

Some of our West Tennessee exchanges proclaim that Col. John S. Kerr, of Memphis, is the coming man for next Governor, and his commendations are, his decided opposition to the funding and assessment laws. We would be ashamed of ourselves were we to permit locality to influence our choice of the highest State official, and since said exchanges claim for West Tennessee the power and the right to furnish the next Governor, we enter our protest against the choice of a man who is willing, or expected, to violate the contract between the State and its bond creditors, or to restore the old system of assessment whereby the State was defrauded of a large amount of the revenue to which it was justly entitled. There may be defects in both of the laws, so odious to some West Tennessee politicians, and those defects, we would gladly see removed, in a legitimate and manly way, but will sternly oppose the election of a man put forward, by factions discontented, and pledged to do its work without regard to possible developments of the popular will, or, the as yet undeveloped wisdom and efficiency of the measures so bitterly denounced.

In order that we may avoid unintentional injustice to any man, or set of men, we would respectfully ask that proportion of the disinterested leaders, and rank and file voted for the regular nominees of the Conservative party? When enlightened on this point, we can more certainly determine how much of this discontent is really based on honest and patriotic conviction, and how much to a factional pretext for disorganizing one party, in the interest of another—how much to subserviency to one man and how much to an honest desire to maintain the honor and promote the welfare of Tennessee. As we had enough of Andy Johnson as Governor during the war, and enough of Hoak and Maynard and Brownlow as his trumps, we ask the people to look into the tricks of selfish politicians and stand out against all appeals that look to a return of such men to power.

The great fires which have so rapidly succeeded each other, would seem to proclaim that the spirit of evil is at work. The thousands upon thousands whom the Radical party, by its example, has demoralized and fitted for the commission of every species of crime, are fast rendering life and property insecure. At no period of our history was crime so rife, as under Radical rule, and this single fact is the only one, ought to suffice for the condemnation and total removal of that party from any connection with the administration of the government. From the days of Washington down to 1830, could the facts be ascertained, there were fewer crimes than have been committed within the last eight years. Almost every paper in a new sort of political gazette, containing little else than reports of crime in all its revolting phases. And as this state of things never existed, even after two wars, until Radicalism came into power and deliberately organized to rob the people of their property and their rights, it is not just and fair that the frightful demoralization consequent upon the example of crime in high places, should be charged to that party. Chicago, Boston, Cincinnati and Baltimore were the victims of Radical practice and precept.

The struggle in Spain is between the two extremes of government—the monarchial, represented by Don Carlos, and the anarchical, supported by the communists. Between these extremes stand the Republicans, and Conservatives against whom both extremes are warring war. In this country the struggle is between corrupt tyranny and violated liberty. In Spain monarchy will win, in this country the question will probably be settled by the next Presidential election.

The object of education should be to instill into the pupil, sound, practical common sense and correct moral principles. Learning without integrity, rather than fits, one to be a good citizen. Our government has become oppressive, wasteful and corrupt, not from want of mental culture, but from a want of sound and incorruptible integrity. Among the officials, in every department of the government, it will be found that the most dangerous and corrupt, are the most intellectual. Butler did not steal spoons because he did not know it was a crime. Honesty manifests itself in the life of the individual, and good exhibits itself, not only on the face of society, but upon the face of the country.

There has been a meeting of decent Radicals—if such an anomaly exists—to defeat the nomination of Butler for Governor of Massachusetts. But what a mockery of decency and of justice to support Grant, while persecuting his dirty and willing tool. It is characteristic however, of puritan hypocrisy.

When the lover-money-finds no counterpart in the public mind, government ceases to be a protection, and a privileged aristocracy crushes liberty and justice and makes the majority which ought to rule, debased and cowardly slaves—to recant to honor, to defend their rights even if intelligent enough to know what these rights are.

The late fire in Baltimore consumed eight squares—loss \$500,000. If that city had contained fire protection, as many fire breakers and spreaders as Clarksville can boast of, the Insurance Companies would have seen signs by the light of the flames.

That is a free and happy government, under which, committees of high-toned citizens in South Carolina have to wait on the Executive in behalf of honest men, imprisoned through the wantonness of tyranny backed by perjury.

These farmers' movement seems to have alarmed some of the railroad managers, and the result is a rare reduction of freight charges, on some of the leading trunk lines, from East to West.

Meeting of the Clarksville Bar. At an adjourned meeting of the Clarksville Bar, held at the Court House in Clarksville Saturday, July 26th, 1878, to take action upon the death of Judge King, Judge James E. Rice was called to the chair, and Charles W. Tyler appointed Secretary. The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

With profound and unaffected sorrow, the members of the Clarksville Bar have heard of the death of Hon. Thomas W. Keson, Judge of the County and Criminal Courts of Montgomery County. Judge King was born in the town of Clarksville, Tenn., on the 24th of February, 1828, and was consequently, at the time of his death, in the 49th year of his age.

He has fallen in the prime of life and in the maturity and vigor of his rare intellectual powers. Judge King was no ordinary man. He possessed a clear, penetrating and philosophic mind, which had been enriched by cultivation and extensive reading.

As a companion in the social circle he had few equals and no superiors. His conversational powers were unsurpassed. His wit was kept ready, and at a moment's notice, but his wit was not for the occasion, but his wit was not for the occasion, but his wit was not for the occasion.

Resolved, That in the death of T. W. Keson, the Bar of Clarksville has lost one of its ablest members, the Bench one of its brightest ornaments, and the community one of its best citizens.

Resolved, That we tender to the stricken family of our deceased friend and brother, our cordial and heartfelt sympathies, and bereavement and irreparable loss.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the city papers, and the secretary be instructed to furnish a copy to the family of Judge King.

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The Proposed New State. JACKSON, TENN., July 29.—A convention formed of delegates from portions of North Mississippi, West Tennessee and Western Kentucky, in order to discuss the expediency of the formation of a new State out of these sections, assembled here this morning and organized by the appointment of a committee of five members, to report on the subject. After the appointment of a committee of three from each State, to report permanent organization, reported the following resolutions, which were received and adopted:

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Important Announcement! Wishing to reduce our stock before starting east for a Fall supply, we will offer for sale...

SIXTY DAYS OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF GREAT BARGAINS! SUMMER GOODS...

VERY CHEAP! WHITE GOODS, DOMESTICS & SHEETINGS...

VERY CHEAP! RICE, BROADDUS & CO. P. S. Remember we don't allow any one to undersell us.

VERY CHEAP! THE CHEAP CASH STORE! IS SELLING HIS WHOLE STOCK OF...

VERY CHEAP! WOLLEN MILLS! THE LIBERAL REPUBLICAN PARTY...

VERY CHEAP! PEACHER'S MILLS. MISS HOWARD'S SCHOOL...

VERY CHEAP! VALUABLE PAPERS LOST. UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE...

VERY CHEAP! TIN AND SHEET IRON WARE. OF EVERY DESCRIPTION...

VERY CHEAP! MAY FLOWER, For Wood or Coal. The Best Stoves in Use...