

Jeremiah S. Black.

The Republic lost its best and noblest citizen when the sage of Brockie fell asleep in death, and the present century of less than twenty years shall never look upon his like again.

Judge Black was born in the mountain forests of southern Pennsylvania. He inherited a robust constitution, and without other adventitious aids, carved his way to fortune with the same patient toil with which he hewed the monarchs of his mountain home.

There have been men in the last score of years who owe their place in history to the wayward waves of partisan and sectional controversy, and they are recalled with love and veneration only by those who bowed at the same party altar.

can I fear to cross the dark river when my Father waits for me on the other side.

It is fit that the tomb of Black should be placed in the commonwealth he so highly honored, among the people he loved so well, and who revered him as a Christian, scholar, jurist, man.

Bill Nye, Ex-Postmaster.

Accounts of Postmaster in High Government Circles.

In the course of an interview at Laramie the other day Bill Nye was asked: "You are still postmaster here, are you not?"

"Who will succeed you here?" "Well, that's a hard question to answer. As near as I can learn about every man in town, except one, has applied for the position.

"Baled Hay." "Great Scott! Did you say Baled Hay?" "Yes; odd name, isn't it? You see Walt Whitman wrote a book which he calls 'Leaves of Grass'."

The Growth of Texas.

An Atlanta Constitution man interviewed Colonel J. H. Richey, of Waco, as follows: "The growth of Texas must stand as the American miracle. The increase in her taxable property last year was \$130,000,000, or nearly half the entire taxable property of Georgia.

"How is your cattle supply replenished?" "We buy heifers, and from every section of the country. They come in by the thousands from as far east as Georgia and as far north as Missouri. We never sell cows, but keep them for the increase. Our bulls we buy mostly in Ohio. We use noth-

ing but Durhams, and buy them by the hundreds at from \$40 to \$50 apiece from Ohio herds."

"Has not the driving of cattle to market diminished?"

"It has ceased altogether in our part of the State. They used to drive on trails, the trails meeting at convenient river fords. At the Waco crossing of the Brazos, three years ago, 200,000 cattle went over, moving northward on hoof. This year there were none.

"Fabulous, but greater in the past, I think, than they will be in the future. You see cattle are now worth three times what they were a few years ago—three year old cattle bringing \$28 to \$30. So that a man who bought 1,000 cattle in 1880, for example, has found his herd losing in value as it related to size. It was impossible to help getting rich. I had a nephew who came to Waco in 1870 with \$10. He went into the cattle business in 1877 with a small herd. He is now worth \$500,000. But the price of cattle is now settled and stockmen can only count on the increase of their herds for their profits."

Voltaire in Human Form.

In a daily paper our attention was attracted by the following sentence: "There is more joy upon earth over one sin found out than over ninety and nine sins forsaken."

The vulture does not more quickly and certainly scent carrion than some people scent a scandal. When a man hitherto held in high honor for his supposed virtues falls, one would expect the community to be shocked and saddened by the discovery that under this exterior of godliness lurked baseness unpeepable. But no, there is a class of persons, not a small class either, who delight over the discovery that the Rev. Richard Roe or the Honorable John Doe is a scoundrel.

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