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The Republican.

WILKINSON & KNABENSHUE, PUBLISHED BY THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1877.

The senior editor, Mr. Wilkinson, was summoned to his home in Belmont County by the severe, and probably fatal, illness of his mother, on Saturday last, and has not returned at the hour of going to press. All lack of editorial matter in this issue will therefore be excused by our patrons.

WADE HAMPTON has addressed a letter to the President, accepting Mr. Hayes' invitation to a personal conference. In this document, which is quite lengthy, he says that, in his judgment, all impediments to peace and order in South Carolina can at once be removed by the withdrawal of Federal troops from the State House. He also remarks that "we propose to redress our grievances, not by resort to force, but by legal and constitutional agencies."

The British Government now desires to make an extradition treaty with the United States, by which persons can be arrested and extradited who are charged with murder, arson, rape, piracy or armed mutiny at sea, forgery, embezzlement, kidnapping, falsification of official accounts, burglary of government offices, banks or trust companies with intent to steal, and counterfeiting money or government securities. Political offences are to be specially excepted.

GEN. JOHN McCOMB, editor of the San Francisco Alta California, commented humorously but severely upon Wm. Hayes, a bullying lawyer of that city. Hayes called at the Alta office, revolver in hand, demanding an insouciant retraction. McCombs promptly knocked him down, took away his pistol, and turned him over to the police, on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The editorial fraternity of the city talk of getting up a testimonial to McCombs.

The Akron Iron Company has purchased 450 acres of coal and iron lands in Athens County, and will remove their blast furnace from Akron to the new town of Bessemer, which their land adjoins. The reason for this step is the cost of getting the ore, coal and lime from the mines to their present location. It costs \$19 per ton to manufacture iron at Akron, while at other furnaces near the proposed location it costs but \$13 per ton.

OSNEY HALL, who was the Mayor of New York City under Tammany rule, and the willing tool of Tweed, and more recently a lawyer of that city, has disappeared. At first it was believed that he had either been murdered, or had committed suicide; but it now seems probable that he feared damaging revelations from Sweeney, who has returned to testify in the Tweed case, and therefore has gone glimmering.

The total entries at the various county fairs in Ohio for 1876 foot up 76,729 in number. \$109,909.98 was offered in premiums, and \$77,658.53 was actually paid out on premiums. The total gate and entry charges amounted to \$109,329.96. This gives some idea of the amount of business transacted by our Agricultural Societies.

A BILL has passed the General Assembly authorizing the Commissioners of Franklin County to submit the question of establishing a Children's Home to a vote. The institution is intended for the large number of children now in the County Infirmary—a most unfit place for rearing them to become useful members of society.

Prof. DAVIDSON, of the U. S. Coast Survey, made observations at Summit Station, Central Pacific Railroad, on March 21, 22 and 23, to detect the passage of the supposed planet Vulcan over the sun's disc but without success. Leverrier was wrong for once in his prediction.

S. J. TILDES, a man whom some of our readers may remember as a Presidential aspirant, is largely interested in silver mines at Silver Peak, Nevada, and has sent an agent to that place to ascertain the advisability of commencing mining operations.

It is proposed to introduce into American colleges the English University custom of having undergraduates wear caps and gowns. Columbia College, New York City, will be the first institution to adopt the mode.

On Friday of last week, John D. Lee, the leader of the Mormons in the fiendish butchery of one hundred and twenty men, women and children, at Mountain Meadows, Utah, in 1857, paid the penalty of his crime. He was shot on the spot where the atrocious crime was committed, and left a written confession, which confirms the opinion long held that Brigham Young was the instigator of the inhuman massacre.

The Daily Free Press, of Canton expired peacefully last week, for a lack of advertising patronage, aged four weeks. The publishers, in announcing the fact, remark that "the business men of Canton may be very good men, but they are not the kind of men that support daily papers."

The charges preferred by Supervising Special Agent Moore, against several gentlemen in the Treasury, charging them with embezzling unclaimed interest money, have been proved to be lies, and the Solicitor of the Treasury completely exonerates them.

HON. E. E. WHITE, President of Perdue University, Indiana, and well known to all Ohio educators, has resigned, the Indiana Legislature having cut down the salaries paid the members of the faculty.

PRESIDENT HAYES' Cabinet is unanimous in the opinion that the troops should be removed from the Southern States. The time of withdrawing has not been definitely fixed.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Massachusetts has excluded colored persons from membership, and the dissatisfied members are about to establish a new lodge.

POPULARITY, the illustrious is announced as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He don't seem to know that he is dead as the antediluvians.

The New York Gold Exchange is to dissolve on the 30th of April. The premium on gold is so small that it does not pay to gamble in it.

The steamer China, recently brought to New York from Liverpool, \$850,000 in bar silver.

Work has begun on the Springfield, Jackson and Pomeroy Narrow Gauge Railroad.

An extra session of Congress will be called for the first of June.

About Our Town.

Twenty-five years ago, Mount Vernon was the most attractive town in Central Ohio. The beauty of its location, the richness of the surrounding country, the taste and elegance of our buildings, the moral character and business enterprise of our citizens, were admitted by all our neighbors. We were the equals of Newark or Mansfield in population and business enterprise; and so far surpassed Delaware, Canton, Massillon, Wooster and Akron as to regard them out of the line of rivalry. How do we stand to-day? Akron more than trebles us in population and business; Canton nearly does so. Mansfield and Newark each nearly or quite double us, while Delaware and Massillon have so far outstripped us that we can hardly hope to show more than half as well as they at the next census. While all these towns have been growing rapidly, we have of late been diminishing.

Why is this? Why is it that strangers who used to admire and seek our town, now avoid it, and speak of it as the "deadest town in Ohio"? Why have we become a by-word among our neighbors? Why are there no new business enterprises started here? Why does no one come in to start any new business? Why is it that all our young men, when they arrive at an age to commence business, leave us, murmuring as they go.

"Dear, damned, deserted town, farewell!" And seek other places? Why do all the tracks around our town lead in any direction away from us, and none toward us? It is simply because we, unlike our thrifty neighbors, have been following a pinching, penny-wise, hide-bound policy. While other towns have been spending their money with generosity and judgment in encouraging business enterprises, and in making their towns attractive to those who were seeking locations, we have been doing all we can to make our town dull, ugly and repulsive. While Delaware, when the C. C. & I. R. R. Company proposed to locate their shops in that place, if the town would levy a tax of \$75,000, accepted the proposition unanimously, and thereby added thousands of a thriving population to their town, we abuse and spit upon the C. M. V. & C. R. R. Company for making us a similar offer. While Mansfield spends \$100,000 for water-works, gives generously to start machine shops, and illumines her houses and streets with gas, we leave our town in dark silence, and spend what little money we grudgingly do give to improve the Watkins road out in Morris township. While our City Council sits down in the mud and darkness to haggle about the fourth of a cent on a thousand feet of gas, with a company now so poor that they have not, as I am informed, declared a dividend for a year—leaving our streets in muddy darkness, while our hotels, stores and dwellings are lighted with coal oil or candles. Who would come here, or who would stay here, if he could get away, if this policy is to continue? And of its continuance, I, for one, have no doubt. Its advocates are in all parties, and classes. Of the women by no means honored and best paid in public service of all our citizens, I am informed one wrote the remonstrance against our railroad shop enterprise, while the other was active and noisy in circulating it. And a bitter Republican, now holding a municipal office, is loudly advocating the election of a Democratic candidate for Councilman in his ward, because the Democrat is in favor of dark streets—and all this in the name of opposition to high taxation! Now, tax-paying is unpleasant, surely; but if freedom from taxes is the aim of human life, let us all go beyond the confines of civilization, for there taxes are unknown; or let us compromise by moving to Antioch, Millwood or Brandon. Those sylvan retreats are comparatively free from taxation. But to all those who have any desire to live in a live town, we say, get up and get out! The fate of this place is sealed, unless there is a change in its policy, of which I have no hope. The town will continue to die; the sepulchral advertisements, "For Sale" and "For Rent," will continue to decorate an ever increasing number of our buildings, and will rot with the buildings, and their sites turned into farming lands. Let those who can not get away remain as so many mourners at the funeral. Let them rally all their dying energies in the effort to complete the monument on our Public Square; and when it is finished, let them inscribe on its top:

"Sacrificed to the memory of this dear dead town."

A TAX-PAYER. WHO OWNS NEITHER RAILROAD NOR GAS STOCK.

Vote for Wood Tuller, Republican candidate for Councilman in the First Ward, remembering that James M. Andrews is one of the most ultra Democrats in the ward, and was nominated at the Democratic caucus held in the office of Abel Hart, Saturday night.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

A family in South Akron rejoice in triplets, weighing six, six, and seven pounds respectively.

There were fourteen newspapers started in the State of Ohio, during the month of February.

Arrangements are making to remove the old Malleable Iron Works from Pittsburgh to Canton.

The Tuscarawas County Sabbath School Convention will be held at Canal Dover, on Tuesday, April 15, 1877.

Two hundred and eighty-five miles of railroad were built in Ohio, in 1876, of which about 100 miles were narrow gauge.

The tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, was observed as a holiday on last Monday.

A clerk in one of the county offices in Canton has arranged blue glass in his windows for the assistance of his side whiskers.

An illicit still was recently seized in Wayneburg, Stark Co., belonging to one Philip Long, who was sent to Cleveland for trial.

The youngest child of the editor of the Cambridge News, is very dangerously ill, of congestion of the lungs, caused from measles.

The Mayor of Canton has decided views on the tramp nuisance. He gave one ten days in jail on bread and water for stealing an overcoat.

William St. Clair plead guilty of robbery and arson, at Kenton, on Saturday, and was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

On the 15th, Mrs. Bobb, Castled, living near Sumbury, severely injured her right arm by the accidental discharge of a gun she had picked up.

Christian Stoll, an old and worthy farmer living near Wooster, fell to the ground while at work one morning recently, and died almost instantly.

A brickblock was burned in West Salem, Ohio, on last Friday night. Insured in the Knox, of Mt. Vernon, for \$5,000, and in the Western, of Urbana, for \$1,000.

The new short line railroad between Columbus and Toledo has been in operation only two months, and in that time has built up a business that surpasses expectations.

A poor but industrious laborer of Caldwell, O., who has had small sicknesses since the past winter, was the recipient of a wagon of provisions, from benevolent citizens.

Dr. Yoder, of Shansville, Tuscarawas County, O., was drowned in Sugar Creek on the 17th. He was on his way to visit a patient and drove off the side of a culvert, upsetting in the water.

A cow belonging to a Wayne County farmer recently brought forth a calf weighing twenty-five pounds, legs about two inches long, and in looks a compound of a mole, squirrel and bulldog. It was dead when found.

Some ghouls disinterred the body of a young girl, at Bairdstown, Ohio, the night after burial, stripped it of every article of clothing, tied it in an old sack, and left it in an unoccupied building, where it was found the next day.

A party of Cardington people intend making a trip in April, over the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad. Whether they intend visiting Cardington to Arkansas, if a suitable location be found, the Independent does not say.

A young man named John Phillips, living near Cardington, while attempting to remove some substance which kept the cylinder of his revolver from turning, the pistol exploded, the ball entering the abdomen. The wound is very serious.

A little son of J. S. Carlisle, while playing with a blow-gun using feathers and sticks, drew a long breath and sucked his missile into his wind-pipe, and then into the bronchial tubes. His father has taken him to Cleveland to have the obstruction removed.

Last Thursday a party of three gentlemen and four women entered a skill at Armstrong's Mills, about six miles northeast of Cambridge, for the purpose of taking a boat ride. After the skill had reached the middle of the stream one of the boats, and the ladies becoming frightened, capsized the boat and were precipitated into the water. Two women were drowned, and the remainder of the party reached the shore in safety.

Thomas Bushnell of Hayesville, Ashland County, Ohio, while digging a well recently found a double-bladed stone ax of very superior workmanship, and used form. It came from a bed of coarse gravel thirty-four feet below the surface of the ground, and from its surroundings would seem to date back to its origin to the glacial period of the world's history. The ax had about four inches in length, and about two and a quarter inches broad at the bit. At the center where the groove's flattened bit about one inch and a half broad.

A distressing accident occurred near Marietta recently. Two boys, aged about 16 years, named Rumble and Mason, were preparing to take part in a school exhibition, and during the noon hour of school, went into the woods near by to rehearse. In the course of the play Rumble was to stab Mason with a large knife which they had for the occasion. Mason had his breast protected by a board, but by some means Rumble, in striking the blow, missed the board and stabbed Mason to the heart, killing him almost instantly. No blame whatever is attached to young Rumble, as the killing was entirely accidental.

Proceedings have been commenced in the courts to sell the M. P. & C. Railroad, which is deeply involved in debt. With its sale will be accomplished the wiping out of its floating indebtedness. It is expected that its mortgage bonds will be converted into preferred stock, and the owners will then be asked to buy the road from Canal Dover to Cleveland, issue \$2,000,000 first mortgage bonds on the entire route, and fully equip and make out of the road from Marietta to Cleveland, a first class line in every particular.

Recently a farmer brought into a store in Jacobport, Cochocton Co., a basket with twenty pounds of something done up in rolls, salted and dried nicely, as women generally do put butter for in winter. The clerk weighed the contents of the basket, went into the back room and fumbled it into the butter box, supposing it to be butter. The next morning the proprietor of the store went to the box to get some good butter, and noticing some rolls that looked rather suspicious, he took up one and examined it; to his surprise he found it to be lard and tallow mixed, salted and done up in rolls like butter.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE. DANVILLE. After nearly every one had again converted sleighs and cutters into harnesses, or otherwise disposed of them, then we get our sleighing, and the weather prophets with one voice behind his back. The stormy weather of the past week or so has been decidedly obnoxious if not equinoxial. It has delayed Spring work, and the farmers are beginning to feel anxious, lest they get behind with their plowing.

Miss Jennie O'g has been engaged to teach the Summer term of School at "Fairview" District, No. 3.

Mr. L. M. Murphy will move his family to their new home in Wyandot County the latter part of this week.

Mr. Henry Robinson has leased a farm of Mr. Lou Burgess, in Milford Township, one mile east of the Five Corners, and will move there with his family on Thursday of this week.

Mr. Wm. B. Bell, of Sandusky County, Ohio, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Isaac Lavefer came near losing a valuable horse one day last week. He rode him up to a station on the two miles south of Fredericktown, and being in a hurry, he very thoughtlessly tied the animal to a picket-fence that was in front of the yard while he ran into the house. The horse grew restless, and finally attempted to scale the fence; he went as far as his hitch-strap would allow him, and then descended on top the fence, the sharp pickets seriously lacerating his sides and flanks, but it is now thought that he will recover.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MOUNT VERNON AND VICINITY.

We take pleasure in bringing to your notice that we have opened a 99c. STORE!

Such as every Family at all times is in want of, which will be offered to you at a very small advance from first cost. Our Motto is "TO LIVE AND LET LIVE!"

We are perfectly well aware of the fact that it is more blessed to give than to receive; but giving, like most other luxuries, is a trifling beyond our means. In selling our goods at a very small profit, we are obliged to confine ourselves strictly to

The One-Price System and we shall add to our stock from time to time as the season requires such goods as you most desire. We herewith mention a few of the leading articles which will be found in our stock. For full list, see Bulletin, which will be thoroughly distributed in the City.

Ladies and Misses—Spring Hats, fully trimmed. Ladies' Night Dresses, Chemises and Drawers. Gent's Soft Hats. Full sets Field Croquet. Table Cloths. Silver-plated Goods. Pocket-knives, Pocket-books. Pure Meerschaum Pipes and Cigar Tubes, &c., &c., &c. Give us a call. No trouble to show Goods. Respectfully, E. V. CHAPIN & CO.

Business Cards. J. S. BRADDOCK'S. Wholesale and Retail. W. R. BEUM, AUCTIONEER, DANVILLE, OHIO.

DR. R. J. ROBINSON, PHYSICIAN and SURGEON. OFFICE AND RESIDENCE on Gambler street, a few doors east of Main.

WILLIAM M. KOONS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, MT. VERNON, OHIO. OFFICE—Over Knox County Savings Bank.

F. O. JACOBS, DENTIST, NEWARK, OHIO. OFFICE—Near American Hotel, over Sears & Baker's Store.

STEPHENS & FOWLER, DENTISTS, MT. VERNON, OHIO. OFFICE—Knox Block, immediately over J. H. Milnes' Clothing Store, corner Main and Public Squares.

BEGIN HOUSE, T. McBRIDE & SON, Prop's, Formerly Logan House, Belmontaine, and recently City Hotel, Piqua, Ohio.

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H. H. GREER, ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW, OFFICE—In Rooms over Post Office, MT. VERNON, O. Collectors throughout the State promptly attended to.

W. C. COOPER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 109 MILLER BLOCK, MOUNT VERNON, O. DR. CYRUS M. KELSEY, DENTIST, HAS removed his Office from Ward's building to his Residence, on Upper Main Street. DR. W. S. GARDNER, PHYSICIAN & SURGEON, BLADENBURG, OHIO. Is a graduate of two colleges—allopathic and eclectic—in March, 1876, and has had professional experience in the hospital of the same college, and has been professionally engaged in the practice of his profession since that date. Call any day or night, promptly attended to. Terms reasonable. nov14, 77

FRANK C. LARIMORE, M. D., PHYSICIAN and SURGEON, OFFICE—Over Green's Drug Store, near Indian, Main Street, second House North of Congregational Church. J. W. RUSSELL, M. D., J. W. RUSSELL, M. D., RUSSELL & McMILLIN, PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, OFFICE—West side of Main Street, fourth doors North of Public Square. JANE PAYNE, PHYSICIAN, OFFICE—Over Hill's shoe store, corner of Main and Green streets, where she can be found to attend calls, night or day in town or country. G. C. MILLER'S Sewing Machine Repair Works. Old machines of all kinds re-built and made as good as new. You can send in the top of your machine, by express, to be done over, and save from \$40 to \$50. Through instructions in the art of repairing machines given to any one wishing to learn the business. Enclosed you will find G. C. MILLER'S, 125 East Front St., Columbus, O. Ref. references: Central and Franklin National Banks, U. S. Army and Navy, and others. Companies.

