

There is great excitement in Radical circles about official appointments. Mayor Webber and Dr. Gilman (who was left Mayor pro tem.) are both almost constantly in Jackson electioneering, while fifteen prisoners lie in jail day after day, awaiting trial for slight offences. Until the Mayor thinks proper to come and attend to his duties. This is not the first time that the Mayor has neglected the city's interest for his own. We hope he will soon be through his own pet schemes and attend to his official duties.

And while we are on the subject we want to know if our City Marshal and his Deputy had not better be here attending to their duties, instead of at Jackson hunting office? It is rather rough on this American people, that they must pay enormous sums to such holders of city offices, while they so shamefully neglect their duties.

GAITER and Wood who were to be executed on 6th of June are now further reprieved until the 24th of this month.

ONE of the most noted of the fallen women of our city called Em. Williams, died Wednesday night from the results of a life of vice and dissipation.

DEAR HERALD:

It seems from a letter in your yesterday's issue, that we have, if not a Bourbon, at least a stranger amongst us. I allude of course to "Your Well Wisher." But don't he spread himself for a stranger? Most well raised strangers when they come amongst a community proceed to make inquiries, but this new fledged one goes immediately in *media res* to inform the citizens all about their local affairs, and to give them divers and sundry pieces of his mind in regard to the *modus operandi* by which they should be governed. &c., &c., all of which I think is pretty cool for a stranger. Talk about a hog on ice, I think here is one, and if I, an old citizen, could presume to give any advice to the aforesaid "stranger," it would be in the language of the old Roman to the son of Cripple, who wanted to intrude himself upon the Roman Senate, "Ne uter ultra crepidam." The fact is he don't like our citizens to hold meetings, and works himself up "in a fine freasy rolling," and thereby discovers to the attentive observer a style, that reminds one of the "Les Terribles," of the late so-called. Maybe he was one of them. Ye mighty men of Jasper! what a thought! There's danger in the very air! But what bothers me is, being a stranger he knows so much about all our affairs and people. He evidently don't bank worth a cent on Furlong for Sheriff, (and right here, for his special edification and information, by way of parenthesis I will inform him that Col. Chas. E. Furlong is Sheriff now and will be for the next two years and longer if he so chooses, and I have \$500 that says so. Capt. Spears, of the HERALD, has my name if "Stranger" wants business.) What "Stranger" says about John B. Raymond being a gentleman, every one that knows Johnny Raymond will heartily endorse. I know him myself to be the prince of good fellows, and could not regret that he saw fit to go for Col. Furlong's position, but *such* is life. But I am afraid that "Your Well Wisher" alias "Stranger" never heard of the reason that Artemus Ward so pathetically gets off in his lectures on the Chinese, wherein a stranger intervened to settle a small family difficulty between a man and his wife. Result: a very badly whipped stranger. *Verbum sapientibus sufficit.* Now as to Stranger's advice to the "thirty-one colored men who formed themselves into a committee, &c., &c." I rather think they will imagine there is a wolf around in sheep clothing, and further, that the colored people of Warren county may not have as much sense as some white folks, particularly strangers, but they have *instinct*, ("Stranger" himself alludes to the nose they are led by) and they can smell a large sized mice "when it is in the meadow," as well as some other people. As to the imbrogio at Jackson over the Sheriff's office, there is but one sentence on earth that can cover the whole ground, and at the same time do justice to the subject, and old Horace did it. *Mons laborat et nacidit ridiculus mus.*

ROUND FIRST.

Augustus George a little shaky on his pins. Jim displaying a good stock in trade for a dentist, advances boldly, and with a sudden *coup de main*, sends his head with terrible force into the pit of A. G.'s stomach, landing him on the broad of his back in the dust. First knock down for Jim claimed and allowed.

ROUND SECOND.

A. G., evidently not liking Jim's tactics, fought shy of his head and danced about, keeping out of the way of that awful battering ram as much as possible, although urged by the "lucky Dinah" "to go in with a win." An opening presenting itself, Jim landed on the smeller, turning on the cilet profusely. First blood allowed for Jim. In going to his corner, Dinah assisted the seconds in staunching the blood from Augustus' nose, using for the purpose a magnificent embroidered handkerchief that could not have cost less than fifteen cents.

ROUND THIRD.

Jim jumped forward with another shanghai crowd, but Augustus responded very slowly to the call of "Time," and scarcely had they taken their positions when Jim, lowering his head remarked: "Look out you greasy-headed negro, I'm gwine fru and fru you, and sulting the action to the word, almost buried his head in Augustus' bread basket, leaving another full length daguerotype of him in the sand.

ROUND FOURTH AND LAST.

Jim kicking up his heels and crowing, Augustus George indispensed for further hostilities, could only be induced to come to time by the persuasion of Dinah, who urged him by "de lub he done and sword to her, to lick dat sassy nigger, or neber kiss her lips agin." Urged as he was, they again faced each other, but his teeth chattered and his body shivered as if he was laboring under a severe attack of ague. Jim again prepared to put on his battering ram, but Augustus, knowing from experience the force with which it was sent, and its demoralizing effects upon his nervous system, concluded no doubt that discretion was the better part of valor, and having read that

"He that fights and runs away,
May live to fight another day."

Determined to test the truth of the lines and defer the final issue until some other day, so looking around he espied an opportunity to "git up and git," and we can safely say if Augustus George Revels can repeat the same distance in the same time, his reputation as the fastest runner in existence will soon be made.

Jim says "if dars any starchy niggas wants ter run agin his head, dey can try it on; an for dat gal Dinah, he's done an won her shu." Augustus is still supposed to be on the move, as he has not put in an appearance since, and Jim basks in the smiles of Dinah, whom he has so gallantly won, and has shown his appreciation of his prize by giving a general treat of ginger-bread and spruce beer.

AFFAIRS OF HONOR.

Notwithstanding the "eternal vigilance" of the efficient police force, a couple of our lately enfranchised citizens found an opportunity yesterday, on the outskirts of the city, to settle a little feud that existed between them, originating in a want of politeness to the belle of the evening, at a ball recently given on China street. It was at first intended that the affair should be settled by the code of honor, and pistols were the weapons named; but on arrival on the ground—principals, seconds, a few select friends, and the female cause of the intended sanguinary encounter—it was discovered that there was but one pistol among the party, and that a harmless little brass-barrelled one. What to do under the circumstances was more than the principals and seconds could decide upon, as apart from the inefficiency of the weapon, there was no ammunition with which to charge it. Dinah, however, determined that her cavalier should not be balked in his attempt to redress the wrongs publicly heaped upon her, stepped forward, and with lungs that betokened no pre-disposition to pulmonary disease, declared that "dat kinky headed nigger, dat black sarpint Jim dar, done an sed fore all de ladies and gemmen in de ball dat she couldn't dance mor'n a cow, an didn't everybody know she was de bellegerine of de ball, guss dey does." Augustus George Revels, the lady's cavalier during this time looked daggers at the thick set and sturdy Jim, and seemed to regret more than all the others the failure to provide the necessary weapons, while Jim only occasionally displayed his set of spining ivories and indulged in a haw! haw! At this juncture a happy thought struck the seconds, it was that the affair should be settled according to the rule of the P. R., and as soon as they announced it Jim jumped about three feet high, slapped his hands on his thighs, gave a good shanghai crowd and yelled out "dats my han gemmen, jes let de tallow called niggas loose if yer want ter see de fur fly." This proposition didn't seem to exactly suit the views of the highly scented and exquisitely gotten up Augustus George, but it was too late to back out, he was the challenger, and there stood "lucky Dinah," for whom he had undertaken to do battle. Soon preparations for the event was made, and the contestants stood face to face for

CUBA.

The subject of the annexation of Cuba concerns the South more nearly than it may be generally supposed. It may be thought that we of the South have no other interest in the Cuban struggle than mere sympathy. Let us reflect a moment and see if it is so, and if there are not other inducements to wish the Cubans success. The purchase of Louisiana and the annexation of Texas added to the domain of the South and to its political strength. So would the annexation of Mexico and Cuba. This Government is naturally divided into sections, as the Eastern, Northern, Western and Southern. Each section has some interests peculiar to it and not shared by the others. The East have manufacturing and fishing interests; the Northern section, their mining, lumber and (because of the lakes) navigation interests; the West have railway, agricultural and free trade interest, and in these respects the South has similar interests, but the Southern section has also social interests peculiar to herself, and her agricultural interest is dissimilar in system from that of the West. Spread eagle orators "know no South, no North, no East no West," but trade, commerce and politics "know" these distinctions, and the political philosopher will not ignore them. It is a very patent fact that the extent of the population and domain of any section is the source of its strength, its power and influence in the government. With this view is it not our interest to favor the further acquisition of Southern domain and population? Cuba, because of the habits of her people, their sources of wealth, its contiguity to the South, would be a Southern State, an integral portion of the Southern section, and would naturally affiliate politically and socially with the South. And so with Mexico. The decrease of negro population and other causes, satisfy us that in time their effect as a political power will be gone. Their present political power is artificial. It is not the pure result of numbers. Mexico has two natives, (Indians,) to one European, but the latter rule the country by force of wealth and intelligence. In fact it is too well known for denial that in all countries it is not numbers, but wealth and intelligence that wield political power. In time two causes will conspire to give the South preponderance in American politics: One is the natural and inevitable decrease of the negro race at the proportional rate (at present) of almost two per centum a year; the other cause that just mentioned, that education and wealth must and will rule a country's political fortunes. The reverse of this latter proposition exists today because of the artificiality, the anomalous character of the situation in this country. Let Cuba and Mexico and other adjacent and contiguous Southern countries become members of this Union for they will add to the importance and strength of the South and hasten the day of our deliverance from the combination of East, North and West.

LEGISLATIVE LABOR.

A few days since the Mississippi House of Representatives was in "committee of the whole" discussing, by sections, the provisions of the School Bill. The Hon. James L. Herbert, Radical, from Monroe, was in the chair. A member slightly obfuscated rose to a point of order. "State your point of order," said the Honorable Chairman. "My point of order is this: The Chairman is drunk and has no right to preside." "If the gentleman insists upon his point of order I shall be compelled to instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove him," said the Chairman, somewhat incensed. "I beg the pardon of the Chair, I do not insist on my point of order, but I appeal from the decision of the Chair." He was ruled out of order, and required to take his seat. Soon after he sent up to the Clerk to read, this amendment to the bill under consideration: "Provided, no man appointed under the provisions of this act shall be permitted to spell negro with two 'g's.' Upon reading of this the gavel of the chairman came down with great rapidity, and in thunder tones of anger he "warned the gentleman against making the members of that honorable body ridiculous." "Oh no, Mr. Chairman, no danger of that, they were made so by nature before they came here," was the mild apology. After enjoying a comfortable snooze of fifteen minutes with his head on his desk, he suddenly awoke with a snort, and calling to a page sent up to the Clerk this amendment: "Provided no man shall be appointed who spells God with a little 'g' in ordinary social conversation." This last bomb was too much for the accustomed gravity and dignity of the Solons, and the House adjourned in disorder and confusion.

THE PASSAGE OF THE MILITIA BILL.

The Pilot is opposed to an early adjournment of the Legislature. It assigns several reasons why the Legislature should not adjourn, but we opine the unmentioned cause is the one in which the Pilot is most interested. The present owners of the Pilot have only recently thrust their fingers through the cracks of the public crib, and of course do not wish to be driven away thus early. But the Pilot assigns causes why the Legislature should not adjourn, and this is one: "The militia bill cannot be placed in abeyance; for the carrying of one State of the West by the opposition is all that is necessary to inflame the passions of the votaries of Democracy to a point at which it might become wise to be prepared to back the moral power of the Government, by preparation for an exercise of physical force."

The "wicked fleeth when no man pursueth." Is it fear which dictates this? Fear of outrage—of an armed revolt on the part of the white people? Or does it not partake of a double intention? The one, to still further oppress the people, grind them into poverty by excessive taxation, create office for the horde of hungry, disappointed applicants who might otherwise become disaffected and troublesome. And the other, should a spirit of lawful indignation against the wrongs and outrages perpetrated by the dominant party, stimulate the people to organize to break down this party through the ballot box, is not this militia to be used to enforce obedience and to prevent a fair expression of the will of the people through the ballot? The intimation then expressed by the Pilot, that some State at the West may go Democratic, is the key to the necessity for organizing and calling out the militia. The Radical party in this State, and in fact throughout the Union, feels assured that the corruption of the party must eventually cause its destruction, and hence the far seeing politicians of that ilk, in this State, propose to enforce a local continuance of power, through the instrumentality of a paid and irresponsible soldiery. Do not be frightened, Mr. Pilot, your Legislature is too deeply interested in the spoils to be derived from the passage of this bill to fail to pass it. The more iniquitous the features of a measure, the more certain is it of receiving the support of the Radical party in the Legislature, and hence, is sure to become a law. Therefore, your militia bill is perfectly safe.

THE INQUISITIVE SURVEYOR AND ITS BENEFITS.

Through the cowardice and truckling manifested in the late election, by certain white men, and through the prostitution of others, the State of Mississippi is in the hands of the negroes, or of those who, for office, suppliantly bend the knee to them. There is not an office in the State which is not filled to suit the caprice, whim or interests of the negro, save in some rare instances, where, by extraordinary generations some white knave—whose back is of whale-bone, and constantly bent in humiliating curve to the august negro—has succeeded in fawning and begging his way into some profitable position. It is sickening and disgusting to witness the sycophancy of the white office seekers, and almost as disgusting to behold the airs assumed by the negroes in consequence of these extraordinary marks of attention shown them. Pride and self respect on the part of the majority of the white office seekers in the State, seem to have been entirely obliterated. They stoop to the most nauseating acts of subserviency to the negroes, and fawn and fondle about and flatter them until the blood of the decent man is chilled at the exhibition. The negroes know their power and are determined to exercise it. And with this view have passed acts requiring that there shall be no distinction on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude in churches, hotels, places of amusements, on steamboats, railway trains, &c., and more than this, in the revenue bill, barbers are not permitted to make any distinction. Soon, at the present rate, they will enact that no individual shall refuse to entertain them when in their supreme pleasure they shall decide to visit him.—This negro government is notoriously corrupt and profligate.—The finances of the State are squandered in the most profligate and outrageous manner. A most stupendous system of taxation is contemplated. Property will scarce be able to bear the system of taxation which will be heaped upon it. The negroes and their white political slaves in the Legislature have decided to pile on tax until every want of all the cormorants is fully satisfied. They do this with impunity because the burdens of taxation do not fall upon them. They pay no taxes; yet they make all the laws regulating taxation. Can anything be more iniquitous than this? The negroes, by the right of suffrage, control the destinies of the State, yet aid none in defraying the expenses of government. In the whole State ten thousand dollars of taxes have not been, cannot, and will not be collected from the negroes. In this county there are six thousand negro voters to less than three thousand white voters, and yet of the vast amount of taxes here collected, of the six thousand negroes only fifty-two paid a dollar towards the expenses of the country. Such is true of the whole State. The negroes have the voting majority, control the State, and they and their white political prostitutes squander the money in the State Treasury, yet put nothing in it. Is this honest? Is it just? Is it right? Is it not an outrage? And can it be corrected? It can be, and if there are honest blacks and white negroes enough to unite with the Democrats upon one measure alone, it can be done. Is the Republican party sufficiently honest to demand this of the representatives of that party in the Legislature? The plan proposed is one which will force every voter to pay his proportionate share of taxation, or deprive him of the right to vote, and thus turn the State over to the tax paying Democrats who will soon correct the evil.

A JAPANESE MERMAID IN NEW YORK.

The New York Sun says: A real mermaid is on free exhibition in the window of Mr. M. Marks, 688 Broadway. It is dead, and has been exceedingly well preserved. It was two feet long, and from the first side fins to the tail it is fish, and bears a close resemblance to the rock fish, scales and all; but above the side fins it has a small well-developed human head, neck and breast. The black hair on its head is about five inches long; the eyes, ears and nose are well defined; the arms are about four inches long, with two joints at the elbow and wrist, and terminate in webbed, claw-like hands. It was sent to Mr. Marks by his brother from Yokohama. The English Consul offered \$100 for it, intending it for the British Museum, but the offer was rejected. It is now offered for sale at \$1,000.

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