

W. P. WALTON.

HON. S. S. COX, the statesman and humorist, died in New York Tuesday night, after a short illness of peritonitis. He was born in Ohio in 1824, where he was given a fine education. First adopting the profession of law, he afterwards became an editor and it was while he edited the Ohio Statesman that he wrote the gorgeous description of a sunset, that procured for him the sobriquet of "Sunset" Cox. His first public service was a secretary of legation at Pera in 1853. He went to New York to live in 1868, and was elected to Congress, since which he has served almost continuously, the exception being during his incumbency as minister to Turkey. This latter was too dry for his disposition, so he resigned and returning to New York was again elected to Congress and was a member at the time of his death. He was a very effective and humorous speaker and as a writer and lecturer he arose to proud distinction. He is the author of numerous books, several of which rank very high in the world of letters. He was a staunch democrat, a devoted friend to the South and will be sadly missed by both. It is said of him that but for his humor, that was liable to burst forth on any occasion, he would have gained a higher reputation as a statesman, which he was in the strongest sense.

ALTHOUGH we did not enjoy the honor of his personal acquaintance we grieve with his more intimate friends over the untimely death of Mr. Samuel O. Graves, senior editor of the Lebanon Standard and Times, which occurred Monday at the early age of 37. Those who knew him best loved him most and they cannot find words good enough to describe his loving disposition, gentle ways and intellectual brilliancy. All the Louisville papers, on several of which he served, pay his memory the highest tribute. With C. M. Phillips he bought the Lebanon Standard a few years ago and its editorial column always showed evidence of his acknowledged ability. The press of Kentucky will miss him and sorrow with his young wife, who will feel the terrible loss most.

ALREADY there have been filed 18 contests for seats in the next Congress by republicans, notwithstanding the democrats were elected by from 1,000 to 13,161 majorities. These contests were decided upon when the rads thought they would have everything their own way, but a nominal majority of three and actually no majority at all, leaves them in a condition requiring great circumspection and good generalship. The minority has it in its power to prevent the outrages proposed by the unseating of democrats, and if it have the backbone the republicans will have to go exceedingly slow and cautious.

THE fact that ex-Senator Riddleberger has taken the stump against Mahone in Virginia and for the democrats must not be taken as very significant. That eccentric individual is as apt to do one thing as another, but when such men as John F. Lewis, one of the founders of the republican party in the State, says emphatically that he will not support Mahone and that it is better for the party that he be ignominiously beaten, while other leading republicans announce the same thing, it may be regarded as certain that the little viper is making his last race with defeat absolutely certain.

MRS. CLEVELAND is responsible for the shutting down of one manufactory and the consequent shutting out of 600 girls. She decreed that the bustle must go and that carried with it the decree that bustle factories must also go, and the one at Bridgeport, Conn., "has went." We never have felt as kindly towards Frankie since she knocked out the bustle. Ladies of her make may be able to do without them, but many a woman is not built that way and when she is not, then there is a fatness that something is needed to hide and needed badly. Let us therefore, dear girls, return to the bustle.

THE Advocate says Gen. Fry entered his 73d year Monday with few indications of old age, as he has the vigor and a tivity of a man much younger. This statement is in direct conflict to the one made by Senator Beck when he had his pension increased to \$100 a month. It was then claimed that he was absolutely incapable for any kind of business. The return of the republicans to power may have acted, however, as an elixir on the old man, more potent and more powerful than that Brown-Sequard has proven.

IT is to be hoped that the next legislature will pass a law requiring a more prompt return of the vote of the State. It is six weeks since the election and the Secretary of State is just publishing the official result which shows that Sharp received 147,982 votes and Colson 114,649, a majority of 33,333. Breathitt has never reported, so she is left out, or Sharp's majority would have been 33,522. Mr. Cobb, who led the forlorn hope of the prohibition party, only got 3,351 votes, a pretty slim showing in a total of 260,000.

THE Mountain Monitor is the name of a paper just started at Pikeville by S. X. Swinome and it is a highly creditable publication. It is soundly democratic too, and is destined to do a good work for that cause and for the restoration of law and order. The issue before us contains accounts of the trials of the Hatfield crowd for the murder of the McCoy's. Four were sent to the penitentiary for life and Ellison Mounts, for the murder of Alphia McCoy, was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 31. Alex Messer was the only one to accept his sentence for life and he was taken direct to the penitentiary, while Val Hatfield, Dock and Plyant Mayhorn were lodged in jail at Lexington to await the result of an appeal. In sentencing Mounts to death Judge Rice said: "It is not only a great crime for which you stand convicted, but the circumstances under which it was committed display a spirit of fiendishness and barbarity heretofore unknown in the history of this country since the days when the savages roamed the trackless wilderness and wrought their fiendish crimes. I can hold out to you no hope for clemency. I feel that if the governor knows the circumstances under which the crime was committed, it has so hardened his heart against all appeals for mercy that it would be useless to pray for even a respite. I would advise you to turn your attention in your pleadings to a higher court than any of this world. If you have been coerced as you say, He knows it and will doubtless extend to you mercy. Appeal to Him. He alone can aid you in your present extremity."

TANNER is no longer Commissioner of Pensions, thank the Lord. Secretary Noble could not afford to have the scandal in his department that Tanner was daily making and adding to and he demanded of the president his removal. The president kicked mildly, but Noble said either Tanner or himself must go and then Harrison chose to let Tanner walk the plank. It was a miserable mistake of the administration to appoint such a man to office, which even his removal will hardly correct. But the country is to be congratulated that the ignorant and vicious creature has been returned to private life and join in three cheers and a tiger for Secretary Noble, whose character seems somewhat in keeping with his name.

THE worst storm in 25 years has just raged on the Atlantic coast, doing immense damage to property and shipping. Wrecks of hundreds of vessels strew the coast and several seaside resorts, including Long Branch, have suffered losses of many of their buildings. The big ocean steamers are arriving much belated time and tell thrilling stories of the raging sea. The loss to human life has been very great.

THE Louisville Post is not struck on the gentleman's legal ability, that's plain. It says: "Mr. T. C. Bell, ex-Assistant United States District Attorney, is a candidate for the nomination to the Supreme Court Judgeship. Mr. Bell wears spectacles, has a loud voice and is superintendent of a Sunday-school. If these are the qualities that go to make a great judge he should be nominated."

SECRETARY WINDOM is out in a long-winded explanation of the increase of the National debt during the last two months, but it is of that class of explanation that does not explain. The simple fact is the government is run for all it is worth instead of on business principles. An economically administered government under republican rule is out of the question.

THE committee appointed to examine and purge the election returns for governor of West Virginia find that Judge Fleming was elected by a plurality of 212 and have so reported. Goff can now fall back on our paternal government for support in the shape of a fat office.

SOAK your cranium, French Tipton, and then you and your National Association of second-class editors go to the dickens. We've heard enough of it.

NEWS CONDENSED

—Five men were killed at Carbondale, Ill., by a boiler explosion.  
—Thomas C. Witt gets the postoffice at Kingston, Madison county.  
—There are 1,354 liquor houses in Washington, or one for every 75 people.  
—Fayette county has purchased a site for its new \$50,000 jail at a cost of \$15,000.  
—Joshua Murphy has been appointed postmaster at Tidal Wave, Whitley county.  
—"Sunset" Cox is the fourth member elect of the 51st Congress to die within the year.  
—Johnstown's new directory shows that 36 groceries and 51 saloons have been established since the flood.  
—Ten men lost their lives in a mine at Golden, Cal., by the sudden rush of water into it from an unused mine.  
—A monster gas well which flows at the rate of 60,000,000 cubic feet a day has been struck at Upper Sandusky, O.  
—The demand for diamonds is greater than the supply and they have gone up 20 per cent. in the last few weeks.  
—Mosquitoes will not bother the house of Mrs. Thomas A. Logan at Cincinnati any more. She set a plate of burning sulphur in one of the rooms to keep them out and the house took fire; loss \$15,000.

—The Times says the \$100,000 twine factory at Georgetown is a settled fact and that it will bring 300 people to the town.

—The Baltimore grand jury recommended the licensing of houses of prostitution and police surveillance over them.

—The Climax says the house of Mrs. Mary Ann Paris, in Madison county, was struck by lightning and she was instantly killed.

—George W. Lyon to be Surveyor of Customs at New York and Ernst Allen, Collector of the 1st New York district, are late appointments.

—John Green, whose jealousy led him to cut his wife's throat 10 days ago at Georgetown, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged for the crime.

—The president has appointed the noted carpet-bagger ex-Gov. Henry C. Warmouth, of Louisiana, Collector of Customs for the Port of New Orleans.

—John Cunningham, a brutish negro, is in jail at Harrodsburg for raping Allie Beckham, an 8-year-old white girl, and there is every prospect of a lynching.

—It is believed at Washington that Tanner, the Pension Commissioner, will be asked to resign after the November elections, but we fear there is no such good luck.

—Gov. Abbebt was re-nominated by acclamation by the democrats of New Jersey on a platform which reaffirms the doctrines set forth by the last National convention.

—Georgia's legislature, in addition to passing a law making dueling a felony, proposes to expel Messrs. Huff and Patterson, who are alleged to have been trying to meet on "the field of honor."

—Conductor James Lemon, who ran on the Main Stem, was shot and instantly killed by a man named Beill, whom he put off the train because he refused to pay the extra fare demanded of those who do not buy tickets.

—Jack the Ripper has come into notice again by the finding of the body of another woman in White Chapel, London, with head and legs cut off, the stomach ripped open and the intestines lying on the ground.

—Albert C. Savage's little daughter caught the small-pox on board the Pacific mail steamer Newport, and he has sued the company for \$25,000. He thinks a disfigured girl is handicapped to that amount in life's race.

—Under a decision of the Court of Appeals in this State, a person killed on a railroad in Kentucky must leave a widow or a child or damages cannot be recovered. A number of suits have been dismissed on these grounds.

—A bronze statue of Gen. W. C. Wickham, for many years vice president of the C. & O., will be placed in the capitol square at Richmond by the employees of the road if permission can be obtained from the legislature.

—The people of the High Bridge neighborhood are so disgusted with the Ohio crowds that come there Sundays on excursions that they have petitioned the county judge to send officers there to suppress the open lawlessness committed by the scamps.

—The State Board of Education has prescribed the History of Kentucky as a subject of instruction in the common schools of the State included in United States History, and recommends Z. T. Smith's History of Kentucky as a text book on the subject.

—Gov. Buckner has ordered two companies of State troops—the Lexington Company, Capt. Veach, and the Harrodsburg Company, Captain Gaither—to proceed to Harlan county to preserve the peace, protect the Court and arrest outlaws from justice.

—T. L. Waller, who kept a grocery at Sewell's Point, Va., was found murdered in his bedroom. The broken skull and mangled face plainly showed the manner of death. Six colored men, who acted suspiciously, were arrested for the crime and one squealed.

—The Kenton Club, of Covington, carried off most of the prizes at the Nicholasville bicycle races, C. M. Croninger running 5 miles in 16:58, securing a medal which entitles him to the championship of Kentucky as a distance rider and also ran three miles in 9:12.

FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

—B. W. Gaines bought of Bright & Swinebroad 100 sheep at \$4.  
—FOR SALE—A 2-year-old jack. Will sell cheap. S. H. Ront, Hustonville.  
—FOR SALE—Two No. 1 red boars well bred, weight 125 pounds. John M. McRoberts, Jr.  
—Samuel Jones, of Tennessee, sold 29,000 bushels of peanuts in Evansville, at 6c ts. per bushel.  
—FOR SALE—45 head of good mountain steers. Will sell cheap. William Cooper, Line Creek, Ky.  
—John M. Hail bought from parties near the Lincoln and Rockcastle line, two yokes of oxen at \$90 each.  
—Thomas R. Phelps advertises for sale some splendid farms in Washington with stock and crop on them. See ad. in this issue.  
—L. H. Hudson sold to Martin, Thompson & Co., New Orleans, 82 sugar mules at \$160. They were 15 1/2 hands and the lot brought \$13,120.—Advocate.  
—Leach & Cook bought in Fleming and Nicholas counties 400 stock sheep at about \$4 per head. H. M. Grover delivered to Weill last week 36 cattle that averaged 1,632 pounds. They were sold at \$4.15. The Finley farm of 200 acres, two miles from Georgetown, sold to Ras Ware at \$81.—Times.

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