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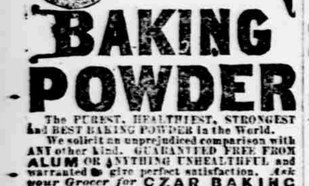

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THIS is what Robert Ingersoll says of women: "I tell you as a rule, women are more truthful than men—ten times as faithful as men. I never saw a man pursue his wife into the ditch and dust of degredation and take her in his arms. I never saw a man stand at the shore where she had been morally wrecked, waiting for the waves to bring back even her corpse to his arms; but I have seen women, with her white arms, lift man from the mire of degredation and hold him to her bosom as if he were an angel."

BEECHER has been talking on endless punishment again. In a sermon lately he said that there are but two objects of punishment above or below—the preservation of the estate of society and the reformation of the criminal. The infliction of punishment for any other object infinitely or endlessly is the mark and token of demonic cruelty. The infliction of pain for the sake of pain is demonic and not divine. "If I thought that a God stood at the door where men go out of life to strike them down to an eternal hell, my soul would cry out, 'Let there be no God!'"

Railroad men in town last Monday created quite a stir. The company asked aid from the citizens of Superior to locate their depot in town, claiming that unless the required amount was furnished the company would establish their depot three miles east of town. The desired amount was raised by the citizens, and we learn that the railroad company have now secured a half interest in the town site. This will give the company increased interest in the town, and with the aid of the company and the natural benefits of the road, we see no reason why this may not prove a first class town.—*Superior Guide.*

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12, 1879.

We may set down New York as a Republican state in the next national contest. After a week of figuring, cowriting and conspiring to overcome the Republican majority in that state, the democrats probably have got to give up beaten on the whole state ticket as well as the legislature. This is a grand and significant victory for it is the downfall of Tilden, the only man who had a ghost of a chance for carrying that state next year, even the New York Sun admits that "the elections which have just taken place in several states show conclusively such an augmentation of Republican strength as to render altogether probable that the Republicans will be able to elect their candidate for President next year." This talk has alarmed and irritated the democrats who charge the paper, in question, with exhibiting political insincerity and cowardice, and with manifesting a disposition to surrender. But the Sun is not the only democratic paper taking that course. Many democrats freely admit that with a popular candidate, like Senator Blaine, the Republicans can sweep the north against everyone who the democrats are likely to put up.

Secretary Sherman in his forthcoming annual report will probably recommend the repeal of the act requiring the coinage of a minumun of 2,000,000 standard dollars per month, upon the ground that these dollars cannot be forced into circulation, and that the enforced coinage is crowding the vaults of the Treasury and unprofitably locking up so much of its resources as is required for the purchase of silver bullion. It is a fact that the most rampart friends of free coinage, are the ones who are slowest to accept this silver as currency. There is another of the pillars of greenbackism swept away. By the way, it may have escaped the newspaper reader that the greenback party is swept away by the Republican flood. In New York where they had seventy-five thousand votes last year their vote is only about 7,500 this year or a reduction of 67,000. In Ohio and Pensylvania their loss is equally significant. Next year they will not probably plague us much. The Ohio legislature in January will elect a Republican Senator to succeed Thurman, and it now looks as though Gen. Garfield will have the race almost to himself. The General is a great favorite here, and we are hoping may be so. His experience in Congress, his ability, his integrity, and his steadfast Republicanism have particularly endeared him to our party everywhere, and his promotion will be an event of national consequence.

The southern democrats are giving Bayard a boom. But that will not help him with democrats in the north, where they are getting thoroughly frightened with Bourbons like him. Besides he comes from too small a state, so Tilden says, and the large states will not allow him to carry away the prize, if a democratic nomination can be called such.

Secretary Evarts will make it warm for the British diplomats, who thought they would pocket that Halifax award, and have nothing said about it. He will soon present some facts to expose that glaring swindle, and to show that we cannot make any more one sided reciprocicy treaties with Canada. REF.

A PROCLAMATION

By the President of the United States, Appointing Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day.

WASHINGTON, November 3.—The following proclamation was issued by the President to day.

At no recurrence of the season which the devout habits of religious people has made an occasion of giving thanks to the Almighty God and humbly invoking His continued favor, has material prosperity enjoyed by our whole country been more conspicuous, more manifold, or more universal than during the past year. Also unbroken peace with all foreign nations the general prevallence of domestic tranquilty, the supremacy and security of their great institutions of civil and religious freedom, have gladdened the hearts of our people and confirmed their attachment to their government, which the wisdom and courage of our ancestors so fitly framed, and the wisdom and courage of their descendants have so firmly maintained to be the habition of liberty and justice to successive generations.

Now, therefore, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, do appoint Thursday, the 27th day of November, instant, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and I earnestly recommend that, withdrawing themselves from secular cares and labors, the people of the United States do meet together on that day in their respective places of worship, there to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His mercies and do fervently beseech their countenance. In witness whereof, etc.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

By the President:

WILLIAM EVARTS, Sec'y of State.

THE Lincoln *Journal* speaking of Gen. Grant's reception at Chicago, says:—"Doubtless, this Chicago appearance of the General has been expected with considerable anxiety by those who are desirous that he should, as soon as possible, assure the American people that under no consideration will he accept another term as President. But those who have watched his course ought not to have deceived themselves. He is a patriot and has always shown a much greater anxiety to boost along the cause of his country, than to set himself up as a model hero. If he were of that inferior clay of which Cæsar's are made, like Julius, he would have a crown offered him every once in a while, that he might rise up and decline it amid popular acclamation, so that it finally should be forced upon him. All Cæsars and all Bonopartes are hypocritical and false, always declining until they get a good chance to put in their work, and take about a hundred times more than anybody ever dreamed of offering them. But Grant isn't in that line. He is not a dramatist. He is at the service of his country, and he don't press himself or deny himself. He believes that the American people are amply able to take care of themselves, and that he is one of them, and is able to take care of himself, whenever the emergency arrives. He will therefore cross no bridge till he comes to it.

The *Journal* believes that Grant ought not to be asked to make the personal sacrifice involved in another term of the Presidency, unless it shall seem necessary to the peace and prosperity of the Nation.

It is a little too early to say whether it will be necessary or not. Much depends upon the action of the Confederate Congress between its convening next month and its adjournment next summer. If they still press for the annihilation of the army; if they still evince a determination to hold the majority in one or both Houses by main force, expelling Republicans honestly elected, and usurping their seats with Democrats who were never elected, if they continue to threaten the peace of the Nation by passing bills for free fraud at Congressional and Presidential elections, and backing them with threats of suspending the civil as well as the military functions of the Federal government by withholding appropriatons, it may become a necessity to call General Grant from his retirement to take the helm of State. There is, consequently, no haste about getting him to accept or decline beforehand. But if anybody is in a hurry, it will be of no avail. No one understands this people better than Grant, and he is not going to commit himself prematurely.

EDITOR CHIEF:—Never before, in the history of journalism has it been known of a newspaper man being guilty of such vile and dastardly conduct as to make a personal attack upon a candidate after an election as the *Argus* man has made upon Mr. Garber. The general custom has hitherto been, that though during the excitement of the canvass both friends and opponents of each candidate work might and main to secure the election of their favorite man, yet as soon as the election is over both parties unite in showing good personal feelings toward both parties—the successful and unsuccessful alike. The successful side can afford to be generous, and accord to the defeated party a delicate courtesy and tender and respectful consideration to which it is generally conceded to be entitled. This is the general rule even among pugilists. But in the present instance, it seems that a cup of gall, the bitterest that could be generated in the foul recesses of the blackest heart must be emptied by that man, the *Argus*, on the head of the defeated candidate, for what we are not able to say, inasmuch as of any personal difficulty between the two men, we have heard naught. Certain it is we have never heard Mr Garber speak, or heard of his speaking, of the editor of the *Argus* with any disrespect or ill feeling; and wherefore the latter should continue, in the columns of his paper to blackmail by insinuations of dishonesty, and cast opprobium upon, a man with whom every person in the community is more or less acquainted is, to say the least of it, unaccountable to us. The election is now over, and the issue of it well known. Who has heard Mr. Garber find fault, or has heard of his finding fault to any one with the result of the contest? On the contrary has he not quietly and respectfully submitted to the will of the people? We are credibly informed that he did not appear personally in the convention nor confer with any of the delegates. He received the nomination without asking for it, and when defeated afterwards at the polls, he manfully submitted to his fate, and that should have been the end of the whole affair. But that will not suffice for the slanderer, whose malice is not sufficiently gratified by the defeat of Mr. Garber, he (the slanderer) must keep up his blackmailing procedure in his paper—continuing to assail Mr. Garber's character by unmanly and cowardly articles. The calumniator would still, if he could confirm by a nod of his head and verbal implications all the lying reports set in circulation about Mr. Garber, and make the people believe that they are as true as gospel. The report, for instance, that Mr. Garber swindled Nuckolls county was concocted in the brains of certain persons within our midst of which there are ample and satisfactory proofs which can be adduced if called for, a slander for which a just retribution will sooner or later overtake the guilty fabricators.

The facts of the case were as follows: Mr. Garber sued Nuckolls county for making out the tax list and duplicate for the year 1876. Messrs. Gilham and Laird were his attorneys. Mr. Kaley was attorney for the county. The suit was brought by a mandamus with its demands compelling the Board of County Commissioners to issue warrants for his pay. The district court sustained the mandamus and ordered the commissioners to issue the warrants. Mr. Kaley appealed the case from the district court to the supreme, which reversed the decision of the district court, but ordered the commissioners to issue half the amount sued for, inasmuch as in their opinion he was legally entitled only to that amount which included the tax list only and inasmuch also in the opinion of the court the acts of the commissioners in allowing claims, were not final. Mr. Garber drew his pay as the court had directed, and that was the end of the affair. The whole matter was a question of *law* and *not of facts*. It was Mr. Garber that sued Nucholls county and not Nuckolls county Mr. Garber as the slanderer would have it. Such is an exact statement of the swindle (just as it was) of which a false representation was so cruelly circulated prior to election. The case is a matter of record and can be found in every lawyer's library. For the self same thing for which Mr. Garber sued Nucholls county, the clerk of Webster county drew his pay. He made out his bill including both tax list and duplicate and drew his warrants for the same, about which there can be no dispute as the county commissioners well know it to be a fact. We mean to cast no reflection upon our clerk when we say that he actually drew the pay which the court decided that Mr. Garber could not draw. And yet Mr. Garber has been branded as a rascal—and the *Argus* concern seeks to keep this impression fresh in the minds of the people for fear it will be found out that some one of his friends has lied about the matter. We do not wish to cover up or palliate any man's sins, but let evenhanded justice be done to all alike.

Here is a man who for nearly ten years has lived in our midst, having settled in the county of Webster in the spring of seventy. To the old settlers who know him best, there need no comment be made. With us he has shared all the privations and hardships of the early pioneers, and upon him we have confered many a trust. Who may be presumed to know him best? The people among whom he has lived and acted, and with whom he has dealt ever since the first white settler set foot upon this soil; or that rebel concern, who but a few months ago planted himself as a converted republican in the town of Red Cloud, and who in all his life before, as we believe can be made out from his acts, never once breathed a republican sentiment, but as we believe was thoroughly given to blackmailing true republicans. And yet within the space of twelve months after coming here, a perfect stranger he ventures to tell the people, and after the election still insists, by a wink and a nod conveyed through his paper, that the oldest inhabitant of our county who has lived therein with us from its early history, is a swindler and a scoundrel, and that all the falsehoods breathed concerning him on the political air are veritable truths. Let all bear in mind, that if this sort of practice is allowed to pass unrebuked by the public, that other good men in our midst are liable to the same kind of treatment—even to have their actions distorted and their characters maligned, from the black mailing propensities of this man—*Argus*. Whom do we know best as deserving of our confidence and respect, the man who has always been willing and ready to aid and befriend us, and who throughout the excitement of a heated political contest in which he was one of the regular candidates, no one has ever heard him utter a disrespectful or derogatory of any one, or the man who while he publicly, through his paper, gave the pretense of a support to the candidate of the convention, underhandedly exerted all his personal influence, as we sincerely believe, to insure his defeat. It is a principle which will receive the approbation and support of all good and true, that, while we have a right as citizens, each to have a preference, and the right also to declare our choice by ballot as to who shall serve us in the public offices, no one has a right, civil, moral or religious, to blackmail or defame a fellow citizen, whether a candidate successful or unsuccessful or any other person, and we cannot but believe that the intelligence and good sense of the people will cause them all to unite in a verdict of unqualified condemnation on any man who will be guilty of such actions—so low and base, as those of the *Argus* man. For one we say stop, or let it be stopped. Respectfully. C. S.

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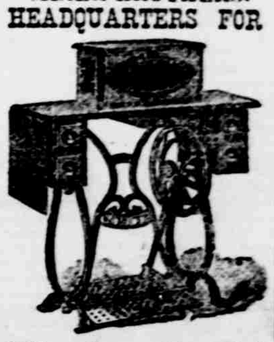

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