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A POLITICAL COMPACT.

An Ohio correspondent elsewhere develops from the political gossip of that State, an interesting account of the compact between Mr. Harrison and Mr. McKinley.

Mr. Blaine, he permitted it to be understood that the President's candidacy comes first. It is possible, but unlikely, that the President will be elected. The basis of all these bargains is that they hold so long as the President is a candidate.

It is, therefore, his present task to carry Ohio. If he can make them with full confidence that before the convention of 1892 the party will be fully reformed from agreements regarding a renomination of President Harrison.

NOT SO ABSURD, EITHER.

A correspondent in yesterday's Dispatch writes from the sphere of the Balkan peninsula in Chile, noticed the President of Chile is a usurper, and dismissed with the phrase "which is absurd."

It is not well to expect too great political insight from a woman who is traveling in Chile; but with reference to a correct view of the Chilean struggle, it is worth while to assure the claim is not absurd at all.

He justifies it by the plea that the Congressional party has refused to supply his Government with the necessary revenue. But, however the original quarrel may have arisen, that is a power which representative government places in the hands of the legislature.

A CRIMINAL CURIOUSITY.

In a magazine article of a good many years ago, Richard Grant White recorded a singular case, in which the body of a beautiful woman with several marked physical characteristics was identified by the relatives of no less than three missing girls, with the result that all three of the girls turned up alive, and the identity of the dead woman remained a mystery.

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THINGS IN GENERAL.

The Reading Habit and How It May Degrade into a Vice - A Good Ground for Elvidge's Answer's Done Volumes for Summer Reading.

The reading habit can hardly be classed with the opium habit or with the swearing habit, as deserving a place among the grosser vices of mankind. Indeed, there are some who will even deny that the reading habit is a vice at all. They will maintain that it is, on the contrary, to be encouraged and excited in the highest degree.

UNCLE SAM wants to settle that bit trimming bill for \$5,000,000. That is a tidy little sum for a bit trimming, but the chances are that the old gentleman will have to pay dollar for dollar.

PERHAPS it is wise to run the principle of extreme parsimony when the election of judges. Then again, past history suggests that perhaps it is not.

GOSSIP ABOUT OUR BETTERS.

HENRY IRVING'S two sons will follow the example of their distinguished father and go to the States. EX-SENATOR TABOR will build a magnificent residence which he intends shall eclipse anything else in Denver.

THE LIGHTS OF PARIS.

Paris is now on the eve of a revolution in her lighting system, says Albert Shaw in the City Journal. Gas lighting was first introduced in England, but Paris has had it in good time and with a splendor unequalled elsewhere.

UNDER RUSSIA'S TRUMPH.

The English money market today is in a very peculiar situation, said a London banker at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. "It is almost impossible to tell the way things are tending. With all the cry of 'more gold' by the Bank of England, she has more gold than she can use."

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E. F. Babbage, Guide. E. F. Babbage, the widely-known guide to local celebrities, died at his home in London, at Alexandria, N. Y., Tuesday, July 9, 1891. He had acted as guide for 19 years.

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