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# THE TRI-WEEKLY NEW ERA

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1887.

The Senate appropriated \$200,000 for coast defenses and the Canals are really frightened.

Last Saturday night at Milan was produced Verdi's latest opera, "Otello." It is the most splendid of any of the great Italian compositions.

One good feature of the election of United States Senators by popular vote is that the long and tedious legislative wrangles at the expense of the state would be done away with.

One of the most successful commercial travelers in New York State is a negro. He knows his business thoroughly, is respected by all who know him, and as far as known, is the only colored drummer in the country.

Mrs. Langtry, it is said, will be married at Newport, at the close of the present season. Little is known of her, and she is said to show signs of impatience to her intimates when reference is made to the subject.

The government has paid out \$800,000, \$261,811,517 in pensions since 1861. The defenders of the Union are now drawing from the Treasury \$117,000,000 annually, thus preventing a desirable reduction of taxes. Were this amount raised by a direct system of taxation and not through the inequitable tariff method, the people would soon put a stop to it. Every body loves and honors the heroes who stood by the Union, but it is time that the country was rid of itself of this army of frauds that is living at the public expense.

Should a big tobacco crop be raised this year the prices for a long time to come will be run down to the bottom notch. It will be eminently wise then for farmers this year to give themselves to the cultivation of quality rather than quantity. A heavy crop will not pay for itself; a light crop will burden the markets, and, should it be of superior quality, it will sell at remunerative prices. The farmers will never have a better opportunity to experiment with the weed and give their experience and observation a test in the production of the best possible quality of tobacco.

Louisville Post. All true friends of the President are hoping that he will veto the dependent pension bill. It was engineered to a passage by demagogues and Republicans in both branches of Congress, and is nothing but a reckless and therefore reprehensible piece of legislation, only possible in the presence of a big surplus in the Treasury. His veto will strengthen the popularity of the administration everywhere it needs strength, and best of all, it will compel the demagogues to reduce the surplus by reforming the tariff, which is the only legitimate way to do it.

Henry George sees a frown on the wrinkled front of grim-visaged war. Referring to the recent strikes he says: "I think it is a fight in the dark, the blind push of men squeezed beyond endurance. I think it is the first passive form of a civil war, where steel-clad forces and armor-plated ships cannot guard against the kindling of passions and the array of forces that, roused to full energy may give cities to the flames and destroy every civilization itself." Henry is a kind of political astronomer searching the heavens for strange dangers. He sees in the smoke of these social disorders a great aerial monster making straight for this world with destruction in its eye. When it comes it may float by in the vague splendor of a comet making beautiful the night. These are indeed days of false prophets. We believe that one great lesson has been learned by this conglomerate mass of civilization within our borders that "War is a game which, were their subjects wiser, Kings would not play at."

There may be violence in localities, but a general war that would disturb the possessions and business of every man in the country and unhinge our property is next to impossible. We are a community of civilians, and while we have sentiment enough to pay dearly for the valor of the dead and disabled, we have too much sense to train a great standing army with a thirst for blood to be let loose by some tyrant. Mr. George predicates his war on an appeal for virtue, anything you know to catch the popular attention, like the acclaim of a patient medicine vender on the public square.

For lambs, side or chest, use Shiho's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents. J. R. Armstrong sells them.

Mr. Reagan, of Texas, is known as "the only farmer" in the Senate. As he has been in office since 1859, it is presumed that his agricultural ideas are about consumed in a patriotic distribution of seed to his constituency. Ah! these "farmer-statesmen" are generally about the slickest of them all.

Gov. "Cale" West, of Utah, who stepped from a police court to a throne, is in a fair way to become a great man. If the Tucker Mormon bill passes the Senate, he will have to come to Kentucky for some of them. The bill puts the appointment of all the county officials in the hands of the Governor and only 128 are left for the President's prerogative.

Often the worst doctrines are enmeshed in accepted maxims. For instance, it is said small minorities constitute the best political constitutions. "It makes the majority careful and cautious and the minority active and vigilant, and puts both parties on their good behavior." This is doubtless true, but look at the other side of the picture. Not infrequently it leads both parties into the worst forms of trickery and demagoguery. The privilege of power is doubt and no scheme is too dirty for either side to adopt that they may win. Both may be the weakness of over large majorities but duplicity is the sin of doubtful constitutions.

One Andy Wepler killed a man in Louisville, served his term in the penitentiary, and his friends and family were so kind as to let him out. The cordiality of his reception leads the city papers to give him a dreadful scolding, more terrible if anything than his confinement. We do not approve of the disposition to honor red-handed criminals, but to honor a hard-lodger if men, who have been overtaken in a fault, after doing penance in a prison cell, should be cast back into the world to find all their friendships severed and the doors of kindness shut against them. The Louisville papers may be right in their condemnation of the man, but it is a poor policy to brand a man, mean though he may be.

Savoyard recounting a conversation with Gen. Woodford in the Louisville Times, reports a novel discussion of Logan. No woman's funeral oration over Logan, in which the old war horse said: "Newman says that Lincoln produced the greatest statesman, the greatest soldier and the greatest volunteer soldier the world ever saw. I suppose he is alluded to Lincoln, Grant and Logan. As for Lincoln, I do not suppose anybody but old Newman ever accused him of being a statesman; at least, if they did, I never heard of it. As for Grant, Gen. Lee killed more men for him than Lee had in his army in less than six weeks, and I think that disposes of Grant, and as for Logan, he was a tolerably good sort of a soldier, but I set him the other night and counted 400 and large old better volunteers soldiers whom I knew personally than Logan. And I don't think I ever heard of or never read a bigger fool address than old Newman's."

The Paducah News calls attention to a question that is now agitating the public mind. There seems to be considerable controversy as to just when the twentieth century will begin. Most all are putting it that it begins on the advent of the first day of the year 1900. The reckoning is understood to be from the birth of Christ, and as we are taught that this occurred on the 25th of the month of December, and this being correct, it must follow that just nineteen hundred years must intervene before the twentieth century of the Christian era will begin. Our reckoning, however, as established, seems to close the nineteenth century at midnight on the first day of January, 1890, but it will still stick within a few days of a whole year of being nineteen hundred years since the Christian era set in, and until the expiration of this time it seems impossible that there can be a beginning of the twentieth century. Count it any way we will it is puzzling, but take, for instance, the first hundred years. The second century could not have been begun until the first was entirely out, and the first hundred years, being rounded up, and the second century, being rounded up, must be tried in the same way. By our accepted computation of time, then, the twentieth century will begin with the year 1901.

Louisville announces an inventor with a discovery that will revolutionize the industrial world. Mr. W. J. Miles is the young man just entering upon his glorious career. The Louisville Post thus describes the invention. The process promises to revolutionize the market in all kinds of steel goods. The patent is owned and will be operated by "Inventor" at the heart of which is Mr. Charles Goldsaw. The company has been incorporated under the name of the Damascus Edged Tool Company with a capital stock of \$1,000,000. By the process used by the company any kind of iron can be converted to steel without any of the usual expensive methods and gradual tempering. The steel also is far superior to any other steel, which is far greater than that of any other kind, it loses none of its elasticity. Heating, which ruins every other kind of steel, has no effect on that made by this process. A knife made out of this steel will cut ordinary steel without dulling the blade or hurting the edge. The uses to which steel thus improved can be put and supercede the use of all other kinds are innumerable. It is the present object of the company to give the United States Government the first show at the discovery. For this purpose Mr. Goldsaw will visit the government's agents. The company will then either sell the exclusive right of the process to the Government or will manufacture the steel for it. In case, however, the Government should refuse the offer, a factory for making all kinds of tools will be established. The process is a mysterious treatment, after which the iron is heated and given a bath. It is claimed for the process that steel thus made is uniform in quality. Its greatest advantage will be in the making of gun bolts.

Should this discovery come up to expectations, Uncle Sam will hold a secret more valuable than the armies of the Czar. He can secure his ribs in the new steel and shoot defiance at the crowned heads of old time.

SHILOH'S VITALIZER is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness, and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents a bottle. Sold by J. R. Armstrong.

To say that Polk Lafoon is a "Jolly" is to put it mildly. When the House was considering the Owensboro public building bill he told a Congressman, who had the temerity to bandy questions with him, that the city by the river had 15,000 population. The next time Polk runs for Congress the Owensboro folk will have to search the cranial for the voters who own the excess baggage. Polk was afraid the President might veto the bill because the United States Court does not sit in that city, who introduced a bill providing for a term of court there and Grover can do nothing now but obey the energy of our own Polk.

If you are bilious, take Dr. Pierce's "Little Liver Pills." Of all drugs.

## Coming Here for Horses.

From the New York Times.  
I learn to-night that the English War office, owing to the prohibition in Hungary, Austria, and Germany, is about to make large purchases of horses in America. It is said that agents are already on their way to Kentucky for that purpose.

CATARH CURED. head and throat secured by Shiho's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal Injector free. Sold by J. R. Armstrong.

## Cholera in the South.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The weekly abstract of the sanitary reports received by the Department of State contains a dispatch from the United States Minister at Havana, Cuba, which states that cholera is on the increase and has assumed a most deadly feature. The worst feature is the rapid spread through the outside provinces. It has gained a foothold on the island of Martin Garcia, where 5,000 emigrants are detained at quarantine without sufficient food and shelter. All ships bound for the South Atlantic side are prohibited an entrance to the ports of Chili and Peru.

No other medicine is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, for the cure of coughs, colds, and all derangements of the respiratory organs. It relieves the asthmatic and consumptive, even in advanced stages of disease.

## Chastity Discovery in Green County.

Almost horrible discovery. Was made in Green County on last Saturday. The body of a young man, who was found wrapped in a blanket and concealed in the back of a horse. It is supposed that he was murdered and his body concealed there by the murderer. Keith was a brother-in-law of a man named Depain. He had been missing for several days, but no search had been made for him. His friends supposed that he was away on a visit, but a dog belonging to Depain's wife came into the house on Saturday morning carrying something in its mouth, which, when examined, was found to be the body of a man. This being ascertained, Mr. Depain tracked the dog to the carcass of an old horse, which had been shot and thrown into a ditch. The body was then taken to the house and found to be that of a young man. There is a mystery connected with the case, and it is probably never solved. Keith was a married man and the father of six children.

WILL YOU STEER WITH PRECISION and LIVER COMPLAINT? Shiho's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. For sale by J. R. Armstrong.

## Conference of Tobacco Growers.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 8.—A meeting of the farmers of Paducah and Mercer counties was held at Woodville Saturday, and resolutions were adopted relative to a petition of the tobacco growers to the United States Senate, and the improvement of the quality of the wood. The meeting agreed that the crop should be limited to 100,000 acres, and was to be divided into two equal parts, each to be raised on 50,000 acres. The co-operation of the buyers was asked to assist in the consumption of the tobacco at midnight on the first day of January, 1890, but it will still stick within a few days of a whole year of being nineteen hundred years since the Christian era set in, and until the expiration of this time it seems impossible that there can be a beginning of the twentieth century. Count it any way we will it is puzzling, but take, for instance, the first hundred years. The second century could not have been begun until the first was entirely out, and the first hundred years, being rounded up, and the second century, being rounded up, must be tried in the same way. By our accepted computation of time, then, the twentieth century will begin with the year 1901.

If your kidneys are inactive, you will feel and look wretched, even in the most cheerful society, and melancholy on the most joyful occasions. Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Pills will set you right again. \$1.00 per bottle.

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Dyspepsia lies in ambush for the weak; a feeble constitution is ill adapted to endure a malarious atmosphere and a cold, damp, and foggy season. It is a most robust and healthy, the easiest victims. Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier will give tone, vitality and strength to your entire body. \$1.00 per bottle.

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ANIMALS are often afflicted with a disease called the mange, the same disease is in human beings, called the Itch, and is highly contagious. To cure this kind of disease with Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment, bath it thoroughly on the Itch. Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Pills.

In cases of fever and ague, the blood is as effectually, though not so dangerously, poisoned by the effluvia of the atmosphere as it could be by the deadliest miasma. Dr. J. H. McLean's Little Liver and Kidney Pills will eradicate this poison from the system. 50 cents a bottle.

FREQUENTLY accidents occur in the household which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises, for use in such cases Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy.

# A Common Cold

Is often the beginning of serious affections of the Throat, Bronchial Tubes, and Lungs. Therefore, the importance of early and effective treatment cannot be overestimated. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral may always be relied upon for the speedy cure of a Cold or Cough.

Last January I was attacked with a severe cold, which, by neglect and frequent settling on my lungs. A terrible cough soon followed, accompanied by pains in the chest, from which I suffered intensely. After trying various remedies, without obtaining relief, I commenced taking Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and was cured in a few days.

Speedily Cured. I am satisfied that this remedy saved my life. —Jno. Webster, Pawtucket, R. I.

I contracted a severe cold, which quickly developed into Pneumonia, a most dangerous and obstinate symptom. My physician ordered the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. His instructions were followed, and the result was a rapid and permanent cure. —H. E. Stinson, Rogers Prairie, Tex.

Two years ago I suffered from a severe cold, which settled on my lungs. I consulted various physicians, and took the medicines they prescribed, but received only temporary relief. A friend induced me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After taking two bottles of this medicine I was cured. Since then I have given the Pectoral to my children, and consider it

The Best Remedy for Colds, Coughs, and All Throat and Lung diseases, ever used in my family. —Robert Underwood, New York, Pa.

Some time ago I took a slight cold, which, being neglected, grew worse, and settled on my lungs. I had a hacking cough, and was unable to sleep. I felt that I was in great danger. I then commenced using Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and in a few days I was cured. I feel that I owe the preservation of my life to this valuable medicine. —Mrs. Ann Lockwood, Akron, N. Y.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Sold by all Druggists. Price \$1, six bottles, \$5.

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A trial will convince the most skeptical that they are the best. They are medicated with essence and the active principle of petroleum, being far more powerful in its action than plaster.

Do not be induced to take others, but be sure and get the genuine "Pomeroys" Plaster. It is enclosed in an envelope with the signature of the manufacturer, Dr. J. H. McLean. Childs and four languages also seal on front and back of each package. Sold by first-class druggists, at 25 cents each.

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TRAINS NORTH	10:15 A. M.	10 P. M.
TRAINS SOUTH	8:30 A. M.	8:30 P. M.

## AGENTS

Who are authorized to collect subscriptions to the NEW ERA:  
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For a club of more than ten we will give the paper, ticket and books as above and a liberal commission, which we guarantee to be satisfactory to the club-raiser. Go to work and GET US UP A CLUB.

## Personal.

N. Tolin has gone East to buy goods.

Mr. Bob McCarroll has moved to Indian Territory.

Col. Joe F. Ford, Nashville, was in the city Thursday.

Rev. J. W. Bigham has returned from Owensboro.

Nie came Wallis spent this week visiting the family of Mr. B. S. Campbell in the country.

Mrs. F. B. Henry and Mrs. W. A. Wilson are visiting Mrs. L. W. Welch, who have returned to their home in Hannibal, Mo.

Mrs. James Anderson has returned to her home in Hartford accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. J. Waller.

Clarksville Democrat: Misses Lou Deod and Lulu Watkins, of Hopkinsville, are visiting Mrs. T. P. Major on Monday Avenue.

Mrs. Clayton and daughter, Miss Annie, who have been visiting Mrs. L. W. Welch, have returned to their home in Hannibal, Mo.

Listen!

If you want your shooting iron properly repaired, your old locks fixed up, keys fitted to old locks, new locks put on, electric bells and burglar alarms put in, in fact any kind of repairing to do, such as stoves, valves, &c., &c., take it to R. B. Esling, No. 22 East 8th street, opposite John Mosyan.

## Polk's Fine Hand in our Post-Office.

A Washington special to the Louisville Times of Wednesday says: "Hon. Polk Lafoon had the pay of the clerk of the Hopkinsville post-office increased \$200 this morning." We suppose this is the amount asked for by Postmaster McKenzie for additional clerk hire. Our Postmaster put in his claim for \$800 knowing that the solons would be likely to reduce the amount. We are very glad the appropriation was granted as a larger force was certainly needed. It is to be hoped that there will now be no inconvenient delays in opening the mails.

## Robbed While Drunk.

Mr. John Spiden was in town Thursday and took on the police "booze." In order to escape the police he went to the rock spring to sleep off the effects of the liquor. While lying on the green sward, he was approached by a tall thin white man who went through his pockets relieving him of \$5 in cash. He says that the thief rolled him over on his face and took the money out of his hip pocket. He was powerless to protect himself. After committing the robbery, the thief walked leisurely away and has not been seen since. Spiden says he could recognize the fellow should he see him.

## Natural Gas.

Negotiations are pending between the Hopkinsville Natural Gas Company and Col. L. A. Sybert for the purchase of a farm, belonging to the latter, which lies along the railway north of the city. The company proposes to bore for gas as soon as the well at Bowling Green is finished.

The geological formations around this city are favorable to the existence of gas, and at several points near town there have been evidences of it. A well on Mr. Wallace Warfield's farm, only 30 feet deep, was being cleaned last fall and the workmen smelled gas plainly. A stick taken from the bottom was as if saturated with oil, and there can be no question but that if the well should be sunk deeper a reservoir of natural gas would be struck.

The New Era would be glad for citizens to report any evidence they have of the existence of oil or gas in this country.

## To The Merchants Of Hopkinsville.

Accept our thanks for the liberal support given us toward our recently inaugurated bazaar. Judging from the encouragement received from all whom we have seen in reference to the same, the venture will prove a great success. We will issue 5,000 papers devoted to the resources and business interests of Hopkinsville and see that the said 5,000 copies are properly distributed. Among the first in aiding our issue and to whom our thanks are especially due, we mention: The Bank of Hopkinsville, Mr. Geo. O. Thompson, Metz & Timothy, D. J. Hooser, Long, Garnett & Co., John R. Green & Co., Dr. A. P. Campbell, Clarence Anderson, C. W. Duckworth, John W. Poff, Caldwell & Randle, Renhaw & Clark, L. P. Payne and R. I. Martin. The coming week a thorough canvass will be made throughout the business portion of the city and we trust those yet to be seen will not be wanting in point of enterprise.

Respectfully,

F. W. DOSTON.

## Around Town.

Mrs. Will Davidson is quite ill.

1,000 bushels of Clover Seed wanted.

J. L. Toft has been appointed Postmaster at Nortonville.

The Fair Ground Cottage for rent, apply to Dr. B. S. Wood.

Jou Chin had a clash with a colored citizen Wednesday who threw a rock through his window.

The Junior Dancing Club held a delightful meeting at the residence of Mr. Nat Galtier last night.

Rev. J. W. Bigham delivered a lecture to the Ladies Literary Society of Bethel Female College last night.

A Japanese Tea was given at the residence of Mr. E. B. Long, last night, in honor of Miss Maude Ruby, of Henderson.

H. H. Abernathy V. G. C. went to Morgantield yesterday to assist in the organization of a K. of P. lodge at that place.

Dr. G. E. Christian has just signed a new prescription clerk. He arrived Wednesday and is a regulation ten-pounder.

Sam, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stites, died Thursday morning. The remains were taken to Henderson for interment.

Petrie and McCarroll, and Feind and Breathitt will argue the Winfield-Anderson contested election case before the Court of Appeals next week.

Stork Room for Rent.—Corner of 9th and Clay streets, formerly occupied by J. T. Barrow. Apply to J. R. Green & Co.

The Kent School will give a candy-pulling and valentine party at the Main street warehouse, Monday night, at 7 o'clock; for the benefit of missions. Everybody should attend.

Look for "Inducements" in another column, for the biggest newspaper bargain of the season.

The Tobacco Leaf: The indications now are that this road—the Ohio Valley—will build to Princeton and there combine with or make running arrangements with the L. A. & T.

The set of forty-five books, for 50 cents which we furnish in connection with the NEW ERA makes almost a complete library within itself. See advertisement under the head of "Inducements."

Henry Tandy and Mary Sargent, both colored, got into a little row, Sunday evening, at the "darkness curve of sox," where color and rhyme are un-fused in the Pembroke neighborhood and furnish another warning to fools with pistols.

Subscriptions to any paper or magazine in the world taken at this office at club prices that will in many instances save the price of the NEW ERA. For instance, the daily Courier-Journal (six issues a week) and the WEEKLY NEW ERA for \$10.00; or TRI-WEEKLY for \$11.50.

"Many voters" call through the Telephone on William Wharton to become candidate for the Legislature in Trigg. The name of Esq. Samuel Larkins is also mentioned, and Mr. James Lester thinks he could "carry the full Republic" strength and have a host of warm friends in the Democratic camp.

Sprague and Blodgett's famous Georgia Minstrels will appear at the Opera House Monday night. After a week of the "legitimate" the opportunity for a hearty laugh is in good season. The troupe is one of the very best on the road. Seats at Galtbreath's. Reserved seats 50 cents, gallery 25 cents.

An elegant German was tendered the young society people of the city at the residence of Mr. M. H. Nelson, Thursday night. Among those present were Misses Stannice Ormsby, Rosa Steinhagen, Marge Fairleigh, Frankie Campbell, Mary Warfield, Ophelia Payne, Ollie Hinkle, Lulu Winfree, Julia Venable and the Misses Winfree and Messrs. Bailey, Hickman, John Campbell, Geo. Campbell, John Feland, Duncan Wood, John Burnett, Robt. Burnett, Walter Galtbreath, Ben Campbell, Chas. Burbridge and Bryan Brown. The evening was most enjoyable and the kind host and hostess received the hearty acknowledgments of the gallant company.

Mr. E. Grey Lewis led the German in a most delicate manner.

The Tobacco Leaf speaking of the pending sale of the L. A. & T. says: "An advertisement has appeared in the Nashville Union and other Tennessee papers giving notice of the sale of the Indiana, Alabama and Texas railroad to take place in this city Saturday, April 20th, some misapprehension has arisen in the public mind as to the cause of the sale."

The sale as advertised is a mere formality. The L. A. & T. Company, which is almost a matter of course, is the purchaser. The result will probably be the legal extinction of the L. A. & T. company and the merging of it into the branch of the L. A. & T., which it is already in effect.

## Bank Robbery.

Our usually quiet town, at least the East End, was thrown into a flutter last Tuesday by the discovery that Mr. Jas. Chappell's bank had been robbed of an unknown sum of money. Mr. J. L. Chappell discovered the deficit, and has engaged several detectives to work up the case. It is hoped that the slick rascal will be caught. How, when or by whom the crime was committed is, as we go to press, shrouded in mystery.—Daily Telephone.

## In Memoriam.

Mrs. Maggie Nichols was born Feb'y 12th, 1853, was married to William Nichols Oct. 1875, in Jersey county, Ill., and died near Sinking Fork, Christian county, Ky., Jan'y 23rd, 1887. She leaves a devoted husband and five little children besides many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was a kind and loving wife, a devoted mother, a true friend and an earnest Christian. She was a victim to that fell disease, consumption, and though confined to her bed several months, bore her afflictions without a murmur, being wholly resigned to the will of her Heavenly Father. She was conscious even to her latest breath; and after commending her little children to the arms of God, and expressing earnest desire for her and her husband, to meet her in the "Great White Throne," quietly passed away, about 9 a. m., the gentle spirit soaring on angelic pinions to the God who gave it.

Keep not for her, bereaved husband, she only sleeps—she rests from pain. Mourn not for her, orphan children, You'll meet in heaven your mamma again! J. M. R.

## Valentines.

Next Monday is set apart by all the world in honor of St. Valentine, a gentleman who had the misfortune to lose his head at the hands of a Roman Emperor. He was a man of such unbounded love that the day of his execution has been ever since honored as an anniversary occasion, a day when Cupid reigns supreme.

The custom is thought by some to have originated in the Roman feast of the Lupercalia, when, among other ceremonies, the names of young girls were written on slips of paper which were placed in a box and drawn thence by young men who presented gifts to the girls. When the Christian era arose the fathers of the church attempted to abolish the pagan rite, but finding it impossible to do so, they modified it and gave it the stamp of Christianity.

From the earliest times the 14th of February has been observed as a day for love and sport. Sir Walter Scott locates one of his most beautiful novels on this merry day, and many are the curious legends that cling about the anniversary of the good old Saint.

Little now remains of the old time customs. This aesthetic age has drawn the sentiment out of the occasion and constructed it into a display of pseudo-art. Satins, velvets, plushes painted with shades and shapes, decorated with tints and silver-frost, languish in the stores and birds, profuse in gaudy illustrations—are the costly trappings that flood the markets and rob the duds to keep the sentiment of the day alive. Supposing that one's love is measured by the richness of his valentine, the fellow who floods the mails with his \$20 painted satin shoots the most deadly darts. In strange contrast to this is the pioneer lover who liased his modest sentiment for the first time in an epistle scrawled to the timid maiden who received the missive with an aura of blushes and knew the author but dare not confess him.

It is an accepted maxim that it is but one step from the "sublime to the ridiculous" and so it is but half a stumble from the "aesthetic to the silly." The luminous cartoons underwrite with a stanza of slush fairly outwitted the velvets and plushes of upstartdom. They are full of rhyming hits, at the folios of mankind and sell as rapidly as though they were a panacea for human ills. St. Valentine could have found therein his bleeding neck, he would now be doing penance on the "darkest curve of sox" where color and rhyme are unfused.

But for all that the small boys take his valentine at aged infirmities, and when the pellet hits the mark, he rolls in glee like a hunter who has brought down his game at long range. This is the only opportunity the rising generation has to get even with the bald-headed paragon who lectures them on "how good we were to do, for while the old fellows crush the cartoons between their fingers they truly feel the wound."

The vast quantity of comic valentines that are sold is astonishing. "There are only two firms in this country that manufacture them. They are McLaughlin Bros., of New York, and Peter G. Thompson, of Cincinnati. The former had long the monopoly of such work, and after Thompson came into this year they are selling them at fifteen cents a gross, below the cost of manufacture. These cartoons are scattered over the land like the "leaves of Valambrosa," and if it sport with them is a pleasure to the youth, the rest of the world can forgive the folly while the children have their fun.

## COAL THIEVES.

They Mash One Man's Face and Attack Another—A Reward Offered.

We have frequently mentioned the daring persistence of thieves in robbing coal trains in this city. So bold have they been in their methods that it is dangerous to interfere with them. Thursday night engineer Grigg on the south bound freight, which arrives here at 8 p. m., saw about 25 of the vagrants throwing off coal while his train was stopped in front of the city works awaiting orders. They had unloaded about a ton when he thought he would report the matter to the police. He walked down to the cars and asked them to stop, when someone on the opposite side of the train threw a large rock striking him in the face and inflicting an ugly wound. He was knocked down but got up and dragged himself into the depot. Dr. Seargent dressed his wounds, and he was taken to Nashville on his train. A very sick man. The railroad authorities have offered a liberal reward for the apprehension of the thugs who would rob the coal trains. He is hoped he will be captured and punished.

The same night, while special policeman R. B. Johnson was standing on the platform at the depot, some unknown person threw a large rock at him, the stone passing in a few inches of his head. He was unable to catch the miscreant. Had the rock hit him, it would have inflicted a serious injury.

Certainly something should be done to stop this vile work. An officers life is hardly safe and citizens and coal dealers need protection.

The Standard Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, with the blood-hounds, jubilee singers and donkey, will give the finest presentation of this thrilling drama on the road, at the Opera House, Tuesday night. The company carries a full line of special scenery, a feature in itself enough to attract a full house. Seats at Galtbreath's.

## A \$1,000,000 Drunk.

Philosophy Press.

It isn't every young man who can indulge in a \$1,000,000 drunk, but the son of Senator Fair, of Nevada, did it the other evening in Washington, when he tried to shoot ex-Representative Page, of California, because the latter refused to take a drink with him. Young Fair had been promised a cool \$1,000,000 if he would go for a year without drinking, and had scored up seven months of the allotted time, but the temptation to go on a tear that would cost a million was too great for his little mind, and he fell. Young Mr. Fair may never be a Senator or a hero, but generations will rise up and point to him as a man who treated himself to one of the costliest drunks on record.

## A Business Governor.

Hardred Herald.

There is a general demand by the Kentucky press for the election of a business man for Governor. The demand would be more in accordance with natural fitness of things if the Governor had any particular business to attend to. What kind of a business man should he be? A shoemaker? A blacksmith? A druggist? A merchant? A carpenter? A banker? A farmer? An architect? A lawyer? A ward politician? If our contemporaries will name precisely the kind of a business man they want, we will try to furnish him, instantly.

In line to the opinion that the so-called business Governor is a myth and a fraud. The kind of a man the people want, and the kind that would give full satisfaction, is one having good common sense, every day, common sense. A man not overladen with learning, not given to poetry or sentiment, lacking in all the elements of wisdom and success, but a man with just enough sense to attend to his official duties, and who, when his term expires, will retire to the privacy of a quiet home, and leave the people a good man, and not stand around the street corner with arms extended heavenward ready to be sworn into every office which may come his way.

## Candidates for State Offices.

The following is about a complete list of all the announced candidates for the action of the Democratic State Convention to be held in the city of Louisville, May 3d, 1887.

## Governor.

Gen. S. B. Buckner, of Hart county. Hon. A. S. Berry, of Newport. Judge T. H. Hines, of Warren county. Senator J. B. Harris, of Madison county.

## Lieutenant Governor.

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## Attorney General.

Gen. P. W. Hardin, of Mercer county. Judge A. E. Richards, of Louisville. John Fayette Hewitt, of Hardin county. John F. Rogers, of Woodford county. Barry South, of Morgan county.

## Public Instruction.

J. Deba Pickett, of Fayette county. A. M. Goodnight, of Napoleon county. E. Porter Thompson, of Owen county. Prof. H. K. Taylor, of Logan county. Dr. H. C. Corbett, of McCracken county. Hon. W. H. Hines, of Boyd county.

## Look Out For Your Wells.

American Agriculturist: It becomes more and more evident every year that much of the sickness prevalent in this country is directly attributable to the quality of water. By carefully studying the matter it is found that in nine cases out of ten typhoid fevers originate in families whose water supply is from a well, into which impure water comes. This may be from the farm-yard, and quite generally such is the case. For the soil from the latter will extend in a well near the house may be pure and wholesome, but by-and-by the soil between it and the barn-yard will become so unhealthily polluted that an unhealthy quality will be imparted to it, and disease will result from its use. This is almost always the case with wells. The danger between the two is not great, because, as a general thing, the bottom of the well is lower than the yard, and the drainage is directly toward it. It is extended in strata of soil, and when it reaches the well it will naturally flow into it. 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