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A Tip-Top Eulogy. Col. Forney does not leave the readers of Progress any room to doubt his exalted opinion of the late Thomas Alexander Scott. The colonel is profoundly impressed with a conviction of the truth of the saying that the good die young; illustrating it by citing the early death of the Saviour; and by Napoleon, Shakespeare, Cervantes, Raphael, Pitt, Douglas-Stephen A.—and Scott—Thomas Alexander; "among whom" says Progress, "there is not one who, in fifty-seven year's experience, aided more individual men and women, or helped forward great enterprises with a more fervid zeal or a sublimer unselfishness than Thomas A. Scott."

That will do for eulogy. It may be said to be a strong commencement of the statement of Mr. Scott's case. We publish it in full, with the continuation, elsewhere. The colonel wrote in a state of exaltation; evidently he is an admirer of Mr. Scott's character. He has been, he says, ever since Mr. Scott emerged from London into Lancaster, forty years ago.

The juxtaposition of our Saviour with Lord Byron, Napoleon, Douglas, et al., to say nothing of Scott, is fairly startling. The declaration that not one exhibited a sublimer unselfishness than Mr. Scott is a good deal of a declaration, manifestly; unless we may be permitted to withdraw the Saviour from the comparison, which the context hardly permits; though we, nevertheless, will take the liberty of doing it; because we are sure that Colonel Forney meant it to be done.

After doing that, we discover that the sublime unselfishness attributed to Mr. Scott is not so amazing in its degree. Napoleon had a minimum of that agreeable quality. Stephen A. Douglas did not have a very large stock; as the Democratic party found out to its cost. We have never heard that any of the other distinguished gentlemen named had a very remarkable quantity of it. We cannot declare to Col. Forney that Mr. Scott did not have as much as any of them. He may well, even have had more; and still have left an estate of many millions, the fruit of a fair degree of attention to his own interests. Fervid zeal is another characteristic which we freely concede Mr. Scott to have had in a degree commensurate with that of the exalted company of mortals in which he is placed. And a very good quality it is. But it doesn't always go with sublime unselfishness. Napoleon had plenty of it. He aided a good many men and women, too; but that was selfishly done as the best way to aid himself. And he filled the world with the halo of the brightest deeds, and wrought much for man; and much, too, against man. So did Mr. Scott.

We cannot say that Colonel Forney has said too much for his friend in likening him to Napoleon; perhaps, too little. Mr. Scott was the Napoleon of railroad managers; but he was a better man. He did not work so much evil in the world probably; though he did a good deal. And he worked a great deal more of permanent good.

We see no utility or beauty in plastering a man when dead with untruthful plaudits; which can do him no good and can do harm to the living, who should have true pictures presented to them of the world's great men, that they may emulate their virtues and avoid their errors. Mr. Scott was a great man. That he was not a greater, was probably due much to his early associations. He was not radically corrupt, and yet did many gravely corrupt things. The end to him justified the use of evil means. He will live in history as the corrupter of legislation; and as the chief of a corporation whose officers were permitted to acquire wealth through the office which was confided to them to administer in the interest of the corporation and the state which created it. Mr. Scott was not a good citizen in dehauching legislation and in winking at what was in its essence robbery of his railroad. If he had not been thrown in his boyhood under the corrupting influences of the management of the public works of the state, probably the work of his life would not have been marred, as it unquestionably has been, by the ugly stain of corruption, as its freely used engine. But the damned spot is there; and will not out. Words will not efface it; eulogy is paralyzed in its presence. Mr. Scott, doubtless, had the amiable qualities which Colonel Forney's affectionate pen gives him. He was generous, charitable, courageous, good-tempered, genial and modest. And it is a pity, indeed, that with so many of the noblest virtues and most sterling qualities, and with so much talent and genius, he was yet, in the opinion of many of his fellow-citizens, not a blessing to his state or his time, and that his name must go down to posterity as a synonym for bribery and corruption.

In vulgar parlance, our esteemed contemporary, the New Era, of such eminent reform proclivities, gives itself away, when it speaks of "Boss McMellen, who had never permitted an honest return to be made from that ward since he had control of the poll." The New Era will remember that in 1878, after its friends had won a famous victory, by the characteristic methods of this same "Boss" McMellen, the INTELLIGENCER pointed out the unfairness of the manner in which the election had been conducted in his ward in the interest of the New Era's friends. It hadn't a word to say in condemnation of the fraud. Then it was a "brilliant victory for reform" won by the frauds of the McMellen party; now it is the "battle for reform" won by the superior frauds of the Senequier party. Great is Reform!

INDEPENDENT journalism makes large gains in the change of proprietors and editors of the New York Evening Post. Any one of the three names, Schurz, Godkin and White, would rank the journal flying it with the foremost

newspapers of the land. The tripartite alliance is singularly strong and homogeneous.

The public mind does not seem to be settled as to just what is the gravamen of the offense of the Virginian who sent a postal card to Senator Vance asking for his speech on that "d—d dog Mahone." The New York World seems to think that the pinch of the shoe was in the "d—d," and suggests that Mahone was over-hasty in taking offense at the idea that his fellow Virginian was swearing at him—since the poor man may have "only stuttered with the pen" in trying to write "dog." But we rather think it was the dog and not the supposed damning of the dog that Billy Mahone objected to. The capacity to be damned is a human attribute, and the square fact is that a dog can't be damned. So the "d—d" didn't add any strength to the dog, as an objectionable description of Mahone; and whether it was a damn or a stutter don't make a bit of difference to that gentleman; if anything he would rather be a d—d dog than a dog unadorned, because a good dog don't growl and bite and delight to fight; and Billy does.

To be called a dog is undoubtedly being called by an opprobrious epithet, however redeemed it may be by ascribing to the animal the peculiarly human quality of a capacity for suffering inflammation. Sometimes the style of the appellation is varied by speaking of the dog as the son of its mother. This is generally considered to be much the most effective and obnoxious way of saying it; though why it logically should have any more than been satisfactorily determined, has never been why it should be more disagreeable to be called a dog than a cat or a rat or a bat. We consider that Mr. Mahone had a right to object to being called a dog on a postal card, though it is not clear that he can make it out to be such a scurrilous description of him as the law condemns. In our judgment the Virginian was wrong because his description was loose and inaccurate. He would have hit the mark nearer if he had called Mr. Mahone a monkey; or, if he had an irrepressible fancy for calling him a dog, he should have described the kind, alluding to him as "that whiffet Mahone;" then too he would not have stuttered in writing it. The fellow might be punished for stupidity; but we believe the laws do not forbid an exhibition of that in postal cards; or there would be many not reaching their destination.

MINOR TOPICS. BEN BUTLER has been telling Conkling some state secrets against Blaine with which R. C. expects to make administration far fly in Albany.

THE HOUSE and Senate agree to print 10,000 copies of Smull's Legislative Hand Book at the public expense—a wanton, wicked waste of the money of the state.

THE Herald sums up the situation at Albany as 29 administration members, 46 Conkling men and 26 "on the fence." The weight on the fence is so great that unless relieved it may break down.

THE New York Herald was malignant enough against the Democratic party in the late campaign; it greeted Garfield quite cheerily. Little less than three months of his administration are over, and just see what mince-meat the Herald makes of this party.

In view of Mr. Conkling's proclamation that he is in the hands of his friends the wicked New York World, is moved to suggest that those "friends," without the help of Conkling's privity or consent, will proceed to trade off Platt. When the election comes Platt will feel like the hapless colored boy on the deck of a Mississippian steamboat who was inquired of as to his ownership. "Dunno, marster; I did belong to 'Cunnel Jones when I come aboard, but he done gone and loss me to two little pair."

BENJAMIN B. THOMPSON, colored, of the Southern conference, on Monday last, at the session of the African Methodist Episcopal conference in New York asserted that any man, white or colored, could live peacefully in the South, provided he attended his own business. The white Southern people were contributing liberally, both in land and money, to colored churches, and on questions of education were wholly in accord with their colored brethren. This testimony clearly more than offsets the charges of oppression and cruelty recently brought in the Senate by Senators Dawes, Hoar and others, coming as it does from a man who knows what he is talking about.

THERE is now pending in the war department great numbers of volunteer pension claims which cannot be satisfactorily verified for want of information which missing records of discontinued volunteer commands would afford, and as in many instances officers of the late volunteer forces have still under their control books and records pertaining to their corps, divisions, brigades, regiments and companies, their attention is called to the fact that all such books and records should be deposited with the war office, and they are earnestly requested by the department to cause the same to be forwarded without delay to the adjutant general of the army, at Washington, District of Columbia. The postage or proper express charges will be paid by the government.

The interesting experiment is being tried in Harrisburg of saving a valuable horse from the body of death which is usually visited upon an equine quadruped who breaks his leg. The Harrisburg horse which slipped on a cobble stone and broke his leg is in charge of an experienced groom, who put a piece of strong canvas around the horse's body and by means of ropes and pulleys fastened to the joints above drew him up so as to bring the lame leg entirely off the ground. By slightly flexing his three sound legs the patient can throw his whole weight on the swing, and does this when he sleeps. At other times he generally lightly rests his three legs on the ground, part of the weight being sustained by the canvas. The fracture was adjusted and a thick casing of plaster of Paris put around the

leg. The patient has been in the swing three weeks, and it is proposed to keep him there six weeks longer. He has improved in condition since the treatment began and is in excellent health. If no unforeseen accident occurs the cure is expected to be perfect.

CONKLING'S chickens only came home to roost. In 1874 Grant sent to the Senate the nomination of Wm. A. Simmons for collector of the port of Boston. The term of the then incumbent, Judge Russell, had not expired. There had been no complaint against him, and there was an almost universal remonstrance from the business men of Boston against his displacement. A large delegation of Boston merchants unavailingly protested against the nomination of Simmons. Ben Butler was at that time potential with Gen. Grant, and Simmons was his man. The two Massachusetts senators (Sumner and Boutwell) were against Simmons, and also a majority of the Massachusetts delegation in the House. But Mr. Conkling had no care then for the "courtesy" of the Senate. Notwithstanding the nomination was for the most important federal office in Massachusetts, and that it was against the earnest wish of both the senators of that state, Conkling championed it by voice and vote and contributed very materially to the confirmation. Now the choice which he commended to the Massachusetts senators has been returned to his own lips.

THERE used to be a great deal of honest indignation vented against Southern postmasters who tampered with the mails to prevent the free circulation of anti-slavery documents. If reports be true such a prostitution of the mail service is still going on down there in the interest of Mahone and Republicanism. Mr. John Carmichael, who is a gentleman living near Middleburg, and son-in-law of Hon. J. R. Tucker, mailed at his office a postal card to Senator Vance of North Carolina, upon which were written the words, "Please send me your speech on that d—d dog Mahone." The card never reached Senator Vance, to whom it was directed, though it came in the course of distribution via the Washington & Ohio railroad to Washington, where it was withdrawn from the mail by Special Agent Henderson, who proceeded to Alexandria and obtained of United States Commissioner Fowler a warrant for Mr. Carmichael, which was entrusted to Deputy Marshal O'Neal. Mr. Carmichael, who lives on his farm, a short distance from the village of Middleburg, made no secret of the authenticity of the card, and assumed at once all the responsibility connected with it. He accompanied readily the deputy marshal to Alexandria and engaged Eppa Hunton as his counsel. The law says: "Messages on postal cards must not be read except when necessary to facilitate their delivery, or for the purpose of determining whether the same are unmailable by reason of the presence of obscene words or pictures thereon." Under this provision the postal authorities say postmasters are warranted in "glancing at postal cards," and in reading such as "they suspect" to be in violation of law. But how can they get any grounds for suspicion without reading them?

Hon. W. M. HALL, judge of the Bedford and Somerset district, who is perhaps as famous for his irascibility and colloquialisms with the bar, as for his judicial ability, comes up for re-election, and, naturally it is some concern to him whether or not Fulton county with its several hundred Democratic majority is tacked on his district. It is a pitiful way to attempt to save him by joining Adams with Fulton, the counties being separated by 50 miles of rough mountain road. Judge Hall's reelection is vigorously opposed by some lawyers and journals of his own party who declare that his re-nomination will be calamitous and defeat the Republicans. Hall, to his great self-derogation, comes out in a newspaper card appealing for votes, declaring that "it is customary to renominate a judge when he is in the vigor of his faculties. His experience makes him the better qualified to discharge the duties and serve the public in a position of the highest importance to the public welfare. I believe, as against my re-nomination, Somerset will not urge claim. And I trust that this effort will not avail to throw me aside in my own county. Whilst I do not care greatly to be judge, I do care, under these surroundings, to have the endorsement of the people of my own county. And I think I will get it, because I think the people know me—and I think they know me to be honest and capable, and that they will not be willing to aid in this sinister effort against me which is grounded on the gratification of pure personal malignity, which it seems will never be got out of some people except by an exceedingly hot sub-mundane refining process." Meanwhile the Democrats of Somerset have nominated Wm. J. Bear, a most excellent man, a graduate of Marshall college. So are Hall, and Cassin in whose bonnet, too, the judicial bee buzzes.

Tired of the Republican Party. The public is tired of the Republican party. The old superstition that something quite too awfully dreadful would happen to the country if the Republican party should cease to misgovern it has no longer nearly as much terror as it used to have. Dorrer dissenters, Brady star routes, Indiana two-dollar bills and Hubbell letters have done a good deal in the last few months to disillusion honest men who really believed that their party was the sole repository of honesty and all the other virtues. The Republican tricksters and jobbers have cried wolf while they were feathering their own nests, but the respectable part of the country begins to see through them.

A Snake Kills a Dog. A few days ago a dog belonging to Timothy O'Neil, Birmingham, Delaware county, was over in a swamp when it suddenly started for home at a furious pace. When it arrived there and threw itself down in the yard its master saw what was the cause of its terror and well might it have been so scared. Around the dog's body was wrapped a large black snake and five minutes after the dog had thrown itself on the ground it was dead. Timothy at once proceeded to kill the snake while it was still on the dog, but the reptile succeeded in getting off the dog's body before it was finally killed which was not accomplished without some difficulty, as the snake showed considerable fight.

PERSONAL. The Columbia Courier recognizes SAM MATT FRY as the nominee. That settles it.

BLAINE is in New York. "On private business," of course. Looking after his private political interests.

Mrs. GARFIELD continues to improve, and her progress towards recovery is considered satisfactory.

New Philadelphia, Ohio, is enjoying a sensation. A divorced woman is suing her former husband for breach of promise to marry her again.

GARFIELD was said to be quite willing to advise the Virginia Republicans to cease to state that down on it. Mahone is too near Conkling and Cameron.

Mr. Carl Schurz, Mr. Horace White and Mr. E. L. Godkin have purchased a large majority of the New York Evening Post stock, and to-day Mr. SCHURZ will assume the editorial direction of the paper.

General GRANT receives \$10,000 a year salary as president of the United States national bank, New York. He is also a partner in his son's business house of Grant & Ward, and has an interest of \$50,000.

Chief Justice WAITE, senior vice-president of the Centennial Society of the Washington and Lee University, has called a meeting of the officers and members at Independence hall, on Wednesday the 8th of June, to elect a president to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Morton McMichael, the former president of the association.

Hon. GEORGE BUCHER and wife had their golden wedding in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, on the 19th instant, when Mr. B. removed from Harrisburg, where he lived for many years, to his present residence, handsome entertainment, &c. The occasion had a certain local interest in the fact that it happened on the same day of the week on which the marriage was celebrated in 1831, at Bainbridge, Lancaster county. The bride was Mrs. Hannah Hough, of that place.

Dr. HODGSON, of Princeton, is inclined to ridicule the Catholic pretensions to denominational advantages for them in the revised New Testament. The great Presbyterian theologian points out two circumstances which will work against the immediate general adoption of the revised version. First, the revision of the Old Testament will not be finished for four years and there can be no complete revised Bible until that time, and, second, because the American Bible society cannot publish the revised version. The American Bible society, by the terms of its charter, is restricted to the King James version, and all of its trust funds are held subject to that condition. When the society was formed the only way that the different denominations could be brought into it was by the adoption of a rigid rule to adhere to the authorized King James version. There may be some way that the charter can be modified. If not the society will have to obtain new funds before it can print the new edition.

REYNOLDS'S MEMORY. Tributes by Generals Hancock, Warren and others.

Mr. J. G. Rosengarten, treasurer of the Reynolds memorial fund, has received a great many communications from old army officers distinguished for their services in the late war, among them Major General W. S. Hancock, General W. B. Franklin, of Hartford, Connecticut, and General Warren, now stationed at Newport, in the U. S., engineer service. In his communication General Hancock says: "I am much gratified at the action taken by the late war veterans of Pennsylvania in placing the proposed statue of General Reynolds, and to learn of the handsome offer of \$25,000 by a patriotic citizen of Philadelphia. I have no doubt that the citizens of Philadelphia, and the state at large will promptly recognize the appropriateness of placing Reynolds's statue in the great Fairmount park, where it will doubtless be seen by more citizens of the country and of the state than any other location that could be selected. It seems to me, considering the late war, among them Major General W. S. 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