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THURSDAY, MAY 26.....1887

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LEGISLATURE.

We are authorized to announce Mr. E. J. STIGALL as a candidate for the Legislature from Bracken and Robertson Counties, subject to the Prohibition or Temperance ticket.

Democratic Ticket.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
Dr. B. F. REYNOLDS.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE,
HON. E. KEYTON.

FOR SHERIFF,
SIMON B. SUCKERS,
of Bear Grass.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
JAMES B. MCKEE,
of Kenton County.

FOR TREASURER,
JAMES W. TATE,
of Franklin County.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
F. K. HARDIN,
of Mercer County.

FOR AUDITOR,
PAYNTER HEWITT,
of Bracken County.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT,
JOSEPH R. PRICE,
of Fayette County.

FOR REGENTS OF AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE,
M. McCHESNEY DUDLEY,
of Henderson County.

ANOTHER SEWING MACHINE.

We propose to give another Sewing Machine to our subscribers on Court Day in July. Every person paying two dollars before that day will be given a chance, and every extra two dollars will entitle the payee to an additional chance. The Machine is one of the New Home Company's make, is just from the manufactory and will be warranted to be first class and all right. Remember you will have to pay anyway and you had just as well take your chance to get a new Sewing Machine. Come in at once so as not to neglect or forget it. Other valuable prizes will be added.

GROVER'S ORDER NO. 4.

A dispatch, from Washington, May 21st says: "An executive order was issued this afternoon recognizing internal revenue districts throughout the country, abolishing twenty-one districts, and discharging the collectors and other officers of the districts abolished. The following is the list of districts abolished: Nevada, Rhode Island, Vermont, Mississippi, Maine, Delaware, Second and Fourth districts of Illinois, Eleventh Indiana, Fourth Iowa, Tenth Massachusetts, Fourth Missouri, Third New Jersey, Fifteenth New York, Ninth North Carolina, Sixth Ohio, Nineteenth and twenty third Pennsylvania, Fourth South Carolina, Fourth Virginia, Third and Sixth Wisconsin. The New arrangement will save to the government more than $100,000 annually. The President's order sweeps away more than one fourth of the revenue districts.

ELIHUE O'BRIEN who came over from Ireland for the purpose of killing Governor-General Lansdown's treatment of his tenants in Ireland, is leaving a rough time of it in Canada. He was mobbed at Toronto and again at Kingston, and nearly escaped each time with his life. Lansdown is now governor-General of Canada, but owns many thousand acres of land in Ireland and instead of carrying out the report of his cousin has been declared the contrary way, and has put his hands up. He is now in Canada and it looks as if the high rents he has demanded will be set on Mr. O'Brien's side and hope to have made the oppressor see the error of his ways.

Dr. HERBERT B. ADAMS, of Johns Hopkins University, suggests that the civil academy be established at Washington, and that the Secretary of the Interior public schools be the guardian of the view what the West Point Academy is to the army or the Annapolis Academy is to the navy.—[Exchange.

Many people will read the above and suppose it is without thinking, but it is not so with us. We think it is something they will be made to think of at the bottom of their minds, at the danger. If such a training school was once established a great crisis toward democracy would have been taken, and the people's government would soon have seen its last days. But it will not be so. The fundamental principles of Democracy is too firmly implanted in the hearts of the people, to permit them to set up a training school for despots. The people will continue for many years yet to select their rulers from those who are qualified by nature and educated in the school of practical life. It is safe to say that Dr. Herbert B. Adams is one of those anxious fools that look upon the world as but, and think fifty a generation of asses, ready to jump at God's greatest blessings in a just and rational world. The fools we meet at each business the sale of the people.—[Exchange.

The Democratic State Central Committee met at Lexington Monday. It was decided to open the campaign June 4th, with an old fashioned barbecue at Lexington. The following gentlemen were present: Judge Jack and Hon. Hiram Bradley, Lincoln; Hon. Beckham Bradley, Knox; and other Democrats, when a full discussion of the situation and ways and means and address the people, Fort Sanders.

The Dallas United States Senatorial Democratic caucus, Monday, adopted a resolution announcing that it will not nominate Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, Democratic nominee for the presidency, and address the people, Fort Sanders.

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A company adjoining Milton has been organized at Falmouth.

The counting of the money in the United States Treasury, instituted by the successors to Mr. Justice by Treasurer Hyatt, began Monday, and will not be completed for two months. Everything present will count $157,000,000 in paper money in the reserve vaults, $65,000,000 in the cash vaults, $60,000,000 in gold and silver dollars, $25,000,000 in gold coin and a smaller sum of fractional silver. Treasurer Hyatt will not be present during the remainder of the count, but will assume his official duties in July.

THE action of the Louisville Democratic Executive Committee with a hearty approval in this section and the Republican Executive Committee in refusing their aims for free conflict, constituted a progressive constitutional government—a real liberty of the in the truest sense, Liberty Gem.

The idea of a Democrat coming from one of the Democratic Committee of Eastern Kentucky, and endorsing a sufficient defiance of the Democratic spoken of, does seem much like a dream in the Dominion certain ranks.

On Thursday last very impressive ceremonies were held in Hopkinsville, Ky., over the unveiling of a monument to unknown Confederate dead. Hon. W. C. P. Breckenridge delivered the oration. Rev. Dr. Dosser, of New York, delivered a closing address. The monument was the gift of Mr. J. T. Leyburn, a rich New York Banker, formerly of Hopkinsville, and an ex-Confederate soldier.

THE editor of the MERCURY will be 52 years old 14 months. We do not know that this is of much interest to many people but to us quite an event. It is thereof of 52 years of as eventful a life as almost any one has experienced. We began early and have lived fast, and old Methusalah with his 969 years, never saw so much of the world as we have, and never had half so much fun.

A COON stood little city called Lake Linden, Michigan, was destroyed by fire Monday night, with a loss of over $2,000. The city building in the business portion of the town, which was not occupied by a single soul. Anti-prohibitionists will make great capital out of this, they are told that the school-house in question were reserved for a week fire, which burns and consumes.

"OLD EITHA HILL," as citizens, not William Smith was called, died at Warrensburg, Mo., Monday. He is over 90 pulpit age and for over 60 years had been conspicuously identified with the affairs of his State as lawyer, Legislator, Congressman and Governor, serving several terms in the U. S. Congress and two terms a Chief Executive of the State.

THE French Republic is once more dangerous ground. The Cabinet resigned because the President Grevy is trouble in getting some one to undertake the formation of another. The trouble is that the French Republic is very quick after Monarchy and will always have trouble, unless she dared to the old boys.

THE story of G. A. C. Hill having proposed to desert the Democratic party and join the Labor party has been exploded, and our voice and candid opinion is that S. A. Wood, the lawyer who is trying to work himself on the public as a workingman, ought to be ostracized to be a bad as well as a bat.

KENTUCKY is to again take the lead in the next National convention, and will be called a pentarchy in the Wigwam of Chicago, ages, at Carlisle.—[Newport Journal.

No, not at Chicago, we are hoping that will not happen. Mr. Cleveland is sure of a renomination at that place.

MR. MCCHESNEY Hendrick change from Democrat to Prohibitionist, is a sore loss to the Democratic party.

A rumor of electing two Senators in Illinois, is said to be from Democrats, who have proved a few of the spring days in Illinois.

Not a word has been said as to the Labor party, place the ticket of the Democrat and Prohibitionists.

How a lawyer can be the friend of the Labor party is one of the mysteries of the age.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the retirement of the silver dollars to be brought to for redemption. The silver dollars will be coined in the mint of the government will be coined.

It is said Hon. John G. Carlisle and family will remove to Louisville in the fall, and will be an active member of Congress, and Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, the Democratic Congress will be called to assist in the work.

COL. LIDDY says that the Interior Department is most seriously considering the question of the Land Court are Speaker Carlisle, Senator Beck and Senator Blackburn.

FATHER DRUMMOND is a convicted and imprisoned at Dallas ,was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, based on an order from the Court of Appeals, which decided that the priest was illegal.

HON. BEN JOHNSON, the idle young Democrat from Bowling Green, was one of the most pleasant by his constituency last Saturday, and was received with a warm reception.—[Frankfort Capital.

AFTER a month's idle sulking the Democrats have finally agreed upon a ticket, and have selected Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, the Democratic nominee for President.

THE Madison County Democrats will hold their convention June 11th to nominate a candidate for Sheriff, Assessor, Clerk, Assessor and A. T. Thomas, Jailer.

IT is almost certain that D. B. Trimble, Ed. Rhodes, Ed. Bryant, Ed. Bell, Ed. Stanfield from the district will be Democrats.

HON. J. W. HYAN, Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor, is expected to be tendered his renomination for the Governorship on receipt from the Covington district.

THE New York Herald, in a flattering tribute to ex. Henry Watterson, nominates him for the president with President Cleveland in 1888.

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SENATOR BRYAN'S VOTE.

THE Labor Bureau of Louisville opposes the election of Hon. J. W. Bryan as Lieutenant Governor, because, as it claims, he has acquiesced and voted for the convict lease. Throughout the session of the Legislature he voted for the Ten-year Convict Bill which continues the convict lease system for ten years, and which provides for the erection of convicts on our state building railroads, to the great detriment of free labor."

The Mayesville Republican and other organs of the party of pure morals and truth, claiming to be pure *sanctimonious* journals, have been pulling the above as something terribly disgraceful against Senator Bryan. Now that we propose to show by his vote on this matter is grossly that they claim they are desiring, of course, to do the right thing, and acknowledge the truth of the matter we state. The only bill of any kind the Legislature that contained "ten years" clause was the bill providing for the management of the penitentiary at Frankfort and the branch penitentiary at Eddyville. The writer of this reported the bill in 1886, and it can be found on page 1067 of the Senate Journal. Section 3 contains the mention of "ten years" and that has direct reference to convicts inside the walls. Said section provides that as soon as the Building Commissioner reports the Branch Penitentiary at Eddyville ready for use, the Commissioner of the Building Fund, who are made Prison Directors, shall notify the Mason-Ford Company to bring in all convicts under their control and they must receive all that are out—and that thereafter all convicts must be kept within the Prison walls, except such as are required to provide product, for the Prison. The same section provides that the Directors of the Prison shall have the power to contract the labor of convicts in such terms as they (the Commissioners) may think to be best interest of the State—not to exceed a term of ten years.

Now gentlemen read that last sentence of the quotation at the head of this article and see what it means. We say that there is not the slightest appearance of truth in the last sentence, and that is the only bill containing the "ten-year" clause in connection with any other bill before the Legislature to which Senator Bryan belonged.

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