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SAMUEL FREEMAN MILLER.

The greatest lawyer on the Supreme Bench of the United States was yesterday stricken with paralysis, and now lies within the dark Valley of the Shadow of Death.

SAMUEL FREEMAN MILLER was born in Richmond, Ky., April 5, 1816. He was graduated at the medical department of Transylvania University in that State in 1838. He practiced for a short time and then abandoned medicine for the law. Being a strong believer in and advocate of free-soil doctrines, and favoring emancipation, though he took no part in politics, he was induced by the drift of public affairs to remove in 1850 from his native State to Iowa. He there advanced at once to the head of his profession, and, taking part in public affairs, became a leader of the Republican party upon its formation. He steadily declined to hold public office, though often pressed to accept State and local nominations. In 1862 he was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court by President LINCOLN. He has occupied that position ever since, and has long been regarded as the greatest lawyer on the Bench and the legal and intellectual successor of Chief Justice MARSHALL and Justice STORY.

Judge MILLER served with four Chief Justices, TANEY, CHASE, WAITE and FULLER. On two occasions he came near being himself made Chief Justice. The first was when, CHASE dying President GRANT had the appointment. Two of his nominees, GEORGE H. WILLIAMS and CALEB CUSHING, were rejected by the Senate. President GRANT would then have elevated Justice MILLER to the Chief Justiceship, but for the jealousy of Justice SWAYNE of Ohio, who was his senior on the Bench by a few months. Finally MORRISON R. WAITE received the appointment and was confirmed.

When Chief-Justice WAITE died President CLEVELAND thought seriously of advancing Justice MILLER to the Chief-Justiceship. But various reasons intervened to prevent this, and MELVILLE W. FULLER was appointed.

Judge MILLER, always a strong and consistent Republican, never mingled politics with his law, nor allowed partisan considerations to sway his judicial decisions. On the Bench he has always been the learned lawyer and just judge.

Nevertheless, he has been often named as an available candidate for his party to put in the field for President. Like other eminent Justices of the Supreme Court, Judge MILLER would have liked to exchange the ermine of the Judge for the purple of the Presidency. His party, however, never named him. On one or two occasions it went further and certainly fared worse.

Judge MILLER was the orator at the Constitutional Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia on September 15, 1887, on which occasion he delivered a learned and splendid oration.

In society, and with the Washington public generally, Judge MILLER was a great favorite. In common with the other members of the Supreme Court, he was a great dinner-out. He was a familiar figure on the street, often walking the entire distance from his house to the Capitol, about two miles. It is not too much to say that the striking down of no one else would have caused so widespread or so deep-felt sympathy in this community as throughout the country at large as the striking down of SAMUEL FREEMAN MILLER.

THE PRESIDENT IN A DILEMMA.

Will the President remove Treasurer HUSTON? This question is now being very freely discussed by a great many people. Almost all appear to think the President ought to kick him out at once *a la* Kilgore, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that the President will not *dare* to do it.

It is safe to say that no graver charge was ever made against any one in high place than the charge that has been, not only made and *proved* against, but virtually confessed by Treasurer HUSTON.

The charge is that QUAY, HUSTON, DUDLEY, LINDSEY and other leading Republicans, deliberately *decided* and entered into a conspiracy to seperate three of the great States of this Union, namely, Indiana, Connecticut and West Virginia, the *avowed* object being to securely *Republicanize* them, and thus make sure of twenty-seven electoral votes for Mr. HARRISON in 1892, who is supposed to be very anxious to succeed himself. The infamy of this bald conspiracy, proximately in the interest of Mr. President HARRISON, has been very freely intendified by the recent declarations of HUSTON and DUDLEY in their abortive efforts to explain away their shame. Their explanations do not explain, but exploitated, are to the effect that all this *engineering* and *Republicanizing* scheme was to be carried forward to completion in the same Christian way. Oh, mercy! HUSTON and DUDLEY engaged in a scheme of philanthropy! Why, both are the most pronounced believers in "practical politics," and the latter in the concrete form of buying and delivering voters in "blocks of five."

However, as to the conspiracy itself, Treasurer HUSTON has virtually confessed his guilt, but he seeks to avoid. In his efforts to avoid, he not only more deeply incriminates himself and his fellow-conspirators, but, it is believed, further implicates the President himself, in that he makes the absurd declaration that he did not mean by his interview to the President that he would lay this infamous scheme of "practical politics," as he himself has denominated it, before the President of the United States, when every schoolboy in the country can plainly see that he did mean exactly that very thing. Not only so, but he very strongly intimates in his letter to LINDSEY that the President does take much interest in just such "practical politics," but that Attorney-General MILLER does not. Well, HUSTON evidently knows, if any one does, precisely what the President's views are on the question of "practical politics," and, *knowing* them, he promised LINDSEY positively, who manifestly did not want to steal the electoral vote of the President's own dear State of Indiana without the Executive sanction, and he promised him apparently without any scruples at all, and as one feeling perfectly assured of his object, that he would lay the whole transparently wicked scheme before the President of the United States. Did he do it? The supposition that he did, and that it received Executive sanction, has been greatly strengthened, not only by HUSTON's absurd plea in avoidance that he meant only the president of a local club out in Indiana, and not President HARRISON, but by the further very recent disclosures, supported, as they are, by LINDSEY's late circular to the negroes, that the scheme is right now being carried out. The "grand begira" has already been inaugurated, and if the three States named shall not be *segregated* in ample time for 1892, it will be only because the plot has been exposed.

If HUSTON had simply told the truth about the scheme, he would have put himself, as well as President HARRISON in possibly no better, but certainly in no worse, light before the country than he has done by lying so palpably; and, had he told the truth, doubtless both he and the President would have felt much better to day with their prospects of a final home in Heaven very greatly enhanced.

Now, in view of the whole situation, as it stands, what ought the President to do with Treasurer HUSTON? If he kicks him out *a la* KILGORE, HUSTON might tell something that would make President HARRISON very unhappy. If he keeps him in, he will certainly very grossly outrage the public conscience. So, the President of these United States is truly in a very pitiable condition. He is in a great *dilemma*, and the country waits with deep anxiety to see which horn his Excellency will take, and, seemingly, it matters but little which, since the Administration has already been put in a hole, out of which it will be very difficult, if at all possible, for it to raise itself.

But, while waiting to see what the President will do in the premises to vindicate, as far as possible, the integrity of his Administration, the entire country ought to bow its acknowledgements to the New York *World* for its superb journalistic enterprise in gathering the facts and exposing the great conspiracy.

WANAMAKERISM.

A fat pamphlet is published in Philadelphia, which bears on its title page the following:

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IF GENERAL BUSBY was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior for the express purpose of relieving all the deserters from their disabilities and pensioning them, he is certainly carrying out his part of the contract. His latest decision which permits the pensioning of a soldier who enlisted in the Confederate Army to escape imprisonment has excited much adverse criticism among honorable veterans. If that sort of thing in time of war is to be commended, or even allowed under any circumstances, it would utterly subvert all discipline. It puts the brand of folly upon all prisoners of war who remain true to their colors and face the sufferings and dangers of imprisonment rather than desert to the enemy.

WHAT DO THE NEGROES themselves think of the QUAY, HUSTON & Co. idea of selling them into political slavery and distributing them around among certain Northern States to be used only as a mere convenience on election days? Is it no insult to their manhood to be thus disposed of as if mere chattels? By the memory of the immortal LINCOLN and their own love of freedom, they ought, of course, to resent the insult at the polls in November.

SECRETARY BLAINE is going to Ohio to make speeches in favor of the proposition that there is no essential difference between white and black, or, in other words, that BLAINE reciprocity and McKINLEY protection consist.

THE CHICAGO WORLD'S FAIR people are not dismayed at the prospect of having no exhibition from foreign countries. They have just bought the Kentucky log cabin in which LINCOLN lived as a boy.

WHY ARE SO MANY of the leading newspapers silent on the QUAY-HUSTON-LINDSEY-DUDLEY plot to subvert the popular will in three of the great States of the Union by their negro colonies in infamy? Is it because they fear the President had knowledge of and approved the act? If so, all the greater is the reason why they should be swift to expose it and unsparing in denunciation of it.

THE POPULIST CAMPAIGN in South South Carolina is warming up. The anti-TILLMAN Democratic candidate for Governor was hanged in effigy at Kershaw last night.

WASHINGTON IS IN a very athletic mood to-day.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

AS Jamestown—Henry L. Morris, Philadelphia; B. F. Corcoran, J. S. Brickenhoff, M. Faulhaber and L. W. Fredrich and wife, New York; Mrs. L. H. Perkins, Athens, Pa.; J. W. Hayhall, Texas; Mrs. L. Gale, Tacoma, Wash.; E. Richardson, Greensville, Pa., Andrew Graff, Brooklyn.

Shoreham—J. H. Gould, Medford, Mass.; W. G. Moore and party, New York; Mrs. M. W. Longstreet, Annapolis; C. M. Hemit, Chicago.

Metropolitan—A. C. Knapp and wife, Macon, Ga.; A. H. Wolf, New York; Charles De Noy, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; H. F. P. Beattie, South Carolina.

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Godfrey's—R. P. Beatty, Connecticut; C. W. Rouston and H. C. Roberts, Baltimore.

Normandie—C. O. Perry and T. H. Poole, New York; George A. Bevel, Philadelphia; W. A. Willard, New York.

Ebbitt—J. E. Hayner and C. W. Milner, Alton, Ill.; C. O. Weston, Rochester; W. F. Gibbons, Cleveland; A. T. H. Bowen and H. Warwick, Chicago; Chester Wells, U. S. Navy; L. C. Forsyth, C. H. Steele, R. L. Gibbs, George Smith and E. S. Goverty.

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Wormley's—Edwin Stevens, J. H. Booth and M. D. Cutter, New York; C. D. Henry, Baltimore; Dr. W. A. Bartlett, New York; Robert Marshill and wife, Georgia.

Riggs—Robert Wild, New York; John A. Barnard, Asheville, N. C.; E. J. Laidlaw, J. R. Buchan, W. G. Coats, H. L. Williams and E. B. Ryder of N. Y. A. C.; G. Everett, Portland, Conn.

Hopkins's—Arthur Moore, J. C. Watson and C. S. Kinter, New York; Thomas J. Morrison and Gerome Croit, Jr., St. Louis; F. W. Whater, Toronto, Canada.

PERSONAL.

Mrs Custer, the widow of the Indian fighter, is a black haired woman of medium height and gracious presence. Her complexion is rosy, and she is the picture of health and youthfulness.

Clarence B. Randlett, who, by the death of Mr. Thompson, becomes Secretary of State of New Hampshire, is probably the youngest man who ever filled such office. He is but 24.

Rev. John Jasper, who has made himself and the sun famous by his lecture on the latter luminary, has been invited to deliver an address at the emancipation anniversary on the 15th instant at Richmond, Va.

John Hicks, United States Minister to Peru, after a short visit at his home, Oshkosh, Wis., has started to return to his post of duty, by way of Seattle and San Francisco. He travels alone, having left his wife and son in Peru last summer.

One of the principal leaders of the temperance movement in Great Britain is Mr. Wyndham Portal, the proprietor of the Laverstoke Paper Mills, where the paper that the Bank of England notes and the postal orders are made of is manufactured.

W. A. Sartorris of England, an uncle of Nellie Grant Sartoris, has been on a quiet tour of the West with a view of making some investments. It is his first visit to America, and he expresses himself as being much surprised at the great mineral wealth and natural advantages of the West.

Prince Bismarck has a strong superstition concerning the number 3, which he considers has always played an important part in his life. The arms of his family bear over the motto "In trinitate robur" three teefoil leaves and three oak leaves; all carications of him represent him with three hairs on his head; he has three children—Herbert, Wilhelm and Marie; he has three estates — Fredrichsruhe, Varzin and Schonhausen; he has fought in three wars and signed three treaties of peace; he arranged the meeting of the three emperors and established the triple alliance. Finally, he has under him three political parties—the Conservatives, the National Liberals and the Ultramontanes—and he has served three German emperors.

Are Hops Necessary?

From the New York Evening World.

What a short hop crop portends may be realized when the too, too brief glass of lager is vended for a dime. This year the crop is very short, both in this country and in England, and the price of hops will rise very greatly. Beer drinking has become a practice so common with all vocations in America that a notable reduction in lager would be widely felt. We have breweries enough, but what are they without the due supply of hops? It is an ill year in the hop crop.

A WOMAN'S WAY.

Upon my wrist still clings its sweet thrilling
The velvet pillet of lips that dared too much:
Ah, I did I guessed with fever they were filling
This wayward heart. I had repelled their touch.

I only know that eyes of melting splendor,
With soft entreaty every wish compelled;
I only know that thrill more deadly tender
Than I had encountered, never yet withheld.

I know—ah! only too drawn, yet shrink
I would forget, yet linger to recall;
That I will never say every sigh is mad—
Dear Lord! I loved you, though I gave you all.

Where did you go or by what cold cruelty
And when will you come back for what
Ah, if I knew you would you heed the
To win the right price beneath the sun.

I know, yet come you now, I dare not
Lest—Lord—what if, forgetful, you have
In which were your lips' sweetness, I
Lord, no—
Come, clinging lips, to tender, yet so
bold!

—Cora Stuart Wheeler in *Francisco Record.*

DON'T GUY.

It May Be as Dangerous as Fooling With an Empty Gun.

From the Boston Express.

Some day it will come to be understood that guying a moody, irritable man is as dangerous as toying with a gun which may or may not be loaded. Temporary insanity is, with some temperaments, the sure result of long-continued and incessant ridicule. The sort of madness which seized Private Simmons in Dodd and Kipling's story possesses the victim, and murder gleams from the eye of a man theretofore peaceable and inoffensive enough. A blind fury suddenly converts his helpless weakness into superhuman strength. With equal suddenness, disdain and contempt for him are changed to fear and respect.

Every few days the crime columns of the newspapers contain accounts of tragedies growing from such a cause. Revolver or knife sends some hot-mettled to his account and the real victim goes to prison for life or is hanged.

It is a cruel, cowardly instinct which prompts a combination against one man. The others enjoy a brutal sport at the expense of his feelings. Such an unfortunate man, when driven to desperation, is entitled to lenient treatment by judge and jury. It is hardly a crime which he has committed. It is more the deed of a madman who is not responsible for his action. He needs imprisonment under conditions which will change his nature and teach him wisdom and self-control. It is generally an ill natured and unsociable man who is made the object of ridicule by his fellows. "He doesn't know how to take a joke," and his impotent resentment stirs up feeling against him. He is not strong enough to give as well as take. He is not strong enough to master his own hatred. He shows his feelings and adds to the persistence of his tormentors.

A little more of the milk of human kindness and a little more of self-control would save millions of hours of sharp torture, would save many a man from injury and death, and many another from a prison cell or the gallows. The philanthropist who can invent some antidote for this teasing instinct will be one of the world's benefactors.

A REAL PREDICAMENT.

What Happened to Two Athletes Fond of Bathing.

From the New York Sun.

There is one point in favor of athletics which cannot be disputed, an athlete can never be an Anarchist. He is too fond of cold water. Herr Most would have had a fit could he have seen the trouble, two prominent athletes practicing at the grounds of the National Athletic Club, at Ridgewood Park, took last Sunday morning to obtain the luxury of a bath. One of these athletes was a prominent member of the Nationals, known as the silver-tongued orator; the other is chiefly noted for the wear and tear he constantly imposes on the A. A. U. board of managers to find charges against him.

The story as told by an eye witness was this: As the club had no shower-baths in operation at the time, the athletes performed their ablutions as best they could under a pump in front of the adjacent hotel, but the two aforesaid athletes were not satisfied with anything less than total submersion, so they filled the horse trough with water, carried it behind the hotel and emptied it into an empty hogshead which was standing there. After the latter had been filled he of the metallic tongue undressed and jumped in. A moment after two young ladies appeared, just in time to see some handsome features and a neatly combed bang disappear behind the edge of the cask. The head reappeared shortly, however, and from the cask came the announcement: "This event will be found on page 99 of the programme. An attempt to beat the record for staying under water 4 minutes, 29½ seconds, by James Fancy," whereat the head disappeared again, and so did the ladies. The attempt came within 4 minutes, 27½ seconds, of the record.

"Outing" for November.

Autumnal sports are richly treated in "Outing" for November. This popular magazine has been a surprising and gratifying success recently, and devoted as it is to healthy outdoor sport and travel, has made a field peculiarly its own.

The contents are as follows: "Sailing on the South Side of Long Island," R. T. Brasher; "Tuttling in Florida," J. M. Murphy; "Football Studies for Captain and Coach," Walter Camp; "California on Horseback," Charles Howard Shinn; "A Canoe Trip Down the Chippewa," George P. Mathes; "Wrestling," Professor Hitchcock; "Photographic Interiors," C. Headley, Jr.; "The Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto," Frank C. Draper; "My First Norwegian Salmon," Mrs. E. Kennedy; "The Champion of the Salmon Season," C. B. B.; "The National Guard of Minnesota," Lieutenant E. P. Glenn, U. S. A.; "Athletics at Williams College," Sanborn Grove Tenney; fiction, "Rancho del Muerto," Captain Charles King, U. S. A.; "The Hidden Law," a yachtsman's story, Henry Francis; Editor's Open Window; Outing Record.

Of Course He Is.

From the Baltimore Herald.

The Irish people are proclaiming to the world that they are to want and ask for food to drive away starvation. Mr. Balfour declares there is no danger of famine, and that all want will be supplied through the usual channels. As Mr. Balfour is the inveterate enemy of Ireland, it is more than probable that he is falsifying the facts.

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