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Democratic State Convention.

At a meeting of the Kentucky Democratic Central Committee and the State Executive Committee, held in the city of Louisville, November 8, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a convention of the Democratic party of Kentucky is called to meet on Thursday, the first day of May, 1879, at 12 o'clock M., in the city of Louisville, for the purpose of nominating candidates for State officers to be voted for at the next August election, and performing such other duties as the interests of the party may require. The County Committees are urged to call their meetings of the Democratic people of their several counties to appoint delegates to said convention and in order to insure a full attendance they are requested to appoint one delegate for every one hundred votes, and one for every fraction over fifty votes cast for the Tilden and Hendricks Electors at the last Presidential election.

Resolved, That the Democratic papers in Kentucky be requested to publish the foregoing resolutions.

T. L. BURNETT, Chairman.

T. L. JEFFERSON, Secretary.

Pay of Witnesses in Felony Cases.

Hon. A. L. Jackson, Judge of the Circuit Court for the Louisville district, has recently decided that there is no law authorizing the payment of witnesses out of the State treasurey. This has been done in felony cases since the State has had an existence. The auditor has always drawn his warrant to cover all claims properly certified by the courts. Judge Jackson has, however, made the agonizing (to use his own language) discovery, that there is no law to *warrant* the Auditor's *warrants*, and refuses to certify any more such claims

It seems that in remodling the laws and embodying them into the General Statutes, the provision for this purpose was omitted, inadvertantly no doubt, and in Judge Jackson's opinion, based upon decisions of the Court of Appeals rendered in several cases, no witnesses may be paid as heretofore. If Jackson is right, thousands of dollars have been wrongfully paid since the 1st day of December, 1873, out of the State Treasury. It is forbidden by the fifth section of the eighth article of the constitution that any money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in persuance of appropriations made by law.

We express no opinion on this subject from a legal standpoint, but merely state the question that has been raised. We have, however, this to say, that it will prove a severe hardship to compell by recognizance and orders of arrest, witnesses to attend the courts and give in evidence, that, which they know against criminals, without compensation for lost time and expenses actually incurred. It was not so intended, and it ought not to be required of them. The punishment of violators of law is essential to the public welfare; and the public who, as the beneficiary, ought to pay the citizen who is compelled by law to be a witness. It is not always right to do what ought to be done, and what everybody wants done, and what the law-makers intended should be done.

The Criminal Court for this county is now in session at Hardinsburg, and Judge Murray must necessarily handle the question. We are not advised as to whether he concurs with Judge Jackson or not. But should Judge Murray, as usual, certify the claims, the Auditor may refuse to pay them. It will then become necessary for suit by mandamus to be brought against the Auditor in the Fiscal Court at Frankfort, whence it will be taken, by the decision for or against amandamus, to the Court of Appeals for final determination.

All witnesses ought to claim their attendance, and in some way let it be a matter of record. The question is soon to be adjudicated by the Court of Appeals, and if its decision should be adverse to claimants the Legislature will, in all probability by further enactment, provide for their payment.

We were exposed last week to a pitiless storm, that wet our feet and stockings, and indeed our person all over. In fact we took a cracking cold, which brought sore throat and severe symptoms of fever. The good wife asserted her authority, plunged our feet in hot water, wrapped us in hot blankets, and sent our faithful son for a bottle of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. It is a splendid medicine—pleasant to take, and did the job. We slept soundly through the night and awoke well the next morning. We know we owe our quick recovery to the Pectoral, and shall not hesitate to recommend it to all who need such a medicine. —*Tehuacana (Texas) Presbyterian.*

On Wednesday morning Alonzo McCormie shot and killed his best friend, Milton Aiken. They were both young. It was an accident, and one that always happens when boys get to handling guns and pistols.—*Adairville Clipper.*

Larue county has instructed for Gen. Jas. A. Dawson, for Lieutenant Governor.

The Solid South.

The writer of this article, not long since, heard a well known and prominent Republican from one of the Northern States remark, that no one in the North was alarmed for the safety of the country by reason of the solid Democratic vote in the South, but it afforded a splendid opportunity for party capital, that the cry would rally the party, and would give them 1880.

Thus do the party managers propose to play upon the fears of the people. They know that the cry "Solid South" is a hollow pretense. In order mainly to bring themselves back to power, they will re-establish and rehabilitate the thieves in the Southern Sates, who for years ate the substance of the people. Don't every man with a grain of intelligence know that there is no Republican party in the South composed of any body but negroes and transient adventurers? It is worse than cruel and heartless to relegate the land to their rule; and it is more than anybody ought to expect, that the people of those States should place them in power themselves. But because they did not commit this suicide, but on the other hand, placed intelligence and patriotism at the head of government, the cry is raised and efforts are made to pervert the truth and alarm all the good people in the North whom they can gull by their hypocritical mockery. This is what is often called waving the bloody shirt.

We clip the following paragraph from the New Orleans Daily Picayune, a part of the programme of the great Commercial Convention in which our co-editor, Hon. D. R. Murray, done his work well. His response to the Governor's address of welcome is said to be one of ability:

"The following programme has been laid out for the first day's proceedings:

Convention will meet at the Varieties' Theatre promptly at 12 o'clock, December 3.

1. Convention will be called to order by the chairman of the committee, Gen. C. Bussey.

2. Prayer by one of the clergymen of our city.

3. A welcoming address by the Governor of Louisiana.

4. A response by the Hon. D. R. Murray, of Kentucky.

Citizens of New Orleans, particularly the ladies, are invited to attend the proceedings of the convention. Members of the reception committee will be in attendance to provide seats for the ladies.

Mrs. Mary Best, of Fort Washington, O., was murdered by Mrs. John Stull, on the 9th ult. It seems that Mrs. Stull had become jealous of Mrs. Best, who was a widow woman, and on the evening of the 9th wrote her a note, in which she counterfeited her husband's hand-writing, and signed his name "John Stull, requesting Mrs. Best to meet her at some hay stacks. Mrs. Best failed to detect the hand-writing, and on arriving at the hay stacks was confronted by Mrs. Stull, and murdered. Mrs. Best has a great many grandchildren, and Mrs. Stull is the mother of seven children.

A tramp by the name of Frank Watson aimed to board a freight train, on the E. & P. road, at Nelson creek, missed his hold, fell, and had his foot and thigh crushed. He was taken to Elizabethtown and received medical attention, where and when it was discovered that he was a woman, and that she had been tramping around for some time, teaming and doing men's work generally. Her name is Francis Watson, sixteen years old, and is said to be good-looking.—*Ex.*

Dear Sweetheart:—I would have came if I could have came, but *company* came and I could not come. Be sure and come to church. Good-bye, darling. ——.

Now, look young people, once for all, just let me say to you, please be careful. It is right for you to love one another, the Bible tells you to, but please be more careful with your love-letters. This little thing got up off of the street into a fellow's vest pocket and that night his wife went into that very pocket after something and Oh! what a time we had explaining to her, and she wouldn't believe a word we said, but you can write again if you want to.

A collision occurred between the steamers Charles Morgan and Cotton Valley, at Bringer's Point, opposite Donaldsonville about four o'clock, on the morning of December 1st. The Cotton Valley sunk in fifteen minutes, and four passengers were drowned, whose names were Sol Myer, Daniel Geiher and Henry Levy, all merchants of Alexandria, La., and Miss Sanford, aged sixteen, of London county, Va. The Valley was insured for $10,000, her cargo was estimated at $75,000. The officers of the Valley think twelve or fourteen of the roustabouts were drowned.—*Courier-Journal.*

Mrs. Holmes, wife of Dr. Tim Holmes, of Hawesville, died on Tuesday the 3rd. Mrs. Holmes was an estimable christian woman, and beloved by all who knew her. A loving, devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother has died a triumphant death and gone where she will never suffer again. Mrs. Holmes has been an invalid for several years, and has borne with her afflictions with the utmost christian fortitude.

A young married lady went up in the captive baloon at Paris, and gave birth to a boy baby before reaching the ground. That child will be apt to be flighty.—*Norristown Herald.*

But didn't she have a high time of it though.

Just see how the poor women of America have to get along in the world these hard times. Just the other day an American lady bought a "switch" of hair, in Paris, for the trivial amount of $500. Another poor American woman bought a fan for $1,400.

N. B.—Christmas will come this year on the 25th day of December, but J. D. Babbage has already come with a fine lot of Kris Kingles for the children. Come right away before they are culled over.

The Courier-Journal says that a colored woman sat down on a bee-hive to watch the progress of a fire, and quit her seat before the entertainment was over.

Herman Wenzel, a bar-keeper of Dayton, Ohio, sold out his business in that place and took passage on the C. B. Church for Memphis, where he intended to open another bar. When the boat arrived at Louisville Winzel was considerably under the influence of whisky. He spent several hours in the city, and then returned to the boat and asked the porter for his trunk, which was shown him. He unlocked it, took out a small pistol and fired at his own head, just cutting the skin over his left eye. He fired a second shot which entered his brain and ended his existence.—*Courier-Journal.*

Minnie Ross, of Louisville, had been afflicted with rheumatism for some time and concluded to try benzine, which she did, sitting in front of the fire bathing her knees, when all of a sudden the benzine took fire, and in an instant she was in a light flame, and before her clothing could be torn from her, she was so seriously burned as to greatly endanger her life.

Rev. J. W. Stevenson, Presiding Elder of Dayton district, M. E. church, was picked up in the streets of Dayton, O., dead drunk, on the 30th ult. He is said to be one of the most prominent ministers in the State, and has heretofore bore a good character.—*Ex.*

Benjamin Cassady, the Louisville poet and newspaper man, died in Cincinnati on the 4th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M. Mr. Cassady was a gentleman of great learning, and an able writer.

Harry Willard, a prisoner bound for the penitentiary, jumped from a car window near Christiansburg, on the 4th inst., and tried to make his escape, but was caught.

That gentleman in Memphis who undertook to whip his wife, failed in his laudable enterprise, but then he had the pleasure of being hauled to the hospital.

Isaac Moore, living between Eleventh and Twelfth, near Broadway, in Louisville, was found dying of heart disease, in his yard, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst.

Griffey, the young white blood who was hung in Tennessee for rape the other day, said to the Sheriff, "Let me down easy."

L. S. Allard was shot in the mouth and seriously wounded, at Hot Springs, Ark., by his son, Cad Allard, on the 30th ult.—*Ex.*

John McDaniel, of the Maryville bank, Cal., was shot dead by a Chinese burglar, whom he found stealing, on the 30th ult.

Louis Duvenger, of Montreal, suicided, at San Francisco, on the night of the 30th ult., by shooting himself.

A man in N. C. weighs 600 pounds. If he was a porker he would be worth, in Cloverport, $19.50.

Charles Morris, of Texas, will hang for killing his brother.

The firm of Powers & Son, clothiers in Nashville, Tenn., failed on the 4th instant for $35,000.

HARDINSBURG.

There is some little dissatisfaction among the young men of Cloverport just now, growing out of the fact that for the last six months past they have been in some way deprived of the opportunity to organize a dancing school. There is not a hall or room suitable for this important amusement, but what is at present occupied. Last winter they took a thorough course in dancing under the able tutorage of some learned professor, or somebody who professed to know all about the business of dancing, and in a manner prepared themselves to go through all the different steps, and it is really distressing to think that after all of this expenditure of time and money, that they are now compelled to do away with this amusement. Really they are to be pitied. Would it not be advisable to take up a collection and build a hall for these boys or that Major Falls-in-hell stuff a goose, and contribute the proceeds.

Yes, that would be a very good subject to write about. A careful computation of facts and incidents relating to, and bearing upon the manners and customs of those times, would, we have no doubt, be somewhat interesting to the old inhabitants of this town. We have no doubt but what it would bring tears to their eyes to read of the daring exploits of old Ben Hardin, and how he held the savage Indians at bay around the old fort just below town. Of course all of this would be a bit of history, and but for one reason, we would take pleasure in giving that to you, and that is, the man who writes up the historical events for this paper, we are sorry to inform you, has just stepped out.

When you come to this town stop at the Galt.

The Court gave the road overseer a walk-over, to the tune of $10.

Somebody is trying to raise $15, with which to purchase a bell to put upon the court-house. Well, suppose you buy the rope with this, and may be you can get a little bell thrown in.

George McGehean, was fined $50, in the Criminal Court last week for giving liquor to a minor. If there are many more fellows fined, it will stop minors from getting whisky.

Rev, H. C. Hook preached at the M. E. Church South, on last Wednesday night.

The Mite Society meets every Friday night. Anybody that will contribute a nickel can learn something about that new game, "pickles and sour-grapes."

T. N. Vessels keeps the best cigars and tobacco in town.

Giving whisky to minors is becoming quite common.

Hon. Thos. L. Jones, candidate for Governor will speak here on Friday, Jan. 3.

H. A. M. Henderson, is expected here some time this month.

Dr. Blackburn will get around, we suppose, in due time.

Ben Duly was fined $50 for giving liquor to a minor, and twenty-five dollars and ten days' imprisonment for carrying concealed weapons, by the Criminal Court, last week.

A Model Kentucky Judicial District.

Judge John Allen Murray, Judge of the Criminal Court of the Fifth Judicial District of this State, arrived at the Louisville Hotel last night, having just concluded a session of his court at Litchfield, Grayson county. As a matter of record the term just closed was unprecedented, as the following details will show. The Grand Jury was accepted in the order of first roll-call. Not one unqualified, and not an excuse made. The petit jury was selected from the original venue summoned by the Jury Commissioner. Its personnel was above the average, being all young men comparing favorably with any like body ever summoned in the State. Between thirty and forty cases were tried and every case that went to the jury resulted in a conviction of the prisoner. Not a single indictment was found, or case tried, of a negro, and not a negro-witness was called to the stand. If any other judicial district in this or any other State has ever had a County Criminal term when such competent juries were found "on first call" or where not a single acquittal occurrred in a like number of cases, we would like to hear of it. Circuit Clerk Ed. Thomas says, that after a clerical experience of over thirty years, he is free to say he never supposed such a thing possible, and that "the chain is complete;" that the jurors, like sensible men, concluded that Prosecuting Attorney Haycraft's arguments were true gospel and acted accordingly.

In addition to the above we are authorized to say that no bystander was summoned on the jury during the entire Court. The standing jury did all the work.—*Lou. Commercial.*

We learn from Rev. A. J. Miller, of a most thorough revival of religion at Hebbardsville, in Henderson county. The meeting is held in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Revs. A. Boyd, Cumberland Presbyterian, Geo. Needham, Methodist, and A. Hatchett are united in the work. About twenty conversions and as many more for prayer.

Six stores were burned at Fayettsville Tenn., on the 3rd inst. Losses, $20,000.

THE CONVENTION.

Permanent Organization of the Commercial Convention Effected Yesterday at the Varieties Theatre--Speeches by Gov. Nicholls and Hon. David R. Murray.

[New Orleans Daily Democrat.]

Gen. Bussey introduced to the convention the gentleman who had been selected to deliver the address of welcome to the visiting delegates,

HIS EXCELLENCY, GOV. FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS,

who was received with great applause. Gov. Nicholls said:

Gentlemen:—The assembling in this city of a convention such as yours, necessarily attracts general attention and causes general gratification. The improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi river, the keeping of the waters of that stream within its banks, the construction of a Southern Pacific Railroad, and the extension of our commerce with the world are each and all matters of the deepest moment and interest to the people of Louisiana. Permit me to say that this interest is not of a selfish character, but whilst appreciating the importance of these subjects to this State, we do not fail to realize their equal importance to the people of the whole country.

Allow me, for them, to say that this interest is not solely of a material character, a mere moneyed one, but that we confidently look to the beneficent results which always accompany the development of business and social relations—the clear, fuller and better knowledge of each other—the wearing away of asperities and prejudices, the strengthening of old ties and the forming of new ones, leading to close and lasting friendships. [Applause].

I have been selected, gentlemen, to extend to you, at the beginning of your visit to New Orleans, the cordial welcome which, during your stay here, you will receive from all classes of our people, from every source and every quarter. We deeply appreciate and thank you for the feelings which have prompted your coming. We trust your visit may be a pleasant one, and we feel assured that the convention will lead to results beneficial to our whole country—North, South, East and West. [Applause.]

MR. BUSSEY.

Gentlemen of the Convention—I now have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Murray, of Louisville, Ky., who will respond on behalf of the delegation.

HON. DAVID R. MURRAY, OF KENTUCKY,

spoke as follows:

For your cordial welcome we earnestly thank you. We have indead met a cordial welcome. We have met it in the eye, we have seen it in the glance, it has beamed upon us from the face and has rung out to us in honest, cheery words. Sir, I am sure I speak the sentiment of every member of this convention in expressing a hearty, earnest reciprocation of the kindly feeling and friendship tendered us by you in behalf of the people of your State. The more highly do we appreciate this reception because we come together to strive to promote that which must be the mainstay of our government and the guarantee of its perpetuity—American commerce.

The time is not far distant when commerce must bind together that which has long been riven asunder, build up that which has been torn down—when commerce will be the iron band binding together these mighty States by the indissoluble tie of a unity of interest in a glorious prosperity and a never-ending peace. [Applause.] Iron rails stretching from border to border, the electric current flashing from sea to sea, the mighty rivers freighted with commerce, and the unfurled flags of our merchant vessels in every port, are far better guarantees of union, prosperity and peace than a thousand laws written on as many pages, or the seal of every ruler to proclamations commanding obedience. Business and prosperity were perhaps spoken into existence at the beginning, by a Divine Voice, but the ring of the hammer driving railway spikes and the puffing of steam engines are sounds far more indicative of advancement and wealth than the boom of the cannon announcing a political triumph. When railways interlace this land as intricate lacework, when the winds from our borders drive an atmosphere laden with the smoke of industry, when our valleys ring with the shrieks of locomotives, and the hills reverberate with the bellow of our steamers, then will we know of no solid South [applause], no solid North, but a solid country. [Continued applause.]

Then let us unite in one effort to tear the shackles from commerce, unfetter trade, and to place our government in the position she is so fitted to occupy—the leader of all nations on the land and on the sea.

In the name of the delegates upon this floor and of the great interests they represent, I again thank you and the people of your State for the welcome given us. [Applause.]

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