



The Funder Legislature is chiefly occupied in securing a two-thirds majority.

There is a constantly growing sentiment in favor of a Government Postal Telegraph system.

Can't the Bourbon Legislature reduce taxation, now that the debt is settled (?) on the Riddleberger basis?

Henry Watterson, the free trade, lunatic, of Louisville, is controlling the destinies of the national Democratic party.

The private secretary of Mr. Carlisle says that Mr. Randall will have to fall in with the Carlisle movement or leave the Democratic party.

Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, has been re-elected President pro tem of the Senate. Senator Anthony was first elected, but declined the honor.

How much has been funded under the Riddleberger Bill since the Funder victory on the 6th of last November? Not one dollar. "Who says now that the debt question is not settled?"

The Kentucky Democrats are opposed to the abolition of the Inter-Revenue System. They lead the National Democracy, and of course the system will not be repealed by the present congress.

Aspiring statesmen are not half as anxious for the Democratic presidential nomination as they were twelve months ago. The free trade craze of the controlling spirits in the party frightens the would-be candidates.

This thing of certain men, who claim to be leaders, pledging the delegation from their respective States to certain candidates for Presidential nominations has about played out. The people in convention assembled ought to, and will decide such questions.

About one thousand new railroads are to be built in Virginia in the near future, if we are to judge from the number of charters that are asked for from the present Legislature. The most of them are pocket charters that are sought for by speculators only to be sold.

The new Congressional re-appointment bills introduced in the State Senate on Monday last by Mr. Kolber takes the counties of Mountain, Craig and Hancock from the present ninth district, and leaves Lee, Scott, Wise, Buchanan, Dickenson, Washington, Russell, Tazewell, Smyth, Wythe, Bland, Pulaski, and Giles, and the new ninth district.

When the Bourbons in caucus were hesitating about nominating Wingfield, the sealawag Republican, for Register of the Land Office, Gen. Wickham told them very plainly that but for the support of the twenty thousand or more Republicans the Bourbons could not have carried the State on the 6th of last November. The result was Wingfield's nomination and election; and an acknowledgment that the Bourbons are indebted to Republicans for the temporary power they now enjoy.

The friends of the University of Virginia are trying to get the Legislature to increase the annual appropriation to that Institution. We are in favor of giving it any reasonable proper amount. We are not only in favor of making the public free schools of the State a success but also of building up and cherishing our high State institutions of learning. The University, the Military Institute, and Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College should all be properly cared for.

Andrew Jackson in 1824 was in favor of a protective tariff so that hundreds of thousands of people in the Union would become engaged in manufactures, and thereby create a home market for the farmers of our country. We are for a protective tariff because it will and does give employment to hundreds of thousands of laborers and artisans; and because it gives and will continue to give our farmers remunerative prices for their products, not a foreign demand.

So Mahone owes the State \$16,590.80 on the defaulted bond of ex-treasurer Joe Mayo. Well, why doesn't he pay? Eight or ten years ought to satisfy him.— Lynchburg News.

Your new Bourbon Auditor has reported that ex-treasurer Mayo does not owe the State anything. If he does why should Gen. Mahone alone be responsible? Because the rest of the bondsmen of Mayo are Bourbons? What say you Mr. News? Is that the way honest Bourbons would settle?

What will the people think when they hear that a Bourbon in the House of Delegates announces that the Bourbons of the House were waiting until enough Readjusters were turned out to secure a two-thirds majority before the Bourbons would act on the Portsmouth Charter Bill. Then they will pass the bill over the Governors veto. The worst autocrat Russia has ever known was not more unscrupulous than Bourbonism would be if it was invested with full power.

All the probabilities in favor of a Democratic President in 1884 have been knocked in the head by our friends the Free Traders. With an impracticable issue respecting the tariff raised into the very highest importance, and with the war cry of a Tariff for Revenue Only as the slogan of the canvass, nobody need ask for any better candidate than McDonald.—N. Y. Sun.

Who says now that tariff is not the leading, only issue dividing the two national parties? The Sun admits that the Free Traders have ruined the prospects of the Democratic party, which is equivalent to saying that Free Traders are controlling that party. We are glad to know that the national contest is to be made upon a national issue.

The Bourbons in their platform of last year promised to turn the negro schools over entirely to the negroes for their management. Dr. Curry, in a lecture at Richmond last Thursday night said that it would not do, and the Dispatch says that, "the opinions of such a man ought to have great weight with the General Assembly." Of course his opinions will; and the Bourbons will violate the promise or pledge made to get both white and colored votes. When the Readjusters opposed such a course as to the schools last fall, all Bourbonism howled out that Readjusters were in favor of mixed schools. But it seems now that Bourbonism, as usual, has to acknowledge that Readjustment was right.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—The February number is even more than usually attractive with literary and artistic gems. The editor (T. De Witt Talmage, D. D.), has an exceedingly interesting article, "Wonders of the Century"; the Rev. E. Barriss, M. A., contributes an admirable one, "Methodism in Canada," with nineteen portraits and other illustrations. "Capri and its Blue Grotto," "Zwingle, the Swiss Reformer," "The Philippe Manor Hall at Youkers," "George Frederick Handel," "Samson Agonistes," "Liturgies and Liturgic Worship," etc., etc., are among the other prominent articles. The two serials, "How it All Came Round" and "Wrong from the First," are continued and there are short stories, sketches, essays and poems, by Elizabeth C. Winter, Ediza Cook, Louise E. Brown, Ellen M. Fogg and other favorite writers. "The Home Pulpit" has a sermon by Dr. Talmage, "A Tight Grip," and with a varied, edifying and entertaining miscellany, the present number may challenge comparison with the best of its contemporaries. The price is 25 cents a number; \$2.50 a year, postpaid. Address, Mrs. FRANK LESLIE, Publisher, 53, 55, and 57 Park Place, N. Y.

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General Butler is occupying his granite mansion on Capitol Hill, Washington.

Miss Mary Anderson expects to return to America late in the summer. Her season begins in September.

Mrs. J. J. Astor has sent 1,063 homeless children to the South and West in the last few years, at an expense of nearly \$16,000.

Arthur Sullivan's sickness has caused him to discontinue working on his grand opera for a while.

Justice Field in the only member of the Supreme Court who lives on Capitol Hill, Washington. He has a very handsome residence on Laurier Place, facing the Capitol.

F. W. Thurber, who retires from business in New York, is estimated to be worth \$2,000,000. He began with a few dollars, and gradually built up a colossal grocery concern. His age is fifty-four.

Mr. Irving has received from the Order of Elks a handsomely-engraved set of resolutions as an expression of gratitude for his donation of \$125 to the charity fund of the order.

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[The Teachers' Friend.]

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It may seem to some who have never studied the subject, nor engaged in the work, that he who fills the responsible mission of training the mind of the youth should be one so happily constituted, and so perfectly qualified that no preparation should be necessary.

But where shall we find such an one? For the teacher however profound in erudition, polished in manners, or genial in temperament, is at best, like his fellow mortals—a frail and erring creature. Then we start with the proposition that some preparation is necessary.

In the first place, he who would become an instructor of youth, should ponder well the importance of the work. He should know what education is, how it is to be acquired and what are its effects upon mind and heart when acquired. He should remember that education is not necessarily a blessing; it is a cloak under which have been committed some of the darkest crimes in the world's history, that when turned upon the side of wrong it becomes a mighty power in the promotion of vice and human woe and a despicable curse rather than a blessing. This being the case let him strive humbly and earnestly to so fit himself that he may impart wholesome and moral lessons in such a spirit that his efforts may prove a mighty bulwark upon his side of right that in after years he may see the happy fruition of his labors by the advancement of truth, knowledge and justice in the lives of his pupils when men and women they come forward to take their stations in the busy, stirring world. Let him reflect that the chief object of his mission is the expulsion of ignorance from the land and that, too, without stint to moral traits. A clause in the constitution of several Western States says that Religion, Morality and Knowledge are necessary to good government.

Our government, recognizing the importance of educating the whole people, cannot afford to have her subjects grow up in ignorance, has devised our present system of Public Instruction deservedly becoming popular of which this is a representative body. Now, if government provides the system and meets the expenses, has she not a right to demand that the teacher be fitted for his task?

Then after the teacher has learned the nature and importance of his work he should, with earnestness and zeal, set himself to its accomplishment. He should come before his school each day with a thorough knowledge of the work to be performed during that day. He should acquaint himself with each lesson assigned that he may teach with greater efficiency. The fact that he was once a student and passed through the same course of study is not sufficient for him to impress the facts upon the minds of his pupils, but let him set himself to work to devise ways and means by which he may instill these truths into the minds of his pupils in such a manner that the impressions may become lasting. Let him put himself again in the place of the little knowing school-boy groping in the dark and struggling to master the seemingly insurmountable difficulties, and that which appears would have helped him so much under these circumstances let him prepare himself to impart clearly and understandingly to those who look to him as their source of knowledge.

But we would not confine the teacher's preparation to his daily routine of recitations. There are lessons to be learned which textbooks never disclose; and he who would be a successful instructor and rise high in the scale of his profession must get outside of these and launch out into other wide fields of thought and culture. The work of training the minds of the youth is attended by weighty responsibilities. It is in the school-room that boys and girls are equipped and fitted for the warfare of life—here impressions are made, lessons learned, and habits formed which not only cling to the student in after life in the struggle

with the world, while in this "tenement of clay," but also accompany and give character to the immortal spirit when done with time enters the "Great Beyond" and explores worlds unknown. How important then that these impressions should be of right character, and how perseveringly should the teacher strive to start those entrusted to his care in the right way. The first preparation that he who would enter this calling after obtaining the necessary literary qualification, should be, I think a thorough and complete mastery of himself. There are in the breast of every one however gentle and refined passion and traits, which if not held in check will prove detrimental to his success in the business of teaching, and until he has overcome these conquered self and he is not fitted to assume the government of others.

Then let the teacher study well what he is and strive to correct his faults and cultivate a temperament and disposition suited to the work. Let him labor to overcome a hasty temper and avoid doing anything rashly or without due consideration and discretion. Should things go awry he should not be thrown off his guard and manifest a turbulent disposition which will only lower him in the estimation of his pupils. In the school-room are generally represented all grades of society. There meet the children of the refined and cultured with those who are degraded and illiterate. Here meet those who are taught to hold God's name in reverence, and to honor and obey their fathers and mothers with those who constantly hear His name profaned and whose chief delight is in ignoring the commands and dues of their parents. Here are thrown together all dispositions, temperaments and capacities, bright intellects along with dull ones, some who must be forced, some who must be persuaded all meet in one body to receive meat and drink from the same fountain head, and with appetites as varied as nature herself. I shall not attempt to detail the preparation necessary to this state of affairs. The teacher, ever on the alert, should study well each disposition, that he may be prepared to meet out the instruction and correction suited to each several case. He should be prepared, too, to treat all this diversity of mind and nature in a similar manner, and though it is hard to feel as kindly disposed to the dull pupil, who is ever lagging behind his class, and shirking his duties, as that bright sprightly boy, who is ever in his place with perfect lessons, yet the teacher should have no pets, should avoid being partial for the pupils, however much he seeks to hide this partiality notices it all. He should have an uniform system of government which he should enforce equally to all. He should not expect the current of affairs to run smoothly for a single day and should be prepared to meet every emergency coolly and friendly. But the preparation that the teacher should most attentively see to is the cultivation of his moral nature. Let him know that he teaches as effectively by example as by precept—that great destinies beshrouded in the quickly passing moments—that the characters for weal or woe of immortal beings are continually forming under his tuition—that he is the criterion of their conduct, that every act of his is considered allowable in them, and that he is the full example after which they are to model. He should ever then be found warring against the vicious and cultivating and drawing out that which is noble, true and good, that he may each day enter his place of labor, fitted to impart lessons of moral worth and rectitude and to set an example worthy of imitation by his pupils. The teachers labor will have their results and these results whether for good or ill will depend largely upon the spirit and preparation with which he daily meets his school. Surely no one can be so lost to human weal or so engrossed in selfish motives as not to desire the welfare of those who receive their instruction at his hands. If in after years some fill honorable stations in life—become men and women in the truest sense of the word and rise high in the scale of moral excellency, he will feel an honest pride and ample reward that he instilled into them those principles which have brought them to this blessed state whilst others disregarding his monitory voice becomes engrossed in sensual pleasure—vain and idle devotees of the world, will it not be to him a source of constant regret that he had not more earnestly striven to start them aright while their lives were pure and their hearts susceptible of good impressions? The work is responsible the standard is high! And he who would be an instructor may be ready to exclaim—Who can attain there unto?

No one who relies wholly upon his own efforts can reach the standard. But let him who would be a dispenser of knowledge to the untutored mind go the Great Teacher of the universe and learn of Him. From the Unfailing store-house of Him who has peopled the world with little ones and commissioned him their teacher and guide, let him draw fresh supplies day by day that he may teach with the spirit and the understanding. I have said that teaching is a responsible work—yes, it is laden down with responsibilities; and let him who would engage there in esteem it even so. Let him not be actuated by sordid motives. Let him be aware that in forming the character and shaping the destiny of our common country—he is a most important factor. Let him feel that in bringing intelligence to the masses ingiving bent and caste to the minds that are to sway the scepter of power and in shaping the moral and intellectual character of the people he holds a position scarcely lower than him whose mission is to hold up a crucified Redeemer to a perishing world. Let him know that his life and example will be repeated in the lives of those he instructs when he is no more—that the chords of influence which he sets in motion, whether for good or evil, in ever widening circles will go resounding down the ages until time is no more and "God only knows how far into the shadowing hereafter." Who then fails to recognize the full importance of his mission and strives not to attain the preparation necessary to its accomplishment stops short of his duty and his privilege. Let him know full well the nature of his work—that he has the immortal mind to deal with. Let him be prepared to wake up its latent energies in his pupils—to tell them what mind is—what its accomplishments have been in the past, that all that is grand and noble and good are the direct results of its workings. Also let him lead them into the broad fields that still lie invitingly open to its developments and attainments, and let him teach them that to the well disciplined mind accompanied by a cultured heart there is nothing impossible—that the mind can be brought to such a state of improvement as to infuse into language and eloquence that will charm and melt and move the heart of the great world; and let him not strive to fix the longings of the immortal principle upon temporal things alone, but let him so direct it that it shall go on from one spiritual attainment to another until it becomes fitted at last to dwell "where angels dwell," and his "exceeding great reward" will be the sweet consciousness of having honestly and faithfully discharged a responsible and sacred duty.

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The Schoolmaster.

[The Teachers' Friend.]

"The following is taken from the pen of Mr. Verplanck, who is distinguished as an American writer for his scholarly views on various subjects, and who has also filled situations of political responsibility."

It has been to me a source of pleasure, though a melancholy one, that in rendering this public tribute to the worth of our departed friend, the respectable member of two bodies, one of them the most devoted and efficient in its scientific inquiries. The other comprising so many names eminent for philanthropy and learning, have met to do honor to the memory of a Schoolmaster.

There are prouder themes for the eulogist than this. The praise of the statesman, the warrior, or the orator, furnish more splendid topics for ambitious eloquence; but no theme can be more rich in desert, or more fruitful in public advantage.

The enlightened liberality of many of our State governments (amongst which we may claim a proved distinction for our own) by extending the common school system over their whole population, has brought elementary education to the door of every family. There is being taught in this State nearly half a million children. To these may be added several thousand more youths in the higher seminaries of learning exclusive of the colleges.

Of what incalculable influence, then, for good or for evil, upon the dearest interests of society must be the estimate entertained for the character of this great body of teachers, and the consequent respectability of the individuals who compose it? The men and women who are now of age and who hold the positions of trust in our State will have passed away (the majority of them) in the course of thirty years. Their rights will be exercised, and their duties assumed, by those very children whose minds are now open to receive their earliest and most durable im-

pressions from the many schoolmasters of this State.

What else is there in the whole of our social system of such extensive and powerful operation on the national character? There is one other influence more powerful, and but one. It is that of the mother. The forms of a free government, the provisions of wise legislation, the schemes of the statesman, the sacrifices of the patriot, are as nothing compared with these. If the future citizens of our republic are to be worthy of their rich inheritance, they must be made so principally through the virtue and intelligence of their mothers. It is in the school of maternal tenderness that the kind affections must be first roused and made habitual—the early sentiment of piety awakened and rightly directed—the sense of duty and moral responsibility unfolded and enlightened. But next in rank to that pure and holy source of moral influence is that of the schoolmaster. It is powerful already. What would it be if in every school district in our land, which we now count by annually increasing thousands, there were to be found one teacher well informed without pedantry, religious without bigotry or fanaticism, proud and fond of his profession, and honored in the discharge of his duties! How wide would be the intellectual, the moral influence of such a body of men! Many such we have already amongst us—men humbly wise and obscurely useful, whom poverty cannot depress, nor neglect degrade. But to raise up a body of such men, as numerous as the wants and the dignity of the country demand, their labors must be fitly remunerated, and themselves and their calling cherished and honored.

The schoolmasters occupation is laborious and ungrateful; its rewards are scanty and precarious. He may indeed be, and ought to be, animated by the consciousness of doing good, that best of all consolations, that noblest of all motives. But that, too, must often be clouded by doubt and uncertainty. Obscure and inglorious as his daily occupation, may appear to learned pride or worldly ambition, yet to be truly successful and happy he must be animated by the spirit of the same great principles which improved the most illustrious benefactors of mankind. If he bring to his task high talent a rich acquirements, he must be content to look into distant years for the proof that his labors have not been wasted—that the good seed which he daily scatters about does not fall on stony ground and wither away, or among thorns to be choked by the cares, the deceptions, or the riches of the world. He must solace his toil with the same prophetic that enabled the greatest of modern philosophers, amidst the neglect or contempt of his own times, to regard himself as sowing the seeds of truth for posterity and the cure of Heaven. He must arm himself against disappointment and mortification, with a portion of that same noble confidence which soothed the greatest of modern poets when weighed down by care and danger, by poverty, old age and blindness,

Still "In prophetic dream he saw, The youth unborn, with pious awe, Imbibe each virtue from his sacred page." He must know, and he loves to teach his pupils, not the meagre elements of knowledge, but the secret and the use of their own intellectual strength, exciting and enabling them hereafter to raise for themselves the veil which covers the majestic form of truth. He must feel deeply the reverence due the youthful mind fraught with mighty though undeveloped energies and affections, and mysterious, and eternal destinies. Thence he must have learnt to reverence himself and his profession, and to look upon its otherwise ill requited toils as their own exceeding great reward.

If such are the difficulties the motives, and the consolations of teachers who are worthy of that name and trust, how imperious then the obligation upon every enlightened citizen who knows and feels the value of such men to aid them, to cheer them; and to honor them!

But let us not be content with barren honor to buried merit. Let us prove our gratitude to the dead faithfully endeavoring to elevate the station, to enlarge the usefulness, and to raise the character of the schoolmaster amongst us. Then shall we best testify our gratitude to the teachers and guide of our own youth, thus best serve our country, and thus, most effectually, diffuse over our land light, and truth, and virtue.

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