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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17. THE New York papers are quarreling over the claim to the invention of "The tidal wave," as applied to politics. We move that they ask Noah.

ALL accounts from Washington show that the species of the genus homo called democrat, is as greedy for office as ever Republicans were. The average politician is everywhere about the same. The great trouble in the case is that there are about ten thousand worthy politicians to one unworthy office. That little disproportion causes some crowding.

IT DEPOSES people to look to the genuineness of their railroad tickets before embarking on long journeys. Counterfeits have been discovered on some of the roads, "good" for a passage from Massachusetts to Colorado. These bogus tickets are said to have been put in circulation through the "Scalping offices," now so common in all large cities. If that kind of thing gets abroad the "Scalpers" must look out for their scalps.

THE following sensible suggestion in relation to the reappointment of Mr. Platt, of this county, to the office of Librarian to the House we clip from the "Enginer":

Mr. Platt, the present Librarian of the House of Representatives at Washington, is a candidate before the House for reelection. Mr. Platt is a Western man, of literary taste and ability. He has contributed many fine poems to our literature. He has just completed the editing of the late George D. Prentiss' poems. It is creditable to our institutions that men so competent are given places in Washington, and that the House will retain Mr. Platt. No personal or political reasons should be urged in behalf of the displacement of a man so well qualified.

ONE of the most pitiful sights about Washington, where such sights abound, is to witness the begging and whining made by venerable ex-members of Congress for appointment to be a clerk, a page, a doorkeeper, a messenger, anything however humble or pitiable, in the service of the House where they had once voted as members. This can proceed from nothing but an insane love for office, whose comforts once tasted never entirely leave the official palate. It can be for mere gain; because any kind of business well conducted would yield more income with much less expense. Yet there are throngs of men there begging for these little crumbs that fall from the political table, who write "Hon." and "Gen." and "Col." as prefixes to their names. If it were not pitiful it would be disgraceful.

BISHOP HAVEN, who was, as we had supposed, the innocent and unintentional cause of throwing the third-term baby into fits, has written a letter to the New York Tribune utterly denying the language and emotions of zeal attributed to him by the unvarnished reports transmitted to the public press. The reporters, who are nothing if not sensational, had put into the Bishop's mouth an oration of "two hours' continuance; and then, as the item tells the story:

"The speaker raised himself upon his feet as if to look all around and above the vast audience before him, and in loud, stentorian tones made the declaration, 'I have here, in the name of the American people and true Christianity, nominate Ulysses S. Grant, our present worthy President, to a third term in the office of President of the United States.'"

Concerning this beautifully written account of what never happened, Bishop Haven says: "This is so far from the truth that were not the case of the Tribune so pitifully untrue over it one could hardly refrain from laughter. More laughable still is the reported action of the meeting. 'Nearly every voice' (said the Tribune) 'in the name of the American people and true Christianity, nominate Ulysses S. Grant, our present worthy President, to a third term in the office of President of the United States.'"

What the Bishop did actually say was this:—When speaking of the progress of ideas in the South, and more especially among the colored people, he said—"If we throw over our present ruler, who has saved us once, we shall rue it;—Pray, brethren, for the renomination of President Grant." And that was all.

In my last note I attempted to show you, Mr. Mayor, the Walker case was dismissed first and last because the Courts did not know whether the act of May 4, 1869, was constitutional or not. And here, they would follow the ruling of Mr. Justice Chase, in 1796, in the case of Hiltou vs. United States, 3 Dal., 175, who said, "but if the United States Supreme Court have such power to declare an act of Congress void, on the ground of its being made contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, I am free to declare that I will never exercise it but in a very clear case."

This ruling of Mr. Justice Chase has been pretty generally followed since his time down to the case of Hepburn vs. Griswold, 5 Wallace, 611-12, where Mr. Chief Justice Chase, in dissenting from the Court in all such cases thus wise: "When, therefore, a case arises for judicial determination, and the decision depends on the alleged inconsistency of a legislative provision with fundamental law, it is the plain duty of the Court to inquire if the former be not, upon a fair construction, reconciled with the latter, to give effect to the Constitution rather than to the statute. This seems so plain that it is impossible to make it plainer by argument."

Now, Mr. Mayor, do not propose to attack the case, you are not to attack it too closely, and point out its infirmities. It is enough for you to know the case is of no value when it is based upon a mere suggestion, the want of knowledge upon the part of the Court, and the upholding of a statute against the Constitution, upon the plea of ignorance of Mr. Chief Justice Chase gives you the rule correctly in the case of Hepburn vs. Griswold.

The Court, you will observe, refers to many causes to sustain their ruling upon Article 8, Section 6, of the Constitution of 1851, which, in fact, had little to do with the case, yet they cited it as very important and well considered case of their predecessors that should not have been overlooked, neither by the Court nor by counsel. I refer to the case of Debolt vs. the O. L. and T. Company, 1 Ohio St. 563. The opinion is by Judge Kaney. Judge Thurman did not dissent in the case. Judge Caldwell, Corwin and Bartley concurred with Judge Kaney. I quote from the syllabus: "This right (the right of taxation) vital to the existence of every Government, and one of the most important incidents to sovereignty, has been delegated to the General Assembly, to be used for the purpose of accomplishing the lawful objects with which it is charged." Now had the Court looked into this case, and the kindred case of Toledo Bank vs. Bond, (1 O. S., 622,) they might have found a guide to lead them out of the quagmire they got into in the Walker case.

Now, Mr. Mayor, what is your duty? Will you stand by the Constitution, or will you say you don't know, you are not wiser than the Supreme Court? But you have two decisions of that Court—the one founded upon knowledge, and the other upon ignorance; which will you follow? Put on your spectacles, read the Constitution carefully, it will do you good. Then read these cases and think and act upon them. You will bring your right and tell you the Walker case is a mistake. The State of Ohio has no government south of the Ohio river, and her Legislature is charged with no duty to build railroads, canals, turnpikes, or common dirt roads, except within the territory of Ohio, and can not levy taxes for any such purposes.

It is the duty of the General Assembly to build such railroads or common roads in other parts of the State, but it is not their duty to build them, nor levy taxes for any such purposes. Cities in Ohio get their powers, rights and duties from the Government of the State, and can be authorized to levy taxes for all lawful purposes the Government is authorized to protect and foster.

You see, Mr. Mayor, the Trustees of the Southern Railway have been selling out the rights of the city of Cincinnati since July, 1854, up to which time they had expended \$282,706.57, and paid the proceeds out profusely (\$1,063,051.29 to December 1, 1855,) to construct a railway for Kentucky and Tennessee, under their laws, but under the control of said Trustees, and it becomes us to examine our position. If they are our Trustees and acting for us, then we have to pay the piper. But if they are not our Trustees, and acting under Kentucky and Tennessee laws for the benefit of those States and themselves, then it is their business and not ours. Let those States, the Trustees and the purchasers of these bonds look out and take care of themselves.

Mr. Mayor, the tax levy ordinance for 1875, so say the papers, is before you, and you must approve or disapprove it under your oath to support the Constitution. Act intelligently, will you? Be sure you are right, and then go ahead. If you follow the know-nothing Court, then you approve; but if you follow the Court that knows and knows from knowledge, you will disapprove, and your Common Council to a two-thirds vote. Be right, Mr. Mayor, and let the Common Council go wrong if they dare. If you or they say this act of May 4, 1869, is O. K., then you say we can be taxed to improve all the navigable rivers in the State of Cincinnati, in Synmes township, where waters her commerce flows—the Alleghany, Monongahela, Kanawha, Licking, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi (Upper and Lower), Missouri, Wash., &c., for such is the power the General Assembly has, if the act of May 4, 1869, be constitutional. Mr. Mayor, I beg you to think of the responsibility you assume, and for 2000 in your life show yourself a man.

But a word more, Mr. Mayor. If you say this act of May 4, 1869, is constitutional, you must disapprove this levy made by the Common Council. It requires the tax levy to provide for the Sinking Fund to redeem these bonds. So does the act of May 2, 1871. This the law must do, for so says the act of May 4, 1869, and the act of May 2, 1871. Let us have no half-way business. The levy must be increased two mills for the Sinking Fund of the Southern Railway bonds, and you must add to your tax levy \$268,000 for this sinking fund. That the law requires, and if you uphold it, uphold it full. What, Mr. Mayor, are you a repeater, or the Common Council's confidant, and all your poor repeaters? If the law be O. K., put the lash on, and let every man, woman and child feel it, rough as it may be. Be honest to the last cent, and do not, to save your life, or the life of your Common Council, or these Trustees, deny your head. Pay up to the letter all told, though we all perish.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1875.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Monday, Nov. 1st, 1875. The Board met at the usual hour, all the members present, also L. W. Goss, County Solicitor. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The following bills were passed upon and referred to the Board of Control: No. 602—To Mr. Sater the contract for the superintending the construction of a bridge on the New Haven and Venice road in Crosby township, \$25.

No. 603—To Anadol & Wabrutz, on Estimate No. 7, for grading and macadamizing, and gravel on the Chevier road, in Green and Colerain townships, \$1,202.40. No. 604—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for maintaining prisoners in County Jail, from September 1st to September 30th inclusive, \$243.84.

No. 605—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, to turnkey for the County Jail, from September 1st to September 30th inclusive, \$244. No. 606—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, to cook's salary and provisions for County Jail for month of September, \$100. No. 607—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, to buggy hire for the County Jail, \$10.

No. 608—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for posting Sheriff's proclamation throughout the county, \$75. No. 609—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, to 43 days' services superintending the masonry for a bridge across the Miami river near Spring Grove, Millicreek township, \$120.

No. 610—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, to 13 days' services superintending the masonry for a bridge across the Miami river near Spring Grove, Millicreek township, \$39. No. 611—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, to 13 days' services superintending the construction of a bridge near Harrison, \$19.

No. 612—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 613—To Fred Diekhans, to lighting California bridge over the Miami river, near Spring Grove, Millicreek township, \$32. No. 614—To Andrew Riley, to 25 days' labor on the Carriage Pike, \$20.

No. 615—To C. W. Gerard, Prosecuting Attorney, to 10 days' services in attending the Ruler trial in Hamilton, \$15. No. 616—To John Curtis, assignee of Ahlers & Binder, to carriage-hire as per bill, \$40. No. 617—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 618—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 619—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

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cut over on the Wm. Roper, north of the (6th road) near H. L. Wilmer's, in Green township, was awarded to J. H. Springer, Sheriff, at \$1.00 per cubic yard 18 cents; stone per cubic yard \$1.00. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

On motion of Mr. Huff the contract for painting the Loveland bridge was awarded to Frank Pollock at his bid, viz: \$104 for the job. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

On motion of Mr. Huff the contract for a box culvert on Harrison avenue and North Bend was awarded to Daniel Flamm at his bid, viz: excavation per cubic yard 12 cents; stone per cubic yard \$1.00. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

On motion of Mr. Huff the contract for a box culvert on the old Hamilton road, north of the Hamilton road, was awarded to J. Green at his bid, viz: excavation per cubic yard 12 cents; stone per cubic yard \$1.00. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

On motion of Mr. Huff the contract for a box culvert on the lower river road at Delhi, in Delhi township, was awarded to John Zind at his bid, viz: excavation per cubic yard 12 cents; stone per cubic yard \$1.00. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

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binding, stationery, &c., for the various county offices as follows: 520—Records Office, \$284. 521—Sheriff's Office, \$283. 522—Auditor's Office, \$134. 523—Recorder's Office, \$135. 524—Prosecuting Attorney's Office, \$136. 525—County Jail, \$137. 526—County Jail, \$138. 527—County Jail, \$139. 528—County Jail, \$140. 529—County Jail, \$141. 530—County Jail, \$142.

This day came Henry Kelleman, Esq., District Attorney of the County of Hamilton, and presented his bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), with J. T. Colling and B. G. Stall as sureties, and the same having been approved by the Prosecuting Attorney as to form and execution, the same is hereby approved and accepted by us, and ordered to be filed with the County Treasurer for preservation.

By Mr. Sater: Resolved, That the County Auditor be and he is hereby instructed to advertise and sealed proposals for making a levee of about 150 feet long at the west end of the bridge over the Miami river near Cleve, in Hamilton township. Carried—Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

On motion of Mr. Sater the report of Ferd. Springer, Sheriff, for quarter ending Dec. 31st, was received and referred to the Fee Commissioner for examination and report. Adjourned. CHAS. HUFF, President. JOS. T. WHITE, Deputy Auditor, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1875. The Board met at the usual hour, all the members present; also, L. W. Goss, County Solicitor. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The following bills were passed upon and referred to the Board of Control: No. 624—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 625—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 626—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 627—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 628—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 629—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 630—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 631—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 632—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 633—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 634—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 635—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 636—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

No. 637—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32. No. 638—To J. H. Springer, Sheriff, for making approaches to a bridge across the stream on the Canal road, in Sycamore township, \$32.

By accepted, the report of said bills being approved by the Board. Carried. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

Ferd. Springer, Sheriff, was this day directed to convey to George Steiner and Henry Garretts, the lands of the County of Hamilton, to Longview Asylum. Adjourned. CHAS. HUFF, President. JOS. T. WHITE, Deputy Auditor, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1875. The Board met at the usual hour, all the members present; also, L. W. Goss, County Solicitor. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

In the matter of the petition for the incorporation of Winton Place. This being the day set for hearing of said petition, and a remonstrance having been filed, the Board, after hearing arguments of counsel, continued the further hearing of this matter until Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1875, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

On motion of Mr. Baumgardner Jas. Clark, Esq., was appointed to superintend the construction of a bridge on the Miami river, 1/2 mile below Hamilton, near the lower end of the Miami townships; also, two box culverts on Harrison avenue and North Bend road, in Miami township, at a compensation of \$8 per day for the time actually employed. Baumgardner aye, Huff aye, Sater aye.

This day came Isaac H. Matson, Probate Judge of Hamilton County, Ohio, and presented the sum of ten thousand dollars, with John E. Brant and Chas. Spraul as sureties, and the same having been approved by the Prosecuting Attorney as to form and execution, the same is hereby approved and accepted by us. Adjourned. CHAS. HUFF, President. JOS. T. WHITE, Deputy Auditor, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1875. The Board met at the usual hour, all the members present; also, L. W. Goss, County Solicitor. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

In the matter of the incorporation of Madisonville, Hamilton county, Ohio. The petition heretofore filed praying for the incorporation of certain territory in Columbia township, in said county, to the name of Madisonville, at the northwest corner of section (16) sixteen, thence with the north line of said section to the north line of section (10) ten, to the Cambridge turnpike road, thence southwardly along the center line of said Cambridge turnpike road to the center line of the Madisonville turnpike road, thence westwardly with the center line of the Madisonville turnpike to the center line of the Plainville turnpike, thence with the center line of said Plainville turnpike to the north line of the land of A. D. Bramble, in Section 16 of said township, produced east, intersects said Plainville turnpike, and thence westwardly a line which shall coincide with the said Bramble's north line, produced east as above described, to said Bramble's northeast corner; and thence with his north line, to the northeast corner of the lands of Laura Lodge L. O. O. F.'s Cemetery and the east line of said cemetery and the east line of said Shumaker's lands, situated in the northeast corner of a corner of A. L. Bramble's lands; thence westwardly with said Bramble's line to the lands of W. W. Feasby; thence southwardly with the north line of the lands of J. M. Walden's land and a corner of A. L. Bramble's lands; thence westwardly with said Bramble's north line to the center of the county road at the junction of the county road at the southwest corner of the lands of Wm. L. Perkins; thence northwardly with the center of the county road (the old Deerfield road) to the place of beginning; as the incorporated Village of Madisonville coming in to be heard. This Board having examined the petition and cases, and having examined the petition and being fully advised in the premises, find that the territory as said petition described and delineated upon said plat comprises territory laid off as village lots, plats of which have been duly made, acknowledged and recorded; and also adjacent territory which is hereby incorporated into the territory in the petition described in adjoining any city or incorporated village; that said petition is signed by more than thirty legal voters of the village of Madisonville; that said territory does not contain more than fifteen hundred acres of land, and has residing thereon more than one thousand inhabitants; that the village is a distinct and substantial one, and the petition and the time and place fixed for hearing the same, by publication and posting as aforesaid, are in accordance with the provisions of the act in that behalf made; and that the incorporation aforesaid, as named, described, and asked for in said petition, may be organized according to the statutes in such case made and provided.

And it is further ordered, that a complete certified transcript of the proceedings and orders in this matter, together with the petition, plat, and other papers, be delivered to the Recorder of the county to be filed in his office according to law. Be it for a bridge over the Miami creek, between Montgomery and Montgomery, in Synmes township:

Table with 4 columns: No., Name, Ex per Stone, Timber. 1. Val. Zind, 150, 25, 14.00. 2. Henry Zind, 170, 20, 10.00. 3. John Zind, 170, 20, 14.00. 4. E. S. Pollock, 100, 20, 10.00. 5. John Ryan, 250, 25, 10.00. 6. Jacob Humber, 350, 25, 12.00. 7. Adam Stern, 250, 25, 6.00. 8. Peter & O'Donnell, 250, 25, 6.00. 9. M. Bogushowitz, 250, 25, 18.00. 10. E. F. Drucker & Co., 750, 30, 27.00.

The report of Isaac H. Matson, Probate Judge, for the quarter ending November 2, 1875, was received and referred to the Fee Commissioner for examination and report. On motion of Mr. Sater the report of Ferd. Springer, Sheriff, for quarter ending Nov. 30th, was this day received and on motion of Mr. Baumgardner was referred to the Fee Commissioner for examination and report. Adjourned. CHAS. HUFF, President. JOS. T. WHITE, Deputy Auditor, Clerk.

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