

KENTUCKY POLITICS.

Altercation Between Young Breckinridge and an Owens Man.

THE LATTER CUT BY THE CONGRESSMAN'S SON.

The Trouble the Outcome of Owens Defeating Kentucky's Silver-Tongued Orator at the Primary Elections—More Bloodshed is Expected Before the Trouble is Ended.

Special to the Record-Union.

LEXINGTON (Ky.), Sept. 21.—Desha Breckinridge had a sensational altercation with James Duane Livingston, formerly of New York City, in the Phoenix Hotel this evening.

Livingston was standing at the news stand reading, when Breckinridge came in and bought a package of cigarettes. Livingston spoke to Desha, and extended his hand, saying: "It's all over now; we are to be friends; shake hands."

Breckinridge, with an angry look upon his face, replied: "No, you one-horse scoundrel, I will not take your hand. You profess to be a man's friend, and then stab him in the back."

Livingston replied to this by saying that he had done nothing of the kind, when Breckinridge called him a liar. Then Livingston struck at Desha and knocked his glasses off, following it up with a blow on the neck.

Desha reached for his hip pocket, and a long bright blade of a big dirk. Both men were as pale as death. Livingston, in a moment of desperation, grabbed at the wrist of the man who had just struck him.

Desha Breckinridge seemed to desire no more blood, and gave Livingston two strong kicks. The hotel clerks and several bystanders rushed in and seized Breckinridge, and at the same instant Matt Lane, a strong Breckinridge man, ran up and said he would take a hand in holding Desha.

Livingston was hurried into the wash-room, and then taken to a physician, where his hand was dressed.

Just before the trouble occurred Desha and Lane met Judge George B. Kinkead on Main street. Kinkead made several speeches during the campaign, denouncing Colonel Breckinridge in the most scathing terms.

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WICHITA (Kas.), Sept. 21.—Land is caving in toward the center of the earth in the vicinity of the junction of Harvey, Butler and Marion Counties in this State.

Great excitement prevails among the people, and many of them are getting away. The disasters are of the most unaccountable origin, and the State Geologist has been summoned to investigate the disturbances of the earth formations.

There was no shock felt when the ground caved in bearing any resemblance to an earthquake. Near White Water, on the farm of Thomas Bassington, an area of thirty by forty feet sunk to a depth of twenty-eight feet, and when a man was let down into the hole his weight alone sunk it nearly three feet more.

At about the same time last year forty feet square sunk at Plum Grove to a depth of 250 feet. This was on the farm of Sid Jones, the sliding carrying a threshing machine and other implements. Water poured into the hole from underground sheets till it filled it nearly to the top, but the hole at White Water is still open, and the water is now caved-in earth is resting upon a vast body of water. Both places are some seven or eight miles apart.

Other places some ten miles from White Water, there were several caving-ins, ranging in depth from five to forty feet. The theories are various, but none of them are very scientific. One theory is that the water is being drawn out of the ground by the action of the sun.

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