The Knoxville Whig

Knoxville, Tenn., March 25, 1868.

GEN. HANCOCK passed through here on Friday *en route* for Washington.

NEW BOOK STORE.—By reference to our advertising columns, it will be seen that a new book store is about to be established here.

THE Indian without arms, which was here a short time since, is successfully performing his curious feats at Nashville.

WE hear of extensive preparations being made in this community for the manufacture of brick during the coming season.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The Young Men's Christian Association of Knoxville, meets on Thursday evening next, at 7½ o'clock, at the Baptist Church.

NEW CHURCH.—A new Church building has been commenced in North Knoxville. Rev. Mr. Mowbray has been mainly instrumental in getting up the necessary funds to put it under way.

SEVERE FROST.—We had a severe frost here on Sunday morning. Serious apprehensions have been felt for the safety of the peach crop, but we are happy to learn from our country friends that the peaches "still live."

BAPTISMAL.—The ordinance of baptism, by immersion, was administered to a lady at the river on Sabbath afternoon, by Rev. John Warthman, in the presence of a large number of persons.

PAY YOUR TAXES.—We call attention to the notice of Mr. Tarwater, Revenue collector for Knox county, to be found in another column. Those in arrears for taxes for 1867 should take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

The evening service of the First Congregational Church, (Unitarian) in the Union Bank building, will be held heretofore at 2½ o'clock. The 7 o'clock service will be omitted. Morning service at the usual hour. Sunday School at 9½ A. M.

CLAIM COMMISSIONERS.—The Governor has commissioned the following commissioners for Knox county, under the late act of the Legislature, for the indemnification of loyal men for losses sustained during the war: Wm. F. Seay, Andrew Knott and George L. Maloney.

JUST RECEIVED.—A large and well selected assortment of Landreth's new crop Garden Seeds.—Persons wanting reliable seeds would do well to call at the Old Drug Store

March 4-4t. CHAMBERLAIN & ALBERS.

On the second page we publish the advertisement of McDaniel & Co., manufacturers of family soaps, in this city. These parties make a very superior article of soap and sell it on most reasonable terms. The late polite and efficient mail agent on the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, Mr. Conway, is connected with this firm. Give them a call, is our advice to those wishing this most necessary article.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—James Dunn was committed to jail on Sunday evening, charged with having committed a felonious assault upon the body of Wm. Sharp. His case was investigated before Esquire Jouralmon on Monday, when he was found guilty of only a simple assault, fined $25 and released.

NEW POST OFFICE WANTED.—We sadly need a larger room for a post office in Knoxville. The one used at present is entirely too small for the accommodation of our population. We believe the subject is worthy the attention of Congress. Could not an appropriation be secured to build an office large enough for the ample accommodation of the people? As it is at present, it is about as hard to get one's mail soon after it is opened as to get to the ticket office of a circus.

SEVIER COUNTY.—At the last term of the Circuit Court in Sevier county, which was held last week by Judge Swan, only two criminal cases appeared on the docket. The Grand Jury remained in session but three days, and we did not hear of a single indictment being returned. All this argues well for the morals of the loyal county of Sevier.—Not much evidence of lawlessness among Republicans there.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—Our energetic city authorities are engaged in making sundry improvements in different portions of the city. They have displayed a commendable zeal at all times in making such improvements as they have been able to make. Owing to the extreme low state of finances when they took hold of the city government, they could not be expected to accomplish much, but the little mite they have had to operate upon has been very judiciously expended.

SABBATH SCHOOL.—The Mission Sabbath School recently organized by Dr. Smith, at the Baptist Church, has grown to be a very flourishing School. Dr. Smith, as well as the officers of the School, deserves great credit for the energy displayed in its management. The School is largely indebted to the efficient Assistant Superintendent, Miss Morgan, for its great success. May success attend this and all other efforts that are being put forth for the benefit of the young people. The School meets at the Baptist church every Sabbath, at two o'clock P. M.

"RADICAL WHISKY REBELLION."—The *Press and Herald*, of this city, has alluded to the resistance offered to the Revenue officers in Claiborne county, as a Radical whisky rebellion. One of the officers who arrested Williams, who is reported as the ring-leader, says that Williams said he was for the "old Washington Constitution," but not for the present state of affairs. Every one knows who it is that is so tenacious in clinging to the "old Constitution," as it is often termed. It does not savor much of Radicalism.

GEN. L. S. TROWBRIDGE.—This gentleman has tendered his resignation as Register in Bankruptcy for this Congressional District. We regret exceedingly to learn that he is soon to leave our city. He is prompted to this step by strong inducements held out by a distinguished lawyer of Detroit Michigan, wither the General goes to make his future home. Notwithstanding he came among us when the bitter animosities occasioned by the late war were rife, his deportment has been such as to gather around him a large circle of warm friends. His course has been that of a hightoned, patriotic, honorable gentleman, and we learn with deep regret that he is so soon to leave us.

FROM SAM TO HIM!—At a bar dinner, Mr. Sam Ewing, a lawyer and a punster, was called upon for a song, and while hesitating to respond, a judge present observed that it wouldn't be much, as it would be but barn (psalm) singing. "Well," rejoined Ewing, "even that would be better than him (hymn) singing." The judge wilted. For ourself, we are not much of a singist, though we cannot refrain from occasionally trying to sound the praises of the great "Barley Sheaf" Cooking Stove. This stove combines many admirable qualities, burns either wood or coal, and richly merits all the good things said of it. Messrs. Stuart, Peterson & Co., Philadelphia, are the manufacturers. Beware of imitations.

For sale by Wm. Coffman & Co. Cruze & Adney, Knoxville, Tennessee.

MORE ARRESTS FOR ILLICIT DISTILLING.—Theophilus Webb, of Grainger county, was committed to jail here on Friday evening, and awaits his trial on a charge of violating the Internal Revenue laws, relative to the manufacture of spirituous liquors.

Deputy Marshal J. P. Lusk arrested John Norwood and John Hammentree, Jr., of Blount county, on Saturday, by virtue of a capias issued on a presentment by the Grand Jury of the U. S. Circuit Court, for a similar offense. They gave bail on Monday for their appearance at the next term of the Court, and were released.

H. C. Woodson, of Claiborne county, was arrested on a similar charge. His case was investigated before Commissioner Hall on Saturday, and the proof not being sufficient to sustain the charge, he was acquitted.

"Gen. McClellan will return to the United States next spring, and resume his business as an engineer." Is this an intimation that he will "run" the United States Government?

PRIVATE MEDICAL ADVICE.—Read Dr. Whittier's advertisement in another column.

KNOXVILLE AND KENTUCKY RAILROAD.—The annual meeting of the Directors of the Knoxville and Kentucky Railroad Company, at their office on yesterday, resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Joseph A. Mabry.
Secretary and Treasurer—John L. Moses.
Chief Engineer—A. Terry.
Superintendent—Gen. James P. Brownlow.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the Company was appointed agent of the Company for the transaction of business with the Post Office Department.

It was resolved by the Board to let the remaining portion of the road to the Kentucky line, a distance of nineteen miles, to contract as soon as possible.

We are prevented from giving a fuller report for want of time before going to press.

THE "RADICAL WHISKY REBELLION."—The recent resistance offered to the collection of revenue on distilleries in Claiborne county, has been heralded forth to the world by the *Press and Herald* of this city, and republished by a great many other papers throughout the country, as being a political matter—engaged in alone by radicals—"a radical whisky rebellion," etc. This is about in keeping with the fairness exhibited by too many journals in the country, which are in the habit of publishing everything derogatory to the character of Tennessee Republicans, and never publish anything correcting such statements. We are authorized by the officers who have been so vigilant in enforcing the laws in the locality above referred to, to say that the statement made by the *Press and Herald* is incorrect—that men of both parties have been engaged in illicit distilling, and that nothing has ever transpired to warrant any one in characterizing such resistance as being a party affair at all.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.—The following are the real estate transfers registered in the office of the County Court Clerk for the week ending March 23d, 1867:

W. W. Webster and wife to H. N. Foster, tract of land in Knox county, for $250.

John L. Moses to A. Kennedy, Jr., eight lots in Knoxville for $2,250.

J. N. Plumlee to James Kennedy, tract of land in Knox county for $50.

C. Powell to J. A. Mabry, lot in Knoxville for $5,000.

L. S. Trowbridge to Wm. Stewart, lot in Knoxville for $85.

D. A. Deaderick, C. and M., to Carter Bowman, tract of land in Knox county for $400.

John L. Moses to Nancy Simpson, lot in Knoxville for $300.

W. T. Bell and wife to David Thomas, tract of land in Knox county for $500.

R. M. Tilly and others to Jacob Walt, tract of land in Knox county for $800.

BANKRUPTCY.—Since our last list of petitions in bankruptcy, the following persons have filed their petitions, which have been referred to the several Registers in Bankruptcy:

H. L. Wooden, of Cleveland.
S. D. Bridgman, of Rhea county.
Daniel Beeler, Grainger county.
M. B. Coulter and Thomas W. Newman, Hamilton county.
T. J. Payne, Rhea county.
H. C. Collins, Rhea county.
R. P. Hamilton, Hawkins county.
John A. Lee, Hamilton county.
H. L. Parish, Hamilton county.
C. A. Eames & D. T. Wilds, Washington county.
J. H. Rickets, Washington county.
E. P. Burns, Sevier county.
W. B. Francisco, Knox county.
S. H. Ferguson, Bledsoe county.
Thomas N. Johnston, Jefferson county.
George P. Carmichael, Monroe county.
Julius Ochs, Knox county.
George W. Wallis, Rhea county.
Wm. Lyle, Carter county.
Samuel Garner, Sullivan county.
M. B. Stewart, Meigs county.
L. F. McDonald, Rhea county.
Geo. W. McKenzie, —— county.
W. B. Schofield, Bledsoe county.
H. M. Snyder, Chattanooga.
Wm. A. Schofield, Bledsoe county.
P. M. Williams, Knox county.
Wm. B. Neilson, Greene county.

NOTICE.—We have business with the following named persons, and respectfully request that they call in person at our office or furnish us with their post office address, viz:

W. M. Lockett,	Joshua Sherfey,
Jesse Elmore,	Paulus Linde,
Martin Gentry,	R. Bayless,
Wm. Rollins,	James R. Bairde,
John Winkle,	J. Conner,
L. Warrick,	G. Wade,
J. Keys,	Joseph Zader,
Wm. Johnson,	M. O. White,
John Hoyle,	Urish Mathews,
Wm. A. Brown,	Thomas Bralen,
Thomas Pickens,	W. R. Karnes,
R. Henderson,	Jonathan Barnard,
Mathew Self,	John Dunn,
Wm. R. Doyle,	J. A. Clark,
Jesse Ayres,	Mary Thompson,
Henry Norton,	Mary Webster,
Benjamin Ward,	L. Hudson,
T. Griffin,	J. D. Anderson,
L. M. Armstrong,	Ezekil Smith,
J. Umphreys,	Jasper Gibson,
E. S. Smith,	James Harmon,
A. A. Henderson,	Andrew L. Hawn.
Harry Crox,	George D. Williams,
George Hinton,	Henry Davenport,
Wm. J. Rodgers,	Charles Owen,
Joel Underwood,	E. M. Barkley,
Jasper Gibson,	Sophia Graves,
Elijah Crane.	

Jeremiah M. K. Martin, Late Private Co. C. 6th Mass. Infantry.

William Rector, (who placed a claim in the hands of Jno. N. Murdoch for collection.)

TODD & SQUIRE,
Claim Agents.

Office at Union Bank Building, Main Street, Knoxville, Tenn.
November 20th, 1867. tf.

River Improvement Convention.

In pursuance of a call published in the papers, a convention of the citizens of the Tennessee River Valley met at the City Hall, in Chattanooga, Wednesday, March 18th.

At 11 o'clock, Mayor Carr, of Chattanooga, called the convention to order, and in a few well chosen remarks alluded to the importance of the enterprise for which the gentlemen present had been called from all parts of the State.

In closing, he nominated as temporary chairman of the convention, Capt. Todd, of Decatur, Ala.

Col. Stanley moved that R. W. Kendrick and W. J. Ramage be appointed temporary secretaries. Adopted.

It was moved by Tomlinson Fort that a committee of seven be appointed on permanent organization.

It was moved by Mr. Cantwell, of Decatur, that a committee of three be appointed on credentials.

On motion of Judge Keys, Mayor Bearden, of Knoxville, Mayor Carr, of Chattanooga, A. A. Hyden, of Marion county, were nominated as the committee on credentials.

On motion of John W. James, a recess of ten minutes was taken to enable the delegates to hand in their credentials.

On motion of Col. Stanley, amended by Judge Keys, it was adopted that all persons attending the convention, residing outside of Chattanooga, be recognized as delegates.

The following is a list of the towns and counties represented:

Decatur, Ala.; St. Louis, Mo.; Knox county, Tenn.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Tuscumbia, Ala.; Rhea county; Monroe county; Rosne county; Sullivan county; Bellefonte, Ala.; Marion county, Tenn.; Marshall county, Ala.; Huntsville, Ala.; Hamilton county, Tenn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.

The report of the committee on credentials was received and adopted, and the committee continued.

The chair announced the following as the committee on permanent organization: Major Scloss, Dr. Cantwell, T. Fort, P. D. Sims, G. L. Powell, Thomas Lewis and J. L. Rhea.

After retiring for a few minutes, the committee returned and reported the following nominations for permanent officers:

President—T. R. Stanley.
Vice President—J. Y. Cantwell, O. E. Waters, Joseph Richards, and R. K. Byrd.
Secretaries—John E. Helms, W. J. Ramage, R. A. Kendrick.
Corresponding Secretary—T. Fort.

On motion of Capt. Baker, the chair appointed Capt. Baker and A. A. Hyde to conduct the permanent president to the chair.

It was moved by Mayor Carr that a committee of two be appointed to wait upon Mr. H. B. Payne, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was in the city, and requested him to address the convention on the subject of internal improvements. Carried.

The chair appointed Mayor Carr and T. J. Carlile as the committee.

On motion, the chair appointed the following gentlemen as a committee on resolutions: M. D. Bearden, D. M. Key, Dr. Cantwell, Major Scloss, T. Fort.

Major Scloss, of Tuscumbia, read certain resolutions adopted by the delegates from Colbert county, Ala., which, on motion, was referred to the committee on resolutions. These are the resolutions:

The delegates appointed to represent Colbert county in the River Improvement Convention to be held in Chattanooga, on the 18th day of March inst., beg leave to present, for consideration, the following statement:

From the extent of the Tennessee River, and also from its peculiar shape and geographical position, it ought to be one of the important avenues of commerce of the United States. Notwithstanding that the difference of latitude, between the mouth of the Tennessee and the head of navigation thereon, is but a fraction of a degree, its great southern bend carries it from about 37° to the vicinity of 34°, thus intersecting Tennessee in its eastern and western extremities. Almost touching Georgia, peeping through Alabama, washing the northern shore of Mississippi, and finally crossing the State of Kentucky.

On the shores of this river are grown every agricultural production (except sugar) that is known to the commerce of the United States. Grain, cotton and tobacco are grown successfully in their respective climates from Knoxville to Paducah. All the minerals are found in great abundance on the shores, for eight hundred miles of its length, and every kind of timbers that grow between the latitude of 24° and 37° is found, either on the river bank or within a few miles of it.

In consideration of the foregoing facts, the undersigned delegates from Colbert county, Ala., are necessarily compelled to conclude, that, but for the difficulty and uncertainty of the navigation of the Tennessee river, it would be as important in a commercial and national point of view, as the Ohio, and carry to market a great variety of the productions of the earth, both vegetable and mineral. The same reasoning which brings our minds to believe that the removal of the obstructions in the Tennessee river would add to the wealth of the nation, forces them to the conclusion that it should be done.

We have not kept out of view the most important consideration in this, as well as in all other enterprises, viz, the possibility of its being done, whether or not the nation was capable of doing the work, and also its probable cost. We think the work can be done, that it is within the capacity of the United States, and the cost not up to the estimates of public works now in progress, of merely local influence, of doubtful utility, and which in no event add a single blade of grass to the productions of the United States.

The undersigned have some practical knowledge of the Tennessee river, from the foot of the Muscle Shoals to Paducah, a distance of three hundred miles. We know the nature and extent of the obstructions, and also the injury to commerce and agriculture consequent thereon, but will not trouble the convention with details which can be better seen from old, as well as recent surveys of the river.

We, however, beg leave to state that when freights were carried through from New Orleans to Knoxville, via Tennessee river, the Colbert shoals cost one-eighth and the Muscle shoals one-fourth of the entire expense of delivering goods in Knoxville from New Orleans; and further, that the Colbert shoals alone have cost, within thirty years, the inhabitants of five counties in Alabama, over one million of dollars in lighterage up and down, on the small amount of commerce that was able to surmount the obstructions below it. From the cost to commerce and agriculture of one mile of shoals in a river one thousand miles long, it is easy to see that the various obstructions from the mouth to the head of navigation in the Tennessee river must have injured commerce and agriculture to an amount that would seem incredible if set forth in figures.

Presuming that the respective counties from Muscle Shoals to Knoxville will be represented in the convention, we confine ourselves to observations as to that part of the river best known to us; but, at the same time, we are ready to give assistance to anything useful, practicable or just, which may be brought before the convention.

Wm. Warren, John Christian, John W. Dean, J. C. Goodloe, T. F. Buchanan, John A. Donnelly, J. D. Inman, F. A. Ross, F. D. Lavender, Jos. H. Scloss.

On motion, the convention adjourned till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Resolutions reported the following:

Resolved, 1st. That the interests of the people of the Tennessee Valley require that the Tennessee River, from its mouth to the head of navigation, should be cleared of all obstructions, and that said river remain free from all tolls or tribute.

Resolved, 2d. That Messrs. William Mullinix, of Huntsville, Tenn., J. G. King, of Bristol, Tenn., H. S. Chamberlain, of Knoxville, Tenn., Joseph A. Mabry, of Knoxville, Tenn., R. K. Byrd, of Kingston, Tenn., Wm. Lenoir, of Lenoir's station, E. T. and Ga. Railroad, Tenn., M. F. Johnson, of Madisonville, Tenn., J. W. James, of Chattanooga, Tenn., W. P. Rathburn, of Chattanooga, Tenn., A. A. Hyde, of Jasper, Tenn., D. C. Humphries and R. W. Walker, of Huntsville, Alabama, Lewis Wyeth, of Guntersville, Ala., J. T. Cantwell, of Decatur, Ala., Wm. Warren, of Tuscumbia, Ala., R. B. Lindsey, of Tuscumbia, Ala., S. C. Posey, of Florence, Ala., J. W. Witherspoon, of Waterloo, Ala., and Hon. L. S. Trimble, of Paducah, Ky., be and they are hereby appointed a committee, for and on behalf of this Convention, to prepare and draft a memorial to the Congress of the United States, setting forth the purposes of this Convention, and urging a speedy action of Congress to aid in its objects.

Resolved, 4th. That said Committee be requested to go to Washington City, and present said memorial to Congress, and are hereby authorized to act as delegates from this Convention for that purpose.

Resolved, 5th. That said Committee be requested to memorialize the Legislatures of the States of Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Virginia, requesting their co-operation and assistance in this enterprise.

Resolved, 6th. That the members of said Committee who are not present, are hereby authorized to assemble, appoint such sub-committees as they may deem proper, and take such other steps as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes for which they were appointed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. D. BEARDEN, Chairman.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received, and the resolutions taken up *seriatim* and adopted.

Hon. H. B. Payne, of Cleveland, Ohio, being called for, addressed the Convention at some length, setting forth in a forcible manner the advantages of river over railroad transportation, and urged unity of action in the great matter before the Convention. He hoped and believed that the efforts they were then making would not be in vain.

We will not attempt to give any synopsis of Judge Payne's remarks, as justice could only be done by a full report. The speech was well received, gracefully delivered, and with frequent outbursts of applause.

Mr. J. T. Maloney, of Chattanooga, moved that the thanks of the Convention be returned to Judge Payne for the address delivered by him before the Convention, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

By a delegate:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it does so subject to the call of the chairman of this meeting, or, in his absence, by any three members of the committee appointed to draft a memorial.—Adopted.

By T. Fort, of Chattanooga:

Resolved, That the press of the Valley of Tennessee be requested to publish the proceedings of this Convention, and that the secretaries of the meeting be requested to furnish the press copies of the same. adopted.

By A. A. Hyde, of Jasper:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Presidents and Managers of the various railroads centering in the city of Chattanooga, for their liberality in granting passes for half fare to the delegates of this Convention; and that the secretaries be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to said Presidents and Managers. Adopted.

By Captain H. S. Chamberlain, of Knoxville, Tennessee:

Resolved, That as members of this Convention, we pledge ourselves to exert our influence to the fullest extent, to impress upon the minds of our Representatives in Congress the importance of the navigation of the Tennessee river, and that we pledge ourselves to vote for no man who will not work with a right good will for the accomplishment of this object. Adopted.

By H. F. Parrish, of Chattanooga:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to forward to our members of Congress the proceedings of this Convention. On motion adopted.

By J. W. Jones, of Chattanooga:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and hereby tendered to the Hon. A. M. Gate, and through him to the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, for its recent action in aid of this enterprise.

On motion, adjourned.

T. R. STANLEY, President.
JOHN E. HELMS, Secretary.

Grant on Negro Suffrage.

At the Massachusetts Republican Convention, last week, the Hon. D. W. Gooch, in the course of a speech, made the following very important statement:

Early in April last, immediately after the adjournment of the first session of the present Congress, I called on General Grant, at his office in Washington. He had that morning been informed of the questions proposed to be raised by the President and Attorney-General in relation to the Reconstruction Act, then just passed. After stating them, he rewarked, "Congress ought not to have adjourned without some provision by which it could assemble at any time," and also added, "They have passed laws by which ten States are to be reconstructed, and it is reasonable to suppose that some further legislation may be necessary." I then said to him, "Perhaps this is not the first time we have suffered because Congress was not in session when it ought to have been." He asked to what I referred. I replied that I always thought there should have been a session of Congress immediately after the overthrow of the rebel armies." He assented, and I added further, "If there had been, it is possible that the present conflict between the Executive and Congress might have been avoided." After a moment's reflection, he replied, "On the whole, I think it is better as it is. If it had not been for that conflict, it is possible that reconstruction might have been accomplished without securing negro suffrage." I felt then that he fully recognized the fact that the war had established not only the power of the Government to maintain its own existence, but also the equality of the rights and privileges of all men under it.

[From the Press and Times.]

A KUKLUX KILLED.

Terrible Retribution--A Gang of Armed and Masked Prowlers Demand Admittance to the House of a Colored Man---He shoots one of them Down.

At last has come what we expected long since, and what the forbearance of Union people, white and colored, has put off during a period of time readily astonishing.—One of that armed band of miserable scoundrels who prowl about the country, threatening and robbing the colored people, has been shot down while he and his gang were engaged in their lawless and criminal proceedings.

We wonder now if the Conservative papers will deny that the Kuklux sneak about the country in the unhallowed business of stealing from the freedmen. A Kuklux has been killed, laid low by the bullet of a brave colored man who had courage to defend his home from the assaults of reckless villains.

After long forbearance; after submitting to threats, to beatings, to abuse of all kinds, to robbery, to death even in some instances, the colored people have appealed to the right of self-defense, and one of their persecutors has paid a fearful penalty. Clad in the ghostly habiliments of his order, with the mask and the distorted, exaggerated hat coming down low over his face, with his revolver at his side, this first victim was found in the cold gray light of morning, stiff and stark, where he fell.

Let us give the particulars of the affair:

Bob Anderson, a colored man, has been threatened by the Kuklux Klan. The members of the conclave evidently don't like him and would as hef do the poor freedman a mischief as not. Anderson lives on the Lebanon pike about five miles from Nashville, and near the little hamlet of McWhirtersville. It's an isolated cabin standing removed from the highway, and upon the banks of a little creek. It's a lonely spot, and no fear of help coming if a band of villains should see fit to break into his cabin and beat or murder its inmates.

The Kuklux settled it that poor Bob shall be the victim of their cruelty. They'll punish him well, they'll learn him who is to rule, the'll see if this is a white man's government or whether it is not. Tuesday night at the dark hour of midnight the gang, probably numbering eight or ten, though only four were seen, approached silently the solitary cabin—brave business that in which the scoundrels are engaged—and knocked at the door, demanding in solemn sepulchral tones admittance to the interior. The colored man peers frightened through the window and sees four white figures standing outside wrapped in white sheets, and with tall white hats upon their heads; fear seizes the inmates of the cabin. The colored man knows what it all means. He is'nt far from being bound and beaten as in the old slave times. He fears for his family; they might all be murdered. Brave fellow, he don't lose his presence of mind, however, warns the scoundrels away. They outside repeat their demands for admittance, accompanied by threats. The barrel of an Enfield rifle in the hands of the freedman is thrust forth through an opening there is a sharp report, a mortally wounded man gives a sharp, quick cry, reels backward, runs a few yards, and falls to rise no more. His companions are gone; quick as the flash and the cry; their white sheets flutter in the wind as with fleet strides they rush towards the woods and the bushes. Maskes are torn off by the branches, sepulchral attire whisked into ribbons and scattered over the ground furnishing for the morrow clue to the track of the fugitives. Morning comes and dispels the colored man's fears. He goes forth and finds the body undisturbed, where it, full mask, winding sheet, revolver strapped at his side all are there. The alarm is quickly given, neighbors come up and the body is recognized as that of a young man named Henry C. Blair, who lived in the neighborhood.

'Squir Jerry Bowon held an inquest upon the remains yesterday, and they were then turned over to his friends. The jury rendered a verdict of death from a gun-shot wound, caused by an Enfield rifle, in the hands of Bob Bnderson.

It need hardly be stated that there is much excitement in that community over this event.

The companions of Blair in this Kuklux expedition are still unknown, so far as our informant was aware. What may be the upshot of this matter, we shall not take the liberty of predicting. Of one thing, however we feel quite confident, unless the Kuklux cease meddling with the colored people we shall have other events like the above to chronicle, yea, many of them.

Love, Treachery and Murder.

The Oxford, (Ohio,) *Citizen* gives the details of a tragedy which recently occurred near Mount Carmel, Franklin county, Indiana. They are as romantic as anything which novelists have invented. A young girl, the daughter of wealthy parents, was educated at one of the seminaries in Oxford, and it was the intention of her parents that she should make a match that would give her a high position in the world. She fell in love, however, with a young farmer who was quite poor. The parents forbade her to have anything to say to him, but they managed to exchange letters through the assistance of a young minister. Finally they proposed to elope, but the go-between became enamored of the lady, and prevailed on her to run off with him instead of the farmer. They eloped and were married. The grief of the farmer knew no bounds.—Determined upon revenge, he armed himself with a revolver and swore that the young divine should die for his treachery. A couple of weeks ago the rivals met, and the farmer openly shot down the destroyer of his happiness.

DEMOCRATIC ESTIMATE OF SOLDIERS.—The Washington (Pa.) *Jeffersonian*, a staunch organ of democracy, declaims in this wise against Sherman's nomination by that party for the Presidency:

For six years the democracy has felt humiliated and ashamed of itself, because forced into a wrong position. It has been a hypocrite and a liar through the war.—The war is black republican property.—What is General Sherman but a murderer, an invader of private rights, and a cotton thief? If the democrats are mean enough to put in nomination any pug for President who ever wore shoulder straps during the abolition crusade, we hope he will be befeated, and we will do all in our power to accomplished that end.

It is stated that the Chinese in California pay over $3,000,000 in the shape of taxes in various ways. They compose about one-eighth of the population.

NOTICE.

THE MINISTERIAL CONVENTION of Athens District, Holston Conference, M. E. Church, will meet in Athens, Thursday, the 23 day of April next. Ministers, traveling and local, within the bounds of the District, also Sabbath School Superintendents, and one layman elected from each charge, are members and expected to be present. The traveling preachers will be expected to report from their several charges the money required to bear the expenses of delegates to the General Conference.

Ministers of all denominations and the public generally are respectfully invited to attend the Convention.

J. ALBERT HYDEN, President.
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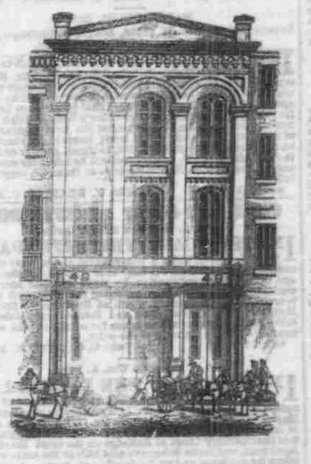

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