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A LOGICAL SEQUENCE.

Twenty years ago Sherman was about finishing his march to the sea, and was planning the fall of Charleston. A little more than twenty years ago some of the confederate leaders, civil and military, were writing letters to each other, letters which have just been published in the New York Sun, the Sunday Oregonian and other journals, for the first time. They are interesting, and, in a measure, instructive, inasmuch as they furnish a logical sequence to the claimed right of secession and a strong argument against superior state rights by the very ones, who, four years before writing those letters, were among the most devoted of secession's adherents. The letters referred to were written in January, 1865, principally by A. G. Magrath, governor of South Carolina, J. H. Watts, governor of Alabama, R. E. Lee, Jeff Davis and W. J. Hardee. Sherman had just captured Fort MacAllister and Savannah, and the final disintegration of the confederacy had begun. Gov. Magrath wrote to Jeff Davis imploring him to order Lee to abandon Richmond and hasten to the defense of Charleston, arguing that the loss of Charleston would sound the death knell of the confederacy. His letter touches the acme of the position taken by the extreme states rights men. This man was, in the smaller sense of the word a states man; he believed the state was supreme, and even in the last throes of the confederacy when the states refused to help each other, when Alabama notably refused to allow 15,000 of her own troops to go outside the borders of the state even to assist in an attempt to repel Sherman, the common foe even then, Magrath acknowledges Alabama's right to so refuse, while he argues that her duty demanded that she aid her sister commonwealths in the confederacy. He realized that co-operation, centralization, a national policy was necessary; he saw that Davis should have power in an emergency to coerce, and yet he closed his finest letter, a magnificent specimen of English composition, with the following paragraph: "We have strayed very far from the great landmarks which we established when this revolution was commenced. I do not believe, however, that our departure has been so great but that with an honest and earnest purpose, we can regain what has been thrown down. I believe that the efforts with which we will now proceed to restore the constitution of the confederation, and with it the dignity and efficiency of the state governments, will be successful. And as firmly do I believe that with these we will have secured the great means of deliverance for which all are now so anxious. I hold this proposition to be indisputable: The states which, with their organized governments, created this revolution, are and must be the natural and necessary, and, as I believe, the only source of the power with which it can be carried to a successful issue." The whole correspondence summed up amounts to this: Magrath and other South Carolinians when the final hour came thought that their first duty was to their state; that they should abandon the fortunes of the confederacy, forsake their companions in arms and fight for their firesides. They carried the doctrine of secession to its logical sequence. Jeff Davis and General Lee thought differently, they thought that the states composing the confederacy should hold together as commonwealths whose interests were identical and whose only salvation was to stay together. The confederate president and the ablest confederate general took for their motto that of the state of Kentucky: "United we stand; divided we fall." Magrath and others of the Palmetto state argued, "Sauce qui peut." The weakness of the contradictory positions is too evident to need comment. Jeff Davis was in the right if any one was, but the seceding states refused to submit to what they termed his "despotism." His plan would, however, but have prolonged the effort, and it was a saving of men and money to have the affair terminate when it did. Now that public attention is directed to history of the civil war, and such men as Grant, Sherman and Davis are writing its history, anything pertaining to that tremendous struggle is of interest to a generation who were in their cradles when the fight was going on. FRANCE proposes that the Suez canal be free in times of peace and war.

THE NEW POSTAGE LAW.

The postoffice department has received inquiries from all quarters as to the new legislation in the postoffice appropriation bill. It was not possible, on account of the changes made in conference, to ascertain what the changes as to postage were until the bill had been officially printed. A certified copy of the bill, furnished by the state department, has been received from the government printer. The following are the important changes which will take effect, beginning with July 1, 1885: 1. The weight of all single rate letters is increased from one-half ounce each or fraction thereof. The same increase of weight is allowed for drop letters, whether mailed at stations where there is a free delivery or where carrier service is not established. 2. All newspapers sent from the office of publication, including sample copies, or when sent from a news agency to actual subscribers thereto, or to other news agents, shall be entitled to transmission at one cent per pound or fraction thereof, the postage to be prepaid. This is a reduction of one-half from existing rates. 3. Any article in a newspaper or other publication may be marked for observation, except by written or printed words, without increase of postage. 4. That a specie stamp of the value of ten cents may be issued, which, attached to a letter, in addition to the lawful postage thereon, shall entitle the letter to immediate delivery at any place containing 4,000 population or over, according to the federal census, within the carrier limit of any free delivery office, or within one mile of the post office, or any other postoffice coming within the provisions of this law, which may, in like manner, be designated as a special delivery office; that such specially stamped letters shall be delivered between 7 o'clock a. m. and midnight; that a book shall be provided in which the person to whom the letter is addressed shall acknowledge the receipt; that messengers of this special delivery are to be paid 80 per cent. of the face value of all the stamps received and recorded in a month, provided that the aggregate compensation paid to any one person for such service shall not exceed \$30 per month; and provided further, that the regulations for the delivery of these specially stamped letters shall in no way interfere with the prompt delivery of letters as provided by existing law and regulations. These are all the provisions of the new law which make changes in relation to postage. The government has doubled the weight which may be carried for two cents, has reduced the postage one-half on newspapers sent from publication offices, and has provided that a letter, for ten cents additional, may be immediately delivered by special messenger at any time between 7 o'clock in the morning and midnight. The friends of this special stamp feature expect that it will materially add to the revenue.

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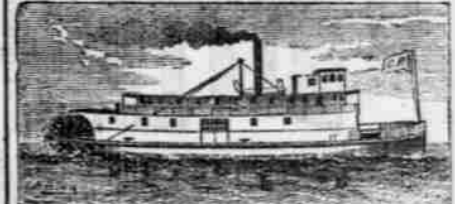
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