WATAUGA BANK.

CAPITAL $100,000.

A. B. BOWMAN, President, G. W. ST. JOHN, Vice-Pres.,
WILL HARR, Cashier, IKE HARR, Attorney.
C. P. CASS, Asststant Cashier.

THE COMET.

WATAUGA BANK.

DIRECTORS.

Judge John P. Smith, E. H. West, C P. Cass, John Sanders, A. B. Bowman Jas. A. Martin, Jas. F. Crumley, Will Harr, W. P. Dungan, Geo. D. Taylor. C. K. Lide, Isaac Harr.

The methods of this Banking establishment are careful and conservative. It transacts a general banking business, and is in the confidence of the community.

VOL. VII. JOHNSON CITY, TENN., THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1890. WHOLE NO. 323

BAXTER RETORTS.

HE DENIES THE WORDS ASCRIBED TO HIM AND DEMOLISHES HIS TRADUCER.

The Campaign of Slander and Falsehood Meets With a Cutting rebuke—A Manly Defense to a Malicious Assault.

Chattanooga Times.]

The Nashville correspondent of the Times yesterday gave the details of the sensational attitude that the State gubernatorial canvass was reaching. The excitement was intensified greatly on Tuesday by the declaration of the Nashville Herald (Col. Colyar's paper) which has been Baxter's chief organ, that unless he denied the charges of disloyalty to the Democratic party they could no longer endorse him. On Wednesday Mr. Baxter publishes a sweeping denial of the charges of Editor Carmack, and shows why his answer did not appear the day the charge was made. He says the charges are malicious slanders, but he treats the matter in a dignified and manly manner, in a way that will make him many friends, and cause the slanders to recoil on his traducers with damaging effect. His card is as follows:

THE CARD FROM MR. BAXTER.

TO THE AMERICAN:

I have been for several days fulfilling appointments in West Tennessee made some ten days ago. My engagements are to speak each day this week. On last Sunday I wrote to a friend in Nashville a reply to your editorial of last Saturday. He, thinking some of the language too severe, decided not to publish it until he could see me personally, which he did today. It will thus be seen that the seeming delay in my reply is not my fault.

You charge that I am not a Democrat. This charge is false. I have never voted any other than a Democratic ticket in my life, and I have always voted that ticket. I have never affiliated with or sympathized with any other political party.

You attempt to give your version of a discussion which was had between your editor, Mr. Carmack, and myself on a railroad train two years ago in relation to the tariff.

I remember that I did have a discussion with Mr. Carmack on a railroad train. He did, as he has always done, advance his ultra, impractical dogma of absolute free trade, and insisting that it was and ought to be the policy of the Democratic party. I denied that it had ever been the policy of the party, and insisted that the platform on which Mr. Cleveland was elected announced the correct doctrine, and went as far as the Democrats could afford to go upon the tariff question.

I said I regretted that Mr. Cleveland had written what was known as the tariff message, because it had been construed by the people as an interpretation by him that the platform on which he was elected favored absolute free trade, and I thought that such interpretation would result in his defeat, as it did. I said that I thought it was a mistake on the part of Mr. Cleveland, and Mr. Cleveland must himself have afterwards thought so, because he attempted to explain his message, and to show that he did not intend to advocate free trade.

I insisted that the industries of the South, which were being rapidly developed, would need some protection for some time to come, and a tariff for revenue ought to be so adjusted as to protect them as long as they needed it. I insisted that if the Democratic party took the extreme position of absolute free trade it would give to the Republican party the credit of favoring the Southern industries, and would injure the Democratic party in the South.

As to your statement that I place myself in line with the Republican party, or that I give to the Republican party the credit for all the prosperity we enjoy, it is, to speak mildly, nothing more than your perverted inference from what I did say. The discussion was between Mr. Carmack as an ultra free trade Democrat, and myself, as a Democrat standing upon the platform upon which Mr. Cleveland was elected, and you have no more right to claim that I place myself in line with the Republican party because I differ from Mr Carmack, than I would have to charge him with being a Republican, because he differed with me on the tariff question.

It is of course impossible for me to remember everything that was said by either of us in a discussion that took place two years ago; that I said anything from which a fair-minded man could draw the inference that I was a Republican, either in politics or sympathy, is absolutely false.

You charge that I am supported by the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company. That is false. I am not supported by the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, as you allege, and this you well know. The best evidence of which is your opposition to me because the same men who control the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company control the American.

You charge that I am supported by the Coal, Iron & Railroad Company and by the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Company. This is false. I am not supported by either of these companies. I hope I have friends in both companies, and suppose that there are persons in each of them who are opposed to me. It is true, as you have alleged in a previous issue of your paper, that one of my brothers is the attorney of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, and of course he is for me. But if he has used either his personal or professional influence with the officers or employes of said company in my behalf, it has been without my solicitation or knowledge, and I do not believe that it has been done at all.

You insinuate that I have paid newspapers in this State to support me. This charge is false.

You charge me of being a lobbyist. I suppose you refer to my opposition in the Legislature to the passage of what was known as the "Railroad Commission bill." I did oppose that bill, with many of the best Democrats in the State, and, though it was passed by the Legislature, it was made an issue in the next State canvass, and at the next session was repealed by a Democratic Legislature and no Democratic Legislature since that time has ever proposed to re-enact it.

You charge that I am supported by the lessees of the penitentiary. This charge is false. Because the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company is the lessee of the Tennessee penitentiary, and, as I have stated above, the officers of that Company control your paper, and your paper has always opposed me. I am supported by Dr. Morrow, who has sub-leased some of the convicts from the lessees of the penitentiary.

I have sent you this communication out of respect to your subscribers and readers, many of whom are my best friends. I have no idea that you will do me justice in your columns, and expect, on the contrary, that you will use every effort in your power to defeat me. This you have a right to do, and, on the other hand, all the other Democrats in the State have the right, if they see proper, to give me their support. I do not recognize any more now than I did in 1888 the right of Mr. Carmack and the few men who are "training" with him to read me out of the Democratic party, nor do I recognize the right of Mr. Carmack, or the American, to dictate to the Democratic party of this State on any question affecting the action of the party. With this communication I shall leave you to pursue your unfair and prejudiced course as may best accord with your ideas of propriety.

I will go on with my canvass as I have commenced it, and I shall not be deterred by anything that may appear in your columns, having an abiding faith in and relying upon the good sense and fair dealings of the Democratic party of the State.

Having, upon your invitation, written this reply to the charges, I feel that I have a right to expect that you will give it the same circulation that you have given the charges.

JERE BAXTER.

UNION CITY, TENN., June 23.

That Three C's Suit.

News and Courier.]

The report that suits had been entered against the Three C's Road which would effect its ownership was published for what it was worth in the News and Courier. The question, however, was asked in the News and Courier whether it was a hoax or a bluff.

It appears to have been both, with a dash of something else. A telegram received yesterday by Mr. W. S. Bird, of this city, from Vice-President Bentley, of the Three C's Road, in Cincinnati, stated that there was nothing in the report, and that he considered it a "bluff." It appears that the suit contemplated does not in any way affect the ownership of the road, being merely a claim for compensation.

EVERY INDICATION THAT THE ROAD IS ALIVE, VIGOROUS AND ACTIVE.

Correspondence of Greenville News.]

BLACKSBURG, June 19.—Notwithstanding the sensational articles that have appeared in some of the State papers, so far as your correspondent can learn, the Three C's is moving on steadily. New work is being done at this place and new machinery and supplies are arriving daily. Track laying is being pushed between Rutherfordton and Marion. The Augusta division is being graded as fast as the contractors can push the work. Work on the Northern division is being pushed ahead at Johnson City. Taking all things together, I see no reason for anyone to doubt the ability of the company to push the work to completion. From the best lights I can gather the Risley matter has more sensational gas about it than anything else and it will no doubt explode from spontaneous combustion without damaging anybody and only benefitting the lawyers who are conducting the suit.

Nashville's Great Drop.

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 26.—Supervisor Smithson to-night gave out the unofficial figures of the population of Nashville at 72,456. One ward is being retaken, but the officials figures will not be far from the unofficial. Nashville in 1880 had only 43,000 people.

Poor Fishing.—First Boy—"Did you catch anything?" Second Boy—"Not until I got home."

Explained.—"What makes Jackson look so sober this morning." "Because he was so awful drunk last night."

Home Matters.

Never go to bed with cold or damp feet.

Salt fish are quickly freshened by soaking in sour milk.

Do not lean with the back upon anything that is cold.

Never begin a journey until the breakfast has been eaten.

Wash all marble daily with ammonia and water in place of soap-suds.

To disinfect sheets, &c., soak in chloride of lime solution, wring out and boil.

Wash mirrors in warm suds, then dust with whiting from a muslin bag and polish with chamois skin.

Cesspools, &c., should be well covered on top with a mixture of chloride of lime with ten parts of dry sand.

To test nutmegs, prick them with a pin, and if they are good the oil will instantly spread around the puncture.

A wineglass of strong borax water in a pint of raw starch will make collars and cuffs stiff and glossy.

Rub your lamp chimneys after washing with dry salt, and you will be surprised at the new brilliancy of your lights.

Silver moths are very sensitive to pungent odors, and cayenne pepper sprinkled on the shelves would drive them away.

Currant Catsup.—Five pounds currants, three pounds sugar, half a pint vinegar, four teaspoons all kinds spice; boil slow one hour.

Never omit regular bathing, for, unless the skin is in regular condition, the cold will close the pores and favor congestion or other diseases.

Galvanized iron pails should not be used for drinking water. The zinc coating is readily acted upon by water, forming a poisonous oxide of zinc.

When hoarse, speak as little as possible until the hoarseness is recovered from, else the voice may be parmanently lost or difficulties of the throat be produced.

A simple economy is to take good white skirts which have become frayed at the edge, or from which the trimming is worn, and neatly bind them with black dress braid for street wear.

To clean floors after disinfecting: A 4 per cent. solution of good chloride of lime to a gallon of water is used to wash wood ware, floors and wooden furniture, after fumigation and ventilation.

The comfort of most parlors nowadays, and their beauty, too, does not depend on expensive pieces of furniture so much as in cozy chairs and tables scattered about, and filled with attractive things.

How to Wash Corsets.—Rip out the steels, wash without wringing or twisting (which puts the bones out of shape,) starch in good boiled starch, and stretch in shape when ironed. They will be almost as good as new.

For Sea-sickness.—Make a mild decoction of the bark of wild cherry about the strength of breakfast tea, and take a wineglass full before every meal for three days before going to sea; the last day take a mild aperient.

How to Remove a Glass Bottle Stopper.—Put a cloth wrung out of scalding water around the neck of the bottle, turn the bottle upside down over an empty basin, and strike the neck sharply with a table knife or a pair of scissors.

Green Corn.—Remove the husk and every thread of the silky fibre, put into boiling water and cover with the clean inner husks and cook about eight minutes. If corn is boiled a long time it is made hard and its flavor impaired.

To prevent a felon, take a cup of cold water put into it a teaspoonful of salaratus, set it on the stove; put the finger threatened with the felon into the cold water, and keep it there until it is so hot you cannot bear it and the felon is killed.

Clean oilcloth with a wet towel pinned over a stiff broom, and rub with long, sweeping strikes. Matting should be washed with strong salt water and clean cloth, and do it, if possible, at midday, to insure quick drying, which prevents discoloration.

Place lumps of camphor gum on shelves and on floors where crocks stand. This, I think, is a sure remedy against ants. You will have the smell of camphor, but not the taste if things are kept carefully covered. We are quite free from them. A baker told us to use it and we prefer it to the ants.

If a cellar has a hot smell and cannot be thoroughly ventilated, a few trays of charcoal set around on the floor, shelves and ledges will make the air pure and sweet. If a large basketful of charcoal be placed in a damp cellar where milk is kept there will be no danger of it becoming tainted.

In a Doctor's Advertisement.—Snodgrass—"Say, Snively, my portrait is in the newspapers." Snively,—"What disease have you been cured of?"

The largest greenback in existence is of $10,000 value, and it is the only one of its kind. At present it is not in our possession.

Sounded well.—Minister (to horse jockey)—"What is your business, may I ask?" Horse jockey—"I am in the service of the American Track Society."

Hart, Armbrust & Co.

Are Still in the Lead for

LOW PRICES

Warranted Turkey Red Damask, only	35c.
Imported Turkey Red Damask, - -	55c.
Cream Table Damask, only - -	35c.
Bleached Table Linen, - - -	50c.
Bleached Table Linen, superior quality,	55c.
Turkey Red Table Cloths, - -	85c.
Turkey Red Table-cloths, 2 1-2 yards long,	$1.00
Cream Table-cloth, red border, 2 1-2 yards long,	$1.00
Cream Table-cloths, red border, 2 1-2 yards long, all linen,	$1.25
Cream Napkins, red border, all linen,	$1.00
Turkey Red Napkins, - - -	$1.00
Bleached and Brown Domestics at	Botttom prices.

Henrietta cloth, Dress cloth, light colors, at cost.

A full line of Gents' Summer Shirts.
Ladies' and Gents' Shoes lower than the lowest.

HART, ARMBRUST & CO.,

HARRIS BUILDING, MAIN STREET.

CASH : AND : ONE : PRICE.

F. A. STRATTON, President. J. W. HUNTER, Vice-President. J. E. BRADING, Cashier

THE ✻ CITIZENS ✻ BANK,

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE.

APITAL STOCK, $100,000.00.

Transacts a regular Banking Business, And receives the accounts of Merchants, Manufacturers and Individuals on the most favorable terms.

SINGISER & CHANDLER,

REAL ESTATE BROKERS.

Office--Piedmont House Bl'k

(Next door to office of Carnegie Land Company.)

JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE.

Choice Property for Sale in all parts of the city. Agents for the Sale of Lots in the

CARNEGIE LAND COMPANY'S ADDITION.

Builders' Supplies

RHEA, SEEHORN & CO.,

Carry a complete line of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Cutlery, Paints, Oils, Glass, Doors, Sash and Blinds.

Exclusive Agents for Webster Wagons, Oriental Powder and Chattanooga Chilled Plows.

Carry in stock, Belle City Feed Cutters, Oliver Chilled Plows and Repairs.

They are headquarters in their line and will save you money if you give them a trial.

HARDWARE!

Here Yet and have Made Arrangements to Stay.

Builders' Hardware, -:- -:- Pure Paints and Oils.

STUDEBAKER WAGONS

Black Diamond Cement.

And we Propose to Give You Bottom Prices on These Goods

C. K. LIDE & CO.

Extraordinary Bone Scratching.

Herbert Sperry, Tremont, Ill., had Erysipelas in both legs. Confined to the house six weeks. He says: "When I was able to get on my legs, I had an itching sensation that nearly run me crazy. I scratched them raw to the bones. Tried everything without relief. I was tormented in this way for two years. I then found Clark's Extract of Flax (Papillon) skin cure at the Drug Store, used it, and it has cured me sound and well."

Clark's Flax Soap has no equal for bath and toilet. Skin cure $1. Soap 25 cents. Sold by McFarland & Co.

Good Advice, Showing Result.

"Edward Silvey, Chicago, gives testimony: My wife had Catarrh twenty-five years; suffered severely for six years before she began to use our remedy. Unable to breath except through the mouth; in a most critical condition. Tried everything without relief, when Dr. Streeter advised her to buy Clarke's Extract of Flax (Papillon) Catarrh Cure. Relief followed immediately. She continued to use it until now she is entirely cured. Her health has not been so good in many years." Price $1.00. Wash the baby with Clarke's Flax Soap. 25 cents.

McFarland & Co., druggist, now has the Flax remedy on hand.

Answer this Question.

Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, loss of Appetite, coming up of Food, Yellow Skin, when for 75 cents we will sell them Shiloh's System Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them. Sold by Kirkpatrick, Wofford & Miller, Druggists.

Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint.

Is it not worth the small price of 75 cents to free yourself of every symptom of these distressing complaints, if you think so, call at our store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. Every bottle has a printed guarantee on it, use accordingly, and if it does you no good it will cost you nothing. Sold by Kirkpatrick, Wofford & Miller, druggists.

Very Best People

Confirm our statement when we say that Dr. Acker's English Remedy is in every way superior to any and all other preparations for the throat and lungs. In whooping cough and croup it is magic and relieves at once. We offer you a sample bottle free. Remember, this remedy is sold on a positive guarantee. Sold by Kirkpatrick Wofford & Miller.

A Duty to Yourself.

It is surprising that people will use a common, ordinary pill when they can secure a valuable English one for the same money. Dr. Acker's English pills are a *positive* cure for sick-headache and all liver troubles. They are small, sweet, easily taken, and do not gripe. Sold by Kirkpatrick Wofford, & Miller.

Do Not Suffer Any Longer.

Knowing that a cough can be checked in a day, and the first stages of consumption broken in a week, we hereby guarantee Dr. Acker's English Cough Remedy, and will refund the money to all who buy, take it as per directions, and do not find our statement correct. Sold by Kirkpatrick, Wofford & Miller.

We Can and Do

Guarantee Dr. Acker's Blood Elixir, for it has been fully demonstrated to the people of this country that it is superior to all other preparations for blood diseases. It is a positive cure for syphilitic poisoning, ulcers, eruptions and pimples. It purifies the whole system and thoroughly builds up the constitution. Sold by Kirkpatrick, Wofford & Miller, druggists.

That Terrible Cough

In the morning, hurried or difficult breathing, raising phlegm, tightness in the chest, quickened pulse, chilliness in the evening or sweats at night, all or any of these things are the first stages of consumption. Dr. Acker's English cough remedy *will* cure these fearful symptoms, and is sold under a *positive* guarantee, by Kirkpatrick, Wofford & Miller.

Our City Schools.

Following is the annual report of the Board of Education for the year 1890:

RESOURCES, AUGUST 20, 1889.

By amount reported as the school fund with which to build the school	$5,060 00
June 24, 1890, by amount due from tuition for extra tuition	41 00
Total	$5,101 00

EXPENDITURES.

Upon the receipt of J. C. Campbell, Treasurer of the Board, for amount paid White teachers	$2,268 75
Amount paid colored teachers	300 00
" " Insurance, 3 years	50 00
" " Printing Catalogues	17 00
" " Royster (Janitor)	16 00
" " Forley (Repairs)	1 00
Total	$2,770 75
Upon the order of W. A. Kite, Secretary of the Board, for enumeration of children	$ 15 78
For Rent, H. Lusk and others	288 00
" Repairs and fixtures	162 72
" Janitors' fees	102 85
" Stationery	29 41
" Printing	5 50
" Colored teachers	295 00
" White teachers	50 00
" Wood and coal	75 62
" Cost in suit vs. Science Hill Academy	38 17
Total	$1,334 05
Which, together, make the entire amount expended	$4,074 80
This leaves a balance of	$1,026 20
Which is distributed as follows:	
In the hands of County Trustee, to be collected by him	567 32
In the hands of the City Treasury, and to be collected and put therein	458 88
Of this amount ($1,026 20) that which belongs to the white children is	799 70
The colored children	226 50
Fixtures on hand to amount of and rent paid on one building for two years.	100 00

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.

White, 658; Colord, 151. Total, 789.

Number enrolled in school—White, 405; Colored, 150. Total, 555. Not in school, 234.

In consequence of the fact that the Board of Education has control of only one small building for the accommodation of the Public Graded schools of Johnson City, it will be impossible to open said schools again until proper buildings are erected to accommodate the many children of the town.

Very respectfully submitted.

W. M. CHRISTIAN, Chm'n.
W. A. KITE, Secretary.
J. C. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss.
LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this, 6th day of December, A. D., 1886.

{Seal} A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

☞ Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Lot's Wife Nowhere.

San Francisco Chronicle.]

The salt mountains located on the banks of the Rio Virgin, an affluent of the Colorado river in Lincoln county, cover an area of twenty-five miles, extending to within seven miles of the junction of that stream with the Colorado. The salt they contain is pure and white, and clearer than glass, and it is said that a piece seven or eight inches thick is sometimes clear enough to see through to read a newspaper. Over the salt is a layer of sandstone from two to eight feet thick, and when this is torn away the salt appears like a huge snowdrift. How deep it is has not yet been ascertained, but a single blast of gun-powder will blow out tons of it. Under the cap rock have been discovered charred wood and charcoal and matting made of cedar bark, which the salt has preserved, evidently the camp of prehistoric man.

In the bright lexicon of youth there may be no such word as fail, but it's very different with Bradstreet's.

Endorsed by the Press.

"For several months past the readers of this paper have seen each week special reading notices, showing the wonderful cures effected by Swift's Specific, better known as S. S. S., and in the face of such testimony we are ready to say that in all the world there is not so good a medicine as this remedy. The cures are simply miraculous. If any of our readers are affected with any of the blood diseases that it is known to so effectually cure, why do they not give S. S. S. a trial? The company who make the remedy is one of the largest patent medicine firms in the United States, and are heartily endorsed by the leading men of Atlanta and Georgia."

Lake Region, Eustis, Fla.

Treatise on blood and skin diseases mailed free.

SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., Atlanta Ga.,

There is really no tangible objection to violently plaid trousers that they keep one constantly wondering whose move it is.

A Lady's Perfect Companion.

Our new book by Dr. John H. Dye, one of New York's most skillful physicians, shows that pain is not necessary in childbirth, but results from causes easily understood and overcome. It clearly proves that any woman may become a mother without suffering any pain whatever. It also tells how to overcome and prevent morning sickness and the many other evils attending pregnancy. It is highly endorsed by physicians everywhere as the wife's true private companion. Cut this out; it will save you great pain, and possibly your life. Send two cent stamp for descriptive circulars, testimonials, and confidential letter sent in sealed envelope. Address FRANK THOMAS & CO., publishers, Baltimore, M. D.

24-52

In Memory of James J. Hughes.

Who was born in Sullivan county, Tenn., September 2d, and died at his home, nine miles northwest of Blountville, June 2d, 1890, aged eighty-three years and nine months, the home where he had spent sixty-three years of his life, having been only the third owner of the farm.

On October 2d he was married to Isabel Anderson, with whom he lived happily until October, 1854, when God called her home, leaving him with two sons and one daughter. The sons both soon followed their mother; the daughter is still living.

Again, on the 17th of December, 1857, at Block House, Va., he was married to Fannie R. Anderson, who died the 4th of July, 1874, leaving him with two daughters and one son, all of whom survive him. His last wife was a sister of the late Joseph R. Anderson, of Bristol, Tenn.

He was a man of a quiet, retiring disposition, a devoted husband and a kind father, ever patient and gentle in his family; a man of pure moral character and of spotless integrity.

His neighbors ever found in him an obliging and true friend, ever ready to extend a helping hand. He was energetic, painstaking and economical.

Mr. Hughes was an exemplary Christian, having been a member of the Presbyterian church at Arcadia, Tenn., and an elder in the same for a number of years. He was always punctual in his attendance upon the services of the sanctuary with his family until enfeebled by the infirmities of old age, yet that rod and staff of God's word, which had been his stay and comfort through life, did not forsake him in old age, but was with him to comfort and sustain through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. His work on earth is done. Jesus called him over the river to dwell forever in the "Eden of Love." M.

An Address to the Country.

Memphis Avelanche.]

The Northern Democratic members of the House of Representatives have issued an address to the voters of the United States without regard to party, on the subject of the Federal election bill pending in Congress. After reviewing the bill and the constitutional objections to it, the address concludes:

In view of the great danger to the rights and liberties of the people and principle of self-goverment involved in this bill, we respectfully appeal to American freemen, without regard to party, to enter timely protest, by way of public meeting or otherwise, against this consolidation of government, the destruction of popular rights and the very foundation of American liberty, for we indulge no rhetorical flourish when we solemnly affirm on our loyalty as citizens and on our honor as representatives that the various and unpatriotic measure is a most serious menace to the very life of the Republic.

The issue is, shall a political party elect itself and keep in power by paid agents who are to control the political elections in all the States?

It is in fact, a measure of the deepest concern to the whole American people, without respect to party, because it is a blow at liberty, when the liberty of all is in danger. It is a matter of right and justice and civilization. The passage of such a bill would be a gross wrong, unjust and an attact upon civillization. If the situation was known and appreciated in the North, our faith in the Anglo Saxon race is strong enough to make us believe that there would be a protest so loud and deep against this infamous measue that the Republicans in Congress would vie with each other in opposing it.

Penned by Punsters.

Some chickens sit all right until they get into a salad.

The most violent striker is the lightning.

The agnostic has a mind to eat hash. He asks not to know.

The most popular young lady is the one who receives the most proposals, of course.

The heiress who would buy a titled husband must have a legal-tender heart.

The latest form of a "cold steal" is the unwarrantable advance in the price of ice.

The claim of the Cracker Trust that it will reduce prices "just takes the biscuit."

Miss Willing denies that she is going to marry young John Jacob Astor. What's in a name?

It is not strange that Senator Quay's mailed hand should be seen in the disposal of postoffices.

Student, after delivering Commencement—Aha! Only three boquets, and I paid for four.

'Tis strange that lawyers should ever travel on foot when it is so easy for them to make a conveyance.

It isn't such very bad English for an illiterate youth to say that he is going to college for a spell.

Emperor William cannot be blamed for wanting to muzzle Bismarck. This is the proper time of the year for muslin.

Barkeep—I saw you last night, Mr. Soak, staggering down the street like a drunken acrobat.

Old Soak—Yes, I admit it! And this morning I feel like a fell tumbler.

Father—Maria, What game was that you were playing when I looked in the parlor last night? Maria—Hide and seek. Father—What was the kissing for? Maria—O, that was the duty on the hides.