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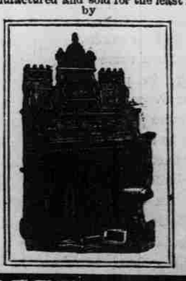

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Perhaps I could not better begin this letter than by giving a brief description of the elegantly appointed and equipped train that is bearing the Presidential party on their great Western and Southern tour, about which so much has been said and written. The train consists of three pullman cars, connected in such a way that one can walk from one end to the other without opening a door or being exposed to the weather or other discomfort, and the coaches are richly and fashionably furnished and upholstered, among the articles being a beautiful bed room, center-table, inlaid writing desk, sofas, rocking chairs, barber chairs, and several large mirrors to say nothing of a bathroom and smoking compartment, and to cap the climax, the cars are heated by steam from the locomotive and furnished with electric lights from the same source. Washington has certainly never before seen such a splendidly outfitted train. Geo. M. Pullman gave his personal attention to the details, and the outlay is said to represent a capital of $200,000, and it is further stated that the President will be at an expense of $10,000 for the trip. The party consisted of the President and Mrs. Cleveland, Private Secretary Lamont, two or three personal friends of Mr. Cleveland, and three representatives of the press. A great crowd assembled at the Baltimore and Potomac depot to see the distinguished travelers depart, Secretaries Bayard, Endicot and Whitney being of the number. The floral favors to Mrs. Cleveland were lavish and rarely beautiful.

An important act of the President before leaving was the appointment of Secretary Bayard and Messrs. W. L. Putman, of Maine, and Jas. B. Angell of Michigan, to act as Commission in the adjustment of the question of the fisheries troubles with our northern neighbors. All of these gentlemen have had sufficient diplomatic training in positions of public trust to warrant the belief, that if a satisfactory settlement of the international controversy is possible, the country may confidently expect such a result at their hands, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

At the last Cabinet meeting the financial situation was exhaustively discussed, with the purpose to provide against a possible recurrence of the recent stringency in the commercial world, and a decided difference of opinion was developed regarding the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase bonds not required for the sinking fund—the result being that it was determined to refer the matter to the decision of the Attorney General, in case there should apparently arise the necessity of such action on the part of the Secretary, to relieve the money market.

It appears that the monetary alarm was more a matter of imagination than reality, generally speaking, for the very simple reason that the volume of currency was increased seventy five million dollars last year, which goes to show that the business interests of the country are in a healthy condition.

It is calculated at the Treasury that the Government has saved in interest by the payment of bonds under the circular of last month the handsome sum of $3,200,000—not to mention the probably immense financial losses it prevented individuals from suffering.

The Naval Board has concluded to construct at Norfolk the 6,000 ton battleship, authorized by the act of Congress, at a cost of $2,376,000, which is $125,000 less than the appropriation provides. It will take about eighteen months to finish the work on this great monster of the deep.

The organization of department clerks into State Associations, of which there are several, has been the occasion of one of the most sensational episode of the present Administration. These organizations partake of a political as well as a social character—the real object being to protect the members in their official positions. On being invited to address the Illinois Democratic Association, Civil Service Commissioner Oberly not only declined to accept the compliment, but wrote the "Suckers" a long letter, informing them that the existence of their Association is a violation of the civil service act, and admonishing the members that for such infraction they are liable to the penalties of the law.

At his death, the late Samuel Ensworth left an endowment fund of over $150,000 to build and maintain a medical college and hospital, to be called the Ensworth Medical college and Hospital, at St. Joseph, Mo. The grounds have already been purchased for a hospital. It will be erected and opened this winter. The hospital will have a capacity for 100 patients, and will be erected at a cost of $60,000.