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A CONTEMPTIBLE ACT.

THE man whom the irony of froward fate has made chief executive of the nation has had opportunity to show his littleness—and has abused the privilege.

By contemptible and characteristic smothering of the nation's will, as expressed by the national legislature, this man withholds necessary appropriations for public works and smites us of the west and northwest in the face.

He does this for motives of personal revenge, through malicious spite and low desires at reprisal. For proof we point to his action throughout both sessions of the 49th congress.

This is a matter that has nothing to do with party. It affects the higher domain of politics—the science of government—and is as unfortunate for Democrats as Republicans, involving common retrogression and retarding important and necessary work.

It is hard to write with usual editorial calm on this matter. A court buffoon, a prince's jester, the privileged favorite of a profligate king; these and such as these have induced and caused foolish acts in high places, but that the chief executive, the president of 63,000,000 Americans, the head of earth's greatest Nation, should so far forget the great attributes of his great position as to stoop so low in personal remembrance and revenge of personal spite, would be past belief were not the fact so patent.

A veto would have been his prerogative, and we all would be obliged to respect him, however much we might differ with him, for even a president has a right to be wrong. But as if afraid the house of representatives would vindicate the judgment of 38 sovereign states and pass the veto over his head, he ignored the plain pointings of manhood and stealthily stifled the bill appropriating moneys for the aid of the great commercial arteries of the Nation's life.

The failure of the river and harbor appropriation bill is a severe blow to the northwest, not wholly irremediable, for we are a people of wonderful elasticity, but yet, measurably injurious to our best interests.

The consciousness of the utter futility of comment, other than to set the stamp of popular disapproval on, the chief executive's latest folly, impels us to forego further comment.

ONLY one man has been offered a place on the interstate railroad commission and he has declined it. One candidate selected by the president was ex-senator Thurman, whose declination is positive. Further than that the formation of the commission has not advanced. The president has simplified his work by announcing to the California representative who called upon him in the interest of Mr. Swift of that state, that he would not go as far west as the Pacific slope for a member of the commission. The commission will consist of one man from the New England states, another from the middle states, probably from New York; another from Ohio, Indiana or Illinois; a fourth from the northwest and a fifth from the south.

Applications to the number of four hundred or more are not likely to influence the president's choice. He had about chosen the eastern man and the storm of criticism provoked by the mention of the man's name has made doubtful the wisdom of appointing him. The difficulty that has been thrown in the way of selection is the opposition of Democrats to the selection of Republican members from several states mentioned. Democrats all want to have them selected from some other state. In New York the president finds it difficult to get the sort of man he would like to accept. He would

be glad to put a sound business man on the commission, one who could be relied upon, but men of business who would be qualified to undertake the work are in demand at much greater salary than the government will pay.

THE nomination of Capt. Greely to be chief signal officer, which gives him the rank and pay of brigadier general, is something unparalleled in the army in the time of peace. It is only a short time ago that Greely was a lieutenant on less than \$2,000 a year, and when he is confirmed in his new rank he will receive \$5,500. It can not be said the sudden elevation of Greely to such high rank is warmly approved in army circles. To those in the army who look at men who are now but colonels, and who have commanded in divisions in the war of the rebellion, the picking up of a captain to jump him over all the files in the intermediate ranks of majors and colonels seems very strange, as it is certainly unprecedented. But the influences that secured the promotion have been able to manage his confirmation.

ALL honor to senators Dolph and Mitchell, and representative Hermann! They worked hard for the northwest and the material interests of the great section they represent, and no shadow of the stigma can fall on them that fastens to the chief executive of the mugwump faction whose desires are favored to the detriment of the American nation.

CLEVELAND will get praise from the New York mugwumps for his refusal to sign the river and harbor bill. Adulation from those creatures is incense in his nostrils, and the needs of the Nation are secondary in his eyes to the applause of the contemptible clique in the Empire state that made possible the misfortune of his election.

If Cleveland didn't want to have the appropriation made for the rivers and harbors of the nation, he might at least have acted like a man with the courage of his convictions, and vetoed the bill, and given his reasons. But no; he was afraid the house would pass it over his head, so, like a sneak, he strangled it in his pocket.

"It is great to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant." The man in the White house who by the grace of the prohibitionists occupies a statesman's seat, dressed in a little brief authority, prostitutes his power by moving backward the hour hand on the dial of the Nation's progress.

JAY GOULD says that if he should give fifty men five thousand dollars each to go into business for themselves one-half would fail and lose all within five years, and the other twenty-five would be mad because he was able to make it ten thousand and didn't do it.

HURRAH for St. John! Had there been no St. John, there would have been no Cleveland; had there been no Cleveland, there would have been no man in the White House great enough to ignore the wants of the nation and slap the northwest in the face.

"Why did Cleveland refuse to sign the river and harbor bill?" Pure cussedness; that's the only reason. What else could you expect from an ex-sheriff who hanged a man himself to save the customary fee paid to the executioner?"

A GRAIN commission firm in Milwaukee reports having received from the agent of the German government at New York an inquiry as to the terms for 200,000 bushels of oats.

WONDER when the president will cease punishing Oregon for giving Blaine a majority. We deserved a little disciplining, but this is sort of crowding the infliction.

A MINNESOTA legislator affirms that he was offered \$250 to vote against a certain bill. The Minnesota papers think such a case is without precedent.

A TRADER at East Saginaw, Mich., recently treated each of his clerks to a cigar and then deducted 10 cents from the salary of each on Saturday night.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's action toward the river and harbor bill is a horrible example of the tremendous inertia of ignorance.

CLEVELAND thinks that the Alleghany mountains are the western boundary of this country.

CLEVELAND is a typical Bourbon. He never learns anything and never forgets anything.

SOMEONE send Cleveland a geography.

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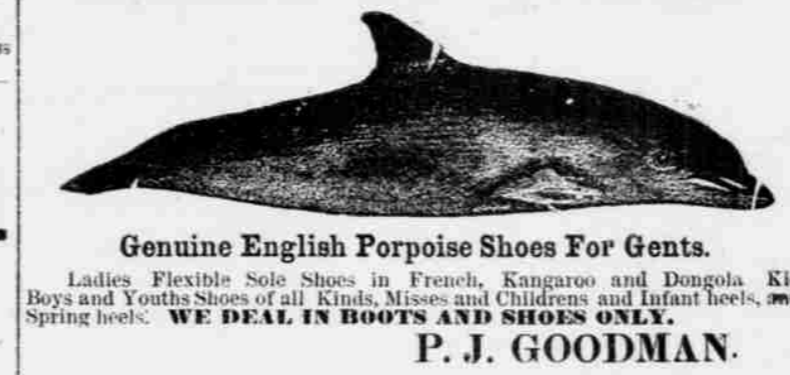
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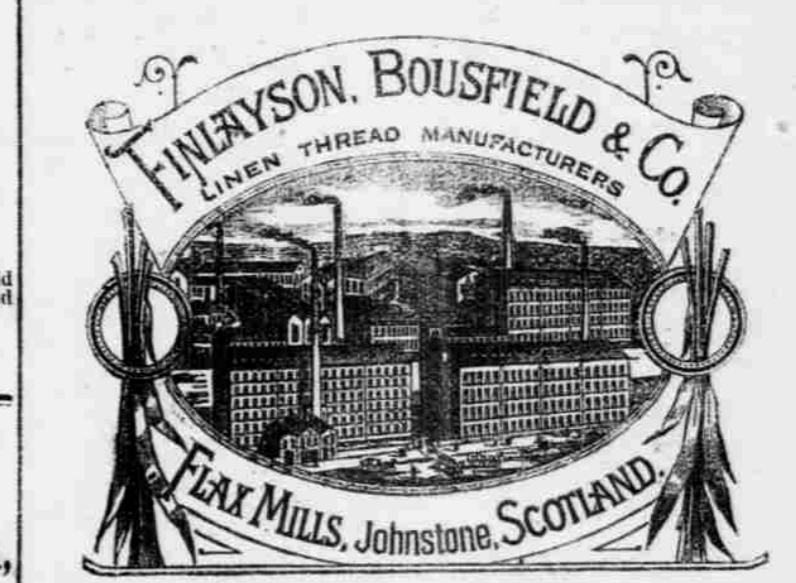
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