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PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECTS

The Democratic politicians of the north and west are becoming considerably stirred up over the question of the man to nominate to beat the Republican nominee who will undoubtedly be Mr. Roosevelt. Now, we of the south don't care a rap in the abstract who is nominated, because we will vote for the nominee solidly on general principles, but having such an overwhelming electoral vote in the national college, it seems to us that we should be consulted in the choice of the standard bearer.

So far the expression of opinion from southern newspapers has been merely a reflex of northern opinion as expressed in the newspapers there. That however does not give us the information we want. All the editorials we have seen, have been in distinct antagonism to W. R. Hearst, the Editor of the New York American as is perfectly natural, for when did you ever see one editor who was not jealous of another. It is human nature and you can not blame the individual for that which the Almighty has implanted in his bosom. What is wanted now is the well-considered opinion of actual leaders of the Democratic party, and when we say that we do not want to be understood as including Grover Cleveland or Wm. J. Bryan in the category of leaders. It would be the best thing for the party if both these gentlemen could be effectually muzzled until after the election, for as party wreckers both are superb successes.

After the most careful thought on the subject we have concluded to give our more or less feeble support to Wm. R. Hearst for several reasons:

First, for a man who has been so intimately associated with politics and politicians, Mr. Hearst is tolerably clean.

Second, he has lots of money, and it takes lots of it to win the Presidency from the Republican party.

Third, he is not afraid to spend his money to win and can win.

There are other reasons why the nomination of Mr. Hearst has become almost an absolute necessity, among which is the fact that we must carry New York, and there is not another candidate in that State who can do it. No strictly goody-goody people are wanted this time to lead us in this campaign for we haven't goody-goody people to contend against. Our motto has always been "fight the devil with fire," and the fight once won the really clean element of the party can come in and make their influence felt. This may not be altogether complimentary to Mr. Hearst, but as he has been in politics about as long as we have, he will know exactly what we mean.

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

We note that in almost every enterprising city or town the editors and others are forcing the question of "The City Beautiful" upon their people. This is right, and we were glad to ascertain the other day that our coming Mayor is thoroughly imbued with the idea. There is no reason in the world why Camden cannot be made the most beautiful city in the South if we all pull together and will that it shall be so.

It must be borne in mind the city council cannot undertake this work alone and carry it through as it should be, so to do really effective work a committee

of ladies should be appointed at a city meeting called especially for that purpose to co-operate with a committee from the council, or, with the full council. We will from time to time call attention to what we consider the most urgent needs of the city along the line of making "The City Beautiful", and at this juncture would say that a neat iron fence around Hampton Park and the putting in of two or more fountains with a number of iron seats scattered through the park, together with the erection of a substantial and tasty grand stand for bands of musicians, and incidentally bands of candidates when that crop is ripe should be the first thing to occupy the attention of the committee.

Other thoughts suggest themselves, but this will do for the present. We hope that this editorial will not fall on unheeding ears, but that a year hence Camden will present a vastly improved appearance.

Note Effect of Lien Law.

We are reliably informed that a certain party in the southern section of the county who has not an ear of corn or a pound of bacon has just succeeded in purchasing a \$210 mule on credit, signed a rent lien for three bales of cotton and a regular agricultural lien for \$75. We cannot comment on this in this issue, but will in our next. It is to be presumed, however, that this party made a small payment on the mule.

EXTRACT FROM WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER.

As Reported by the Columbia Copyright and Patent Company.

The House of Representatives formally decided to keep hands off the question of the disfranchisement of the negro in Southern States, leaving that vexed problem to be judicially passed upon by the courts. The action was taken in the contested election case of Dantzier against Lever, from the seventh South Carolina district. The House passing by a unanimous vote a resolution declaring against the claim of the contestant.

Dantzier, the contestant, is an aged plantation negro, and though he received but 167 votes in the election, the contest was recognized because it involved the constitutionality of the Southern disfranchisement enactments. The claim of the contestant was that if he was not elected, then no legal election had been held in the district, and the House should declare the seat vacant.

War News.

There was absolutely so little war news of interest to report that we felt justified in leaving out the whole of it on our first page of this issue. It seems that the strictest kind of censorship is maintained by both the Russians and Japanese over any reports that are sent out, so the outside world has to stand off and guess at it. From the meager reports that we do get it seems that the Chinese are slowly but surely being drawn into the conflict, and with reason, for if Russia succeeds in this contest, goodbye to the Chinese empire.

It is somewhat remarkable that the United States has not yet taken a decided step in this matter for we have large interests in the Orient, and the success of Russian arms would be an irreparable blow to this country. Come out Teddy, and show your fighting blood.

Society Notes.

The last games between New Orleans and Camden in the polo tournament took place on Thursday and Saturday of the past week, the visitors from the Pelican State having to yield the palm to Camden's invincibles—the second team proving itself more than the equal of New Orleans.

On Saturday afternoon about sixty Columbians took advantage of the special train to Camden, the weather being too threatening to tempt the large crowd who had purchased tickets.

Mr. K. G. Whistler presented the cups played for between the second team and New Orleans.

Mr. Logan Van... friends at a dinner given at the Kirkwood in honor of Mr. and Mrs. ... man, of Columbia.

Mr. Ed Islar and Mr. Robert Jennings were so delighted with polo and Camden that they extended their visit, and are still at the Kirkwood.

Quite a crowd of Camden people accepted Mr. Krumholz's invitation, and enjoyed the sacred concert at the Kirkwood on Sunday night. The instrumental music was exceptionally fine, and Mrs. Mandeville's cultivated voice was never heard to greater advantage, the encores being most decided and enthusiastic.

A "smoker" at the Country Club constituted the last entertainment tendered the visitors from the Crescent City, and four of these genial guests left on the midnight train, Captain Mehle and Mr. Costam preferring a few days more in our little town.

The finals for the Childs cups were played on Monday afternoon, but the game was not up to the usual standard, the field being in poor condition, the ponies tired out, and the players more so. The teams lined up as follows: Blues—Barstow, King, Mehle, Optam. Reds—Kennedy, Smith, Russell and Vaux. The score was close, but the Reds claimed the victory.

The general meeting of the Polo Association of the United States will take place next month in New York city, and it is probable that Camden will be worthily represented by Messrs. Barstow and Kennedy.

The ponies belonging to the New Orleans team were shipped by express on Monday night.

The guests of the Hobkirk Inn, learning that their hospitable host, Mr. Eldredge, would have a birthday on Monday, prepared a most charming surprise party for him, and after tableaux had been exhibited, presented him with an elegant cut-glass punch bowl and silver ladle. Mr. Eldredge's host of friends drank to his health—"May he live long and prosper."

The return match game of golf to be played between Camden and Charleston was postponed, and will take place on Friday or Saturday of this week. A special train will be run from Charleston on the occasion.

The children of the Graded and High Schools are overjoyed at the prospect of a holiday on Easter Monday. This holiday will take the place of the one usually given on General Lee's birthday, that day having fallen during examinations this year.

Monday night after Easter April 4th, the lovers of good music will have quite a treat, as the orchestra from the Kirkwood, Mrs. Mandeville, and the best musicians of our town will give a concert at the Opera House, and a good piano will be used instead of the "tin pan" which now ornaments our City Hall.

Mrs. Gordon, assisted by her niece, Miss Bagwell, of Baltimore, will be the hostess at an Auction Party to be given at the home of Rev. Mr. Gordon, in Kirkwood, on April 5th for the benefit of Grace Episcopal Church, and all are cordially invited.

Two after-Easter weddings of great interest to Camden people will be that of Miss Lula Shannon to Mr. Alex. Hayward, of Columbia, and that of Miss Appleton, of Newton Center, Boston, who is so pleasantly remembered as a frequent guest of Mrs. David Williams, to Major Robert Hargrave Frazer-Stajden, the ceremony to take place April 12th, in King's Chapel, Boston.

The Dog Law in Norway.

We do not believe that the country will ever be free from rabies until far more stringent measures have been adopted. The danger arises mainly from stray curs of uncertain ownership and from dogs which, although they might be claimed by somebody, are not properly cared for by their proprietors. We should like to see the dog tax increased in amount, with due indulgence to persons who require dogs for purposes or persons who require dogs for the issue of receipts in the form of collar badges, the color of which might be varied every year, and which would enable a policeman to see at a glance whether the tax for any particular dog had been paid. If it had not, the dog should be summarily destroyed.

By the strict enforcement of such a system we should obtain a state of things analogous to that which exists in Norway, where not only is rabies unknown, but where the dogs seen in the street are handsome, well bred and well cared for animals, not sufficiently numerous to be the nuisances they often are in London. The Norwegians adopt very stringent precautions with regard to dogs imported into their territory, insisting upon ample certification of health, and also, we believe, upon a period of quarantine, and, even in that most democratic country, we have never heard that the control of canine hygiene is vested in local authorities, which would be liable, in this matter, as in many others, to oscillate between unreasoning indulgence and unreasoning panic.—London Hospital.

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VANDERBILT'S START.

Daniel Drew's Story of the Help Given by Mrs. Vanderbilt.

"One story about Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt was told to me many years ago by Daniel Drew, and I have no doubt but that it is authentic," said a man who has known intimately the men who have made New York history during the last half century. "Various stories have been printed about the beginnings of Vanderbilt's fortune, and they all go to show that luck played a very insignificant part in them. Vanderbilt made money because of his energy and his shrewdness, but I don't believe that it is generally known that Mrs. Vanderbilt aided him very materially at a time when he thought a good investment was slipping through his hands because he had not enough money to take advantage of his opportunity.

"Daniel Drew knew Vanderbilt well, and before his death he frequently entertained his friends with stories about the commodore's early life. It was when Vanderbilt was simply an energetic young captain connected with the Union line for Philadelphia and Baltimore, 'through to Philadelphia in one day,' that the incident of which Mr. Drew delighted to tell occurred. In those days the steamer Emerald, Captain C. Vanderbilt, left her wharf on the north side of the Battery at noon every day, Sundays excepted, with passengers for New Brunswick and back by boat for the pleasure of the trip. New Brunswick's hotel, or halfway house, was dirty and ill kept. Mrs. Vanderbilt saw her opportunity. She suggested to her husband that they should take the hotel, rent it and run it in a style that would attract guests. Vanderbilt thought well of it, and after leaving the hotel he took his family from his father's little house at Stapleton to live in New Brunswick. As Mrs. Vanderbilt had suggested the scheme, her husband told her that she might run the hotel herself and have the profits.

"Mrs. Vanderbilt was a strong, industrious, frugal woman, and she turned the hotel upside down, cleaned it and made it fit for guests. She named it Bellona Hall, after the steamship Bellona, which her husband then commanded, and in a very short time the fame of it had spread to New York, and parties were made up to visit it because of the excellent fare to be found there. It also increased the profits of the line for which Captain Vanderbilt worked, and his salary was increased to \$3,000 a year. For 12 years Mrs. Vanderbilt managed Bellona Hall with profit to herself and pleasure to her guests.

"During these years Captain Vanderbilt had been studying steamships and investigating the chances for profit in traffic on the Hudson and along the sound. He wanted to be one of the transportation magnates of this city, and, although his fortune was small, he had valuable ideas, gained from years of practical experience as a steamboat captain, and he felt sure that if he could get the right opening he need not fear the greater wealth of his rivals. He had never questioned Mrs. Vanderbilt's management of the hotel, but he knew that she had saved some money. In 1839 his opportunity came. He had a chance to get a controlling interest in a steamship for \$18,000. He had \$5,000 in cash which he had saved, but he didn't know where to raise the balance. He told his wife about this steamship which he wanted and explained to her his plans for making money if he could get the ship.

"I need \$13,000 more," said the captain, "and I don't know where I can get it."

"I will give it to you," said Mrs. Vanderbilt. And to her husband's surprise she pulled the money out from under the bed. She had saved it from the profits of the hotel. Captain Vanderbilt bought his boat, and then he bought many others, but his first ship he owed to his wife.—New York Sun.

Heart Photography.

"Say," exclaimed little Willie, suddenly breaking a long silence and turning to his mother, "is there such a thing as a photographic heart?"

"Why, what do you mean, Willie?" asked his mother in surprise.

"Well, I heard that man who was here last night tell sister Sue that her features were photographed on his heart," explained the boy, "and, judging from the way he was holding her, I should think they ought to have been."—Chicago Post.

One Thing.

There had been some harsh words from each on the faults of the opposite sex, and she finally gave what she thought would be a parting shot. "You rail at us," she said, "and make fun of us, but what, I ask you, would you do without women?"

"Get rich," he replied promptly. And she was so indignant that it took her three weeks to make up her mind to ask for a new bonnet.—Chicago Post.

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