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The love of Knoxville for Chattanooga, and vice versa, is apparently greater than that which existed between David and Jonathan. And the foundation of it all is jealousy. Fellow citizens, such things should not be.

OF ALL unfortunate officeholders Mr. Ewart, late member of congress from this district, has the lead. Especially has he been unfortunate in being betrayed by those in whom he confided his secrets. After the ridiculous position Mr. Ewart got himself into during the campaign of 1890 over his insincerity in his forceful speech, which had much to do with his defeat, it was hoped that he would be retired to private life with no more misdeeds on his good name. But now one T. B. Logan, a "trustee" of his comes before a joint committee of the two houses and swears that Ewart sold through him his share of the agricultural reports and "Diagnoses of the American Horse," which ought to have been distributed among the farmers of the North district. This shows up very poorly for the farmer's alliance candidate who expressed so much concern for the welfare of the oppressed class in his campaign with Mr. Crawford.

THE CITIZEN thoughtlessly made an incorrect statement in its issue of Saturday when it advocated the appointment of Dr. C. D. Smith as a suitable person to collect "funds" for North Carolina's exhibit at the World's Fair. What was intended was that Dr. Smith would be an exceptionally competent person to collect articles to be exhibited at the World's Fair. There can be doubt as to the qualifications of Dr. Smith for this work. He shows every mineral in our mountains, and where they are located, and his long work in this special field, has made him acquainted with almost every man interested in mining or minerals, and he could assuredly get a larger and more representative collection of minerals in Western North Carolina than any man in the state, and this CITIZEN reiterates its request, and makes it in the name of Western North Carolina, that Dr. Smith be appointed for the work in the section of the state lying west of the Blue Ridge.

THE CITIZEN'S News and Courier of Saturday contained one of its characteristic editorial attacks, concerning a bill introduced by congressman Herbert in the House, repealing section 1218 revised statutes of the United States, which forbids the appointment of any ex-Confederate to a position in the army. The News and Courier concludes: "It is too late to repeal the section now, on the motion of any congressman. And on reflection Mr. Herbert will understand, we are sure the exorbitant taste of such a motion being made by a congressman from the north, and especially by one who was himself a Confederate officer."

THE CITIZEN thinks Mr. Herbert knows the less trace to the state or the south in having introduced this bill, and his having been a Confederate soldier makes his action not a whole lot more open to criticism. And further, Mr. Herbert will wonder that the man who while the Courier's editor was never a Confederate soldier. If he had been the chances are ten to one he would not entertain the views expressed. Was he? Will the Courier answer?

The Chilean Affair.

It looks as if it might at least be possible for the United States, or rather for President Harrison, to be strong enough to engage in a war with Chile.

If so, the ostensible cause will be the insult offered to American men-of-war in Valparaiso, but the real cause is President Harrison's determination to stop, if possible, the tide of public sentiment in republican circles towards Mr. Blaine as their candidate for president this fall.

It is no longer a secret that the President and his secretary of state have very divergent views on this Chilean question. And it is perhaps true that Mr. Blaine may be influenced as much by personal political considerations in his pacific policy as Mr. Harrison is in his belligerent ideas.

Mr. Blaine's big card in his fight for recognition at the hands of the republican party this year, is his reciprocity scheme, for which he claims, as by common consent he is accorded, sole and exclusive authorship. And the distinguished secretary is playing this card so strongly, that matters have just about gotten to the point where the republican party is ready to tender Mr. Blaine the nomination for the presidency, if his health does not fail him.

Mr. Harrison has been relying largely upon Mr. Blaine's physical infirmities placing him on the shelf, but the recent heavy blow dealt the president in the selection of the Philadelphia delegation, has caused him to conclude that the "sick" card may fail to be a winner, and he must do something to draw the attention of the country, and particularly his own party, away from Mr. Blaine and center it upon himself. Hence his placing himself so squarely upon the platform of the honor, dignity and respect due the American flag, alike upon the sea and land.

So it really appears to be a fight for a presidential nomination in the United States, rather than a sincere interest in America or her flag, or in righting of the wrongs of sailors upon the warship Baltimore.

The American government can hardly expect to achieve much glory even by chastising Chile severely for what she has done. There are only about three million people in her borders, while we have nearly seventy millions. The glory which would come to the United States

would be about equal to that which would be accorded John L. Sullivan were he to pommel and pound Baby McKee for an alleged insult. The Chilean navy, however is about an equal match for ours, and it is asserted upon as good authority as that of Mr. Stead, editor of the British edition of the Review of Reviews, that "the Chilean fleet could sweep the American flag off the Pacific long before the Americans could procure or dispatch fighting ships that would take the sea against the Honorable and the Esmeralda and the Almirante class of torpedo cruisers." This, of course, would be more satisfactorily shown by a trial than by a mere assertion.

Chile's standing army is within five thousand of that of the United States but unless she could have help from some European power, she could only expect to be crushed in the end, as under no circumstances could she hope to muster more than 300,000 fighting men, while the United States could raise seven or eight millions should necessity require it. But there will be no war with Chile, as Mr. Harrison must see, in his cooler moments, that such an achievement would not gain him the prize of his party's nomination for president this year, if they really have a serious notion of lessening the empty honor upon Mr. Blaine.

HON. D. JOHNSTON.

Hon. W. H. H. Cowles Thoroughly Vindicates His Record. WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 1892. EDITOR THE CITIZEN.—In the article published in your issue of Saturday, taken from the New York Sun in reference to my effort to effect the repeal of the tobacco tax, and other modifications at the internal revenue law, which occurred in the last session of the 50th congress, (See congressional record of Jan. 19, 1887), great injustice is done Hon. Thos. D. Johnston, then representative of the 9th district of our state.

Mr. Johnston never made any such motion as is asserted to him; on the contrary in all the efforts in that congress, in connection with the tobacco tax, he sent a good many of his instructions to his people made and so often reported in state and federal conventions, urging every effort to repeal or modify the oppressive internal revenue laws. Mr. Johnston was always present, and in the forefront of the fight to repeal and amend the law. No doubt he ever had a more honorable, national and a just representative. I am, very truly yours,

Wm. H. H. Cowles. Justice to a Good Man. From the New York Sun.

In a recent letter to the Sun, in commenting on congressman Cowles' efforts to repeal the tobacco tax in the Fifty-fifth congress, I said that his colleague, Mr. Johnston, defeated his efforts. I was wrong. Mr. Johnston was not defeated. He was successful in his efforts to repeal the tax on the 19th of January, 1887. The tax on the 19th of January, 1887, was not repealed. It was only a temporary measure. The tax on the 19th of January, 1887, was not repealed. It was only a temporary measure.

A WOMAN'S DREAM AND WHAT COME OF IT.

Several workingmen have been arrested in Petersburg, Va., for suddenly leaving their jobs without notice. One of the strikers was Mrs. James (widow of Railroad Ave. Recently for this same reason she was arrested. Her husband had been killed in a railroad accident. She had been working for a long time for the same employer. She had been working for a long time for the same employer.

Appointing Statisticians.

Designation of the population may be made in this country—1891 is there are 7,500,000 inhabitants in America. Only 15 in every 100,000 regularly to church. That of 100,000 some 75 never do. Only 5 per cent. of the total number are Christians. In our 100,000, there are 100,000 young men, 70 per cent. of whom are young men. Only one-fifth of the whole are ever in jail at any one time. This would make our criminal population number 750,000, of which 750,000 are young men. These are appointing statisticians.

Winter Snakes.

Alfred Mattice, colored, killed a large spreading adder yesterday near his home in this city. It was several feet long and was as full of life when he discovered it, as if in summer. The snake was crawling on the ground. The day was cold, and it is a mystery that the reptile should have been able to get out of its winter quarters and travel so well.

Should Live On Capt. Aikinson's Oyster Farm.

From the Philadelphia Times. In Cincinnati there is a horse which loves to eat oysters, and Police Lieutenant Thornton is authority for saying that it recently got away with an eight-gallon tub of the shell-bivalves. And Thornton wasn't even hired by the newspapers to tell the story.

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