

FAILURE.

The Lord, who fashioned my hands for working, Set me a task, and it is not done...

Others around me cheerfully toiling, Showed me their work as they passed away...

Laden with harvest spoils they entered, In the golden age of their rest...

Happy be they who strove to help me, In falling even in spite of their aid...

Now I know my task will never be finished, And when the Master call my name...

With empty hands I shall rise to meet Him, And when He looks for the fruits of years...

Yet when He calls I find work has been done, And I am as weary as though I had carried...

I will fold my empty hands on my bosom, Meekly thus in the shape of His cross...

ITEMS FOR THE LADIES.

The author of "The Gale's Ajax" is going to marry a nice young clergyman...

One of the most beautiful women of Portland, Oregon, has just eloped with...

"My dear," said Mrs. Bumble to her daughter, "you must have something warm...

A clever repartee is attributed to the member from Maryland in the new Congress...

A bachelor says that all he should ask for in a wife would be a good temper, sound health...

A spirited girl observes that to her mind the women who want female suffrage...

In Albany, the other night, a woman met her own husband at a wedding party...

About a year ago, in a town in Nevada, a girl presented herself at the bedside of...

A wedding has recently taken place in South Norwalk, Mass., which was brought about in a romantic manner...

"Bachelors," says Josh Billing, "are always bragging of their freedom! Freedom to darn their own stockings, and...

"Will you take this woman to be your wife?" "Well, Squire," was the reply, "you must be a green up to me such a question as that..."

"Kate," writes from Bridgeport, Conn., to a Boston weekly journal, saying: "I married where I did not love, and now I love where I cannot marry..."

Such persons would have couples marry. When they propose to wed in Lent...

A reception was given in St. Louis the other evening, to the first female Bachelor of Laws, just admitted to Washington University...

Chronology of Important Inventions.

We insert the following table of chronology to gratify some of our readers; it will be found interesting, especially to our young readers:

Maps, globes, and dials were first invented by Anaximander in the sixth century B. C. They were first brought into England by Bartholomew Columbus, in 1480.

Comedy and tragedy were first exhibited at Athens, 552 B. C.

Plays were first acted at Rome, 239 B. C.

The first public library was founded at Athens, 526 B. C.

The first public library was founded at Rome, 167 B. C.

Alexandria, 295 B. C.

Paper was invented in China, 170 B. C.

The Calendar was reformed by Julius Caesar, 45 B. C.

Insurance on ships and merchandise first made in A. D. 43.

Saddles came into use in the fourth century.

Horseshoes made of iron were first used 481.

Strips were not made till about a century after.

Manufacture of silk brought from India into Europe, 551.

Pens first made of quills, 635.

Stone buildings and glass introduced into England, 974.

Pleadings in courts of judicature introduced, 788.

The figures of arithmetic brought into Europe by the Saracens, 904.

Paper made in Italy, 1029.

The degree of doctor first conferred in Europe, at Bologna, in 1130; in England, 1209.

The first regular bank was established at Venice in 1157; that of Amsterdam in 1609; that of England, 1694.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Roanoke.

SALEM, ROANOKE COUNTY, June 20, 1871.

To the Editor of the State Journal.

We shall make no more effort to save from disgrace and Democracy this noble little county, which has stood so bravely in defence of Republicanism since the close of the war, and if we fail this time, we do not know to whom we can appeal.

That effort shall be made through the columns of your paper, and if we can ascertain that the facts of which we complain have reached the eyes of those having the power of correction, and they disregard our wishes, we shall call together the voters of this county, of our party, and give to the administration and those who can reach it, the forcing upon a correction and, or, choosing an independent party of our own, in antagonism to the present organization.

We are in no mood of patience to longer submit to outrage and wrong. We are not to be trifled with. We tell all interested to beware of the power of the people.

Mr. Custer, who, for several years held the position of assistant assessor in this county, and who has the confidence of the party, has been removed by Assessor Lewis to give place to some man from Rockingham county, of whom we know nothing, care less, and don't want to know, if he is to take the place of an old and tried political friend.

Mr. Lewis has had his change in the face of solemn protests from us, at which the more intelligent of us are astounded, while the colored people seem with wonder. Mr. Lewis has added to the strength of Democracy more by this one act, than the party could have accomplished in years of trial. If he is permitted to control affairs in his district, we would advise the administration to try his hand at one or two more removals, and then to appoint in Virginia, and then to the market and inquire the price of Republican stock in Virginia. The Republican party in this State is implored to unite with us in prayer to the Lord, to save us from our friends and deliver us into the hands of our enemies, who could treat us no worse.

SCALAWAG.

POLITICAL.

The Ohio Republican Convention—State Ticket and Platform.

The proceedings of the Ohio Republican State Convention, at Columbus, were perfectly harmonious, and great enthusiasm was manifested. General E. F. Noyes, of Cincinnati, was nominated for Governor by acclamation, the names of Hon. Benjamin F. Wade and Hon. Samuel Galloway having been withdrawn. Hon. Jacob Mueller, a well known German of Cleveland, was nominated for Lieutenant Governor; ex-Army General Wm. H. West, of Logan county, for judge of the Supreme court; Hon. Isaac H. Welsh, of Noble county, for State treasurer; Hon. James Williams, for State auditor; Francis B. Pond, for attorney general; T. M. Harvey, for school commissioner; Rodney Foss, for clerk of the Supreme court, and S. R. Hosner, for member of the board of public works.

Noyes was introduced and received with tumultuous applause, and made a few remarks accepting the nomination.

The resolutions adopted set forth that the Republican party may well challenge the admiration and confidence of the country for its patriotism, courage and wisdom in preserving the Union, and for its justice, firmness and magnanimity in establishing for all liberty and equality before the law; for its inviolate honor and good faith toward the national creditors, and the successful administration of national affairs. They recognize the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments as just, wise and valid articles of organic law; say the duties on imports should be so adjusted as to promote the interests of every section and branch of industry, as far as possible; fully endorse the present administration as faithful, honest, and economical, as shown by the reduction of over \$100,000,000 of taxes, and the payment of \$200,000,000 of the national debt; that the Administration has been equally successful in its foreign policy, and has achieved imperishable honor in the settlement of the differences with Great Britain upon terms creditable to both countries; condemn the policy of granting subsidies to corporations and monopolies; declare the public domain should be kept for the laboring people; favor reform in the civil service of the country; endorse heartily the action of President Grant under the civil service act; hope that the emities and resentments of the war will be speedily ended; and that the day may soon come when, in every State, every citizen may be safe in life, person, property and civil rights, and enjoy the equal protection of the laws.

THE IRON-CLAD OATH.—Soon after the occupancy of South Carolina the State was divided into districts, and each district put under the command of an officer, who combined with his other duties that of prosecuting the war against the rebel forces.

One of the most notable of these officers was a young man, who occupied a very fine position in the State. He was succeeded by a young major of cavalry, a descendant of an ancient Greek family of Limerick, and bearing the euphonious and classic name of O'Brien, "Jabbers," and it is of him and his doings we write.

The major's office and house were continually open to the distressed and down-trodden of all nations, and was well patronized by the newly made citizens of African descent, who all wanted advice or assistance. In addition to his other duties, the major used to hold court to try sundry cases of larceny, &c., and if there was any lack of law there was generally found to be a deficiency, and that very promptly. One of the greatest difficulties used to be to get the colored people to use the official words in "taking de oath"; they generally preferring to use their own formula. One case came under our own observation, and was so ludicrous that we made a "note on it"; and here it is: A case of larceny of watermelons was up before the major, and the evidence was so strong against the prisoner that he seemed but a little chance for him to escape the change, but when the major asked the prisoner if he had any evidence to prove his innocence, he said "Swar me, major."

The major consented, and taking the Bible in his hand, he proceeded with the usual formula and then handed the book to the prisoner to kiss, but instead of doing so, he opened the Bible, and raising his hand, said: "I swear I will tell de truth, and if I don't, tell de truth, I hope my soul will go to God." "Go to, I—!" shouted the major. The African responded, "dat's so," and kissed the book. We presume he succeeded in proving his innocence to the major's satisfaction as we did not see him at work on the road the next day in the chain-gang.

Capitol.

In court the other day, a witness being asked how he knew that a man and woman were husband and wife, replied, "Because he had often heard the lady blow the gentleman up." The evidence was held to be conclusive.

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WEDNESDAY, the 5th DAY OF JULY, 1871, at Massingford, in the County of Charlotte, sell, by auction, to the highest bidder,

VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND, belonging to Cain J. Gaines, Esq., containing about Two Hundred and Twenty Acres and situated in the neighborhood of Massingford, and about four miles from the R. & D. R. R. and adjoining the lands of Thomas Jackson, John Daniel and others, and has on it a dwelling house and all the necessary out-houses.

The land is in a good neighborhood, is well timbered and is very fertile and productive, and is sold free from all liens and other encumbrances, and the purchaser is to give notes for the deferred payments, with interest added at 6 per cent. until the title is retained by the assignee until the notes are paid.

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