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THURSDAY.....SEPT., 20, 1877.

Some Statistics Brought to the Front by a Member of the Cattle Board.

One of the growing evils of this country is the vast number of worth less dogs that are depending on our tax riddenpeople for their daily bread and meat. They have practically become a burden and a nuisance. Our towns and cities are fairly infested with them, and the country is a vast infirmary for dogs, as it were. They are a worthless and ravenous species of consumers, and when we come to look at the facts and figures we will find that they are an extravagant luxury. The number of sheep killed in this country by dogs are numbered by the tens of thousands and represent a class of property as good as gold. To illustrate the matter more positively and tangibly we desire to go down to-day we produce the statistics of Nicholas County for the last seven years. We would like to be able to present the State statistics, but they have not been printed for last year, and we will therefore give only those of the county.

The following table shows the number of dogs over two to each person for which the law allowed that have been given to the assessor in the parts named, and also the number of sheep killed by dogs and the value of the same for that year:

Year	Number of Dogs	Number of Sheep Killed	Value of Sheep Killed
1871	1	1	$ 2
1872	1	1	2
1873	1	1	2
1874	1	1	2
1875	1	1	2
1876	1	1	2
Total	1,000	6,000	$12,000

By the above table it will be seen that the county has realized in seven years by tax on dogs the sum of thirty dollars, while it has lost on sheep killed by dogs in the same period the enormous sum of $6,983; or, for every dog on which we have paid a tax, each of the county have paid in sheep $172.26. All the dogs in the State are not worthless.

The matter deserves the serious attention of the people and the law makers. We cannot afford to make such sacrifices to feed a horde of blood-sucking curs and their long-eared hounds that are not worth their weight in clips. We affirm that they are not even a necessary evil. They are not essential to the welfare of the human breast at night, as is commonly supposed, and we would very well afford to do without them.

There should be a law enacted holding the owner of dogs responsible for their nocturnal depredations. If sheep raisers could make dog-owners pecuniarily liable for their losses, the practice would soon grow less. The negro is living in a country well calculated to found in possession of predatory canines that live at the cost of their master's lamb. There seems to be a bond of fellow-ship, existing between the negro and the dog that should be severed.

Occasionally we find dogs that are valuable, but the cases are so rare that they are scarcely an item in comparison with the stupendous and sleepy murdering night prowlers that infest the land. Accordingly we desire to be a part of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Georgia, the number of sheep killed by dogs during the past twelve months was eight and one-half per cent. of the whole, while those dying from all other causes, as by cold, disease, etc., was but five per cent. This enormous loss of sheep killed by dogs in the State is not less than seventy thousand dollars, and while it costs no more to produce a pound of wool than a pound of cotton, the wool sells for three times the price of the cotton. The sale hundred thousand dogs in the State, says the Commissioner, consume and destroy food either already fit for human use or suitable for feeding to productive animals, to an amount which, estimated in bacon, would supply, perhaps, fifty thousand laboring men. Perhaps one-fourth, or even one-half of these dogs, are more or less valuable and profitable. The remainder are a curse and a burden. Certainly these considerations merit the careful attention of our legislators.

The dog has had his day. He is no longer in demand by the agriculturist as our hills and forests have long since been deserted of all game that is worth hunting. As a watchdog, watcher he is a failure, as he generally turns up in your room or barn at night, instead of seeking what he may devour. As a play thing in towns and cities he may be tolerated, but he can screen his propensity to howl all night, or his liability to communicate hydrophobia. What shall we do with our dogs?

As the fall elections approach, the Republican papers all note somewhat noticeable signs of revival of trade.

JOSEPH T. THOMPSON, for forty years a merchant of Louisville, died in that city on Sunday.

HENRY M. STANLEY, the African explorer, has been heard from again, after six months of suspense. He has succeeded in crossing the Dark Continent, and has arrived at the west coast, after an expedition fraught with many battles and hardships. His route was along the Lualaba river, and was opposed at every step by the hostile cannibal nations, whose mouths he didn't wanted for a free meal from STANLEY'S loins. The average breakfast menu of his party was pointed arrows, and the whole journey is reported to have been a series of battles and skirmishes, during which he lost his last white assistant.

It is said that if our planet was as close to the sun as Mars, everything would be scorched as quick as a feather placed in a red-hot stove. Mars was viewed by a Rhode Island astronomer the other day, and we have the pleasing announcement to make that snow-clad hills and valleys were plainly visible. What a wonderful thing is science.

MONDAY, the 3d inst, was the day fixed by law for counting the vote for Treasurer at the late August election. No return was received from Harlan county, and the votes of Magoffin and Elliott were rejected for informality in the certificate. Tate's official majority is 26,106.

The Cynthiana Democrat cries down the honor to the President by the Democracy of Louisville, and says: "For the sake of the honored old Commonwealth of Kentucky, we sincerely hope that every Democrat upon the committee will resign and leave the Republicans and their allies to do such work." Hayes is a Republican, but because he is a man and has a record he suits with the lag to hold; not because Mr. HAYES is a Republican, but because he is a man and has a record, and also the number of sheep killed by dogs and the value of the same for that year.

Governor James B. McCreary for United States Senator.

The repeated mention in the news papers of Governor McCREARY as probably the next United States Senator from Kentucky will result in Washington is very gratifying to his friends and to right-men in the his native county. Being in the natural line of promotion to that position, neither is it singular that his name should be so frequently and so prominently spoken of in this connection. We are not sage and that Governor McCREARY is an avowed candidate for Senator, nor do we understand that he intends to make any struggle for the place. His fitness for the position of the people and the law makers. We cannot afford to make such sacrifices to feed a horde of blood-sucking curs and their long-eared hounds that are not worth their weight in clips. We affirm that they are not even a necessary evil. They are not essential to the welfare of the breast at night, as is commonly supposed, and we would very well afford to do without them.

Governor McCREARY was born and reared in Madison county, and at the age of twenty-one he was elected clerk of his chosen profession, the law. Determining to make it his life work, he studied until the beginning of the war, he then took up arms for the South and entered the army as a private and left the field a Major. Returning home at the close of hostilities, he again took up his profession and was in active practice when he was called upon by his people to represent its people in the Legislature of the State. For three years he occupied the position, being twice re-elected. His course during his term of office was so marked that at the beginning of his second he was selected upon to be the Democratic candidate for Speaker. Being again returned by a majority of the House of Representatives that no other officer could be thought of as Speaker, and he was chosen without opposition. His legislative ability and general approbation led to the position that it was almost a matter of course that in 1875 the people should elect him to the executive chair, and he was selected as the Democratic candidate for Governor as one of the largest and most intelligent conventions ever held in Kentucky, and over some of the oldest politicians and most popular public men in the State, and it must be a matter of great pride to Governor McCREARY to reflect that he was elected to the exalted post in the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth by the largest majority ever given to any person of the county for any office in the gift of the people.

Save as now in his chair, Governor McCREARY, he is a conservative county and his war administration of State affairs has so impressed the people in different parts of the State of his perfect fitness for Senatorial honors that they will be willing to wait and willing upon him to allow the use of his name. Being so dear to the people at Madison, we can say that his constituents keep him with pride upon his course, and the unanimous endorsement of his efficiency and worth as a public man are regarded by his friends at home with great gratification. They feel satisfied that no worthier or more competent man can be selected for Senator, and they feel flattered with the prospect that when he lays aside the robe of Governor in September, 1879, it will only be to resume public station in the United States Senate in the following December.—Kentucky Register

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

A Russian official bulletin, dated Pawlin, 14th, says: Yesterday (Wednesday) we made no further attacks, but bombarded the Turkish fortifications and the town of Plevna at short range. Toward 4 P. M. the town began to burn, and two explosions were observed within the fortifications. The Turks made little reply to our fire, and destroyed all their effects against our left wing, which threatened their rear.

SHOOTING DOWN FROM MID-HEAVEN.

At this point General Skobeleff re-pulsed five furious attacks, but was finally driven in the evening, after the ninth attack, to evacuate the fortifications which he captured Tuesday. During Wednesday night our troops threatened themselves in their positions.

THE WOUNDED.

From the beginning of the battle up to October 6 wounded among officers 6,000 wounded have been brought to the field hospital. There have been no attacks at other points of the theater of war.

The Grand Vizier has informed Minister Layard that Osman Pasha declines to surrender, and that fighting and wounding 8,000, and capture Plevna to-day or to-morrow before Plevna to-day or to-morrow.

In connection with the foregoing a Constantinople special says reports are in circulation that the whole Russian army had attacked the Plevna fortifications, and had been defeated after fighting, losing over 5,000 men. The Russians are said to be retreating, returning upon Sistova and Turnova and Tirnova. Reinforcements are being sent to Osman Pasha, were ready plentiful rations and ammunition, and are now said to have gone with a large quantity of arms and ammunition.

A correspondent with the Turkish army at Rustchuk sends the following: "The brotherly Manchester merchants of Rustchuk have sent to-day to Osman Pasha, Chief Buckland, of the Turkish army, the following telegram: "Ready for those. The English Vice Consul has also sent a telegram to the effect that he knows that the Turkish army is not to be trusted."

There is a reign of terror from Bucharest to the Danube. All the British channel, resulting in the loss of over one hundred lives. The British ship Avalanche, Captain Williams, from London, September 4, for New Zealand, came in collision with the British ship Forest, Captain Leask, from Leith, in the North Sea, and was sunk. The Forest struck the Avalanche between the main and mizzen masts, nearly cutting her in two. The latter sank immediately. The Forest, though utterly wrecked, kept afloat an hour. The Avalanche had thirty-three passengers—twenty-six saloon, seven ten second class, and twenty third class. Only nine of the first class were saved, and only one of the second class. The Forest had on board 9 of the crew, and 9 of the Avalanche's crew were saved.

DIED.

ROBERTSON.—On the 12th inst, at the home in Shelby county, Ky., Mrs. Maria Robertson, aged sixty-eight years. Mrs. Robertson was a native of Nicholas county, and was well known to all who knew her. She leaves a husband and children to mourn her loss.

IN MEMORIAM

At a regular meeting of Slaughtering Lodge, No 157, held Sept 18, 1877, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

WHEREAS, That is the death of Brother J. W. Hostetter the Lodge suppose a loss in the death of a brother who was as but feebly expressed by any words of ours.

RESOLVED, That we cherish the memory of our departed brother as a worthy member of a Mason and an upright, practical, self-sacrificing citizen, and that we hereby bow ourselves humbly to his loss.

RESOLVED, That we sympathize with the family of our deceased brother, although we are conscious that we cannot assuage their grief.

RESOLVED, That we will, from month to month, wear the usual badge of mourning as a Mason and an upright, practical, self-sacrificing citizen, and that we hereby bow ourselves humbly to his loss.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge and a copy be furnished the family of the deceased brother, and that the papers of Carlisle be requested to publish the same.

WM. T. CARPENTER,
C. R. WITHERS,
H. C. BELL,
Committee.

CARLISLE, KY., Sept. 15, 1877.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty in his wisdom to remove from this death, our worthy Brother, Dr. J. J. Bell, of Bethel Lodge and Bethel Brother among us. We do deeply mourn the loss of a brother who was ever ready to relieve the distress of suffering and for his bereaved wife and children we tender our sympathy.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Brother Bell this Lodge has lost a most worthy member, and a valuable citizen, and that we hereby bow ourselves humbly to his loss.

RESOLVED, That we tender to his bereaved wife and children our sympathy in their affliction, and pray that His Grand Master above may bless the sad bereavement to their spiritual good.

RESOLVED, That we do hereby testify that all things were lovely in the life of our departed brother, and that he died in the fullness of the faith of the Christian.

RESOLVED, That the furniture and paraphernalia of this Lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that the members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased by the Secretary of this Lodge, and published by the Carlisle Mercury.

C. W. WISE,
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