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That Depew letter is a little colored, we think.

'Tis a very raw and chilly day when Grover doesn't boost 'em.

IN COURT the other day, General Butler incidentally remarked that he had never harmed the truth. An exchange aptly remarks that that was probably because he never got near enough to it.

A FEW days ago the pastor of the Methodist church in Decatur, Ga., said that the organist could not play in the church unless he gave up playing for dance, whereupon a large majority of the members seceded.

THE Louisville Times thus lugubriously accounts for the Democratic defeat in Ohio: "We are beaten in Ohio 'tis true, and pity 'tis 'tis true." But the day was rainy, and Democrats, being the salt of the earth, could not expose themselves."

ON PAGE three we publish a telegram from Washington in regard to the Vincent removal. It says that Springer's son was appointed clerk under Vincent. If the entire article is off in other matters, as to that, Judge Vincent should have a hearing.

IT is now thought by some well-posted men at Washington that Carlisle will be re-elected Speaker by acclamation. It is not thought that Mr. Randall is playing a deep game unless it is to retain his place as chairman of the appropriation committee.

JUDGE E. V. LONG, of Warsaw, Indiana, an old friend of Surveyor Genal Julian, has been appointed to succeed Judge Vincent as Chief Justice. Probably Mr. Julian could tell a thing or two, were he disposed, about this removal and about this appointment.

THE Rio Grande Republican says town lots in this place are too high to reach with a ten foot pole, or words to that effect. The County Commissioners have been selling land nearly in the centre of the town for \$35 per acre. How much cheaper would you want it?

THE Optic came out with a big rooster, Saturday, to crow over the event of being able to pay off that two thousand dollar mortgage. W. D. Kistler, a brother of Russ, has taken a half interest in that live sheet and thereby helped the needy. Now, Russ, brace up and try to be a man.

SECRETARY LAMAR, the other day in an interview with Captain Couch the leader of the Oklahoma boomers, stated with directness and emphasis the position of the Administration with regard to cattlemen who have intruded upon the lands in question. He said it will be policy of the Administration to treat them exactly as other trespassers; but reasonable time would be allowed them to remove their cattle, since the Administration found them in possession.

CHIEF-JUSTICE VINCENT SUSPENDED.

It was with genuine surprise that we learned of the suspension of Chief Justice William A. Vincent and could but hope that whatever the charge might be against him or his judicial conduct it might be successfully refuted. But this is precluded by the action of the President in declining to hear Judge Vincent, and in the appointment of his successor. We do not doubt but that the President was sufficiently satisfied to justify him in the action he has taken, and yet in this farwestern country a spirit of "fair play" and "even chances at the start" prompt the thought that Judge Vincent should have had a hearing. On the other side and against the legal and just presumption of innocence, it may be said that corruption has so permeated all departments of the general government to an extent that renders necessary a quasi secret examination or inquiry into officials and their actions.

If Judge Vincent merely appointed Stephen W. Dorsey one of a committee of three for the selection of grand and petit jurors in and for the county where Dorsey lives (Colfax), we hardly see a just cause for the removal, for the only question would be as to his "respectability," and that, or rather the absence of it, would hardly be sufficient for so grave and serious an action by the Chief Executive.

Hence we are of the opinion that Judge Vincent's removal for appointing Dorsey on a committee to select jurors, is a mere coat that covers other causes of a more serious nature.

If Judge Vincent has in any manner whatsoever sought by word or action the favor or patronage of the Santa Fe Ring, (so called but more properly the New Mexico Ring), we are glad of his removal; because we have had enough of that "committee rule," which has corrupted our social, judicial, civil and mercantile systems until we are looked upon by the outside world as a set of thieves and scoundrels.

If on the other hand, Judge Vincent is the victim of prejudice or is being sacrificed through the Democrats of the ring and who have succeeded in turning the president against the one whom they cannot use, then President Cleveland has committed a grave and serious wrong against a very young man.

We use the "if" of ignorance and are for the right in behalf of Democratic purity of administration; hence we nail our Democracy to the mast head and say whoever of men are wrong, Democracy is right and errors of her servants are theirs and shall not be placed against her bright record.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

Were we the happy possessor of so elegant a title as Professor we would fain pose before the people as something grand, but our faith in self is rudely shaken by the contemptible methods of the White Oaks Professor.

The people of that good town don't back Professor Sligh to the full extent of his yawpings and his bold front and independent screeches are simply the freedom of a coyote that thinks itself brave because it has barked loud.

The man professes religion on Sunday and would pound the words of the Lord into every sinner with a rail maul. His words are, supposedly, those of a Christian minister who washes himself with soap and water and is otherwise clean. But the fact remains that he is rotten with a stench that makes him smell bad wherever he goes. Let him put us to the test, let him bring us before a court to prove it, so that records will forever after bear evidence of the man's lack of character, and we will show that this Professor Sligh has made dishonorable propositions to some of the very best men who have ever been in Lincoln county and who are here to-day.

The constant attacks of this Sligh citizen upon the cattle interests of this county are susceptible of two constructions: one, that he wants to be bought off or taken in, in which event he is a scoundrelly blackmailer, and the other, that he conserves his selfish ends by opposing in commercial relations an interest which he is unable to cope with financially.

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be protected, and the "bullock baron," as Mr. Sligh calls the cattle man, has no more or greater rights than the sheep man. The cattle man can graze a head of cattle, worth twenty dollars, on the same land that is necessary to graze one sheep, worth one dollar. The sheep can graze after cattle, but cattle cannot graze after sheep, for their small hoofs cut the sod and roots of grass.

Now the cattle man says that he does not want any other man to destroy his twenty dollars with one, and insists that sheep shall not range on cattle ranges. The value of one head of cattle is about twenty times that of a sheep. Now when the range of and for cattle exceeds twenty times that of and for sheep, the cattle men shall be ordered to halt, but until then and so long as their interests are discriminated against by unrepresentative, unreliable, untrustworthy demagogues, they have a perfect right to protest against the preference of one dollar over another and will protect their interest as against a lesser.

Monopoly is the unjust use of accumulated property, and we are bitterly opposed to monopoly; but when accumulated wealth demands one hundred cents on the dollar, we say pay the debt. If the territory pays interest upon money at six per cent., it will pay six per cent on \$20 (one head of cattle) and six per cent on \$1 (one sheep). If she pays on value, the one head of cattle receives interest twenty times greater than sheep. Why, then, shall not that head of cattle be entitled to an interest in grazing land necessary to its existence twenty times that of the sheep? The sheep needs as much land as a head of cattle, but will it do to demand that ratio of land as fair in the face of the difference in values? We recur to our illustration of interest. The \$20 is recognized as of greater value as an interest drawing principal than one dollar and requires, therefore, to sustain its full value, twenty times the interest of the one dollar. This argument is a very strong one and we apprehend it will attract the attention of others who are interested in the figures relative to the value of cattle as a commercial product; but we do not believe that such as the professional demagogue of White Oaks will be influenced in the least by all the logic capable of being brought to bear to sustain the figures of common commercial finance. In fact, we do not think Professor Sligh has the ability to appreciate the argument of interest. Such men are everywhere; they are the tame nihilists, the sensationalists, the would-be, the tumors that feed upon the public body—and then dry up.

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