WEDNESDAYAPRIL 27, 18 SENTIMENT.

SENTIMENT has a good deal to do with things, even the most matter-of-fact things. We are all influenced to a certain degree by the sentimental. A present instance is the statement that the old Hartford, now lying at Mare Island, "isn't worth repairing," and is to be broken np and sold for old junk.

As a plain, prosaic fact, the Hartford is probably a broken down old hulk, good for nothing but to be broken up for firewood and old iron.

But here steps in memory, sentimental recollections and the glorious associations that cluster so fondly about the old flag-ship of Farragut's, as lashed in the rigging he met and whipped the confederate ironclads in Mobile bay, in mission, which in the minds the spring of '62.

. A quarter of a century has not the country of all abuses by the dimmed the patriotic recollections railroad corporations, is, although of that sea fight, and the brave ad- very young, already drawing the miral's bronze statue is no more in- guns of the people and legislators timate reminder of that encounter upon itself, and, says a Washingand victory than the mute timbers, ton dispatch, no doubt it will reeloquent-in their dumbness, of the ceive some pretty sharp overbaulold Hartford.

Long years ago it was proposed The members seem to wield their to break up and sell "Old Iron- scepters of office as though acsides," the frigate Constitution, countable to no one for their acaround which hung many glorious tions. Representative Payson, memories of American supremacy who is one of the leading railroad on the ocean. Oliver Wendell men of the house, says he is dis-Holmes grasped his pen and wrote the following:

"Aye, tear that tattered ensign down; Long has it waved on high; And many an eye has danced to see That banner in the sky.

Beneath it rang the battle's shout, And burst the cannon's roar, The meteor of the ocean air Shall sweep the seas no more.

Her deak once red with heroes' blood, Where knelt the vanquished foe, When winds were hurrying o'er the flood And waves were white below. No more shall feel the victor's tread, Nor know the conquered knee. The harpies of the shore shall pluck The eagles of the sea.

Oh, better that her battered hulk Should sink beneath the wave. Her thunders shook the mighty deep, And there should be her grave. Nail to the most her boly flag. Set every threadbare sail; And give her to the God of storms: The lightning and the gale."

We quote from memory and may not be literally exact, but, anyhow, Holmes' stirring stanzas saved the Constitution. Where is the lyric poet to save the Hartford?

REGARDING Cleveland's alleged assert on that he wouldn't be a candidate for a second term, the editor of the New York Star, the administration organ, in yesterday's issue of that paper says: "In view of the reports which have been sent out by Washington correspondents of some western newspapers, I think it proper to make the following statement: In January last the president said to me that he had in contemplation the making of a public document, which would take him out of the field as a candidate for 1888. He said that he was led to this conclusion, not only by personal considerations, but because he thought such a course would relieve him from imputations, which were daily cast upon him and which interfered with his usefulness in his office. After listening to the president's declaration and supposing that he wished an expression of my opinion, I told him that I thought such a declaration would be very unwise, and that it would increase his perplexities rather than diminish then. I also said that it was not for him to say whether he would be a candidate plete, etc. Also two large Salmon for re-election or not; that was a ply to JAS, TURE, matter to be decided upon by the Democrats, who have served him Magnus C. Crosby greatly, and who had a right to his services if they desired them. I be broken by his candidacy for a second term, and that it might be most important to his party and the country that he should be re-elected. After a long consultation, the matter was alluded to except in a casual

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possession a letter from the presi-

dent with reference to a second

term, nor have ever seen such a

rived at the determination sug-

gested in my conversation with

him last January, I do not know

it, but knowing well his character,

I am confident that if 'he consid-

ered it his duty to decline a re-

nomination, he will make his inten-

tion public in a way which will

render a misunderstanding of it

impossible. In common with oth-

er personal friends, and as I be-

parties, I sincerely hope that Mr.

Cleveland will accept the nomina-

tion, which, according to present

appearances, will be tendered to

THE interstate commerce com-

of many was to have freed

ing at the next session of congress.

gusted and disappointed at the

manner in which the law is being

carried out. The commission, he

declares, had no right to dispense

the long-and-short-haul clause,

and has exceeded its authority in

so doing. If there was any-

thing which congress insisted

the only arguments which they

have made to sustain their

bill in congress and then overruled.

Mr. Payson thinks congress will

insist upon a trial of the long-andshort-haul clause, and that the

provision which enables the commission to extend favors right and

left, as they have been doing, will

be repealed, and leave them with-

out any discretion whatever in the

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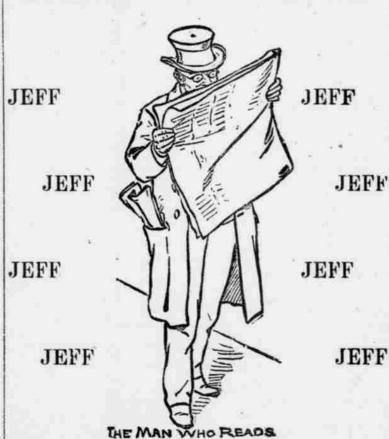
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