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THE latest from Washington indicates that the chances of JOE BLACKBURN for Speaker of the House are daily growing more favorable.

THE election in Maine resulted in the election of a Republican Governor by a majority of about 8,000, or half the Republican majority of last year.

HON. STANLEY MATTHEWS and Hon. Warren Bateman were billed to show at Washington Court-house, Ohio, by way of paying for political preferment, but not more than a hundred people went to hear them, which shows that the Republicans are not liable to turn Ohio over and let it fall on Kentucky.

THE present canvass in Ohio will be looked upon with more interest by the people of the country than any that has transpired in that State for Governor for many years, as the question of the future financial policy of the Government will be determined by it.

IT is thought that the meeting of the bankers in New York will be in the interest of SHERMAN'S resumption policy. It is understood that he is in correspondence with several of the bankers who will be present to advocate his policy. The banks have an interest of over $20,000,000 involved in the way of annuity from the United States, in addition to being furnished ninety per cent. of their capital for nothing.

SEVERAL memorials will be presented to the next Congress asking the abolition of the office of President of the United States, and vesting that power in an Executive Council, Council of State, or Cabinet, to be composed of seven Secretaries, without any superior one—to be a kind of a permanent Electoral Commission—four to be elected by the House and three by the Senate, from their members, for two years, one or all to be recalled at any time by the House electing them, and all to have the rights of membership in both Houses. We nominate JOE BRADLEY.

NOTHING escapes the vigilance of a live sewing machine agent. A Wheeler & Wilson agent in Arkansas has issued a circular to country postmasters agreeing to take his pay in postage stamps. The country postmasters are compensated in stamps by the number they sell, while postmasters in cities receive a salary. So that if business men in cities trade with country postmasters and take postage stamps in payment, the postmasters get credit for selling stamps which otherwise would be bought at the city office, and the credit which the government gives the country postmasters is that much money given away. There is a defect in the postal laws which allows this.

SOME of the negroes of Columbus have thrown off the yoke of Radicalism and joined the Democratic party and organized a Bishop club. At a meeting of the club the colored brethren adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, In our opinion, the so called Republican party does not recognize equal rights to the black race, and ought from the facts to be called the aristocratic party, because jealousy and hatred is the spirit and embodiment of that party; therefore,

Resolved, That the Democratic party is the only one that recognizes equal rights to all mankind, regardless of color or condition, and that we will by honorable means work for the good of our race and the Democratic party this fall, to secure the election of the nominees of that party to office by the use of the ballot box in this State.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to Honorable John G. Thompson, Chairman of the Democratic Committee, for valuable services rendered us in organizing our Club.

We have received an invitation to be present at the reception to be given President Hayes and wife by the citizens of Louisville on Monday next. The reception will be a grand one, but will have no political significance. It is to be an ovation of the citizens of Louisville to the Chief Magistrate of the country. Forgetting, for the time being, the manner of his induction, they will, no doubt, do Mr. HAYES great honor, and will settle their grievances at the polls.

The invitations are printed on large sized vellum paper, folded in and sealed with sealing wax, and addressed on the outside of the fold. The text is as follows: "You are invited to attend a reception to be given the President and Mrs. Hayes by the citizens of Louisville, at the Galt House, Monday evening, September 17, at 9 o'clock, 1877."

The Speakership of the Next House.

Various speculations have been indulged in as to who be the Next Speaker of the National House of Representatives. The Washington Star says that there has been a good deal of idle speculation indulged in concerning the Speakership of the next House, and the possibilities of each candidate who aims to preside over it. "Speculation," we say, because no one, even the candidates themselves, can assume to say how the votes of the new members who come into the Forty-fifth Congress will be given. Those of the candidates, and out of which a possible selection will be made, are Sayler, Randall and Cox. Then there are hosts of small fryers who have no honest belief that they can be elected, but who want to inject their candidacy into the canvass with the hope that they may thus successfully make a good trade in the way of Committee Chairmanships. In the Kerr-Randall contest it reached the acme of degradation, inasmuch as Kerr had to name the Pacific Railroad Committee in advance of his election to save the influence of a powerful corporation, and Randall, in turn, agreed to appoint five different members Chairman of the Committee on Mississippi Levees. At the present writing it is impossible to predict who will gain the gavel. Randall has that prestige of success which his acceptable filling of the chair last winter gave him, but he has to contend with the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and it is safe to say he will be antagonized by that interest, inasmuch as he has never yet cast a vote in its favor. Sayler will have to sufficiently explain the letter he wrote concerning Southern claims during the last canvass, and Cox will have to dodge cleverly the financial issue to get votes West or South. Hence it is that all candidates will come here about evenly balanced, and the winning man will be the one who can stir up the greatest enthusiasm here on the ground, and make deluded human nature believe in his promises."

The Five Great Needs of the Country.

1. Repeal of the Resumption Act.
2. Remonetization of silver.
3. Enough circulating medium to carry on the business of the country.
4. Abolition of the national banks.
5. Let the general government issue gold, silver and greenbacks, and make them legal tender in any sum, and receivable for customs.

The Resumption Act should be repealed because it is a hindrance to resumption. It is a question whether we will be any better off after we have resumed. Silver should be remonetized, because if it is not it is almost worthless as money, as it is not legal tender for any sum larger than five dollars. Silver is not worth as much at present as greenbacks. We should have enough circulating medium on which to do business, because if we do not people will do business on paper. If a man cannot get money he will give his note. That is very natural. The national banks should be abolished because they are nothing short of a middle man between the government and the people. The money should be issued directly from the government, and let the bankers make the best of it, as the balance of us are compelled to do.

A dispatch from Salt Lake says the Mormon Church publishes a circular saying that September the 4th they held a meeting, waited upon the Lord, who blessed them, and who revealed to them the steps they should take. John Taylor, senior apostle, acting President, was unanimously sustained in that position. Also that a quorum of the twelve apostles should exercise the authority of the Church.

THE bankers of the country met in New York on the 12th. They also complain of oppressive taxation on the banks, and are going to petition Congress for relief. While the people are petitioning for relief from the banks, the banks are asking relief from the government. And so it goes. Nothing is exempt from the excrutiating business pressure.

THE news from California indicate that in the recent election the Democrats have elected ten Senators and fifty-seven Assemblymen. The Republicans elect ten Senators and twenty three Assemblymen, including holdovers. The Democrats will have thirty-eight majority on joint ballot, which will enable them to elect the United States Senator.

THE beer drinkers of Cincinnati have struck for a reduction in the price of beer. They claim that beer can be made and sold at three cents a glass with a good profit, and they propose to swear off from drinking beer till the saloon keepers reduce the price.

NILES G. PARKER, ex State Treasurer of South Carolina, has made a confession in which he implicates ex-Governors CHAMBERLAIN, MOSES and SCOTT, United States Senator PATTERSON, and other members of the ring who advocated the preservation of this Union, the enfranchisement of the negro, the inauguration of CHAMBERLAIN as Governor of South Carolina, and also kept all the money they got from the people for taxes. PARKER frankly acknowledges his own guilt in all this, since it appears by his statement that most of the stolen moneys were paid out by him in his official capacity. He is now under indictment. He professes sorrow for his crimes, and his readiness to go to South Carolina for trial. His statement, if substantiated, will confirm the formal charges against PATTERSON, and doubtless lead to the indictment of CHAMBERLAIN.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A Card.

CARLISLE, KY., September 10, '77.

To the Editors of the Mercury:

There appears to be a great stir and a petition in circulation requesting a certain person to become a candidate for the office of County Judge. I would say to the voters of Nicholas County not to pledge themselves, for I expect to be a candidate for said office in due time. Give me a fair count. J. M. CHEVIS.

The Parker-Page Murder—A Card from Wm. Parker.

CARLISLE, KY., August 12, 1877.

I think it my duty to say a few words concerning the Page murder. First, the murder of Page was unexpected to me. I had no intention of killing Page. When I first made the breach on Page my idea was to whip him, if I could, and I knew him to be a good man, and I knew that I had to take the start of him. When I threw the first rock at him he jumped off his horse and said that he would take it back; then run and I followed him. There was not another word spoken either by Page or myself; he never holloed "murder" nor "enough," as the witnesses stated on oath. When he crossed the branch he commenced pulling his coat and I jumped across on the same side, picked up a rock and threw it at him, and I saw him fall. I walked off immediately and left him.

That is as much as any man could swear to if he intended to tell the truth. I sat and listened to Obediah Shanks and Joseph Purcell swear till it almost chilled the blood in my veins. The Gay boys and Oscar Arnett told the whole affair as nearly true as they could. L. S. Rogers and 'Dolph Brooks swore the truth. Geo. Buckler swore falsely. That every one can plainly see if they will go to the Blue Licks and stand half of the distance between the Tabb's bar and the pike; that George could not stand there and see me pass up the road and by the cooper shop. All he said about it he made as he went. These men that I speak of are worse murderers than I am. They have been eighteen months premeditating this thing to have me hung. My case came on me all in a minute. All such men should be sent to the State prison for a good long term. Oscar Arnett did not testify in this court, but he did on my examining trial and stated the fact.

I have nothing more to say about the hard swearing that was done. I can say that the jury was very easy on me, considering the hard testimony. The jury are a set of nice gentlemen, and I thank them very much. There is no one regrets the death of Page half as much as I do. I lost my wife in a very short time after the death of Page, and I don't know which hurts me the worst. As I am the cause of the death of Page, he is in my mind the last think that I think of when I go to bed and the first thing I think of when I get up in the morning.

I have one man to blame, which you all know by the name of James Eubanks. He told me a lot of stuff on this young man—a great deal more than he swore to. He is the whole cause of the death of his nephew, and when I called on him on oath he went back on every word he told me. All such men are dangerous, and they require a great deal of watching. I am afraid of all such men. I have no more to say only I am glad that the trial is over, and that it is no worse than it is. I am tired of laying round in the old dirty jails, among the dirt and lice. WM. H. PARKER.

A Warning to Democrats.

Several petitions are now in circulation calling on I. M. Chism to become a candidate for the office of County Judge, and pledging to him the "undivided support" of the petitioners. The petition states that Mr. Chism is honest, capable and an unswerving Democrat. I agree to all that. But I object to the language of the petition, because it is in fact, as it was intended to be, a secret attack upon the present County Judge. It implies that he is not honest nor an unwavering Democrat. That mode of attack and those charges originated with those who boast of their Democracy in order to use the party to subserve their own selfish ends.

It is yet eleven months till the election. The object in circulating this petition is to forestall the sentiment of the party. Democrats are to be taken unaware and entrapped into signing a petition and pledging themselves in advance, so that when they go into a primary election or convention they will be handcuffed and gagged—they will have no liberty—no freedom of choice. Those who got up the petitions will be their masters and will compel them to do their bidding. It savors too strongly of the Know-Nothing trick of hiding in the log to be Democratic. It is not Democratic, because it takes the power from the masses and lodges it in the hands of a clique. It makes the many servants to the few. It is an artful, insinuating and unmanly way of getting people committed to that which they really do not approve. It is contrary to the long established usages and customs of the party. It is calculated to vitiate Democratic sentiment and demoralize and divide the party.

Democrats had better stop and consider before they tie their hands and part with their liberty as members of the party. A great number of Democrats to whom the petition has been presented have refused to sign it, and a number who have signed it are regretting the rash step they have taken. If Democrats will reflect seriously as to the consequences of such an act, they will not suffer themselves to be thus ensnared. This article is not to be construed as a reflection in any way upon Mr. Chism. JUSTICE.

Love and Courtship.

Time whirls us along down the declivity of life with the velocity of a locomotive. We do not indorse, but regret and condemn as a monstrous absurdity the hypocritical forms and conventionalities of this etiquettish world. There is a warm corner even in the coldest heart, and somebody, if that somebody can be found, was made expressly to fill it. Thousands of both sexes live and die unmarried simply for want of a proper introduction to one another. There is not a man or woman of any age who might not find a suitable partner if they were allowed to use the proper means—means that nature bequeathes us in the form of reason and intelligence. The fact is, the affections are smothered, choked down, subdued and paralyzed by the cold forms and conventionalities of etiquette. Society attaches a ball and chain to the naturally warm feelings of the human heart. The fair young girl, with her bosom running over with pure love for a worthy object, must take as much pains to conceal the fact as if it were a sin; a sin as poisonous as the fangs of the Egyptian asp.

Heaven planted within the human heart that tender passion and bade us "love one another," and declared that love is strong as death. Then, is it generous, is it just? Is this natural? It is artificial. Why should so many happy marriages be prevented by chilling rules and penalties? Nature is not starchy and proud; she is modest.

Look at the birds. There are no old bachelors or old maids among them. The hearts that flutter under their little feathered jackets follow the instincts of love, and they take to billing and cooing without the slightest idea that courtship should be a mere formal affair. Why should there be forlorn bachelors and disappointed old maids and lonely widows and widowers among the unfeathered any more than the feathered bipeds?

We like the courtship of father Adam. He fell asleep a bachelor and awoke and found himself a married man. He appeared to have popped the question almost immediately on meeting Mademoiselle Eve, and as nice young men were a little scarce, Eve thought it was the best she could do, and without much flirtation or conventionism she gave him her hand and a kiss—a long lank kiss—a kiss of love and gentlest beauty. All concentrated into on focus, kindled from love. We again assert that oceans of happiness is lost to both sexes every year, simply because parties who wish to be married are not permitted by "etiquette" to make the fact known. These four unfortunates might very properly say to the happy conventional married folks, as the frogs say to the boys who were pelting them with stones: "This may be fun for you but it is death to us." *M. Ander.* N. H.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

MILLERSBURG.

J. W. Bowen, of Millersburg Mills, is quite sick.

Dr. A. G. Stitt was elected as a delegate to the General Conference.

The Female College opens with thirty four boarders and 110 pupils. These numbers will be largely increased after Conference.

J. G. Smedley is back from New York, and has a large stock of Foreign and Domestic dry goods coming in, which have been bought at very low figures and he proposes to dispose of them the same way.

The Flemings have returned from Fox Springs, and we hope to be able to report the Fleming House open next week with a large lot of boarders.

Miss Mollie Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. James, R. B. Champ (Grape Vine) are among those who have left to attend the Germantown fair.

The Metropolitan Olympiad Circus had very fair audiences and left very favorably impressed with our city. The managers were well known to several of citizens as good business men and gentlemen. BLUE GRASS.

MT. OLIVET.

DIED.

MANN—On the 6th inst., of inflammatory rheumatism, S. Mann, son of Elias Mann, aged sixteen years.

MARRIED.

MOORE—OGDEN—At the M. E. Church, in this place, on the morning of the 6th, Charles Moore to Mrs. Ogden, by Rev. Thos. Rigg. The morning was disagreeable, but did not keep the crowd away who were eager to see the young pair (?) joined. Their ages are about fifty and sixty. Mr. Moore lives at the mouth of Johnston creek, and is proprietor of the Moore Hotel at that place. Mrs. Ogden was the widow of the late Ogden, and was a fine looking widow, but as fate has caused her to take More, may they finish the journey of life in peace.

The circus passed off quietly with the exception of one disturbance, which took place in the tent between A. Owens and B. Ballenger, the latter being on the Police force, and in trying to keep order, was cut in the abdomen by Owens. The wound is not thought to be dangerous. The trial will be held next Friday, so Buck, keep down the windows.

Saturday evening a pleasant little crowd met at the Paul House and proposed a hop, which was no sooner suggested than opened—lasting seven hours, and turned out to be a grand success. The popular landlady, Mrs. Word, left nothing undone which would add to the comfort of her guests. Misses Cumber, of Bourbon, and Miss Jennie Lee, of Maysville, composed the list of foreign belles. BINO.

PARIS.

[From the Faithful Kentuckian.]

John Adams, of Clark county, lost a fine bull weighing about 2,000 pounds. He fell from one of the cliffs on Dry Fork, from the effects of which he died.

B. B. Groom and son are now in Ohio with their Short-horns sweeping prizes.

Watt. M. Gay sold to P. T. Barnum, of New York City, a pair of horses for $1,500.

Mr. Alex. McClintock sold at auction Monday in this city, seven rams (Cotswolds) just imported from Canada for $430.50, ranging from $15 to $100. All bought in Bourbon except one for $65 to Grey and Craig, of Harrison. One to Jeff. T. Vimont, of Millersburg, at $100.

Jesse Turney bought of Amos Turney's, deceased, estate 350 acres of the best land in Bourbon county. Price $80 cash. He now owns more than 500 acres of unsurpassed blue-grass, most of which he has made by farming and trading.

Mr Roberts, of North Middletown, was in this city last Thursday with samples of coal oil discovered near that place. We understand he left for Cincinnati to make arrangements for machinery for working the wells. If Mr. Roberts is successful, and the oil is as abundant as thought, this illuminating fluid will be cheapened in this section.

A wheel of fortune turner showed our Fair officers $1,000 which he offered for the privilege of running his wheel during the Fair. He was refused, and told that he could not run it for $5,000 or any other sum. On this wheel you invest 25c and stand a chance of winning $2.50, and yet you may bet $13 or more at 25c a bet and never win. We noticed a man thus bet $13 and never win. The owner of the wheel makes 50c each full turn, and often turns for hours as fast as the money can be paid to him, thus showing he can well afford to offer $1,000 for the privilege.

ELIZAVILLE.

Miss Emma Vansant, of this place, is visiting relatives among the "Hoosiers," accompanied by friends there who have been visiting here for several weeks.

Miss Nannie Pittinger has returned from a visit among the mountain districts of Lewis County, where she has been rusticating for a few days. She reports the Lewis Camp Meeting lively, as all old fashioned Methodist meetings are. She returned by way of Concord, and by so doing, saw considerable of the county. RIGGS & REMUS.

BETHEL.

Warm days and cold nights remind one of their last year's stock of quinine.

The hog cholera still prevails to an alarming extent, and our farmers are beginning to feel some anxiety about their winter's meat.

Thos. Arnett, who resides two miles from town, has erected a nice farm dwelling, which adds very much to appearances.

The grand jury is at present in session, and the boys are looking a "little out mit themselves."

The firm of H. B. & J. M. Beck have been doing a good business in shipping plums.

Miss Annie Wightman, who has been visiting in Mt. Carmel for the last few weeks, has returned. We welcome her again to our midst with pleasure.

Baird & Cracraft have shipped from this point about 1,500 bushels of wheat, besides the other firms which have bought rather extensively.

We must admit we feel somewhat slighted that yearly the circuses pass us. It must be because our town is too small or the circus too large. Yet we live in hopes.

It has been the custom of traveling men in the past to run to our town and transact their business and then go to Sharpsburg or Owingsville for hotel entertainment; at present we feel confident in saying they cannot better themselves than by remaining over. Our hotel has been refitted, and is now under the superior charge and management of Mrs. Ella Patrick. Persons wishing entertainment will find every convenience necessary to comfort, good lodging and sumptuous repasts.

Wesley Whaley, who went into bankruptcy some time since, had a sale Tuesday last, selling his personal property. He expects to start West in a few days to view the country, thinking he will move there, if suited.

The Southern Presbyterians held their Annual Presbytery at Workman's Chapel, commencing to-day.

Mrs. Martha Cannon, who lost her eyesight about five years ago was taken to Lexington a few days ago to have them operated on. They operated on one, but thought the chances were against her to ever regain her sight. The citizens very kindly appropriated money enough to defray her expenses.

MARRIED.

PETERS—LACY—At Owingsville, on Wednesday, September 5, in the Methodist Church, Mr. N. A. Peters, of Bethel, to Miss Wattie Lacy. The happy pair took their immediate departure for Cincinnati, O., amid the good wishes and hearty congratulations of many friends.

Two more hearts made as one,
A new and serious life begun.
May success their efforts crown,
Peace, joy and love abound.

DON QUIXOTE.

Sheriff Coffin, Perry Bechtel and Gus Levering, *alias* Charlie Ross returned from Philadelphia. Bechtel, the original discoverer of the boy, has not given up the case by any means yet, and still intends to give it a most searching investigation. His faith as well as that of the masses of the people, that the boy is Charlie Ross is still unshaken.

The remains of four victims of the piano factory disaster in New York were discovered last Saturday. Two others are still missing.

The Trade Palace!

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