

**CLARKSVILLE
WEEKLY CHRONICLE.**

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THE President signed the oleomargarine bill, but half way appologized for doing so.

WHY should a tact for stump oratory be considered a necessary accomplishment in a governor? Men of fine executive ability are seldom good speakers.

THE Avalanche calls attention to the fact that recriminations are already passing between Bob and Alf. Taylor's friends as to which was traitor to the other.

THE Davidson and Shelby county elections being over the Nashville and Memphis papers will probably now contain something interesting to the outside world.

THE admission to build substantial coast defenses was the last public utterance from the sage of Greystone. It will probably be known to posterity as Tilden's testament.

CAPITALISTS in Knoxville are going to put \$50,000 in a brewery. The prohibition people probably smile at this and say "keep on if you think there is no hereafter."

THOSE who favor the Whitthorne bill, appropriating an amount equal to the illegally collected cotton tax for education in the Southern States, are certainly stopped from urging constitutional objections to the Blair bill.

OUR literary friend, of the Obion Democrat, is now reproducing the Gospel hymns in his poetry column. We suppose this is done to offset the wickedness of the editorials which appear in another part of the paper—a kind of Peter pence to ease the editor's conscience. He needs it.

OUR correspondent from Legate, in Stewart county, whose communication we publish elsewhere, says if the Democratic convention declares against the Blair bill that the Republican candidate for Governor will be elected. Like testimony comes from all parts of the State and the convention of the 11th will be wise to consider it.

IT is no way necessary that the State convention make any declaration on the question of public education, but if it does it can not afford to pronounce in favor of illiteracy. If it condemns national aid it must favor an increased State and county tax. Let the politicians judge of the wisdom and expediency of the two alternatives.

RUSSIA has closed the port of Batoum on the Black sea, which, under the Berlin treaty, she agreed to leave open. Other powers that were parties to the treaty will doubtless inquire the whereabouts of this violation, and that raises another war cloud on the European horizon. With a jingo cabinet in England and continued aggressions on the part of the Czar a call to arms is not improbable.

THE proposition the American makes that the coming convention declare in favor of the next legislature being run by party caucuses, is objectionable, mostly in that it is unnecessary. Party caucuses are always held when it is deemed expedient for the party's welfare that they should be, but the matter of expediency can't be determined six months before hand. A party platform should set forth the party's principles and not manufacture its machinery.

WE sometime ago suggested that the fishery dispute be settled by a fight between New England and Canada. On the same principle we now think it would be right to turn Texas loose on Mexico and in that way settle the pending squabble with our Southern neighbor. The Texans are the only people in the Union much wrought up over the alleged border outrages. They are sp'illin' for a fight and we believe they can lick the Greasers if Uncle Sam will give them permission to do so.

THE sentiment which supports the Whitthorne bill, might be urged as one of the equities in favor of the Blair bill. If it is not practical to return the cotton tax to the parties who paid it, then the idea that it should be given the Southern States for educational purposes is merely a sentiment. If it is a true sentiment, it is an argument in favor of the Blair but only asserts one reason why the Blair bill should be passed. The South has another and stronger equity against the national government which entitles her to the beneficial provisions of the Blair bill. It is certainly due the South that the government should do something towards educating the illiterate blacks which were made citizens by its own act.

A TIMELY WARNING.

We publish on the first page of this paper a communication from a gentleman of wide information in State affairs and considerable political experience. He gives some good advice as to what the Democratic convention that is to meet in Nashville on the 11th inst., should not do and bases his admonitions on sound reasoning.

It is understood that there will be an effort made to pass a resolution through the convention condemning the Blair bill, as has been done in some county conventions, and if the effort succeeds, our correspondent rightly prophesies a disastrous result to the party.

The experience of Tennessee democracy in the past would certainly teach that the party cannot afford discord in its State conventions. It would be the height of folly, the maximum of madness, to bring about a division and factional fight over a purely non-partisan matter with which the election of a governor has no possible concern.

Our correspondent rightly sets forth that the idea of national aid in this State is immensely popular and if the politicians in the convention succeed in antagonizing it, they will put a larger force on the other side to be shot at than they can conveniently combat.

This is no threat to bolt. The CHRONICLE is a Democratic paper and expects to support the party's nominee for Governor, whatever folly the convention may commit, but there are many now good Democrats in the State who will not only be driven to revolt by such narrow and unwise action, but will join the ranks of the enemy.

Can Tennessee afford to declare against national aid to education? Tennessee stands at the tail end of the procession of States in the matter of illiteracy and poor public schools! If the Democratic convention declares against national aid it must of necessity declare in favor of additional State aid. It can't afford to take a stand on the side of illiteracy.

It is plainly understood that the effort to pass this condemnatory resolution, will come from the friends of Senator Harris and other politicians who want to be endorsed. Senator Harris is a good man in his way and the other politicians are too, maybe, but the party can't afford to make any sacrifices in their behalf.

It is our advice that the State convention take no action on this Blair bill or other questions on which the party is known to be divided—it is not a wholesome policy for one faction to attempt to coerce another. A strong pull and a pull all together is needed to bring the Democratic party out triumphant in the coming election. Success cannot come otherwise. Dire disaster may be looked for if the pulling is cross ways.

THE OHIO VALLEY RAILROAD.

It is a Known fact that the Ohio Valley Railroad Company has recently had surveyors at work spying out a line through Princeton, Cadiz und Gerrettsburg to this city. It is also a fact that this company is supported by ample capital to build a railroad and that it is building to some southern terminus not yet determined on.

The company was recently granted by Congress the right to build bridges over the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers.

Aught not Clarksville to be more enthusiastic over the prospect of such an excellent railroad connection and exert herself to secure it?

This is not meant to draw attention from the fight now being made for the completion of the I. A. & T. road; that is all right. Clarksville bond holders should certainly look after their rights in the suit now pending in the Federal court, and no one disputes that it is to Clarksville's interest to complete and put in successful operation the railroad to Princeton.

But while this is being done, other opportunities should not be neglected. The Ohio Valley railroad is going to be built and Clarksville can probably secure it by an effort. She may lose it by neglecting to make the effort in the proper time.

Considering that while the Ohio Valley is building southward, Col. Enoch Ensley is building the Birmingham & Sheffield road northward, it would seem that it was certainly worth the while of Clarksville to try to induce the two to meet here.

We repeat that this involves no neglect of Clarksville's rights in the I. A. & T. road. This city's prospects of securing the Ohio Valley route would be greater if the I. A. & T. was completed to Princeton.

BOB TAYLOR has been amply rewarded for the service he did the party as elector in the last campaign. The pension agency which he fills is a real nice piece of chicken pie, and as much as he ought to ask for at present.

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DEATH OF SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

Hon. Samuel J. Tilden died suddenly at Greystone, his home near New York at 8:45 o'clock Wednesday morning. Though frail and infirm in body for many years, Mr. Tilden has survived a number of politicians who were in the glow of health and manhood when he was expected to die.

There was no man in the Union better known and there was none more generally respected. He was a man of strong intellect, scholarly attainments and pure character.

Though but little of his life was spent in office, no man in America, at the time of his death, was better entitled to be called a statesman. We take the following biographic sketch from the Nashville Banner:

Samuel Jones Tilden was born in New Lebanon, N. Y., February 9th, 1814. He was a graduate of Yale College, and studied law and was admitted to the bar while quite a young man. He entered politics early in life and for fourteen years was the chairman of the democratic state committee of New York. He was a member of two constitutional conventions in 1846 and the second in 1872. He took a prominent part in the overthrow of the Tammany ring, and was elected governor of the state of New York in 1874 by the democratic party. He was nominated by the national democratic convention at St. Louis, June 29, 1876, as candidate for the presidency. The history of his candidacy is familiar to all.

He began his career as a political leader and publicist while Gen. Jackson was yet president. He was a champion of the union and of President Jackson. He vindicated the removal of the government deposits from the United States Bank by President Jackson. He wrote the protest of the democracy of New York against making the nationalization of slavery a test of party fealty. He was the first to assign statesmanlike reasons for opposing coercive temperance legislation. He pointed out the danger of sectionalizing the government. He led the storming party which drove Tweed and his associates to prison and exile. In 1874 he induced the democratic party to declare in no uncertain tone for a sound currency. It was at his instance that the democratic party of New York, in the same convention, pronounced against third-term presidents. During his career as governor he overthrew the canal ring and disbursed the lobby which infested the legislative bodies. He elevated a standard of official morality. Among the greatest achievements of the American bar must be included Mr. Tilden's part in the proceedings instituted by Giles vs. Flagg to defeat Mr. Flagg's title to the office of comptroller of New York City, 1855; his successful resistance to the claim of Mrs. Cunningham to be declared the widow and heir of the murdered Dr. Burdell, and his original and successful application of the doctrine of trusts to the officers of corporations in the case of the Cumberland Coal & Iron Company vs. Sherman et al. These cases placed him among the foremost lawyers of his own or of any other age.

THE Courier-Journal observes: Among the measures that will not pass at the present session of Congress, the most important are the River and Harbor Bill, the Inter-State Commerce Bill, the Northern Pacific Forfeiture Bill, the Fortification Bill, and the Morrison Surplus Resolution. The conference committees having these measures in charge are none of them expected to reach an agreement.

GEN. DIBBRELL.

Gen. Geo. G. Dibbrell was in Clarksville last Saturday. The General, as is well known, is a candidate for governor and is making a canvass of the State. He was a Confederate general of note and since the war has represented the 3rd district in congress for several terms with credit an ability. His home is just over the line in Middle Tennessee, but the greater portion of his old district lies in the Eastern division, and his nomination would satisfy the demand that the next governor come from that section of the State.

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ORIGINAL ATTACHMENT.

State of Tennessee—Montgomery Co. Herndon, Young & Co., vs. R. L. Shelby. In this case it appearing by affidavit that the defendant, R. L. Shelby is justly indebted to the plaintiff, and is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, and as no final attachment having been issued, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Clarksville Chronicle, a newspaper published in the city of Clarksville, for consecutive weeks commencing the said R. L. Shelby to appear before me, at my office, in Monticery county, on the 31st day of July, 1886, and make defense to the said suit, or it will be removed with expenses. R. D. READ, J.P. July 3, 1886-1w.

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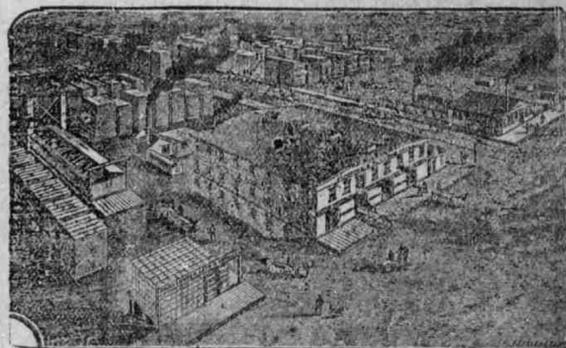
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