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IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO DECIDE

Nearly every member of Mr. McKinley's Cabinet has gone before the people in this campaign to vindicate his administration and appeal to the people to re-elect him.

When Secretary Root or Secretary Long defends the war policy of the administration they are defending themselves, for they are as much responsible for the war policy as he is, because they were his advisors.

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THE FEDERAL COURT

Judge Purnell Cleared the Docket and Reached Adjournment Friday Afternoon.

YORK GOES TO FAYETTEVILLE He Was Taken to Jail Last Saturday Morning—Witness Sent to Jail for Being Intoxicated in Court—Notes of the Session.

The Federal Court finished up the business of the term at 12:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon and Judge Purnell left at the 3:05 A. M. train for his home at Raleigh.

The term has been remarkable for the absence of important cases on the docket and dispatch with which those that were for trial were dispensed with.

The "let-well-enough-alone" plea is one of Mark Hanna's bright ideas, based on the boldfaced assumption that the conditions in which the country now finds itself are "well enough," for the people at large as well as for Mark Hanna and his crowd.

Presidential elections in this country are nothing to be sneezed at. In the matter of paper alone it requires eighty tons to supply the State of New York.

The Gould family have had to interfere to prevent Castellane from running Anna to the poor house. In four years he has gotten away with \$7,000,000 of her money.

Mark Hanna had the candor to acknowledge in a speech in Chicago a few nights ago that he had done "some political work and had profited by it."

The Hartford Courant is 136 years old, but is still nimble. It is a Republican paper, which shows that age and experience do not always bring wisdom.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy, after spending several months with friends in Pennsylvania and Virginia, arrived home last evening.

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THE ELKS' CARNIVAL.

Committee Met Yesterday Afternoon at The Orton to Arrange Event.

DATE, DECEMBER 3RD TO 8TH. Committees Named to Secure Co-operation of Merchants in the Affair—Experienced Man Will Be Employed to Work Up the Matter.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Greensboro Telegram: Mr. Jesse Benbow, of Oak Ridge, this country, died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock.

Wilson Times: Last Monday Mr. James Harris, or "Jim," as he is known by his friends, was attacked with an epileptic fit and fell on Goldsboro street.

Rockingham Anglo-Saxon: Mr. C. C. Covington is hereby awarded the red ribbon on a prize squash.

Lexington Dispatch: The registration books for the national election closed Saturday.

Salisbury Truth-Index: Mrs. Dr. W. A. Newman has just fallen here, as reported by the Richmond papers of Wednesday.

Stateville Mascot: Mr. J. M. Whittier, who lives about two miles from Greensboro, has a large tract of land on which he has planted cotton.

Concord Times: Another cotton mill is to be added to Concord's already large number, making the fourteenth one.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. T. N. Lee, a well known citizen of Union county, died at his home near Courthouse Farm.

Durham Sun: A fatal accident occurred Thursday morning on the Seaboard Air Line freight yards.

Reidsville Review: We record with peculiar sadness the tragic and sudden death of Mr. Stafford Turner, who was killed in a baseball game.

Asheboro Courier: John Fields, aged about 43 years, living in the Sandy Creek district, was fatally injured on October 23rd by the overturning of a wagon.

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THE BAMBINO FLUTE.

I hear from the shade of the first team The Babino flute again.

Proud lords and lovely ladies Met their nights gone by, With the summer sun was falling Like a red hot iron on high.

The lords and ladies dither, The ladies' heads are aching, Where emulous and envious, The nightingales are singing.

The side split in the darkness And the lights were washed away, Or, sliding songs with laughter, Danced on the yellow sand.

There is more in the Babino's music Of music of music and merriment, Than he knows, and here at midnight It comes to me again—

Come back with a silent sorrow, The weight of tears unshed, The longing for vanished joys, The love, the lost—the dead!

—Richard Henry Stoddard in Century.

STORY IN FIVE WORDS.

It Told of One of the Most Terrible of Massacres.

Probably the most startling piece of news that was ever sent out into the world was the announcement of the massacre of General Custer and his command in 1876.

The terrible news was so unexpected that it came like a bolt from a clear sky, and it has since become a horror to the heart of every man who read it or heard it on the street.

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IRISH TURNS AND TWISTS.

The Unconscious Humor That Creeps Out in the Green Isle.

The author of "Irish Life and Character" says truly that one has only to mix with an Irish crowd to hear many a laughable expression, quite innocently uttered.

"Ah! Isn't it the fine reception they're getting, going away?" In 1892 Dublin university celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, and crowds of visitors were attracted to the city.

"Well, Tim," said one, "them tartanians does a deal for the thrade of Dublin, and no mistake." "Oh, you big liar! That's no way to thrade a fellow crafter."

"Sure," said a laborer to a young lady who was urging him to send his children to school, "do anything for such a sweet, gentlemanly lady as yourself."

Again, the laborers on a large estate decided that it would be more convenient for them if they could be paid every week instead of every fortnight.

"If you please, sir, it's me desire, and it's also every other man's desire, that we have our fortnights' pay every week."

An exasperated sergeant, drilling a squad of recruits, called to them at last: "Halt! Just come over here, all of you, and look at yourselves. It's a fine line ye're keepin', isn't it?"

JUST A BIT OF LIFE.

A Pathetic Incident of the Pawnshops in the Metropolis.

Sneaking into a small shop in an obscure and poverty ridden locality, the man who "went broke" at the races was realizing on a superfluous article of jewelry.

"How much do you want?" queried the unmoved pawnbroker monotonously. "Fifty cents," replied the woman, with a gulping in her throat and an eager look in her eyes.

"Wait on her. She seems to be in a hurry," he said to the man behind the counter, and at the word of permission a carpenter's plane was produced from the shelf of the slaw.

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HEBREW NAMES.

Most of them Date Back Only Two Hundred Years.

The family names of European Jews are of comparatively recent origin, mostly from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and the first part of the nineteenth.

When they were first given by law to assume family names they did so either according to their traditional custom, calling themselves Abrahamson, Isaacson, Jacobson, Aaronson, Davidson, Levinson or the like, or took the names of their native country.

Explosive and volatile names, both from the fauna and flora of Europe, were frequently chosen. When emigrating to America, the names of these old fashioned knockdown and drag out names would often translate them into the language of their new habitat.

Schoenberg became Belmont, Blumberg became Belmont, Rosenthal became Belmont, Guttman to Goodman, etc. The name of Saphir, the German humorist (1795-1858) is said to have been chosen by his father from a sapphire which was wearing in a ring and to which the official in court called attention when he was about to be selected for his family.

There Was No Duet. Colonel Crisp, when a Missouri legislator was one of the central figures in a scene which promised bloodshed, which ended in a hearty laugh and many syllables consisting of a single vowel.

Remark from Hon. John W. Farris, the state speaker. Crisp and another beligerent son of Anak got into a debate which grew into a row, and they shook their fists at each other and roared like a pair of Numidian lions.

Everybody expected many a blow, but a regular old fashioned knockdown and drag out fight, which expectation and hope were frustrated and dashed to the ground by Speaker Farris remarking: "If you gentlemen do not quit fussing and take your seats, I will order the chaplain to take you into custody!"

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