

The Legislature assembled at Columbia on the 24th inst. The House was called to order by the speaker, and seventy-seven members answering to their names, it was announced that a quorum was present, and that the House was ready to proceed to business.

The Senate was called to order by the President, D. T. Corbin, and only fourteen members answering to their names, it was declared that a quorum was not present, and the Senate adjourned.

On the 25th, several additional Senators appeared, and a quorum was announced. Joseph A. Green, white, elected in the place of Randolph, for Orangeburg, and George W. Barber, colored, elected in the place of Rutland, for Fairfield, appeared and qualified.

A resolution was offered by Montgomery, and adopted, continuing the organization of the Senate the same as at the special session, subject to such changes on the committees as may be ordered by the President.

Messages were interchanged between the two Houses in regard to their organization and readiness to proceed to business, and a joint committee was appointed to wait on the Governor and notify him that the General Assembly was ready to receive any communication he might have to make.

A resolution to adjourn over until Monday was agreed to in the Senate, but lost in the House. Both Houses agreed, however, to adjourn over to Friday.

In the House, F. S. Lewis, member elect from Lexington, appeared and qualified. The office of stenographer was abolished.

A resolution to allow no pay to members during absence, except on account of severe illness, was lost. Ayes, 2; nays, 53.

THEATRICAL.

The laughable farce entitled "The Contested Election," still occupies the "boards" at the City Council rooms. No new features have been added since our last, for the reason that the management considers the piece perfect in all that makes a farce a farce, and so likewise do the public. The "Ballot scene" in Tuesday's performance, in which the acting board of Aldermen was turned into counters, is pronounced as amusing a piece of jugglery as was ever witnessed on or off the stage.

The absence of the Votes from two or three of the boxes did not, as was feared, interpose any obstacle to the success of the performance. This scene will probably be repeated at intervals to gratify the tastes of the public, who are greatly tickled with it. Nothing better could be given. The tournament of the barristers is now in progress, and excites much feeling among the members of the legal fraternity.

It is doubtful as yet whether Redcap or Foolscap will be the victor. Both are doughty knights and experienced in tilting, but as the prize is merely a Mayor, neither is expected to display his best points. Nevertheless, some dexterous feats may be looked for. In the meantime, Mr. Pillsbury, the hero of the piece (which has been got up expressly for his benefit and regardless of cost) is winning his way more and more into public favor and sympathy; and, although merely a quiet spectator of this novel rare-show, is gaining much that will aid him in judiciously managing our city affairs when he fills the place to which Justice and the People's Vote have already assigned him.

THE SUNNY SOUTH.—We were shown last week some branches of the cotton plant on which were blooms and bolls, looking fresh and vigorous. They were from the garden of Mr. S. D. Kirk, 11 Judih street, in this city. Mr. Kirk informs us that this cotton was planted late in June, and received little or no cultivation. A climate so genial and a soil so fertile as this of South Carolina, has attractions for the industrious farmer no where surpassed. Let them come.

THANKSGIVING was very generally observed in the city, but apparently not with that heartiness which is characteristic of Northern thanksgivings. It seldom is in this latitude.

RETURN OF GOVERNOR SCOTT.

GOVERNOR SCOTT has been absent a short time from the State, and during this time has had an opportunity to consult with politicians and business men abroad, in regard to important interests connected with the welfare of our State. The Columbia correspondent of the Aves reports, as follows, his interview with the Governor:

Governor Scott, whom your correspondent met on the cars, returning to Columbia, looks well after his visit. He has brought with him from Ohio his family, who left Charleston last summer for their health, and the gubernatorial mansion will therefore be graced during the winter by the presence of the Governor's wife. The Governor says that he has conversed extensively with gentlemen of the highest position and wealth at the North and West, and they were all of the opinion that the only way to revive the fallen fortunes of the State, is for the people of intelligence in the State to cease to look with distrust and scorn on Northern people who settle in the State and bring their capital; in other words, not to satirize them as "carpet baggers" or to ridicule them if they see fit to become candidates for office. They told the Governor that as long as that feeling existed, or unless the people became more cosmopolitan in their ways and customs, the State would remain in its present half-way disorganized condition and could possess no credit abroad. The Governor hopes that as General Grant has been elected by so overwhelming a majority the old feeling will wear away, and that General Grant, in administering the Government, will be able to shape his course so as to create a conciliatory disposition between all parties.

The Governor also states that leading railroad men and capitalists, worth ten and twelve million dollars, are anxiously awaiting the thorough establishment of civil law in the State, when they are ready to give their money and energies to any railroad enterprise in the South which has a shadow of promise of being safe and profitable to themselves, as well as to the communities to be benefited by their construction. All they want to be assured of is, that the old citizens recognize fully the laws passed by Congress and the Legislatures of the various States, and will act up to them faithfully. Governor Scott has no doubt whatever of being able to complete the Blue Ridge Railroad, if the present peace of the State be maintained, and the people forget, for the time, all political issues, and devote themselves to their material interests.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.

IN our last number appeared a communication from a student at the above institution, giving an account of a meeting of some of the friends of the University, and the presentation of a flag to a member of the famous Fifty-fourth Mass. Colored Vols., under tuition there; embracing also a speech on behalf of the institution by A. H. Grimke, a young colored man of this city. Mr. Grimke appeals to those who are friendly to the education of the negro, to lend their aid toward sustaining this University, which he states is destined to exert a powerful influence in elevating his race, by sending out numbers of well-educated young men as instructors to the masses, and affording all who desire it a favorable means of obtaining a knowledge of the higher branches of learning. Lincoln University is an institution for the education of young men of African descent, established at Oxford, Pennsylvania. A correspondent writing of it, says:

"Within two years four chairs have been endowed, each on the sum of \$20,000; one by the liberality of W. E. Dodge, Esq., of our city; one by the Avery estate of Pittsburgh; one by a gentleman of New York; and one by Mrs. Mary Dickey, her husband, son, and others. Three more chairs should be endowed at once, and the capacity of the building doubled. More than half of the students were slaves a few years since, and over forty were soldiers. The Lincoln University will turn out the grand teachers of the race."

The New York Tribune closes an article relative to the University with the following remarks:

"We trust, for the honor of this nation, that the world is about to witness here an attempt upon a great scale to raise and to refine, comparatively, a race which for more than two centuries has been studiously degraded by every device which all the ingenuity of an unlimited power and all the precaution of an unmanly fear could suggest. There are those who hope for failure as well as those who predict success; but, unfortunately, almost every scheme thus far hit upon has had certain partisan features, and has been approved or condemned quite in advance, according to the political proclivities of its observers. The result of this, unless it should be corrected, must be judgments erroneously hasty and impatient conclusions unwarranted by fair and honest experiments. A great project for the permanent amelioration of the social status of a class cannot be carried out in a month, or in a year. Nor should it be dependent for its success merely upon Acts of Congress or the shifting phases of popular opinion. We

are always rejoiced, therefore, whenever there is to be an effort to educate the Black, to find its supporters acting upon a permanent basis, with full leisure and opportunity upon their side. We believe, whenever an attempt has been made to train the Black in this reasonable way, that it has always succeeded; and every honest man will agree with us, considering social difficulties which require no presence to forestall, that the experiment of liberally educating a considerable body of Colored Men is well worth trying. Whatever may be the opinions of others, we have no doubt of a favorable result. At any rate, as we cannot avoid the trial without danger of anarchy, let it be fairly and philosophically undertaken."

SUSPENSION OF THE MERCURY.

The New York Tribune, in commenting on this event, says: "There could scarcely be a more suggestive fact. The Mercury has always been the organ of the Aristocracy of the South, and has always represented the extreme sentiment of Southern slave-driving aggrandizement. Before the war, it was the earnest enemy of the Union. During the war, it championed the harshest measures; and since peace, it has been the implacable foe of every honest attempt at reconstruction. Edited by a member of the noted family of Rhett, it has fully represented every principle of which the Rhetts have so long been intrepid and consistent advocates. Its suspension, therefore, indicates that the 'aristocracy' is dead; that the 'first families' of the South can no longer support an organ; and that as a political fact their empire is past. We are sorry for Mr. Rhett, and for the suspension of his enterprise; but the death of the Mercury is a sure sign of the dissolution of all that remains of the proud and exclusive class that dwelt for so many years in South Carolina, and reigned over the Republic."

SAVE YOUR MONEY.

The poorest laboring man who can save thirteen and three-quarter cents per day, put at compound interest, will save in one year \$50, in ten years \$650, in twenty years \$1,800, in thirty years \$3,950, in forty \$7,700, in fifty years \$14,600. Who could not do better than this if he would try? Constant labor would enable every man or mechanic to make a fortune by saving a fraction of his daily earnings. The Provident Savings Bank, located at 71 Broad street, will generously aid all who wish to adopt a safe and convenient plan for saving their money. Those who wish to know how it is done can secure all needful information by consulting Mr. Ritter, the cashier, who is always at his post, in the bank, during banking hours.

News and other Items.

GEN. GRANT'S REPORT.—It is understood that General Grant will not make an extended report as to military operations during the past year, but will transmit the reports of the various department and district commanders, with short letters calling attention to certain recommendations and suggestions in his reports. It is rumored that in his first message to Congress, President Grant will recommend the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution providing that after any person has once held the Presidential chair he shall not be eligible to the same office again.

WHAT THEN?—When the Democrats discharge all their poor employees following as their conscience dictates, who will the afore-said Democrats do? Will they lure other Republicans, or woe themselves? The threat of discharging laborers is a humbug, as the employer has under as many obligations to the employees as the employees are to the employer.

THE WORLD MOVES.—Californians expect to make the journey from San Francisco to New York by rail next Fourth of July week, and the wonderful progress of the Pacific Road encourages us to hope that their expectations may be realized.

POOR BUSINESS.—The office-hunters' raid upon President Grant brings to mind Mr. Lincoln's complaint under a similar affliction. "I am like a landlord," said he, "who is so busy renting rooms at one end of the building that he has no time to attend to the fire that is raging at the other end."

THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE.—At the recent Woman's Suffrage Convention in Boston, Senator Wilson stated that under the fourteenth article (the amendment) of the constitution of the United States, he would have no hesitation in voting for an act of Congress to give the colored man in every State the right to vote. He added, however, that as many persons did not place this construction on the fourteenth article, there would have to be another amendment submitted. In his opinion the constitution could be so amended that the right of suffrage, in six or eight months, will be secured to the colored men all over the land.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.—The population of the United States is nearly 39,000,000. If it increases in the same ratio as it has in preceding periods, it will be 42,000,000 in 1870, and 170,000,000 in 1900.

NO DISTINCTION ON ACCOUNT OF COLOR.—General Grant, in his distribution of favors in New York, dined with Pierrepont, war Democrat; breakfasted with Greeley, Republican; and dined again with Hoffman, Democrat, at a dinner given in honor of Everett, Johnson Republican.

EASTY DOXA.—It is said that the Democratic party will be embalmed—with whiskey probably, on the score of economy, as there is nearly enough of that liquid in the body already to suit all purposes. All it needs now is to be "bottled up."

MORE TRAFFIC IN HUMAN BEINGS.—The Galveston (Texas) Citizen of the 14th instant makes the following statement: "Although it may be a matter of surprise to our readers, it is nevertheless true that Messrs. Heidenheimer & Co., of this city, have just received a consignment of coolies direct from China. They were shipped direct to this port under ordinary bills of lading, and are regarded by the firm as simple merchant se, to be sold for freight and charges. Two-thirds of these persons are females, one of whom is said to be very beautiful. They are to be disposed of at auction. In California and Mexico coolies are quite common, but this invoice, we believe, is the first ever received in Texas. What the result will be remains to be seen."

PREACHER AND PEOPLE.—Congregations ought to remember that there are duties devolving on them, as well as the minister. It is an easy matter to find fault with the pastor, when the real source of the trouble may be with the people. In a recent charge to a congregation the speaker remarked:

"They (the people) should be faithful in their attendance upon his preaching. If it was his duty to preach, this implied that it was their duty to hear him. If it was his duty to preach twice on the Sabbath, it was his duty to hear him twice. If it was his duty to preach in unpleasant weather, it was their duty to hear him in unpleasant weather. This was a good rule, and worked both ways. Sunday night air, said he, is remarkably wholesome in this latitude, especially to the lungs of Christian people."

No storms, in this section of the South, appear to be so much dreaded and carefully avoided as those that come upon the Sabbath.

MARRIAGES.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., by the Rev. P. A. Wood, at the residence of the bride's father, G. L. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., former Mayor of Tennessee, to MAMIE A., eldest daughter of L. T. POTTER, Esq., of Charleston, S. C.

At Darlington, Nov. 15th, by Rev. B. F. Whitmore, Mr. CAMUS, 141 N. E. and Miss MARTHA WILLIAMS, both of Darlington.

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To Consumptives.

The following article, from the Boston World's Crisis, of Aug. 26th, 1868, will be found interesting to Consumptive sufferers: LUNG COMPLAINTS, &c. To those troubled with lung complaints, bronchitis, asthma, and kindred complaints, I can conscientiously recommend the prescription of Rev. Edward A. Wilson, of Williamsburg, King's County, N. Y., to be a sure remedy. I have no doubt at all that the medicine saved my wife's life. She was given up by the best physician as to sound his skill; and Mr. Wilson's remedy cured her, by the blessing of God. This prescription can be obtained free of Rev. Edward A. Wilson, Williamsburg, King's County, N. Y. I know of several other instances where the remedy has effected cures of lung diseases, which baffled the best medical advice. Now all who have lung complaints, or even think consumption has seized upon them, take my advice if you want any such remedy, and send at once as above, and you will never regret it. J. N. BERRY, Boston, Mass., Oct. 21, 1868.

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Cases in Bankruptcy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

In the matter of ABRAHAM AXTELL, Bankrupt.

By whom a Petition for Adjudication of Bankruptcy was filed on the 23d day of Sept., A. D. 1868, in said Court. In Bankruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 25th day of Sept., A. D. 1868, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the Estate of Abraham Axtell, of Orangeburg, in the District of Orangeburg and State of South Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt, on his own Petition; that the payment of any Debts and Delivery of any Property belonging to said Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any Property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the Creditors of the said Bankrupt, to Prove their Debts, and to choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be held at No. 72 Broad street Charleston S. C. before R. B. Carpenter, Register, on the 30th day of Novr., A. D. 1868, at 1 o'clock, P. M. J. P. M. EPPING, U. S. Marshal as Messenger, nov 21 11

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

In the matter of W. J. MAGILL, Bankrupt.

By whom a Petition for Adjudication of Bankruptcy was filed on the 16th day of Sept., A. D. 1868, in said Court. In Bankruptcy.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 16th day of Sept., A. D. 1868, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the Estate of W. J. Magill, of All Saints, in the District of Georgetown and State of South Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own Petition; that the payment of any Debts and Delivery of any Property belonging to said Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any Property by him are forbidden by Law; that a meeting of the Creditors of the said Bankrupt, to Prove their Debts, and to choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be held at No. 72 Broad street Charleston S. C. before R. B. Carpenter, Register, on the 30th day of Nov., A. D. 1868, at 11 o'clock, A. M. J. P. M. EPPING, U. S. Marshal as Messenger, nov 21 11

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