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W. P. WALTON.

WE frequently hear the lugubrious plaint that patriotism has fled from our country—that the sacred fire which burned so brightly during the revolution is almost utterly extinguished—that the sacrifice of self for the country's good cannot now be found, &c. This is all ridiculous cant, manifestly unjust and should be made punishable under the head of constructive treason. The great test of purity of patriotism in a government like ours is the willingness or refusal of the citizens to bear the grievous burden of public office and by this test we are triumphantly vindicated. In the earlier days of the government it was necessary to seek out and persuade men to take these onerous responsibilities. The presidency was almost forced upon Washington; and had it not been for the adroit use of the ancient legend of Cincinnatus, it is doubtful whether his consent to serve would ever have been won. Our horizon is brighter now. America "expects every man to do his duty" and every man is resolved to do it. Hence it is our proud boast to-day, that there is not a position from that of president of the U. S., to that of constable in an obscure district which is now sought with eagerness by a host of self-denying patriots. Q. E. D.

THERE is a growing disposition on the part of those contemplating a change of location to investigate the capabilities of the Southern States—especially Florida. It is highly probable that those States will ultimately, and at no distant period, become thickly inhabited by a thrifty population and astonish the world with their productiveness and prosperity. It is a fact generally conceded that under the old, easy-going and slip shod style of husbandry the results of which the country is capable of producing have never yet been reached. But a change of treatment will effect a wonderful revolution. Modern experience has developed the fact that there is really a very small portion of actually unproductive land on the globe and it will soon demonstrate that this character of territory is not largely located in the South. The thing mainly needed is a scientific analysis of the soil and judicious selection of crops and industry will do the rest.

A NOVEL controversy has sprung up in the West as to right-of-way for the removal of cattle to and from the grazing ranges and the market. There is an increasing annual drive of cattle from the Southwest, and in order to oppose this, large cattle interests on the route have bought up and enclosed extensive tracts of grass and water, thus cutting off necessary supplies. Routes through the Indian Territory are barred by enforcement of treaties and can not be obtained even for reasonable compensation. The cattle men of that section have decided to apply to Congress for relief. Their plea is that it is more consonant with public good to have guaranteed a right of-way for cattle trails than to donate large privileges to railroad companies and then pay them the rest of the territory as a bonus for accepting.

J. G. CECIL, Register of the Land Office, died in San Antonio, Texas, Tuesday. The days of his official life were few and full of trouble, for after a month's usurpation of the office by Sheldon and the harrassement of those who claimed that he had promised them clerkships, he was taken sick and was traveling for his health when he died Under the law the Governor has the right to appoint his successor with the advice and consent of the Senate and the *Courier Journal* intimates that Ralph Sheldon stands a fair show of getting the appointment. We are confident however that Gov. Knott is not so far lost to the feeling of the public, to do so rash an act.

SADIEVILLE, in Scott county, which has long been contending for the reputation of being the most lawless of the many lawless towns in Kentucky, has at last succeeded in securing beyond peradventure the coveted distinction. Three distinct shooting affairs occurred there in two days, in one of which an Englishman, name unknown, was cut to death by a rough named Jones. Then Reuben Whitson was dangerously shot in the arm and Hinton was perhaps severely shot by White, another farmer, because he allowed his hogs to raid upon his farm.

MR. J. HAWTHORNE HILL, who has done much admirable work for the Louisville *Commercial* since the Legislative session began, has been recalled to his position of editorial writer on the paper. Mr. Hill is a young man whom the *Yeoman* spitefully intimates is not as handsome as he might be, but he is climbing up in his profession with a celerity that shows that he has a head to back him, if his face and figure is not so beautiful as Henry Stanton's.

To what base uses may we come at last is forcibly illustrated in the case of the Great Eastern Steamship. She was built to eclipse all other ships in size, speed and safety, but was a success only in size, which was so great as to make her unmanageable. A number of fortunes were squandered on her and now the English government has become her owner and she will be used at Gibraltar, as a coal hulk.

THE self-sacrificing zeal of the pension agent is becoming every day more apparent. The much lauded "good Samaritan" is a manifest failure when compared with him. He has not only sought out and relieved every possible case, but is now *trying* to prove to his proteges that they are sicker than they thought, and need more help.

WE find in the papers this startling announcement. "The Louisville Medical College, last evening, turned loose 73 young physicians." This sounds nearly as ominous as the Cincinnati woman's vision of the two floods yet to be encountered. It involves too a question of peculiar interest, especially when we advert to the numerous institutions all over the land, each contributing its quota to swell the mighty host. On the theory that nations are afflicted on account of their sins, we are led to inquire: Of what enormities has our favored land been guilty to merit such a punishment as this. Somebody has quoted as scripture, the aphorism: "The Lord tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." Without looking for chapter and verse we fly to the assurance contained for consolation.

WHILE there exists such a rage for the collecting of old coins and superanuated postage stamps, why is there so little interest manifested in the collection of ancient newspapers? The newspaper is a faithful chronicler of the living events of its time, and is far more full, more accurate and more satisfactory than any history of that time compiled in future ages can be. Besides the time-stained periodical of a former century has a charm peculiarly its own In its columns we trace the sentiments and acts and enterprises of our fathers. The memories of our childhood are revived, the traditions received from a former generation renewed, the changes in each progressive age are noted, and knowledge both entertaining and valuable thus obtained. We love the old time newspaper.

SINCE his testimony before the Danville investigating committee some of the Western papers very appropriately print his name John S. Lise. If his father, old Gov. Wise, could rise from the tomb and see how his stock is degenerating, he would swear even with greater vehemence than he was accustomed to in life.

BROTHER BARNES went to see Barnum's alleged white elephant at the Zoo, in London and describes it as "a dingy-looking, undersized, razor-backed brute, with mottled ears and a flesh-colored streak dimly discernable along his face and trunk." It not even approaches whiteness and the British pronounce it a "Yankee sell."

THE House sat down very heavily on Gov. Knott's veto of the Cincinnati & Covington Pier Bridge bill. And while the are about it we would like to see them try their hand on the two vetoes effecting this county. They embody the same principles involved in the bridge bill.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

—Both Houses have passed a bill to establish a board of commissioners for Boyle county.

—The House has passed bills to incorporate Pittsburg, in Laurel county, and Yosemite, in Casey.

—The House by a vote of 60 to 13 passed the bill incorporating the Covington & Cincinnati Pier Bridge Company over Gov. Knott's veto.

—The Senate has adopted a resolution to appoint a committee to examine into the affairs of the Register of the Land Office for the term held by Ralph Sheldon. Correct.

—The House very properly refused to re-emburse George Smith, who contested the seat of Representative Madden, of Hancock, the amount of $285 he claimed for expenses in doing so. If the National House would adopt the same rule we would not hear of half the contests.

—The bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors in the counties of Rockcastle, Laurel, Clay, Jackson and Owsley under a penalty of not less than $25 nor more than $100 fine, 10 per cent. of the proceeds to go to the informer and the balance to the school fund, was discussed in the House Tuesday and referred to the committee on General Statutes. The bill allows manufacturers to sell in quantities of 29 gallons and over. It was afterwards passed.

NOTES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

—South Kentucky College at Hopkinsville was damaged to the amount of $13,000 by fire.

—At Columbia, Ky., to-day Champ and Rude Fitzpatrick will suffer the extreme penalty of the law for murder.

—A bill prohibiting the mailing of newspapers containing lottery advertisements was favorably reported in Congress.

—Speaker Carlisle's wife gave her first card reception in Washington Tuesday. During its three hours' duration fully 1,000 persons called.

—Miles Petty accused of the rape of Miss Cora Vannort, in Hardin county, was taken to Louisville for safe keeping just in time to save his neck from a mob.

—The proposed constitutional amendment of Mr. Springer was introduced for reference in the House. It extends the Presidential term to six years, and renders a President ineligible for reelection. The terms of Congressmen is extended to three years.

—John Thompson, a good old Baptist of Lexington, went to Cynthiana to meet with his comrades of the Mexican war last week and got to drinking which he kept up till attacked with the delirium tremens. Then he cut his throat but failing to sever the jugular he will probably live.

—Upward of $3,000,000 in gold has been withdrawn from the U. S. sub-Treasury in New York, the effect of which is to practically place gold at a premium. A brokerage firm has offered one-half of one per cent, to call $1,000,000 in gold at $1 01 for twelve months. Similar offers are being made by banks and speculators. The gold withdrawn is presumably for shipment, but the effect will be the same if it is hoarded. It is said that banks, anticipating that gold will soon command a premium, are placing it in their vaults instead of paper.

—Richard Simpson, a harness maker, was found dead near Lexington.

—Minister Hunt died at St. Petersburg early Wednesday morning.

—A colored man has been fined and imprisoned at Toledo for marrying a white girl.

—The blizzard, of which we got the tail end, was very severe in the northwest. The mercury in Montana was down to 35° below zero.

—In an affray at Winston, Estill county, Preston White was killed and Harry Witt and his son, Tillman, mortally wounded.

—The Louisville Exposition Directory has fixed on August 16 for the opening of the second Exhibition, to be continued sixty days.

—Hot Springs, Ark., is in the hands of a commitee of fourteen, who virtually run the city in defiance of law, driving the best citizens from the place.

—The are 97 fire-insurance companies in Kentucky, of which 63 belong to other States and 24 to other nations. The aggregate premiums are a little more than $1,700,000 and losses about 58 per cent. thereof.

—In Marion county, Lawrence Clayton slandered Wash Burke's sister, which resulted in a family duel, terminating in the killing of Burke and Green Clayton; Lawrence being fatally wounded and Floyd Burke shot in the arm.

—The currency bill, which provides that National Banks be allowed to issue circulating notes to an amount not exceeding the par value of the bonds on deposit, passed the House. It is estimated that a total of $35,000,000 may be issued under this act upon the basis of the securities now on deposit.

—Speaking on the bill to increase the navy, Senator Beck, said there could be no doubt we had a dwindling navy and one that any third-rate power would regard as despicable. The condition of the navy, however, was not for the want of money appropriated to maintain it Since 1866 Congress had given more money to the navy by $50,000,000 than was given for the same purpose from the beginning of the navy until 1860.

RELIGIOUS.

—Eld. Sweeney's meeting at Paris closed with 40 additions.

—Rev. W. K. Arbill, who went from Louisville as a missionary to Jamaica, has begun publishing a paper at Kingston, Jamaica, called the *Christian Home Journal*

—A protracted meeting will follow the dedication of the Baptist church, to be conducted by Rev. P. T. Hale of Danville. Mr. Tupper, who preaches the dedicatory sermon, next Sunday, being unable to remain. He has accepted the call to the Louisville church, at a salary of $3,000 a year and will go thence April 1st.

FRANKFORT, KENUCKY.

Editor Interior Journal:

FRANKFORT, KY., Feb. 28th.—It is not probable that the Legislature will remove the capital or vote the $50,000 asked for to complete the public buildings here. The contest between Louisville and Lexington will keep the seat of government at this place some years at least and may result in its permanent location on the banks of the Kentucky.

The bill providing for the erection of a branch penitentiary has passed the Lower House and it will no doubt pass the Senate and become a law. It is an absolute necessity, unless the convict lease system is maintained, against which there is a vigorous remonstrance throughout the State.

The death of J. G. Cecil, Register of the Land Office, makes a vacancy for the Governor to fill. Under the law he will appoint for the remainder of the term, three and a half years. The salary is $2,000 a year, with two clerks, one at $1,200 a year, the other at $700. Already there are said to be some thirty or forty applicants, with many counties yet to hear from. Prominent among the men named in connection with the place are Col. Tom Corbett, the present chief clerk of the Land Office, Captain Joe Norvell, Judge Beckner, Mr. Calmese, of Breathitt county, Mr. Cecil, brother of the late Register, Maj. Alex Grant, Judge Boone, of Princeton, and others.

They may quote Col. Talbott's age, seventy six years on him, but he makes one of the best members of the Legislature all the same. He is always on the alert and no one does more work or sticks closer to his seat. He is popular with everybody and in short makes a model member.

Judge Payne, the member from Bowling Green who has been bed-ridder, has resigned. It is believed that Clarence McElroy will be sent up unanimously to fill his place.

DANVILLE, BOYLE COUNTY.

—Mr. Francis Hannigan and Miss Mary O'Brien were married at St. Paul's church on the morning of the 26th inst., by Rev. A. J. Brady. The newly married couple went to Cincinnati on a bridal trip. On the 27th Mr. John Ward and Miss Lizzie Conder obtained license to marry.

—Mr. Sam Warren went to Somerset on Wednesday. Mr. O. T. Sutfield, of Louisville, a former citizen of Boyle county, was here greeting old friends on Tuesday. Mr. G. W. Welsh, Sr., is absent in New Orleans on a business trip. His granddaughter, Miss Lizzie Metcalfe, went with him. Mr. John Purcell and family, of Ohio, who are traveling to Tennessee, their future home, in well equipped wagons, passed through town on Wednesday.

—D. N. Prewitt bought on Wednesday from G. Graham, of Cumberland county, 4 oxen weighing about 1,100 pounds each, for $230; 2 others from same party weighing 2,600 pounds for $130. He also purchased of different parties 12 cows with calf at $35 each. Same dealer sold to T. E. Wood 19 1,100 pound-cattle at $61 each, and 4 fat cows weighing about 900 pounds at 4c. Dick Gentry bought on Wednesday of W. Webb a 6 year-old gray gelding for $100.

—The following cases have been disposed of in the Circuit Court since last report: Commonwealth vs. Sam Wilkerson, charged with malicious cutting, verdict of unlawful striking and wounding, fine $425, defendant to be confined in work-house in default of payment; Martha Hill vs. Henry Hill, plaintiff granted divorce of *vinculo matrimonii*. The grand jury on Wednesday returned the following indictments: Commonwealth vs. Robert and Wm. Reynolds, two additional cases for selling liquor; same vs. George Hocker and S. C Brewer, five cases for same offense; same vs. Samuel & Warren, five cases for same offense; two vs. A. S. McGrorty; three vs. H. W. Evans and one vs T. P. Curry, same offense; also two cases vs. R B. Turnbull, B. F. Oxley and L. E. Hearne; Mary Curtis, bawdy-house; Amanda Renfroe, petit larceny; Lewis Buster and George Rogers, assault and battery; Thomas Prather, retailing liquor; Georgianna Meaux, tippling-house; Mrs. George Beddow, same offense; Hettie Caldwell and George Beddow, same offense; S Huder, W. Hewlet and H. Davis, same; Commonwealth vs. Beddow, appeal from Police Court, judgment for plaintiff for $100; George Hocker and S. C. Brewer, merchandising liquor, one case; G. A. Meaux and A. B. Williams, tippling-house; F. W. Handman and Henry Martin, Sabbath breaking, four cases; same vs. Henry Martin, two cases; Sam Fields, malicious cutting and wounding; Lee Weaver, concealed weapons, two cases, Henry Rogers and Joe Bailey, same offense; National Bank of Lancaster vs John W. Miller, &c, set for Friday.

—Several weeks ago a rumor obtained circulation that Mr. F. Cole, who with his wife, her mother and a little daughter had been living here quietly since about the 10th of November last, had been arrested by detectives and carried South to answer a charge of murder and robbery. Your correspondent tried to investigate the matter at the time but beyond the fact that Mr. Cole had left on a South-bound train on the 27th of January, in company with two strangers, nothing could be ascertained except that about ten days later the balance of the family went to Nashville. On Tuesday, however, a lady who made the acquaintance of Mrs. Cole while here, showed your correspondent a letter from her which explained the whole mystery as follows: Mr. Cole left here at the time stated with two strangers who represented that they owned a mill at Chattanooga and wanted him to take charge of it offering him high wages as an inducement. Mrs. Cole went on to state that when the men had lured her husband beyond the limits of Kentucky they arrested him on a charge of robbery and murdering a railroad agent at Corinth, Miss, last November. She said the detectives took the accused man to Corinth and placed him in close confinement for nearly two weeks not allowing him to communicate with her or other outside persons. At the end of that time messages from him reached friends in Pulaski and Nashville, Tenn., who went promptly to his relief and when the trial came on it was clearly shown that Cole was hundreds of miles away from the scene of the crime when it was commited, that he was a man of irreproachable character and incapable of committing any crime. In short his innocence was made so manifest that the detectives paid all expenses and gave Cole $200 to let the matter drop. Mrs. Cole enclosed clippings from a Pulaski paper and the Nashville *Banner* showing all the above statements to be true. It should be added that while here Cole and his family were quiet, well-behaved people, who lived economically and paid for what they got. As well as can be ascertained, the men who did this brilliant (?) piece of detective work were the same who registered at the Clemens House on the 25th of January, as J. C. McGuin, Nashville, and A. Ricker, Montreal.

ROBERT M'WADE.

The Dayton (O) *Journal* of a recent date says: "Robert McWade was greeted by a large audience last evening, when he appeared in his well known characterizations of Rip Van Winkle, and was received by repeated applause. Mr. McWade's Rip Van Winkle was written by himself, and is decidedly the most natural interpretation of the pretty vagary which Irving dedicated to the Catskills. There is a more marked vein of pathos in it than in Boucicault's version as played by Joseph Jefferson, and a more agreeable picture of the character of Rip and his *frau*. There is a moral sentiment to it in which Mr. Boucicault's dramatization is imperfect. In Mr, Boucicault's version for example, the last act closes with the old, unfortunate sot, gray-haired and infirm, drinking to the dregs the same cup that destroyed all his happiness. Mr. McWade perceives this moral defect, and in his version the interposing hand of his daughter stays the cup, and the invocation "May you all live long and happy," comes from his lips unpolluted by drink. This idea of moral propriety is carried throughout the play. Mr. McWade's acting and dialect is unsurpassed. His Rip, after the twenty year's sleep, is a noble idea of the character and perfectly carried out."

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