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Local Advertisements.

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BILLS & HILL,

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John H. Bills' Old Stand

Bolivar, Tenn.

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FOR CASH!

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We are now receiving our

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As the Season has far advanced, and our stock unusually large, we will offer them to the trade

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WE HAVE AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

and would be pleased to have them give us a call and examine our stock.

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Exclusively Drugs!

DRUGGIST NOTICE.

Drs. Black & Moore,

Take this method of informing the people that they are just in receipt of one of the largest and best selected stocks of

Drugs and Medicines,

PAINTS, OILS,

Perfumery, Hair Oil, and Fancy Articles,

Ever brought to this city. Their Medicines are

Fresh and Pure,

having just been purchased in the best Northern markets. Patients in need of Medicines of any kind, would do well to call on them before buying elsewhere, as they are ready I will them to contribute

THEIR OPINION

As to quality of Medicines, and their advice as to the treatment of Diseases.

Which they offer to the purchaser as low as they can be afforded in the market. Office on Main street, one door West of Bolivar House. Drs. Black & Moore.

Jan'17-3m

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AND

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1 "	8.00	12.00	15.00	25.00	40.00

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All Notices, Marriage, Death and Job Notices Must be Paid for in Advance, or the Publication thereof will be omitted for all subscribing cases.

H. S. FARRIS, Editor.

Hardeman County Directory.

Chancery Court.

JOHN W. HARRIS of Somerville.....Chancellor
FRANCIS FENTRESS.....Clerk and Master
Court meets 1st Monday in September at Bolivar.

Circuit Court.

W. P. BOND.....Judge
T. D. MCDOWELL.....Clerk
Court meets 1st Monday in February, June and October.

County Officers.

JOHN H. BILLS.....Chairman County Court
J. D. HARRIS.....Clerk
G. CRAWFORD.....Deputy Clerk
S. ANDERSON.....Register
W. H. CARSON.....Trustee
J. A. PIPKIN.....Sheriff
W. W. MCCARLEY.....Sheriff
J. R. GROVES.....Coroner
W. NICHOLLS.....Surveyor
JOHN H. BILLS.....County Surveyor
MOSES TAYLOR.....Assessor
JOHN B. BYNUM.....Assistant Keeper
Court-house in Bolivar to each tenth.

Federal Officers.

JAMES PEYSER.....Assessor of Internal Revenue
T. D. PATRICK.....Collector of Direct Taxes
DR. R. WILLIAMS.....U.S. Revenue Collector
DR. S. WLASH.....U.S. Revenue Collector
JNO. D. CHERRY.....Agent Freedmen's Bureau

Synopsis of the Proceedings of the County Court.

John H. Bills, Chairman, Presiding.
J. J. Ferris, } Quorum Justices.

The following is a synopsis of business transacted in the County Court of Hardeman county, at the January term, 1867:

An election held for Chairman and Quorum Justice for the year 1867, which resulted in the election of John H. Bills, Chairman, and A. R. Ross and J. B. Fawcett, Quorum Justices.

Order levying the following taxes on property, polls and privileges for 1867, to-wit: For county purposes on each $100 worth of taxable property, 12½ cents; taxable free poll, 50 cents; merchants, druggists, peddlers, grocers, jewelers, confectioners or tippling houses, $25; circuses, shows or concerts for profit each day, $25.

Foreign insurance companies having an agency in Hardeman county, $25.

Also a special tax for building court house, to-wit: On each $100 worth of taxable property, 37 cents; taxable free poll, 75 cents; merchants, druggists, peddlers, grocers, jewelers, confectioners or tippling houses, $12 50.

Circuses, shows or concerts, for profit each day, $12 50.

Foreign insurance companies having an agency in Hardeman county, $12 50.

The following persons were appointed to serve as jurors at the February term of the Circuit Court, to-wit: District No. 1, J. H. Mallard and J. C. Prewitt; district No. 2, Wm. Powell and Theophilus Higgs; district No. 3, J. J. Polk and Thomas Boyle; district No. 4, J. W. Wilkes and James Mitchell; district No. 5, Milton Cross and Rabt. Clinton; district No. 6, C. H. Durden, W. Nesbells and W. R. Kearney; district No. 7, B. F. Veazey and J. B. Wilkerson; district No. 8, Alex. Black and R. S. Carter; district No. 9, S. T. Arant and B. R. McAlexander; district No. 10, D. A. Ferguson and Harrell Seals; district No. 11, Henly Stone and W. S. Carver; district No. 12, W. R. Howell and J. S. Sasser; district No. 13, Jno. Crawford and Wm. McKenzie; district No. 14, Thos. R. McClendon and J. B. Young; district No. 15, Matthew Brooks and W. H. Rainey; district No. 16, A. B. Crain and Thos. Blair; district No. 17, Hamon Hudson and Valentine Tenon. P. T. Myers and James Mordough, constables, to wait on said court.

The following named persons were appointed veniremen for the year 1867: District 1, J. C. Prewitt; district 2, A. H. Ross; district 3, J. J. Polk; district 4, A. J. Polk and Thomas Boyle; district 5, C. H. Durden; district 7, D. J. Newborn; district 8, J. W. Hubbard; district 9, F. T. Avant; district 10, P. M. Crawford; district 11, A. H. Thomas; district 12, W. R. Howell; district 13, J. M. Mitchell; district 14, Wiley Fort; district 15, W. B. Rainey; district 16, Geo. McClendon; district 17, Chas. McCommon.

A statement with J. Watson, County Trustee, was presented showing amount received by him during the year 1866, of $6179 81, and amount paid out of $6376 03, leaving in his favor of $196 22, which settlement was approved and ordered to be recorded.

A settlement of the county revenue collected by the sheriff county court on polls-tax for the year 1866, amounting to $1900 25 was presented, approved and ordered to be recorded, and the County Trustee's receipt for the amount, which was also approved.

A statement of the County Revenue collected by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the year 1866, amounting to $19 50, was presented, approved and ordered to be recorded and the county Trustee's receipt for the amount, which was also approved.

Ordered that the chairman be allowed $2 50 per day for services as presiding magistrate, and $50 per quarter as financial agent, and the Quorum Justices be each allowed $2 per day for services holding court, and that the Justices each be allowed $2 per day for attending and holding the quarterly courts for the year 1867.

Ordered that the review commissioners be allowed $20 each for attending the taxes in their respective districts for the year 1867.

Order appointing Geo. S. Gibson, A. Cox and Geo. Rook commissioners of the poor for the year 1867.

Appropriations made amounting to $1002 21.

Order requiring the court house commissioners to prepare a plan and let the building of a new court house, subject to the approval of the court at its April term, and adding John H. Bills to the list of commissioners.

Order fixing the rates of foreign tax same as 1866, which is as follows, to-wit: For each footman, 5 cents; for each mare and horse, 10 cents; for each horse, mule, jack or jennet, 5 cents; for each head of cattle, 5 cents; for each head of sheep, goats, or hogs, 2½ cents; for each 2 horse wagon, 50 cents; for each 4 horse wagon, 75 cents; for each 6 horse wagon, one dollar, and the same where oxen are use in place of horses; for each carriage, carryall, or hack, 75 cents; for each pleasure carriage, 75 cents; for each buggy, 50 cents, and that all persons residing in the county of Hardeman will be allowed to cross at half price, and that the different ferry keepers be required to keep posted at their ferries the above rates of toll.

The commissioner of registration reported the following number of voters registered to the 1st January, 1867, to-wit: Class 1, 25; class 2, 6, class 3, 59, class 4, 228. Total, 321.

Resignation of A. B. Crain as constable of district 16, tendered and accepted and an election ordered to fill the vacancy.

Order requiring the Sheriff to open and hold elections in districts 1, 11 and 17 to fill the vacancies of constables.

James Mordough, constable elect in district 15, entered into bonds and duly qualified.

The last Will and Testament of Mary A. C. Butts probated; Wm. E. Toulinson, executor.

Order releasing T. S Robertson from $4 50 over assessment on lands for the year 1866.

Application of Aaron Ledford and Benj. Vaughan to establish ferries on Hatchie river granted, upon their executing bond as required by law.

William Tisdale appointed guardian to Thomas Crews and Joseph Crews, minors of W. H. Crews, dec'd.

David Rowland appointed administrator on the estate of Thomas Kerr, dec'd.

Abel Stewart appointed administrator on the estate of Wm. Howard, dec'd.

E. R. Low appointed administrator on the estate of Maria J. Dotson, dec'd.

A. M. Statler appointed administrator on the estate of James P. Statler, dec'd.

A. M. Statler appointed guardian to Ella Statler, minor of Samuel Statler, dec'd.

John Fields appointed guardian to Bettie and Mollie Statler, minors of Sam'l Statler, dec'd.

The last Will and Testament of John A. Carruthers, dec'd, probated; Wm. A. Carruthers, executor.

Jim, a colored boy, aged 9 years, apprenticed to W. W. McCarley, until he shall arrive at the age of 21 years.

Connor, a colored boy, aged 10 years, apprenticed to D. A. Robinson until he shall reach 21 years.

Report of commissioners appointed to assign dower to Mrs. Marcella Foster, filed and confirmed and title decreed.

Report of commissioners appointed to assign dower to Mrs Jane Rice, filed and confirmed and title decreed.

Order removing funds belonging to the heirs of F. Flynt, dec'd, to Wexford county, Arkansas.

Report of commissioners appointed to divide land belonging to J. W. Casey, dec'd, among his heirs, filed and confirmed and title decreed to the parties.

Report sale had belonging to the estate of Bryant Johnson, dec'd, filed and accepted to, and order to resell.

Report sale had belonging to estate of Mary Rodgers, dec'd, filed and excepted to, and order to resell the same.

Report of commissioners appointed to assign dower and divide the lands of James Arant, dec'd, filed and confirmed and title decreed to the parties.

Report of commissioners appointed to assign dower to Elisa P. Forbes, filed and confirmed and title decreed.

Report of commissioners appointed to assign dower to Mary A. Barham, filed and confirmed and title decreed.

Report commissioners appointed to assign dower to Laura M. Lake, filed and confirmed and title decreed.

Report sale had belonging to estate of B. C. Casey, dec'd, filed and confirmed and title decreed to purchasers.

Mrs. W. E. Hunt, administratrix estate of J. W. Hand, dec'd, allowed further time to make settlement of the same.

Order appointing commissioners to lay off one years' provisions to Mrs. Marina Webb.

Order dismissing the motion of Mrs. F. Puttes for dower in personalty of W. T. Puttes, dec'd.

Order for W. H. Black, adm'r. estate of Jno. Black, dec'd, to sell gold belonging to the estate.

Robert M. Mitchell appointed administrator on the estate of Allen Cox, dec'd.

Richard Bridgis, colored, appointed adm'r. on estate of Bridgis, colored.

James Coleman appointed guardian to Mary E., Elizabeth and Jas. Coleman.

Application of H. and W. Moore to establish a ferry on Bluff river granted, and bond executed.

Order authorizing John W. Nuckolls, adm'r. of Sterling Nuckolls, dec'd, to sell railroad stock belonging to said estate.

Order to pay heirs of J. P. Corley, dec'd.

Order appointing commissioners to divide land and allot to W. M. McKinney his share or 1 part in value.

Report sale had belonging to estate Eli Cox, dec'd, filed and confirmed and title decreed to purchasers.

Order appointing commissioners to divide land belonging to estate John Grange, dec'd, and allot to H. C. Hardwick ½ of the same.

Order pro confesso in case of R. C. Hardwick vs. G. C. Simmons and wife et als.

Order to pay heirs of Martha Crews, dec'd.

Report sale had belonging to estate Wm. Simpson, filed and confirmed and title decreed

George, a colored boy, apprenticed to Mrs. Amanda L. M. Coats until he arrives at the age of 18 years.

Five appointments of overseers of roads.

Four Jury of View appointments.

Order legitimating and changing name of George Coats, colored, to George McNeal.

Order pro confesso in case of P. M. Crawford vs. heirs of E. M. Callahan, dec'd.

Order sale had belonging to estate of B. M. Callahan, dec'd.

Order sale land belonging to the estate of Roderick Barnes, dec'd.

Order guardian ad litem and order reference in case of Green Rook vs. heirs of W. F. Ayers, dec'd, and order sale land belonging to the estate of W. F. Ayers, dec'd.

Order guardian ad litem and order reference in case of D. F. Hare, adm'r vs. heirs of M. H. Lake, dec'd, and order sale land belonging to estate of M. H. Lake, dec'd.

Report sale land belonging to the estate of C. and T. McCarter, filed and confirmed and title decreed to purchaser.

Report sale land belonging to the estate of Isaac T. Crews, filed and confirmed and title decreed to purchasers.

Report account of advancements and order reference in case of J. B. Hardage and wife et. als. vs. H. J. Dunn, et. als.

Order sale land belonging to the estate of Alsey Dunn, dec'd.

Report sale land and lots belonging to the estate of N. Roberts, dec'd, filed and confirmed and title decreed to purchasers.

J. H. Bills, J. B. Fawcett, and R. S. Carter, Justices of the Peace, executed small officers bonds as required by law.

Margaret McMahin appointed adm'x of the estate of Harvet McMahin, dec'd.

Eldridge Jourdan appointed adm'r. of the estate of Martha R. Jourdan, dec'd.

Report sale one tract land belonging to the estate of Thomas Doyle, dec'd, filed and confirmed and title decreed to purchaser, and exceptions filed as to sale of one other tract, and order to resell the same.

Order to pay the administrator of the estate of Thomas Doyle, dec'd.

Report commissioners appointed to assign dower to Violet Littrell, filed and confirmed and title decreed.

Order sale land belonging to the estate of Colbert Littrell, dec'd.

Order guardian ad litem and order reference in case of Violet Littrell, et. als vs. heirs of C. Littrell, dec'd.

Report sale land belonging to the estate of John Fields, dec'd, filed and excepted to and the biddings ordered to stand open until the next term.

Order to pay heirs of Armstead, dec'd.

Order to pay heirs of Wm. Powell, dec'd.

Order continuance in the case of R. F. Neely et. als. vs. E. C. Crisp et. als.

John, Jordan, Adaline, Emily and Martha New, colored children, apprenticed to A. Wilkerson, colored.

Order requiring W. J. Davis, adm'r of G. Cope, dec., to make settlement with the clerk.

Two overseers of road appointments.

Report sale of town lot belonging to the estate of W. T. Puttes, dec'd, filed and excepted to, and order to resell the same.

Jesse Wood and Evelina Hills, colored children, apprenticed to R. H. Wood.

Order for the county surveyor to resurvey the dower of Mrs. M. A. Portis.

Report of advancements in case of John I. Simpson et. als. vs. heirs of Wm. Simpson, dec'd, filed and confirmed and order to pay the heirs.

Report commissioners appointed to lay off one years' provisions to Jane Ellis, filed and confirmed.

Receipts of the creditors of the insolvent estate of J. R. Price, dec'd, filed, approved and ordered to be recorded.

Order to pay the heirs of Eli Cox, dec'd.

Order to pay heirs of N. Roberts, dec'd.

B. F. Veazey, George McClendon and S. T. Arant, Justices of the Peace, entered into small offence bonds as required by law.

The following settlements, inventories and account sales presented, approved and ordered to be recorded and filed, to-wit:

A settlement with D. F. Ham, adm'r estate of M. H. Lake, dec'd.

A settlement with W. B. Carnar, adm'r of the estate of S. Carnar, dec'd.

A settlement with John Wurlaugh, adm'r of the estate of John Brinkley, dec'd.

A settlement with J. G. Chiven, adm'r of the estate of R. Pirtle, dec'd.

A settlement with J. H. Robinson, guardian of the heirs of H. Beatty, dec'd.

A settlement with M. McKinley, guardian of the heirs of F. Flynt, dec'd.

A settlement with E. E. Low, guardian of Maria J. Dotson.

An inventory of property estate of John Calligan dec'd, by Kate Calligan, adm'x.

An account sales property estate of Lois Foster, dec'd, by Amos Foster, administrator.

An account sales property estate of J. R. Fentress, dec'd, by F. Fentress, adm'r.

An account sales property estate of W. Galloway, dec'd, by W. H. Todd, adm'r.

An account sales property estate Alsey Dunn, dec'd, by J. A. and H. J. Dunn, adm'r.

And account sales property estate James Mills, Sr., dec'd, by W. B. Henry, adm'r.

The number of Indians in the United States is 585,774.

The Legislature of Montana has passed a bill fixing the capital of the Territory at Helena.

The Naples Rothschild has retired from business with a fortune of $40,000,000.

James Robinson, the famous horsebreaker is an immense card at Havana. His salary is $900 per week in gold.

Senator Doolittle in conversation lately declared that he considered the situation an exceedingly grave one, and that in his opinion we were rapidly approaching another revolution.

In Washington county, Tennessee, twenty miles northeast of Jonesboro, is an ancient birch tree, on the bark of which is still legible the following inscription: "1771.—D. Boon killed a bear."

FATAL AFFRAY.—Dr. Alison Case, State Senator from the counties of Obion, Weakly and Henry was shot and killed near Troy, Obion county, by Frank Parris, on the 11th inst.

John M. Fleming, Hon. T. A. Nelson, John Bantord and George Brown have been elected in a legal opinion that the Franchise law is unconstitutional and should not be registered in the coming municipal election in Knoxville.

The President a few days since, exposed and himself as follows regarding impeachment: That charges could not be found against him without perjury. That if he poached he would see what means he had of re-establish the confidence of the people, by abolishing them, as fit instrumentalities for tyrants only. That he would not be a free people who are prepared to rush to extremes and sweep away living constitutions, and who are excluded from their privileges, because they cannot conscientiously swear to every device of their enemies, gotten up to entracise them from their rights. What is a general amnesty worth, when such practices are continued? What is political freedom worth, if the people must swear, at the threatened return of every election, that they never opposed the Government, after all resistance has ceased, and no one is proposing to set up a rival government, or overthrow the present one?

The Franchise test oaths have been enacted upon precisely the same principles of this Missouri test oath. They are *ex post facto* in their operation, and are in the nature of a bill of attainder. On the same principle the Supreme Court must unanswerably decide them to be in violation of the Constitution, and a denial of franchises to freemen, which were secured to them by the Constitution, and by the action of their officers, for which they have been pardoned by the Government, and for which they cannot be called to answer by any authority or any legislative act, passed subsequently to the completion of the offence. The decisions in these two cases are, therefore, pivotal cases of what is, to some hereafter. All these test oaths are the concentrics of military military power, and should be enforced by our courts upon the establishment of peace. They are the natural fruits of, and the last tribute to the tribunal which abolished military commissions, and has now commenced the abrogation of the 'rules of ordinary power which military authority established, and which must necessarily give way on the return of peace and the resumption of civil authority throughout the Union. Every vestige of military domination will soon disappear if the courts continue to discharge their high functions as the Supreme Court has done in the case of Milligan."—Memphis Commercial 2nd inst.

Test Oaths.

The Supreme Court of the United States has proclaimed the true spirit of our laws, and the 'philosophical view of our institutions, in its two recent decisions against the Missouri oath and the lawyer's test oath. Both of these odious oaths are declared to be unconstitutional. The Missouri oath, as it is to be seen, is a large measure, indebted to Hon. A. H. Garland, of Arkansas, for bringing the issue involved in the latter oath before the Supreme Court. He first raised the question in that court, and continued to prosecute it until a decision, so enlightened and favorable to freedom, was had. The Missouri test oath is one of the most cowardly and oppressive known to modern legislation. It requires an iron-clad oath of loyalty, past and present, from every clergyman in the State, and excludes all who refuse to take it from the exercise of the functions of the sacraments or officiating in the pulpit, under heavy penalties.

It was on a case of exclusion of a clergyman that an appeal was carried to the Supreme Court, and the judges have studiously and their learning, wisdom and virtue by declaring the law to be *ex post facto* in its operation, and in the nature of a bill of attainder, which are expressly forbidden by the Constitution Test oaths are the most ingenious and effective devices that cunning, the offspring of tyranny, and to perpetuate power in the hands of corrupt and selfish men.

The pages of Macaulay illustrate to what lengths these measures were practised in England, upon the Restoration, and how the liberal mind of the Prince who succeeded to the throne was enabled to restore order and re-establish the confidence of the people, by abolishing them, as fit instrumentalities for tyrants only. It is to be seen that the free people who are prepared to rush to extremes and sweep away living constitutions, and who are excluded from their privileges, because they cannot conscientiously swear to every device of their enemies, gotten up to entracise them from their rights. What is a general amnesty worth, when such practices are continued? What is political freedom worth, if the people must swear, at the threatened return of every election, that they never opposed the Government, after all resistance has ceased, and no one is proposing to set up a rival government, or overthrow the present one?

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Highly Important Decision.

In Washington, on the 14th inst., Associate Justice Miller, of the Supreme Court of the United States, Supreme Court in the Missouri test oath case, John C. Cummins, a Roman Catholic priest, who was indicted for preaching and teaching without taking the oath prescribed by the constitution of the State, being the plaintiff in error. The court decides that the oath in this case is unconstitutional, being in the nature of a bill of attainder without trial, and in its character *ex post facto*, and as a bill of attainder. The decision was rendered in accordance with decisions that the plaintiff shall appear without delay. Associate Justice Field also declared the opinion of the court in the *ex parte* case of Garland and Marr, who after taking part in the rebellion as to be re-admitted to practice. The court held as the statute imposes a punishment which may not have been imposed at the time the offence was committed it is in its nature a *ex post facto* law. Attorneys are not officers of the United States, but of the courts, are admitted and hold their offices during good behavior. The court is not the register of the edicts of any other power. The applicants obtained a pardon from the President, which relieves them from the consequences of their offences, and makes a citizen in the eyes of the law what he was before it was committed. Congress cannot limit the prerogative of mercy. It cannot be filtered by legislative restrictions. It followsthat the prayer of the petitioner must be granted, and also the prayer of Marr. The rule which requires attorneys to take the test oath must be reindered.

The principle of this decision overthrows the infamous franchise law in this State, because, like the test oath, it is a law punishing *an offense which may not be punishable at the time it was committed.*

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in his lectures on "Universal Suffrage," gives the following, among other reasons, for extending the franchise to women:

God, when he made woman, made her to be a mother, and necessarily a subordinate, and therefore a legislator, and consequently she ought to be such, with a motherly foresight, and a mother's love, labouring only for the future welfare of her own children, knowing what was most needed, she would be the one to exercise law to meet the wants of the people.

The Supreme Court of Alabama, now in session at Montgomery, has decided that the Governors recess stamps on State legal processes is unconstitutional. It also decided that the people of Alabama was a *de facto* government under the Confederacy, and that its personal representatives are exempted from loss in Confederate invest ments.

Printing Paper.—The cost of printing paper is certainly one of the phenomena of the day. It seems to have a fatal value, no matter how high it is, it continues to advance. After the power of other commodities failed to may go up to 250 or down to 150, but paper remains the same. A correspondent well remarks that "so much monopoly as the paper monopoly has ever existed in this country before. The tremendous power of the press is important to shake it. Congress besides to and helps sustain it, and the people are not disposed to support it. If the tariff on paper were reduced to anything like reasonable figures, publishers could get it at much less cost, and could get a much better article than they now get from American dealers, and the greatly reduced rates. As it is now, the tariff furnishes no revenue to the Government, but merely enriches paper dealers at the expense of newspaper readers."

The Consistency of the President.—After the publication of the following letter, from Montgomery Blair, late Postmaster General, to Hon. Reverdy Johnson, in connection with inconsistency upon the question of reducing the Southern States to Territories:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24, 1865.

"DEAR MR. BLAIR, Postmaster General:

"I hope that the President will not be committed to the proposition of States reconstructed and admitted by held as such. If he chooses clear of this extreme, his election to the next Presidency is without a reasonable doubt. I expected to have been in Washington before this time, when I could have conversed freely and fully in reference to the policy to be adopted by the Government; but it has been impossible for me to leave my wife. I will be there soon. The institution of slavery is dead. There is no good reason now for destroying the States or being about the destruction of slavery.

"Answer Immediately."

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A bill has been prepared to reduce the number of Judges of the Supreme Court and to consolidate the United States Circuits. There is now a law which provides that no vacancy shall be filled until the number of Judges is reduced below seven.

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