

We call attention to the presentment of the Grand Jury, published elsewhere in these columns. It is brimful of practical suggestions and progressive ideas. It is a document prepared by thinking men, and will find favor in the eyes of all thoughtful men. We wish to call special attention to one or two suggestions made. It is recommended that a new Court House be built. A more reasonable suggestion has not been made for a long time. It is a necessity, and one that should be met. It is a necessity, and one that should be met. It is a necessity, and one that should be met.

Recently a delegation of the Peoples' Party (to which Mr. Terrell seems too friendly), called on Mr. Carlisle to consult him regarding their political movement. Government control of railroads and telegraph lines was discussed, it being one of the Ocala demands. Mr. Carlisle asked the delegation how they proposed for the government to get possession of the railroads and telegraph lines, by confiscation or purchase? They replied, by purchase. The Senator thereupon laid the following stambling block in the way of this "wild-cat" scheme:

"Our government debt at the close of the war was more than \$2,000,000,000, and we have been almost thirty years in paying half of it. The railroads, telegraphs, telephone lines and steamboats in the country represent about \$10,000,000,000 in invested capital; \$4,000,000,000 is bonded indebtedness which must be paid. Are you ready to tax yourselves to raise this money? Then, after you have got the property, are you ready to tax yourselves to operate it—for the government never succeeded in doing business at a profit? Consider another effect: Such a plan would add perhaps 1,500,000 men and women to the roll of government employees. How would you succeed in turning out of power an administration with such resources at its command? The more corrupt it was the more difficult it would be to displace it."

The delegation is reported to have "looked downcast and perplexed at this statement." Can Mr. Terrell successfully combat these arguments? Cannot every clear-headed man see the absurdity and folly of this demand? Could our government withstand such a centralization of wealth and power? What say you, Mr. Terrell and gentlemen?

The Court of General Sessions for Anderson County was brought to a close in a novel manner last week. The validity of the grand and petit juries was called in question on the following grounds: The law requires that the panel of the petit jury shall consist of thirty-six good and lawful men, competent to do jury duty. Also, that each juror must be served in person with the venire facias by the Sheriff or an authorized deputy. The point made by the attorney who raised objections to the legality of the jury was that thirty-six good and lawful men had not been drawn, as the returns of the Sheriff showed that one man whose name appeared on the panel had been dead for a number of years, and another had been exempted from jury duty. Also, the venire facias were served by persons whom the records did not show to be regularly deputized by the Sheriff. The objections were well taken, and the Judge sustained them. But we are not one of those who think the law devoid of common sense because the business of the Court was abruptly brought to an end for the reason that the panel of the petit jury was less than thirty-six men by two; and even had there been thirty-six good and lawful men, that jury, it would not have been a competent jury, since the Sheriff had not regularly deputized the officers who served notice on the jurymen. The law is explicit, and the Sheriff of Anderson is to blame. It is good law, because it is good common sense, that thirty-six men, live and competent and ready at that time to do jury duty be drawn, and that notice of such drawing be served by the Sheriff, or by an officer deputized by him. The Sheriff of Anderson can prevent a recurrence of this by doing his duty as plainly prescribed by law.

Southern boys in Northern Schools are doing well this year. Three of the five highest in the graduating class at West Point are Southern young men. At John Hopkins, the principal honors of the '91 class are shared in liberally by Southern boys. At Cornell, Harvard, Yale, and other large institutions at the North, Southern brains has been awarded to positions of trust and honor. It speaks much.

Senator George, of Mississippi, has written a long letter in which he comes out squarely in favor of the Ocala platform, with the exception of the sub-treason scheme, the lawless features and Government ownership of railroads and telegraph lines. With these exceptions the Ocala demands are a pretty good Democratic platform, and the Senator can very consistently advocate them.

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Mosley News. We trust, Mr. Editor, that the extreme mental depression and nervous disorder under which we labor, due to a recent deplorable occurrence, will be a sufficient excuse for the dryness of this epistle. While peacefully resting in the embrace of morpheus, enjoying the breeze that came through our window, we were suddenly awakened about midnight by a noise without. We seemed bound by a spell. We could not carry out our previous resolutions of demanding of an intruder to halt, and in case that was not done, to send the unfeeling bullet in his mission of bloody work, but alas! we fell short of our resolutions, for our tongue refused to speak and hands to bring out the revolver from its accustomed place under our pillow. However, our courage was not so faint; it was only Government ownership of railroads and telegraph lines. With these exceptions the Ocala demands are a pretty good Democratic platform, and the Senator can very consistently advocate them.

After July 4th there will be forty-four stars on the American flag, arranged in six tiers on the blue field, the upper and lower to have eight stars each, the others seven.

There is a vast bed of pure rock salt in the Colorado Desert, and the Southern Pacific Railway, in laying their tracks to the salt mines, crossed a point where, for over 5,000 feet, they were obliged to make a fill and ballast the track with beautiful lumps of pure salt crystals. This is perhaps the first instance in the history of railroading where a track has been laid in and ballasted with salt. Millions of grasshoppers and legions of giant centipedes fell into this salt when it was in a liquid state, and now after having reposed there for thousands of years, they are found perfectly preserved.

John Morley, the leading English essayist, advocates signed articles in journalism. He says that the anonymous system is losing favor. People prefer the French style. They want to know who writes an article, whether it is good or bad. In France, when a journalist writes anything the people know his work, but in England, and generally in this country, the readers of a newspaper do not know whether the advertising man writes the editorials or whether the editors write the advertisements.

A wealthy German has offered a prize of \$25,000 to any astronomer who will satisfactorily demonstrate to him that the sun, moon or stars are inhabited.

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