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"The best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it."—*General Grant.*

IT doesn't look exactly fair to the young Republicans to keep one man in office all his life.

THE Ashland News is pressing the name of Colonel FRANK COLES of its place for Congressional honors. Colonel COLES is a good man; in fact the Republicans have a number of good men who would make model Congressmen.

The information at the Capital is that already $25,000,000 of the $50,000,000 appropriated for the National defense has been expended or contracts entered into for its expenditure



## HOW WAR IS DECLARED.

***Code of Nations, as Some Learned Diplomats Understand It.***

*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

"How is war declared?" some one asked a statesman this week. "Usually by a cannon shot," was the reply. This country did go to war once by adopting a resolution. Most of the fighting had begun without legislative preliminaries. The Civil War opened with the firing on Fort Sumter. Just how the war with Spain will begin, if there is one, cannot be forecast from anything in the rules of Congress. It may be that war with Spain has already started. That will be known when the Court of Inquiry on the Maine reports. If the ship was destroyed by a torpedo that was an act of war, whether Blanco knew the torpedo was to be dragged against the bow of the ship or not.

If only half a dozen Spanish officers were in the plot and towed the engine of destruction to its place, Spain has committed the overt act of war just as much as if a gun squad had wheeled one of the big guns of Morro Castle into position and sent a shell into the magazine of the Maine.

All that the Court must do is to report to the President that the Maine did not blow up, but was blown up. That will mean the war has started. Uncle Sam must get ready to fight. The chip has been knocked from his shoulder. There is nothing for him to do but to come back at his enemy. If there is to be any parleying it must come from Spain. That country can offer defense, or explanation, or idemnity, or reparation. If Spain does nothing after the Court reports that the Maine was blown up, a return blow must be struck by the United States and as quickly as the ships can move. Such is the code of Nations, as some of the best diplomats at Washington understand it.



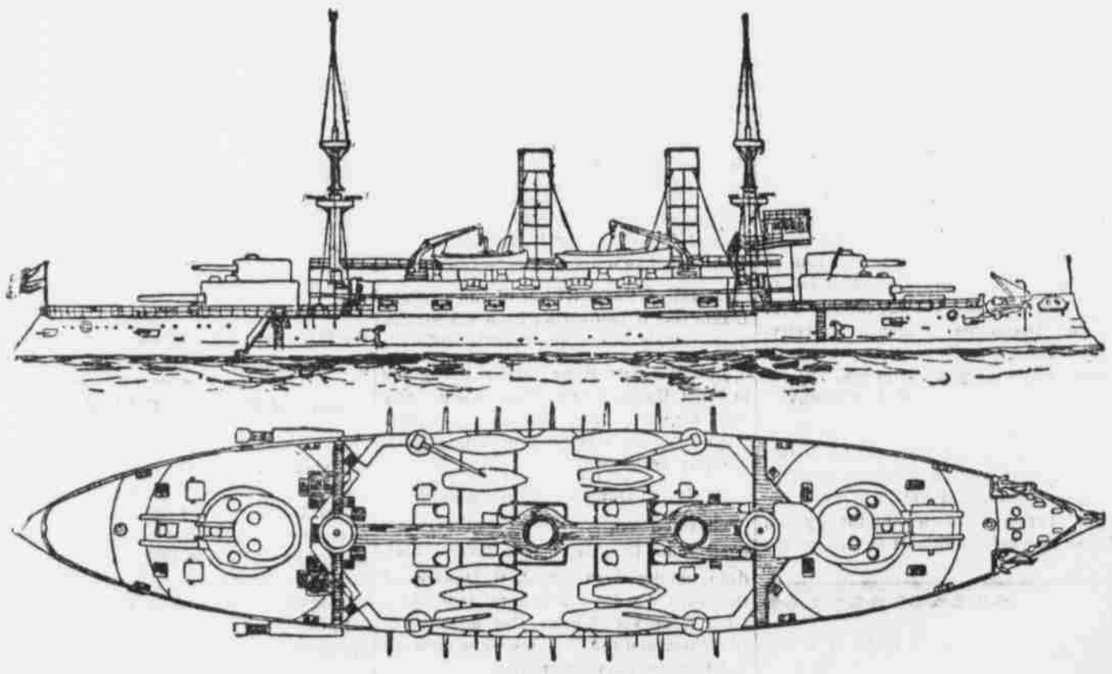
Miss Alice B. Elliott, daughter of Mr. Isaac Elliott who formerly lived near Germantown, was married a few days since at Falmouth to Perry F. Bonar.





## THE BATTLE-SHIP KENTUCKY.

The Namesake of the Grand Old Commonwealth Launched Yesterday, With Governor Bradley's Handsome Daughter as Her Sponsor.



The most powerful and swiftest of all battle-ships in the United States Navy will be the Kentucky, which was launched at Newport News yesterday at 11 a. m. The Kentucky's twin mate, the Kearsarge, was also launched. Under the contract there will be no speed premium, but a penalty of $100,000 a knot will be exacted for any failure to steam 16 knots for four consecutive hours, and should the speed fall below 15 knots it is the privilege of President McKinley to reject the craft altogether. Comparing the Kentucky and her mate and the Illinois and her two sisters with their nearest rivals in foreign waters it is merely necessary to say that no vessels of their tonnage built abroad will have an armament so elaborate or an armor of such resisting power. The heaviest guns of the Kentucky are 4 feet in diameter at thickest point, 13 inches in diameter at aperture of small end of the barrel and 40 feet in length. The projectile they will carry weighs 1,100 pounds, and when hurled with a full charge, say 550 pounds of the best prismatic brown powder, will penetrate 30 inches of wrought iron or 22 inches of the best armor, and no vessel afloat, it is claimed, carries armor which they could not pierce at an ordinary fighting range of 4,000 yards. The muzzle energy of these guns exceeds 33,000 tons, a force which, if applied to lifting either of the vessels, would raise her about three feet in one minute. One of the big guns intended for the ships in a test of a port plate of the Kentucky at the Indian Head Proving Grounds on March 29th last smashed the armor. A Carpenter projectile six inches in caliber was fired at the wing of the re-entrant portion of the plate. The angle of impact was 45 degrees. The plate tested was 5½ inches in thickness, and was fitted to a backing of three inches of oak planking and two 2½-inch skin plates. A 3-inch plate, to represent a gun shield, was placed alongside the wing of the port plate. The plate was badly shattered, and showed that a change in shape was necessary to insure protection.

Rev. Henry M. Scudder of Carlisle has been selected to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon before the students of Central University, Richmond, next June.

The Daughters of Valentine Peers Chapter of the American Revolution are urged to be present with the Regent on Saturday next, March 26th, at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be one of unusual interest.

The State Board of Equalization is sending out blank notices to County Judges, giving them notice of the dates on which committees may be heard, and requesting the County Judges to appoint such committees to appear. The Board will begin to hear the committees March 28th, and continue daily sittings.

The building and outfit of The Times Publishing Company at Bowling Green was damaged by fire to the extent of about $4,000.

The largest number of prisoners ever known in the Frankfort Penitentiary at one time is now in that institution. There are 1,306 prisoners, nine having been received Tuesday. About one hundred are crowded two in a cell.

"Miltonia" is a new and especially fine brand of whisky, bottled under the new revenue law for M. C. Russell & Son. A Government stamp over the cork of each bottle guarantees its age. THE LEDGER has the firm's thanks for a quart; the very sight of which is an inspiration to the editorial goosequill.



# Public Sale

The undersigned, Assignees of George Wood, Sr., will, on

## SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1898

AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.,

on the premises in Mason county on the Hill City pike, about three and one half miles from the city of Maysville, offer at public sale the following real estate assigned to them, to-wit:

## $158\frac{68}{100}$ Acres of Land

The above land fronts on the Hill City Turnpike within a very convenient distance of the city of Maysville and is in a firstclass neighborhood. It is composed in great part of new land, is well watered in all quarters and now contains a large crop of growing wheat in a flourishing condition. On the land is located a tenant-house, barn and the house now occupied by Mr. Charles A. Wood.

**TERMS OF SALE.**

The land will be sold on a credit of one-fourth in six months and remaining three-fourths in one, two and three years, purchaser to give notes with good security bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum, payable annually, from day of sale, and a lien to be retained upon the land. Any purchaser may pay all or any portion of purchase price cash, and if one-fourth is paid in cash the balance of the purchase money will be procured by us for him if he so desires, for which he will be required to execute notes due in one, two and three years, secured by a mortgage on the land.

A. M. J. COCHRAN,
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**LOST.**

LOST—Between Poplar and Walnut streets, Pocket-book containing $11 15 and receipt for $2. Please return to MATTIE JORDAN and receive reward. mar24 1w

LOST—A pair of telephone wire splicing Clamps, on corner of Court and Second streets. Finder will please return to Telephone Office and receive reward. mar21 1w

## Commissioner's Sale.

The Turnpike Commissioners will sell to the highest bidder, on respective premises, on SATURDAY, MARCH 26th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., two Tollhouses, one on the Mason and Lewis road on Cabin Creek, and one on the Mt. Carmel road one mile Northwest of Orangeburg.

The house on Cabin Creek will be sold at 10 a. m., and the one near Orangeburg at 2 p. m. Terms made known on day of sale.

mar10 15t J. E. WELLS, Superintendent.