canal bill was in the House, nor can the same tactics be followed in the House when the bill goes back with Senate amendments. That is why the Senators who are trying to get the Nicaragua Canal bill through have had what is practically the Hepburn bill added to the River and Harbor bill, as an amendment. They have not undertaken an easy job as it is understood that Czar Reed has declared his intention to prevent Canal legislation, no matter what has to be held up to do so, but the Senators are confident of getting the best of the Czar, who is said to oppose the Canal only because he is unwilling that work should be begun upon it under the McKinley administration.

There are few Democrats in Congress who are opposed to our paying the $20,000,000 to Spain which the treaty of peace calls for, as most of them recognize it as a treaty obligation which must be paid. After the ruling out on a point of order of the Nicaragua Canal bill, as an amendment to the sundry civil bill, it was only a question of waiting for the same point to be raised against the amendment providing for this appropriation, for it to receive the same treatment. Two separate bills have already been introduced making this appropriation, one by Mr. Cannon and one by Mr. Gillett. The latter's bill also contains the McEnery resolution, which the Senate adopted last week. When a vote is taken on this appropriation, there will not be half a dozen Democrats recorded against it, although the Democrats are all practically opposed to the permanent retention of the Philippines. The prompt payment of this money is a question of national honor, not of policy.

Senator Tillman got in a good joke on Senator Lindsay, when he interrupted the latter's argument in favor of abolishing the two year's cruise that is now a portion of the regular course of the Naval cadets, by repeating the old time verse beginning,

"Mother, may I go out to swim"

Amidst the laughter of the Senators and the occupants of the galleries, Mr. Lindsay declared it was the best speech he had ever heard Mr. Tillman make, and then proceeded with his own speech.

Hon. C. V. Holman, a prominent Maine Democrat, who has been looking over the political field in Washington, said among other interesting things: "It would not surprise me to see a permanent rupture among the Republicans in the near future, as an outcome of which Gen. Miles, Senator Hoar, and Speaker Reed will be found lined up in vigorous opposition to the President, Secretary Alger and Senator Hanna. In such a schism would lie the Democratic opportunity.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at White & Co.'s Drug Store, large bottles 50 cents and $1.00.

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The house will be quarantined at once, and the town council will use every effort to keep the disease from spreading.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver, of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at White & Co.'s Drug Store.

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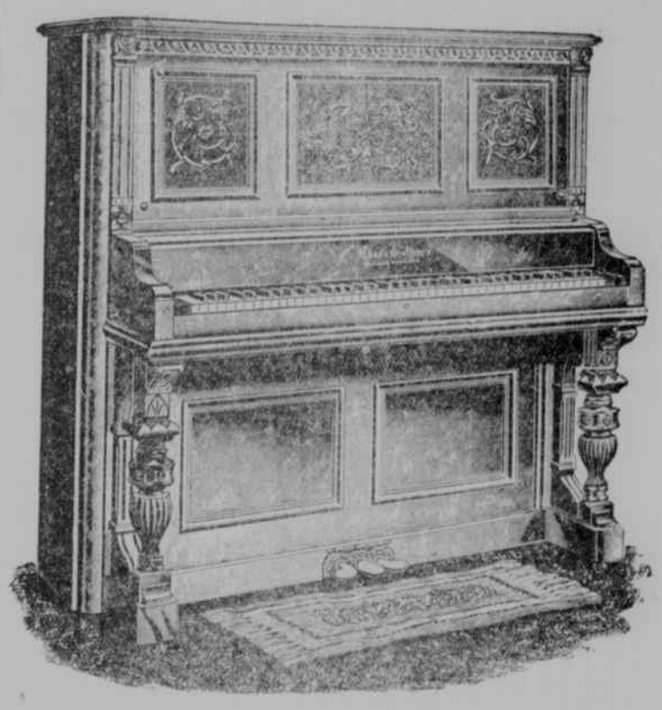

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