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All the little gubernatorial booms are making war on our Uncle Josiah's big boom.—Scimitar.

Hon. John M. Taylor, of Henderson, has been brought to the front by the Linden Herald, for Governor. Mr. Taylor has served two terms in Congress from the Eighth District, now represented by Gus Enloe.

Hopkinsville is still worrying about water works. What is the use when it will be much cheaper to move over to Clarksville, as you will eventually do, where there is already plenty of water and water works?

The Appeal nominates Hon. W. L. Clapp to succeed Hon. James Phelan in Congress. But if the Scimitar is not mistaken the Hon. W. L. is of the opinion that the gubernatorial chair is about his size.—Memphis Scimitar.

What will Bre'r Baskette, of the Banner, have to pun upon when Bob calls his extra session show' nough?—Tribune and Sun.

Why he will pun upon the extra session pun, and that is what makes Bob hesitate.

Parnell, the Irish patriot, has been completely vindicated, the London Times paying him £5,000, or \$25,000 and the cost as a compromise of his libel suit against the Times. This is a great victory for the faithful Irish leader.

The American asserts that McGinty is dead and he died intestate. It is hard for the American's many readers to believe that statement. The American will have to furnish positive and undeniable proof of the fact.

We have known it to be the case that a cheap dinner and a half dozen drinks of mean liquor would induce a man to change his choice for governor.—Palaski Citizen.

Was that the way "Our Bob" won the seven days battle of ballots in the last convention.

The spring bed and wire mattress manufacturers met in Cincinnati recently to organize a trust. There are 300 of these manufacturers in the United States. The association proposes to fix a scale of prices and levy an extra tax on sleeping.

At a meeting of representatives of the Tennessee Fair Circuit, held in Nashville, the time for the fall meeting of the Clarksville Park Association, was fixed for Sept. 23rd to 27th. Springfield Sept. 3rd. to 6th. Nashville Sept. 25th. to Oct. 4th.

The Shelbyville Commercial in reply to the CHRONICLE, says: "Senator Moody is not, and will not be a candidate for governor, but there is no man in the state that would lead the Democratic hosts to victory with more ability than our gifted senator."

It begins to be a confirmed fact that the Democrats and Republicans will forget the negro question for a time while fighting, "to a finish," over the question of unrestricted silver coinage. Manning is no more and Cleveland will be the leader of the Democracy and its platform will declare for the universal silver dollar.—Birmingham News.

The Ashland City Times, W. G. Owen editor and proprietor, has put in its appearance. The third number of which is before us, a neatly gotten up and well conducted paper, which commends itself to a hearty support from the people of Cheatham county. We extend it a hearty welcome to our exchange list, and commend it to Clarksville advertisers.

The Cumberland River Improvement delegations from Tennessee and Kentucky, having the matter in hand, will have a hearing before the harbor and River Committee at Washington Feb. 13th. This question is one of great importance to Montgomery as well as other counties along the river. Judge Tyler and Capt. Gracey have been preparing statistics to place before the committee, which are in the hands of Mr. Washington, and a strong delegation from Nashville will attend the meeting of the committee.

The various little gubernatorial booms floating about in the ambient air will vanish like mist before the rising sun when the giant double-barrel boom from Shelby moves on the State Convention. The wild and woolly of this county will Clapp spurs to the Democratic war-horse and Bro. Ingram will Patterson on the back before the convention is over.—Memphis Scimitar.

"Not yet" while Bro. McDowell & Buchanan's double-barrel boom continues to float, filling the air with

fragrance. We some how have a strange infatuation for Brother McDowell's beautiful combination, and Bro. Algee will have to capture Bro. McDowell before the CHRONICLE can Patterson him on the back.

Mr. Phelan Will Resign.

Congressman Phelan has written a letter to the American in which he says his sickness makes it impossible for him to attend to his duties, and which will not only prevent him from seeking re-election, but will cause him to hand in his resignation as soon as the contest for his seat is decided. The people of Tennessee will regret to hear of Mr. Phelan's ill health, and also to lose so able and efficient a Democratic member from the House. It is not, however, expected that any Democrat whose seat is contested will be able to remain in Congress. It is a wonder that the negro Young who ran against Washington is not on hand contesting the seat.

Advancing Grain Storage.

Not long since it was noticed that a great English syndicate or trust had bought all the valuable grain elevators, flouring mills etc., in the West, and had also taken in the Nashville mills. Now the news comes that this syndicate has advanced the elevator, or storage charges over one cent per bushel, and there is talk kicking among the Western dealers. But as a matter of course the farmers will have to bear the burden of this advance on the next crop. The question is how long will Western farmers allow the bloody shirt and partisan spirit to blind their better judgment, and support a party, that creates and fosters trusts by class-legislation at the expense of the great mass of agricultural and laboring people? Ohio and Iowa have spoken. Wisconsin and Illinois will follow next.

Now Guess.

Every newspaper has its guessing bee, and the CHRONICLE must keep up with the fashion. We propose to give a first-class Salt river steambot worth twenty thousand to any one who will guess when Gov. Taylor is going to call an extra session of the Legislature. This proposition is open to all the world except Speaker Clapp and Speaker Lee. It is understood that both of these gentleman stand in with the Governor, and if allowed to guess they might whisper something in "our Bob's" ear and fix the time, for one or the other, if not both, will need the steamer after the State convention. If Governor Bob can himself guess the time he may have in addition, the Congressional nomination from the Third District. Now for the guessing. Such an inducement has never been offered.

Three Good Members.

The Toiler says Tennessee has three good members in Congress, and names them: Joe Washington, Jas. D. Richardson and Gus Enloe. The first two, says the Toiler, "are members of our order. Gus Enloe is not eligible to membership, being a lawyer, but he assures the Toiler that "the interest of the poor toiling masses should be looked after." We agree that these gentlemen are good and efficient representatives and can be relied upon to sustain the agricultural interest. But what about Rice Pierce, who is from Brother McDowell's own county? Why not include him? Mr. Pierce is a new member, but he has been making himself heard and felt in behalf of the agricultural interest during two short months of legislative experience. Pierce is entitled to go on the roll of honor. We are not so selfish as to claim all of the glory for our Joe, but we mean to stand by him all the same.

Then, again, what is the matter with Bentor McMillin, who Brother McDowell first tried to get to be his gubernatorial candidate, but somehow failed to work the wires? McMillin has won national fame fighting monopolies and trusts, and in the interest of the farmers in everything that has come up. He is, moreover, one of the leaders of the House, and will be made Speaker of the next Democratic Congress. Tennessee farmers are proud of him, and his name must not be left off the roll of honor. There are two other good ones, but unfortunately are in bad health.

The New Campaign Scandal.

Another campaign secret is out, a scandal which smells to the heavens of corruption. The Louisiana Lottery gave \$40,000 to the Republican campaign to go to with John Wanamaker's pious subscription for the election of Harrison. The terms upon which this sum was given, was that a new charter should be granted the Company in one of the new States, the time of the Company's charter having nearly expired in Louisiana, and no prospect of getting it renewed and also that Ex-Governor Warmath be made collector of the port of New Orleans.

The President lately appointed Warmath, when charges were made

and there has been a good deal of kicking in the Senate against his confirmation. Assistant Post Master Gen'l. Clarkson, Senator, Quay and other managers undertook to use the party lash on the Republican Senators to force his confirmation. In the mean time a bill was introduced in the North Dakota Legislature to charter the Lottery Company in that State. This matter and Clarkson pressing Warmath's confirmation brought out the secret, which caused quite a breezy sensation, and a friend of the Lottery called up the bill and moved to lay it on the table indefinitely, less the facts should come out. While all of this was going on, Wanamaker and Clarkson were making pretenses to suppress the transmission of lottery advertising through the mail—Congress should investigate.

Let President Buchanan Alone.

The Shelbyville Gazette is pitching into President Buchanan, Brother McDowell's candidate for Governor. This is not allowable, and Brother McDowell will have to sit down on the Gazette. The CHRONICLE is the only privileged paper in the State, allowed to spank the President if he don't do right, and the CHRONICLE fails to see that the President is out of the right track when he urges the members of the Farmers' Union to stand together and fight for one common cause at the ballot-box to overthrow monopoly. This is just the way to do it, and if the farmers stand together fighting these monstrous evils, they will most assuredly fight with Democracy. The Gazette must remember that President Buchanan is a new convert to this idea of fighting trusts that he opposed his brethren on this line in last convention sticking to "our Bob" through thick and thin, and although a smarter man than Tom Jefferson, he may be a little awkward in expressing his ideas as to the manner of conducting, as it is a new thing to him.

The Gazette says "it never dreamed that such a Democrat as John Buchanan would attempt to draw that organization into the pool of politics, and such remarks as contained in his speech coming from Democratic lips are simply astonishing and create the impression that the Speaker is a disorganizer."

This is where you are mistaken, Brother Frost, he is doing the other thing, "organizing," and he is after trusts and monopolies with a sharp stick, and means to carry politics into the organization and carry the organization into the Democratic convention and knock that persimmon, and you just let him alone.

Farmers in the Gubernatorial Contest.

An esteemed contemporary alleges that the farmers of the State are in a position to dictate the Democratic nominee for Governor. As a matter of fact there was never a time when they were not in that position; though they probably never thought of the Governor as a sort of Farmer-in-Chief of the State, and voted for him under the impression that he was to so execute the laws of the State so as to increase the price of corn. The farmers of Tennessee always nominate and elect the Governor, for the reason that they constitute a big majority of the people of the State, and because as farmers they are naturally Democrats.—Nashville American.

Much of this is true, but it is not a fact that the farmers of Tennessee always nominate the Governor, but they do always elect. The American seems to have forgotten the action of the last convention so fresh in its memory. The American should recollect that the farmers asked to be heard in naming an unobjectionable candidate and they were fairly gagged by every rule that could be applied, by the combination of other classes opposing them. The convention was gotten up by mass meetings and stocked in advance, and farmers had no showing.

Furthermore it is an unjust insinuation, implied that the farmers are now thinking of the next Governor as a sort of Farmer-in-Chief of the State to execute the laws so as to increase the price of corn.

It is a fact, however, that the farmers are disgusted with the way things have been going, and the methods and influences brought to bear to control State conventions, and, therefore, they propose to take a lively hand and try to nominate a man whom they can rely upon to administer State affairs economically and in the interest of all, and not for any special clique or class.

Wisconsin Farmers Aroused.

Democracy was defeated by bribery and fraud, but the educational campaign goes on and the lever is working. Hon. W. W. Jones, of the Chicago Express, attended a great farmers convention in Rock County Wis., and gives a glowing description of the change of sentiment and the feeling of indignation that animated the meeting.

Following is an extract from the welcome address by S. G. Burdick

which characterizes the speeches made and the general tone of sentiment:

"We have a right to inquire whether it be more in accord with the eternal principles of right for a corporation or trust to steal, than it is for an individual to steal.

"We have a right to stigmatize as unjust the, at least tacitly acknowledged law of civilization, and we are won't to call it success to build one up at the expense of society. The prevailing law of commerce is identical with the instinct that impels a tiger to eat a man. We have a right to inquire why it is that the great middle class to which we belong—counting the whole wealth of the country as compared with twenty-five years ago—why it is we find ourselves so much lower down in the scale of actual real possession and at the same ratio, where shall we find ourselves twenty-five years hence? Are we to have but two classes, millionaires and tramps?

The master of the State Grange (whom I see before me) bears me out in this when he gave the average income of Wisconsin farmers at a little over \$400 per annum. We need to have this great truth burned into our innermost conscience, that robbery is robbery whether a man steal a loaf of bread or a million dollars; whether a man steal by physical violence or under the guise of common law or economic custom. He is a thief, an enemy of society, a moral outlaw."

What Alarms the Virtuous North.

While the Rev. rantankerous Joseph Cooke of Boston is waving the bloody shirt, trying to excite the passion and prejudice of the ignorant, against the South, that Republican usurpation may be popularized, the more intelligent people of that state are seriously considering the advantages of transferring their operations to this section of culture, intelligence, good society and great possibilities. The truth of this assertion is illustrated in many ways and instances. Last week two enterprising gentlemen came here from Ohio, looking for timber, to work in their factory. They had heard so much of the immorality, and wickedness of the red mouth ruffians and blood thirsty rebels, that they were not altogether certain that they would return alive, but in-as-much as some Northern men had run the gauntlet and returned safely, their necessities induced them to take the risk. Behold their surprise! On reaching here they found the timber they wanted, and met with such hearty welcome and warm reception, that they at once became charmed with the country, the hospitality and morality of the people, and the pleasant relations existing between the blacks and whites. They looked around at our schools and churches, and when they saw the splendid school building erected by the white people for the education of the colored children, and observed the general prosperity, contentment and happiness which characterized the negroes, they said all of these bad stories we have been hearing about the South, are lies, political lies manufactured to deceive the Northern people that they might be used for political purposes. And at once they made up their minds to move their factory and some thirty skilled operatives to this city, and our people are subscribing \$5,000 to help them pay the expense of the move.

After these gentlemen left for home to prepare for moving, Mr. M. H. Clark addressed the Board of Trade on the subject of raising this fund, uttered two significant facts in regard to the future of the South. He had recently visited Chicopee, Mass., the Rev. Cooke's State, and having lived three years at that place, superintending a cotton factory many years ago, he called at the old mills to note the changes that had taken place, and learned from the managing gentlemen that they contemplated moving their mills South, where they would be nearer the cotton fields and where the business is more prosperous than in Massachusetts. These mills employ 3,500 operatives and contemplates moving all to the Southern cotton fields.

Another fact he discovered, was that the policy of the Government in buying and retiring bonds with the surplus was helping the industrial enterprise of the South, more than anything else; that 70 per cent. of the money paid out for the bonds, found its way to the South for investment.

It is very strange, if so much immorality and crime existed in the South, as represented by the Reverend blatherskite Cooke, Ingalls, Spooner and other demagogues, that such men as Senator Platt and Gen. Alger would invest so large sums of money in Tennessee and still want more.

The truth is, the intelligence thrift and wonderful prosperity of the

South, alarms the politicians of the North. They realize that since the South was freed from an outrageous and oppressive policy of reconstruction, this section has been guided by a mighty and overpowering intellect, and that the day is not far distant when the transfer of capital and a large element of intelligent skilled operatives from the North to this section, and the increase of the negro population will once more invest the South with the balance of power in the control of the Government, and that nothing but a bloody shirt and a new reconstruction can check or prevent this result.

A Bit of Southern History.

Very few people here know that Mr. M. H. Clark, the big tobacco buyer, is a skilled machinist and cotton factory man, but he is, and can handle every piece of machinery known in the business from the cotton picker, carding machine and spinner to the finest fabric looms. He served a full apprenticeship at the business, going through every department, and finally became superintendent of one of the largest cotton mills in Massachusetts.

Mr. Clark visited Chicopee, Mass., last fall, where he spent his last three years in the business and served as superintendent. He went through all the large buildings of the old company and noted with curiosity the wonderful change in machinery which reduces the cost of labor and the increase in the business. While the machinery was nearly all changed and improved inventions put in use, he found that with little practice and study he could still operate every piece.

There is a bit of interesting history connected with Mr. Clark's experience in this line if he would write it in detail. But the facts are, that it was the first step taken by the south to become independent of the north. It was about 1848 when the abolitionists were making a general move in Congress on the institutions of the south. The southern leaders saw what this question was leading to, and a caucus was held to discuss the situation. The result was a determined policy to place the south on a manufacturing basis in connection with agriculture and make this section independent of the northern manufacturers who were waging war against the institutions of the south that were making the northern people rich. This policy was to send as many sprightly southern young men and boys as could be induced to go into northern factories to learn to be master workmen and skilled operatives in different lines of manufacturing, who were to return to manage like enterprises in the south. Mr. Clark was one of the fifteen young men who entered into this arrangement, and he remained until the war fever became too intense for him to continue longer, and he returned to his home in Virginia, and afterwards became President Davis' private secretary.

The result of the war shows that this was a wise move, and had the south let slavery go 40 years ago for a reasonable consideration which the fanatics of the north would have consented for the government to pay, and invested the money in manufacturing enterprises, the south would now have been the wealthiest section on earth. She will come to the front yet.

THE EXTRA SESSION.

It Will Begin Business at Noon February 24.

Governor Taylor has at last issued his call for an extra session of the Legislature and Monday February 24th, at noon is the time set to begin business. There are twenty-eight subjects included in the call. The first is that of the election laws, which the Legislature is asked to amend, extend and simplify. Next in importance, says the American, is amending the assessment laws so as to provide that all taxation shall be equal and alike upon all persons and interests.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court that acknowledgment of charters of incorporation cannot be legally made before Notaries Public causes that subject to be mentioned, and the Legislature is asked to legalize such acknowledgment; and also to amend the assessment laws so as to give municipal corporations more efficient and effectual means to collect property tax due them.

The Legislature is also asked to extend the corporate limits of Nashville and allow Knoxville to extend her limits, and to amend the school laws so as to provide for the adoption of a history of Tennessee to be taught in the public schools.

After these most important subjects come a lot of minor matters of very little importance to the people of this section of the State. The session will likely last sixty days, judging from the number of subjects enumerated.

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