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The Fortune of Grant.

General Grant is fortunate in having a great many friends to hold out to him a helping hand in adversity. He is fortunate, too, in his creditors. The richest man in the country happens to be one of them; who forgives him two-thirds of his debt.

General Sherman, who took in the comfortable place and salary that Grant left to become president, feels impelled to lend his kind offices to free his old commander from his embarrassment. Mr. Drexel and Mr. Childs, who have before bid freely to make Grant happy, are the ready aids of Sherman in his work.

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try for generations to come lies in internal development and local self-government. Especially ill does it fit territorial acquisition. It has vast resources to be developed; a wealth of minerals that is barely tickled by the hoe. To turn these to the best account should be the aim of all its people, as it certainly is the present aspiration of the most substantial class among them.

A Pilgrimage to Albany. Col. McClure says that he went to see Cleveland not to advise him what to do, but as a journalist to study him and find out how and what he thought of things. That is somewhat in reversal of the usual order. The president-to-be has been supposed to be meeting the politicians of the country with a view to sounding them and discovering what they were fit for.

It was a legitimate undertaking, howbeit a trifle cheeky perhaps. We trust that the success which attended the Colonel's essay at presidential pulse-feeling was correspondent to the high effort. We do not discover that it was from the Colonel's report of the interview. But it is a thing not to be thus unveiled. The editor may have received a flood of light to guide him in his future consideration of the president's acts, and yet have found out nothing very definite to communicate to his readers.

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PERSONAL. SECRETARY CHANDLER details a naval officer in full uniform to perform duty at his wife's regular Wednesday reception.

PAQUET, the infidel, who was recently paralyzed while denying the doctrine of eternal punishment, died in the hospital in Toronto on Saturday.

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GEN. CAMERON remarked, as he sat at dinner in Havana, Cuba, and a cablegram was handed him announcing the Garfield cabinet: "That is a sort of a Dolly Varden combination and my son-in-law is among the curious poses."

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PERISHED IN FLAME. A SPLENDID BLOCK IN RAUCINE, WISCONSIN, BURNED.

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