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### POLITICAL STATE NEWS.

The Iroquois Club, of Chicago, is preparing to boom Gen. Nelson A. Miles for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. It is expected that the General's candidacy will be brought out at a banquet to be given by the club at an early date.

Henry Watterson, William R. Hearst and William J. Bryan are assisting in the construction of the democratic platform of 1904. This will insure at least three minority votes.—Globe-Democrat.

Jno. W. Yerkes announces that he is not a candidate for president of Central University, which makes it certain that able gentlemen does not contemplate any such thing as retirement from political life.

An attempt was made yesterday to interview a number of prominent Democrats on the pronouncement of Bryan that the Kansas City platform would have to be reitigated. The first fellow said, "Dam Bryan," and the interviewer commenced to think of the difficulties of that feat of engineering and has not done anything since but figure on the method to be adopted, the cost and the result. He has come to the conclusion that the work would be useless, as Bryan is the sort of verbal inundation that would break out in a new place all the time. He will talk himself to death any day before the convention and all trouble will be saved.—Owensboro Inquirer.

Hon. Geo. W. Long, former State Treasurer, has announced his candidacy for delegate from the State at large to the Republican National Convention.

Hon. Geo. W. Jolly, of Owensboro, is one of the announced candidates for delegate to the National Republican Convention.

Beall M. Brooks, of Webster county, has been appointed by Gov. Beckham a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Kentucky Agricultural College at Lexington.

James Cantrell will make the race for Democratic nomination for Court of Appeals to succeed Judge Burdham, whose term expires this year.

**Proposed Insurance Taxation.**  
The bills introduced in the General Assembly to increase the taxation on fire and life insurance companies ought to be understood on their merits. They should be entitled bills to "increase the cost of fire and life insurance in Kentucky." In the case of life insurance companies the increased tax is paid directly out of dividends that the companies pay to the policy holders. Nine-tenths of all the life insurance held in the State is in mutual companies, and the policy holders in the State have to pay the increased taxes, not the policy holders of other states. Any increase in franchise or other taxation will be taking it from citizens, not corporations. It is even more oppressive in the case of fire insurance. The fire companies when compelled to pay exorbitant taxation become merely farmers of taxes. Next year the increased taxation will be added to the insurance rate with an addition to cover the cost of collection. The people pay the taxes, not the companies. All of it comes out of those who carry insurance. Besides, the laws concerning insurance in Kentucky are stringent enough, and the business bears all the taxation it can afford.—Louisville Herald.

**Another Bouquet.**  
The Earlinton Bee is receiving many handsome compliments upon its special railroading and mining edition, such prominent publications as the Journal of Newspaper Publishing and Advertising making especial mention of it. It was one of the best ever sent out, and deserves every word of praise it is receiving.—Central Record.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

If you have a rival in trade, who is a thorn in your side, forget him and help others to do so by never referring to him.

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#### Anti-Railroad.

One of the brilliant (?) bills introduced in the present legislature provides, "No person guilty of trespass who is found walking on a railroad unless the railroad maintains a fence four feet high along the course." The people of Kentucky howl for "more railroads," and frequently wonder why more are not built. It is just such tommyrot as the foregoing which drives them out of the state. It is a wonder that some, 2x4 "solon" doesn't make it unanimous by introducing a bill to prohibit the operation of a railroad in Kentucky. No enterprise is so harassed by adverse legislation and little, annoying, unjust suits as are the railroad companies. With the legislative bodies and cheap-screw lawyers constantly at their heels, it is no wonder the roads are no more progressive. What Kentucky needs is more railroads and fewer chug-headed legislators and scrub lawyers.—Central Record.

#### A Judge Guffy Bill.

Judge Guffy has introduced a bill in the Legislature making it a fine to have, run or play with slot machines. This bill seems to be "loaded." The present law makes it a felony, and yet the machines are running all over Louisville. What attention will be paid to the law when it is made only a misdemeanor to own, run or dally with that uncertain source of wealth, the slot machines.—Paducah Sun.

#### FELL OFF TRAIN.

Roy Jones, of Mortons Gap, Gets Bruised at Barnsley.

Monday afternoon Roy Jones, of Mortons Gap, fell from the platform of passenger train No. 51, as the engine was going down grade the south edge of Barnsley. He fell returning from Madrasville at the time and as he passed from one coach to another his balance or slipped and fell from the train, which was going at a good rate of speed. Mr. Jones is pretty well protected with fat and came out of this tumbling stunt with hardly a scratch on the surface and no bones broken, but somewhat sore in the region of the shoulder upon which he effected a landing.

#### ROBERT BURNS.

The Poet Who Was Next to Nature's Son

A century and a half ago today Robert Burns, the son of a humble gardener, was born near Ayr, in Scotland, says the Courier-Journal. He labored in Dumfries, where he died in his thirty-eighth year, yet his fame as the founder of a school of natural poetry fills the world. The centenary of his birth was celebrated in almost every village in Scotland, in England, the United States and the British colonies, and his memory is cherished by all English-speaking people. The secret of his devotion is to be found in the fact that his poetry appeals to the purest and deepest elements of the human heart. It is full of passion, so intense with melody and so artless in grace that everyone is touched either by its paths, its beauty or its truth. He had, as has been said, "an inspiration for every ear, eye and a music for every heart." The birthdays of great men, measured by a higher scale, are quite forgotten. We have failed to remember that Frankfort was born on the 17th, Webster on the 18th and Byron on the 22nd of January. Yet few forget the day when Burns first saw the light. In a quiet way, but of zest, he will be remembered today as are few of the world's heroes.

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