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Ex-City Treasurer Louis Constans, of Newport, Ky., has been indicted for embezzling \$35,000, and a charge of about \$4,000 shortage is preferred against ex-City Clerk W. F. McClure.

Hon. Edward J. Gay, a Louisiana Congressman, died in New Orleans on Thursday. He defeated Wm. Pitt Kellogg in '84 and was re-elected in '86 and '88. He was worth nearly a million dollars.

The Republicans of Estill and Lee counties have nominated Hon. Robert C. Hill for the Legislature. He and Judge W. T. E. Williams will "make Rome howl" from now till August. "In all probability" Judge Williams will be the successful man.

Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, in an interview says: "Hon. Henry D. McHenry ought to succeed to the Chairmanship of the National Democratic Committee. Col. McHenry is now the senior member of the committee, and as the expiration of his present term will have served twenty consecutive years."

By reason of the failure of the Democratic candidates to secure more than a plurality of votes in Rhode Island, the Legislature chose the following Republican officials: Governor, H. W. Ladd; Lieutenant Governor, D. H. Littlefield; Secretary of State, S. H. Cross; Treasurer, Samuel Clark—all of whom received fewer votes than their Democratic opponents at the recent election.

President Harrison appointed Col. Beverley Tucker, of Virginia, as one of the commissioners to Hayti, and Col. Tucker was making the necessary preparations for his absence, when a few of the ultra-radical correspondents of the Radical persuasion notified the President that they would make it hot for him if the appointment was allowed to stand. The President did not have enough backbone and manly courage to stand by his own actions and withdrew Colonel Tucker's name. When it comes to pack that a few newspaper correspondents can run the head of the nation, it points to a change.

NOT EXPECTED.

The editor of the Winchester Democrat gives up and goes to blubbering and boo-hooing, and rubbing his dirty paws into his eyes. Next time he will know THE CLIMAX is loaded. He whines about "legitimate discussion," when he has not discussed anything—simply made a lot of false assertions, which he retracts in a paragraph found elsewhere in today's CLIMAX.

HE SINGS A NEW SONG.

The subjoined editorial paragraph from the Winchester Democrat is entirely different from its blood and thunder assertions and denunciations of recent date. It says: "The Louisville Southern has a large force at work, between Nicholasville and Richmond, and is evidently, from what we saw and learned at Irvine, in condition to go to Beattyville."

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

If Western Kentucky with her strong Democratic majority will unite on a candidate for Senator and all pull together for him, there is not a doubt but we can secure the plum. Upon our vote depends the election. Then let us decide among ourselves, and having put forth a man demand the support of the other sections, and we will get it, for they know our strength and power. Hon. James A. McKenzie will be a candidate unless something unforeseen occurs, and we could do no better than give him our support. There is probably not a county in this end of the State but would stand by him, and if that is done he will be our next Senator.—Hopkinsville New Era.

Quinine Jim is too light timber to make a Senator out of. He is made more after the fashion of "Frothy Joe," whom he seeks to succeed. Kentucky wants something more solid and substantial than either of them—a man with steady habits, an unexcited brain and calm judgment. We can afford to send skyrockets and blatherskites to the Lower House, but when it comes to successors, to Henry Clay and John J. Crittenden, the State will look higher, and be more choicely in the selection of Blackburn's successor.—Kentucky Register.

FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROPERTY DESTROYED IN A FLOOD.

The most awful destruction of human life and property that ever occurred in North America occurred at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and vicinity, on last Friday night and Saturday.

A heavy rain began falling on Thursday night, and by Friday evening the entire country was experiencing an unusual heavy flow of water. Above Johnstown on the Conemaugh river, at the mouth of South Fork, existed a dam a mile across from one mountain to another and a hundred feet high. It formed a lake three or four miles back and a mile or two wide. That dam gave way and flooded the valley, sending down a wall of water twenty or thirty feet high that carried away everything before it, including several towns, before Johnstown was reached.

The people of Johnstown were telegraphed that dire danger threatened them, but they had often received word that the dam was giving way, and the great majority heeded not the warning. The flood came, but instead of fleeing to the hills, the people went up stairs, and when the raging waters swept through the city, surrounding the houses, escape was scarcely possible. Residences, business houses, factories and other structures washed away like chips and carried their contents down to rapid destruction. Fifteen hundred houses were hurled off into the roaring flood. Men, women and children were everywhere struggling in the torrent. Clinging to all kind of wreckage, they were borne away to be finally drowned, or to die of exhaustion and exposure. Now and then one was rescued down the raging Conemaugh, but where one was saved a hundred were not. As the flood advanced it devastated other towns. The banks of the river were soon strewn with the dead, like drift-wood; and the water's surface was covered with every conceivable thing from a house with its human and other contents to the smallest isolated article—store-houses filled with goods, livery stables with their horses, cars with their cargoes, pianos, barrels of whisky, kegs of beer, boxes of goods, trunks, furniture, and all else that human beings possess, went madly rushing down the Conemaugh into the Kiskiminitas, and on into the Alleghany, and on Sunday, wreckage containing dead bodies passed Pittsburg and into the Ohio. One 13-year-old boy was rescued alive at Pittsburg.

The city of Johnstown is an utter ruin. The houses that were not carried away were removed from their foundations and many of them overturned, so that every house in the city of twenty thousand people will need re-building. Millions of Friday were paupers Saturday, begging bread. Where stood edifices on Friday, there was a bed of gravel or a pool of water on Saturday. Happy families of Friday were memories on Saturday. To add horror upon horror, hundreds of houses containing human beings lodged against a strong bridge and took fire. Several hundred people were roasted to death in the midst of the roaring waters. Railroads and all other roads were washed out and telegraph lines destroyed. All communication was cut off, starvation and want came apace, no human being can conceive of the terror of Friday night, Saturday and Sunday in the flooded country.

Johnstown is situated on the Pennsylvania Central Railway at the foot of the Alleghany mountains. On Sunday temporary repairs were completed, and several trains were sent up from Pittsburg. And what odd cargoes those trains carried—three thousand coffins, a detachment of militia, a carload of police, hundreds of tents, and thousands of pounds of food. The terrorized and hungry remnants of population could not maintain order. Robbers set systematically to robbing the dead. The river banks were haunted by friends who stripped the lifeless bodies of money, watches and jewels. One man was found with a baby's finger in his pocket containing a tiny ring, and straightaway was hung up to a limb. Another thief was bending over the body of a woman in the edge of the water, taking her jewelry, when he was shot, fell headlong into the water and washed away. Several others were lynched. There were fifteen thousand strangers at Johnstown on Sunday. Long trenches are being dug, and the victims are placed side by side as rapidly as they can be buried. A memorial day will be held some day. But weeks must elapse before the several hundred miles of river will give up their dead, and the actual number perished will never be known. A volume, like unto the Bible, would scarcely record the incidents of this great disaster.

Ashtabula and Troy Bridge sink into utter insignificance beside Johnstown and the neighboring unfortunate towns of South Fork, Mineral Point, Conemaugh, Cambria, Sherman and Sang-Hollow. Money, food and clothing is pouring in from all parts of the country. The Jimista, the Sasquehanna, the Potomac and the James all overflowed their banks, and the loss of property has been great. The loss of life is simply appalling. It is perhaps a low estimate to say that five thousand people perished, and hundreds have died of exposure and fright.

Mrs. Showers, married only three months, was shot to death in her room at the Showers hotel, Elizabethtown, one morning last week. She was Miss Lena Moore, a pretty and popular girl of that place, who had many admirers. Somebody ought to be hung.

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The heaviest winners at the Louisville race were Spokane, who in two races, the Derby and Clark Stakes, knocked down \$8,650 in round money for his owner, bonded Noah Armstrong. The second highest winner was Badge, with \$4,000 to his credit. Jewel Box, in one race, won out \$3,840, while Fairy Queen took away \$2,000 for Farmer Reilly. Penn P. took of \$2,000, while Strideway secured \$1,800 and Starter Caldwell captured one stake, \$1,445. Bravo won heavier than any other except the stakes horse, winning four races and \$1,200.

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THE VODOU CUR.

The various "cures," such as the water cure, faith cure, and Christian Science cure, are supplemented in Louisiana by the Vodou cure, which was thought to have been extinct. One day last week, in New Orleans, the police raided a house and arrested eight white and six colored women, who, partially disrobed, were singing weird songs around a half-breed man, who, in silken tights, was performing a strange wild dance. The women were allowed to arrange their toilets, and when taken to the "lock-up," explained that no immorality was meant—that it was necessary to expose the diseased parts, and that the Vodou doctor could not cure them without such exposure. The women were respectable, but were paid \$2.50 each and the "doctor" \$25.

Adherents of Schweinfurth, who believe in the "Garden of Eden test," should fight shy of New Orleans. DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS UNITE TO BRUCE A BLOODY SHIRT.

A telegram from Ft. Smith on the 30th, Decoration Day, tells of a lively time there. The ladies of Fort Smith, both wives and daughters of Federal and Confederates, were out in large numbers laden with flowers, with which, as usual to decorate the graves of the heroic dead who lie buried in our National Cemetery, irrespective of the side on which they fought.

Hon. Thomas H. Barnes, a prominent lawyer of this city, was orator of the day. He made a patriotic speech, which was listened to with pleasure and profit by a large assemblage. After he had finished speaking, Hon. Mr. Kelly, of Kansas, a stranger to the people here, was introduced, and probably no people assembled upon such an occasion, amid such surroundings, ever listened to such a speech.

Among other things he said, in substance: "The State of Arkansas is in disrepute. Commodore Benjamin and Clinch were assassinated in this State because they were loyal to the flag of their country. The eyes of the entire country are upon Arkansas." He said his State Legislature had passed resolutions denouncing Arkansas and calling upon the National Government to protect its people, even if it had to put it under martial law, and he continued: "I am a Congressman, and, Comrades, I will see that you are protected, if by my influence and power can affect it, even if we have to resort to martial law."

The indignation and contempt of our citizens at the remarkable speech of Mr. Kelly culminated in a large but spontaneous meeting at the court house at 3 p. m. It was composed of both Republican and Democrats, and resolutions were reported by a committee composed of two Republicans and one Democrat, two of whom were Federal soldiers and members of the G. A. R. J. P. Grady, a Republican, and a Federal soldier, and a member of the G. A. R., was called to the chair, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Whereas, Hon. Mr. Kelly, of Kansas, an entire stranger, has this day disrespected the Republican party and insulted our people by denouncing the graves of our national dead in a litter, partisan speech, denouncing the people of Arkansas as a lawless people, and incapable of self-government, and threatening them with his influence, as a member of Congress, to put the State under martial law, and as if he had a right to do so, and as if he were a member of the G. A. 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