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Two State Administrations.

Ex-Secretary of State Chilton, having arranged to pay to the state treasury the amount of his shortage, there is now no longer a fear that the state will lose anything, so far as that feature of the matter is concerned.

The Chilton matter has served to call the attention of the people of the state to the gross irregularities and looseness of business methods that prevailed at the state house under the late Democratic administration.

When the reports of the state officers are rendered it will be seen by comparison that, not only has the present administration been more economical than its predecessor, but that it has brought to the treasury a large amount of money that had the systems in vogue under the Democratic regime continued, would have been lost.

In connection with the Chilton matter, some Democratic papers, notably the Charleston Gazette, have had a great deal to say regarding the alleged slowness of the administration in acting in the matter.

It is unnecessary to say anything in defense of the administration against these Democratic charges, nor to comment on the apparent desire on the part of a certain Democratic faction to see Chilton criminally prosecuted.

The public knows what the truth is and knows the motives of these papers. It may be well, however, to call attention to the fact that the exposure of the methods of conducting the public business under the last administration does not reflect alone upon Mr. Chilton, whose chief fault seems to have been that he trusted too much in his office force, and did not give the office enough of his personal attention, but it reflects on other officers of that administration quite seriously.

It may, for instance, be pertinently inquired why it was that the secretary of state was not required to make his reports as provided by law, and why was not a proper bond required? The governor was the custodian of the bond, and the auditor knew that the semi-annual reports were not being made as the law expressly commands.

A Remarkable Case. The remarkable evidences on Tuesday in the trial of Willis Howers, for the murder of Henry Kiel, have been seldom equalled for dramatic interests in the courts of the country.

repeating the story with a detail that would have been creditable to an older head, and weaving about his brother a web of evidence that would surely send him to the scaffold, suddenly, upon cross examination, and without a warning, voluntarily declares that his evidence at every point was a lie, and that there was not even a foundation for it.

There have been other cases in which a witness has been forced to make such admissions upon the stand, but in this instance the circumstances were unusual and were interesting as exhibiting the peculiar state of mind of the boy. Psychologists might find in it an interesting study.

According to young Bowers' statements to the attorney for the defense, the detectives and other officers had instructed him to tell nothing but the truth, and yet he said he had chosen to lie in every particular and to attempt to wear his brother's life away.

In his ignorance and the peculiar condition of his mind, produced by the apparent confidence of the officers in the guilt of the accused man, young Bowers might seem to be impressed with the thought that, somehow or other, if he did not convict his brother something terrible would happen to him (the witness), and if his latest tale is to be believed, he deliberately concocted the story of the murder.

The Pension List.

The Democratic press is clamoring for a publication of the pension list. The inspiration is, of course, the hope that it may develop a large number of fraudulent pensioners, but we do not see any harm in the government complying with the demand.

It is undoubtedly true that occasionally an undeserving pensioner gets upon the rolls; it would be strange if he did not, and it is very probable that the percentage of such cases under a Republican administration of the bureau is no larger than under a Democratic administration.

The fault is not with the department, if fraudulent cases occasionally get through, and no partisan point can be made on that ground. The trouble is with the pension attorneys and the too willing desire of the fraudulent claimants to get upon the rolls.

Certainly no deserving veteran will have any objection to the publication of the list. It is well, however, to remember that the necessity for this is not as great as it may appear to be.

For the tribe at Athabasca, And the men of Madagascar, And the poor souls of Alaska, So she did.

She longed, she said, to buy Jelly cake and jam and pie For the Anthropophagi, So she did.

How she loved the cold Norwegian, And the poor, half-melted Fijian, And the dear Malacca Islander! So she did.

She sent him of red tomato To the tribes beyond the equator, But her husband ate potato, So he did.

The poor, helpless, hopeless thing (My voice falters as I sing) Tied his clothes up with a string, Yes, he did.

Not satisfied with sending vessels to force an apology from little Hayti the emperor of Germany went out of his way to make the following remark concerning the Haytiens: "They are a contemptible crowd of negroes, slightly inculturated with French civilization."

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

The escape of Morgan, whose right name is Raines, from the Jackson county jail, was effected in the same manner that his father, Scott Raines, escaped from the Parkersburg jail many years ago, while awaiting trial for stealing a horse in the upper end of the county.

The dry goods store of D. F. Duling, at Spencer, W. Va., was totally destroyed by fire Saturday.

Mr. F. N. Smith has brought suit in the Fayette county circuit court vs. Messrs. George Davis and John A. McGuffin, alleging \$4,000 damages.

Dr. D. Mayer, who left yesterday for his post of duty as United States consul at Buenos Ayres, presented Colonel Flintlock Perry before he left, with a beautiful silk hat in token of the warm affection which exists between these two old soldiers of opposite sides.

The first of December ushered in a slight reduction in the wages of the mine workers in this region, which is being made in general.

We take off our hat to Colonel O'Brien Moore, of the Charleston Gazette.

The Index is very glad to learn that the condition of Judge J. M. Hagans is very much improved.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

The worm the early bled got had probably been out all night. The women set a lot more store by kissing than the men they get more out of it.

By the time the average woman has learned what the referendum is she has quit fussing with politics. After a man once begins noticing and talking about a girl's hair, he has to keep it up all the time or she acts hurt.

When a young man makes up his mind to be forgiving and gentle with his wife in everything, he seldom thinks about pillow shams.—New York Press.

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