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There is nothing to be gained in turning out good, faithful city officials just to put others in their places. The Times and Democrat has always opposed this policy, and does now.

Justice O'Gorman gives up a job with a \$17,500 salary to accept the position of United States senator from New York at salary of \$7,500 a year. There is a patriotic Democrat for you.

A Brooklyn lawyer, suspended from practice, who disappeared seven years ago and was thought to have committed suicide, reappears as the leader of the minority in the Michigan senate. That is decidedly better than being a suicide.

The Anderson Mail says "what New York most needs right now is a great, big democrat—one big enough to send to the United States senate." We believe that the gentleman has been found in the person of Senator O'Gorman.

We agree with the Charleston Evening Post that "the new winding up commission, appointed to finish the winding started by the original winding up commission, can find legal advice in this State just as sound as that dispensed from Atlanta."

We most heartily endorse the appointment of Editor E. H. Aull by Gov. Blease on the Asylum Commission. His varied political and business experience makes him a valued member of the commission that is really charged with rebuilding the hospital for the insane.

William J. Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for President of the United States, was in the national capital Monday rejoicing with the members of his party that next day, for the first time in sixteen years there would be called to order a Democratic national House of Representatives.

Felder has been kicked out by the winding up commission, and invited to come before it and tell what he knows about Blease or any one else's connection with dispensary matters. It is now up to Felder to make good his insinuations against the governor, or confess that they are slanders.

The Washington Post thinks Mr. Peary was entirely too modest. He should have had his admiral's rank dated from the time he began looking for the pole. Yes, and all the people that Peary have fooled into believing that he really discovered the pole would be willing to give it to him, too.

When city officials train themselves for the positions they hold, and become thoroughly competent in their respective offices, it looks like child's play to turn them out to put in green men. Whoever is elected Mayor and Aldermen the present city officials should not be disturbed. They are all right.

Tuesday marked the opening of the trial of the Democratic party to demonstrate its worthiness to receive "the wider confidences of the voters of the country." In his speech accepting the Speakership Representative Clark asked his colleagues to keep that fact uppermost in their minds during the present session of congress. Let them do that and all will be well.

Senator O'Gorman, of New York, is a family man. Strong in body, tough in frame, he has a wife who appears to be a fit companion for him. Then they have six stalwart daughters and one son, the latter being the youngest child. He stands with the common people, and may be considered a fair, upright man, who will wisely discriminate between the laboring classes and capital.

"Women shouldn't waste their time dressing," says some grouchy editor. We agree with the Wilmington Star that time is not wasted when women take time to dress. It makes 'em pretty and that is exactly what catches the average man, one of whom an old anti-dress grouch is not. A woman can look prettier on \$50 than a man can on what Col. Rockefeller is giving away so he can die poor.

Intelligent revision of the tariff, election of United States senators by popular vote, changes in the house rules to permit proper consideration of public measures, economy in handling the purse strings of the country, the publication of campaign contributions and the early admission of New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood were some of the things which Speaker Clark emphasized in the Democratic program as measures which would be undertaken by the majority party in the house.

Are Young People Deteriorating?

Whether the moral stamina of young people is or is not declining is a question being freely discussed in some quarters. It is one of those questions upon which there may be a wide yet honest difference of opinion. Many people enamored of the past and recalling the days of their own childhood, will probably say that the children of a former generation led healthier lives and possessed a stronger moral fiber than do the young people of today. In line with that they will glorify the virtues of their forefathers and laud the Spartan simplicity of their lives.

On the other hand there are those who are just as strongly convinced that in almost every way the young people of the present age are superior to those of bygone generations, and that in moral standard and capacity, and in willingness to endure and work far better. They ground their argument on the belief that the young people of today lead more natural lives and are in closer and more intimate touch with actual conditions of life, and that those conditions demand and produce greater moral stamina.

Probably the truth lies midway between the two extremes. Those who assert that the young people of today are deteriorating morally, that they are mentally flabby, and shirk hard things may point with much effect to the young men and women in so-called society. And in truth it must be confessed that great material success is sadly envying to many people. But it is also true that the incentive to work and that the capacity to withstand temptations and take unflinchingly the hard knocks of business and other life was never greater than it is today.

Great Loss to the South.

Dr. Seaman A. Knapp died at his home in Washington on last Saturday. While his death is a great loss to the whole country, it is a greater loss to the South than any other section, and a greater loss to South Carolina than any other State. He did a great work for this State, and his death will be regretted all over it. Long ago, as The State says, it was "discerned that the shortest route to the South's industrial independence and the permanent prosperity of its agricultural people lay in diversified farming, but the task of convincing them of that truth was far from easy. Dr. Knapp, as the officer in charge of the farm demonstration of the National department of agriculture, came to their aid at the opportune moment. A man of wide information and a profound thinker, he believed in the South, saw plainly the richness of its unused resources and set to work with his whole heart to reveal them to the Southern people. Northern born, his sympathies were as wide as humanity and his aim was to help the Southern farmers help themselves so that the country that he loved would be the stronger and happier by reason of the lifting of the people of a great section to a higher and better plane. The work that he did will go on and the South will not forget how much he inspired it and cherished it and the affection of the South for the Republic is the deeper by reason of the disinterested efforts of this one of the Republic's faithful servants."

Keep the Record Straight.

Some newspaper attributes the loss of the power of the press to the editors' riding on tickets paid for in advertising instead of cash. We have seen it stated that the pulpit, too, is losing its power. Wonder if the riding of the preachers on clergymen's tickets have anything to do with the pulpit's losing power?—Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

Not altogether correct; the "some newspaper" attributed the loss of power of the press in some measure to editors' riding on "free passes." You have seen it stated no doubt that black is white, or something equally as absurd. But the pulpit is not losing its power; and "clergymen's tickets" are not free passes.—Newberry Observer.

We have seen it stated time and again that the power of the pulpit has declined and that there has been a great falling off of men in attendance on the preached word. We have seen both these statements made, and the fact deplored, in religious newspapers. But we are glad to know that the pulpit is not losing its power, and hope that The Observer has sure ground for its statement to that effect.

No Need For War.

We believe the time is coming, and is not very far off, when the principle which applies in private life that the disputes between individuals must be legally settled and not by violence, will be applied to nations in their disputes with each other. It is a large blot upon our civilization that nations are armed to the teeth to protect themselves against the encroachments of their neighbors, or to serve their own purpose in taking a favorable time to coerce weaker powers. Fortunately the signs are multiplying that the masses, who have to bear the great burden of taxation, are growing restless and that unless retrenchment of armaments speedily comes, "internal revolution," as Sir Edward Gray predicts, will be the order of the day and after much tribulation and bloodshed settle the question for all time to come. There is no need for war and it should be banished from the face of the earth.

Here it Goes Again.

Some people seem to take a sort of fiendish delight in trying to upset cherished ideals and in smashing historic bell's into smithereens. Quite recently a distinguished Frenchman sought to prove that Columbus was a fake of the worst kind and that the credit of being first to cross the Atlantic is wrongly accorded him. And now an American is digging up at low tide the mud bottom of the river Wye in England to

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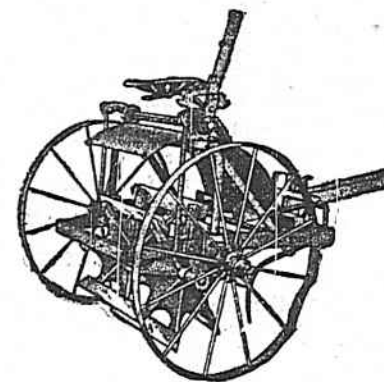
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