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President and Mrs. Cleveland have returned from their pleasant tour of northern New York, looking and feeling all the better for the delightful outing and cordial reception throughout the trip, but more especially, at the boyhood home of the President, where his old friends and neighbors eagerly thronged about him, glad to honor the man who had risen, like a meteor, from the humblest to the proudest position on earth, and who greeted each and all with a good word and a kindly smile of recognition.

At the White House, it is not yet known what other summer plans the President has arranged only the Atlanta visit in October having been positively decided upon but I do not think he can refuse assent to the importunities of St. Louis, Louisville, and other western cities.

Some alarm was felt at the White House the other day at the discovery that the lathes and rafters, in the southern portico were decayed, and it was thought that the mansion was in danger of a collapse, but an examination has dispelled all fear, as only slight repairs will be necessary to stay the defacing hand of time.

I learn that the Administration regards with the liveliest satisfaction the deliberations and nominations of the Ohio Democrats, and, that the President feels that his course has been substantially endorsed.

The receipts of the Post Office Department for the third quarter of the last fiscal year was $13,012,497; expenditures, $13,272,508; deficiency, $260,021; but the latter will perhaps be reduced to about $100,000, by the receipt from international money order. A comparative statement of the business of this Department for the first three quarters of the years 1885-86-87, show that the receipts have constantly and largely increased and that there has been a corresponding decrease in the deficiency so that it is very probable the Post Office Department will be on the self sustaining basis in a year or two.

The count of the cash and securities in the Treasury which began two months ago incidental to a change of Treasurers has been completed and found correct to a cent, with the exception of the deficiency of $2.40, though a formal report will not be made till next week:

In reply to a great many inquiries, the commissioner of pensions replies, that, under the Mexican Pension Act, pensions can be paid from the date of the passage of the Act, Jan. 29th, 1887, only when pensioners were sixty-two years old previous to that date; in the exceptions to this rule, the payment will begin on the day when the pensioner is 62 years of age, unless in cases of dependence and disability.

The Secretary of the Interior has won additional claim to the admiration of the fair sex by the important ruling that married women have the right to enter and buy timber and stone lands under the laws governing the sale of such lands in several of the States and Territories.

There was no surprise in the Interior Department when the resignation of the chief clerk of the Patent Office who is one of those so-called "indispensable" Republicans, holding office under a Democratic Administration, was announced, though the Washington newspapers either suppressed or were profoundly ignorant of the real reason, which was the Chief Clerk's relation to the Bacon defalcation it being the former's duty, under the law of the United States, to examine the accounts of the financial clerk every month, and certify whether or not they are correct. And the Chief Clerk regularly certified to the correctness of the financial clerk's accounts, for four years—the latter being a defaulter all of that time. And no sooner is the chief clerk shown the door than he essays the difficult task of "whitewashing" his corrupt associate in office if in nothing more.

There is no doubt but what the various Departments are literally honeycombed with Republican rascals and thieves who should be sent on with Forger Harvey, who will serve his country twelve years in an humble capacity at Albany. In one of the Departments, a certain prominent hold over Republican, has been so urgent in insisting on the destruction of some official papers that he has been placed under surveillance as a suspect because such great solicitude must be of much significance either to this individual or to his associates.

Most men are content with holding one office, but I know of several, whose ambition cannot be bound in such narrow limits, and as my intelligent friend, the reader has divined, these gentlemen are almost invariably, Republicans, as a good Democrat is generally satisfied with one office. I was led to these reflections by contemplating the easy grace with which the Hon. Carroll D. Wright, holds the Federal office of Commissioner of Labor, to which he was appointed in 1885, by Arthur. and the State office of Commissioner of Labor in Massachusetts.

WATER-PEDDLERS.

In many of the towns on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande del Norte ("the Grand River of the North"), which separates Texas from Mexico, water is scarce, although a river flows beside them. They have few cisterns for rainwater, and no springs, hydrants, or pumps. Quite a number of men make their living by selling water. The city of Matamoras refused to allow a company to erect waterworks to supply the city because it would deprive the water peddlers of their business.

Every peddler has a barrel with a piece of plank or scantling nailed across each end. In the middle of the plank is a stout spike or iron pin, to which is attached a piece of chain reaching beyond the edge of the barrel, and to the ends of the chains are attached rawhide or other kinds of rope. The barrel has at one end two large wooden plugs. To fill it the Mexican goes up to his knees, or deeper, in the water, pulls out both plugs and the water rushes in at one hole, while the air in the barrel goes out at the other. When the barrel is filled, the peddler turns it over on its side, steps inside the rope, and walks through the town seeking a customer.

The peddlers are queer-looking men with dark complection and long, straight black hair, like Indians. They wear wide-brimmed, low-crowned "sombreros" (hats), trousers rolled up to the knees, or higher, and are almost always smoking a cigarette. Sometimes a peddler saves his money and buys a "buro"—a donkey not much higher than a table—and, either tying the rope of his barrel to the saddle or putting the rope around the buro's neck, gets astride the little animal, and enjoys a ride while going around with his barrel of water.

Just imagine a man wearing a hat with a brim as wide as a small parlor center-table. with no shoes, with trousers rolled above his knees, riding a donkey so small that he has to hold his knees up to keep his feet from dragging on the ground, and with a barrel of water rolling over the ground after him!

A little more enterprise and intelligence would soon give them water for household purposes in a decidedly better way than this. But the peopo are ignorant, for the most part, with little taste for improvement. This will not last for ever. Our missionaries are giving the gospel to the people of Mexico, and the result will be forward steps in economy as well as in spiritual life.

The Mayflower.

The Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society began with this year the publication of a four-page weekly for youngest readers in the primary department of our Sunday schools, the name of "The Mayflower" being given it as appropriate to the "Pilgrim" Series of publications for Sunday schools, of which it was to form a part. The Society has recently learned that a newspaper bearing the same name had for some years been published at Yarmouthport, Mass., by Mr. George Otis. This has led to a friendly correspondence, and Mr. Otis, with evident sympathy in the work of the Society, cordially acquiesces in the use which is made of the title, "The Mayflower," in connection with the juvenile publication above referred to. Acknowledgements are due to Mr. Otis for his great courtesy in this matter, and it should be clearly understood that his right to the title, "The Mayflower," as applied to a newspaper, is in no way affected by this use which is made of it, with his knowledge and consent, by the Congregational S. S. & Pub. Society. Mr, Otis's "Mayflower" is an attractive weekly paper (secular) of eight pages, and is intended for the family. It has a large variety of reading matter adapted to old and young, is carefully edited, and its price, $1 per year, places it within the reach of many readers who cannot afford the higher-priced papers.—[Congregationalist, May 26th, 1887.

We understand correspondence is being had with Oliver Optic, James Otis, Horatio Alger, Jr., and other eminent writers for the young, in order to secure their interesting contributions for the Mayflower. The Mayflower will be sent on trial for two months for only ten cents. Try it.