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WATTERSON TO BELMONT.

The surface of the great Goebel fight in Kentucky has been very apparent for many months, but the real inside workings—that part in which the master hands of past degree politicians took a part—is only leaking out gradually. There is no doubt about its coming to the surface.

It was not to be supposed that Henri Watterson was idle during this intense feeling. Indeed, it now transpires that the Hon. Henri was pummeling away at a lively rate at the powers that be, particularly Mr. August Belmont, as shown by Watterson's letters just given out to the press.

Mr. Watterson's letters to Mr. Belmont show the wonderful condition of affairs of Kentucky statesmen appealing to New York money-bags to be allowed to elect their own candidates. Mr. Belmont wished only to control the State—that was all. Mr. Watterson, of the great Courier-Journal, appealed in vain. Mr. Belmont, sitting in his leather-bound chair in New York, pulled wires that not even the Courier-Journal could thwart, powerful as it is in Kentucky.

But what does it all mean? The correspondence shows that many of the States have their political machinery arranged for them many miles from the scene of action. Indeed, many people could be considerably enlightened on this subject.

This state of affairs was unfortunate, as it is degrading. When millionaire capitalists and bankers, by political machinery, endeavor to thwart the popular will there is always underhand work and serious trouble. The people are the taxpayers and voters. They are human beings and men. They are often patriots and self-sacrificing citizens.

The very manhood of these people is questioned by such action of the capitalist class. Henri Watterson asked only that no OUTSIDE influence be used; but he asked in vain. He stated that his paper, the Louisville Courier-Journal, had always protected Mr. Belmont's interests, as it defended all vested rights, but that it would brook no interference with the voters of Kentucky by the capitalists of New York. As letters and inside facts come to light more and more interest will be taken in the Goebel fight.

THE MARTINIQUE TROUBLE

The recent trouble in Martinique, caused by a collision between the French troops and strikers, and which the French press attribute to American interference, is absolutely ridiculous, but it serves to illustrate the fallacy of the imperialistic doctrine of holding to the Philippines and trifling with foreign powers.

Two years ago no one would have thought of the United States in connection with a foreign trouble. To-day, even in Martinique, the French believe that the McKinley Government have been inciting the natives to rise and resist the French.

The facts in the case but more forcibly illustrate the point suggested. A few thousand imported laborers were discharged and returned. The local "help" asked for higher wages and struck, result, a collision with the troops. Another result, the French politicians immediately charged the United States with malicious interference. "Give a dog a bad name and one might as well kill him." The United States, having displayed its bad faith and taste and desire for foreign acquisition, has made a bad name abroad; now it must take the consequences.

It is no longer "the land of the free and the home of the brave," but the headquarters of grasping politicians and imperialists. Whatever else the Republicans may have done that merits condemnation, the imperialistic policy of this administration deserves and should receive the just rebuke of an indignant people.

WANT-COLUMNS AND CURIOSITY

The "Want-Columns" of a big daily paper furnish an hour's interesting reading to many people. Just as ladies are said to rush into advertising columns; the broker to the stock reports; the dude to the social columns; the curious rush to the "Want-Columns." Here, indeed, is a varied and motley condition of affairs. People want everything from a front room to a horseless carriage. They lose everything from a darning needle to a stone gate-post. They find articles too numerous to mention.

It is only recently, however, if we are correctly informed, that the "Want" column is used for purposes of fraud. In New York city there is regularly organized syndicates, who "work" different portions of the city. The process is simple enough.

A lady lost, and advertised for, a valuable piece of jewelry. A well-dressed gentleman calls, bearing a letter from a lady in another city, saying that she has found the article and desires the loser to call upon her at a certain place and obtain the article. She wishes no compensation, but would appreciate the loser's paying the car fare of the bearer of the letter.

The grateful loser almost invariably rewards, handsomely, the "gentleman," and repairs at once to the address given, but to find no such number exists. It is a clear, neat fraud.

The "Personal" column of big dailies is another interesting corner of the paper. A well-known New York paper is celebrated for the "Personals." While its use is sometimes to be regretted, if reports be true, it is also of business service. The Police Department show many occasions where well-known thieves and burglars, in hiding, have communicated with each other.

There is not more of life to be found anywhere, in a small space, than in the "Want" and "Personal" columns of a daily paper.

SOUTHERN SUFFRAGE.

In the matter of Southern suffrage and constitutions, Congress can profitably let the Southern States alone, since it has no power of interference.

The Southern States have their own destiny to work out, and it may be accepted as an assured fact, judging from the past twenty years, that that destiny will be a grand success.

Financially, commercially, industrially and educationally, the South is pulling herself together and taking the rank to which she is entitled and possessed before the war. Thousands of factories rear their heads where barren wastes or deserted streets once were. Her miles of water power now turn busy wheels, making power for millions of machines. Cities stand where there were once towns. Magnificent schools, colleges and churches decorate the land.

The result of all this is that millions of outside money is coming South to Dixie. People all over the world look with favor upon our conditions, social, financial and religious. The people of the South know what is good for them; they are more than capable of taking care of themselves; of making their own laws and social conditions. It is their country, to visit which they extend an invitation to all good people, many of whom are coming—and coming to stay.

There are thousands of dollars of outside money invested in the South, which Southerners are making productive, are caring for, and now propose protecting with the continuance of good laws, good officers and proper conditions.

BASEBALL NEXT SUMMER.

It is well that arrangements are complete for baseball next summer. The game is always greatly enjoyed and, besides, affords many "stay at homes" an afternoon amusement. The interest in the national game is not dying out. "Cranks" come and go, but baseball goes on forever. Professionals create as much enthusiasm among local "rooters" as a college team does among its own alumni. It is a sort of fad, and the city is not entirely complete without it. Just as the theatres have their following, so does the baseball park.

The Virginian-Pilot then, welcomes the new League. Portsmouth and Norfolk will again have an opportunity to cross bats, and their respective friends and partisans will have as much pleasant rivalry as of old.

Norfolk is a good field, as is shown by the prominent holidays being given to this city. The game here, on July 4th, will doubtless be a big event and bring many people to the city.

The Portsmouth Star has made such rapid strides that it will need an introduction to itself.

As the city grows larger the demand for social enjoyment and amusement increases.

Norfolk and Portsmouth seem to be doing their part of the legislating in any event.

There may be rivalry between Norfolk and Portsmouth, but outside enemies generally find the two cities too close together to be separated.

Candidates' cards may not be very good to play with, but they are very slick nevertheless.

In the meantime, funeral arrangements and cemetery lots are growing apace in Kentucky.

The back action hip-pocket, elbow movement of Kentucky will not likely be patented.

Governor (?) Taylor, of Kentucky, will be seeking information as to "who he is anyway."

With a promise of good sidewalks there will be no excuse for late home-comers bruising their shins.

The local political affairs are getting too hot to be sat upon by candidates.

Now which candidates depend upon the people and which do not?

If Congress keeps on trying it will stumble upon an idea yet.

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

OTBY'S SPEECH POETICAL.

Congressman Peter J. Otey told a number of stories in his recent speech on the currency bill and recited a good deal of poetry in a sonorous voice. Among other things he quoted this epiphany to the banker:

"Here lies Old Thirty-Three Per cent. The more he got, the more he lent; The more he lent, the more he craved; Good Lord, can such a soul be saved." Mr. Otey composed a parody on the National hymn which begins—

"My country, 'tis of thee, Land of plutocracy, For thee I moan" and compared the goldbug to Napoleon as a devastator of the earth. "Feared by friends, despised by foes."

"A desolator desolate A victor overthrown, The arbiter of others' fate. A suppliant of his own."

In his peroration Mr. Otey, continuing the comparison, declared that the effects of the passage of the currency bill would be "millions of desolate homes, of sighing widows and weeping orphans," and then referred to the national bankers as follows:

"But where is he, the modern, mightier far Who, born no king, makes monarchs draw his ear; Whose game was empires and whose stakes were thrones. Whose table earth, whose dice were human bones?"

(The Danville Daily Bee.)

If you are not for monopolies and all the schemes which the greed of gold can stack up, you are dangerous. That is the way some thin-skinned fellows put up. But we are for the fellow who is honest and will cry out when he sees a fraud.

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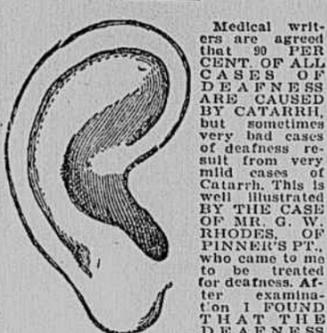
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Annual Statement FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1899.

Of the condition and affairs of the Standard Marine Insurance Company, Limited, of Liverpool, England, organized under the laws of the State of Great Britain, made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in pursuance of the laws of Virginia.

President - - - John Williamson Vice President - - William Watson Secretary - - - - - John Gick Principal Office, 1 Water St., Liverpool

General Agent in Virginia, D. Humphreys & Son; residence, Norfolk. Organized or incorporated, 6th December, 1871; commenced business, 1st January, 1872.

CAPITAL. Amount of capital stock subscribed \$2,500,000 Amount of capital stock paid up in cash 500,000 Amount of capital stock unpaid 2,000,000

ASSETS. Bonds and stocks owned absolutely by the company. Par. Val. Mkt. Val. Lancashire & Yorkshire Ry. 3 per cent. pref. stock, \$240,705 \$ 245,519 Lancashire & Yorkshire Ry. 3 per cent. deb. stock, \$34,066 173,350 Glasgow & South Western Ry 4 per cent. pref. stock, 51,437 68,154 Liverpool Corporation 3 1/2 per cent. deb. stock, 91,655 107,729 Local Loans (British Gov't), 3 per cent. stock, \$44,000 220,000 Norfolk City bonds, 5 per cent., 25,000 26,500 City of Brooklyn bonds, 3 1/2 per cent. deb. stock, 200,000 212,000 New York Central R. R. bonds, 4 per cent. deb. stock, 75,000 75,000 Mersey Dock bonds, \$11,134 13-4 55,074 55,074

Less accrued interest \$1,191,473 11,551 Total par and market value (carried out as market value) \$1,192,921 \$1,179,912

Amount carried forward \$1,179,912 Cash belonging to the company deposited in Bank of Liverpool, Ltd., current account 136,470 Water Street, Liverpool, deposit account 60,601 Total 197,071

Interest due and accrued on bonds not included in market value 11,661 Gross premiums (as written in the policies in course of collection, not more than three months due) 160,416 Bills receivable, not matured, taken for Fire, Marine and Inland risks 7,316 Policy stamps on hand 1,106 The gross amount of all the assets of the company 1,557,681 Total deductions 75,000 Aggregate amount of all assets of the company, stated at their actual value 1,556,110

LIABILITIES. Gross losses in process of adjustment, or in suspense, including all repaired and supposed losses, less re-insurances and salvages 181,300 Net amount of unpaid losses 181,300

Gross premiums (including both cash and bills) received and receivable upon all unexpired Inland Navigation risks, \$ 141,915 Unearned premiums (fifty per cent.) less re-insurances 141,915 Gross premiums (cash and bills) received and receivable on all unexpired marine risks 67,160

Due and accrued salaries, rent, advertising, and for agency and other miscellaneous expenses and sundry creditors 67,160 Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus 293,375

Joint-stock capital actually paid up in cash 500,000 Surplus beyond capital and all other liabilities 653,035 Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid up capital stock, and net surplus 1,556,110

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Net cash actually received for premiums (carried out) 480,052 Received for interest and dividends on stocks and bonds, collateral loans, and from all other sources 37,779 Aggregate amount of receipts actually received during the year in cash 517,831

Net amount paid during the year for losses 391,475 Paid for salaries, fees, and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employees 42,757.12 Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States 8,019.88 50,777 Bad debts 1,271 Aggregate amount of actual disbursements during the year, in cash 443,523

MISCELLANEOUS.

RISKS AND PREMIUMS.

In force on the 31st day of December of the preceding year \$ 1,169,915 \$144,575 Written or renewed during the year 71,850,740 501,401 Total 83,044,335 645,976

Total 75,616,705 501,061 In force at the end of the year 7,427,650 144,915 Net amount in force, less re-insurances 7,427,650 144,915 Business in the State of Virginia during the year: Marine & Inland risks 3,817.20 3,817.20 Premiums received (gross) 3,817.20 3,817.20 Losses paid 400.00 400.00 Losses incurred 400.00 400.00

J. WILLIAMSON, president. JOHN GICK, Secretary.

City of Liverpool, England, ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 23rd day of January, 1900, at the city aforesaid, before me, Wm. J. Sulis, U. S. Vice and Deputy Consul, for the State and City aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified to take acknowledgments to instruments under seal, etc., personally appeared John Williamson, president, and John Gick, secretary of the Standard Marine Insurance Company, Limited, of Liverpool, who, being sworn, depose and say, and each for himself says, that they are the above described officers of said company, and that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the actual condition of said corporation on the 31st day of December last, according to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, respectively, and that the seal attached is the seal of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, on the 23rd day of January, 1900. WM. J. SULIS, Vice and Deputy Consul of the United States of America at Liverpool, Notary Public.

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