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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1885.

President Cleveland seems to enjoy his holiday—not much chance for getting much fatter.

Cholera has broken out afresh in the provinces of France. Hundreds of people are leaving daily for other countries.

It appears that Canada is to have a terrible scourge of small-pox. Montreal is suffering more than other points.

Gov. Ireland, of Texas, shows a long head in shutting Mexican yellow fever patients from finding resorts in that State.

New York city, before this time, has found the burial of Gen. Grant an expensive honor to that city. It costs a fortune now a days to bury a hero.

Cleveland made a slight mistake in his appointment of C. P. Judds as Commissioner of the Labor Bureau Ex-convicts as a general rule can not be trusted.

Maxwell, the notorious southern hotel criminal, of St. Louis, has been returned to the United States, and will be arraigned for the murder of Preuller.

Did you ever see the saloon influence in a county or State convention rally around a Christian man and nominate him, and then help to elect him?—*Issue.*

When saloon-keepers ask for a license, they ask for a chance at our sons, and they promise to restore them to us drunkards. They never fail to do their work.

Numerous fraudulent whiskey cases have recently been discovered. A barrel with thick staves at the bung has been the scheme, diminishing the real gague from four to six gallons per barrel.

The people of this country spend $850,000,000 annually for whisky and beer. No wonder we have hard times. How much of this is Tennessee's share? Let some one of our tax-payers tell us what it is and how much Blount County contributes to this death and hard times fund.

Accidents and misfortunes occur in the best regulated families. The TIMES, by some chance, has had more than its share for the past two weeks. Whatever irregularities may occur, we beg the indulgence of our patrons. Under the many disadvantages, we have done our best. The entire editorial and local work having fallen upon one man, the work has been arduous. We return thanks to our kind friends for their expressions of sympathy.

The Nashville *American* has recently made the discovery that the negro is a *human* being, born with the same inalienable rights that belong to the white race. It might be hard to interpret the real motives of the *American* had it not recently shut its eyes to morality, independence and individuality and sworn allegiance to its party through good or bad. The manifested interest in the negro race and the desire to become the champion of its material and almost spiritual rights is rather amusing. We can hardly believe that the editor is honest in his editorials, unless he has a little of the "kink" in his hair. At any rate the heretofore followers of that sheet differ in opinion. The *American*, like the defunct *World*, is radical beyond measure, much more so than the present difference between the two political parties demand. We can not see why a newspaper should give up all individuality and openly fling aside all independence for party aggrandizement.

The Dram Shop Cripples the Productive Power of Every Industry.

Here is a factory employing five hundred hands. The raw material comes in, the finished article goes out and supplies the wants of society. When and how does this factory do its best work? When the hands are industrious, steady and skillful. Whatever assists in these respects are helpful of the factory.

A provision store is set up in the neighborhood. That is good, for now the men will get their food cheap, convenient, and of excellent quality, and thus be fitted for labor.

A clothier's store is established. Good, for now the men can get serviceable clothes with least expenditure of money and time, and so are helped.

A doctor opens an office. Good, for now the men can get conveniently medical assistance for themselves and families and thus keep well and save time.

A school-house and church are built near by, and give guarantee that the moral and intellectual wants of the man and his children will be carefully subserved. The factory gladly welcomes all these, and is enabled to work better by reason of their presence.

But the dram-shop comes along and establishes itself in close proximity to the factory, eagerly anxious, of course, to help it and make more serviceable the laborers. What results? Does it supply any raw material, any new machinery, any food, clothes, comfort for the men and the wives and children, any stimulus to noble ambition and honest effort?

None whatever. The dram-shop does not deal in such commodities. It simply opens its bar, displays its drinks, beckons—morning, noon, and night—to the passing workmen, and with siren voice invites them to enter its portals. It grinds its music, flashes its light, proffers its games, and entices the laborer from his home of rest, or his place of toil. One after another drops in, tipples and drinks. The habit grows, the appetite forms, disorder increases, carnival becomes the programme day and night, loss of time, drunken debauch, and crime follow.

As a consequence, there is a loss in the industry, steadiness and skill of the workmen, labor is confused, lags in department after department, and in a short time the factory curses the dram-shop as its worst enemy. So with every enterprise. Keep the rummery away, and it does its best work, but let it come near, and the best work is impossible. Hence, the dram-shop defeats the best possible results of factory, foundry, and farm.—*Issue.*

The Times.

One year ago the first of June the TIMES commenced its publication. We are now sailing upon our second year of journalism in this community. Owing to the frequent changes heretofore, necessarily entailing complications in accounts, numerous responsible citizens in different parts of the county have refused to subscribe for a Maryville paper. In some respects we have enjoyed the patronage of the public to its fullest extent, yet, in others, we have not been able to realize what we had anticipated. We are not satisfied with our subscription list, although there has been a steady increase ever since we began, yet it is not what we believe it should be and can be made. We ask the citizens of the county who have any public spirit to help us make a decided strike to increase our circulation to what it should be. We assure you an urgent word to a neighbor who does not take it will not be unappreciated. Our enterprise is not wholly a selfish one. We are endeavoring to give the worth and more for your money, beside we are trying to help develop everything in the county that can be developed. You say that times are hard; just such a time you should take your county paper and help to foster home industries. Help those who are trying to increase the value of your property and establish a home market. We urgently ask our friends to get us each one new subscriber, for which we are willing to repay you.

Cholera in Spain.

This disease has reached a fearful stage; already 100,000 people have died. About 2,000 new cases daily occur; 1,000 deaths daily take place; cities are being depopulated; people are fleeing in all directions.

The Coming Wheat Crop.

Let every farmer in the County prepare ten acres of ground better than he has ever done, that he may raise as much off of ten as he has usually grown on sixty acres. It can be done, and thus save fifty bushels of seed and the plowing of fifty acres of ground and the work necessary to the same. Haul out all your stable manure, and if not enough then get some good commercial fertilizer and use it. Plow your ground deep, deeper than you ever have plowed it before; if you have to use three horses instead of two, all right. Pulveize well, and drill your wheat in a good depth so that it can have good root, prepared to resist freezing and thawing of the coming winter. Sow your wheat as early as the 15th of September. These ten acres, if put in as we have indicated, will produce from 200 to 250 bushels. We do not say you shall not sow but ten acres. If you can put in more ground as you did the ten acres indicated above, it will, of course, be right.

Grass and Hay.

There is more profit in raising grass and making hay and raising stock than in any other kind of farming—cattle and sheep instead of hogs. Begin gradually to put down your old fields in herd grass, orchard grass and clover, going on testing every year a little more blue grass, as we have indicated in an article on that subject, and Blonnt County will soon stand at the head for good stock and wealthy farmers. We are not mistaken. We can now point to a few farmers who are turning their old fields into grass, and they are growing wealthy. This work can be done gradually, thus preparing yourselves for the new relation. It may be necessary to fertilize some of your old fields before grass will start. Plow them well, pulverize thoroughly, fertilize, and sow your seed; and then protect your grass as you would your young corn, and you will be successfull.

The Corn Crop.

The heavy rains during the week past has settled the question of the corn crop. Probably no such crop has been raised here for forty years. Now, with good care of your corn and economy with the money it brings, the farmers of this county will be in as good condition as they have been for forty years. We congratulate everybody on the favorable outlook for the coming winter and summer. The apple, peach, hay and vegetable crops, with the corn crop, will do what Mr. Cleveland, nor any President, can't do—make individuals prosperous and happy.

Now, let everybody thank God for what he has, and then take good care of it.

Hurrah for Kentucky.

The whisky war over in our sister State has surely had its effect. The good people of that State are getting some heavy eye openers. At the late election for State Treasurer the Prohibitionists nominated a candidate, who received 40,000. The St. John vote last fall was only 3,139. Seven counties gave majorities for Mr. Fox, the Prohibition candidate. The reformers are very jubilant at the large vote.

Blue Grass.

We advise every farmer to make a test of one or two acres of blue grass. Set this ground apart with the understanding the blue grass shall not be pastured or cut for two years after it has been sown. We do not kuow but we would use a small quantity of red clover seed with it. Sow in the latter part of February or 1st of March, about the time you usually sow.

By noticing the reports of commercial agencies and industrial papers it is a pleasing and noticeable fact that improvements in the South are still pushing on notwithstanding the depression in money affairs. Times are not as close, or hard, as the general masses of the people are led to believe by the constant harping on the subject. With the exception of a light wheat market, farmers can scarcely recall a year when their prospects were more prosperous than at present. Few factories in the South are idle, and more are building. The great talk has lowered prices is about the only evil effects. Provisions are plentiful and there should be little or no complaint.

The Queen of England recently prorogued Parliament, congratulating the Government upon finding matters in general in so safe and wholesome condition. She paid a high tribute to the bravery of her soldiery and also special honor to her colonial subjects. It is so seldom that the Queen gives expression that we scarcely think of her in connection with the English Government.

Farmers who are wise and desire to add to the value of their farms will not allow the coming fall season to pass without replacing the fruit trees that have died during the summer with new ones of a better class. The time is coming when good fruit farms in East Tennessee will be valuable, and those who are keen sighted enough to have the start are the ones that will profit thereby.

Speculative newspapers and politicians are talking up candidates for governor for the next election. It would be a blessing to this State should they change their policy by electing the governor once in four years. The average citizen makes nothing out of politcis. Just when the country gets settled into business, the demoralizing influence of a State election upturns everything and keeps up an unnatural enmity between the two political parties.

If you will ask ten men with whom you meet, the present difference between the two great political parties, nine out of the ten can not give you a plain, unprejudiced distinction. If they offer an opinion why they prefer one party to the other the sores of a quarter of a century ago will be raked open, followed by relentless score of abuse. To the average citizen politics is poor business, and the less time spent in political wrangling the better you are off.

If two or three farmers will go in partnership and buy a first-class wheat drill, especially those who do not sow enough wheat to justify buying a drill for their exclusive use, they will find it the most profitable investment they can make. Quit sowing your grain broadcast. While you may hit a streak of luck and have a good crop the chances are against you. The farmers that reaped a good crop of wheat this year were those who used a drill and a good fertilizer.

Dr. Leonard, the prohibition candidate for governor of Ohio, has been and is receiving the hard knocks of politicians. No matter if a saint would allow his name to be used on a temperance ticket, he would be called a crank and a tool for one of the old political parties. He would be kicked, cuffed and belabored on all sides. Let the devil run on one of the old tickets, and he is a perfect gentleman. He might drink a little too much occasionally, but then he would make a good officer.

It is reasonable to suppose that during the coming election the question of a railroad commission will be again agitated. If railroads are a help to a country, and this fact is proven beyond a doubt, then the least legislation upon the subject the better. What the South needs to develop her resources and push her minerals and lumber into market is a vast network of railroads; competing lines that will offer inducements to attract outside industries to settle along their respective lines. The railroad has made the West, and it is what the South needs to open millions of dollars worth of hidden treasures. If Blount County had three times as many railroads her real estate would be worth many times its present value. We believe the masses of the people are looking at this question in the proper light and any attempt to reinstate the burdensome railroad commission of the past will be decided at the polls, once forever.

If all the ball playing towns would have as many accidents in proportion to the amount of ball played as Maryville has had, in ten years there would not be five hundred sound men and boys in the State. It is such elegant past-time. No doubt it is a great source of consolation in old age to be able to lift a paralyzed limb, made so by thump with a ball bat. A stiffened joint, a scar on the head, a gash over the eye, a crooked finger, or a vacant tooth, would also be splendid reminiscence of this healthful relic of barbarism. These slight physical maladies can, no doubt, be easily undergone for the sake of the mental discipline if the consolation is not of sufficient compensation.

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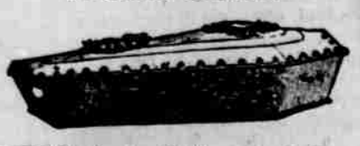

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