



EVENT and COMMENT.

It is bad enough at best, but by the official count, Foster beat Ewing, in Ohio only 17,129, and that too, out of a total vote cast of 608,667.

Dr. LeMonie, Washington, Penn., the great creationist, who recently died at the age of 81, required by his will that his remains should be buried. And accordingly his body was cremated on the 18th. The operation required 6 hours time in the furnace, the body having been wrapped in a sheet saturated with alum.

"Up in a balloon boys," can hardly be said of Prof. Wise, who has not been heard of since his last trial at St. Louis. A number of papers dropped from the balloon have been picked up, but there comes no word from the lost aeronaut. On what shore or in what wilderness he has been dashed, echo fails to answer.

While England has been pressing the poor Afghans on one side, Russia has not been asleep, but knowing how Diarzi generally feathers the nest of England, she has gone to work and captured Meric, and is now pressing forward over the intervening 250 miles to capture Herat, the strong hold of the country and almost the key to India. Fool the Czar, if you think that an easy job. England has never yet gotten much from him. England rules the seas, but what does Russia care for the seas?

Shall We Make It Final.

This issue of the News closes this extraordinary campaign. One point seems worthy of mention even at this late hour. The issue before the people is "Shall the McCulloch Bill be sustained as the settlement of the public debt of Virginia?" It is well known that our opinion is it had better be so accepted. The only fear we have had is that a portion of the bond-holders may fail to accept it even if the people of the State do. We wish it expressly understood that while we favor its acceptance by the people we do so on the presumption that the whole debt shall be funded under it. In case the funding should cease we are in favor of such coercive measures as will make the funding complete. There should be no trifling about it. If it be presented as a finality it should be made a finality.

Now, therefore, our candidates for Senate and House should be made to speak out. GENTLEMEN WILL YOU ENFORCE THE McCULLOCH BILL BY APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION? We do not hesitate to say we believe this test should be enforced by the people. Not to make this settlement final and complete is to trifle with the people and to dodge a great responsibility.

L. Q. WASHINGTON noted as a political journalistic correspondent, thinks the Ohio result leaves the Democratic candidate for the Presidency between Bayard of Delaware, Judge Field of Cal, and Hancock of Pa. These men would most likely save the votes of N. Y., Conn., New Jersey, California and Oregon.

NINETY-EIGHT years ago, the 19th inst. Lord Cornwallis threw up the sponge at Yorktown. Two years from the 19th inst. all America proposes to have a Yorktown celebration that will cover old Virginia again with glory.

AFTER all Col. James M. French of Bard declines the Readjuster nomination for the Senate and the Bland South and West hoists instead the name of Mr. W. A. French of Giles. If elected he has to beat Hoge Tyler.

CONFERENCE.

Holston Conference M. E. Church South after a week's session at Abingdon, adjourned last night, to meet one year hence in Morristown, Tenn. We have not room for the appointments this week. Bristol Circuit, E. W. Moore, P. E., Circuit, R. E. Smith and Clendenen. Station, R. H. Parker. Abingdon Circuit and Station no change. Estillville Circuit, Mahogey, Jonesville, Bowman, Powell's Valley, Jno. M. Wolfe. Bishop Pierce presided and Rev. Frank Richardson was secretary.

MEMPHIS.

The pressure was taken off Memphis yesterday, and her gates are thrown open to the world. Her weary

refugees are flocking back by thousands, and in a few days every spindle and wheel of her industry will resume the old busy hum. They have had a number of heavy frosts and one freeze, and the power of the plague was thereby broken as if by magic. Last Saturday night it was a plague spot. On Sunday morning it was safe as any other city.

One month ago to-day Prof. Jno. Wise, the aeronaut, made his 163rd balloon ascension. At 11:30 P. M. his balloon was seen 35 miles from Chicago, drifting over lake Michigan, and that is the last seen of Prof. Wise. He was 71 years of age.

We present the best possible report of the speeches by the Senatorial candidates at Abingdon yesterday. We could not remain to hear the candidates for the House, and could not have found room for them in the News if we had. Mr. Trigg had commenced speaking when we left, and was to be followed by Mr. Bailey.

You can't shake the people of Richmond on the subject of the State debt. Taxes they do not fear, and there is only a brick wall between them and the thieves and murderers of the State, but when Judge Christian shook them up on the subject of the Sunday liquor law it made all Richmond tremble and groan from shore to shore. In the language of Henry they exclaim "give me my Sunday drink or give me death."

THE CANDIDATES.

The Abingdon Discussion.

Many of the people of the county met at Abingdon Court yesterday to hear the discussion between the county and district candidates. A goodly number of the people south of the knobs rode into town in solemn column and in front of the C. H. cheered for "Readjustment, the sovereign remedy!" When we entered the C. H. at noon

MR. JNO. A. BUCHANAN was addressing the audience, the Court room being filled. He alluded to the assertion that the State is not sovereign and said the State is not sovereign to borrow money and keep it, it is not sovereign to do a wrong. The party had elected a Legislature to settle this debt question and had said to them "go and settle it for us." That body went and did as we commanded them. Was it right or usual to repudiate a settlement by agents appointed for the purpose. The State's 6 millions in the A. M. & O. R. R. links ought to have been sold and used to sink this debt. Instead it was given away. Can you now say to the men who borrowed this money of "we did use your money, but we afterward gave away the property we purchased with it!" Can you enter such a plea? He denied that he was for increasing taxes by indirect means, as had been reported. He now declared, as he had always done, he was opposed to increasing taxes either directly or indirectly because under this bill none will be necessary, but a large surplus, he believed would be left. (Col. Fulkerson asked what he would do if such were not the case.) He said it was no use to suppose a case that could not exist. He would ask Col. F. what he would do about taxing the railroad by the counties. [Col. F. replied "tax it." Cheers.] He said you might as well ask if a man had \$25 and wanted to pay \$22 what would he do if he could not pay \$22 with \$25. [Cheers.] He charged that during 6 years legislation Col. Fulkerson had failed to furnish the people with any means to "tax it." He said he would rather be beaten and die without office than to trample in the dust the honor and integrity of this state. [Cheers.] He said the Barbour Bill was Col. F's pet scheme and it proved that the McCulloch bill would more than pay out without increasing taxation. He quoted from Mahone's Mozart speech that 3 per cent. would leave a surplus of \$155,000. Colonel Fulkerson had said last winter, with all the lights we had 3 per cent. could be paid. Judge Hughes, quoted by the Republicans, has said the coupon feature would work to practical injury under the McCulloch bill. Even if there be a reduction of 1/2 in lands, there would be a surplus left. As to coupons we already have 1,200,000 of them. This bill reduces the coupons to 983,000. The creditors refused the Bocoock-Fowler Bill because they would not take off a part of the debt and all the security. Such is not business. But they say they will get rid of the coupon. Well you tried that for 8 years and failed.

But the bonds are not taxable they say. Why of course not. If they are promised 3 per cent. and the State taxes off 1/2 per cent. and the counties 1/2 the creditor would get only 1 1/2 at last. Col. F. don't like untaxed investments, yet there goes the railroad and he has never tried to tax that. As to Free Schools, he declared no people could be great and prosperous without them. [Cheers.] It is an absolute necessity in a republican government. The voter must be educated. I have always been heartily, earnestly the advocate of the Free Schools. But they say this bill will kill them. Well who ought to be the champion of Free Schools? Why Dr. Ruffner is their head and champion and a tried Readjuster, yet he has said he was from the first in favor of the McCulloch bill. And he is the

father of Free Schools. It was not the State tax that was oppressing us so much. The man who pays \$252 tax pays at the outside only 20 cents of it on the State debt. If Col. Fulkerson's own terms could be obtained it would decrease this tax ticket by about 5 cts. only or one third of the 20c. Last winter Col. F. was in favor of paying 3 per cent. on 30 millions. Now he is in favor of paying only 4 per cent. on 15 millions. Why the necessity for this change. If it was just and right to pay 3 per cent. on 30 millions why is it wrong to do it now? But they say it runs for 40 years. Well this is the first time I ever heard of people objecting to time on their debts. [Laughter.] Well the Col. was willing to bind the people 34 years. The Bocoock-Fowler bill proposed 50 years and the McCulloch bill makes it 40 and tries to accommodate both the Col. and the B. F. men. Take a heavy load like this or the debt of England and is it not better to divide and scatter it along over a good space of time? England has done so. He argued that the natural increase in property would more than pay the leap ten years hence to 4 per cent. An increase of only 1/2 would more than do it. Let us stop this agitation and we shall increase our prosperity. Stop it and let us build up our country. [Applause.]

COL. FULKERSON

at 12:55 took the stand amid tremendous and prolonged cheering and cries of "Hurrah for Fulkerson."

He said I heard some one in the crowd say "this is a put up job." If that be true I can say it was not put up in Abingdon. [Cheers.] He did not see any clap boards and paddles to-day. 2 years ago he had been elected on a clearly defined issue. He went to Richmond and saw the brokers and people who pay in coupons opposed to you. He had represented the principles he was elected on. If it had not been for the funders the debt would have been settled satisfactorily. For true had he been that at one time the Funders had intended to sue no one against him. They had defeated Readjustment and the measure they had passed was a fraud and he would show it. Mr. B represented the bondholders, he (Col. F.) represented the people. [Cheers.] Mr. B. said he would argue this case as he would a case in Court. Well if he had been employed by them he could not have argued their cause more zealously. They had tried Gen. Greener and all the other Funders. Some one had to be made a victim. They took this young man to be slaughtered. They said he had no record. Well he believed he had none. [Cheers.] He had voted for Gen. Terry for the gubernatorial nominee after he had declared for paying the last dollar. [Cheers.] They had taken Ran. Tucker and all the Senators and Congressmen, who had one hand in the public crib to the tune of \$5,000 a year. They had nominated him because he had a power of kin in Smyth. Like the lady in Plymouth he would say "John I have seen your kinsman." [Laughter.] He could say after the election "No John don't tear your shirt, because your kin are all butchered and nobody's hurt." [Cheers.] But he says every State ought to pay its honest debts. Well so say I. A State that went pay its honest debts is no State at all. But he proceeds as though there had been no change of conditions. Va. never agreed to confederate property. She merely agreed to tax reasonably the property of the citizen. They took no lien on the roads, as they did in Tenn. They merely took the faith of the State to tax the property of Va. where it had been put beyond her reach. They now want to double back the West Va. burden on Va.

In '71 they grew weary of the faith and ability of the State and asked for mortgage on the revenues that would put them ahead of the government and ahead of the schools. Since 1871 we had not paid 3 per cent. on 30 millions. The lands went down to 50c on the dollar. That shows the bondholders only think the State able to pay 50c on the dollar. But for this coupon feature we never would have heard anything of "honor and credit" and never any trouble at settlement. We had given away the C. & R. and tried to give away the Canal and could not. They had bought these bonds at 25 during the war and now they want to put up a job on the Legislature that would enable them to rob the schools. Where ever you find a man in Va. paying his taxes in coupons you find a funder. You find a politician and he goes over to the money power because he says money will win. This McCulloch bill is the gruest swindle in the U. S. I don't except any. This coupon takes up your Free School money. The J. H. Rings all over the State are speculating on them. They have next the Allen amendment and the Hinkle School bill and it goes that you are to have all your revenues run through this mill. [Cheers.] The Funders have stood for eight years and said you could pay 6 per cent. And now to-day the old Fundering Bill has become so odious it has not a friend. [Cheers.] This party has dried up your industries and your free schools. Gov. Holliday said Free education is a luxury. Maj. Daniel said rather than see a certain bill passed he would see the schools all burned and his own house thrown in. All of Royals' 33, who wished to organize in every county, for the enforcement of this old bill of 1871, are now for this bill. We had failed to pay 3 per cent. since '71. Col. F. here went into a tabular statement to show this. We will have now a deficit of over two hundred thousand dollars

every year until the whole debt is funded. Now, I assert that my friend here by reading my speech and Gen. Mahone's speech, did so in order to misrepresent us, and did it knowingly. (Mr. Buchanan arose and denied this, and some words ensued between them which we did not catch.) He contends the creditors had consented to the bill. We had not the consent of a single creditor when the bill was passed. He has represented to you that this is a 3 per cent bill. I say it is not a 3 per cent. bill for a minute. It averages 4, being 3 for 10 years, 4 for 20 and 6 for 10. Lawyer like, he tries to show you it as a 3 per cent. one, when it averages 4. A 4 per cent rate will bring two or three hundred thousand dollars more of coupons than the old bill. I did say as a compromise, I would pay 3 per cent on thirty millions for all time not 4. It exempts your bonds 33 million from taxation. Oh it's such a terrible thing to tax them after you cut them down so much! Yet if your crops fail, your taxation must go on. The bond draws interest day and night. No bad seasons. Oh! but he says I am opposed to taxing R. R.'s. Why it's the fault of these lawyers here that you get no tax on the R. R.'s. I am not opposed to taxing them. Why the State had worthless stock in these roads, and to try to save it, it took a second mortgage which seems likely to fail. Well, if the State did squander its assets, that's a poor plea to stop taxing bonds. "Only 20c." Well, these little drops have made a mighty ocean of arrears. Of all the property in the State these bonds are more able to pay tax. How the Dispatch and State and Lynchburg News are floating over the country, I don't know. Of course the bondholders don't pay it. He exhibited a circular headed Massey.—Here it is poor old Massey who has fought for you for 9 years. They think if they can strike him down they will destroy one of the strongest friends the people ever had. It is "Massey, Massey, Massey." [Applause.]

Then they cry "Mahone, Mahone, Mahone." He got \$25,000. Well if he did his salary had a very different effect on him from that produced by the salaries of the Congressman. [Cheers.] Ask my friend who published a paper in Abingdon, to save the free schools, and he answers Mahone, Mahone, Mahone! Object to paying West Va's third, and he answers Mahone, Mahone, Mahone! [Cheers.] Why I don't intend to pledge myself for any man for Senator. I don't know who I will vote for. Echols and Hanger had pledged themselves to vote against Mahone. Well, who will they vote for? I can tell you. A Funder—Well, we have had painful experience since the war that our Senators are not worth much. They can have the Senators for 1,000 years if they will settle this debt, and let the people and the schools rise. It is not the Senatorship, your liberty and your schools are at

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Don't Know Half Their Value. They cured me of Ague, Biliousness and Kidney Complaint, as recommended. I had a half bottle left which I used for my two little girls, who the doctors and neighbors said could not be cured. I would have sold both of them one night if I had not given them Hop Bitters. They did them so much good I continued their use until they were cured. That is why I say you do not know half the value of Hop Bitters, and I do not care to mention them, but I strongly recommend them. N. Y. See another column, American Rural Home, 21.

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