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TO ALL CONCERNED.

We desire to pay our own liabilities, we must testify to the fact that we have no money to pay up. Those who have been prompt in their payment of us, we tender our thanks. To those who have been delinquent for years, we have no kind word to offer. We shall regret the necessity of referring our dues, but it will be done.

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WESTERN IMPROVEMENTS.

It will be seen, by the following article, from the St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette, that several of the names used therein were once citizens of Jefferson county. It is gratifying to find that wherever they go they attain prominence, and are always in the front rank when useful enterprises are on hand. The subject of a Railroad to the Pacific, is now occupying the attention of both Houses of Congress, and the road here projected may form a portion of the main route.

MARYVILLE AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD.—At the late session of the Kansas Legislature a charter was granted for a railroad from Maryville, Kansas, to Denver City. The bill was introduced by Mr. Gary Whitehead, a popular and enterprising Representative from Dunlap county. The following gentlemen are the corporators: M. Jeff Thompson, Fred. W. Smith Willard P. Hall, S. K. Miller, John Calhoun, H. M. Stewart, John H. Lilkens, A. J. Lee and F. J. Marshall, a board of governors of great public spirit, enlarged ex parte.

This road, commencing at Maryville, the terminus of the work now under construction west from this city, is but a continuation of the "Hoseport and Palmetto Railroad" and a second extension of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Road. It is a most important charter and richly merits assistance from Government. The claims of the road as a military and post route must be obvious to any person who will glance at its location on the map. It bugs the parallel of thirty-nine degrees and forty minutes north latitude, upon which the greatest thoroughfares between the Missouri and the Atlantic seabord are located, and which is the most favored with respect to climate, soil and produce on this continent, and the most direct between the Atlantic and Pacific.

We are advised that the adaptability of the country to a railroad is not, perhaps, equalled on any other route than that at all direct. No serious obstacle is anywhere met. We are also informed, by parties of the highest intelligence with respect to the extension of this route to Utah on the same general course will be found entirely feasible, if not the most feasible passage of rivers and mountains intervening between the Missouri and Salt Lake Valley. Insomuch as this information comes from gentlemen who have a personal knowledge of the matter and corresponds perfectly with the experience of the company of Dragoons who but recently returned from Utah on this route, as well as that of many of the miners who explored extensively the last year, we see no reason to distrust it.

DISBANDING.

The volunteers, under Capt. John W. Rowan, in Charlestown, were disbanded on Friday last. A portion of his command had been on duty since the 17th of October last, and were subject to many hardships. On the whole, the conduct of his men was good. Whilst, of course, in a promiscuous selection, some hard cases were in the number, yet they conducted themselves well. We will miss the "tosses" and "revilles," as well as the merry voices of those who proffered their services in behalf of the rights of the South. The only regret is, that their pay has not been commensurate to their deserts.

Capt. Rowan addressed his men Friday afternoon in feeling and appropriate terms. He referred to the delicate duties devolved upon a commander, and said, truthfully, that "rigid discipline was necessary in an office, and beneficial to his command." His remarks were received with hearty cheers.

Lieut. CAMPBELL also addressed the company amidst applause—referring to the kindly intercourse existing between them.

Although many of the Jefferson Guards had been on duty for five months, not a death or accident happened to any of the number. Out of the thousands who were on duty at Charlestown, but one death—that of an Alexandrian—occurred.

The pay to the Jefferson Guards has not been in proportion to others who were on duty but a short period, as we shall hereafter show.

PRINCIPLES, NOT MEN.

The humbuggery of this rallying cry of the Democracy is exposed in everything they do, but in nothing, perhaps, more distinctly than in the use they make of the two thirds rule. As our friend of the Virginia Herald says, it is a notorious fact, whilst they require a two thirds vote to insure a nomination, yet, a simple majority is deemed sufficient to determine the character of the principles enunciated in the platform of the party. Strange and remarkable inconsistency! The Richmond Enquirer itself breaks forth with the apostrophe: "By a strange anomaly, 'principles,' the life-blood of the party, are subordinated to men, the mere instruments to carry out principles." What a Democratic elector prates to you from the hustings, with the "few, young host," that his party creed is "principles, not men," and him heretofore that he subordinates "principles," the primary, to men, the secondary, when in party convention. The lighter, the candidate, must receive the endorsement of a two-thirds vote, whilst the weightier and main matter, the principles, may be settled by a mere majority vote? There is food for reflection and a full seat of meat for political mastication in this roll of inconsistencies.

Jess B. Hood, Esq., of Berkeley, and Dr. G. B. Purmer, of Clark, were elected at the late Electoral Convention, held at Winchester, as delegates to the Charleston Convention—a chapter triumph.

THE EXECUTION.

The curtain has at last fallen upon the closing scene of the Harper's Ferry tragedy! The insurgents who have been arrested have all paid the terrible penalty due to our violated laws! May it, in all future time, prove a warning to those who would seek to disinherit the soil of Virginia, by marching with hostile purpose within her borders—Thousands of swords have already instantaneously leaped from their scabbards to vindicate her rights, and untold thousands yet remain ready and determined at a moment's notice, to do battle in her cause. Never has she known her might and prompted so well as now, and should the occasion ever arise to call forth her strength, her mounts and her valiant will bristle with glittering bayonets at the first note of alarm, and the spirit of Virginia's sons inherited from their revolutionary sires will be aroused, and the patriots erred emboldened upon every banner—"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

Capt. Nadenbush repiled as follows:—
"My Company, Sir, are preparing as you say to be the most efficient and猛烈 in securing its object. We have manifested our determination in all occasions, since it has been organized, both as an officer and a gentleman, have deemed you worthy to be presented with a sword and shield, and have devolved upon the execution a dense mass of human beings lined the streets through which the culprit would pass on their way to the scaffold. At 9 o'clock Col. Jno. T. Gibson, of the 55th Regiment, issued his general orders to the military, that it should be drawn in review, and the execution of the condemned be performed in the presence of the public. The guard, Capt. Bowen, Berkley Border Guards, Capt. Nadenbush, Floyd Guards, Capt. G. W. Chambers, Floyd Riflemen, Capt. S. D. Dake, Armory Guards, Capt. Derrick, Letcher Cadets, Capt. Campbell and Continental Morgan Guards. Capt. Haines, was stationed as a guard around the scaffold whilst the Jefferson Guards, Capt. J. W. Rowan, Boys Greys, Capt. Lawson Boys, Hamtramick Guards, Capt. Butler, Letcher Riflemen, Letcher Link, and the Shepherdston Cavalry, Capt. Rhinehart, were detailed as a special guard to conduct the prisoners from the jail to the spot of execution. Col. Gibson, accompanied by his Staff, at half past 11 o'clock, took up their position near the lines of the guard, which were formed in hollow square, immediately in front of the entrance to the jail. The prisoners having expressed a wish to walk to the gallows, Sheriff Campbell granted them permission to do so, and the arrangements of the guard were made to this end.

The sister of Stephens, Mrs. Pearce, and a Miss Dunbar, of Ohio, to whom it was said Stephens was engaged to be married, and a brother of Haslett visited the prisoners during the morning and by permission of Jailer Avis, breakfasted with them in the corridor of the jail. It must have been a mournful and solemn feast—and it was to all except the hardened culprits themselves. They ate as heartily and with as much apparent indifference, as if they were going that day to participate in a festival, instead of meeting an awful and tragical end upon the scaffold.

After the breakfast was over, the friends of the condemned bid them a final adieu and left. The prisoners having expressed a wish to walk to the gallows, Sheriff Campbell granted them permission to do so, and the arrangements of the guard were made to this end.

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POETICAL.

SIX OR ONE AND A HALF DOZEN OF THE OTHERS.
"How dearest Fred," she softly said,
"You must smoke smoking!
It suits your looks, and they are becoming,
Indeed it's most becoming.
Did God decree that men should be
A chimney烟人 reported?
Then, darling Fred, let me say,
Tobacco galls discerned."

"How sweet, my love," said Fred, "I fear
That will amuse her; say,
But like a man, I'll try a plug;
And do the best to please ye.
Did God intend that woman's a dog,
Such wretched things should have love,
As Rustic, Blanches, Crinoline,
Or Hippopotamuses, do, love?
But really, whif, whif, whif,
And mind you I'm not joking.
I hope she's fond of Crinoline,
By Jove! I'm going my smoking!"

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