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—Between them, El Mahdi in the Soudan and El Pahdi in Ireland, are giving poor John Bull plenty to do.

—The Democracy take the American Government with everything in good shape—the treasury full of money, the National debt refunded at very low rates of interest, the country at peace with all the world, no serious internal trouble to contend with, and bright prospects for a revival of trade, commerce and manufactures. What will be the condition of things when they in turn hand over the Government to their successors, to be selected at such time as the people may determine? Let the younger voters of to-day remember to make the comparison when the next change of administration is effected.

—Several Republican members of Congress called in a body on the new President, Friday, and assured him of their approval of the attitude he had taken in his inaugural, and in carrying out the policy therein outlined he would have their hearty support. In this they spoke as Republicans and said they believed they spoke for a majority of their party. This is the proper spirit of treatment of the new Administration. Cleveland is President of all the people, (though not the choice of the majority of them,) and all the people should accord him every encouragement he may show himself entitled to on account of efforts to conduct the affairs of the Government in a clear and creditable manner. That the Administration will be partisan throughout it is to be expected. To condemn it on that score would be to condemn every Republican Administration for the past twenty-four years. That it shall be honest and reasonably free from jobbery, is as much as Republicans have a right to ask, and the President's own party can not afford to put up with less.

—The London Times, like the English press generally, favored Cleveland's election. But in making allusion to the inaugural address of the new President it feels forced to admit that "it throws no light on the main questions which are awaiting solution." What else could the Times expect? An accident or the creature of accident usually floats with the tide and is generally altogether dependent upon circumstances for continuation of success. It isn't every day that a statesman is raked out of the gutter of politics. And besides, the Times seems to forget that George William Curtis said only a few months ago of the Democratic party that it was "a party without any distinct National policy which it dares to present to the country—a party which fell from power as a conspiracy against human rights, and now attempts to sneak back to power as a conspiracy for plunder and spoils." The Times should consider Curtis good authority, for with the co-operation of Henry Ward Beecher and Carl Schurz he made Cleveland President and restored to power "the party without any distinct National policy which it dares to present to the country," which has annexed "back to power as a conspiracy for plunder and spoils."

—Some comments of Democratic newspapers on the very eve of the advent of the new administration are not altogether suggestive of harmony in the Bourbon ranks. The Indianapolis Sentinel says: "A Cabinet constructed by Cleveland without a Western man in it who has broad, liberal, national ideas, will not command the respect or confidence of Western people. Villas is not the man to represent the West." Equally emphatic is the Louisville Courier-Journal [Henry Watterson], which remarks: "Cleveland ought to know, and the sooner he learns the better, that there is a West, already most powerful, and ever growing, whose jealousy over the proscriptive narrowness and vulgar greediness of the East is steadily increasing."

—Mr. Endicott, of Massachusetts, who has been lifted into prominence by appointment as Secretary of the Navy, is described as "simply an eminently respectable gentleman, who has never had executive experience, has never made any special sacrifices for the

party, and is not in any way identified with naval affairs. He can not be regarded as the very live, energetic executive officer which the Administration is supposed to desire in the Navy Department."

—Prof. E. G. Johnson, the wondrous mesmeric will appear for one night only in the Monroe Hotel, Saturday next. Those who fail to see this performance will regret it afterwards. Had we the space we would give a description of how this man after placing his subject under his control by mesmerism, will proceed to sew up his cheek, and run a needle through his tongue and draw no blood, nor cause pain, and how he will eat cayenne pepper in the place of sugar, and many other like acts which he will perform on the stage Saturday night.

—Eli K. Miller left Bloomington Monday morning for the New Orleans Exposition.

—It will be remembered that Eb. Henderson was a candidate (?) for the congressional nomination when Matson was nominated, but at the proper time, as was predicted by the Progress, he stepped aside in favor of Matson, who was then his own successor. The whole affair was cut and dried for the occasion by Henderson, who is one of the best manipulators and wire workers in the State. Now comes his reward: He has been recommended for the Collectorship of the Indianapolis district; while O. P. Davis, the greenbacker who held

the key to the situation in the Indiana legislature six years ago, and by casting his vote for D. W. Voorhees elected that gentleman to the U. S. Senate, has been named by Voorhees for Collector of the Terre Haute district.

—It is shown by records kept of the temperature this winter, that in Southern Indiana the thermometer has indicated a point below zero for thirty days. This is encouraging to Monroe county fruit growers—will encourage them to emigrate.

—Now that Clark has started an oil wagon, we may expect soon to see the the weinewurst peddlers on the corners. Nothing like living in a city.

—By confusing his diet for twenty-seven weeks strictly to stale bread and skimmed milk, Major Ben Perley Poore has reduced his weight by sixty-one pounds.

—The partial eclipse of the sun Monday, was witnessed by a large audience, and elicited great applause. It was one of the most novel performances of the year, and didn't cost the people a cent.

—An immense spring stock of general merchandise, will arrive at Cravens' this week.

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—Wood on the north side of a tree, says an observer, will not warp as much as that from the south side, and that if trees are sawed in planes that run east and west, as the tree stood, it will warp less than if cut in the opposite direction.

—The Montreal Witness pays the following tribute to the progress in architecture in this country: "The United States is soon going to take the lead of older countries in the matter of modern architecture, as it is natural that it should. A rapidly developing country, constantly requiring new conveniences, offers the most promising field for the ablest men of the age, and scarce a week passes that

the American illustrated papers are not adorned with pictures of some new public building, grand in extent, of original design and of surpassing beauty. The young Western cities which have sprung up within the aesthetic era are fairer lands as compared with the new towns of thirty years ago."

—A Paris company makes white bricks of hand-made appearance from the pure silica used in the manufacture of plate-glass. They are lighter in weight than clay bricks, but are not porous, being subjected to hydraulic pressure before the final baking process to which it is subjected. Changes of climate have no effect upon them.

—Chicago Opera Festival.

—At the Chicago Opera Festival, commencing April 6, Col. Mapleton's company will join forces with a home chorus, and present fourteen performances of Italian opera. Our Exposition Building is being altered into a vast opera-hall to accommodate some 8,000 persons, and the Festival Association promises splendid performances at popular prices (\$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.50). This will give him the advantage of having among its solo prima donnas of her time, Mme. Adelina Patti. The Chicago Chorus of 300 voices, under Mr. Pratt's direction, are learning the leading choruses of these operas, and will appear with Col. Mapleton's singers. In a reception performance which was given by the chorus a few evenings since, the ensemble numbers from the second act of "Aida" was given with great effect, and the effort indicated that the home singers will be an attraction in the various representations during the festival.

Season tickets (good for 14 performances) \$12.00, \$24.00, \$30.00.

—"WONDERFUL," is the exclamation of all who have ever seen or examined "Golden Days," the hand-colored, lithographed magazine for boys and girls. It contains a vast amount of interesting reading matter of a good class, and is replete with novelties. The best writers in the land contribute to its pages and it is eagerly read by the older members of the family as by the children. If you have never seen "Golden Days" you should get a copy at the bookstores, and then write James Elverson, Philadelphia, Pa., enclosing \$3 for one year's subscription.

—Nest, Trim and Stylish. [New York Evening Post.]

The shapes of bonnets and hats thus far displayed in Parisian patterns and other imported models are almost without exception neat, trim and stylish. Black, brown and brown with a tinge of red in it abound among the new straws in Mina braid, Dunstable and satin braid. Some of the fancy straw are mingled with fine silver or gold cord, thus imparting a gay appearance to the sombre brown or black bonnet. The fish wife poke, the modified Hubbard bonnet, the graceful gypsy shape and the capote of perennial popularity all reappear among the popular spring models. This ladylike little head covering, dear to the heart of French women, holds its own season after season, only modified by the time of year and the occasion for its wear.

Its unassuming shape makes it in very good form for any and all occasions and purposes. It is attractive just now as an accompaniment to the costume of cloth, and plain velvet is its garniture.

It is still the fancy of the season to mass all trimmings on the front of this and other bonnets, giving a high stylish effect over the wearer's coronet of wavy hair. This mode of arranging flowers and feathers is very becoming to round or oval faces, but exceedingly inappropriate to a lady with long, slender features.

—The Mistress of the White House.

The Evangelist: In looks Miss Cleveland reminds one of Anna Dickinson; perhaps because she wears her hair in the same style. Yet there is nothing mannish about her, and in private she is rather more modest than otherwise. Her voice is clear and her articulation distinct, making her a fine speaker.

She has given frequent lectures at the Elmira Female college, which have been very popular with the young ladies. Her name is found in the last catalogue in the faculty as lecturer on medieval history.

The country may congratulate itself upon having so intelligent and public-spirited a Christian woman in the White House.

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—A 200 lb. weight found. Call and get it.

—Now while the freeze is in the ground is a good time to have your privy vaults cleaned. See John Brown's advertisement.

—CRAVENS' is headquarters for groceries.

—FOR SALE.—An elegant residence on North College Avenue. Apply to BUSKIRK & DUNCAN.

—Wm. M. Stephenson, Administrator of the estate of Wm. H. Stephenson, will sell the personal property of decedent on Wednesday March 25th, at the late residence of deceased, in Van Buren, Monroe county, Ind., sale beginning at 10 a. m. The following personal property will be sold:

Horses, mules, short horn and Jersey cattle, sheep, hogs, buggy, Farming implements, etc. Terms of sale made known on day of sale.

—Our old friend, Donald H. Smith, (son of Addison Smith) now of Eureka Springs, Ark., sends a renewal of his subscription and encloses the following account of how fine dead men for carrying concealed weapons:

Walnut Ridge, Ark., Feb. 20.

A rather singular incident occurred in St. Francis bottom late.

In crossing Tyronza river on a mule, the rider, a negro, fell off

and was drowned. The mule came

ashore to shore and was taken pos-

session of by the "squire." The river

was dragged, the negro's body

found and on it a pistol. He had

dead three days, but the "squire"

had been to town and

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