

## EDITORIALS.

GATH, the talented Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune*, is evidently not an ardent admirer of some of our prominent men. In a recent correspondence, in which he dwells at length upon Mr. Sumner, he thus alludes to the Chief Executive and the principal Secretary:

"No man who contemns constantly and ignorantly the public press—as do the President and his dull Secretary of State—understand how to govern the American people. They repulse nobody who seeks them out to know anything; but they never do know anything. They have no genius to be communicative when they wish, and from trustworthy hearsay as to the atmosphere of horse at the White House, and of terrapin at the State Department, I have never felt a particle of desire to inquire at either. Aware as I am, that Mr. Bancroft Davis, for many years the New York correspondent of the London *Times*, is the author of Mr. Fish's state papers, including the Moran-Motley letter—of course I do not include those which Mr. Sumner wrote at Mr. Fish's request—and completely satisfied with a distant perusal of President Grant's message, my knowledge of both these distinguished officials is limited to a hand shake at receptions and a couple of Brady's photographs. There is no organization amongst editors and writers—certainly none to which I have ever lent myself—but, perhaps, throughout the United States there is a wide breach between Power and Mind under the present administration. When Mr. Pile, the pink of deportment, and Mr. Morgan Jones, are carried through the Senate with the Executive bludgeon, while the historical head of Mr. Motley is chopped off insolently, as if he were a street-car conductor, men of letters, readers, thinkers, and all the reverent educated natures of the country, feel of the President that

"A primrose on a river's brim,  
A yellow primrose is to him,  
And it is nothing more."

THE St. Domingo correspondent of the New York *Herald* describes that island as a paradise for those who favor the intermixture of the white and black races. They see there their dogmas carried out to the fullest extent. White men, and some of them Americans, marry or live with negro women, and it matters little which, and bring up their mixed progeny as their proper families, just as the families of white married people are recognized in the United States. Miscegenation there, so far from being odious, is the rule of life and not damaging socially, this habit of life, together with the vast preponderance of the colored race, the degraded condition of the population and the tropical climate, soon have a demoralizing influence over even Americans. He thinks our nation might improve the Dominicans, but their influence upon it, small as the population is, could only be injurious.

THE Omaha *Herald*, in alluding to the election of Gov. Clayton, of Arkansas, to the U. S. Senate, gave its readers an idea of his character, of which recent events are furnishing a remarkable confirmation. Clayton, who was elected to the U. S. Senate, declined the honor, his declination, as stated by the papers, being based upon his wish to remain and attend to the duties of his position as Governor, affairs in the State being very unsettled. His conduct in thus declining a Senatorship was held up to admiration as one of the few instances in these latter times of pure patriotism and unselfish devotion to the interests of the people. But now comes the sequel.

At the time Clayton was elected Governor, a man by the name of Johnson was elected Lieutenant-Governor. Johnson, after his election, did not work in harmony with Clayton, and, it is said, turned Democrat. He had a number of influential partners and he and they succeeded in impeaching the Governor. Before the time for trial Clayton succeeded in making a treaty with them, one of the conditions being that he should resign the Senatorship; and on their part they were to withdraw the impeachment. Both these conditions were observed. That completed, Clayton arranged with Johnson to appoint the latter Secretary-of-State, he, of course, to resign the position of Lieutenant Governor. We presume the former office was a more lucrative one than the latter, hence the acquiescence of Johnson to Clayton's proposition. A Senator Hadley, a Clayton man, was then elected President of the Senate. Scarcely had this change been effected when the Legislature, under the law, was required to take steps to elect a United States

Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by Clayton's resignation. They did so elect, and their choice was Clayton. He was chosen to be his own successor. Hadley, being President of the Senate, now, of course, succeeds as Governor. So far, everything worked charmingly to suit Clayton's plans; but his triumph did not stop here. He had got Johnson out of his way by giving him the office Secretary-of-State; but now he was no longer needed there. A clause of the State Constitution was remembered which prohibits an executive officer holding any other office during the term for which he was elected. So Johnson is now to be excluded from the office of Secretary-of-State.

After this we should judge Senator Clayton is admirably adapted for Congress. Arkansas is too narrow a field for the exercise of abilities such as he possesses. A tactician, astute, bold and skilful as he, will make a stir in Washington. It is such qualities as he has evinced that extort admiration there, and we shall not be surprised to hear of his managing the Administration before the close of the present Congress.

DR. DIO LEWIS utters some plain truths in his second book to "Our Girls." In discussing the reasons there are for men not proposing marriage, it says it is because they have grown to be afraid to take this step. They are afraid of the expense; they are afraid of the dreadful responsibility thrown entirely upon them. Women's habits of dress, action and society, repel instead of attract offers of marriage. They destroy the beauty of their womanly bodies, which are the most beautiful things in all creation, and expect a man to fall in love with a compound, double-and-twisted, starched, comical, artificial, touch-me-not, wiggling curiosity.

He thinks piano music is a humbug as a rule. That is, thousands of dollars and much precious time are wasted in its cultivation, upon girls who have not the slightest possible talent or promise. The same is true of the study of French and the other languages, as this study is pursued nowadays, to the neglect of the very rudiments of English. Dr. Lewis believes in square dancing, but not in round dances. His reasons for taboing the latter are because the rotary motion is injurious to the brain and spinal marrow, and because the peculiar contact between man and woman may suggest impure thoughts. Let a modest girl stand in the presence of company in the same contact with a man as when she dances in any of the round dances, and she will appreciate the force of the latter remark.

THE Concord *Statesman* (Republican), in alluding to the Republican ascendancy in New Hampshire, which was acquired in 1856, and has just been lost, thus treats of the causes which have produced this revolution:

"Some of the causes of this disaster date back months, perhaps years, while others have sprung into existence within a few days. Some of them have weakened not only us, but our political associates all over the country; others have arisen within our own borders. Had Charles Sumner not been forced from his place as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the Republican vote of yesterday would have been larger; had the San Domingo scheme been left to the operation of natural causes, instead of pushed with unreasonable persistence, it would have been larger; had Congress succeeded in restoring our commerce to the extent and importance it had before the rebellion, it would have been larger; had some of the land-grant bills, however wise and just in themselves, been discreetly deferred until the public understanding had grown up to them, it would have been larger; and, had all these causes of embarrassment been withheld, we might have carried the State by nearly the usual majority, in spite of the demoralization produced in the party by the forcing upon it of unpopular nominations made in packed caucusses."

The *Daily Monitor*, also a New Hampshire Republican paper, commends a study of the returns to President Grant and Senatorial headmen, who so recently assumed the role of executioners toward whoever dared have and express an opinion not in unison with the views and wishes of the present Federal Administration.

Some of the Democratic papers admit that the cause of the State going Democratic, was the war on Mr. Sumner.

## DIED.

At Farmington, Davis County, March 10th, 1871, of Consumption, Elvira A., wife of Jonathan H. Holmes, aged 57 years, three months and 17 days.

She embraced the Gospel, October the 19th, 1835. Emigrated to Kirtland in 1836, left Kirtland in the Fall of 1838, for Missouri, and there shared in all the sufferings and privations incident to the people of God during that portion of their history. While gathering to Far West, she was stopped by a mob at Huntsville, and not permitted to go further. She arrived in Nauvoo, in the Fall of 1839, and in the Spring following became a member of the family of the Prophet Joseph Smith, where she remained a happy inmate till the 1st day of December, 1842, when she was married to Jonathan H. Holmes.

She left Nauvoo with the exiled Saints in 1846, and arrived at Council Bluffs about the 1st of July, and on the 16th of the same month, parted with her husband, who had volunteered to serve in the Mormon Battalion, being left with two helpless little girls. She spent the next winter on the banks of the bleak Missouri river, and in the summer of 1847, crossed the Plains in the first company, walking nearly all the way. During the winter of 1847-8, she frequently shared her scanty supplies with those less fortunate than herself, taught school etc., till the return of her husband the following September, since which time, she has lived mostly in Farmington. She has ever proved herself a kind wife, affectionate mother, and a generous, kind-hearted neighbor. Faith, hope and charity were the chief traits of her character through life. She retained the full strength of her mind to the last, and continued to bear a powerful testimony to those around her to the truth of the plan of salvation, and gently fell asleep in a sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. She was buried in the Farmington Cemetery on Sunday the 12th., and being universally respected, a procession of friends, nearly half a mile in length, followed her to the grave. Com.

At Mount Pleasant, on the 13th instant; in the 79th year of her age, MARY ANN, relict of William Smith, formerly of Whitwick, Leicestershire, England. She died as she over lived, good and true, an unwavering believer in the principles and doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of which she had been a much respected member nearly thirty years.—Com

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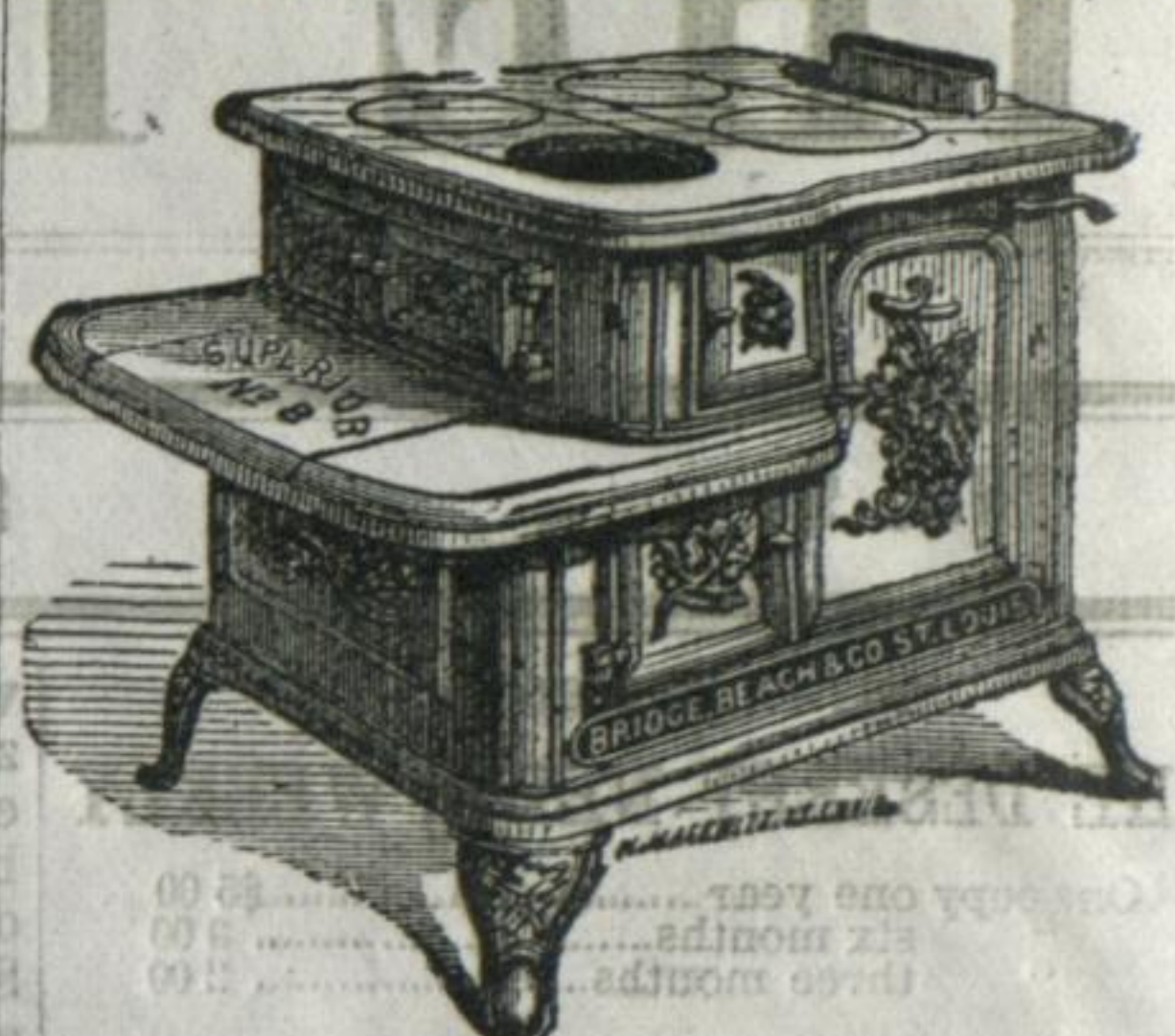
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