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OFFENSIVE PARTISANS.

A Conversation Showing the Administration's View of Them.
At the request of a certain member of congress from one of the New England states, Mr. Wm. H. Barnum recently consented to make with him a call upon the first assistant postmaster-general, Mr. Hay. The object of the visit was to secure the appointment of several long-trained Democrats as postmasters in a number of the postoffices in the state of the congressman.

Mr. Hay received the chairman of the Democratic national committee and the member of congress with the same courtesy and consideration that he was accustomed to bestow upon even the most humble citizen. The following conversation took place:
"Mr. —, who represents the district in congress," said Mr. Barnum, "has called with me in reference to certain appointments that come within your office. The district is a close one. Mr. — is personally acquainted with many of the best men in it, and you probably would be glad to hear his recommendations, as you must be entirely ignorant of the people there."
"No postmaster will be removed except for offensive partisanship," said Mr. Hay.
"What, may I ask, constitutes offensive partisanship?" inquired the congressman.

"You should know what an offensive partisan is," Mr. Hay replied. "Attending caucuses, conventions, serving as chairman of important committees, would be so regarded?"
"Undoubtedly."
"But the postmaster at A — has done none of these things."
"Is he a Republican?"
"Yes."
"Is he unfaithful to his duties?"
"No."
"Is he a bad man?"
"No, he's a mighty good fellow; but he's a Republican, and he expects to go."

"If you will make written statement that he is unfaithful, incompetent, or has been an offensive partisan, I will remove him."
"I'll be hanged if I will. He's a Republican; that's enough isn't it?"
"No; it is not enough."
"Does not the fact that a man is a Republican constitute an offensive partisan?" asked Mr. Barnum.
"Must we make it a personal matter, and accuse a man of criminality?"
"I will not make any change without charges."
Here Mr. Barnum became a little annoyed. "We will see, sir, whether this man is not removed," and the chairman of the national committee and the congressman sought Mr. Vilas.

"Is it necessary?" Mr. Barnum asked of the postmaster-general. "that we should bring an indictment against an office-holder before we can secure a change?"
"If you will put it in writing that the man is an offensive partisan, I will remove him."
"I will put it in writing that he is a Republican, and therefore an offensive partisan," said Mr. Barnum.
The postmaster-general was, of course, anxious to meet the wishes of the man to whom above all others he is indebted for his extraordinary and sudden political advancement.
"Very well. That will do, Mr. Barnum."
When the accusation had been put in writing, Mr. Vilas said to Mr. Barnum:
"Your man will be appointed; but if it should turn out that we — you and I — have been deceived, and that the present incumbent is not an offensive partisan, and the man you desire to be appointed is an offensive partisan, then I will turn the new postmaster out and put the old one back again. Good-morning."

"Tell me," said the Congressman, who a few days ago told this story, "that the new administration isn't in love with Eaton's civil service reform? It is; and I was so well assured of it that I did not offer a single other application. I made up my mind that congressmen were a sort of intolerated nuisance, and so I've come home. Well, there's going to be funny times. I believe congress sits next winter." — N. Y. Sun.

The great auction sale of national lands in the Lima and Nequen territory, comprising 500 square leagues, took place at Buenos Ayres on the 1st of July. Buyers from all parts of the world were present. There was a keen competition, and the lots were rapidly disposed of at prices ranging from two thousand to six thousand national dollars per league. This is regarded as somewhat remarkable, the territory in question being situated at the foot of the Andes, and about nine hundred miles from Buenos Ayres.

A dispatch from Talladega, Ala., says the three children of J. H. McGowan saw him kill and dress a pig for a barbecue last Friday, and the next day the two elder children killed the youngest, and were in the act of dressing the body when their mother discovered them.

The amount of land in Scotland devoted to deer raising is estimated at about two million acres. On this land about 4,550 stags and an equal number of hinds are shot each year.

"HER NAME."

Then father took the Bible down, And in his clear, old-fashioned hand Upon its record pages brown He wrote the name as it should stand.
But protest came from all the rest At giving such a little fairy, The dearest, sweetest and the best, That antiquated name to carry.
The aunts and second cousins cry: "For name, good soon and ordinary, Could not be found if one should try. As that same appellation, 'Mary.'"
And o'er and o'er again they land "First yellow hair, her baby's grace; For better name her 'Beatrice,' Or 'Christine,' for her angel face."

"But time will change this golden fleece To match the even in dusky splendor; Far better name her 'Beatrice,' Or 'Imogen,' serene and tender."
"Oh, name the child for Aunt Louisa, For yellow hair, her baby's grace; The compliment is sure to please her, And we can call the darling 'Lou.'"
Most prudent counsel, all too late! First yellow hair, her baby's pages appears, unchangeable as fate. The name beloved of all the ages.
The ancient gem, its purity Unspotted, shall grace our latest beauty Sometime on dearer lips to be The synonym of love and duty;
And gracious womanhood adorn, However gifts may vary, Till on a day like Easter morn She hears the Master call her "Mary."

The American Dairyman says: Let a drop of fresh milk fall into a glass of pure water. If the milk properly disseminates itself through the water, the cow that yielded that milk is not with calf; but if it sinks to the bottom and does not produce but little of the milky cloud, the cow is pregnant. The specific gravity and viscosity of the albuminous milk being heavier than water, thus retains the drop of milk and causes it to sink. We advise dairymen to make a note of this and give it a test. If reliable information may be of great value to them.

When the chief engineer of the Illinois Central railroad was laying out the line, and wanted a millions name for a station, he would shuffle a pack of cards, each inscribed with a letter, until a satisfactory combination suggested itself — as Tolono, Guarga, Aledo, Diana, Nakoma and so on.

"Why is it," the Boston Transcript wants to know, "that nearly every steamboat of the sort that is employed for inland, harbor, or short coastwise service is painted white, while black is the fashion for steamers that venture out into deep water?"
Some of the greatest events in history owe their origin to trivial matters. The discovery of Red Star Cough Cure may be looked upon as a simple thing, but it will soon prove to be a blessing to the whole civilized world.

There is a federal law which prohibits the importation of foreign laborers; but Texas thinks she will be justified this year in bringing over enough Mexicans to pick her cotton crop.
Large numbers of men are heading toward the Coeur d'Alene mines in Idaho, and it is expected that fully 15,000 miners will go into the camp.

The Present Generation Lives at telegraphic speed — eats too fast, retires too late, does not rise betimes, smokes and fads, that we should have to say it) chews too much tobacco. The consequences are dyspepsia, a general absence of that robust and manly vigor which characterized our ancestors, and a manifest proneness to early decay. Regular hours, a due allowance of time for meals, the disuse of excessive smoking, and altogether of chewing tobacco, in connection with a course of Shiloh's Stomach Bitters, will in nine cases out of ten efface the consequences of the abuses of the law of health as dictated above. A want of stimulation, nervousness and biliousness are among these consequences, and they are bodily ills to the removal of which the Bitters is specially adapted. Nor is the Bitters fitted to overcome and prevent fever and ague, kidney and bladder troubles and rheumatic ailments. It is also a fine appetizer and promoter of convalescence.

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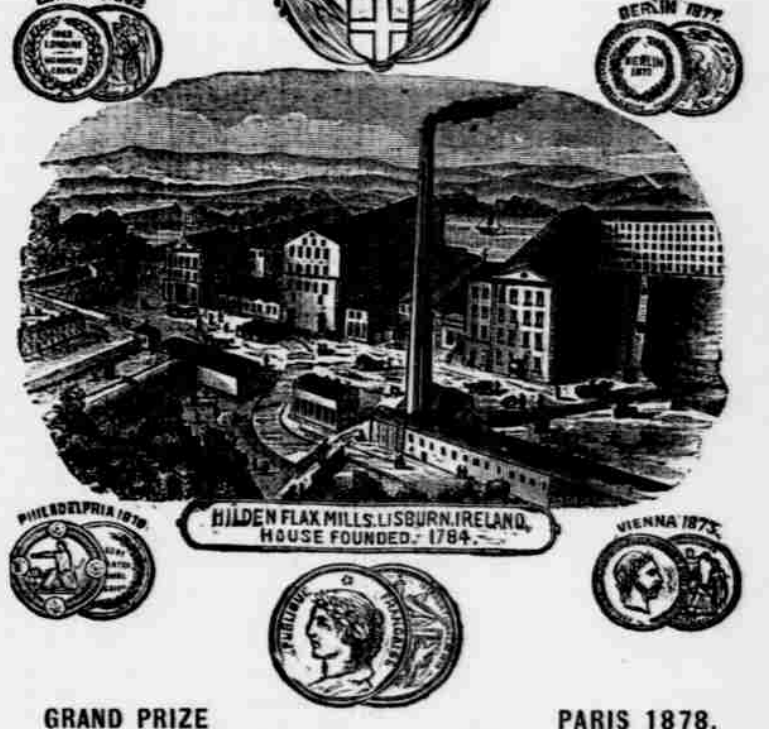
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