

#### TWO FUNERAL ORATIONS BY SENATOR BLACKBURN.

By the irony of fate and the exigencies of personal ambition, it became the duty of the Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn to pronounce the funeral oration at the coffin of William Goebel. And of Goebel Senator Blackburn said:

"Build here over his grave a mighty towering granite shaft that shall defy the corroding touch of time. Inscribe upon it an epitaph that shall be worthy of the man. He earned this at our hands. In life and death he was consecrated to the people's cause. He lived an honest life, and gave his life for your deliverance. Of him no eulogy but truth may say: 'Earth never pillowed upon her bosom a truer son, nor Heaven opened wide her portals to receive a manlier spirit.'"

At Covington on Sunday, April 14, 1895, a little less than five years ago, the eulogist of Goebel pronounced another funeral oration. That time he stood by the coffin of Col. John L. Sanford, who like Goebel had been shot down in the highway. And of Sanford Senator Blackburn said:

"John Sanford was to me like a brother. I loved him. I hope God may spare me, and I shall make it my life's mission to avenge him by burying his slayer in the depths of merited public execration."

The slayer of John Sanford was William Goebel.—New York Sun.

**THE ARGONAUT.** There are few more interesting journals in the United States than the Argonaut of San Francisco. It is a brave advocate of whatsoever it thinks right and patriotic. THE CONSERVATIVE is a careful reader of the Argonaut, became an admirer of its slashing style in the hey day of Frank Pixley, its founder, and has been constant to date in reading its editorials.

The present editor, Mr. J. A. Hart, is an intense and vehement protectionist. He is for artificial prices on things. He favors producers and antagonizes consumers. On February 12 Mr. Hart remarks:

"The bubonic plague has caused the prohibition of imports from certain Oriental ports. Rice

Rice, Rats, and Free Trade. from Asiatic ports is not allowed to

enter, as rats invariably accompany rice cargoes, and rats are dangerous distributors of the plague germ. This purely sanitary precaution of the quarantine service is having an effect on the domestic rice market. A dispatch from Savannah, Ga., dated January 30th, says that rice has jumped half a cent a pound in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Louisiana, and is still rising. This may impress those fat-heads who affect to believe that free trade with our new tropical islands will not unfavorably affect the American farmer. If a temporary stoppage of foreign rice importation enhances the price of American grown rice, would not a permanent duty help

the American rice-grower? And if all the gates be thrown down and rice be admitted free from our new Asiatic and other islands, will it not hurt the American rice-grower?"

From the foregoing one may logically conclude that the Argonaut estimates the economic value of rats and the bubonic plague above that of the republican administration now annexing islands to the United States and prescribing free trade between them and all other territory of the republic.

"The sanitary precaution" which has raised the price of rice in the Carolinas and Georgia so that the sick, indigent, or any other consumer of rice anywhere in the United States will be forced to pay, at least, a half cent more per pound therefor, the Argonaut thinks, "may impress those fat-heads who affect to believe that free trade with our new tropical islands will not unfavorably affect the American farmer."

All Americans eat rice. A few Americans produce rice. The law, saith the Argonaut, should be favorable to the few and against the many. A part, a small part, who raise rice is greater, saith the Argonaut, than the whole, all, who consume rice. The economics of the Argonaut are not any more absurd than would be a system of mathematics declaring a part of a thing bigger than the whole thing.

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