

In the November elections Democrats lost heavily in Democratic States, and made large gains in Republican States, notably in Massachusetts.

The Muhlenberg Echo is nine years old and shows that stability which age gives. The people of Muhlenberg should give it liberal patronage, for they get a good paper.

It is thought that the English Parliament will be again dissolved some time in the early part of next year, and an election ordered. Both the Conservatives and Liberals are dissatisfied with the Unionists.

The Calhoun Democrat is one of the best papers in Southern Kentucky. This is easily accounted for, since it draws largely upon the columns of the Herald, and that too, without giving any credit whatever.

The Glasgow News, a new paper published at Glasgow, Ky., came to us last week. It is a bright, newsy sheet, ably edited and well printed. We welcome it to our exchange list, and wish it that success it deserves.

The latest from the Balkans is to the effect that it is seriously proposed at Sophia, to nominate an American for the Bulgarian Throne. Here is a fine opening for disappointed politicians, or some fellow who is tired waiting for the "rascals to be turned out." Send in your petitions, boys.

We publish on our first page a sensible article on tobacco, from the pen of Capt. Luter, one of Ohio county's best farmers. He promises to write more on the same subject. Such articles as this will be gladly published at any time. Let us hear from others on similar topics of interest to the people.

JEFFERSON DAVIS was present at the dedication of Bethel church, at Fairview, Ky., and made a very well-timed and appropriate speech. The church is built upon the site of Mr. Davis' old home, where he was born 78 years ago. The site was given by him to the church; he also presented the church with a solid silver communion service.

Hon. Henry D. McHenry is favorably spoken of in connection with the next election of a United States Senator from Kentucky.

It is time Western Kentucky should have her share of the offices. We have waited long enough. Mr. McHenry is a man of large and extensive experience in the operations of our government. He is sound on the great questions now before the people, and would be an honor to the State.

POLITICAL POINTERS. At no time in the history of the Democratic party in Kentucky were the chances for its defeat so manifest as at the present. However much inclined we may be to ignore the fact, it nevertheless is true, that disaffection exists. The disaffection may be attributed to various causes. The prolixity and laxity of the laws; the convict-labor troubles of a year or two ago; the disgraceful farming out of the Clerkship of the Court of Appeals, and the partisan whitewashing of the State Central Committee; the well recognized uncertainty as to certain nominations in the last State Convention; the growing importance of the labor element as a political factor, and the utter lack of homogeneity of opinion among the recognized leaders of the party, point with almost unerring precision to defeat, or to one of the hardest fought political battles ever experienced in the old Democratic stronghold.

Hitherto the opposition has been proverbially weak, and gave the wrangling leaders little or no uneasiness; the condition of things is quite different now. When the contest opens, it will present a triangular aspect; the contestants will be marshalled under the banners of the Democracy, the Labor party, and the Republican party. The unexpected strength developed by Mr. Thobe, makes it probable that he will be the candidate of the Labor party for Governor. It is claimed that he will be able to carry 30,000 votes in the general election; a thorough canvass and a good organization may increase this number to 45,000 or 50,000; it is also claimed, that this accession of votes will be mainly drawn from the Democratic ranks.

The probable defeat of the Democratic party will solidify the Republican ranks, and induce them to wage a vigorous war for supremacy. They will nominate their very best men for the respective offices, and from the present outlook, with reasonable hopes of success. It is obvious, therefore, that the work before the April primaries, and its culmination in the May convention, should not be regarded lightly. Party doctrine must have no uncertain sound, and in the selection of

candidates, sentiment and availability must be made to give way to recognized ability, and undoubted adaptability. The period for political maneuvering is past. The standard bearer of the Democratic party must be one whose escutcheon is untarnished, whose familiarity with State politics is such that he will not be thrown helplessly on the defensive.

The Democratic party is now and ever has been, the party of the people, the party of labor, the party of economy, the party of the constitution and equal rights; its destiny should be confined to men of ability, men of honesty of purpose, men of experience, men whose veracity and integrity, opponents even, dare not call in question. Entering the contest thus panoplied, success is assured, let the opposition be what it may.

THAT SURPLUS. One great newspaper on the Ohio, and another on the Cumberland, are in delightful accord on the necessity of reducing the surplus in the United States Treasury. Both the great journals insist on the necessity of reducing the surplus by reducing taxation, and that the Morrison bill should be pushed to its passage, in order to the full accomplishment of the desired result.

Admitting the possibility of the passage, by the present Congress, of Mr. Morrison's horizontal caprices, would that cause the surplus to disappear? As a matter of fact, if the horizontal method of reduction is resorted to, the receipts from imports would be as great or greater than they now are. It was this fact that led many Democrats to oppose Mr. Morrison's pet plan, and not because of any particular hostility to tariff reform.

A brief glance at the liabilities of the Government will be convincing to the most incredulous that the surplus must go on increasing indefinitely. The only demands now on the Federal Treasury, outside of the legitimate expenses of government, is by the holders of the 3 per cent. bonds, which will soon be paid off; a few more bonds will be called in 1891, after which payment not one dollar of the public debt can be paid until 1900. In the interim, the surplus will have assumed huge proportions. It will require a total repeal of all custom dues to affect it.

In view, therefore, of the difficulty existing in the way of reducing the surplus, without resorting to the worse than suicidal folly of absolute free trade, would it not be wise to carry out the provisions of the Blair bill, and so create a healthy financial as well as political equilibrium?

NO DOUBT OF IT. There is no further doubt about the Indiana Legislature being Democratic. Downing, Republican, was defeated for Congress by Beasley, Democrat, by 31 majority. In the recent the Republican gained 7 votes, and his competitor gained 6, leaving him still in majority. This result gives the United States Senator to the Democrats.

THE PUBLIC PRINTER. We have no desire to find a pretext for objection to the discharge of a public trust by any officer, still, in the interest of the people generally, we feel called upon to say something concerning the length of time the acts of the last Legislature have been withheld from the public. It is strange that now, in December, we are as far off from receiving the books as ever. For there is any reasonable excuse for this delay, we are willing to receive it. It will take some plain talk to satisfy the people.

With many of the tax-payers hereabouts, the suspicion is not wanting that there is an ulterior, if not a sinister motive, in thus delaying the distribution of public documents, which should have been in the hands of the public long ago. It is thought, and not without reason, that there is an absorbing desire to have the signature of the Secretary of State to the transcript of the many private bills which were passed by the last Legislature, by this means reforming the Frankfort offices on the basis of "for revenue only." It goes without saying that, were the public printing in the hands of a Republican, a universal howl of disapprobation would ascend from every county seat in the Commonwealth, at this evident trifling with the patience of the people; but since it is in the hands of a Democrat, it behooves us to pass the matter over lightly, lest we be accused of uttering treason, when patience, however, ceases to be a virtue, we propose to speak out in meeting.

THE PAPERS SERVED. A copy of the petition and notice of contest by Mr. Thobe, were served on Mr. Carlisle on the 19th of last month. The petition charges that 1,000 legal votes were cast for plain-fift, which by fraud and other tricks of the election officers were not counted for him. Ballot boxes were left open in the custody of the Trimble county clerk. Plaintiff claims that great frauds were committed in Grant and Gallatin counties, and that in Carroll county unprecedented irregularities existed. The allegations

cover 45 pages of legal cap. Thobe, or not Thobe, is the important question which the 50th Congress will have to settle. In the meantime, it would be very much to the point, if the new members devote themselves to a casual reading of Hamlet; there may be something rotten in Denmark.

THE BEAUTIFUL! Who said it was beautiful? Who dare perpetrate so foul a slander? It is not beautiful to the thin clad widow, who occupies an almost bare room in a dreary and tumble-down tenement, whose shyness of a landlord exacts the last copper of her scanty earnings. It is not beautiful to the bare-foot orphan, whose only means of support for himself, and it may be, an ailing mother and helpless brothers and sisters, is the doing of chores and the running of errands. It is not beautiful to the poorly paid laborer, himself in well worn raiment, and his family still worse off. Its aspect is that of death, its touch as chilling as the world's well published, but meager charity; it speaks of the grave, and covers the earth as the shroud of the dead. The thoughtless, the heartless, the soulless, may pronounce the miser, but in doing so, only evidence their lack of sympathy, or unfamiliarity with want and suffering.

No, it is not beautiful; that can have no principle of beauty in it, whose very existence depends upon the destruction of parts, and the perversion of natural elements. It is repulsive, ghastly, weird-like and ghostly. It is hypocritical, a whitened sepulchre. The promonitions of its advent are as stealthy as the tread of the burglar, the woollings to its destructive embrace, are as faithless as the professions of friendship; and not a sigh of regret is heard at its parting, except it may be that it ever came. It comes to us as comes an unwelcome—unbidden guest, with slander and scandal on its tongue, it leaves us as becomes the bearing of such a character, in slush—and mud—and mire. No, it is not beautiful; it is hideous.

THE MESSAGE. Monday at 2 o'clock, the President gave to Congress his second message. From a perusal of this document, it is plainly seen that our President has profited by his experience. The message upon the whole is plain, pointed, forcible and statesmanlike. It has no uncertain ring, but takes a positive, yet respectful stand upon the important questions now before the American people, all of which is given a careful consideration. It speaks out plainly for a reduction of the war tariff, advocates the improvement of our coast defenses, the improvement of the navy, and salutary changes in the condition of the army. The President still favors the suspension of the coinage of silver, and in this regard is in opposition to the majority of the Democratic party. He still clings with great earnestness to his former expressed views on the Civil Service law. For the enforcement of this law, no one blames him, but it is the apparent institution of perpetuity in office that causes discontent in Democratic ranks. Upon other important questions the message is pointed and sound, and is evidently the President's own work.

YOU SHOULD QUOTE THE BEST. Capt. Jack Gross says he don't want to be Governor. That's right, Jack, 'tis better to hear the ill we have than fly to those we know not of.—Hepkissville News.

The truth is found in the other part of the quotation, "and thus the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er by the pale cast of thought, and enterprises of great pith and moment with that regard, their courses turn away and lose the name of action." Capt. Jack Gross would be no figure head, no sentimental official floundering about in the absurdities of senility. He would bring young, vigorous mentality to the position. The State would have the benefit of his splendid business qualifications, which it has been in sore need of for a decade past.

PROHIBITION. CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—A special from Peoria, Ill., says: In the Fifth Illinois Internal Revenue district, which contains all the great distilleries at Peoria and Pekin, no packages were shipped for export during the month ending today. This is a most unusual occurrence. No adequate explanation is made. From the foregoing, one is led to believe that the old chestnut, "prohibition does not prohibit," is about to be exploded. When the people determine to prohibit it, they generally succeed, other statements to the contrary notwithstanding. It will not be long before other announcements, similar to the above, will be made, of the inability of slop houses to dispose of their contaminations.

Rambler's Rattlings. BETA, Ky., Dec. 6th, 1888.—I suppose almost anyone knows we are in the midst of a pretty odd snafu. I would mention myself, but then the editors don't want correspondents to talk about the weather. Business is on quite a stand-still in these parts of the country, but may be during this fall in trade, prices in tobacco, etc., may advance, so we will have lost nothing by it after all. The No. creek, and Beta Literary Societies met here last Friday night, and considering the extreme inclemency of the weather, they had a very enjoyable time. Prof. Graves, Carson and Rowan, and Col. Cervo Burnett, attended, and Mr. A. Stevens, M. E. Ashford, M. H. Henry Parks, and Capt. Henry Levy, denied that the dead languages should be abolished from our schools. The subject was ably and thoroughly discussed, and it seemed to every one, that it would be a very difficult matter to say which would be the winner, it was finally decided, however, in favor of the affirmative.

Mrs. The Grout is suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, Mr. Hiram Ward, Jr., who has been confined to his room about 3 weeks with the same disease is thought to be a little better.

GENERAL NEWS. Hugh Rogers will probably succeed Gross as U. S. Marshal. Special detectives guard the tomb of Vanderbilt day and night. Ex-Governor Leslie would not object to the chief Justiceship of Arizona. Conney & Dyer, stock brokers of San Francisco have failed. Liabilities \$400,000. The striking tobacco stemmers of Owensboro, have returned to work on slightly increased pay. Chas. Hammond, of Marengo, Ind., recently eloped with the beautiful young wife of a poor carpenter. Mercer County, by a majority of 464, has voted a subscription of \$125,000 to the Louisville Southern railroad. Ben Folsom, United States Consul to Sheffield, Eng., sailed from New York, Dec. 4th, on the Steamer Etruxia. S. H. H. Clark succeeds H. M. Hoxie deceased, as Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific Railway system. Michael Hess jumped from Brooklyn Bridge on the 4th, and has therefore been placed on the list of "fame-seeking fools." A colored school teacher near Jeffersonville, Ind., is being boycotted by his former patrons, because he voted the Democratic ticket.

The Farmer's Home Journal says: Col. Mattley, of Warren county Ky., sold 27 walnut trees as they stand on his Allen county farm for \$3,000 to Col. Straight, of Indiana. The will of the late President, Arthur was admitted to probate on the 4th inst, his estate is valued at about \$150,000 and is to be equally divided between his two children, Chester A. Arthur and Nellie Herndon Arthur. The following Kentuckians have been granted patents: Richard C. Blackwell, assignor, two-thirds to W. H. Lewis, Henderson, running gear for wagon; Jesse S. Ford, Ohio county, and P. I. Bickrick, Owensboro, water elevator and carrier; John R. Pile, Livermore, harrow.

PLEASANT RIDGE. An Elegant Little Town, Geographically, Socially and Morally—Tom-Cat Talk—Mary Ann's Wit—News Notes, Etc. DECEMBER 4, 1888. Your scribble having at last extirpated himself from the effects of a poorly observed Thanksgiving, is now aspiring to the forthcoming holidays, with visions of mince-pie and turkey floating before him serenely.

While we have confidence that to many of our readers the geographical situation of our village is not confusing, we are conscious that to the outside world, New York, Boston, Chicago, and a few other points of less interest to us, may be more familiarly known in this sense, hence the following: On the Owensboro and Hartford road, and equidistant from either place, (and about the center of the universe), in the most remote southeastern corner of the county, immediately along the Davies and Ohio line, is our quiet burg—a place that the name implies in every sense. To the most exquisitely moral and refined, there is scarcely an element here to mar the pleasure of that taste. It seems as though every one was born a whole-souled, good-natured being, and was not only living to be individually happy, but to cast sunbeams along the pathway of others. Our village has a population of sixty odd, and to say that we stand almost solidly Democratic, we hope will cast no material reflection upon our future reputation, or stand as a rebuke to the moral status of rising posterity. With two blacksmith shops, one dry goods establishment, drug store and grocery, all doing a good business, our town presents usually a thrifty and business-like aspect, exceptionally characteristic of many country villages. What more could we desire, further adding that we have two churches, two doctors and an undertaker's establishment, for comforts and happiness here and a chance for the next world.

eloquence Sublime. Fountain Fox Bobbitt, the gushy orator of the mountains, seems to be at present wholly subject to the soul-stirring glances of one of the fair daughters of eve, and his exuberant soul overflows in the following expressive language: "You may take all the gold of Ophir, the tin of Tyne, the gems of Golconda, and the silver of Potosi, but all the diamonds, emeralds, topazes, opals, garnets, and rubies, and the pearls of the sea, as they come dripping from the sea, or that sink in the back bosom, and pile them so high that they could look down in scorn upon Mount Chimborazo, and let that beautiful maiden stand blessing in the light of that towering mountain of gems, and tell me to take my choice, and without one moment's hesitation, I would extend my hand and say, 'Come to my arms, my own stricken deer!'"

Rough on Correspondents. Much valuable matter is crowded out this week by numerous country correspondents. —Rossville Herald. It is different with us; we regard our correspondents very highly, and feel that good, newsy letters add much to our paper.

Prohibition in Politics. The Junction City Herald, a prohibition organ, fixes out a slate for State officers as follows: For Governor—Fontaine T. Fox, Jr., of Louisville. Lieutenant Governor—Dr. A. T. Henderson, of Carter county. Superintendent of Public Instruction—Eld. James L. Allen, of Boyle. Attorney General—Josiah Harris, of McCleary. Register of the Land Office—Achilles Nelson, of Russell. Auditor—Colonel J. M. Holmes, of Davies. Treasurer—R. K. Dyas, of Grant.

A Big Blaze at Russellville. [Owensboro Inquirer, Dec. 4.] Mr. Mose Oppenheimer, of the O. & N. railroad, brought in the news yesterday of a damaging fire at Russellville, yesterday morning. It broke out shortly after midnight and completely destroyed four large buildings on Main street, near the Grand Central Hotel, as follows: Hatten Bros., Grocery; J. J. Albert, restaurant; Ches. Foley, tobacconist; O. Roberts, grocery. Russellville has no steam fire engine, and no water works, hence the flames had an easy time of it. It is not thought that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The walls fell on a man named Courts and broke his leg.

The Forum for December contains some splendidly written articles. The boldness and truthfulness with which it speaks, shows it to be a fearless expounder of some principles.

A Change Necessary. Some of our exchanges seem to be of the opinion that General Inebner is not so popular as a gubernatorial candidate, as he was a year or two ago, and this may be true, but in our judgment there will have to be considerable change in the minds of the people between now and May 4th if he is not nominated at the Louisville convention.

The Reason Why. [Owensboro Messenger.] The Court of Appeals holds that "the local option law does not prohibit a regular practicing physician from prescribing or furnishing in good faith liquor to his patients, just as he would any other medicine. This is what makes snake-bite so popular.

A Chance to Lose. [Owensboro News.] President Cleveland's favorite dish is said to be bacon; for a man so excessively fond of it, Mr. Cleveland is making blamed little effort to save his bacon in 1888. Meeting at East Providence Church. Rev. J. A. Miller commenced a meeting at Providence Church the second Sunday in November. He preached twice, and then I took charge of the

meeting, and conducted it a few days in Providence Church, until the weather turned so cold as to be uncomfortable in our church. At this point through the kindness of the Baptist brethren, of Slaty creek church, we moved the meeting into their church, where we conducted it for eleven days. We had a good meeting, seven or eight professors and six additions to the Methodist church. Christian people very much revived.

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Mr. D. Fard has completed his new cottage residence, which is a neat little house and an ornament to our village. Mr. Fred. Yeiser is making substantial improvements in the way of additional outbuildings. Mr. Lapse Mahan came near losing his house here by fire one night last week. Mr. M. had his hands unpleasantly burned in trying to extinguish the flames.

The majority of farmers here have sold their tobacco crops of this season, it having gone to the Owensboro market. The prices paid were fair, ranging from four to six dollars per 100.

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