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IF WE KNEW... Doctor Hattie Lockwood. BY WILLIAM L. WILLIAMS.

When I was a schoolboy, I had a severe fall. More than twenty years have passed since then, but the injuries have by no means passed away.

and said, "James, which added, as to the delight. We looked upon each other, and I said, 'I have been looking for you ever since you left home.'"

agreed, who had died of dropsy. I thought it not a very elegant subject for conversation, but my medical friend had taken the chair by taking from her valise the head of an infant, and requesting my mother's permission to hold it on our cook stove!

off, though, feet times that distance away. Secret of the party were anxious to get a shot at this drove, but being unable to persuade those who had already had enough of chasing buffaloes on foot to accompany them, they were dissuaded when they were told by Curry that if they wished to get back they should have started early in the morning.

INCIDENTS OF A BUFFALO HUNT. An excursion party over the eastern division of the Pacific Railroad, which traverses Kansas to Fort Hays and beyond, has just returned. The party was composed of general ticket agents of various railroad companies in the United States. They were a jolly set of fellows. Their main object appears to have been to get a shot at the buffaloes. At Fort Hays they borrowed carbines, and breech-loading rifles, but most of them were so ignorant of the use of firearms that they had to be instructed how to load.

GOVERNOR HAYES' MESSAGE. Fellow-Citizens of the General Assembly: Upon your assembling to enter again upon the duty of legislating for the welfare of the people of Ohio, the Governor is required by the Constitution to communicate to you the condition of the State, and to recommend such measures as he may deem expedient. The reports of the executive officers of the State, and the heads of the State institutions, are required by law to be made to the Governor on or before the 30th of November of each year. Since that date, sufficient time has not elapsed for the publication of the reports, and I shall therefore not be able at the opening of your present session to lay before you a detailed exposition of the affairs of the various departments of the State Government. It will be my purpose in this communication to invite your attention to a few brief suggestions, in relation to some measures which are deemed important, and which may be considered and acted upon, if you think advisable, in advance of the publication of the official reports.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The financial affairs of the State are in a satisfactory condition. The balance in the Treasury on the 15th of November, 1868, was \$677,990 70; the receipts during the last fiscal year were \$4,347,484 82; making the total amount of funds in the Treasury during the year, \$5,025,475 52. The disbursements during the year have been \$4,455,354 86; which sum has been paid out of the Treasury from the several funds as follows, viz: General Revenue Fund, \$1,212,210 21; Sinking Fund, 1,429 28; National Road Fund, 1,472,228 28; Common School Fund, 1,028,228 28; Bank Redemption Fund, 16 20; Soldiers' Claims Fund, 3,750 00; Soldiers' Allowance Fund, 1,200 00; Balance in Treasury Nov. 15, 1868, 570,120 61. Total, \$5,025,475 52.

crossed of population adds to the difficulty of detecting and preventing fraudulent voting in whatever mode it may be practiced. It is manifestly impossible amid the hurry and excitement of an election, that the legal right to vote of every person who may offer his ballot, should be fully and fairly investigated and decided. The experience of many of the older States has proved that this can best be done at some period prior to the election, so as to give to every legal voter, in an election precinct, an opportunity to challenge the claim of any person whose right is deemed questionable. Laws to accomplish this have been in force, in several other States for many years, and have been carried out successfully, and with the general approval of the people. Believing that an act providing for the registration of all legal voters is the most effective remedy yet devised for the prevention of frauds on the sacred rights of suffrage, and that a registry law can be so framed that it will deprive no citizen, either native born or naturalized, of his just rights, I respectfully recommend to your earnest consideration the propriety of enacting such a law.

THE DISCONTENTED COUPLE. An old discontented couple, who had had work to procure the necessities of life, were constantly complaining of the faults and failures of others, instead of seeking by Divine help to rectify their own. "All this trouble and sorrow through the world is through Adam and Eve," the old gentleman would exclaim. "If I had been Adam, I would never have allowed a woman to lead me into such a scrape."