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The Tenure of Office.

The president has suspended a United States district attorney in Pennsylvania and one in Missouri, a Republican and a Democrat, because of their active championship of the cause of their party.

In this we conceive that he is wholly wrong. We do not know anything in the law of good government which deprives the servants of the people of the right to form, to hold and to defend, with all their energy, and with such of their political opinions, as they conceive that it is doing injustice to the people, and that they are so emasculated in being deprived of the right of the citizen to proclaim and defend his opinions.

The president does not challenge the right and the duty of the officeholder to have and maintain political opinions; he does not deny him the right of his expression; but he draws a line somewhere between the right to talk and the right to labor for the party and the right to labor much. This is as we understand his position, and in this we consider it indefensible.

The officeholder must be free. He must be in a position to command all his self-respect. He must be nobody's servant save in the line of the discharge of his duties; as a citizen he must have no master. We want the very best men we have in the charge of our important offices.

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In has been the political habit in this country not only to let, but to require, the public servant to act and to talk in behalf of his party, special care being taken that this is the party in power; lack of devotion to it being sure cause of removal.

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Then he consoled himself with the philosophic reflection that things were not so bad as might have been expected, and that the question of repeal of the union was settled for several generations. It is pleasant to hear a man talk so cheerfully in the face of discouraging facts, but Churchill and his hearers must have found even the flow of words insufficient to drown the thought that what good order there is in Ireland is due to the peasants and not the

government or landlords, and that the terror and crime rampant in Tory Belfast have done the home rule cause more good because contrasted with the quiet and order prevalent over the rest of Ireland.

Arbor Day. To-morrow will be Arbor Day, that designated by the state authorities for the special encouragement of arboriculture. Everyone who can should plant a tree.

A Soft Coal Pool. A new soft coal pool is said to be in process of formation, but just now is moving slowly.

LET all who desire to hear a dispassionate discussion of campaign issues go to Messenior hall to-morrow evening.

HENRY GEORGE was not so badly scattered at Abram Hewitt's last as we thought, but gathers himself together in a copy, which is the best he has made up on the fact that the poet should have known from the tenor of his questions that the answers were for publication, even if he were not aware that Mr. Hawthorne was a regular writer for the press.

MR. LOWELL's letter to Julian Hawthorne is a just rebuke for an abuse of friendship, but he does not let us know upon the fact that the poet should have known from the tenor of his questions that the answers were for publication, even if he were not aware that Mr. Hawthorne was a regular writer for the press.

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Something for Washington to gossip about from the Baltimore Herald.

Scientist endorse Red Star cough cure, because it is free from narcotics.

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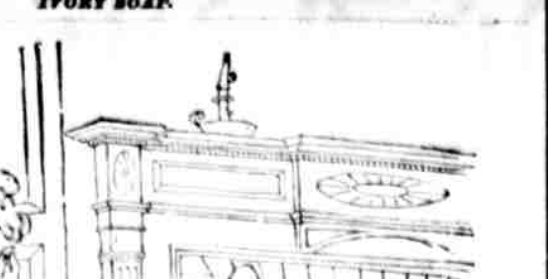
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