

It is known that Page McPherson secured \$6,000 before disappearing.

The police are still unable to find any clue which may result in dissipating the clouds of mystery which envelope the disappearance of Page McPherson.

Where the friends of McPherson but free to talk they would very readily give the public to understand the improbability of the former secretary of the Cinderella Club having made away with himself while crazed over his speculations and speculations.

The rumor upon the street yesterday crediting Page McPherson with securing \$6,000 from different parties on the day prior to his disappearance emanated from an apparently authoritative source.

Mr. Parsons admits that he loaned McPherson some money, but declines to make public the amount. It is known that McPherson on Thursday cashed at a local banking institution a New York draft on W. G. McCormick & Co. for \$1,500 in the name of McPherson, Switzer & Co.

Board of Trade Returns.

The Board of Trade Returns for the past month are more favourable than most people expected them to be, for though the imports show a decrease, the exports show a considerable increase.

It is our most distant customers whose requirements have expanded most; Turkey, China and Hongkong, Brazil, Egypt, and Bengal being the destinations to which the greatest quantities were sent.

SUMNER'S ANNIVERSARY.

Robert G. Ingersoll writes a Leader on the Civil War.

The following appears in the New York Morning Journal of April 12: "For about three-quarters of a century the statesmen, that is to say, the politicians of the north and south, had been busy making compromises, adopting constitution and enacting laws; busy in making speeches, framing platforms and political pretences to the end that liberty and slavery might dwell in peace and friendship under the same flag."

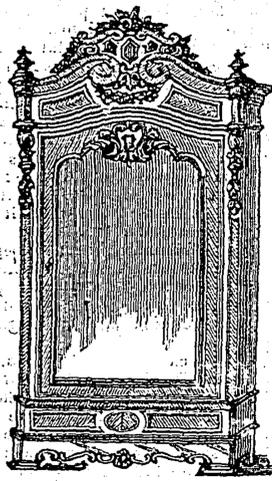
"Arrogance on one side; hypocrisy on the other; right apologized to wrong for the sake of union; the sources of justice were poisoned and patriotism became the defender of piracy. In the name of humanity mothers were robbed of their babes. Thirty years ago to-day a shot was fired, and in a moment all the promises, all the constitutional amendments and all the didactic and heartless decisions of courts, and all the speeches of orators, inspired by the hope of peace and power, were blown into rags and ravelings, pieces and patches."

"Who at that time had the slightest conception of the immediate future? Who then was great enough to see the end? Who then was wise enough to know that the echoes would be kept alive and repeated for years by thousands of cannon, by millions of muskets on the field of ruthless war?"

"At that time Abraham Lincoln, president-elect, an Illinois lawyer, was waiting to be inaugurated, and that shot made him the most commanding and majestic figure of the nineteenth century, a figure that stands alone. Who could have guessed the names of the heroes to be repeated by countless lips before the echoes of that shot should have died away? There was at that time a young man at Galena, silent, unobtrusive, unknown, and yet the moment that shot was fired he was destined to lead the greatest host ever marshaled on a field of war; destined to receive the final sword of the rebellion. There was another in the far south who heard one of the echoes of the shot and who afterwards marched from Atlanta to the sea, and another far away by the Pacific who also heard one of the echoes and became one of the immortal three."

"But above all the echoes were heard by millions of men and women in the fields of unpaid toil, and they knew not the meaning, but felt that they had heard a prophesy of freedom, and the echoes told of death and glory for thousands—of the agonies of women—the sobs of the delivered—the enfranchised, the redeemed. They who fired that gun did not dream that they were giving liberty to millions of people, including themselves—white as well as black, north as well as south—and that before the echoes should die away all the shackles would be broken, all the constitutions and statutes of slavery repealed and all the compromises merged and lost in a great compact made to preserve the liberties of all."

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.



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