THE BRISTOL NEWS

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EVENT and COMMENT

The recent rains have run the various rivers of Tennessee out of their banks, and destroyed much property. Nashville was visited last week, by a cyclone which unroofed over 30 houses, and destroyed $20,000 worth of property. The Cumberland River has been higher than at any time previous since 1847.

The Amerique, another of the first class Steamers of the ill-fated Trans Atlantic Line, has gone down, like its sisters, the Vile du Havre, and the Europe. Her passengers and crew were rescued by the Norwegian.

Another duel was fought last Thursday, near New Orleans, between Wallace Wood, and A. J. Bachewin. The latter was shot through the thigh at the first fire. Pistols were used at 12 paces.

The Newbern *People* is opposed to a convention in this Congressional Campaign for our District. It wishes some of the candidates to see how they are estimated by the people.

It is said to be all a lie about Dr. Munsey going on a huge salary to Augusta Ga., but then Dr. Munsey is worthy of such a position, and such a salary. There is no lie about that.

Boggens cut to the contrary notwithstanding, Bald Mountain continues to roar with terrific violence.—The latest says an eruption is deemed imminent.

Henry E. Blair, the Delegate from Roanoke, has been elected Judge, instead of Judge Mahood who resigned. The members of the Legislature have grown famous at picking up the crumbs that fall from their own table. Mr. Blair is aged 48.

Reil, the leader of the Red River rebellion of 1870, has recently been elected to the Canadian Parliament, and was on the 16th expelled by a vote of 124 to 68.

Arkansas comes next with her war. In 1872, she aimed to elect a Governor. Brooks claimed election, but the Legislature decided that Gov. Baxter had been re-elected. A few days ago Brooks seems to have taken advantage of the absence of Baxter's Counsel, and obtained favorable action of the Circuit Court, of Pulaski County, and in a few moments took forcible possession of the State House, and ejected Gov. Baxter therefrom. The latter has taken quarters at the St. John's College. Both parties have issued proclamation, and both have appealed to the President for aid, and both have been refused. Both parties have armed their forces. Gov. Baxter says he will retake the State House, and he has already taken armed possession of the telegraph office. Grant keeps his burned fingers out of the affair.

In this issue of the NEWS we have copied the views of various journals touching the late letter of Gov. Kemper to the Editor of this paper, in reply to the Abingdon resolutions. There are before us criticisms thereon from others which we would copy but for want of space.

We cannot see that the Governor has erred in taking this occasion to show a decent regard for the adverse and harsh critticisms of those who disapproved of his veto message. Nor can we see that he has erred in the statement that we have lost none of our rights, however they may have been invaded, for our rights and liberties are like "Truth," which, though "crushed to earth will rise again." His views touching extremists are correct and are fittingly exemplified by the hot and impassioned remarks of a portion of the Virginia press.

The letter is lucid and forcible and bears the impress of both honesty and statesmanship. It is a singular fact that those of our public men who fought the enemy longest and hardest, are now most willing to be at peace with the national authority, Those who fought most bravely while our flag was up seem most efficient at repairing our ruin since its fall.—The war is over and Gov. Kemper recognizes the fact.

THE House of Delegates has unanimously passed the resolutions of the investigating Committee, endorsing the management of the finances of the A. M. & O. R. R. Co. So all this noise and obtrusive accusation of mismanagement and misappropriation is now branded by the House as so much bad air which its authors had nothing whatever wherewith to substantiate. It has been charged that those who have made this groundless and inexcusable assault upon the company merely wished to curtail its power and impair its usefulness, by a wanton injury of its financial standing. If so they have their reward, for with this endorsement after a patient investigation the company can go before the world and defy its enemies.

A CONUNDRUM ANSWERED.

Mr. Frye, of the Pearisburg GAZETTE, wishes to know how Dr. Stribbling could promptly furnish accommodations in the Western Lunatic Asylum to Col. Mayo, late Treasurer of Virginia, when he could not possibly receive old Mrs. Givens, of Giles County, who has for four months been insane and has had to be confined at home.

The answer is easy enough. Old Mrs. Givens has not distinguished herself by stealing $3,000 from the Commonwealth, and as a matter of economy it is better to keep defaulting officials in our asylums than in the Treasury department.

The Lynchburg REPUBLICAN makes the positive announcement that Ex-President Johnson has declared himself a candidate for Congress in the 1st Tennessee District. We have some opportunities for obtaining information touching this matter, and we will venture to assert that there is about as much truth in this assertion of the REPUBLICAN as there was in its item touching Dr. Munsey.

Ex President Johnson has not announced himself for Congress, and we don't believe that he has ever yet entertained the idea for a moment.

A Radical Judge, a Radical Jury, and a Radical Verdict.

On Friday of last week, the case of Peter Yoakley vs John Hawley, Geo. Galloway, Adam Bowery and F. M. Wolfe, came up for trial at Jonesboro', before Judge Gillenwaters, and a jury of Washington County Tenn. The suit was for 49 boxes tobacco, taken from Yoakley's store house 6 miles South of Blountville, by W. P. Hunt, chief Enrolling officer of Sullivan County, and a squad of men under order of Col. Jno F. Terry commanding Post at Bristol in Oct. 1864. Yoakley had left home and joined the Federal army,—at least he so admitted in the pleadings. After the tobacco was taken, the parties taking it sent an officer and two men to Jno. Hawley's house 3 miles from Yoakley's, and impressed his wagon and team, and driver, a negro boy After they had taken his wagon, team and driver, Jno. Hawley followed on to look after his wagon, team and driver. His wagon was loaded with Yoakley's tobacco, Jno. Hawley putting one box into the wagon, by order of W. P. Hunt, and the next day driven by Hawley himself to Bristol, and under order of Hunt, turned over to the Confederate States authorities—and Hawley returned home with his wagon and team. The proof showed that John Hawley went along to take care of his wagon and team, as did Crawford, Fain and others, whose wagons and teams were impressed by the same parties, and for the same purpose.

There was no proof connecting Jno. Hawley with the taking, beyond that above stated. He was a private in the Home Guards at the time, and all the other defendants were in the Cofederate service.

The proof showed that Hunt went to Yoakley's, acting under the order above mentioned. The order itself was produced on the trial, identified by Col. Terry, who stated that he issued it—that the tobacco was taken, carried to Bristol, turned over to C. S. authorities, and destroyed in December following, by Stoneman's Raid.

Jno Hawley was *the* responsible defendant—and strange to say the Jury returned a verdict, acquitting Bowery, Galloway and Wolfe, who were along with Hurt all the time, but finding Jno Hawley guilty, and assessed damages against him for $4900.

This can only be accounted for, upon the hypothesis that the war is still progressing in Washington County Tenn., and they are operating upon the Andy Johnson-Brownlow programme of "making treason odious and impoverishing rebels"

The case had been twice removed from Sullivan to Carter County by change of venue and last to Washington County where it was finally tried.

St. John, Logan and Kirkpatrick, represented plaintiff, and F. W. Earnest, Deaderick and York, the defts.—Case was taken to Court of Appeals.

Gov. Washburn, has been elected Senator from Mass., *vice* Sumner deceased.

THE notorious Albert Fortune has again escaped from the Penitentiary.

Gold 1-13½.

FROM OUR EXCHANGE TABLE.

ATHENS, TENN.—*Post.*—The wheat in McMinn and Monroe is heading and the people are carrying the largest ones to the *Post* office for Bro. Ivins to look at. He says they are short but good and very plenty.

Philadelphia does not mean to allow Sweetwater to get the Tellico Narrow Guage R. R. if she can help it.

LEE CO.—*Sentinel.*—An average crop of fruit is promised, notwithstanding the late frosts and freezes.

An Iron Forge has been started on North Fork, 8½ miles northeast of Jonesville. Wm. Pennington is the proprietor.

WYTHEVILLE.—*Enterprise.*—The Town Hall has been let to contract. It will be 50x75, two stories. Mr. James Fields gets the contract.

MORRISTOWN.—*Spy.*—W. G. Pryde, the Memphis policeman who recently, while on night duty, shot and killed John Gazallo, a well known grocer while engaged in burglary, was formerly a citizen of Morristown.

The colored people of Morristown have held a convention and appointed delegates, favorable to Butler, to the Bull's Gap Convention, which meets the 1st of May.

On the 15th Rev. W. H. Smith, at Newport, united in matrimony Mr. Sam'l Jack and Miss Robinson. We presume Miss R became Mrs. Jack quicker than one could say Jack Robinson.

The *Spy* thinks Gillenwaters will beat Butler 8,000 votes, but then this is not the first Spy that deserved hanging for having made extravagant calculations which did not pan out

A writer in the *Spy* signing himself "A Soldier of the late War" says "they say he can skin Butler's moccasins.' As to how East Tennesseeans "skin moccasins" we are not informed.

PEARISBURG.—*Gazette.*—Mr. E. T. Mahood has removed to Princeton, W. Va., where he will practice law.

The Pearisburg Comedy Troupe is playing at Princeton.

The fruit crop promises favorably, and Giles is a remarkably fine fruit county.

The State Press On Gov. Kemper's Letter.

The Richmond WHIG speaks in exalted terms of the letter of Gov. Kemper in reply to the Abingdon resolutions.

The Petersburg NEWS uses the following temperate and dispassionate language touching it:

The letter we publish this morning from Gov. Kemper upon the political status of parties and events, will of course be read with attention by those who take a special interest in such matters, as intelligent readers generally do. The Governor says much that is very good, and much that we take pleasure in heartily commending, but we entirely dissent from him when he says that there has been no change since the war in the rights of the States and the liberties of the people. We consider that the three last amendments to the federal constitution, acquired by co-ercion, destroyed the fundamental principles upon which this government was formed, and that the rights of the State and the people now, as contrasted with those guaranteed in the original constitution, are no more alike than is a pure African negro compared with a pure white man. The great founders of the government, if now living, would never recognize such an instrument as their offspring, nor sanctiond it either, except, as we do, from necessity.

The present is not the government of our fathers, and the Hamiltonian and not the Jeffersonian creed of "State rights" now prevails. Still, we agree with Gov. Kemper that the situation is one which we have accepted, and though we accepted it under compulsion, it is nevertheless a situation by which we are compelled to abide in good faith, however distasteful it may be to our views and feelings concerning the proper government of the country. The past is gone; the present and the future must be worked out with all the wisdom and prudence we can command. Principles, not, men, should govern.

But this is no time to discuss questions that are calculated to impair the harmony of our party, and upon which the best of men may differ without subjecting their motives, or fidelity to the best interests of the state and party to suspicion. We are not extremists of either class and stand, and always have stood, where Gov. Kemper says the great mass of our people stand, the antipodes of all extremes.

The INDEX & APPEAL cuts loose, after the following wild and disorganizing style, which the people of Washington have disapproved of and which will find a feeble echo elsewhere.

But it needless to answer rigmarole with reason. When EPHRAIM joins his idols, neither expostulation nor vituperation nor prayers nor tears nor anything else can reform him. Let him alone! Governor KEMPER has crossed the Rubicon. He has left Conservatism behind. He would remand Southside Virginia to a hopeless enslavement to the negroes. He belongs now to our enemies, and not to the catagory of our friends and allies. He has chosen his way and we say let him gang his gait. Every utterance he has made since his election shows how far and fast he has strayed from the true doctrine, in the faith and fear of which he should rather have died. He seems to have been fatally bitten by the ambition of Presidential or Vice-Presidential honors which has betrayed to ridiculous failure so many Southern politicians. We have heretofore resented the deep wrong done by him to Petersburg; we mourn now the injury he would fain inflict on the State. But while in the former instance his veto sufficed, the people will in turn veto *his* proposition when he tries to betray them to the authors and the architects of their ruin. All honor be to Governor KEMPER'S record in the war! All the more blame and shame to the policy of compromise and surrender which now seems likely to link his name with that of such Confederates as LONGSTREET?

The DISPATCH is always cool and generally wise. Here is what it says:

Governor Kemper's Letter.

We publish this morning Governor KEMPER'S letter to Mr. I. C. FOWLER, of Washington county.

We must frankly say that while our faith in the public devotion and high and honorable character of Governor KEMPER is in no wise abated we cannot concur in all that is in this letter. We believe that the civil war *has* destroyed rights of the States, and that wrongs have been inflicted upon the States in which they formally acquiesced under duress In short, that the bayonet has in time of peace overridden the public will and forcibly established what would not have been allowed to exist if left to the public election.

We are faithfully devoted to the Conservative party and the principles of that party as interpreted by the Governor in speaking of one article of the platform, when he "declares our allegiance to principle and our desire to do exact justice as between ourselves and all others, by cultivating harmonious relations with the common [or general] government, and by going precisely so far and no farther in that direction than our plainly avowed principles will let us go."

But, loathing the whole policy of reconstruction, we are unwilling to have a coerced submission interpreted into the consent of a free people. Nor can we look forward with any expectation or hope that the social system created by the Federal Government in the South is susceptible of final assimilation and peace. We do not suppose that Governor KEMPER does; but we cannot sympathize with the full emphasis given in his letter to points that might lead to the inference that he does.

But we do not mean to discuss these questions, There is no need for their discussion in the Conservative party. And we hope, as the Governor is thoroughly vindicated upon the subject of the veto, that the whole matter is now ended.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

EXPLODED.

The Van Auken Report Punctured—The A. M. & O. R. R. Co., Endorsed.

We clip the following from the proceeding of the House of Delegates on last Wednesday.

Report on Charges against the A. M. & O. R. R.

The special committee appointed to investigate the charges and allegations made in the minority report of the Committee on Roads, made March 20th, against the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroad in connection with the extension of that road to Cumberland Gap, submitted the following report:

Resolved, That nothing has been discovered in the management of the affairs of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company or the condition of its accounts to sustain any injurious allegations in reference thereto, and it appears from the reports of said company that the funds realized from the sale of their first mortgage bonds have been applied to the improvement and repair of the line in accordance with their construction of the terms of the charter granted in June, 1870.

And old Carter county citizen judges of which of two gum trees in his yard blooms first. This year he says the wrong tree has bloomed first and there will not be a good crop.

Then we presume he gums it up!

The Substitute for Mr. Sumner's Civil Rights bill reported by the Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, provides that all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States shall be entitled to full and equal enjoyment of inns, public conveyances on land or water, theatres and other places of public amusement, and also of common schools and public institutions of learning or benevolence, supported, in whole or in a part, by general taxation; and of cemeteries so supported, subject only to the conditions and limtitations established by law and applicable alike to citizens of every race and color, regardless of any previous condition of servitude. Any person denying to any citizen and privileges conferred by the bill shall pay $500 to the person aggrieved, and shall also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than $1,000 or be imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than one year. The District and Circut Courts of the United States are given, exclusive of the courts of the several States, cognizance of all offences against the bill, and actions may be prosecuted in any United States Court wherever the defendant may be found, without regard to the party. Any District Attorney who shall wilfully fail to institute and prosecute the proceedings required shall, for every such offence.

The Case of Rev. Dr. Huston.

It may not be generally known that the case of Rev. Dr. Huston, formerly of Baltimore, convicted of grossly immoral conduct and unanimously expelled from the Baltimore Conference, will come up again at the general conference in Louisville, in May. The Baltimore Conference of M. E. Church, South, when the trial came up, assigned Rev. Dr. S. S. Roszell, now of Stauton, Va., as the counsel for the accused. After the verdict, Dr. Roszell, not thinking the evidence justified it, appealed the case for his client to the highest church tribunal—the General Conference—and it will be heard there at the approaching session. Having taken the case up, Dr. Roszell will, we presume, still be the counsel in the case.—[Stauton Vindicator.

First Opinion of Chief Justice Waite—Decision of Bank Suits, Etc.

Washington D. C., April 13.—The Chief Justice delivered his first opinion on the bench of the supreme Court to-day, in a case from Illinois touching the right of the State to tax non-resident national bank shareholders at the residence of the bank. The members of the bar who heard it, and his brethern on the bench speak of it in eulogistic terms. Hon. Reverdy Johnson is complimentary in his remarks both as to the merits of the opinion and manner of delivery. The chief justice delivered his first formal opinion considerably earlier than the late chief justice did.

Loudon and Monroe.

Col. W. J. Fowler is prominently spoken of as the Conservative candidate to represent Monroe and Loudon counties in the popular branch of the next General Assembly. We believe that Fioterial district sent a Republican to the last Legislature, Col. F., who is one of the most intelligent and prosperous farmers of his section, will make an excellent Representative.—*Athens Post.*

Commissioners' Sale of VALUABLE REAL ESTATE!

PURSUANT to a decree made and entered in the Circuit Court of Washington county, Virginia, at the special term of the January Court 1874, in the case of Sheffey & Gilmore, Com'rs. vs Chas C. Campbell, we will offer for sale at public outcry at the Court House door in Abingdon, on the first day of the April term, 1874 of the County Court of said county, the property known as

HICKMAN'S FALLS,

situated on the South Fork of Holston River in said County, and containing 145 acres, upon which is a dwelling and other outhouses, together with a Saw and Grist Mill—The Saw Mill in running order. This property is considered the most valuable water-power in South West Va., with some improvements.

Also, by authority of said decree we will also offer for sale

ON THE 25th DAY OF APRIL 1874,

on the premises, in the Town of Goodson, at public auction, the following property, to-wit:

EIGHT VACANT LOTS

fronting on Main Street, containing ¼ acre each, running back to an alley.

And one vacant lot fronting on Virginia Street, containing one quarter, more or less.

TERMS:

Cash in hand sufficient to pay cost of suit and expenses of sale. The remainder in equal installments of one, two and three years, with interest from day of sale, with good security and a lien retained upon the property until all the purchase money is paid.

U. L. YORK, D. F. BAILEY, } Commissioners.

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Market Reports.

BRISTOL PRICES CURRENT.

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Apples, Dried	7@10
Bacon, ℔ pound, new	12 10
Beef, retail of butcher,	5@6
Butter "	30
Beeswax	50
Candles, common,	15
Adamantine,	25
Chickens, live	2 to25
Coffee, Rio, ℔lb	35 37
Cotton Yarns,	160@175
Corn, per bushel,	60
" Meal, per bushel,	65to75
Cement, James River, ℔ bbl	4 55
Eggs, per dozen,	10
Flax Seed	110
Flour, ℔ sack	3 50@4 00
Feathers ℔lb	50@55
Ginseng	75 to 90
Iron, bar, ℔ lb	4@5
" rod and band, ℔lb	7a8
" tire, "	5
" scrap, "	10
Lard, "	11 12
Leather, sole, "	33a44
" upper, "	60a70
Lead ℔ bar	8@10
Molasses "	50a1 00
Nails, "	8a10
Oats, ℔ bushel	40
Peaches, Dried	7a12
Powder, rifle, "	4
Rye, "	6
Rags, "	2½
Rice, "	11 to 12
Salt, Virginia, per sack,	250
" Liverpool, " "	4 25
Soda, "	10
Shot, "	12a15
Snake Root, Virginia, "	10
Seneca " "	40
Sugar, brown, per lb	10a14
" refined, " " A, B, C,	15 16, 18
" crushed and granulated, "	18
Tallow, per lb	10a12
Tow Linen, "	16a20
Wheat, per bushel,	1 50to 130
Wool, washed, "	35a50
Honey, per,	10 to 12½ to quality.

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