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EVERY FRIDAY.

As he was going home from his office Monday night, Joseph B. Rucker, editor of the Somerset Reporter, was fired at by a cowardly assassin hid in the darkness and two of the three shots struck him in the back. He fell, apparently dead, and was taken by friends to the nearest drug store, when he gave signs of life. He was then removed to his home, where he died a little past midnight, after recovering consciousness enough to say he did not see who shot him. Mr. Rucker has been very outspoken in his denunciation of crime and criminals and it is thought that one of the many who have felt the deserved lash of his pen, committed the foulest deed known to the law—an assassination. It has not been very long since the same gentleman was clubbed from behind by a man who was smarting under the showing up of his deeds by the editor, and the fact that he has so far gone unwhipped of justice no doubt emboldened the cowardly scoundrel to do his infamous work. The citizens are thoroughly aroused and if the assassin is caught they will deal summarily with him. It is the kind of case that needs no judge and jury and calls aloud for lynch law. Mr. Rucker was a peacable, kind-hearted man, but could not countenance crime in any shape and he has made his paper of late a terror to evil doers, as every editor should feel it his duty to do. He leaves a wife and three children, all of them grown, who have the consolation that he died a victim of what seemed to be to him his duty. We sympathize sincerely with them and execrate the miserable fiend, who has deprived them of a husband's and father's love and protection. May the crime be wiped out in short order so far as the life of the assassin is able to do it.

The assassin is thought to be Ex-Chief of Police Anderson, for whose willful neglect of duty he was frequently scored by Editor Rucker. He finally resigned and went into the saloon business, going from bad to worse. The county has offered \$1,000 reward for his capture, the State \$500 and a brother-in-law of the deceased \$500. Strong efforts are being made to apprehend him when we hope he will not be allowed long to cumber the earth.

A PART of our last edition contained a dispatch of the nomination of Gov. J. R. Hindman, of Adair, for Congress, by the convention at London. Mr. S. C. Hardin, of Clinton, withdrew and the nomination was made unanimously and enthusiastically. We are not so credulous to believe that the governor will be able to overcome the 10,000 republican majority of the 11th district, but there is not another democrat in the district who can give Col. Adams as close a race as he can. He is a very captivating stump speaker and is as popular as he is clever and handsome. In a word he is just the man to win votes from the republicans, while carrying his own party's strength solidly.

The democratic nominee for Congress in a Texas district, has a moustache 116 inches from "cead to cead." It is to be hoped that that is not his only claim to distinction.

ELSEWHERE in this issue will be found a condensed statement of the manner of voting under the new law, prepared, as it requires, by the county clerk and the county attorney. A perusal of this statement clearly shows that the privilege of exercising one's suffrage under the new order of things is not, by far, so difficult a matter as is generally believed; and we feel assured that no democrat worthy of the name will at this time allow so trivial an objection to deter him from casting his vote. The provisions of the law, in a nut-shell, are that the candidates of every party shall be printed on each ballot, each set being placed in separate rows under some emblem or device by which the party is designated. The emblem is placed in an inch square, and a small square is also placed after the name of each candidate. Each voter is given one ballot and is required to retire to a covered booth for its preparation. If he desires to vote for all the nominees of any party, he has only to make a cross mark in the square containing that party's emblem; if he desires to "scratch" his ticket, he has only to make cross marks after the names of those for whom he desires to vote, after which the ballot is folded and deposited in the ballot box. To illustrate, suppose the time-honored rooster is selected as the emblem of democracy; a coon for that of republicanism; a jug for the prohibitionists and a spade for the labor or people's party, likenesses of these various emblems will be placed at the head of the various parties' lists of candidates, and an elector desiring to vote any of the tickets "straight" need only place a cross mark in the square containing the proper emblem. Surely there is nothing complicated about this, and it only requires sufficient knowledge upon the part of the elector to know for whom he desires to vote. The new law is substantially a reproduction of the "Australian Ballot System" and is the creature of that most progressive people whose name it bears, having first been put in operation, we believe, in New South Wales. It was first introduced in the United States in 1888, when it was adopted by the legislature of Massachusetts for the entire State and by the legislature of Kentucky for the municipal elections of the city of Louisville, being known there as the "Wallace law." It was adopted by the legislatures of nine States in 1889 and by sixteen in 1891. Since then a number of other States have adopted it, Kentucky being among the last to fall into line. It is a duty of the democracy of Lincoln county to aid materially in wresting this judicial district from the rule of republicanism and likewise the presidency from the same unworthy hands. Our friends, the enemy, have ten times more ignorance to contend with than we have, yet we daresay that every mother's son of them will not only know how to vote, but will act on that knowledge. Then let the democracy imitate its ancient enemy in this one particular only. Open political kindergartens at once and see that the ignorant are instructed. Let there be a meeting of the county committee and let each member be thoroughly informed as to the new method, then let each member see that every democratic voter of his precinct is also thoroughly informed. And when November comes we can show the world, whether the election be by ballot or viva voce, that Kentucky can be depended upon for its old-time majority for the party of the people.

WITH 1,142 patent sure cures for cholera in the list of the U. S. patent office, it doesn't seem that the disease ought to get a foothold in this country.

A CONTEMPORARY calls attention to the fact that there is now but one survivor of President Davis' cabinet, Postmaster General John H. Reagan, of Texas, now railroad commissioner of the State, after having been congressman and U. S. Senator. This is recalled by the death of Gov. Watts, the other day, who was attorney general in the same cabinet. It is also a reminder of how fast those who played prominent parts in that great conflict are passing away. Not one of the leading generals are living and soon there will be left none to tell the tale of our civil war. The youngest of the Confederate soldiers are now 50 or past and the buoyancy of youth has given way to gray hairs and stooping form, which must soon moulder into clay.

PULASKI county and Somerset are getting up a deserved reputation as being the rottenest section in the State as to lawlessness. The cowardly murderers there do not give their victims any show, but shoot them down in darkness and through the back. The assassination of Editor Rucker is followed by that of Daniel Norfleet, who was waylaid and shot by Milt Britton. He has been arrested and if the facts are as given, he ought to be hung without the usual formalities. Tom Scott, a very degenerate son of a worthy sire, is also in jail for furnishing the gun to do the killing. It would take all the hemp raised in Fayette county to hang all in Pulaski county who deserve to have their necks stretched.

It is little wonder that murder and other lawlessness hold high carnival in Kentucky, when a life sentence is given for a crime for which the death penalty would poorly atone. Brookshire, the horse thief, who killed the jailer and constable who tried to arrest him, was tried at Frenchburg Monday and given the former sentence. The people were so outraged that they would have quick y put an end to the wretch's life, but the officers spirited him away and by a circuitous route landed him at Frankfort. With tender-hearted juries and weak judges, lynch law will continue to be resorted to and in such a case as this it will be justifiable.

GOV. HILL has proved that he is not only a democrat, but a man every inch of him. His speech at Brooklyn in advocacy of democratic doctrines and the election of Cleveland and Stevenson, is full of wisdom and eloquence and contains enough key notes for the whole campaign. His utterances on the tariff and other issues are clearer than the clearest and the whole speech demonstrates that if he had any bitterness, he has been able to put it away most heroically. Let every disappointed democrat say with him: "Loyalty to cardinal democratic principles and to regularly nominated candidates is the supreme duty of the hour."

A PREACHER at Jennings, La., tried to ape Sam Jones' style of pulpit oratory. He charged that all the men of the town were fornicators and adulterers and that more than half of the women were unchaste. A doctor who was in the audience arose and asked the ladies to retire. They did so, when he walked down to the pulpit and asked the preacher if he had been correctly understood. He repeated the charge, whereupon the doctor drew a cowhide and literally wore him out. And most people will say he deserved all he got.

The Satellites of Mercury have arranged for a grand ball and spectacular display at the Louisville Auditorium, Nov. 18.

GOV. McCREARY made a rattling fine speech at Lawrenceburg Monday on the tariff and force bills. It is said that he converted a number of republicans, who will vote for him. It is learned from good authority that the republicans will make no nomination against the governor, satisfied that a candidate would have his labor for his pains and lose his time and expenses besides.

THE G. A. R.' parade at Washington was the largest the organization has ever had. Over 70,000 old soldiers and so-called soldiers were in line and the battle cry was "More Pensions." We would suggest that while they are at the Capital they loot the treasury and be done with it.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

—James Farmer, 50 years old and a widower, and Mrs. Follie Gill, a widow of 32, were married yesterday.

—James M. Griffith, a widower of 38, and Miss Nannie J. Powers, just 18, were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's father, C. M. Powers.

—On the 15th of September, 1892, at De Lansey Place, Philadelphia, Penn., by Rector Samuel E. Appleton, Miss Mary Morton Pottee, only daughter of W. J. Pottee, of Harrodsburg, was united in marriage to Mr. William Hewitt Wilson, of Lancaster, Penn. The marriage was a quiet one, only a few friends being present. The above, which was sent us by a relative at Harrodsburg, will surprise the lady's friends very much. She had been in Philadelphia since last May for treatment for nervous prostration and had fully recovered. May her new relation bring happiness and comfort to a ripe old age.

CHURCH AFFAIRS.

—Rev. A. V. Sizemore will preach at Logans Creek church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

—The people are very much pleased with the preaching of Rev. J. J. Rust, who is a very accomplished gentleman, being a graduate of the University of Virginia and the Theological Seminary of Louisville, and his meeting here promises much good. It will continue twice daily until further notice.

CLEAN UP.—It is ordered that each and every citizen in the city of Stanford clean up their premises and cleanse their water closets thoroughly, as the board of health for the county and State will with the marshal, visit your premises and inspect them in a few days. Done by order of the city council. D. W. Vandever, Mayor.

NEWSY NOTES.

—There are 30 towns called "Washington" in the United States.

—Fifteen hundred furniture workers went out on a strike in Cincinnati.

—There have been several deaths on either side growing out of a race war between whites and blacks in Calhoun county, Arkansas.

—A passenger train on the Fort Wayne ran into a freight at Shreve, O., and 13 persons were killed instantly or burned to death in the wreck.

—Spaninger, the lady charmer, and Mrs. Cole, accused of the poisoning of the women in the Louisville assignment house, were discharged on examining trial.

—The Montgomery county fair will be held Sept. 27 to Oct. 1. In addition to the fine exhibits and trots there is offered large prizes in bicycle races each day; also as one of the features is a five days shooting tournament, prizes aggregating over \$1,000.

—Train robbers wrecked a train on the Santa Fe, near Osage City, Kas., by removing a rail. Four persons were killed outright and 35 seriously wounded. The train was carrying a million dollars to Mexico, but the fiends do not seem to have gotten it.

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