

ABOUT RINGS.

A writer in the Monroe Republican has the following sharp comment on "Rings":

"Formerly, down in Terks and Lebanon, the old people believed in 'spooks,' and they were very unhappy hours on their Now-a-days, if we judge from the generally bluish countenance of the Democratic party, they are equally afflicted with a fear of 'rings.'"

"According to a paper before me a horrible 'ring' elected our President last fall—another ring, the same as the first, elected a sheriff also! In short, 'rings,' and only 'rings' keep the virtuous, disinterested, and honest people from the fray from restoring to us the halcyon days when slavery was omnipotent!"

"That must have been a pretty large 'ring' which nominated Grant and Sherman, and gave him half a million majority of the popular vote!"

"That was a small 'ring,' which attempted to defeat the re-election of Gov. Geary, and which at last colluded with the notorious 'ring,' that did nominate Judge Fairbank."

"But candidly it is pretty hard to define what a 'cabal,' 'regency,' or 'ring' is. Two or three men make a union or conspiracy, which may be enlarged to many thousands. Where does the 'ring' come in?"

"In all our actions, as social beings, as citizens, as Christians, we more or less combine to carry proper objects. As long as no immoral or illegal means are employed, such combinations are not exceptional. When our organizations number hundreds, and even millions, it is simply ridiculous to call them 'factious' or 'conspiracies.'"

"The exceptional 'ring' of our day, I conceive to be the unprincipled men, professing opposing parties, who unite to do each other the worst of their parties or of the public good. They betray their party, they plunder the country, they rob the poor of their money, and they are not ashamed to do so."

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO PATRONS.

The first number of the AGITATOR will be published in January, 1891, will appear under the auspices of a new firm. The paper will also appear in an enlarged form, so far as printed surface is concerned, and otherwise improved.

In view of this change, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the firm of Cobb & Van Gelder, on jobbing, advertising, and subscription accounts, that such indebtedness must be settled on or before Jan. 1, 1891, as the business of the old firm closes on the 31st of December 1890.

The Republicans have carried Mississippi by about 20,000 majority. The name of the Governor elect is Alcorn. Perhaps Dent will subside now.

We congratulate friend Jones, of the Jersey Shore, who, in the election, is like the paper, clean cut and commendable.

Senator Buckwalter will represent the Monroe District in the State Senate this winter. Of Mr. Buckwalter's political views we have nothing good to say; but he is a gentleman, clever, scholarly, and honest. The Senate will do better for his presence. He will pay his debts to Wallace, doubtless.

We see it stated that plunder schemes involving about \$750,000,000, have been concocted by certain parties, and will be rushed upon Congress at an early day of its session. It is to be hoped that the names of the parties to this proposed swindle will be made public at an early day, so that the parties themselves may be taken up by the people and rewarded with places of honor, trust and profit in the golden hereafter.

The Mercer Press (Dem.), asks of its readers: "Do you feel more safe with the Party of Progress than with the party of Jefferson?"

Next to fifth itself, the man who lies down and allows it to be the most disgusting object in existence. The man who squats down in a chopping, and waits until the rain, and sun, and frost, and snow, and wind, and everything else that comes to him, to do his bidding, and then he gets up and goes about his business, and he is not ashamed to do so."

The negroes about Lexington, Ky., are quite disturbed in regard to a miracle said to have been worked recently. No priest was present at this event, but it is said to be a genuine instance of Almighty power. A negro child apparently died. The funeral was preached and the body was carried to the burying ground, and deposited by the side of the open grave. After a few minutes the child came to life, a strong man took hold of the coffin to lift it into the grave and he could not lift it. A second man took hold of it, but still it would not move. A third and a fourth added their strength, and still the coffin refused to move. Astonished at this, it was determined to open the coffin. The coffin lid was raised—the child was alive, and well. The story that was printed upon the bottom of one of its feet the words, "There has been no preacher in heaven in eleven hundred years."

forward, honest, business man? Think a moment. If you employ a man to transact your business, no matter what it may be, only let it be your private business, you expect him to deal honestly and uprightly by you. But if he disappoints your expectations; if he robs you daily; if he neglects your interests and attend to his own to your detriment; what do you then? You get rid of him. And if you can make him smart for his rascality you do that, too.

Andrew Johnson appointed thieves and notorious blacklegs and thieves to have custody of the revenues. They stole without let or hindrance. Under his reign the taxpayers poured their money upon the ground, in effect— they grumbled about the taxes, because the thieves themselves went about creating discontent among the people while they robbed the treasury. But we seldom heard a grumbler say a word in denunciation of the robbers. For aught we know, our Democratic fellow citizens would vote blind for the very men who robbed them for years. Doubtless some Republicans would do likewise; for we have noticed that there is not much difference in men when it comes to stealing. The practice is only reprehensible when carried on a small scale.

Good people—if this republic comes to grief the blame will be yours. Politicians and demagogues cannot destroy the nation if you do your duty. You can put them to a slow and easy death if you please; or you can suffer them to lead you astray, as you do, and so batter down the house of your liberties. If you only see your own lifetimes, very well; but if you look forward, and behold the lifetimes of your descendants, then you are stabbing free and virtuous government to the heart.

The reading public, but more especially the newspaper world, has been somewhat excited over the attempted assassination of Mr. Albert D. Richardson, a correspondent of The Tribune, and author of several very popular books. Mr. Richardson was receiving his letters in the business office of The Tribune, when a man named McFarland drew a pistol and shot him. The ball entered about the middle of the body and lodged in the stomach. Mr. Richardson walked three flights of stairs into the editorial rooms and very coolly sent a friend for a surgeon. He was soon removed to his lodgings, and is, at present writing, lying in a precarious condition.

The history of the case is: Sometime in 1866 or 1867 Mr. Richardson met the acquaintance of Mrs. McFarland, then living separate from her husband. The lady is reputed a woman of fine talents and spotless fame. It does not appear that there was more than friendly intimacy between Mr. R. and Mrs. McF. But sometime in 1867, Mrs. R. was accompanying her to her lodgings in the evening, when McFarland came upon her and fired a shot. This was only a flesh wound. There was an explanation in the newspapers. Mr. R. publicly declared that McFarland was a brute with whom no reputable woman could live, and that he had befriended the wife after her separation from her husband. He also declared his intention to marry Mrs. McF. when a divorce should be procured for her in one year. Sale to take place on Monday, January 30, 1870, at 2 o'clock P. M. J. E. CLEVELAND, Guardian.

It does not appear that Mr. R. and Mrs. McF. had met for a year prior to this unfortunate affair. Mrs. McF. had procured a divorce, meantime, and since the affray the parties have been joined in wedlock by Rev. Ward Beecher, assisted by Mr. Frothingham. This gives the lady in the case the true position of nurse to the wounded man. It is supposed that the procuration of the divorce and the approaching marriage of his former wife and Mr. Richardson, stimulated the vengeance of the drunkard McFarland.

The shooting cannot be justified in any respect. There is no allegation of intimacy between the wounded man and the lady. The latter supported the former husband for several years, and bore with his beastliness as long as any woman of spirit could. The attack was the deed of a coward, and the assailant should receive the full penalty attached to his crime.

Mr. Richardson is one of the best of the class to which he belongs. In old times—ten years ago—he stood high among men of reputation. He has the sympathy of hosts of friends, and we heartily wish for his early recovery.

Mr. Richardson died last Thursday morning, Dec. 2.

an evidently "regular," but they are scholarly and progressive. We can furnish Good Health to our subscribers very cheap; THE AGITATOR and Good Health for \$3.20 a year. The appendix of the Magazine contains every month short and excellent light reading.

The small pox prevails in New Orleans, and the disease has assumed almost an epidemic form.

The black-legged South Down sheep are now common sights in all parts of Vermont, and the number has been largely increased this season by arrivals from Canada.

Milkmen in Cincinnati are fined forty dollars for putting one quart of water to a gallon of milk. In Switzerland a milkman who reduces his milk is liable to eighteen months imprisonment, a heavy fine and loss of civil rights.

A will case in Brooklyn has brought out a confession charging a number of persons, including the confessor, with forging a will bequeathing property, valued at \$20,000, to the wife of one of the forgers, and giving one dollar to the daughter of the testator.

A Wisconsin paper gives an account of the capture in Northern Montana of "an animal of a species wholly unknown to naturalists, which is claimed by some to be a relic of the mastodon." This marvellous creature is only two years old, but stands seven feet high.

OBITUARY.—Widow Awake Lodge, No. 866, I. O. O. F., Lodge room, Knoxville Monday evening Oct. 23, 1890, departed this life. Whence, our sister, Eunice Seely, has been taken from our midst by the solemn providence of death. There are left to survive: 1. That while we mourn the loss of our young and amiable sister, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and death all things well. 2. That we tender to the family and friends of our deceased sister, our heartfelt sympathies for their sad hour of affliction and bereavement, and though we mourn her early departure, we have reason to believe that our loss is not eternal gain. 3. That we wear the usual badge of mourning for six weeks. 4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of our deceased sister, and also to the county papers for publication.

Dr. CLARK, during the last week, was unable to wait on all who called for examination and treatment at Mansfield, Lawrenceville, Blossburg and Fall Brook. Those who were disappointed by not getting to see me, are requested to call early, on my next visits to these localities, or write, see encircling and this paper. (Signed) A. ALBA, Sec'y.

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