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FOR GOVERNOR IN 1872,

Washington C. De Pauw,

OF FLOYD COUNTY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1871.

The New York thieves and official swindlers appear to be getting their just deserts. Connolly, one of the big thieves, can not give bail, and is now in jail. He is said to have cried like a child when the lock was turned on him. Some of Tweed's bondsmen are getting alarmed and have signified their intention of withdrawing their names from his bond. If this is done the big thief, one first-class specimen of a New Yorker run riot, will also find his proper place in the lock-up. If there can be added to the inside of the prison walls, the guilty Mayor of that great city, and a dozen or so of his boon companions, it will begin to look like justice can be meted out, even in New York. If Fisk & Gould, and a score or two of Wall street speculators, could also be brought within the meshes of the law, then the metropolis might put on an honest smile, and her best citizens not everlastingly be ashamed of her terrible morals. But New York is but an example, on a metropolitan plan, of the official stealing that has been inaugurated during the last few years, all over the country. At the nation's Capital the thieves are not so stupendous, but it is equally as promiscuous. It is more or less common in all the departments. The President takes presents for official favors, and subordinates having no favors to bestow, steal. The former is the most fashionable, the latter none the less corrupt.

The whole South is flooded with these official thieves. They went there on the "make," and they have pretty nearly stolen everything in it but the railroads, and if Jim. Fiske & Co., should ever get down there, he would run off with them.

Whether this reform, so auspiciously started in New York, will ramify itself throughout the whole country, remains to be seen. That it ought to spread in every direction, until official dishonesty becomes as uncommon as official honesty now is, is the hope of all good men.

Our Minerals.

It is difficult to estimate the vast wealth that lies hidden under the soil in this strip of land which lies a few miles east of this city, and extending many miles north and south. Figures can hardly compute the great value of the coal of these regions; the immense usefulness of the iron ore, and the inexhaustible quarries of the best building stone. Take it all together, the mineral resources of the counties of Clay, Greene and Vigo are perhaps unsurpassed by any other section of country on the continent. When enough railroads run over and through it to develop those great hidden mines of wealth, the world will be astonished at its richness. We, living close to these deposits, do not fully appreciate them. Distance seems to lend enchantment to the view, and men from abroad who visit them are astonished at their peculiar and enormous value. Says some scientific gentleman, who a few days ago visited these vast fields: "There is no such coal for making iron in the world—England possesses none such, and there is no other place in America where it can be found."

That this is the fact, time is fast making apparent to all. Every investigation into the coal regions, every shaft that is put down, every ear-load of coal that is shipped abroad, tells an additional tale of the wonderful richness of this wonderful locality. Now there has been added to all this wealth, another deposit, which bids fair to enrich its owners. "Of its co-representative of the Brazil Miner says as follows:

"It seems that all the mineral resources of this country have as yet been almost unexplored, and that there is still a large amount of hidden wealth beneath its soil, as will be shown by the following statements which were furnished us by Dr. Knight:

In the spring of 1853, there came to this county a gentleman by the name of Prof. Lawrence, a very learned man, skilled in the knowledge of ores, and being something of a geologist. In that year he sank the first coal shaft ever put down in this county, and he only kept in operation one season. This man, during that summer, procured a number of barrels which he had conveyed to his works, where he had a large mortar and pestle by means of which he pounded to a fine powder a peculiar sort of stone, and when the barrels were filled they were shipped to Cincinnati and he followed them, leaving his business affairs in the hands of one of his employees until his return. In about eight or ten days he came back and in a few weeks again went to Cincinnati, coming home this time with several small vessels of china filled with a material of the same color as the powdered stone, only more brilliant. All these proceedings he kept so closely to himself that when he died in the autumn of 1854 no one except himself was the wiser of his experiments.

It now appears that a large quantity of this stone is lying between Knightsville and the surrounding surface in veins from five to ten feet in thickness, and the people of that place, or rather the coal companies, have been making shipments of this stone to various places selling at \$100 per car load, and a gentleman from one of the eastern cities, who has had enough experience to know, says that he would rather own three feet of this particular stone than ten of black or splint coal. It is used, with some other ingredients, in making the powder placed in the blast furnace hearths as well as being important in the manufacture of Bessemer steel, being of the same grain as the stone from England. It is also thought to be valuable for lithographic purposes, similar to the deposit lately discovered in Owen county.

The transactions in this new product have not been ventilated very extensively, but we may look for a more thorough investigation of its merits. A specimen has been sent to Professor Cook, and several were shown the English iron men on their recent visit to this place."

Shall Amnesty be Complete? That the President will recommend in his Message and Congress promptly pass an act of sweeping amnesty, seems to us an inevitable, or broken, these measures have not been taken into the secret counsels of the President; but the time has palpably come when such a measure can no longer be postponed. On this point, no argument is needed.

Shall there be made any exception to the scope of this measure? In other words, shall certain eminently obnoxious persons be excepted from its operation?

Let us put the case in the broadest light, by supposing that the President of the defunct Southern Confederacy—he and none other—should thus be excepted, would there be either wisdom or justice, dignity or policy, in such exception?

We once went bail for Jefferson Davis, whom we had never before met, not because we had affection or sympathy for him, but because his longer confinement without trial and conviction was condemned by every consideration of equity and by the plain letter of the Federal Constitution. The 15th Amendment, that instrument expressly stipulates that

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed," &c.

In plain defiance of this provision, Jefferson Davis was kept in jail two years, always ready and anxious for trial but never allowed it. No judge of any respectable court could have denied him a habeas corpus and a liberation on proof of the undeniable facts. His longer confinement without trial would have been a mockery of justice, and a violation of military power. It had no justification in public necessity, no effect but to make him a hero and a martyr in the apprehension of five millions, who would have blamed him as the cause of the defeat had he escaped from the country at the collapse of the rebellion.

Suppose he were now to be made the sole exception from a general amnesty, he could again be lifted into distinction and honor in the apprehension of every mourner over the grave of the Lost Cause. In their eyes, he would have been invested by the Government with a patent of nobility more valuable than any king could bestow. From the mere President of an Insurance Company, he would be transformed into the one only man whom this mighty Republic still feared and dreaded. He could be enshrined in millions of hearts as a sufferer for their sakes, and thenceforth walk the earth the Grand Lama of a decaying yet still potent faith.

These considerations must appeal to every intelligent mind. The hysteria into which it was once fashionable to fall at the mention of Jeff. Davis have become grimace and hypocrisy. He is no more guilty than thousands of others, and he deserves a pardon as much as Lee or Stonewall Jackson. Every officer in the Union army who went over to the rebellion as much deserves to suffer as he does, and for identical reasons. There is no sense in making fish of one and flesh of the others. And it would be unwise to make a discrimination where there is no essential difference. Let one job be made of Amnesty, and all pretense for further agitation about it be banished forever.—N. Y. Tribune.

More "Spiritualism." On the 24th of last March, in Portland, Me., Mr. Woodman fell through the scuttle of his store, wrenched his ribs out of place, twisted his spine, and "displaced one of his intestines." He was put to bed, and everything was expected of him to expire. But he "was political according to spiritual direction," and the ghosts of two doctors, and of a woman named Amanda ministered unto him, in an odd enough way, by raising him from his bed, twirling him in the air, dressing him and walking him about the room, lifting him into bed again, singing to him "angelic music." Mrs. Woodman playing a piano accompaniment to the spirit informed those in attendance that they were giving the patient spiritual medicines, and applying spiritual steam and shower-baths. The sick man was thirty, a downy young fellow, and came a spiritual ghost, suspended by a thread, and with spiritual water in it. The vessel stopped at his mouth, and "its contents were administered by unseen hands." He complained that the water was bitter, and tasted of tansy. Meanwhile, all sorts of side shows were going on in the room. Colored lights were seen. The medium, one Dr. Hopkins, was carried three times across the apartment. The sick man's mother's ghost showed herself "in full costume." And there was a strange ghost with whom nobody was acquainted. One day sixteen spirits carried the poor patient into the entry. Then they banished him on the foot-board. One attendant, who was rubbing the injured man "was seized and carried some distance," probably because he did not rub him "in the proper manner." The damaged back and ribs, has now as good a back and as well set ribs as any person in Portland.

PROFESSOR TYNDALL, in his "Fragments of Science," tells us what the study of grammar did for him. He says: "The proper study of a language is an intellectual discipline of the highest kind. If I except discussions on the comparative merits of Popery and Protestantism, English grammar was the most important discipline of my boyhood. The piercing through the intricate and inverted sentences of 'Paradise Lost,' the linking of the verb to its often distant nominative, of the relative to its distant antecedent, of the agent to the object of the transitive verb, of the preposition to the noun or pronoun which it governed, the variations in mood and tense, the transformations often necessary to bring out the true grammatical structure of sentence, all this was to my young mind a discipline of the highest kind, and it was a source of unfeigned delight. How I rejoiced when I found a great author tripping, and fairly able to pin him to a corner from which there was no escape! As I speak, some of the sentences which exercised me when a boy rise to my recollection. 'He that bath ears to hear, let him hear,' that was one of them; where he is left in mid-air, without any verb to support it. I speak of the English, because it was of real value to me. I do not speak of other languages, because their educational value for me was almost inestimable."

The New York Commercial Advertiser thus photographs the Grand Duke: "The Duke is six feet two inches high. He told ex-Senator Morgan, on the Mary Powell, that he was one inch taller than his father, Alexander II. His hair is combed straight up and back, and is in color a light auburn. His forehead is high, gently sloping back like Mr. Beecher's. His nose is regular, his eyes large and mellow, and his lips soft and velvety. His moustache is short, and like his side whiskers, is of a golden hue. He is a handsome man. Standing in a crowd of one hundred handsome men, and he would be picked out as the handsomest. He is handsomer than any member of the Executive Committee, which is composed of the best blood in the metropolis.

WHEN the summer of youth is slowly wasting away in the nightfall of age, and the past becomes deeper and deeper, and life wears to its close, it is pleasant to look through the vista of time upon the sorrows and felicities of our earlier years. If we have a home to shelter, and hearts to rejoice with us, and friends have gathered together around our firesides, the rough places of our wayfaring will have been worn and smoothed away, in the twilight of life, while many dark spots we have passed through will grow brighter and more beautiful. Happy indeed are those whose intercourse with the world has not changed the tone of their holier feelings, or broken these musical chords of the heart, whose vibrations are so melodious, so tender, and so touching in the evening of life.

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