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MR. WANAMAKER, says *The Review of Reviews*, deserves the praise of all good citizens for the business ability and the great energy he has infused into the administration of his Establishment.

It is his laudable ambition to transform the incomplete and fossilized postal service of the United States into a modern system, using the best scientific appliances of the times.

He has the splendid audacity to make official reports which advocate "one-cent letter postage, three-cent telephone messages, and ten-cent telegraph messages as near possibilities under an enlightened and compact postal system."

He argues strenuously for postal savings banks, is extending the free-delivery system everywhere, is increasing the money-order offices by many thousands, and is working with might and main for a score of great postal reforms which, taken together, would be of immeasurable benefit to the people, especially in the rural districts, and which, when fairly presented and understood, must arouse a popular enthusiasm that no opposition can withstand.

Whatever irrelevant things may be alleged against Mr. WANAMAKER, he is earning the right to be called a great Postmaster General. If his ardor for modern improvements and for a great service worthy the inventive and organizing ability of this Nation should, at times, seem to overbalance his practical judgment, the fault lies chiefly in the apathy or misinformation of the public.

The American postal service might be made the wonder and envy of the whole world. Mr. WANAMAKER is upheld in his proposals by ex-Postmaster General JAMES and other experts, and the average citizens ought to be his stout supporter. The one-cent letter rate is not advocated by Mr. WANAMAKER as an innovation to be introduced at once; but the other reforms that he urges would lead up to it within five years. Business men are preferable to politicians in the Postmaster General's office.

THE Shouse resolution is having a good effect in increasing the attendance of the members of the Assembly at roll-call every morning. The list of absentees is growing less each day.

WHENEVER a Kentucky Republican newspaper ventures to criticize the doings of the Democratic leaders in this state, he is met by the assertion that the RESPONSIBILITY publicans of other states do so-and-so, just as if one wrong, if there be a wrong, were sufficient justification for another. Witness this from *The Courier-Journal*:

"It's an outrage," declares THE MAYSVILLE PUBLIC LEDGER, "that the 153,000 Republicans of Kentucky—approximately as closely as they do one-half the voting population of the state—have been robbed of two Representatives in Congress by the gerrymandering thieves at Frankfort."

The theory that Representatives in Congress are to be apportioned according to party voting strength in the entire state is THE LEDGER's own child of fancy. The Congressional Districts in Kentucky are laid off so as to secure greater uniformity as to population than is found in a number of Republican states.

Our devil has stopped washing the rollers long enough to go over a few figures just to see how the "uniformity of population" applies as an excuse for the recent gerrymander in Kentucky. We take but two Districts as examples—the Ninth, which had been represented by a Republican previous to the recent change, and the Eleventh, which is now the solitary Republican District in the state. The population of the Ninth District, by counties, is as follows:

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| Bath | 12,813 |
| Bracken | 12,899 |
| Boyd | 14,033 |
| Carter | 17,304 |
| Fleming | 16,078 |
| Greenup | 11,911 |
| Harrison | 16,914 |
| Lewis | 14,803 |
| Lawrence | 17,702 |
| Mason | 20,773 |
| Nicholas | 10,764 |
| Robertson | 4,894 |
| Rowan | 6,129 |

Total 178,177

Before the gerrymander, Johnson and Martin counties belonged to the Ninth District. They are both Republican, and the population is 11,027 and 4,200, respectively, making a total of 15,227. These counties were taken out of the District, and Harrison, a strong Democratic county, with a population of 16,914, was put into it. This piece of ledgerman made an increase of just 678 in the population of the District, but as it made a difference of some 1,400 additional Democratic votes—why, of course, the change was made simply to equalize the population!

Now, as it was the sole purpose of the holy men at Frankfort and Washington to give the Republicans a fair deal, it is but natural to suppose that this "equalizing" process was carried out all over the state. Let's see. The population of the Eleventh—the newly formed and the only Republican District—is by counties as follows:

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| Adair | 13,721 |
| Bell | 10,312 |
| Casey | 11,848 |
| Clay | 12,447 |
| Clinton | 7,047 |
| Harlan | 6,197 |
| Knox | 13,762 |
| Letcher | 6,620 |
| Leslie | 3,964 |
| Laurel | 13,747 |
| Metcalfe | 9,871 |
| Owsley | 5,975 |
| Perry | 6,331 |
| Palaski | 25,731 |
| Russell | 8,196 |
| Wayne | 12,852 |
| Whitley | 17,590 |

Total 186,451

If you will strike the difference between the totals, you will see that there are just 10,274 more people in the Eleventh than there are in the Ninth District!

So, because the Republicans of some other state have taken revenge by undoing Democratic work there, the Democrats of Kentucky are justified in undoing their own Democratic work here whenever there is a bare chance that a Republican might be elected to Congress.

A DEALER in New York City advertises for sale a cargo of American pig tin from California at the regular price of the imported product. We hope the tin plate hars will lay in a good supply.

For the first time in the history of these United States our exports exceeded a billion dollars for the twelve months ending March 31. We are living under a billion dollar Tariff. That is the explanation.

FOR PHONETIC SPELLING.

A Brand New Scheme for Revolutionizing English Orthography.

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"What do you mean by a five million type foundry scheme?"

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THE readers of *The Evening Bulletin* who had for several days been eagerly scanning its columns watching for a promised reply to the "incongruous remarks" of the aforesaid *Bulletin* concerning the attitude of certain members of the Mason Bar with reference to the Judicial Redistricting Bill, were finally rewarded by the appearance in the issue of yesterday of the lost plea. Though somewhat delapidated by its long and vexatious wandering, it is, nevertheless, a sockdologer for the "so-called," &c., which evidently went off half-cocked, as usual, in its effort to boom the interests of a would-be Master Commissioner to whom the position has been promised in advance by an over-confident aspirant for the Circuit Judgeship whose candidacy is vitally affected by the proposed new arrangement of the district.

THE LEDGER, as a matter of curiosity only, would like to know what unfavorable winds wafted the looked-for constellation out of its peaceful orbit, and flung it, after many days, upon the aforesaid unwholesome and unwilling shores.

Political Pickings.

A Democratic Name for It.

Philadelphia Ledger.—A Charleston (S. C.) man, a defaulting treasurer of several building associations to the amount of over \$50,000, has been pronounced a harmless lunatic.

Not Altogether a Free Trader.

Kentucky Journal.—Archdeacon Farrar of Westminster expresses the opinion that America is suffering for want of an established church. Possibly the real suffering is in Westminster precincts by the certainty of disestablishment in England. American dudes are happy in the wear of English clothes, but America, as a whole, is not likely to wear the cast-off garments of the right little, tight little isle.

A Successful Charm.

A poor-looking woman at Grandenz on the Victoria in Prussia had won in the lottery. She placed the gold pieces in a stocking, wrapped some dirty handkerchiefs around and placed it among her dirty linen in the loft. Nobody would look for treasure there, so it was safe. Some time ago she wanted money but, oh horror, stocking and gold were gone. She applied to an old sooth-sayer, who told her to take a piece of the money she had left of the sum won, wrap it in a piece of dirty linen and bury it in the graveyard. As the cloth began decomposing the thief would be seized with decline and die with qualms of conscience, forcing him, or her, to return the money to the rightful owner. They took care to make the advice known in the city and that it had been acted on. The very next day the stocking, with all the money in it, was found again among the dirty linen. The thief had evidently been seized with fear at the terrible sentence pronounced over him, and had hastened to return it in order to escape punishment.

A Self-Crucifixion.

The idea of an obligation to imitate Christ has driven another man to crucify himself. One Pushka, of Pulook, on the Russian frontier, nailed his feet to the floor and, lying on his back, stretched out his left arm and then nailed his left hand to the floor. He then took a knife, by way of a Roman lance, and opened his side. Yet he was anything but satisfied, seeing that his limitation was incomplete because he could not nail down his right hand. He began sobbing convulsively until the pain and loss of blood overpowered him, when he became unconscious. In this condition he was found by his wife, who had sense and strength enough to withdraw the nails and place him on a bed, where the doctor found him and pronounced his condition by no means desperate.

SHIPS OF THE ANCIENTS.

They Were Occasionally as Large as Some of Our Own, But Unmanageable.

Large ships were not unknown to the ancients, and some of the most roomy attained dimensions equal to ships of modern times. Nevertheless, they were unmanageable monstrosities, almost at the mercy of wind and wave, and utterly unfit to cope with the fury of a hurricane. Doubtless, says Chamber's Journal, we are indebted to traveler's tales for the detailed descriptions that survive the lapse of ages. Constantius conveyed from Heliopolis to Rome an obelisk weighing fifteen hundred tons, and, in addition to this long-coveted monolith, the ship carried about twelve hundred tons of pulse stowed about the small end of the obelisk, in order to bring the ship on an even keel.

In 268 B. C. Archimedes devised a marvelous ship for Hiero, of Syracuse. Her three lofty masts had been brought from Britain, whereas our ship's masts are of iron, or obtained from New Zealand or from Vancouver's island. Luxuriously-fitted sleeping apartments abounded, and one of her banqueting-halls was paved with agate and costly Sicilian stone. Other floors were cunningly inlaid with scenes from the *Iliad*.

Stables for many horses, ponds stocked with live fish, gardens watered by artificial rivulets, and hot baths were provided for use or amusement. Ptolemy Philopator possessed a nuptial yacht, the *Thalamegon*, three hundred and twelve feet long and forty-five feet deep. A graceful gallery, supported by curiously carved columns, ran round the vessel, and within were temples of Venus and Bacchus. Her masts were one hundred feet high, her sails and cordage of royal purple hue.

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AMENDMENT

To Article One of Articles Incorporating the Poyntz Bros. Co.

ARTICLE to amend Article I of Articles of Incorporation of Poyntz Brothers Company, of Mason County, Kentucky, recorded in Deed Book No. 92, page 174.

Be it known to all whom it may concern, that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Poyntz Brothers Company of Maysville, Kentucky, held at its office in Maysville, Kentucky, Thursday, April 28th, 1892, it was agreed that the corporate name of said company be changed from Poyntz Brothers Company to Oakwood Distillery Company, and that hereafter the business of said corporation be conducted under the corporate name of Oakwood Distillery Company. And it was further agreed at said meeting, that Ben B. Poyntz, Secretary and Treasurer of said Poyntz Brothers Company, be and he was authorized to make proper acknowledgment of said change of name before the Clerk of Mason County Court, and cause same to be published and recorded as required by law.

HEN B. POYNTZ, Secretary and Treasurer of Poyntz Bros. Co.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,)
Mason County,)
I, T. M. Pearce, Clerk of the County Court for the county and state aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing instrument of writing was this day produced to me in said county and acknowledged by Ben B. Poyntz, a party thereto, to be their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 19th day of April, 1892.

T. M. PEARCE, Clerk.
By J. C. Lovel, D. C.

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Given under my hand this April 28th, 1892.

T. M. PEARCE, Clerk.
By J. C. Lovel, D. C.

STATE OF KENTUCKY,)
Mason County,)
I, T. M. Pearce, Clerk of the County Court for the county and state aforesaid, do certify that the foregoing Article of Incorporation of the Public Ledger Co. was, on March 10, 1892, produced to me in said county, and acknowledged by said Thomas A. Davis, William H. Cox, W. H. Wadsworth, Jr., S. T. Hickman, C. Russell, George L. Cox and Allen A. Edmonds, each to be their act and deed, and on March 14, 1892, the same was again reproduced to me and acknowledged by S. T. Hickman, to be his act and deed, and lodged for record, whereupon the same, together with this certificate, hath been duly recorded in my office.

Given under my hand this April 28th, 1892.

T. M. PEARCE, Clerk.
By T. D. Blalock, D. C.

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FOUND—A Kid Glove. Owner can get same by calling at LEDGER office.

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