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Importance of our Criminal Court

The question of the continuance of the Criminal Court is one of the first importance to the several counties composing the Fourteenth Judicial District. There is now a bill before our State Legislature for its abolishment. We know not what motive Mr. George T. Halbert, the author of the bill, had in introducing it, or what argument he can produce in its favor, but we do know that the court has accomplished a vast deal of good in this district, judging from its workings in the three terms held in Nicholas County. It is rapidly cleaning up the large docket on which it began at its creation. Under the old system in the Circuit Courts the criminal cases monopolized nearly the whole time allotted to the term, in consequence of which the civil cases and many criminal cases were postponed from term to term and from year to year. When the Criminal Court was established there were 135 cases on the docket in Nicholas County, which have been reduced, in three terms of the court, to about 100. A few more terms would entirely relieve the docket. Similar favorable showings are made in the other counties of the district, though the dockets of all are yet much burdened. We must have the Criminal Court or some other. It is absolutely essential. Mob law has been born of the tardiness of our courts, and such a state of things should not longer continue.

BEN. BUTLER has commenced to relieve that hat of its burdensome load of bricks. He hurled one at Hayes the other day on account of his refusal to keep a promise to appoint one of Butler's friends.

THE "Bank Tax Bill" that has recently passed the House was freely discussed by the people on Monday. We did not hear of a single advocate of the bill, and all concurred in the hope that it would not find enough supporters in the Senate to become a law.

ABOUT twenty venerable members of the Senate were subjects for missionary labor on the part of temperance men on the night the silver bill passed. We have seen no classification of those reported to have been "under the influence," but suppose that party lines were not observed. Murphy spoke next day—Sunday—on the steps of the Capital, but did not allude to the Senatorial jamboree.

BAYARD TAYLOR, appointed Minister to Germany, is a Pennsylvanian, a moderate Republican, and a man qualified for the place by a wide European acquaintance. He is the only American translator of the greatest of German poems—Faust—and is the valued friend of all the literary men of the nation to which he is sent. This appointment is one eminently fit to be made, and is especially creditable to the Administration.

Notice to Candidates

All candidates who are not announced in the Mercury are requested by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to report to the different clerks of election and have their names enrolled on the poll books. This is necessary on account of the multiplicity of aspirants. We have made a special reduction of $2 in the price of announcements and an office that is not worth spending $5 for is not worth having.

THE Indiana Democracy met in Indianapolis on the 20th. Ex-Governor Hendricks was chosen chairman, and ...

... own way in the world and cannot be kept down by the jealousy and petty spite of those who cannot bear to see others honored beyond themselves. We had hoped to see him elected to Congress next fall, but if he prefers this inferior place, he ought to have it without a struggle.—[Clark County Democrat.

WE dropped in on Senator Harding and Representative Thompson last Friday. They are both mortified to realize the fact that no legislation of a general character has yet been accomplished, while the limit of the Constitutional session is at hand. They are in favor of doing something before adjournment and therefore will not be numered among those who, for buncome, will vote in opposition to extending the term. They are solid men, and liberal in their views.

WHILE in Frankfort last week we spent a pleasant hour with Hon. Augustine Shelburne, Chairman of the committee on education. Being a teacher of several years experience, Mr. Shelburne's opinions on the school question are sound. He is in favor of educated county superintendents and local taxation, yet he fears little in favor of either will be accomplished at the present time. We hope he may be found in the next General Assembly either as Senator or Representative, as he would come prepared to champion the cause of education.

THE vote of 48 to 21 in the Senate on Saturday on the silver bill indicates a new financial policy for the Government. It means far more than the remonetization of silver. Coming soon after remonetization will be the repeal of the resumption act and a cessation of high taxes for a rapid reduction of the public debt. Senator Beck's bill to prevent undue increase of the sinking fund will pass. Whether not all these measures are for the public benefit, there is no doubt that the necessities of the people are what have induced Congress to do what it has already done and to propose the further legislation indicated above. We shall soon known the effect of these various measures. Meantime there is one thing which unquestionably would produce relief, and which should not be lost sight of. That is a reduction of Federal expenses. There is no doubt that would enhance the value of our bonds, stimulate business, and lessen the price of living. No question as to the "public faith" is involved, and the benefits would extend to all except office holders and Government contractors. If the Democratic majority of the House would bring about such a reduction the party would secure an indefinite lease of power in the country.

COUNTY CONVENTION

A meeting of the Democratic party of Nicholas County was held in the Court house, February 23, 1878.

The meeting was called to order by L. M. Campbell, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee. On motion George R. Martin was elected Chairman, who explained the object of the meeting, and Solomon Robertson was elected Secretary.

On motion of L. M. Campbell, the Chairman appointed the following committee from the several precincts to select and report a list of delegates to represent this county in the Judicial Convention to be held in the city of Maysville on the 5th of March next.

Lower Blue Licks, Charles Sparks; Headquarters, James Hillock; Carlisle, John K. Judy; Union, John N. Reed; Buzzard Roost, W. S. Wills; Ellisville, Butler McClannahan.

On motion a committee on resolutions, composed of John A. Campbell, Chairman, L. M. Campbell, W. H. Squires, Squire Lawson and James McCracken.

The committe on delegates reported the following persons delegates and alternates:

Be it resolved by the Democracy of Nicholas County, in Convention assembled, that the following named persons be, and they are hereby appointed delegates to represent their respective precinct and Nicholas ...

... and each precinct thereof, in said District Convention, be and they are hereby instructed to cast their votes Hon. Thomas F. Hargis, for said office as long as he is a candidate before the convention, and to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

Resolved, That we, as Democrats and as citizens of the Fourteenth Judicial District, having heard that a bill will be offered in the General Assembly of Kentucky, to repeal the bill establishing a Criminal Court in said District, do earnestly remonstrate against the passage of said bill, and condemn it as injurious to the best interests of the citizens of Nicholas and of said District, and we hereby request our Senator and Representative in said General Assembly not only to vote against the passage of said bill, but to use all honorable means to defeat its passage.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, and the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Carlisle Mercury, Maysville Bulletin and Flemingsburg Democrat, and all other Democratic papers in the District.

G. R. MARTIN, Chairman.
SOLOMON ROBERTSON, Secretary.

COMMUNICATED.

Our County Jail—Communication from a Prisoner.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

Will you allow me the privilege, through the columns of your paper, to make a few brief remarks, to let the people know the situation of our county jail at the present time. It is stuck down under the ground at the far end of town and the air never has passed through it since it was built, and it can't be kept clean, as the mud and dirt is knee deep, and gray backs as big as half-grown hogs. If a prisoner was to die in that jail the county ought to be sued for damages.

F. B.

Call on L. F. Moss for Probate Judge.

Recognizing in you a faithful and impartial officer, and whose past service on the bench has been of the most satisfactory character, we urge upon you to announce yourself a candidate for re-election to the office of Police Judge, and will pledge you that merit shall not go unrewarded.

MANY VOTERS.

The County Judgeship.

CARLISLE, KY., February 27, 1878.

To the Voters of Nicholas County:

As heretofore announced, I am a candidate for nomination for the office of County Judge. In consequence of the short time until the primary election, it will be impossible for me see all the voters in person, and I therefore take this method of soliciting their support. As my opponent, Mr. Colville, will have an opportunity while fulfilling the duties of the office which he now holds, and has held for twelve years, of seeing each voter in person, he will, of course, tell them he is a candidate for the office of County Judge. But, will he tell them the office of Assessor, which he has held for twelve years, is one of the most lucrative offices in the county in proportion to the duties? As the law will not allow him to hold it any longer, he proposes to advocate rotation in office by asking the voters to order me down and out to make a place for him to step into. Is that rotation? Who has received so much at the hands of the voters as he? and now he asks more. Is there no one in the county competent or worthy except Mr. Colville? Is his claim greater than other members of the party? If so, he should have the honor and profits of all the offices of the county, to the exclusion of other aspirants. But I think Friend Samuel has had office enough. What say you, voters? Let him retire for at least one term, and should the voters of the county think I have filled the office to which I aspire faithfully and efficiently, I hope they will say so by giving me their support at the primary election on March 18, 1878.

Respectfully, A. J. BANTA.

Our Next Congressman.

To the Editor of the Mercury:

FRANKFORT, February 25, 1878.

I see by your paper that your distinguished citizen, Hon. Thomas F. Hargis, is a candidate for Criminal Judge in the Fourteenth Judicial District. Many of his friends in the Tenth Congressional District looked ...

A New Mill.

We learn that Messrs H. C. Metcalf, now of the Carlisle Mills, and Thomas A. Johnson, late of Miller's Station, have formed a partnership for the purpose of erecting and conducting a merchant and custom flouring mill. The site selected is the corner where the old stock pens formerly stood, a location very desirable for that purpose, being convenient to water, railroad and street. Both of these gentlemen having had large experience with machinery, and being practical, pushing men, we predict for them success. The mill building, we understand, will be of brick, containing three floors, and the basement of stone and brick, boiler and engine room, which, when completed, will be an imposing and substantial structure. We also learn that the machinery will be of the latest and most improved patterns and first-class in every respect, and the flour made at this mill will be by what is known as the "New Process" plan, and will rank with the best brands in the country. We do not exactly understand the *modus operandi* by which the famous "new process" or patent flour is made, but hope at an early day to more fully explain to our readers this enterprise, and to lay before them a complete description of the mill and the quality of flour manufactured by this plan.

In this connection we will remark that nothing adds more to the wealth and stability of a town or city than its manufactures. Why can we not have more of them? A woolen mill, for instance, where yarns are twisted, stockings and jackets knit, where jeans, cassimers and blankets are wove; or a factory for making scythe sneathes, auger handles, hoe handles, rake and pitch fork handles, brackets, mouldings and numerous other useful articles, for which thousands of dollars are sent out of our county every year. We grow the wool for the one and the timber for the other, but lack the enterprising spirit to take hold and develop our resources. There are other industries here that would thrive and pay a handsome dividend on the investment. We have too much politics, too many office seekers and entirely too much loafing and idleness. Until our people are brought to ...

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HOLLAR—TAYLOR—At the residence of John W. Swope, in this county, on February 17, 1878, Mr. Wm. I. Hollar to Miss Eliza J. Taylor, both of Nicholas.

STEWART—McCONNOUGHHAY—At the residence of the bride's father, J. D. McConnoughhay, on February 19, 1878, Mr. John H. Stewart, of Bourbon, to Miss Fannie M. McConnoughhay, of Nicholas.

CANNON—KENDALL—At the residence of the bride's father, Ransom Kendall, on February 19, 1878, Mr. Wm. H. Cannon to Miss Sallie A. Kendall.

KENNEY—GREEN—At the residence of the bride's father, Solomon Green, on February 20, 1878, Mr. Napoleon B. Kenney to Miss Ollie Green.

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