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WE are glad that the honest and manly declaration of principles made by the Republican party has smoked the sly old foxes of Democracy out of their holes, and compelled them to come into the light in the presence of honest, intelligent men. The voters, and especially the property-holders of Virginia, are at last aroused to the impending ruin that threatens them; but the *Enquirer* undertakes to parry the attacks made against the financial policy of the Democracy all along the line, by the false statement that our taxes have not been increased at all.

We state, that this is untrue, and again assert that the rates of taxation, up to the coming in of this present detestable Democratic State administration, was thirty cents on the hundred dollars, and that by that administration it was increased, and it is now fifty cents on the hundred dollars, and not only so but this enormous increase will leave a deficiency of about one million of dollars to be provided for in the future. We appeal for the truth of this statement to the official record, and finally we appeal to the *Enquirer* to confess the misstatement stated, and to do so speedily. For failing in this act of justice it and its party, will receive the condemnation from an outraged people which their temerity deserves.

It has always been regarded as a lasting disgrace to our Father Adam, that, when arrayed by infinite justice for his first great crime, like a sneaking coward, he undertook to defend himself by saying, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me gave me of the tree and I did eat;" and it is just this argument that the *Enquirer* tenders in reply to the charge of the enormous outrage perpetrated in the interests of the Governor and his associate stock-jobbers, in the provisions of the funding bill, that give those bankers and brokers priority in payment over every other class of State creditors.

It practically says yes, it is true, the bill is wrong, it does bleed the suffering people of the State for the benefit of these mercenaries, but the Democracy are not to blame, for Republicans voted for the bill. Now we are glad that your backs do smart, the rod has been long in pickle for you, and we are glad to hear you offer such a pitiful excuse.

You know that the majority in a Legislature is always, and justly, held responsible for all the vicious legislation, and claims justly the honor and benefit of all that is wise.

You have been teaching us that lesson all along during the years of our supremacy, and perhaps the most notable illustration of this, occurred when the test-oath was under consideration, on the final vote in the constitutional convention. A well-known and prominent Republican moved to strike out the test-oath, but his motion was lost, and the test-oath finally retained in the constitution, by the votes of nine prominent Conservatives, the very men who had most bitterly denounced all disfranchisements and test-oaths.

This wasdone, too, under the leadership of the noted apostle of Virginia Democracy, Eustice Gibson, and when your party were charged in the campaign of 1869 with retaining the test-oath, you replied stoutly and satisfactorily that you did not, "for the purpose of making the constitution as odious as possible," and asserted everywhere that this was one of the recognized rights of a minority in politics. This was the medicine you administered to us, and, following your example, you must now hold your noses and swallow your own medicine without a grimace. We are making Democracy odious, and shall continue to do so to the end of the chapter.

AS CITIZENS, NOT PARTISANS.

Some three months since we called attention to the financial condition of the State in a series of moderate articles, written in the best spirit, and with an earnest purpose to advance the interests of the State. Our attention had been drawn to the great difficulty experienced by farmers, in our own neighborhood, to obtain money to pay their taxes. Complaints were coming to us from all sources, of the decline in the market value of property, and the increase of assessed value in many localities.

The losses of the war, the disastrous crops, and the extensive exodus of enterprising young men and laborers, were all matters of common remark. We endeavored in these articles to point out the real financial condition of the State, and indicate the necessity of giving to the people of Virginia every advantage which a humane and sensible creditor extends to an honest debtor whom misfortune has overtaken.

We obtained no favorable response from the Conservative politicians or the Conservative press, and even found ourselves treading on delicate toes in our own party. But, from the country, the people everywhere sent us words of cheer. We have continued, from time to time, to expose the origin, aims, and ruinous tendency of the Funding Law, and challenged any man or newspaper to point out the errors of our statement. No man has ventured to come forward to disprove our statements yet.

The Republican Convention which has recently met with surprising unanimity adopted our position, and made it a part of its platform of principles.

And now the Richmond *Dispatch* says "they are not Virginians. They hate Virginia." That is its answer to an appeal in behalf of the people.

That is its answer to facts and figures, and it is in keeping with the tactics of the party which it represents, in which free discussion of measures to elicit truth and secure the public good, are unknown.

It matters not what man or party approved this law, as far as its effects are concerned. All of us have an interest in the welfare of the State, and if the law is found productive of suffering and ruin, on trial, let every man be brave enough to acknowledge his mistake, and labor to repair it. We have never sought to blame those who voted for it honestly, believing it right. We ask every man to look at this matter as a citizen, and not as a partisan, and, realizing the great stake that himself and his children have in the State, act upon his own convictions of duty.

WE had the pleasure of a call from Gen. Rufus Barringer, of Charlotte North Carolina.

Gen. Barringer was a gallant Confederate soldier in the late war, but accepted its results and is now practicing law at Charlotte.

He is not an office-holder or an office-seeker.

He informs us that the Ku-Klux trials and the vigorous execution of the law are having a healthy effect in his State.

He emphatically states that very few of the Ku-Klux are Confederate soldiers. Most of them are cowardly ruffians, who shirked responsibilities during the war, and now try to redeem themselves by these diabolical proceedings, lest they should be suspected of Northern sympathies. They sometimes force in better men. The Democratic leaders look upon it with favor, but have generally stood outside, in order to protect themselves from punishment. Several prominent Democrats, however, are known to be members.

A powerful force of detectives are still at work, and we may expect still more astounding results.

JUDGE GRAY, OF FAIRFAX.

We find in the *Liberal Citizen*, of Alexandria, the following notice of John H. Gray, Esq., the Republican nominee of Fairfax county for the Assembly. We heartily endorse the compliment. Judge Gray is our friend and neighbor, and we hope to see him elected by an emphatic majority. The *Citizen* says:

All parties acquainted with the Judge admit his peculiar fitness for that important position. Judge Gray has been one of the Supervisors of Fairfax County for the past two years, and has emphatically proved himself a working member. Every Conservative in the County cordially give him that credit. He has taken a great interest in agriculture, fruit growing, and improvement of the public roads. It would be a fortunate circumstance for the State of Virginia if a majority of her law makers are composed of as good material as Judge Gray.

SINCE the Republican victories a number of Democratic papers, including several at the South, advocate the breaking up of the Democratic organization, and a union with all anti-Republican elements of the country. "Anything for success" is the first motto of Democracy. A party with whom principles are of any consequence would not talk in this loose way of throwing them aside. But the proposition is not one calculated to insure success.

There are not opposing elements enough in the country to defeat the Republicans in the next Presidential election, even if they could be harmoniously united in one party, which is a manifest impossibility. The "new departure" was an attempt at this. The only way to abandon the Democracy is to come over to the Republican party. That is the party of principle and of success, and is stronger to-day than ever before.

OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, September 27.

The winter preceding the assembling of the National Conventions, always brings to Washington an extra number of wire-pullers and anxious politicians; and this fact, coupled with that other fact, that the coming session of Congress is to be the long one, promises to bring us an extra number of strangers, and with them a busier and gayer season than Washington has seen for many years.

The lack of hotel accommodation will cause many members of the House and Senate to seek quarters elsewhere, and hence many of them have already rented, or purchased, residences, and are preparing to bring their families and keep house. A great deal of improvement has taken place during the past spring and summer, and houses are plenty and rents moderate.

It is estimated that over two thousand houses have been erected during the past season, and as a general thing they contain all the modern improvements, and are vastly superior both in architectural appearance and comfort to the many antiquated "rat-harbors" which so mar the beauty of many of our fine, broad streets.

Many of our principal streets are in a woeful condition at present. The city has commenced a series of improvements, which will involve the outlay of some eight or ten millions of dollars.

The season here for intellectual enjoyment will open the second week in October, by a series of lectures at Lincoln Hall, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. The opening lecture will be delivered by Rev. E. N. Chapin, who will be followed in the succession named by Mark Twain, Anna E. Dickinson, Rev. Robert Collyer, John Hay, Olive Logan, General Kilpatrick, Mrs. Dallas Glyn, George W. Curtis, B. F. Taylor and Wendell Phillips, in behalf of the Republican party.

Secretary Boutwell has gone to Ohio, where he is to make two speeches during the coming week—one at Cincinnati, and the other at Cleveland.

The prospect looks glorious in Ohio. Ohioans now here, and direct from that State, are claiming from 30,000 to 50,000 majority for the Republican ticket. The election occurs on the 10th proximo.

The President is expected to return next week.

Secretary Robeson is in Pennsylvania, where he is electrifying the people by his eloquent arguments and appeals.

AGA.

[From the Richmond Whig.]

Fruit Culture.

A communication from Front Royal gives an account of the splendid vineyard of Mr. Buck. It is a new industry in our State, and in that aspect it deserves commendation and serious consideration. We must multiply and vary our products, and nature and circumstances indicate that fruit presents the means for our deliverance and recuperation. The grape and apple are the most profitable fruits; our climate and soil are adapted to both, and every farmer should make it a point to devote acres more or less to their cultivation. In time they will swell his income and contribute to his comfort and enjoyment.

We are glad to know that Mr. Buck is not the only gentleman in Virginia who is turning his attention to this important subject. He is justly entitled to credit for being the pioneer, and for the extent and variety of his operations. The whole community will in time reap the benefits from his experiments.

The Leesburg *Washingtonian* reports the following in respect to Major Williams, of Fairfax, which we take pleasure in copying:

FRUITS AND GRAPES.—Major Williams, of Vienna, Fairfax county, exhibited at the Loudoun fair a number of specimens of apples raised by him, which were shown as a display of the varieties adapted to cultivation in this section of Virginia. Mr. W. is a gentleman of much experience, and is possessed of a remarkable fund of information upon such subjects. The improvement of fruit is a department of scientific culture which has received his special attention, and he is contributing greatly to increase the varieties of fruits in this section.

It is his opinion that the wild grapes of our hills and forests contain the germs from which, by cultivation, can be produced a wine grape equal to the best in Europe. His attention is directed to this subject, and he is now experimenting upon those of Fairfax, and the results thus far are most flattering. One year's growth has materially improved the quality in size and flavor, and he believes in a few years, he will present a grape to the wine producers of Virginia which will answer the necessity all experience in the want of a native, reliable grape, with rich flavor and juicy wine-producing qualities, superior to the varieties with which they are now experimenting.

Could not some of our enterprising and intelligent grape growers of Loudoun, find on the Cotoctin and Blue Ridge Mountains, a grape which could be redeemed from its wild state, and made a joy and comfort to the grape producers of our county? The experiment is worth trying. Major Williams proposes offering a special premium at the next Loudoun Fair, for the best sample of wine from the native Virginia grape. We hope there will be many contestants for the prize.

GENERAL NEWS.

Nebraskans who neglect to vote are ridden on a rail.

New Albany ladies walk up to bars and call for a little sugar in theirs.

Gloves are rather deeper in tone and higher in price than last season.

Thayer, of circus fame, is about to enter the political ring in Pennsylvania.

An unruly lover was cowhided by his prospective mother-in-law in Cincinnati.

Mr. Howe, of Lebanon, N. H., aged eighty-five, took his first railroad ride last week.

A Florida colored woman rock-a-byed her infant to sleep with a dose of laudanum.

Venison is eight cents a pound in Wisconsin, and "deer" at that.—*Boston Post.*

"Yankee Doodle" is often played now-a-days by English bands, and is very popular.

A wood-pile fell and forced a Detroit man against a circular saw. He was cut in two.

The gloom of a Missouri funeral was alleviated by an impromptu jig by an insane man.

The Hartford *Times* mourns that the only sparrows in the park are spare rows of benches.

Southern saloonists have formed a syndicate to put the price of drinks down to ten cents.

A Massachusetts psychologists has mesmerized an inebriate out of his appetite for liquor.

A Hartforder advised a slender friend to chalk his head and go to a masquerade as a billard que.

Some Troy Sons of Temperance seasoned their oysters with whisky, by mistake, instead of vinegar.

Mr. Kerr, of Kansas went to bed upon a roof, and on waking up on the sidewalk made some Kerrsory remarks.

St. Louis gamblers are out with a circular setting forth the great losses to the city occasioned by the suppression of gambling.

Three ameteurs attempted burglary in Greenfield, Ind., and were cordially welcomed with a little shot-gun by the affable proprietor.

James Neely, of Ohio, enjoyed the greatest satisfaction in his last moments, by refusing to tell his weeping family where he had buried $15,000 in coin.

A Vermont paper speaks of a minister who had resigned his "pasturate." His last sermon might have had for its text, "All flesh is grass!"—*Boston Post.*

With the completion of the European North American railway from Bangor to St. John, on the 18th of October, the ocean transit to Europe will be reduced five days.

An eccentric clergyman lately said in one of his sermons, that "about the commonest proof we have that a man is made of clay is the brick so often found in his hat."

Miss King, who has tasted tea in every part of China, says Americans will never get the best tea until they are willing to bid as high for it as the Russians, who now monopolize the finest growths.

The Queen of Belgium is a better horsewoman than scholar. Her trained horses recently awoke the professional enthusiasm of Ernest Benz, a famous circus rider of Brussels, who declared them much better educated than herself.

The ex-King of Spain, the consort of the deposed Queen Isabella, is stated to be a very skillful turner and wood carver, and spends several hours every day in making small images of saints out of wood. He can out-whittle any Yankee.

In one county of Kansas alone there are 121 acres of castor beans under cultivation, and Greeley thinks it needs no mathematician to show that the crop will supply castors to every bedstead in the United States. *Detroit Free Press.*

Laura De Force Gordon insisted, in a recent lecture at Stockton, California, that she was "an American citizen over twenty-one years of age," which provoked a crusty and disgusted benedict to exclaim, "You bet you are!" Sensation in the audience.

One of the most humorous things connected with the small-pox excitement in Lowell is told by the *Courier*, which received a letter from a man in New-Hampshire, desiring his paper discontinued till the disease should abate. The *Courier* is afraid to telegraph him for fear that boys will climb the telegraph poles and become infected.

JOHN W. WOLTZ, News and City Editor.

LOCAL MATTERS.

REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

For the Senate.

Hon. J. R. POPHAM, WILLIAM TROY,
JOHN WOODWORTH.

For the House.

D. W. BOHANNON, C. W. MILLS,
HORACE L. KENT, HENRY MILLER,
JOHN FRANKIN.

OUR CANDIDATES.—We invite the attention of the voters of Richmond and Henrico, to the names, character and standing of the gentlemen composing the ticket of the Republican party.

They have been selected because of their worth and merit and their ability to make a vigorous campaign against those who have been selected by the Hermaphrodites—in fact because they have the disposition to make the fur fly.

They were not seekers of the places for which they have been selected, but were chosen spontaneously by the great heart of the people of this district. Our motto and theirs in this campaign will be *lex talionis*. As we are fought so will we fight.

If Democracy raises the black flag, it shall be no blacker than ours (*here's a chance*) If it will be liberal, generous and fair, we shall meet it on equal terms; but if not, why let those who don't want to be hurt stand from under.

ENLISTED FOR THE WAR.—We accept the gage of battle thrown down by the *Evening News*, and hoist the flag of our standard bearers, and nail it to the top of our columns. We are enlisted for the fight and are determined to make the coming one "red hot." If hot shot and shell are used and any of our furniture scorched, we shall take it good naturedly and turn a stream of cold water upon it.

"Death to Radicalism" is the battle cry of Democracy. It is a fierce and relentless onslaught of the enemies of free government and free men.

It has no terrors for us, and while it may intimidate a few of the nervous of our party, it only arouses to double action the pluck and energy of the faithful. If your "pet lambs" be slaughtered, you may be consoled with the thought that they sought to become the sacrifice—that they were not invited, but came pressing their claims for Democratic honors; and if instead they receive Republican darts, grease their bruised places a little, and they will soon be healed. "Lay on, McDuff."

THE CONSERVATIVE TICKET.—After the manipulation of the rings they succeeded in nominating a very milk-and-watery ticket, possessing no real strength. Mr. Holliday is a clever young man, but nothing more. Tom Wynne is exceedingly unpopular with his own party, and his nomination will not go down.

Connolly is a spread eagle, gassy, sort of fellow, and talks very much like a backwoods preacher.

Mr. Gilman is a gentleman and an orator, and has attained celebrity, but like "Poor Tray," he is in sorry company and may suffer.

J. Thompson Brown, an amiable young mechanic, and vice president of the Trades Union, was put on to catch Republican members of the Trades Union. But Messrs. Wynne and Dick Walker cannot turn the Trades Union into a political machine for their own selfish purposes.

Mr. Dooley is a promising young lawyer, a member of most of the Catholic associations in this city, and was put on to catch the Irish and Roman Catholic vote.

The funniest bait thrown out was the candidate to catch the German and Jew vote—Billy Lovenstein. We rather think Billy is not so popular with his countrymen just now.

As for Judge Meredith, he is chiefly known for his desire to hold office. He already holds one—that of City Attorney—and he wants in addition to be a member of the Legislature. He held on to his post as Circuit judge until he was obliged to go out, and then he tried his best to get a Supreme judgeship, but was beaten by Judge Christian. He has a great faculty for holding office; but we do not think he will hold one this time. We will have to rake up the judge's record when he was trying to get his disabilities removed by Congress. We believe it is in the *Congressional Globe.*

In our article of yesterday referring to the Democratic nominations, the name of Moses P. Handy, of the *Dispatch*, was used in a manner, which to us, is objectionable. Our association with different members of the press of the city, since our connection with the JOURNAL, has been of the most agreeable character, and we do not propose to disturb it, unless we have good cause to do so.

We expect to make fierce war upon the party and its members, who may offer themselves for public position, but in doing so, we intend to be fair to every one, and when charges of unfaithfulness are made, or attacks upon their records as public men, our columns are free to themselves and friends to set them right.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF HARMONY DIVISION, SONS TEMPERANCE.—At a regular meeting of this very flourishing Division, held last night, the following officers were elected: A. J. Terry, W. P.; A B. Owens, W. A.; C. D. Bray, R. S.; W. Word, A. R. S.; G. B. Davis, T.; F. H. Pelouze, F. S.; C. A. Crawford, C.; J. S. Beard, A. C.; J. J. Onenhouser, I. S.; E. Rudd, O. S.; R. B. Wilson, Chap.; G. B. Davis, L. D.

We feel a great interest in the cause of temperance, and it affords us pleasure to notice the frequent gathering of its friends, and cordially invite them to make use of our columns when desired.

RAT-TRAP.—Mr. Stack, whose advertisement appears in the JOURNAL, exhibited his rat-trap to us this morning. It has always been regarded as a difficult matter to surpass the Yankee in cuteness and ingenuity of invention, and the most ingenious Yankee has heretofore found more than a match in the pesky rats which, in kitchen, garret, cellar and store-house, consume the substance of the people without any compensatory consideration whatever. But Mr. Stack's trap certainly "lays over" anything of the kind we have yet examined, and is calculated to deceive the most astute and cautious of the rat species.

THE SYNAGOGUE DIFFICULTY.—Mr. Whitlock, President elect of the Polish synagogue, and other members of the congregation, have requested us to state that the difficulty between Messrs. Kaufman and Bowman, is purely personal in its character, and that the congregation, as such, is in no way responsible for it, nor a party to it.

Local Notes.

—E. W. Mason was yesterday appointed notary public for Fredericksburg.

—The Baltimore *Sun* says Jeff. Davis, who is now in that City, is expected to reside there permanently.

—Mr. Joseph Delarue, of this City has recently invented and patented a machine for canceling and cutting revenue stamps.

—The up freight train on the Danville road ran off the track yesterday morning when about eight miles beyond Richmond. No damage done.

—Ten new tenements, suitable for families of moderate means, are soom to be erected on Pine street, in what is known as the Hollywood field.

—There will be a public temperance meeting held in Clay Street M. E. church next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Also in St. John's church on Sunday evening next.

—Abner H. Richardson has been appointed by the Board of Education district school trustee for Mount Carmel district, Halifax county, vice Thomas Chalmer's appointed teacher.

—The City Council will meet on Monday evening next, probably in the new Chamber, in Washington Hall, the preparation of which, under the order of Council, is rapidly approaching completion.

—Miss Susan L. F. Smith, formerly of Virginia, gave a recitation of Tennyson's "Maud" a few days since, to an appreciative audience at St. Paul's Methodist Chapel, New York City.

TO THE ISRAELITES.—During the haste of Wednesday, when most of us were engaged in watching the proceeding of the convention, a communication, signed "Conservative," appeared in the columns of the JOURNAL. In this article an attempt was made to reflect upon Mr. Lovenstein, one of the Democratic nominees for the Legislature, because he was a "Jew." Had we discovered this fact we would have erased the objectionable sentence; but we want our readers to understand that we devote a part of our paper to "free discussion," and when a *responsible* party offers a communication of a proper character for publication, we are relieved of all moral responsibility. *We feel none, and make no difference between men on account of their religion*, and are as kindly disposed towards a "Jew" as we are towards a Gentile. In future we will endeavor to avoid any seeming reflection upon the religion of every man.

NOT HIM, BUT SOMEBODY ELSE.—Perhaps the *Dispatch* did not dream of a "possibility" of the defeat of its candidates for the Legislature; but it was positively certain that one or two of the gentlemen whose names are on its party ticket were ineligible, therefore the vote cast for them would count as nothing.

Now if this be true, and we presume the *Dispatch* will admit it, its declaration that "such officers, however, need not resign their office before they are elected to the General Assembly," seems to us to imply at least a doubt of their success.

The *Dispatch* need not tell us it meant it would be time enough to resign after they were elected, in order to make themselves eligible. We think there is quite as much thirst for office in members of the Democratic party as there is among Republicans, since we see so many of them who now hold offices anxious to take a few more.—"Carpet-baggers," we find, don't like the loaves, fishes and spoils of office any more than native Democrats or "scalawags"; at least they always find men to take all the places they have the disposal of, and not unfrequently willing ones to occupy those *stolen from Republicans.*

DELEGATES RETURNING.—The several railroads leaving Richmond this morning, carried to their several homes the delegates to the convention, who remained in the city yesterday to make purchases for themselves and families. Among the delegates, were a number of large farmers and several merchants, who expressed themselves satisfied with the prices and terms offered them by our wholesale merchants. By means of the two conventions recently held here, merchant and buyer were brought face to face, and new acquaintances formed. The trade of Richmond is looking up, and we hope that during the heated political contest soon to take place, great care will be taken not to disturb the trade of our community, and the friendship so happily begun between traders in commerce.

CORRECTION—*The Colored Convention.* In our report of the proceedings of the colored convention, held in this city yesterday, we unintentionally left out the names of the alternates selected by that body, and now supply the omission.

Joseph Cox, of this city, and John Averett, of Lynchburg, were chosen as alternates of Landon Boyd and Wm. H. Lester, who were the regular delegates.

The official call for the convention, which is to meet in Columbia, S. C., on the 18th of October next, invites the different Congressional districts of Virginia to send, each one delegate. As the deliberations of the convention are likely to result in benefit to the colored people of the South, we earnestly recommend each district to select a delegate, and that they report their action to the two delegates at large for this State, or to either of them. The address of both Mr. Boyd and Mr. Lester, is Richmond.

A BEAUTIFUL BLONDE HOLDING THE REINS—"*Go Lang.*"—We observed a young and lovely damsel, this morning, driving a spirited horse through our crowded streets, holding the reins and guiding his horseship with the confidence of the most experienced. Her wagon was filled with baskets, and we presume she was in the city to do marketing for the household. "As she sat in her low-backed car," we felt like exchanging places with the noble animal, if only to be driven for awhile by the beautiful girl with golden hair. A happy time, say we, for the beautiful blonde.

CORRECTION OF A NAME.—The name of Mr. Philip Mugler, delegate to the State Convention from Orange county, was erroneously printed in our paper, both in our report of the proceedings of the Convention and in the proceedings published yesterday of the meeting at Orange C. H., which selected Mr. Mugler and W. W. Johnson as its delegates. It is due to the gentleman that his name should be correctly printed, as it is in this notice.

EIGHT TRACTS OF LAND FOR SALE. We call the attention of land buyers to the bankrupt sale of valuable Virginia lands advertised in our paper to-day. These lands are situated in Botetourt county, and will be sold as a whole, or subdivided into tracts of five or six hundred acres, to suit purchasers. Purchasers will do well to give attention to this sale.

DISAPPOINTMENT—*Desperation—Expected Suicide.*—It requires the experience of a school-boy of the past, to appreciate the disappointment which was felt when, on Friday night, he had fastened new hooks to his lines, secured a cup of worms, and filled his snack-basket; or when he had washed out his gun, oiled the lock, filled his pouch and flask with powder and shot; and then awake Saturday morning and find it pouring down rain, with no power to stop it.

Our souls were then tried, nor have we ever felt the keenness of disappointment so severely since, until this morning.

Here we have been since the 1st of last May, anxiously toiling to find something to please our readers. Worrying our mind, and fatiguing our body, have been but few of the trials incidental to the life of contributing to a newspaper.

We have sweated and swore, blustered about, have received kicks and cuffs, jeers and taunts, have written, read and reread our articles, have read news-papers until we are sick and tired of them—we are surfeited, gorged and feel as if we could dispense with news for at least twelve months.

Pencils are sharpening, brains are at work, and our enemies fitting on their armor ready to battle with us for victory. We know we are to pass through hail, rain, thunder and lightning, and possibly to get a bunged eye, broken nose or smashed countenance generally. Considering all these things, we asked for and obtained a fourlough for a week, to begin immediatley after the adjournment of our Convention.

We had already packed our carpet-bag (though not a bagger); written to our friends in the blue mountains to look out for us; had notified the trout, pheasants, and deer to beware of our coming; took two cock-tails before breakfast, and had even asked our little friend, Wade, to send us the *News* (we didn't want the rest); spent our money to indulge in a farewell dish of oysters; drew on our overcoat; paid a 15th amendment a quarter to carry our baggage to the depôt; had said good bye to the "devil," and enjoyed the envied looks of the "typos," and, in fact, had our pocket full of rocks, ready to flee from the noise, dirt, and follies of city life, when in stepped the "boss" and inquired, which way?

From his looks, we trembled to answer. We said, "To the mountains." He said, "Nary time; it is my turn to go." We wilted, we wasted, we gasped for breath; but knowing the inexorable laws of obedience to superiors, we collapsed like an inflated balloon with a hole punched in it; and here we are, a victim to the rules and regulations of obedience and stern necessity. We ask our readers for sympathy, or anything else that will give us peace; and if she refuses to fold her white wings and settle upon our disturbed mind, we extend a general invitation to the fraternity to be present at our funeral, for we feel like suiciding. Dr. Mayo, please tell us the best and quickest way to decamp. Don't, we beg you, invite us to hear "Gilman" address the voters; for it would not be "Handy" for us to attend, since we have lost our prospects as a "Fisher."

The most "Pleasant" mode we can think of would be to go to "Pizzini's" and kill ourselves eating goodies, which we would do but for being at this time a "Coward-in." We must have "Shields" to protect us, or we will find our Appo-"Maddox."

We ask everybody if they think a "Daniel-s" has come to judgment, who, instead of permitting us to go and return "eager for the fray," has made us a drone, a disappointed discontent. We send our country friends the sad message that necessity knows no law in this country, and in this office, but obedience.

MUSIC AND VOICE.—We were incorrectly informed of the time when the complimentary serenade would be tendered Mr. Arnold, of North Carolina.

Instead of last night, this (Friday) evesing has been fixed upon, when the personal and political friends of Mr. Arnold will tender him a serenade at Davenport's hotel, on Broad street.

All persons desirous of participating in the proceedings are requested to assemble at the place designated at 8 o'clock this evening.

Mr. Arnold cordially invites any colored Conservative so disposed, to discuss the principles of the two parties, and we doubt not that he would be willing to meet any gentleman of the white race to come forward and to battle with him.

If the Democratic candidates would like to make a few converts, they might be on hand for that purpose.

WHO WANT PRIZES?—Having occasion some time ago to denounce the "Prize Box" business, we did injustice to the two young gentlemen who were then conducting a business of this kind on Broad street, near the New Market. Since then they satisfied us of the honest manner they conducted *their* establishment, and we endeavored to repair the injury we had done then.

They have recently moved to No. 634, Broad street, and have fitted up in handsome style, their room; have employed a handsome young lady to assist them, and have advertised their business quite liberally in, we believe, all the city papers. This looks like business, and has entitled them to fair notice of their business from us, which we cheerfully give. All persons who love "risks," and have a wish to secure a prize as large as ten dollars in gold, for fifty cents, are referred to No. 634 Broad street.

"COAT HANDS WANTED."—We noticed this morning a notice corresponding to the above, written on a small slip of paper and pasted on a window pane of one of our fashionable merchants tailors. This same notice would have cost 25 cents if inserted in one of the city papers, and besides encouraging them, would have been seen by fifty persons to where one now notices it. Not only are "coat hands wanted," but coats, when completed, are occasionally worn by newspaper men, and they are frequently purchased of those who advertise by other means than those resorted to, to save a quarter. We charge nothing for this notice, but we must not be expected to continue them indefinitely. We hear a number of similar notices grace the windows of many of our business houses. This looks like making a New York of Richmond.

CAN'T SEE IT—*Who Can?*—Mr. Solon Johnson, the Democratic gentleman from Africa, having failed to respond to the invitation of Mr. Arnold to meet him in debate, Mr. Arnold now throws down the gauntlet to Mr. R. L. Hobson, or, if he refuses to come to time, to any other man calling himself a colored Conservative, to be on hand to-night at Davenport's Hotel, and discuss the issues between the two parties. We ask Johnson, Cooley, Hall, Hobson & Co., if they have any principles, to meet Mr. Arnold and vindicate them before the people of Richmond to-night. If you have none, why just come out like men and acknowledge it.

POLICE COURT—*Justice J. J. White presiding.*—The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Bernard Tracy, charged with using obscene language on the street, and abusing the police while in the discharge of their duty. Bound over for three months in the sum of $100.

Bernard Reese, charged with assaulting, abusing, and destroying the clothing of Mary J. Reese. Dismissed on payment of costs.

Mary J. Reese, charged with abusing, assaulting, and breaking up the furniture of Bernard Reese. Dismissed on payment of costs.

John Clacker, charged with assaulting and beating Anna Mahony. Fined $5.

James Reynolds, colored, charged with using abusive and insulting language to Mary Jackson. Discharged.

H. C. Bertram, charged with obtaining a picture under false pretenses. Continued to 30th September for witnesses.

Jack Gray, colored, charged with stealing a satchel. Not guilty, and discharged.

HUSTINGS COURT TO-DAY.—*Judge Guigon Presiding.*—Three cases were disposed of in the Hustings Court to-day, as follows:

John G. Wiley, cutting Jacob Richardson. Acquitted.

Singleton Pleasants, assaulting and cutting Nancy Pleasants. Fined one dollar and imprisonment in city jail for ten days.

Wm. H. Turner, charged with poisoning his wife. Continued till next term of the court.

The court then adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

LIST OF UNMAILABLE LETTERS REMAINING IN THE RICHMOND POST-OFFICE SEPTEMBER 29, 1871.—Jas. C. Journey, West Fair View; Mr. Bruce, Richmond; Henry C. Lyne, Richmond; one letter illegibly address.

CONVICT RECEIVED.—The sheriff of Orange county arrived in the city this morning, with Albert Taylor, a colored man, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for one year for burglary.

JACKSON WARD MEEETING.—A meeting of the Republicans of Jackson Ward will be held to-night at Rev. John Jasper's church. Let every man be present.

MARRIED.

On the 26th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Garlick, Mr. LUTHER M. JOHNSTON to Miss ROSA B. HOLMES—both of this city.

In this city, on the 18th instant, by Rev. Mr Granbery, IVERSON J. LONGEST and Miss LUCY A. TATE.

On the 21st instant, at Grace church, by Rev. Dr Henry C. Potter, JOHN H. COLQUITT to SARAH VIRGINIA, daughter of Philip Woodhouse, Esq.—all of New York.

DIED,

On the 28th instant, at 6:15 P. M., CLIFFORD, infant son of Ezekiel J. and Virginia Levy.

On the 27th instant, Mrs. MARIA BOHANNAN, widow of the late Thomas Bohannan, in the 82d year of her age.