

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has at last honored the noble army of "newspaper men," by appointing one of their number to be a representative of this mighty nation in foreign parts. The man on whom the distinguished honor has been conferred is Jake Childs, the editor of a weekly newspaper in Missouri; the office is that of minister to Siam.

Sometime ago our worthy president said in his haste that all newspaper men were liars, at which sundry editors grew wrathful and laughed scornfully at him. But now that he has extended the olive branch (with a ripe Siamese olive on it for Childs of Missouri) it is eminently proper that the guild of scribblers make a fitting acknowledgement of the beneficence of the great man who sits at Washington and defies the senate of the United States.

Mr. Childs—we beg his pardon—Col. Childs, is in doubt whether to accept the position or not. He has gone to Washington and has interviewed Gen. Halderman who in the rascally Republican days when Pan Electric and Broadway stock were undeveloped, had represented this indissoluble union of indestructible states, at Bangkok. The general tells him that it will cost him (Childs) \$500 apiece for him and his wife and the little Childs to get there; that when there he will have to pay fifty cents a pound for fresh meat, that whisky is high and difficult to get, for it seems that the Siamese have some sort of a prohibition party and are going after the several Siamese city councils. It further appears from the testimony of Gen. Halderman, who is a truthful man, that rice and fish are the main dependencies for diet in Siam, and that the American minister has to give "receptions." Fancy a Missouri editor giving receptions in Siam.

Our childish conceptions of a Siamese "reception" included a glittering throne encrusted with diamonds on which sat an awful being whose nod meant fame and whose frown dealt death; with lackeys and satraps and title gatherers and a host of satellites revolving round the central orb.

But Childs of Missouri, rising from an inverted nail keg, breaking up a game of big pedro for the beverages to go and hold a reception in his palace at Siam is a rude shock to any preconceived notions of receptions.

Under the circumstances it is by no means certain that Childs will accept the appointment. Should he do so the matter may assume a grave international aspect. For the Col. openly avows his intention to start a newspaper in Bangkok. The prevailing passion prevails.

The mendacity of the American journalist cannot be mitigated by foreign residence, and in case an American who represents in his person the whole force of thirty-eight states ten territories and one district should run a newspaper in Siam, it does not require much sagacity to see that this country will soon become involved in serious difficulty with England which has at great cost of blood and treasure, just acquired Burmah, contiguous and adjacent to the land in which Col. Childs may shortly dwell.

The Col. also says that he intends to start a job printing office in Burmah. He says that letter heads are ten dollars a thousand in Burmah and but \$5.50 in Missouri; that business cards are two dollars a hundred in that far off land while three dollars a thousand is the ruling rate in Missouri. Whether or not it pays a man to expend \$500 going to a country where job printing is at frontier figures, is a question for the Col. to consider.

But paramount to the private

interests of the Missouri journalist, are the questions of public policy that cluster around this matter of appointing newspaper men to office.

What is job printing or the possible usufruct of the Siamese mission to the grave possibilities of national trouble of which this matter admits! Secretary Whitney is not yet prepared with his navy; our coast defenses are—to use a presidential remark—in a state of "innocuous desuetude," and here is our president on the verge of grave indiscretion, about to allow a journalist—from Missouri—to go to Siam, of all countries, and start a newspaper and a job printing office!

Those who claim that Mr. Cleveland is "setting things up for '88" must admit that he is not aiding his cause in this instance.

Startling possibilities hang upon the final decision of Col. Childs, of Missouri.

A VENERABLE clergyman of Virginia said lately: "No death ever seemed so pathetic to me as that of an old woman, a member of my church. I knew her first as a young girl, beautiful, gay, full of spirit and vigor. She married and had four children; her husband died and left her penniless. She taught school, she painted, she sewed; she gave herself scarcely time to eat or sleep. Every thought was for her children—to educate them, to give them the same chance that their father would have given. She succeeded; sent the boys to college, and the girls to school. When they came home—pretty, refined girls, and strong men, abreast with all the new ideas and tastes of their time—she was a commonplace old woman. They had their own pursuits and companions. She lingered among them for two or three years, and then died of some sudden failure in the brain. The shock woke them to a consciousness of the truth. They hung over her, as she lay unconscious, in an agony of grief. The oldest son, as he held her in his arms, cried: 'You have been a good mother to us!' Her face colored brightly, her eyes kindled into a smile, and she whispered: 'You never said so before, John.' Then the light died out, and she was gone."

In the congressional discussion on the Morrow Chinese bill, Congressman Morrow says he hopes to be able to meet and refute all conclusions of Special Agent Spaulding, drawn from statistics he gathered on the Pacific coast. He expects to demonstrate that within the three years named by the agent 4,000 Chinamen came in from British Columbia, of whom no account was given in the report, and show that the Chinese population has steadily increased every year in San Francisco, as shown by poll tax and importation of rice, etc. He will demonstrate that 25,000 Chinese have entered California from British Columbia without certificates, and that thousands have been absorbed, while claiming to be in transit.

'Tis said that "Gen. Sherman exhibits symptoms of insanity." His recent letters are sufficient evidence of that fact.

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