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"SO LATE."

Some one of the city preachers has recently congratulated himself that he was "born so late," that he lives now rather than in the past. We, too, believe that the world is growing better, that the devil is not gaining ground, and that in his own way the Ruler of the universe is making ready for the "new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

And yet we of the South, who are old enough to recall by-gone will ever insist that that past was illumined by a home-life which has no counterpart in the age in which we live. The ideal country home of the Southland surrendered with the immortal Lee at Appomattox. True its fading brightness flickered for a while, but slowly and yet surely it ended in darkness, leaving no trace of light behind. The full glare of electric brilliancy will not restore that radiance, improved machinery will not give back its conveniences, automobiles will never take the place of the family carriage with the colored aristocrat in charge of the reins, automatic fans on the dinner table will not compensate for the little "nigger" with the fly brush nod though he would, canned goods are not mother's preserved goods, mince meat of the stores is not the mince meat of the closet, and as dispensers of hospitality the world will not give us duplicates of the men and women who presided over these Southern homes. We will not forget that we live in the present and not in the past, that the throbbing now has claims upon our loyalty, that the passing moment is pregnant with good or evil for us, that "forward" is the command of the hour, that "up and doing" is the day's duty, and yet we will be pardoned for feeling now and then for the "touch of the vanished land," for listening for a voice that is still, for walking again the old paths and for holding sacred communion with a dead but ever dear past. One of the delights of the heavenly life may consist in reviewing the way by which the pilgrims reached the better land. Memory is as much a gift of God as is hope. Lamenting is one thing and remembering a far different thing. Honor for the past. Help for the present. Hope for the future.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorn, the great Baptist preacher, who has recently left Nashville for Richmond, is said by the Nashville *American* to be "broken in health and practically penniless." This surprises us and grieves us as well. Surely such a man will not be allowed to suffer the pangs of poverty. But the paper added, "he is, as always, the good man, the great and eloquent preacher, the valiant servant of God." Paul makes mention of some who "though poor made others rich." It is so with this gifted servant of God.

It will be a waste of time and the quintesence of folly to hold a National Convention or any other Convention if each delegate reserves the right of "kicking" should his individual opinion not prevail. The South had a perfect right to leave the Union, but when it did it had the decency to change its name and flag. If a man can't conscientiously bow to the will of a majority of his party associates he has the right of bowing out, but he has no right to remain in and kick.

The Manchester *Leader* says Hampden-Sidney must follow Union Seminary. We will soon expect to hear that some one who has grown rich making and selling whiskey has followed the example of the cigarette millionaire and dedicated a site to learning just as his predecessor did to religion. Money is enthroned politically, and will not be satisfied until it dictates preaching from the pulpits and teaching from the schools.

"The government of the city of New York alone in a single year costs more than it does to maintain the city and State government of twenty of the Western States. The army of employees is greater than the standing army of the United States." This is to be deplored. How many soldiers would the big city furnish in time of war compared with those 20 Western States? How many bread makers there? How many actually make the government richer?

That "Mazet" investigation, so long in progress in New York, is nothing more nor less than washing of family linen on an enlarged scale. D. D.'s are denounced as perjurers, and the whole gang exposed as criminals of deepest dye. The wonder is that we don't have a Sodom and Gomorrah now and then.

Ambassador Choate has taken up the plea for the release of Mrs. Maybrick just where his predecessor let it fall. Americans at least are firmly convinced that the lady is unjustly detained in prison, while English authorities have stoutly refused to pardon.

A rich young man is reported as saying that he expected to devote his life to spending money. If he does it wisely and well no one will justly complain of him.

Hanna still rules with an iron hand in Ohio. He has taken into partnership with him one Cox, who will no doubt be left to look "after the fences" while the Big Boss gives attention to affairs national and imperialistic.

We are glad to learn that at least 4,000 of the volunteers who have been doing service in the Philippines are willing to remain when they are discharged, and undertake to make their way as citizens there. The problem is solved if Americans can live there, for they will succeed wherever they live and be law-loving and law-abiding.

John Bell Bigger.

Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so it is said when one man falls from the ranks of life's struggle some one is found to take his place. "Stonewall" Jackson left no successor, and we doubt if in all the commonwealth there will be found another clerk to measure up to the standard set by the late John Bell Bigger. He was so cheerful, so competent, so honest, and so loyal to his State, his friends, his party that we may not look upon his like again. Another of Prince Edward's worthy son's has done his duty and rests from his labors. Though dead he will yet live in our memories and encourage to better living.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

German Baptists only number 22,000 in the country, so the necktie and tobacco are not doomed.

Twenty-eight postoffices in as many different States have been named Dewey. This is only four less than those named after Washington. Over 300 other applications are on the postal files.

The churches of the United States claim 28,000,000 communicants. What a power for good if all were good.

The Japanese, as workmen on western railways, are giving great satisfaction.

A colossal whiskey drinker says peanuts make the best antidote. Drink a pint and eat a pint and all's well. The hotter the better. Onions not so good, and friends not annoyed by their use.

They tell us now that the stone age for road building is gone and that the steel track has the right of way. The estimated cost is $1,500 a mile. Right step, you say, but we are too poor not to have good roads. Steel or stone, just so it is as good in January as it is in July.

Beware of headache powders. The druggists of some of our large cities have advertised that they will not be responsible for the damage following their use. Of course not. They didn't make them, and are not going to take them.

Mrs. Stanford has gone beyond Mr. Carnegie in the giving line. Out of a large fortune she has only reserved a modest income. May she have in addition sweet content, and then she will be more than a multi-millionaire.

Commissioner Koiner says there is just now a lively interest abroad in Virginia lands. The people of Southside Virgina should keep a sharp lookout. We are entitled to some of them.

If it be true that an automobile was driven 707 miles at a power cost of one dollar then indeed the horseless carriage is with us to stay. We say nothing, for we know nothing of the original cost of one of them, nor of the wear and tear to machinery. It may be that most of us will have to use the old firmily mare for some time to come.

The noble daughter of Gen. Wheeler is ready to go to the Philippines to wait on the soldiers in hospitals, but you can't keep "Fighting Joe" Wheeler in the ambulance when the fight is going on in front.

You needn't remind us it is hot. Talk about that below-zero weather. The hot will take care of itself just now.

Mr. McKinley would be doing, Mr. Bryan a good service if he would continue to use his ax on the civil service undergrowth.

Duchess de Arcos, wife of the New Spanish Minister at Washington, is said to have been an old sweetheart of Admiral Dewey. My, how she would shine as his wife now.

The leading negroes of the South are looking forward hopefully and cheerfully to the time when the next National Republican party will meet. The sun shines there very brightly and he is sure to "make hay."

"Some men are born great and some have to be elected"—to the Senate of the United States for example.

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The "Derby" is the racing event of the season in England. This year Flying Fox won. Of course he should have done so. The others ran.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 12, 1899.

Everybody is asking everybody else why the administration is trying so hard to keep the people in the dark about what is going on in the Philippines, when only a short time ago it was its boast that it published all the official dispatches received. It is known from the press reports that have been allowed to pass the Military Censor at Manila, that hard fighting has been going on, and the suspicion is growing that Gen. Otis is making some use of the volunteers who should be on their way home, if any of the numerous promises made had been kept, that the administration doesn't wish their friends at home to know until whatever is being attempted is all over. And it is admitted by officials that there are differences between Gen. Otis and Mr. Schurman, President of the Philippine Commission, but claimed that the differences are unimportant. The public doesn't care a continental about the claims made by officials, but it wishes to know and feels that it has a right to know what is being done with our volunteers; hence there is a general feeling of resentment against the suppression of official dispatches.

One of the principal reasons why Secretary Alger desires to retain the War portfolio, even when he knows that Mr. McKinley would like to get rid of him, will soon become apparent to close observers, as it has been announced that a number of franchises for various more or less valuable concessions in Porto Rico are shortly to be granted. It might naturally be supposed that such franchises, if granted at all before the establishment of the civil government for the island, would be granted by the Military Governor, but no chances are to be taken by the men who are after those franchises; they are to be granted by Secretary Alger, and it is dollars to ginger-cakes that every one of them that is at all desirable, will be captured by his friends and business associates.

In issuing a second elaborate defense of Mr. McKinley's Civil Service order, Secretary Gage rather overdid his task, without changing anybody's opinion. Criticisms of the order have made Mr. McKinley very sore, and he has engaged in the explanation business himself and even tried to get "funny" by telling how surprised Senators and Representatives have been who have come after some of the places expected from the Civil Service Rules and found that they were all filled, and that no removals were contemplated. He also gave out for publication a letter from the Board of the Smithsonian Institution, asking that the heads of all the bureaus of that establishment be exempted from the civil service rules. So much explanation is calculated to increase rather than diminish suspicion of that order. The full significance of the clause which permits the reinstatement of any government employe, regardless of how long they have been out of the government service, is just beginning to be seen. Under it every employe who was dismissed during the two Cleveland administrations can be reinstated, if they have pull enough.

Southerners were pleased by the selection of ex-Senator Paseo, of Florida, as one of the nine Commissioners named by Mr. McKinley to make an investigation of the Canal route across the Isthmus. Representative Underwood, of Alabama, declares that the people of his section regard provision for the building of a canal one of the most important matters to come before the next Congress. The last Congress appropriated $1,000,000 for this Commission. It was understood at the time that this provision was the work of the lobbyists employed by the Panama Canal Company. Unless those who think they know are badly mistaken, the Panama Company is not likely to profit by the Commission, which is regarded as almost sure to report in favor of the Nicaragua route. How soon this Commission will report is a matter of doubt, but its members have been requested to try to do so before or during the next session of Congress.

A committee of distinguished Cubans are in Washington to protest against the order of the War Department suspending all legal proceedings on debts contracted before last December, in Cuba, and to endeavor to get the order revoked, or at least modified. They say that the order is paralyzing the business of the planters, by making it impossible for them to borrow money without paying extortionate interest, but their chance for success is not encouraging, as the order in question was one of Alger's pet schemes.

Members of the administration are greatly exercised over the latest news from the Czar's Peace Conference at The Hague, which says that Germany is opposing the arbitration scheme, and that it will probably get enough votes from the smaller powers represented, to defeat it. There are others, however, who would feel grateful to Germany if it would defeat the arbitration scheme, because they regard it as much more likely to prove hurtful than helpful to this country, if adopted.

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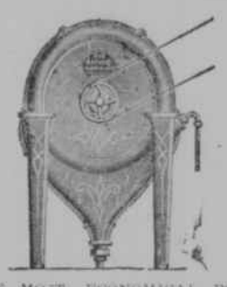

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