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Senator Austin Peay, of Christian county, introduced a resolution in the Senate to the effect that the Senate adjourn in honor of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, and made the following brilliant and eloquent speech in support of the same:

MR. SPEAKER—I have offered this resolution from no purpose of delay but to honor our country's history and the memory of the dead. Sixty-nine years ago was fought and won the most successful battle in American history. An ill-armed, ill-disciplined army of American soldiery met in fierce conflict the trained veterans of England and drove them, broken, dispirited, almost annihilated from the field of battle. American arms were crowned with unflinching luster, a fair and beautiful city was saved from sack and spoliation, a great war brought to a successful termination, and the American flag made to be respected on the high seas. These men and their great leader, who won this victory which marks an era in American history, on this the anniversary of that glorious day, demand that their memory shall receive our respectful consideration. If this battle is an era, Gen. Jackson is a central figure in American history. No man, except the great father of his country, has written his name higher or carved his deeds deeper on that country's history. Her Clay, her Calhoun and her Webster may have had, and did have a more brilliant genius, profounder wisdom and more convincing logic; but theirs was the eloquence of words, which passed away, while Jackson's was the bold and con- spicuous prominence of deeds, which never die. Jackson was great as a soldier, great as a statesman, but great as he was in these, there was an element of greatness in his private life which lifted him up almost to the regions of the gods. It was his unflinching, unswerving love for his wife. A woman lovable and gentle, yet remorseless slander assailed her.

"Chaste as the lilies  
Which curled by the frost from purest snow  
And hangs on Diana's temple."  
She did not escape detraction, but calmly pursued her to an untimely grave. Jackson never forgot her and never forgave her traducers. An insulting remark about her cost Dickenson his life, and when she died he stood by her open grave and wept like a child. This strong man, this man who had met and circumvented all the wiles of a barbarian foe; who, sick and wounded, had faced mutiny in his own camp and quelled it with his steady nerve and fearless glance, who had stood un- moved on the fiery field of Chalmette and at New Orleans, and seen his belching batteries mow down the trained veterans of England, fresh with Peninsular laurels—this iron man stood by the grave of a woman and while his soul was wrung with anguish and his frame shook with emotion, said:

"God might forgive her traducers,  
but he never would."  
It is well for us, Mr. Speaker, to pause for a while in our onward rush and do honor to our country's history and the heroes who made it. The stones of victory which mark the trodden paths of the past are not numerous, and few, very few, are the imperishable names in our history's page. Blessed is that country which has a history to remember, an thrice blessed that people who honor it.

The poet of the far South, Father Ryan, has embalmed this lofty sentiment in beautiful and undying verse:

"Ye give me the land where the rains are spread,  
And the living dead light o'er the hearts of the dead.  
Ye give me the land that hath graves in each spot,  
And names in the graves that will not be forgot."

**Murphy-Robinson,**  
(Crittenden Press.)  
Married, at the Methodist church in Marion, Jan. 1, 1884, Mr. Robt. F. Murphy, of Lyon county, to Mrs. Mary Robinson of Marion; Rev. R. Y. Thomas officiating. The attendants were, Mr. Jos. Rochester and Miss Kate Thomas, Mr. E. C. Flannery and Miss Sallie Hodge.

The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers. Archways of evergreens were stretched over each aisle at the end where they merged into the altar place; over the left archway where the party entered, "M. R." was woven in the evergreens, and over the right, the exit, a large "M." made of ivy and mystle swung, and a large bell-shaped wreath of cedar and flowers hung directly over the bride and groom. The chandeliers were all lighted, throwing a mellow light over the church, and making the en-

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HAYES—HAYES—THE SAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR.  
R. B. Hayes, of Fremont, O., presided over the lemonade booth at a new-year's festival for the benefit of an orphan asylum. The receipts were \$8, leaving the handsome balance of \$7.20 after Mr. Hayes had deducted his usual commission of 10 per cent.

WAIT AND SEE.  
Gov. Irwin, of Idaho, refused to receive his salary for the time that "he was unable to perform the duties of his office." Now just wait until Judge Hines gets back from Florida next spring and see what he will do. No even bets taken.—Louisville Commercial.

NONE OF THEM BEAT LUKE.  
Gov. Foster, of Ohio, issued 277 pardons during his term of four years; Gov. Bishop issued 263 pardons in his two years' term; Hays and Young in two years issued 207 pardons. Blackburn could discount all of them in this respect. In eighteen months his list reached over 800.—Commonwealth.

OVERTAKING YOUNG MINDS.  
A German physician, Dr. Treichler, in a paper read before the German Association of Natural Historians, discusses headache among school children. He says the principal cause of headache is intellectual overexertion. He attacks the present system of education as tending to produce mental confusion instead of increasing the knowledge. He protests against night study as causing an exhaustion of the brain, so that new ideas cannot be really grasped, while confusion is produced with regard to subjects that have been studied during the day. The same views were recently expressed by an eminent American physician. Both critics are on the right track. The results which they deplore are owing to the ambition of parents and scholars themselves, rather than to the work of the teachers. The teacher, under present methods, suffers as much as scholars. The greatest present evils of the scholars are crowded rooms and bad air. These alone would produce headaches and render a child unfit for study, and the teacher unfit for his or her duties. Our teachers are shut up in a box with a large number of scholars, who soon exhaust the oxygen, especially in cold weather when the windows are closed. When this happens, scholars and teachers are reduced to a struggle for existence, and, if anything is learned, it is at the great expense of vital force. Improvements in school buildings are going on slowly, and it is possible that in ten or twenty years teachers and scholars can enter a school-house without danger of slow poison with carbonic acid gas.—Rochester Democrat.

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EXCHANGE SCINTILLATIONS.  
Young men of strong constitutions should not forget that Goliath died off on the effects of a sling.—Burlington Free Press.

As a rule the women that talk women's rights the most are the ones who fail to get their marriage rites.—Yonkers Statesman.

It would be of little use for tailors to agree upon a schedule of prices for their work. In the very nature of the case each would be compelled to "cut."—Madisonville Times.

The Legislature has refused to allow Gov. Knott a page. The Governor had twenty-nine pages to his message, and we agree with the Legislature that it is quite enough unless the papers want to issue supplements.—Louisville Commercial.

An exchange comes to us with a poem entitled "How to Kiss," marked in blue pencil. Either the author is blinded proud of his production, or else he thinks we don't know how to do it—in either which cases he is way off.—Elizabethtown News.

### THE GIANTIC FIG TREE OF INDIA.

The majestic and mighty banyan fig tree lords it over the vegetable world of Asia. No other tree ever measured a titho of five acres in the ground inclosed by the circumference of its branches, nor afforded shelter from the sun at one time to a thousand men. Under its vast shadows one may stroll leisurely for hours along avenues and footpaths bordered by flowering shrubs and cooled by gurgling streamlets. There is a banyan in Ceylon which measures 1,500 feet around the branches—more than a quarter of a mile.

Under the shade of a still larger tree on the banks of the Merubudda, in India, which measures a circuit of 2,200 feet, whose large trunks number 354, whose small ones exceed 3,000, and whose foliage makes a home for thousands of birds and monkeys, the chief of Putnah used to encamp in magnificent style. Here he would entertain his guests on his tiger-hunting expeditions. Separate tents were gorgeously fitted up as bed chambers, and each guest having one had three servants at his command. Saloons, drawing rooms, dining rooms, smoking rooms, kitchens—all were perfectly appointed. Including all the animals and servants, there were 7,000 individuals in the retinue, yet the great banyan easily sheltered them all. Here, when the glow and flush of the fierce sun had given way to the cool dews of evening, the guests of the Oriental Prince sipped their sherbet or champagne, and watched the movements of the dancing girls, while the monkeys chattered and the night birds sang in the leafage above, and the pale moonshine glinted down through the openings in the vast roof.

When the banyan first springs up its method of growth is normal, and during the first century of its life, indeed, it shows no disposition to do anything eccentric. But when the great branches of the tree have reached such a height that they can no longer support their weight horizontally, the ends begin to bend downward, and they lower from the tips one or more roots, which, entering the ground, send forth rootlets, and themselves become fresh stems. So at last the horizontal branches, once in danger of breaking by their own weight, are as easily supported by the pillars as a bridge by its piers. So the process goes on for ages till the grand tree covers its acres of ground. Lateral branches shoot out from the main limbs, while the latter are constantly growing until they reach gigantic size. These lateral branches also put down stems and shoot out branchlets, until it comes to pass that, instead of one tree, there is a marvelous colonnade of stems supporting as many natural rafters, on which repose dense masses of foliage.

Such is the gigantic fig tree of India, truly one of the wonders of the world.—A World of Wonders.

### THE SHERIDANS.

The two Sheridans were supping with me one night after the opera, at a period when Tom expected to get into Parliament.

"I think, father," said he, "that many men who are called great patriots in the House of Commons are great humbugs. For my own part, if I get into Parliament I will pledge myself to no party, but write upon my forehead, in legible characters, 'To be let.'"

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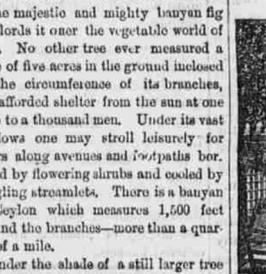


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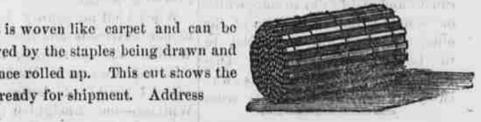


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