

THAT LITTLE WORD "IT"

The Era said in its issue before the last this word it as used in the STANDARD Nov. 15, 1879, represents the State debt.

The STANDARD last week routed the Era from this one of its conceals, and in the last issue it says "the word it has reference to the cause tending to produce a division in the democratic party."

The Era says the word "it" has reference to the word cause which is not in the sentence nor in the paragraph of which the above sentence is a part.

If the Era has any trouble with its "poppycock grammar" in understanding the position of the STANDARD under its present management we will for its special benefit republish our salutations.

The Turnpikes.

A mass meeting has been called for the 1st Monday in March at McMinnville and the Saturday thereafter at Potter's Store near the DeKalb line to consider the prospect of constructing five Turnpike roads leading from McMinnville, 1st toward Smithville; 2d toward Sparta; 3rd toward Beersheba; 4th toward Hickory Creek or Verrilla; and 5th toward Woodbury.

A charter for a road was granted by the Legislature of 1869-70 from McMinnville to Smithville and holds good for the construction of the road yet.

The amended Constitution of the State Sect. 29 authorizes the people who desire such improvements to submit the question of taxation for that purpose to the qualified voters and if three-fourths of the votes cast are in favor of the tax it may be so levied and the improvements made.

It has been estimated by parties who have figured over it that a tax of \$50,000 could be raised by a 20 cents tax on the \$100 of property in Warren county and the roads built, and that sum, and all interests thereon, could be discharged in 25 years leaving the county out of debt and in possession of a good system of turnpikes free to be used by all our citizens from the day they are finished.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

Let us see what a man would have to pay as tax for these turnpikes on the supposition that he owns a farm worth \$3,000. His tax would then be only \$6, which he can easily pay with a good stack of fodder or load of corn.

The Era's Low-Tax Gospel, Thomas Jefferson, &c.

Our neighbor quotes from Mr. Jefferson to show that he gave his opinion against paying interest on debts during a war that amounted to a national calamity.

We here below quote Mr. Jefferson ourselves on the subject of paying interest. Jefferson says:

"With the payment of the preceding year, a discharge of more than eight millions of dollars of the principal of the public debt, besides the accruing interest," &c.

"And again he says: 'And to advance in the farther redemption of the funded debts as rapidly as had been contemplated,' &c."

"The receipts at the treasury during the year ending the 30th day of September last, have enabled us to pay upwards of four millions of principal of the public debt, and four millions of interest."

We give the above to show that Mr. Jefferson was not only in favor of paying honest debts, but interest thereon.

and Wilson, the attorneys of the State, were wofully defeated in the lawsuit against the State for the payment of the Torbett Issue, which defeat adds to the State's liabilities from one to three millions of dollars besides the expenses of the suit, which are enormous, and the fee paid Cols. Savage and Wilson of \$5000, less \$60 in cash which "Countryman," a correspondent in the American, says is just credit on the \$5000 fee.

We think it is useless for the Era to grieve over things of this sort, for these attorneys are old enough to take all such casualties into account before they go to war, and it seems that the account in this case was fully made up and paid before they ventured into it, and besides we think the thing is not likely to occur again in a generation or two.

But lest the Era should conclude that we are disposed to be amused over the result of the suit we will say in all candor that we regard it as a serious matter for the State, especially in its embarrassed financial condition. If the justice of the claim against the State depends upon the U. S. constitutional amendment forbidding the payment of any debt created in aid of the rebellion, then we think it ought to be decided in favor of the State, for there is certainly no question about its having been issued for that purpose whether it can be proved or not.

"Concealment or no concealment. That's the question."

The above is from the New Era of its issue Feb. 12. But what about concealment in your issue of this week, Era? Not a word to say if you please. But neighbor, we have a word or two more to say. We have asked you for two weeks past, and now for the third time put the question again, to-wit:

Is the Era in favor of the State paying its honest debts?

Please say yea or nay. "No concealment!"

A Moderate and Conservative Policy.

The following paragraph from Prof. Burney's salutatory, in the SOUTHERN STANDARD of last Friday, has the right tone and will be endorsed as the policy now, more than ever, necessary to be pursued with regard to our State politics:

Prediction Fulfilled.

We said two weeks ago that the Era could not write a half column editorial without naming Col. Savage it. To verify this let the reader examine the editorials in that paper of the 12th and 19th, the only issues since the above was said, and report at his leisure.

Our Position.

Let all unbiased and honest readers look to our own columns for our position—not those who pervert our language and call us a high-tax organ. We are for low taxes and honest payments, and against all fraudulent demands.

The Era tries to conceal our position on the State debt by another rendering of the word "within" which we showed up so fully last week.

We now tell our neighbor that he need not resort to any forced constructions of language for we are willing to use just such words as all will understand.

We therefore say that the STANDARD is in favor of the State paying all honest debts far as it is able and compromise on the best possible terms when it is not able, at the same time refusing to pay all unjust and fraudulent demands made against it, and opposed to repudiation.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.

The City They have Built in Six Months of 5000 Inhabitants--The Biggest Thing on Record.

The waters of these springs are said to be miraculously curative of all such diseases as scrofula, miasma, catarrh, chronic rheumatism, dispeptic complaints, torpidity of liver and bowels, and all old sore and cancerous affections. So says Dr. Jno. Smart, formerly of McMinnville, and brother of Mrs. Hill. We will give further notice of this wonder next week.

The latest accounts represent Sherman on the boom, Blaine on the wane and Grant on the can't, i. e., can't be nominated as long as the fight is triangular.

Hurrah for Seymour and Bishop!

ers' Institute a committee never of Messrs. C. C. Smith, W. M. A. P. Seitz, M. J. Cardwell, J. G. P. Cummins, A. M. Burney, Wheeler and Isaac Grizzle, I see pointed to select and report a uniform series of books to be adopted by mutual consent of the teachers and directors of the county.

The committee unanimously reported a series of books and called the meeting of the teachers and directors to ratify their selection. The first meeting ratified the series as far as they went that day, and adjourned to meet on the 14th inst. to complete the labors begun. But as soon as the house was called to order, a committee was appointed on resolutions which was protested against as out of order, there being nothing before the meeting except the ratification or rejection of the report of the committee as submitted.

This committee on resolutions retired as was publicly charged and not denied with their resolutions already written out and in their pockets, and came in soot with a unanimous report repeating all that had been done and retaining the old books, some of which have been in use here for 60 years, some 40 and some 25 years.

The committee on the uniform series protested against this action, but were voted down, and they, feeling that they had not been dealt with fairly, withdrew from the convention and asked to be considered not as parties to the retention of Webster's Spelling book and McGuffey's readers in our schools of this enlightened day.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Standard: As you have solicited correspondence from the country, I have decided to furnish you a communication.

Those who follow farming do not write as much, perhaps, as they desire, for they have thoughts and opinions as well as others if their pressing toil does prevent the practice of giving full and free expression to them.

I now wish to extend to you a cordial greeting from my neighbors and myself, and to assure you that we are rejoiced at having a good and active liberal paper established in our midst, at a price that should command our cheerful support and patronage.

Our low tax friends, so-called, have held out to us promises of financial relief that we should realize if we gave our patronage to them, but you have given no such promises in the beginning, or, in other words, your policy is deeds instead of talk.

As no man or institution has ever finally succeeded by attempting to build upon the ruin of others, we should learn to beware of all such, and as to the low-tax question, I voted against the 20-cent proposition; but, upon reflection, and especially a certain class of men are acting in a manner that indicates that they would agree to no settlement whatever if brought to the test, I have decided that I am going to pay all that I believe is justly due; and, further, I will, just as I would in a private case, pay a little more in order to compromise this vexed question. I am tired of it, and especially of witnessing the plain fact that some men are seeking self-exaltation by keeping the question unsettled to use as a hobby on which to ride into office.

But enough for the present. You do your duty, and be assured that we will bear out the man who from principle does the right.

A FARMER.

"Poppycock Grammar."

The New Era is the author of the above work on grammar. We must apologize to our readers for having been compelled to criticize the Era's language. They will see at once that we did not do this for the sake of grammar merely but to defend ourselves from a false position which the Era had put us in by its perversion of our language. We propose however to give a brief analysis of the above named grammar next week, and especially the Era's recent application of it.

Hanging at Murfreesboro.

Hall and Smith, colored, murderers of Maj. Pugh, were hanged at Murfreesboro yesterday, all arrangements having been completed even to the turning over the bodies to Drs. Murfree and Bryan the night before. They were both penitent and ready to die.

"I know a victim of tobacco," said a lecturer, who hasn't tasted food for nearly thirty years. "How do you know he hasn't?" asked an auditor. "Because tobacco killed him in 1850."

of our county in the manner effect the other, for the interests of our county and town are one and inseparable. In proportion as the country thrives and grows rich so the town prospers. The farmers and mechanics furnish the products and the merchants and traders furnish the markets—without either the whole would wane and perish, yea "die amid abundance."

Seeing, then, that our interests and welfare as one people, whether in the country or town, are the same, we now propose to consider the duty of the hour.

Three months from to-day the object of these apprehensions will be an accomplished fact and the train will be sending its shrill notes up the valley of the Caney Fork, and whatever Warren county is to lose will be then set to her columns of loss. That we are destined to lose an important branch of trade from that direction and that alone, no one can reasonably doubt. So far our commerce will be wounded and to that extent perhaps dismembered. But the wise economy of nature has so provided that when any wound or dismemberment is received by the human system the inherent strength of the remains is stimulated to rush forward to repair the loss and heal the wound.

Political economy teaches the same principle as true when applied to the acquisition or distribution of wealth. If the extension of the railroad should threaten and actually inflict an injury upon our prosperity as a people, Warren county has inherent strength within herself to repair the loss and under the healthy stimulus to extend her prosperity far beyond anything dreamed of in the past. She has this strength locked up in the fertile soil of her valleys, in the iron and coal beds of her highlands and mountains, in the water powers of her never-failing streams second to none in the United States, and finally in the virtue, intelligence and manhood of her citizens—in these lie hidden a strength, a force, a power which when aroused would make any people not only wealthy and powerful but great and glorious.

What, then, is the duty of the hour?

We propose to let an older head and a wiser tongue than ours answer this question. Hon. Asa Faulkner stands before the people of Warren county to-day as an example, an individual example of what we have said is possible for our citizens as a body to accomplish. He says that "effective industry is the material wealth of any people."

If we would avert the impending blow that is believed will soon be hurled against our prosperity by the ever-changing tide of progress, let us heed his admonition. Let us go to work, laying aside all bickering and taut-finding, all divisions and strife, all political and sectarian animosities, all town and country prejudices, and stand together as one man for whatever tends to promote the prosperity, intelligence and morality of all our people.

Our readers will pardon us just here for suggesting that in order to accomplish this there are some things we must all lay aside for the general good. One of these is we must cease to proscrib our neighbors so bitterly in politics. Another is we must not proscrib our brother so exclusively in religious matters; that is to say, we are too sectarian, too exclusive and run too much in individual grooves for the common good. As a people we must not let these things divide us, alienate our interests and defeat our progress. We speak of these things only as they tend to divide our efforts and waste our strength. It is the interest of our people, therefore, to lay aside everything that tends to division and weakness and cultivate everything that tends to unite and cement us as one people, and go forward to develop our inherent strength and latent energies for the cultivation of the soil, the promotion of manufactory, the development of our untold mineral wealth and the elevation of our people in intelligence and morality. Then we will be a prosperous, happy and contented people, let railroads go where they will.

LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

To the Editor of the Standard: Through the kindness of a friend I have been furnished with a copy of the Standard since its first publication. I like your paper very much, and take pleasure in contributing a few California items.

Warren being my former home, it is a very great pleasure to read your spicy paper, as it keeps me posted in home news. I hope you may be successful in building up a patronage that will justify a continuation.

Since I promised some California items, will begin by telling your readers something of California springs. They are aware, perhaps, that in the valleys there are no clear, rippling springs gushing from beneath some cooling bowers; yet there are springs which are a novelty to one fresh from the States.

By either digging or boring one may be obtained anywhere, the depth varying from twelve to one hundred feet. Over these wells they erect large wind-mills, which are raised in the air sometimes as high as forty feet, at others not more than ten. The wheels range from eight to sixteen feet in diameter. To the mills are attached pumps, and a very slight breeze will bring up a pretty constant flow of water, which is conveyed to tanks near by. Those who can afford it, and most all can, carry the water from these tanks in pipes to the yard, garden, orchard, barn-yard, (curell, as the Californians say), and into the kitchen. Some have their tanks sufficiently high to give considerable force to the stream, and can, with little trouble, have very pretty fountains, which can be shut off or turned on by means of a faucet at any time. So you will conclude that the springs are right conveniently arranged.

But I do not desire to worry your readers or intrude on your columns in this article, but come again. B. Let us hear from you and the far West often.—Ed.

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