

After a retirement of only seven minutes, the jury in the case of William Neal, one of the fiends who raped and murdered Emma Thomas and the Gibbons children on the night of the 24th of December, returned a verdict of guilty, and fixed his punishment at death. Thus in exactly a month from the time the heinous crime was committed, the sentence to avenge it is passed. If the crime of murder could always be followed with such summary punishment, red handed murderers would cease to follow their bloody inclinations and the dark and bloody ground would be redeemed from its almost daily baptism of blood. In this connection we would express the hope that the murderer of Miss Bland, in Garrard, may meet with the same condign punishment. There should be none of the usual delays and continuances, no change of venue or other dilatory steps, but he should be tried during the present Court, that the people may be convinced that this law is yet supreme. They have acted with great forbearance in not hanging him without Judge or jury, and the Court owes it to them to brook no delay. If Wm. Austin is guilty of the foul murder, and the circumstances all point that way, let him suffer at the earliest possible moment for his crime or the people may be driven to take the law into their own hands.

JOHNIE WHITE is trying to get it into the ear of the President, that if he will furnish a little of the same material that he gave Mahone, he can induce Green Clay Smith to run for Clerk of the Court of Appeals, in which event he can be elected just as easy, as there are 30,000 Whigs, Union men and Baptists in Kentucky who have heretofore acted with the Democracy, who are just hosing to vote for Smith. This 30,000 he claims, with the regular Republican strength will more than suffice to carry the State. And this accomplished Congressional District after Congressional District will fall into line, and instead of sending nine Democrats to one Republican to Congress the order of things will be reversed, and the year of jubilee will come. We are just a little afraid that Johnny takes too rosy a view of the situation. We admit that he is a statesman, a scholar and a good judge of moonshine, but that he will be able to do all he promises, even with the weight of the administration on his side of the scales, is most too supremely utter to contemplate.

It is the duty of the present Legislature to repeal the unconstitutional special tax for the benefit of the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Lexington. Article XI, of the Constitution says that "all sums raised in the State by taxation or otherwise for the purposes of education, shall be held inviolate for the purpose of sustaining a system of Common Schools." It says nothing about Colleges. In fact the framers of the Constitution thought as every disinterested man must think now, that if the State gives her poor children a fair education, such as can be obtained at Common Schools, she will have done her full duty. Until she gives those 300,000 illiterate children a better chance, she has no right, either Constitutional or otherwise, to tax her citizens for a favored few. Besides there are plenty of good Colleges that a poor young man can attend free of tuition, if he feels that he is absolutely compelled to have a better education than that offered by the Common Schools.

A MURDER case has just been tried at Newark, N. J., which is similar to Guiteau's, in that the criminal claimed direct inspiration to commit the deed. The Judge held that if a man had sufficient mind to distinguish between right and wrong, and could control his conduct under ordinary circumstances, he could not acquit himself on the plea of irresistible impulse. The jury thereupon brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The twelve honorable gentlemen who hold the fate of Guiteau in their hands are respectfully requested to go and do likewise.

The Republicans are preparing further raids on the Treasury. A bill to pay soldiers who lost an arm or leg, or were otherwise totally disabled, a salary of \$37.50 per month, and another to pension persons who have been in the P. O. Service for twenty-four years, may be mentioned in this connection.

HON. CLARKSON N. POTTER, a distinguished politician of New York, died Tuesday, of that prevalent disease among public men, Bright's disease of the kidneys.

GEN. WOLFORD says in regard to the charge that he was defeated because he was a Federal instead of a Rebel, "Why, the ex-Confederates were among my most earnest supporters." The delegation from this county, was, with but a single exception, either rebel soldiers, who fought for the cause they loved, or their most intense sympathizers. Lets see: The exception was Dr. Hawkins Brown, who was a surgeon in the General's command. Col. Hill, D. W. Vandever and Hon. G. A. Luckey, were heart and soul with the Confederacy, while Colonel W. G. Welch, Hon. James W. Alcorn, Judge M. C. Sausley, W. H. Miller, Esq., and Mr. John H. Miller each fought and bled in the lost cause. Besides the delegation nineteen other persons, almost without an exception rebel soldiers or their sympathizers went to Frankfort, to work for the gallant old Federal General. In fact, the largest part of his support came from rebels and his most stubborn opposition from Union men. The secret of the matter is, that the Union Democrats, as a rule, hate Wolford with an undying vengeance because of his action during and after the war, and had rather any time see a rebel honored than him.

THE Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad will soon put on a line of steamers from Newport News, its Eastern terminus, to New York. A more delightful trip for persons living in this section could hardly be imagined than this great thoroughfare will then afford. A new country would open up before them from Lexington to Huntington, then the beautiful valley of Kanawha, the wonderful canyons and the magnificent scenery along New and Greenbrier rivers, the towering Alleghenies with its wealth of Mineral Springs, the lovely Blue Ridge Mountains, the battle fields of Virginia, the historic Richmond, and last, an ocean ride to New York, would combine more pleasure and interest than any other five routes that can be named. We have recently been over this road and can heartily recommend it. It is splendidly equipped, well managed, and is run by an accommodating and obliging set of conductors as ever pulled a bell cord.

OUR highly prized contemporary, the Covington Commonwealth, garbles an extract from our article on the late Appellate Convention to make a point against us. He quotes: "We do not think the friends of any candidate have reason to complain" and stops, whereas, we went on to say in speaking of the combination, that none of the candidates, or at least their managers, were too good to enter into a combination that would have benefited their own candidate. We happen to know that combinations were discussed all around, and while we dislike to see the will of the people thwarted by such means, we do not think that because Henry and Gaines held the winning hand, that other candidates should condemn that which each of them would willingly have done.

MR. YOUNG E. ALLISON, the talented gentleman who was city editor of the Courier-Journal, has accepted the position of managing editor of the Louisville Commercial, and took charge yesterday. This arrangement will suit Mr. Allison's tastes and capabilities better, as he is a red hot Republican. Mr. L. S. Howlett, who has held the position which Mr. Allison takes, with so much credit, has resigned, but he is too good a newspaper man to remain out of business long.

THE Auditor's response to the Legislature shows that Judge C. E. Kincaid, of the Railroad Commission drew for 450 days service \$3,150. Col. C. H. Rochester, 389 1-7 days, \$2,724 and J. F. Johnston, 381 days, \$2,667. Is it not in order for the Judge to rise and explain how he made 60 6-7 days more than our own Col. Rochester, who was going early and late, year in and year out?

GOV. BLACKBURN is at his old business again after a short recess. He pardoned a murderer from Scott county, because Lt. Gov. Cantrill, his his attorney, knowing that he could not acquit him, asked it. The Lt. Gov. evidently has a soft thing. Wm. Austin, of Garrard, should employ him.

When laws shall be passed holding the heads of corporations responsible for inexcusable accidents, especially when such accidents are traceable to bad management, there will be more security for human life on railroads than there is now.—[Cincinnati Gazette.]

After a trial of two months and thirteen days, the case of Guiteau, charged with the murder of President Garfield, was given to the jury Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock. They retired, and in less than thirty minutes returned a verdict of "Guilty as charged in the indictment." Guiteau was taken greatly by surprise, but shrieked out, "God Almighty will curse this jury for this, and don't you forget it. The Court in banc will reverse this business." A burst of applause greeted the announcement of the verdict, but it was promptly checked. From all points came expressions of approbation and the hope that the execution will be fixed for the nearest day possible. Scoville will apply for a new trial, and appeal to the Court in banc, but it will hardly avail any thing. The verdict of the jury is the verdict of the American people—Guiteau must hang.

An Indianapolis child became a smoker under two years of age, beginning with very mild cigarettes, which his mother taught him to use in order to keep him quiet, and soon took to strong cigars with great enjoyment. But at four he is in a hospital, undergoing treatment for spinal troubles brought on by the effect of the tobacco on his nerves.

The notoriety seeker, McHenry, is out in another long card in his organ, the Louisville Commercial, reiterating his determinations to start an Independent party in Kentucky. We suggest to the Democratic papers that no reference be hereafter be made to the Majah, as that is the most effectual way to kill him.

It is silly to talk about running Gen. Wolford for Governor. He wants some office in which there is money to help him down the decline of life. He is old and poor, and deserves something better than the pay of the Governor's office.

AWAY down in Arthur's little hear, there no doubt lurks a desire to set Guiteau free, in payment of the debt he owes him for making him President. He is too big a coward to do it thought but we wish he would.

GUITEAU has several chances yet. The common law provides that if he goes crazy before the time of his execution, he shall not be hung. He will pretend to be a raving maniac in less than a month.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—The saddlery firm of J. T. Gathright & Look, Louisville, has failed.

—The dead lock in the New York Legislature remains as it has for a month.

—Out of the ninety convicts changed in the United States in 1881, Arkansas heads the list with fifteen.

—The Governor of Pennsylvania has signed the death warrants of six murderers to be hung March 24.

—The cost of criminal prosecutions in Kentucky last year was \$458,306.06, \$110,793.72 less than the year before.

—W. D. Clarke and Miss Hannah Bush, of Madison, eloped to Cincinnati, Tuesday, and were made man and wife.

—A woman at Andover, Mass., committed suicide by eating the phosphorus from matches and drinking a pint of ink.

—The physicians of Cincinnati are preparing a petition to be presented to the State Legislature, asking that vaccination be made compulsory.

—The Senate passed a bill to appropriate \$15,000 for the immediate relief of Mrs. Lincoln, and \$5,000 annually during the balance of her life.

—The Court of Appeals has decided that Madison county's subscription of \$250,000 to the Richmond, Irvine and Three Forks R. R., must be paid.

—Dr. Levi D. Boone, of Chicago, a descendant of the famous Daniel Boone, is dead. He went to Illinois from Kentucky, in 1829, and served in the Black Hawk War.

—Monday night the thermometer was 30 degrees below zero in Boston and 3 below in New York. If that kind of weather continues the fears of an ice famine will be groundless.

—Ex-Governor Stanford, of California, says that he and his associates have paid \$11,000,000 more for steel and iron than they would have paid if there had been no protective tariff.

—Senator Beck has offered a bill to fine officers of National Banks who illegally issue certified checks, a sum not exceeding \$50,000 or imprison them not more than five years or both in the discretion of the jury.

—A month's respite has been granted by the Governor to Maj. Hicks, who was to hang on the 24th, at Covington, for murder. Hicks is confined in the Covington jail, and has been very near death's door with smallpox.

—A bill to fix the President's salary at \$30,000; Members of Congress at \$4,000; Heads of Departments at \$7,000; Chief Justice of Supreme Court at \$9,500, and Associates at \$9,000, has been offered by Congressman Warren, of Tennessee.

—The Courier-Journal in response to a telegram in the Enquirer, stating that the smallpox was raging in Louisville, says: "There are but thirteen cases of smallpox in Louisville, and have been but twenty-one cases since the last day of last December."

—The liquor sellers of Nebraska are now required to pay \$1,000 for licenses. The new law went into effect January 1, and Omaha's 140 saloons were at once diminished to thirty-two in number, and the city obtained \$32,000 toward defraying the police expenses.

—The Cumberland river, after attaining a depth greater than that of 1847, is falling. The damage at Nashville alone is put at half a million.

—Martha E. Wellington persuaded some one to personate her husband in the Hamilton county (O.) Common Pleas Court, and obtained a divorce and alimony against him. The court having since become satisfied that fraud was practiced, yesterday set the decree aside.

—A Frankfort lady attempted, a few days since, to take some medicine encased in a gelatine capsule, and just as she was about to swallow it the capsule exploded in her mouth with a noise like the bursting of the cap of a toy pistol, throwing her false teeth some distance across the room.—[Roundabout.]

—Senator Blair wants the National Government to appropriate for the cause of general education, \$15,000,000 the first year, \$14,000,000 the second year, and so on for ten years, the sum to be diminished \$1,000,000 for each year, the money to be distributed to States and Territories in proportion to the illiteracy existing in them.

—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Kentucky Central R. R. was held this week. The General Manager's report showed that the earnings of the road during 1881 amounted to \$490,655.00 an increase of \$78,865.28 over the previous year. The General Engineer reported that the work of extension to Richmond was steadily progressing, and that a permanent line had been located as far as Boone's Gap. The following directors were elected: C. P. Huntington, New York; George Bliss, New York; John Echols, Virginia; C. Alexander, Paris, Ky.; E. H. Pendleton, Cincinnati; Briggs S. Cunningham, Cincinnati; M. F. Ingalls, Cincinnati.

BOYLE COUNTY, Danville.

—Clarkson & Co., shipped 15,000 turkeys to New York, this season.

—Hon. J. B. McFerran made an excellent race for County Judge, getting 594 to Lee's 637.

—Henry Evans, formerly of Lincoln county, but now of New York, will open a drug store here in a few days.

—A numerously signed petition asking the enactment of a stringent dog law for this county, has been forwarded to the Legislature.

—Judge Durham, Trustee of Robert Russell, sold the latter's house and lot on 4th street, for \$2,500, his meat-house to Ben Durham for \$2,100 and the Factory property to the same, at \$470.

—Elder John I. Rogers, has bought Mr. George H. Dobyns' place near Danville, containing 83 acres, at \$70 per acre. Mr. Margaret Downton sold her farm of eighty acres to W. B. Cecil, for \$11,000.

—Wood & Prewitt bought from Jackson Davis 77 head of nice Southdown lambs and yearling wethers at \$4.00 per 100 lbs.

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