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OBJECTIONS TO THE BLAIR BILL.

There never was just such a lack of reason in support or opposition to any measure as is shown by the opponents of the Blair bill.

Men argue that it is unconstitutional who have agreed to the appropriation of millions for pensions, for the improvement of rivers and harbors, for yellow fever commissions and for the preventing of the spread of epidemic diseases among cattle.

They try to scare Democrats away from its support by the foolish assertion that it is a Republican measure when the fact is it secured the support of the leading Democrats in the Union and the votes of a majority of the Democratic Senators. The man who makes that argument is either a knave or a fool, perhaps both, and the one who believes it is sadly imposed upon.

Then comes along your old Bourbon fossil who hasn't absorbed an idea in twenty-five years and never got one except by the slow process of absorption. This crustaceous individual mumbles out "it is not in accord with States rights."

If States rights in its strictest sense was a live and important issue the Blair bill would not conflict with it. This bill provides that the money it appropriates be turned over to the State for distribution according to State laws and there is no Federal interference in the matter at all. This clinging to sentiment at the sacrifice of practical benefit has been the bane of the South. While the north has always gone in for the old flag and an appropriation, we of this section have made all of our politics the exposition of sentiment. The fellows who bring up the States rights spook, want the South to reject the proffer of millions of money to aid in her public schools simply through respect to the ghost of this old idea that had its origin in the maintenance of slavery.

Another fantastic argument brought forth by these carpers is that the stimulus given by national aid will make the States lethargic in their school interests when this support is withdrawn. Such reasoning comes from fine spun theory. The public schools in the Southern States need mainly to be established and put on such a permanent foundation that the States can support them. That is what we want with the Blair bill.

Probably the most plausible reason that these objectors present and the only one entitled to serious consideration, is that drawing such a large amount of money from the Federal treasury will lead to an increase in taxation, but even this falls to the ground when it is remembered that the money it proposes to appropriate is a surplus that has in some way got to be returned to the taxpayers. If this surplus is not paid out for educational projects it is certain to go for purposes less praiseworthy. It is not practical that this money be appropriated to the discharge of the national debt and not desirable if it were practical.

The fact that the Federal government turned loose on the South a mass of illiterate voters just freed from slavery and thus increased the educational burden of this section, entitles the South to national aid in relieving this illiteracy. This is an argument the objectors have not tried to answer and cannot answer.

The fact is, all objection to the Blair bill is based simply on objection to public education of any kind. It comes from men who think the benefits of education should be confined to the few—those, for instance, who think a sufficient education for the masses can be had from public speakers.

THE AUGUST STOCK SHOW.

We publish elsewhere the report of the proceedings of the Farmers Executive Committee at the cave last Saturday.

The farmers are making a fine start this year and expect the coming reunion and stock show to excel all of its predecessors. To this end they should have the co-operation of all the farmers in Montgomery county and throughout the Clarksville tobacco district.

The chief object of these annual meetings is to promote the interest in stock raising and that is most commendable. There is nothing that will more enhance the general farming interests of this section than an improvement in the stock raised and more attention to stock raising as a business.

We have heard it urged by a sensible and practical farmer, that every farmer can make it pay to raise stock, if for no other purpose but to produce fertilizer. Certainly the amount of commercial fertilizers that are bought every year would seem to argue this. The time has come when home manures must be saved and made use of. The use of commercial fertilizers generally means that small spots will be made rich while the greater portion of the cleared land

in the country be permitted to grow thin, sterile and non-productive.

The remedy for this is in finding a cheap fertilizer and that can be done when the farmer gives a good portion of his attention to stock raising.

Besides promoting an interest in stock these re-unions are in many ways profitable and their social features most agreeable. We hope there will be a general participation in the coming show and that it will prove a great success.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The Nashville Union has been publishing some spicy communications on the subject of the Supreme Judiciary of the State. We have carefully abstained from any discussion of the merits of any candidate other than to earnestly commend our own fellow citizen, Hon. Horace H. Lurton, who as we are advised is making a canvass for himself and is not warring upon any one of the others. We know him to be eminently qualified and we trust the convention on the 9th of June will nominate him. If rapid and accurate work is what is needed and wanted he will fill the bill—and if elected, we confidentially predict for him a reputation unsurpassed by any of the great judges who have preceded him on our Supreme Bench. We are glad to note that Stewart, Houston, Hickman, Macon and Pickett counties have already instructed for him.

BRING IT BEFORE THE HOUSE.

It is an irritating fact to the friends of the Blair educational bill, and their name is legion, that though it could command a fair majority in the House of Representatives, it is not likely to be brought up this session, because its enemies have smuggled it in the committee rooms.

There is only one remedy for this trickery, and that is for the people and press to growl about it and howl about it and keep up an eternal complaint until it is brought up for a square vote. Though there may be no hope for the enactment of the law this session, the present Congress sits again next December, and it may be passed then.

It is a measure that promises much practical good for the South, and this section can't afford that it be lost through the shrewd manipulation of parliamentary law.

Every newspaper in the country that favors the bill should speak out on the subject, and the people should make themselves heard from. All its friends ask is a fair hearing, and that much they should demand that it have.

People who believe that cyclones and tornadoes and such like unpleasant atmospheric disturbances are more frequent and more violent now than they used to be can find a confirmation of their views in the following which we clip from the Courier-Journal:

"Bishop Turner, of the African M. E. Church, thinks that while the white man has done a good deal for the world, he is carrying things a trifle too far in the matter of utilizing electricity for the various purposes to which it is now applied. Especially does he object to the electric light, and points to recent floods, hurricanes, cyclones and other atmospheric disturbances as the direct result of unbalancing air-currents, which he charges to electric influences in the hand of man. He says that 'lightening is God's machine,' and sounds a warning for man to keep his hands off."

We find the following in the Nashville American.

Senator Harris is the victim of a 7-year-old maiden who lives in the house at which he boards on Capitol Hill. Recently she went into the parlor, as the story goes, and found Senator Harris holding a very animated conversation with two visitors. He was doing all the talking and the child did not remain long. That evening she astonished her parent, by saying: "Senator Harris is learning a new speech."

"Why, how do you know?"
"I heard him to-day."
"What did he say?"
"I forget; but he slapped his fist on the table and said 'd— Casey Young.'"

JOHN LITTLETON says if he can run the subscription list of his National Review up to a certain point, "then will we blow down the walls of the enemy and take the citadel." We are willing to admit that John is considerable of a fellow, but we think he overestimates his capacity. He can't whip the Democratic party that way.

THE Nashville Union needs to study Tennessee geography. It says the new insane asylum is to be located near Bellvar, Hardin county.

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METHODIST BISHOPS.

Elected by the General Conference at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., May 18.—In the Methodist general conference to-day the first ballot for bishops resulted as follows: Galloway 79, Hendrix 74, Duncan 68, Fitzgerald 64, Key 62, Wilson 53. Necessary to a choice 124.
On the second ballot 243 votes were cast, requiring 123 to elect. Dr. W.

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W. Duncan received 152, Dr. C. B. Galloway, 136, Dr. E. R. Hendrix 122, Dr. Key of Georgia 106, and Dr. Fitzgerald 86.

On the third ballot Dr. Key received 126 and Dr. Fitzgerald 85.

Dr. W. W. Duncan was born at Boydton, Va., Dec. 20, 1839, graduated at Wofford college in 1858, and served several years in the pastorate in Virginia and South Carolina. For the past ten years he has been a professor at Wofford college.

Dr. C. B. Galloway was born in Mississippi in September, 1849, and graduated at the University of Mississippi in 1868. For the past four years he has been editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Rev. E. R. Hendrix, D. D. was born at Fayette, Mo., 1847; graduated at Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn., in 1867, and at Union Theological seminary, New York, in 1869. For several years he has been president of Central college, Mo.

Rev. Joseph S. Key of Macon, Ga., was born in Georgia in year 1828, and graduated at Emory college, Georgia, in 1848. He has been in pastoral work in Georgia ever since.

The bishops will be ordained on Thursday evening, Bishop McTyeire preaching the sermon.

KENTUCKY NEWS.

—Mayfield Democrat: Mr. W. S. Lochridge left the city Saturday night for Ft. Worth, Tex., where, on the 12th, he was married to Miss Mamie Killebrew, a charming young lady of that city, but lately of Hopkinsville, Ky.

—Mesdames Henry Burnett and Mark McCarty, of Cadiz, have leased the Cerulean Springs property for the season and will open the hotel for guests next month.

—Mr. Geo. Embry, of Pee Dee, lost a little daughter on the 5th inst., with flux. Two more of his children are quite sick with the same disease.

—A colored woman dropped dead near Bellevue last week while nursing her baby. Heart disease was supposed to be the cause of her death.

—Mark Sullivan, of Bowling-Green, who was under a bond of \$200 to appear in an important civil suit, was arrested in Hopkinsville Saturday night, upon a warrant brought by Capt. Dunnavan, of Bowling-Green. He was taken back Sunday.

—Mr. Wm. R. Smithson, who lives at Mr. J. B. Dade's in Christian county, narrowly escaped drowning a few days ago, while seining in the mouth of Casey creek. He sank four times before Mr. Jas. Moore, who swam to his assistance, reached him and succeeded in getting him out.

—The Crofton Correspondent of the South Kentuckian gives the following crop news: Many of our farmers will have plants large enough in a week to set their entire crop and the acreage will doubtless be larger than ever before in this part of the county. North Christian has never boasted of her wheat crop, but she can do so this year.

—The Kentucky Legislature having passed the bill chartering the Hopkinsville & Cadiz Railroad, the former

city is trying to get up some enthusiasm about the construction of that grand trunk line.

—The spring poet who contributed a rhyming effusion to the New Era making puns on the names of all the young ladies who attended a recent picnic at Logan's Mill, hadn't been lynched at last account but ought to be.

—A very handsome monument of Maine granite has been erected over the grave of the late John C. Latham of Hopkinsville.

—The Kentucky Country contiguous to Clarksville is considerably stirred up over the temperance question. This is particularly true of the small towns and country neighborhoods. We gather this from communications in Hopkinsville, Elkton and Russellville papers. They tell of frequent prohibition meetings, temperance picnics, lectures, etc.

—The Churchill Grange sale took place yesterday.
—A venerable apple tree on the farm of Mr. W. D. Sherrill of Christian county measures eight feet and three inches around the trunk four feet from the ground.

—The little daughter of Mr. J. W. Sheppard, living a few miles from Hopkinsville, on the Clarksville pike, put her foot into a kettle of boiling lard and had it severely scalded Saturday evening.

—The storm in Christian county Friday night was quite severe. On many farms the fencing and orchards suffered considerably. In Hopkinsville many trees were torn up by the roots and several residences had the windows blown in.

—Mr. Henry Herndon, who lives on the Tennessee line, on the Clarksville road, reports that the cut-worms are sweeping the corn in all fields which were not fallowed last fall. These are comparatively exempt from the pest. The worms are so ravenous that they do not wait for the grain to sprout, but eat the heart out as a squirrel does.

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