

Is it Orville or Orvillain?

Not a cabinet officer sent to the post-... this week. Things are dull about the capital.

Fires, failures, frauds, robberies, murders and miscellaneous rapacillisms make up the daily news of the country.

The national bank system costs the people of the country \$1,500,000 a month—\$50,000 a day—from year's end to year's end. What benefits does it bestow in return?

Baal, Balsam, Babylon, Belshazzar, Belial, Beast Butler, Beecher, Bowen, Babcock, Belknap, and Beelzebub the daddy and king-bee of all these basely bashless busy bees.

"The ungodly idiot who scribbles the financial bosh of the Cincinnati Commercial," is the way the Jacksonville (Fla.) Sentinel sets a hard-moneyite back on his haunches.

A Massachusetts paper bursts this little torpedo among the tattered-demons of contraction prosperity: "Ten mills make one cent—but not any ten mills in this section."

As things go under the Ulysianic dynasty, a general enlargement of the prisons of the world may be looked for, to accommodate our American scoundrels. London, Paris and Brussels have all got their hands full.

A western paper wants to ask the financial idiots one question:—Since silver, compared with gold, is at a greater discount than greenbacks, what will people gain by exchanging depreciated paper for worse depreciated metal? Will some silver-yelping financial reformer answer?

The Mississippi senate, by a vote of 32 to 4, has convicted Davis, the villain lieutenant-governor, of all the crimes charged in the articles of impeachment. One more headlight of radicalism steps down and out. Gode to meet McDonald, Joyce, Babcock, Belknap and brother Orville.

If, as extreme specie howlers assert, "gold and silver constitute the only currency of the civilized world," it seems a little singular that, of the \$25,000,000,000 in existence, \$15,000,000,000 should be in the hands of pagan nations, and only \$10,000,000,000 in those of civilized peoples.

Georgie Pendleton, Georgie Pendleton, it looks badly to see a lily-handed democrat explaining his connection with a \$74,000 fee in a railroad case again to the federal government. A claim of which half is freely given for collection, may always be set down as of dubious honesty or validity. It savors more of lobbying than legality.

"SUNSET COX."

We have often been asked why Samuel Sullivan Cox, the congressional merry-andrew, is called "Sunset." The name was given him on account of a description of a sunset, which he wrote while editing the Columbus (Ohio) Statesman, in May, 1858. There is nothing remarkable about the article, but it sufficed to stick a nickname to its author which will last as long as he lives to play the legislative buffoon, we give it in full:

A GREAT OLD SUNSET.

What a stormful sunset was that of last night! How glorious the stern, and how splendid the setting of the sun! We do not remember ever to have seen the like on our round globe. The scene opened in the west, with a whole horizon full of a golden interpenetrating luster, which colored the foliage and brightened every object in its own rich dyes. The colors grew deeper and richer, until the golden luster was transformed into a storm-cloud, full of finest lightning which leaped in dazzling signals all round and over the city. The wind arose with fury. The slender shrubs and giant trees made obeisance to its majesty. Some even snapped before its force. The strawberry beds and grass plots "turned up their whites" to see Zephyrus march by. As the rain came, and the pools formed, and the gutters hurried away, thunder roared grandly, and the fire-bells caught the excitement and rang with hearty chorus. The south and the east received the copious showers, and the west all at once brightened up in a long, polished belt of azure, worthy of a Sicilian sky. Presently a cloud appeared in the azure belt, in the form of a castellated city. It became more vivid, revealing strange forms of peerless lines and alabaster temples, and glorious, rare and grand in this mundane sphere. It reminds us of Wardsworth's splendid verse in his Excursion:

"The appearance instantaneously disclosed Was of a mighty city, boldly far, A wilderness of buildings, sinking far, And self withdrawn into a wondrous depth, Far sinking into splendor without end!"

But the city vanished only to give place to another lake, where the most beautiful forms of foliage appeared, imaging a paradise in the distant and purified air. The sun, wearied of elemental commotion, sank behind the green plains of the west. The "great eye in heaven," however, went not;

down without a dark brow hanging over its departing light. The rich flush of the unearthly light had passed and the rain had ceased, when the solemn church bells pealed; the laughter of children, out and joyous after the storm, is heard with the carol of birds; while the forked and purple weapon of the skies still darts illumination around the Starling college, trying to rival its angles and leap into its dark windows. Candles are lighted. The piano strikes up. We feel that it is good to have a home—good to be on the earth where such revelations of beauty and power may be made. And as we cannot refrain from reminding our readers of everything wonderful in our city, we have begun and ended our feeble etching of a sunset which comes so rarely that its glory should be committed to immortal type.

RADICAL RASCALITY.

GRANVILLE COUNTY'S PIRATICAL COMMISSIONERS.

STEALING FROM BLIND PAUPERS—A STEAL IN DEAD-NIGGER BURYING—A STEAL IN COURT-HOUSE FENCING—A STEAL IN ROOFING AND GUTTERING—A STEAL EVERYWHERE AND IN EVERYTHING.

COL. DONAN: In my letter of March 8, I promised to say something of Granville county finances. As correspondent of a public journal, I feel it my duty to call attention to and denounce thieving in high places and low, by whatever party it may be done. Granville, like many other counties, is cursed with a ring. This one is called the court-house ring. The principal actors are R. D. Jones and C. B. Cole, two of the county commissioners, both white. Now for

SOME OF THEIR OPERATIONS:

Item 1. John Adcock alias Wyche, a colored man, is well off, has money to lend. Not long since his mother died, and John asked for an allowance by the commissioners for burying her. One of the commissioners interested himself and got an allowance of \$35. He then went to John and proposed to give him 70 cents in the dollar for the order, stating that he was instrumental in getting it allowed, and he thought he ought to have it at less than the regular price for county scrip, which is 75 cents on the dollar. John couldn't see it, and told the commissioner that he had been offered 70 cents for it. It is due and just to Albert Wyche and Braxton Hunt, colored members of the board, (and some of the citizens of Oxford say the only respectable members,) to say they opposed this \$35 allowance, and tried to make it \$5. Braxton Hunt told some gentlemen that he considered it a disgrace to be associated with such men as compose the board.

Item 2.—They have some blind paupers in the county, and these men issue orders to them and then shave them at a heavy discount. I have heard of stealing a rat's tail from a sick kitten, but for a county official to

STEAL FROM A BLIND PAUPER,

is at least one permission beyond my tallest huckleberry. I am at a loss for words to express the despicable infamy of such a crime.

Item 3.—The two white commissioners voted themselves \$30 each for superintending the removal of the judge's seat in the court-house, while they had nothing to do with it and in fact were not present when it was done.

Item 4.—They are having the court-house fenced in. There are 46 panels, 8 feet long and about 4 feet high, including two pairs of steps. Instead of letting it out by contract, they employ hands by the day, and I was informed that the allowances already made for it are \$1,500, and it is

NOT DONE YET.

McCallum & Co., of Raleigh, say they could put a good cast-iron fence for \$800, and for \$1,000 they could put up one with iron post set in granite.

Item 5.—And the last one I shall mention. The board of commissioners appointed Cole to have the work done and some slight repairs to the court-house roof. He made a contract with J. C. S. Lumsden, of Raleigh, to do the repairing according to this written agreement:

"I hereby agree with Mr. C. B. Cole, one of the commissioners of Granville county, N. C., that I will cover with tin the dome of the belfry of the court-house, in Oxford, and do such other work and repairing of the roof of the court-house as is necessary to make it a good job and prevent its leaking, and also to paint with Asbestos roof-coating the entire tin and copper of the roof, for the sum of (\$235) two hundred and thirty-five dollars cash, to be paid to me on completion of the work as above. I furnishing all material for same.

In witness of the foregoing agreement we have hereunto set our hands and seals.

J. C. S. LUMSDEN, [Seal.] CHAS. B. COLE, [Seal.] Jan. 14th, 1876.

The above is a true copy of agreement.

MORE THAN DOUBLE.

It will be observed that the contract was \$235. One day it rained; for this the commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Lumsden \$7.50 and the old copy, so that he actually received in cash \$242.50. In making inquiry into this swindle, I was informed by the commissioners that they had allowed the account, as Mr. Lumsden had made it out and sworn to it before a magistrate. I desired to probe it to the bottom, so I asked the clerk of the board for a copy of the account as sworn to. Here it is:

county commissioners of Granville county on the 6th March, 1876. A. H. COOK, Register of Deeds. I addressed Mr. Lumsden THIS NOTE OF INQUIRY: RALEIGH, N. C., March 10, 1876. J. C. S. LUMSDEN—Dear Sir: Please inform me if you were required to swear to your account against the county of Granville for work on court-house. If so, who made out the account, and what figures were put down? Also inform me if a written agreement was entered into with any one as to what the work should cost. If so, I would like to get it, or a true copy of it. By complying with this request you will confer a favor on the public as well as

Yours truly, R. W. BEST, Cor. Daily Sentinel.

To which I promptly received THIS FULL REPLY: RALEIGH, March 10, 1876.

R. W. BEST: Sir: In answer to your note of this date, I have to say I did swear or affirm to an account for work done on the court-house at Oxford. I did not make out the account. Never made a figure or letter on it. I noticed that the amount was three hundred and some dollars, the exact amount I cannot tell, but I think \$340. I know it was not for \$590. I was aware that county scrip was at a discount and supposed the discount would be added to my bill of \$242.50. I remarked to my son, "some one will make about \$100 on that bill." On Monday evening, when this occurred, Mr. Cole pointed to a young man and said, "he will cash your order in the morning in time for you to leave on the stage." Tuesday morning, I went to the office to get the order. A gentleman pointed to a paper folded up and lying on a desk. I picked it up, opened it, and saw it was an order on the treasurer for \$590.

The young man alluded to asked me to follow him. I did so. We went up stairs, there he paid me \$242.50 in greenbacks. He then asked me to sign a receipt which he handed me. I read it; there was no amount mentioned in the receipt. I told him if he would let me insert \$242.50 I would sign it. He consented for me to do so, which I did by interlining, and then signed it.

There was a written agreement which I send you. Use this and the agreement as you see proper. Very respectfully, J. C. S. LUMSDEN.

Now, Mr. Editor, don't you call this radical rascality on a huge scale? Oh, for some of Judge Watts' cannibals! I was informed by a number of gentlemen that county scrip was worth from 70 to 80 cents in the dollar. Putting it at 75, then the figures Lumsden says he thinks were on the account, \$340, would be about right. The figures had been tampered with as can plainly be seen, but how did \$590 get there? R. W. BEST.

JOURNALISTIC.

[From the Pineville (Mo.) News, March 9.] "He is an idiot who longer doubts that the president of the United States is the real head-thief of the whisky-ring."—Pineville News.

A man with such acute discernment as the writer of the above must have, can doubtless tell us why the revenue on liquors fell off in the last year of Andy Johnson's administration to \$13,000,000 from \$28,000,000 the year previous. And why again it assumed the proportions of \$33,000,000, the year following. What became of the money that year?—Noosho Journal.

If the Noosho Journal will look again at the Pineville News, out of which he extracted the above, he will see that the note referred to was taken from the Raleigh N. C. Sentinel, and Col. P. Donan is the man he should pitch into, and he had better be in the coil of the boa constrictor, the jaws of the roaring lion, or attempt to ride a circular saw in rapid motion, than come in contact with the colonel's caustic pen.

The reason why the revenue fell off under Johnson's administration is very plain, the morals of the people were so much better that but little of the ardent was used. Ask us something harder.

BERCHER AND THE JACK.—Under this head, the irreverent New York Sun says:

The brethren will be glad to learn that Plymouth church has received a flattering yet unexpected endorsement in Lenoir county, N. C. Mr. James G. Cox, of Kingston, has given the name of Henry Ward Beecher to his fine Spanish jack, which he advertises as a lively and industrious animal. This delicate compliment must be equally gratifying to the preacher and the jack, and will doubtless be especially appreciated by Brother Shearman, himself a lively and industrious ass.

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