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Secretary Seward and the Alabama Claims.

THE London Times has made the discovery that Mr. Seward is obstructing the settlement of the Alabama claims, and thereby endangering the peaceful relations of Great Britain and the United States. Yet it appears willing that Mr. Seward's whims should be humored a few months longer, in the expectation that Mr. Reverdy Johnson will be retained in his present position under General Grant's Administration, that the basis of the protocol already agreed upon by Lord Stanley and Minister Johnson 'must remain fixed, and finally that its terms will sconer or later command the consent of both countries. As the exact principles which govern this mysterious basis of a protocol are not yet matters of public information, we are unable to make any prediction concerning the probability of the last two points laid down by the Times; but if Mr. Reverdy Johnson has imbued them with his own spirit, as displayed in his after-dinner vagaries and overly courteous treatment of the enemies of his country, we are quite sure that they will be indignantly repudiated by the people and Government whom he so grossly misrepresents. Concerning the expectation indulged in by the Times, that General Grant's Administration is not likely to remove Mr. Johnson, we think that the sworn enemies of the United States abroad are destined to undergo a bitter disappointment. Certainly this will be their fate if General Grant makes any profession of adhering to the policy long since laid down by him-that of adopting no policy of his own which comes in conflict with the will of the people who have selected him as their Chief Magistrate.

Concerning the charge which the Times brings against Mr. Seward of a disposition on his part to imperil the friendly relations of the two countries by obstructing the settlement of the great issue pending between them, we are quite well assured that injustice is done to our present Secretary of State. We have been unable to support the foreign policy of Mr. Seward in all its details, but as a whole we think that it commends itself to the American people, and will receive the justification of history. If it was lacking in any essential element, it was in that of firmness, but firmness is not always the most desirable feature in foreign diplomacy when it might have led to international difficulties of a serious and complicated character at a time when we had quite as much on our hands at home as we could terized throughout by forbearance and patience, two features which are quite as commendable in the policy of a great nation as in the disposition of an individual person. To the credit of the American people, and of Mr. Seward as their representative, it will be recorded for all time to come that the Great Republic has berne with insult and reproach from many an upstart principality, preferring to settle the question of its own integrity before seeking satisfaction for slights and impositions which have scarcely disturbed the even tenor of its way. More than this, it will be so recorded that we have received at the hands of the great powers of the world a course of treatment which made their professions of friendship a hollow mockery and farce; that we have borne all this in the true interests of human liberty and progress; and that, by a grand and unquestionable triumph over high-handed treason at home, we have at last reaped the rich fruits of our forbearance, the full reward of our patient waiting, by beholding all the great powers on their knees as suitors for the favor of the Great

Republic. When, therefore, the London Times comes forward and proclaims Mr. Seward an enemy of his country, by charging him with a disposition to obstruct the peaceable settlement of the questions now pending between the United States and Great Britain, it is guilty of an act of gross injustice towards a statesman who has done as much as any living man to preserve the world from the horrors of a great international war. We believe that there is not, and has not been from the opening of the Rebellion, a man who has striven more anxiously than Mr. Seward to secure the most friendly and equitable relations between the two great Anglo-Saxon nationalities. The glaring fault of his foreign policy, if it has a glaring fault, has been a too studied effort to give the nations of Europe, and more especially Great Britain, no cause of complaint against us of a disposition to demand more at their hands than the law of nations and the dictates of common sense allow us. The preservation of peace has been the study of his official career as Secretary of State, and at times he has secured it only by a sacrifice of national dignity and an imputation upon our national honor. History will record this fact, and the London Times cannot gainsay it.

Rosechans-he of the tortured heart-has at last arrived at the Halls of the Montezumas, and had an audience with President Juarez. Although things have been going from bad to worse for months, he lingered in the country, filled with solicitude for its future, as long as he could accomplish anything in the way of undoing the work of the war, and filling the hearts of all true patriots with a share of that solicitude which caused him to remove his heart from its natural receptacle to his ing the petty despotism of Lopez.

carpet-bag. And now he has arrived at Mexico, where he should have found himself months ago, and will barely have time to make some such exhibition of his incapacity as Reverdy Johnson has displayed, before he will be forced to take his heart in his hand and travel back home. Then he will be free, as he should have been left from the first, to write lugubrious epistles in broken Euglish to the brave, energetic, and self-sacrificing men who were led, by an unfortunate error in constitutional construction, into an attempt at disrupting the Union.

Political Manners and Political Morals. WITH General Grant's entrance into the Presidential mansion commences, we most earnestly hope, a new era in the history of the politics of our country-an era in which there will be found wanting some of the most objectionable features of the old regime. The past eight years have witnessed the overthrow of the olden-time customs and manners of Washingington society and the demolition of the former means of gaining political office. The law of necessity caused a new order of things. While it lasted, and Mr. Lincoln was Chief Magistrate, there could be no such thing as the formation of any system to succeed the one which fell with Mr. Buchanan. The accession of Mr. Johnson found everything disorganized, and his career has only continued the confusion. The mongrel administration which dies on the fourth of March has accomplished nothing but evil, and will not leave its imprint even in the details of official duties. General Grant will, therefore, find everything ripe for reform. The old system of the ante-war days has been forgotten, and there is no later plan of conduct which has succeeded it. He will, therefore, necessarily have the responsibility of giving enduring shape to the manners-so to speak-of American officials. And on two points we confidently expect to see a radical improvement. The first is, the dignity due to official position; the second, the qualities which secure for any applicant an official post.

The administration of Mr. Johnson has pro-

ceeded on the theory that liberty meant license. The example set by the President, in which he threw aside all show of dignity and came down to the level of the lowest crowd of shouting sycophants, has been imitated by hi subordinates. So far has this been carried that even the feeble courtesy dictated by decency, which was preserved under Mr. Buchanan, has been abandoned. An air of odious familiarity characterizes all the dealings of the President with the people. Men lounge into the White House as into a tavern, and in the ante-room the removal of a cigar from the mouth is considered an unnecessary courtesy. The receptions of the Chief Magistrate have been deserted by all the better class of Washington life: and droves of men, such as stood on the satin chairs in the days of Jackson, wander around the East Room as though attending a cattle show. This rudeness is mistaken for republican simplicity, this coarse exhibition of vulgarity for the proper modesty of a popular magistrate. Under General Grant we well attend to. Aside from this consideration, hope things will be changed, speedily and Mr. Seward's foreign policy has been charac- completely. No more mud-covered gapers should be allowed to flock to the White House. The President should be treated like the President, and the people should be taught that it is the office they themselves created, and which they ought to honor. There is no connection between liberty and such absence of decent respect, and if the President surrounds himself with some of the formality of state he does not encroach one inch on the rights of the people. So long as we do not give any more substance of power to the Executive, we favor an increase of the formal authority with which he should be surrounded. With his knowledge and long habit of military discipline and etiquette, we expect the new President to shortly amend the abuses to which the system of receptions is at present exposed.

The second point in which we hope to see a favorable change is in the mode of selecting officers. It is time that rings and cliques had given way to merit, and the supposed political influence of a small politician made a secondary claim to a post in which hundreds of thousands of dollars are annually handled. In fact, for offices of great responsibility we want responsible men. The positions of deputy collector or assistant assessor may be given to unknown but industrious workers, but when it comes to the higher offices, in which great opportunities for peculation constantly occur, they should be placed in the hands of men who do not base their claims solely on their work on the stuffp. We have not, we regret, a civil service law, yet one can be extemperized by the President, which will cause certainly great improvement, if not entire reform. This change can be effected by considering the claims of merit and not of political endorsements. In that is the whole key to the needed reform, and if General Grant will but adopt it, the country will have good cause to be proud of the policy of his administration. The fact that so far he has treated the office-seekers with illconcealed contempt leads us to hope that, with him at the head of the Government, the system of appointments will be changed. By adopting the two suggestions we have hinted at, a great improvement would result both in political manners and political morals.

THE PARAGUAYAN WAR has taken a new turn, by the advices just at hand, the allies, according to report, having sustained two severe repulses at the hands of Lopez. President Sarmiento, of the Argentine Republic, it is rumored has engaged the kind offices of General McMahon, our Minister to Paraguay, in an effort to bring about a peaceable solution of the pending difficulties. At this action, it is said that Dom Pedro has threatened to break off diplomatic relations with the Argentine Republic. The effect of this serious complication cannot be foretold, but it is to be hoped that it will not result in reestablish-

MR. REVERDY JOHNSON, apparently, had no ! invitation to eat his Christmas turkey away from home, and so celebrated the universal festival by encouraging a company of London artisans to emigrate in a body to Nebraska. We confess to some surprise at this, for we have been led to believe that Mr. Johnson regards Texas as the paradise of emigrants.

BINCKLEY-why Idoes the man compel us to use his name again ?—has rushed into print to deny the statements concerning him in Mr. Van Wyck's recent report. This denial by Binckley settles the question of the truth of all these statements in the mind of every man who knows the propensity of the illustrious "Solicitor" for contorting facts.

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SHELLENBERGER-WRAY. - By Rev. J. 8. Lance on Obristmas Eve, at the Parsonage of the As-bury M. E. Church. Mr. JOSIAH SHELLENBER GER, of Bucks county, and Miss Lible L. Wilay.

#### DIED.

of Philadelphia.

BARRATT.—On the 25th instant, ELLEN L., reliet of the late James Barratt.

Her relatives and riends are invited to attend her marrat, from the residence of her son, James Barratt, ir. No. 1304 Pine street, on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 20 cleck P. M.

at 2 o'cleck P. M.

BUMETT.—On Monday morning, the 2sth instant,
LIS, BUMETT.

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CHEW.—On Wednesday morning, the 23d instant,
Mr. JOS PH OHEW. St. aged 77 years.

Funeral from his late residence, Broad and Berka
streets, on Monday, the 28th instant, at 11 o'clock
A. M.

DOMINIQUE.—On the 26th instant, Miss EMMA, daughter of Charles Dominique, in the 3ist year of er age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectifly invited to attend the funeral, from the residence for audit, Mrs. Blyney, No. 1216 Parrish street, on Veduceday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Odd 'ellows' Cemetery.

FOX .- On the 24th instant, EVAN E FOX, in the FOX.—On the 24th instant, EVAN E. FOX, in the 71st year of his sge.

His relatives and friends, and Lodge I. O. of O. F. of which he was a member, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 1923 Glrard avenue, on Tuesday, the 29th instant, at 10 o'clock.

MULLINS.—On Friday evening, Becomber 25, ED-WABD MULLINS SR., in the 65th year of his age, His male friends are invited to attend his funeral, from his late restience, No. 512 N. Seventh street, on Tuesday morning, the 29th instant, at 10 o'cicox. RORER.—Suddenly, on Sunday evening. December 27 at his residence, No. 1528 N. Twelfth street, Mr. ALBERT RORER, in his bist year. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

SOUDER.—On the 27th instant, WILLIAM M. SOUDER aged 70 years and 1 month.

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