MEMPHIS APPEAL

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GOVERNOR HENRY A. WISE.

It is frequently the case that ambition "o'erleaps itself." Napoleon fought one battle too many, and it is a misfortune with politicians that they never know when to retire. The taste of blood makes the tiger more ferocious, and a taste of official spoils whetes the appetite of the office-seeker, and he continually hankers for place and power. If not already, Henry A. Wise will soon be an octogenarian. Certain it is, he has been in politics for forty years. He achieved no particular fame until 1855, when his name shot athwart the heavens like a fiery meteor. He made a brilliant and triumphant canvass for governor, and had he, at the close of his adminisiration, retired to his Sabine farm and silently and philosophically wrestled with the infirmities of old age, his voice would have been potential while living and his posthumous fame would have constituted a bright page in the history of Virginia's proud sons. But Governor Wise hobbles again into the political arena with all the repugnant grace of a lean, yellow-skinned, toothless old woman limping into the grossness of the *Can-can*. In making his appearance, Governor Wise snorts, holds his head high, and prances about like a regular blooded race hoss in his prime, but he does not see himself as others see him, for the public regard him as a broken-winded, spavined hack. Governor Wise is of the opinion that the infirmities and decrepitude of age should never chill the aspirations of office seekers, and he now, at eighty years of age, clutches for power with all the avidity of a miser clinging to his gold. He whisks about the State like a fiery comet. He would have the world believe that, he is the mitrailleuse of the Virginia politicians. A few weeks since nearly all the foreigners and many good citizens were favoring the aspirations of Governor Wise, but his recent letter is so absurdly preposterous that many regard it as the emanation of an intellect in second childhood, or disordered and diseased. The letter is so silly and ridiculous that we declined to lumber our columns with it. In stretching out his palsied arm and clutching for the prize with long, bony fingers, he insists that he will be the nominee of neither party, but is willing to be the independent candidate of either or both. In politics he assumes the attitude of the young lady at the social party:

"Here I stand up against the wall,
Come kiss me one, come kiss me all."

This kind of political prostitution and self-abasement has disgusted the people of Virginia, who are still proud of their traditions, and they turn from the support of Governor Wise with the alacrity with which they once rallied to his defense. But his recent excentricities have revived the opinion that existed thirty years ago, and which had partly been effaced by the canvass of 1855, that Governor Wise in politics is as unreliable, as unscientific and latitudinarian as was ever conceived by a French communist or a woman's suffrage convention. There is something, it seems, incomprehensible in the character of the man, whose ways, like those of Providence, are past finding out. In a word, he seems to be a rare, fathomless, infinite character, wherein all sides are suited, all tastes may have a sop, every ladle dip and come out full; who, like an algebraic equation, is positive and negative as you shift the signs; one of your many-sided men. His career strikes us rather as that of a conglomerate than of a character. What makes character is distinctness and stay of purpose; it is clean-cut, well-defined, deeply stamped, and rounded and proportionate. In again aspiring for office Governor Wise will lose the reputation he won in a brilliant canvass, and impress the world with the belief that he has no solid genius; that in politics he is confessedly a nondescript, devoid of philosophical breadth of thought, and that he is a jerky, eccentric, ill-set man, who goes, as the farmer said of his grindstone, with "a hitch-gelep," and never with any steady and equable motion. In a crisis like the present the people of Virginia want a man who possesses a clear, deliberative, well-balanced judgement, the calm and resolute will, which is not, as with Wise, ever vacillating between untimely obstinacy and impatient fervors. They want at the helm a statesman who has insight, not into politics and political management merely, but into political science, and those great laws of public economy, of revenue, of finance, taxation, trade, improvements and industry, which are the principal basis of a wise and profound administration of the State government, but in regard to which Henry A. Wise is hopelessly muddled or altogether wrong.

IT HATH WINGS.

If people would have money cheap and abundant they must give it absolute freedom. It is not anchored by nature's codes, but is wonderfully fugacious. It travels, in fact, without moving, and moving faster than mails or express companies is transported even by the lightning. Our State law-givers never think of this, and our codes would deal with money as if it could be imprisoned or hedged in by law-givers' arts. Seek to restrict the perfect freedom of money, and in an instant it is beyond the law-givers' and tax-gatherers' reach. The holder need only deposit his hoards and have the bank telegraph another in London, or New York or Paris, and the money is there and withdrawn at that moment from the reach of tax-gatherers. A thousand fold more fearful is the fact that it is instantaneously withdrawn from the reach of borrowers, and the rate of interest advances with each sum thus driven by stupid legislation from Tennessee. Demagogues dare not tell constituencies the truth. And yet, seek to evade it as they may, producers must pay all costs of government. Others may advance it for them; but the whole cost of government is derived at last from the ground we till or from the products of toil. Why tax money at all? The lender adds the tax to his rates of interest, and if the money advanced as a tax be too great an exaction to be borne, the money goes first where it is untaxed, and merchants soon follow, and towns and cities are destroyed and the country is impoverished. Stupid selfishness by these processes of ignorant taxation is destroying the cities of Tennessee, and such is the scarcity of money from these causes that rates of interest are exorbitant, and farmers are absolutely unable to pay taxes on lands, constantly lessened in value by the paralysis of towns and cities. The country's representatives in the legislature have driven the means of tax-paying out of the State. In truth Tennesseans learn wisdom slowly. Money is untaxed in States and cities that propose to grow rich and populous. If the law-giver could put salt on the bird's tail, or grasp money and credits and hold while slicing them, there would be a share of wisdom in the policy of our general assembly. But when the Tennessee system of taxation was born, money fled by the million, and Tennessee has ever been penniless.

THE END OF IT—SUBSIDENCE OF SENSATIONALISM.

Those who were only scared just a little began to return home yesterday. They looked about them at the railway stations somewhat distrustfully, as if, in any event, they did not care to be seen. Others seemed to apprehend seizure by the police. But they came into town swearing at the doctors and sensational reporters who gave currency to fearful stories that swept over the city and then over the whole country. Six months must elapse before the impression is removed made by terror and rumor, and the mischief done is of incalculable extent and duration. Every runaway, as he comes in, tells how badly scared was his nervous wife. He wasn't frightened, "not a bit of it." In fact he never believed one word the inflammable doctors and lightning "dopper" of the Associated Press had to say. He went to comply with a promise made some weeks ago, when his wife agreed to forego the purchase of a costly dress if he would take her out of town. Each returning hero had a pretty story to tell, and never believed that cholera was nearer than Vienna where, unhappily, it has not yet slaughtered Van Buren and the rest who have done such infinite honor to American fame. But the big scare is over. The sun shines, and no rain-storm came yesterday afternoon, with great drops, striking the ground like leaden bullets. The atmosphere grows drier, and there is more oxygen and less vapor filling one's lungs. Toadstools didn't grow as much yesterday by half a foot as on each preceding day for the past three weeks. The frogs in lagoons across the river were strangely silent yesterday when the sun was going down. There was less croaking than usual on both sides of the Mississippi, and the solemn old fellows who have been doing the profound groaning have gone down out of sight, making very little ripples on the surface of every-day life. It only remains for the people to be cleanly and prudent, to use disinfectants after every summer shower, and with the first symptoms of disorder to go to bed and call the nearest leech. This sort of cholera we will have with us always. It will prevail until forests are swept away by changeful populations, and until the lowlands are relieved of overflows by levees or canals.

CITY FINANCES—HOW TO IMPROVE THEM.

Our city authorities are much in need of funds. Since the beginning of this year we have much complaint because the energetic police force and firemen were not paid regularly and promptly. Knowing this, our Shelby county representatives, in the last legislature, secured the passage of an act to provide for the collection of the large amount of taxes due the city since 1865. This act wisely provides that these taxes may be collected, and the collection of them enforced by the commissioner of revenue for the county in the same manner that the past due State and county taxes are now collected. As we are advised, this act had passed one branch of the Legislature, making it obligatory on the authorities in the different cities in the State to proceed in this manner to collect these taxes. The bill was petitioned for by the authorities of Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga. It was about to pass the senate finally in that form, when our mayor, through our senator, interposed an objection. The bill was then amended so as to leave the matter optional with the authorities of each city. According to this provision, an ordinance has been presented to our city council providing that the books shall, at once, be turned over to the commissioner of revenue so that he may proceed to collect these taxes, and it comes up for their consideration tonight. The board ought to pass it at once. The city needs the funds. Delinquent tax-payers have been let alone long enough. They ought now to pay all past-due taxes. We again call the attention of the board to this subject, as one of the most important matters before them, and one of vital interest to the credit of our city.

THE minority representation provision in the State constitution of Illinois works admirably well. In each Radical district two Radicals and one Democrat, and in each Democratic district two Democrats and one Radical, were elected. It was true, and naturally enough, that the representative of the minority in each district, in each case, had more brains than both his opponents. The weak party always nominated the strong man. We can only hope that parties may grow wondrous weak in future years in Tennessee, and that the just and wise principle of minority representation may be fastened on the constitution of the State.

IT is again whispered about the streets, and rumors come from Arkansas, that Brindle Brooks intends to organize another State government. Officers in many counties deposed by Baxter and refusing to surrender will adhere to Brooks, and we may have a double-barreled Colt's repeating government literally and explosively across the river. Old Brindle dies hard, and we don't blame him. For him there is no trump of resurrection.

IF a thousand dollars be borrowed and loaned by each of a dozen persons through whose hands it passes it is taxed as the property of each lender, a dozen times. Such is the profundity of that nameless wisdom which shapes constitutions and laws. Of course, money, having wings, flies from communities in which it has been dealt with so roughly.

The following return of the European and native population of New Zealand, taken from the Colonial Budget in the month of December, 1872, exhibits the relative strength of the contending peoples. Otago heads the list in the number of Europeans, but Auckland, with its native population of 29,227 souls, added to 64,337 whites, making a grand total of 87,564, puts that province in the first rank of consumers:

	Europeans.	Native.
Auckland	64,337	29,227
Taranaki	4,599	2,250
Wellington	25,015	5,822
Hawke's Bay	6,212	3,102
Nelson	29,062	483
Marlborough	5,384	369
Canterbury	48,906	607
Westland	15,981	69
Otago	73,999	839
Totals	269,495	36,858

An effort is on foot in England to open the pulpits of the established church to men who have not been ordained to its service. It is contended that there are preachers of other denominations, distinguished and cultivated laymen, professors in colleges and scientific schools, and lecturers, who might preach with acceptance and power upon occasion, and contribute to the interest of the services and the value of the church as a religious instruction. The matter came up in the house of commons recently, and Mr. Cowper-Temple and Mr. Thomas Hughes advocated the measure with great plausibility. But Mr. Gladstone opposed it with a great deal of earnestness, and the measure was lost, only to come up again at another session.

Mrs. S. H. Dent, of Eufaula, sent to the editor of the *Times* a beet that measured sixteen and a half inches and weighed three pounds and seven ounces.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Gleanings from our Exchanges in Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Tennessee.

The Crimes, Follies, Trials and Troubles of a Week—The Cotton, the Corn and the Fruit Crops.

The Gold of Eighteen Years—Sad Case of Shipwreck—New Railroad Enterprises—Murder for Love.

ARKANSAS.

Crop prospects improve with the continuance of the favorable weather. In some instances early corn is being laid by, thus giving more time to the cultivation of the cotton. Cotton is doing well. The oat crop is fine, and nearly ready for cutting. Buying corn on mortgages will about cease with the cutting of oats.—*Des Arc Citizen.*

The excitement throughout the country is becoming intense upon the subject of railroads, and we are glad to see our friends at Fort Smith moving with a determination in the matter. We want a railroad from some point north or east to Fort Smith. We need the road, and if the friends of the measure living within the country through which this contemplated road will pass, will work with the same zeal and energy which characterize their present course, we will have the road. Then let us go to work. More upon this subject, hereafter.—*Greenwood (Sebastian Co.) Standard.*

MISSISSIPPI.

There occurred in Jackson on Tuesday evening about three o'clock a little sensational episode. C. S. Bell, the governor's famous detective, who has done the State some service, if the ten thousand eight hundred dollars appropriation for his benefit is to be considered an evidence of his having deserved well of the State, got on a terrific bender. Unmindful of the steady advice of this journal that no man could drink Jackson whisky to any extent without either death or insanity, the distinguished detective filled himself with this soul-destroying beverage. As a matter of course his senses—that is to say, providing he had any senses—fled, and he opened his entertainment by flourishing two bright five-shooters, a favorite prologue with belligerents fortified as he was. He invaded Ashe's drug store, pistol in hand, and demanded poison, declaring that he was ready to leave his wife a widow. Seeing a disinclination on the part of the clerk to comply with his wishes he brought his shining persuader to a level, whereupon the clerk wisely concluded that if anybody had to die it might as well be him who sought death. So far as he (the clerk) was personally concerned, he was not entirely prepared to hand in his checks, and therefore promptly delivered the poison. About this time some policemen appeared on the scene, but the detective refused to be arrested. Several shots were fired from both sides, one of which struck Henry Clay's dray mule in the heart killing him instantly. Then there was a foot-race enlivened by an occasional discharge from a police six-shooter. At last Bell fell dead—drunk. Only one casualty, the mule. The belicose detective was disarmed and taken to jail. Circuit court is now in session and the case will probably be immediately disposed of.—*Meridian Gazette.*

ALABAMA.

Professor Moore, of McKendall college, in Selma, has been appointed chief of police.

The vaults of Ferguson's broken bank, at Selma, showed a deficiency of two hundred thousand dollars.

Pete Wilson was badly stabbed by a little boy, three miles from Moulton, last Monday. His condition is critical.

James McDonald was found dead in Shoal creek, under the railroad bridge, in Morgan county, on the twenty-ninth ultimo.

Fifty carloads of iron ore, from Birmingham, have been shipped over the St. Louis and Southeastern railroad, for furnaces in Indiana.

Major Thomas H. Lightner, living a few miles from Clayton, in Barbour county, committed suicide on Friday last by taking laudanum.

The colored people of Demopolis had a grand baptizing on Sunday, the first instant. About seventy persons were baptized, and in the presence of fifteen hundred spectators on the banks of the river.

The Opelika *Locomotive* of June 4th says: "We were shown, last Monday, two cotton-stalks, over ten inches high, as a specimen of a field of cotton now cultivated by Mr. A. B. Bennet. The plants were of luxuriant growth, and gave promise of an abundant crop.

David Ragland, son of the secretary of state, and young Parsons, son of Speaker Parsons, who received appointments as military cadets to West Point, failed to pass examination—the former on account of a defect in hearing; the cause of the latter we did not learn.

An old and substantial planter of Barbour county, Alabama, a few days since went into a store in Clayton and purchased some goods, in payment for which he handed the proprietor gold, telling him it "had not seen daylight in eighteen years, but the present hard times and scarcity of money had dragged it forth from its hiding-place."

The Greene county bible society held its annual meeting at the Presbyterian church in Eutaw on the first instant. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: William P. Webb, Esq., president; Rev. D. D. Sanderson, Rev. R. M. Powers, vice-presidents; James B. Head, secretary; Julius Cleveland, treasurer and depository; George H. Dunlap, sr., William O. Monroe, George H. Dunlap, jr., and the other officers of the society, executive committee.

The Union Springs *Times* says: "We understand the genuine cotton caterpillar has made its appearance on some of the farms in the prairies near Fitzpatrick's Station, on the Montgomery and Eufala railroad, in this county. If it has put in an appearance thus early in the season, and in good faith intends to wage a vigorous campaign, the doom of the cotton crop may be considered as already settled. Our informant says the first crop of caterpillars have run their course and are now webbed up."

FLORIDA.

Crop reports in Gadsden county are encouraging. The *Journal* says: "In some sections there is a slight complaint of too much rain, but no serious injury has been done to the crops as yet. The indications now are that the weather is settled, and the planters will soon have their crops clean and in good condition. We think the great mistake in this section is too much cotton and not enough corn."

Crops in the entire eastern section of the State are very backward, and owing to unusual rains, are getting very grassy. Farmers are awaiting with great anxiety the development that a few weeks will make. "Cotton is king," but he is a cruel tyrant that oppresses and impoverishes our country. We understand that Mr. S. P. Beville, of this county, has some cotton-blooms in his crop, but generally it is late and uncertain.—*Guinesville Era.*

Miss Lizzie Starratt, daughter of Harrison Starratt, of Seymor's Point, Nassau river, killed a large rattlesnake near her father's house last week. She found his snakeship reconnoitering the premises and went after him with a hoe; but finding the slimy creature disposed to wallop about, she fulfilled the scripture by "bruising his head" with a fence pole. Miss Lizzie is only thirteen years old and manifested more than childish resolution in disputing the territory with so ugly a trespasser.—*Fernandina Observer.*

It is estimated that over a million sweet orange seedlings are under cultivation on the St. Johns river. Seven years being the time for them to arrive at a bearing condition, it is more than probable that Florida will soon be a great orange mart from which the United States will get the main supply of that delicious fruit. Those who are now taking the precaution to plant the orange seeds with a view to the cultivation of groves will not regret it. There is no evergreen fruit that grows so readily on poor soil or matures with greater rapidity.—*Putatka Herald.*

The Marianna *Courier* notes as a lamentable fact the large quantities of corn and meat brought into Jackson county. It says: "Even planters from adjoining counties come forty and fifty miles to secure supplies, and the great scarcity of money in consequence of the failure of the cotton crop last year, must cause suffering among the poorer classes who cannot secure employment. It is hoped that the general pressure upon all this year will be remembered as a lesson to producers in future to raise sufficient provisions, by all means, to satisfy the demands of home consumption."

For several days rumor has been rife of a large bark beached on Little Cumberland, with the mast cut or blown away. Until Thursday nothing definite could be learned of the circumstances of the wreck or the loss of life. It proves to be the English bark Monarch, of Liverpool, bound for that port from Doboy, Georgia, loaded with ranging timber. She was at anchor when the storm of Sunday night struck her. The captain finding his anchor dragging ordered the masts to be cut away. Captain Thomas having his wife on board, ordered the boats lowered, and that she be placed in one. It is said that the crew remonstrated against her going into the boat, and actually carried her back, but the captain losing presence of mind and forgetting that his dismasted vessel was a floating raft that could not sink, again ordered her into the boat. No sooner had she been placed there, than the boat was crushed by a heavy sea and the poor woman, with several sailors, in the darkness and storm, sank to rise no more. The captain, seeing his wife cast away, jumped into the sea and was drowned. Seven of the crew took to the other boats and attempted to reach the shore, while seven others remained on board the wreck and floated ashore on St. Andrews bar. The seven who took to the boats have not been heard from. The boats are all ashore on Cumberland beach, one of them seemingly sound, the others are shivered and stove. We gather these facts from Captain Bell, of the pilot-boat Jennie Lind, and Mr. Newton, one of our bar pilots.—*Fernandina Observer.*

TENNESSEE.

The Huntingdon *Republican* says that crop prospects in Henderson county are encouraging. Some cotton has been plowed up, but there is a good stand generally. The young corn looks beautiful. The wheat crop is good. The fruit crop looks very fine, and we have a glorious prospect of peaches and cream.

The farmers of the Williamsport neighborhood, says the Columbia *Herald*, have had several good rains within the last eight or ten days; consequently crops are growing finely, likewise weeds and grass. The prospect for a good crop is fair. Early wheat is now ready to harvest. There are numerous reports of cotton squares in this vicinity.

A serious difficulty occurred on J. H. Gillespie's place, in this county, last week. Ben Spindle and Henry Moore attacked Caleb Love for some improprieties, and inflicted severe and perhaps fatal wounds upon him with their knives. They have given bond in the sum of two thousand dollars each to appear at the next term of the criminal court.—*Columbia Herald.*

Mr. Alonzo Hawkins met with a serious accident on Friday night last. While walking across the square a pistol, which he had in his coat pocket, accidently fired, the contents taking effect in his right leg, inflicting a bad wound. The ball struck just below the knee, ranging down the calf of the leg. We are glad to state that he is doing well, and will soon recover from its effects.—*Huntingdon Republican.*

The Columbia *Herald* says of Spring Hill: "A report having been circulated that cholera was prevailing at this place, it is proper to state that the report is entirely without foundation. This community has never been blessed with better health than at present. While we can hope for no immunity from the common liability to this mysterious and much dreaded disease, we record with gratitude the fact that the destroyer has not yet visited us."

The McKenzie *Times* of the sixth instant says: "Our postoffice was broken into again last Thursday night. The thief or thieves probably searched the house for money, but Mr. Yates had fortunately taken precaution to move it before locking the office for the night. Mr. Yates's stock of goods is so large that it is impossible to tell whether anything was taken or not. There was a nickle in the cash-drawer which they were too magnanimous to touch."

The election yesterday, on the question of waterworks, passed off quietly, there being little or no excitement over the matter. The qualified voters who desired to vote went up quietly to the polls, deposited their votes "for" or "against," as they felt inclined, and departed in the same manner. There was a very light vote cast, and it would seem that many of the property owners of the city felt perfectly indifferent on the subject and were willing to abide by a decision of their neighbors. The following is the vote: For 205, against 191.—*Knoxville Chronicle.*

We regret to learn that Colonel Yearwood met with a sad accident on Monday last in the loss of his youngest child, a little boy about two years old, by drowning. The colonel has a tanyard near his house, and, as we learn, the little fellow was playing about the vats, when he fell into one of them and was drowned before he was discovered. We deeply sympathize with the colonel and his family in this their sad and sudden bereavement. The remains of the deceased were interred in the Sweetwater cemetery Tuesday evening.—*Sweetwater Enterprise.*

The Cleveland *Republican* says: "The wheat crop of the county will probably be better than anticipated. Although considerably frozen out in many places, at present the prospect is somewhat flattering. Many of the fatal calamities that often befall the wheat crop have not made their appearance this season, and, owing to the favorable spring, the wheat is in many places heavier than expected. The stalk and grain have grown larger and heavier than they would otherwise on account of being thicker on the ground. The harvest has already begun, and many fields are now ready for the reaper."

John W. Orr and William Hall, two young men of our town, unfortunately got into a difficulty with some negroes one night last week, in which Hall had his arm knocked out of place, and Orr received some scratches and bruises on the face. Hall swore out a warrant for the negroes and had two of them arrested and tried before Esquire Humphreys. The negroes were bound over, and upon failure to give bail, were remanded to jail. Deputy Sheriff Browder, P. Cleveland and J. A. Fry, started with the prisoners to Madisonville, when one of them made his escape. The party tried to recapture him, but did not succeed. The other one was landed safely in jail.—*Sweetwater Enterprise.*

The gentle showers that have visited our section for the past few days, have had a fine effect on vegetation of all kinds. The growing corn, which from various causes has been very backward this season, is now springing up like magic, and in a few weeks will cover the fields. The oats, which have looked sorry all spring, have come out as a result of these showers, until a fair crop is promised. Clover is short, and generally, the yield will fall far below the average. The wheat crop has now reached a point when we can safely say what it will be, and from all the information from this section of the State, we think an average half-crop will be about the yield.—*Knoxville Chronicle.*

The many friends of Mr. Piper, will with sadness, receive the news of his death. He died at Greeneville, Tennessee, on the eleventh instant, after a brief illness of only a few hours. His death is thought to be the result of overheating and rapidly cooling off, bringing on a fatal attack of cholera-morbus. He was for many years a citizen of Knoxville; was a partner in the merchant business with S. B. Boyd; was a member of the city council from 1854 to 1858, the last year serving as mayor of the city. Mr. Piper was a good citizen, quiet and unassuming, was not only respected but esteemed by his friends. For some time past he has been connected with the revenue office of the first district.—*Knoxville Chronicle.*

The cotton crop of this county is rather promising than otherwise, and the average is greater than usual. The same reports come generally from the various portions of the country. By an estimate made at commercial headquarters the number of bales of this staple will reach in the United States the present season about five millions. This will necessarily curtail the present price of the article, and our farmers may make their calculation to sell at a reduced price of two or three cents. This is bad news for those who may be looking in this direction for a handsome recompense, but we firmly believe that it will be the result. It would be highly agreeable to us if it should be otherwise, but existing facts had as well be foreseen and realized.—*Huntingdon Republican.*

There was another attempt to break jail made by John Roler, George Jackson and Charlie Mason last Thursday evening. They were chained to the floor, but one of them had got loose and prized a heavy plank from the side of the cell, and was about to prize off the lock to the inner door when Mr. Latta caught him. A file was found in the cell, with which the prisoner had liberated himself; and it is supposed to be one that was put in there some time ago, when Gordon and his crowd tried to escape. Mr. Latta has all three of them chained around the neck, and the chains fastened to the center of the floor. It looks like this ought to make them secure.—*Columbia Herald.*

The Columbia *Herald*, among its Dickens creek items, has the following: "The winter of discontent is gone, and summer has commenced. Crops are promising a much larger acreage in cotton than heretofore. Many had to replant, and the latest cotton seems to be the thriftiest. Fruit crops short, except blackberries and persimmons. The chestnut promises well.....One of our oldest citizens, Spencer Tinsley, ninety-three years old, has, for the last ten years, been working on a perpetual motion, and, strange as it may seem, has succeeded. He has labored very quietly and secretly, and now has the model before the public. He will start for Washington in a few days. He was advised to take it to the exposition, but he good-naturedly remarked, that some Yankee would steal it before it could be patented."

The Columbia *Herald*, in its Mount Pleasant items has this: "A party of old sports, of Nimrod fame, from the west prong of Bigby, commanded by Captain Guss, went out to Lewis a few days ago, to capture a wolf that had been depredating since the game law passed on the sheepfolds of that county, taking dogs and guns, of course. Stands were taken and the driver started "deer-hunting style." It was not long before the monster was jumped, running immediately in the direction of the standers, when shooting began. After skirmishing sometime the depredator was brought down by one of the experts. The party were very much delighted to find that they had killed the animal that had eaten so much mutton that it had wool growing on its horns, or in the VELVET state!"

James Dooley was thrown from his horse a few days since, and carries his left arm in a sling. Last Sunday Scott Stone, colored, killed Julius Galloway, colored, on Mr. Isaac Hill's place, in the edge of Marshall county. Cause, a love affair. He cut his throat from ear to ear, having bought the razor, which is the national African weapon for homicidal and suicidal purposes, from a pedler for the avowed purpose of slaying his rival. A very heavy rain fell in the western end of this county Monday. The damages done were very extensive. Mr. Ben. Harlan, we are told, lost about three hundred panels of fence; Wm. Gant one hundred panels; Hamp and John Joyce lost about two hundred panels each. It is said that not less than five thousand panels were moved in the section around and below Sawdust valley.—*Columbia Herald.*

The following Wayne county items are from the Columbia *Herald:* "The fruit crop in all the county north of Waynesboro was almost wholly destroyed by frost, while on the table-lands south of Green river and Indian creek there is an abundant crop of peaches and apples.....The corn crop is rather late, but very promising. Cotton is backward, and badly damaged by the cold, damp weather. Farmers estimate the wheat at a half crop. There is a very large amount of oats sown this year, and the crop bids fair to exceed any yield for the last twenty-five years. .....Wayne furnace is doing an immense business, making from twenty to twenty-five tons of pig iron per day.....Last Saturday night several parties went to the house of one Reavis, on Beech creek, and took him out and whipped him with hickories in a most barbarous manner. Suspicion has attached to three prominent young men in the neighborhood, warrants were issued for their arrest, and they will have a hearing before Esquire W. B. Chappell. Z. M. Cypert, the popular young criminal lawyer, will appear for the defense. Great interest is manifested in the result of the examination."

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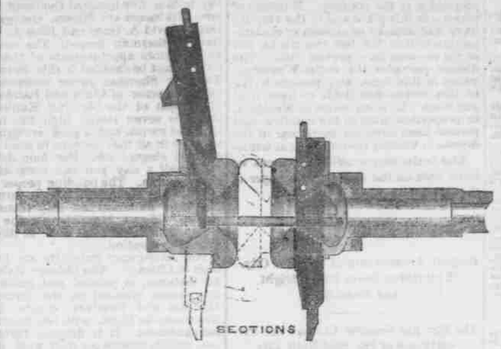

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