

The people of Charlotte celebrated in due form, on Monday, the hundred and second anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

The presence of Radical editors in the North Carolina Press Association is an element of weakness, as it prevents the attendance of a number of Democratic newspaper men.

The consideration of the constitutional amendment on schools has been postponed by the Legislature till next session.

The President's Unpleasant Predicament.

A prophet is not without honor save in his own country. It is not unlikely that the first rebuff received by Mr. Hayes will come from his native State, Ohio.

reform that makes rules to drive off and out all the old, time scarred Republicans, and elevates the men who fought us in 1872 and 1876, and which threatens the morale of the party in Ohio far more than does any opposition to the Southern policy.

While the Republicans of Ohio are depressed, the Democrats are correspondingly jubilant, and claim not only that they will elect a governor but that they will send a Democrat to the Senate to succeed Stanley Matthews, who fills an unexpired term.

Thus while Mr. Hayes sits in Washington and prates complacently about the speedy disruption of the Democratic party his own rotten party is drifting upon the quicksands, and promises soon to become a hopeless wreck.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, May 23.

SENATE.

The Senate assembled at 12 m. The House returned, with amendments. Senate bill to reduce and fix the per diem and mileage of members of the General Assembly, and to fix the salaries of certain officers, which were made special orders for Friday, the 25th inst. at 1 p. m.

A bill to regulate the trial justices in Barnwell was passed and sent to the governor. A large number of bills were received from the House and read the first time.

The judiciary committee were ordered to investigate the arrest of Dublin I. Walker. Mr. Meetze introduced a bill to require the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company in South Carolina to stop their trains for the delivery of passengers and express matter at the several depots in Lexington county.

Message no. 5 from his Excellency the Governor was announced, approving the following acts and resolutions: An act to abolish the pay of commissioners and managers of election and of their clerks; an act to repeal an act to protect the interests of the State whereon payment of interest now due remains unpaid on bonds issued by any railroad company, and whereon the guaranty of the State is endorsed; an act to repeal an act entitled "An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of persons killed because of their political opinions;" joint resolution to allow Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston county, to redeem certain forfeited lands.

After some routine business the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met 7 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. R. Rude.

Mr. Muller, of Lexington, introduced a resolution that the pay of members be fixed at \$500 for the two sessions, with mileage, and that members who have drawn more than this amount be required to return the overplus.

A discussion of Wright's case followed, when personalities were indulged in between Hamilton and Gantt, of Beaufort. Miller charged that an attempt had been made to suborn witnesses against Wright, and a committee was appointed to investigate the charges.

The fence law was made the special order for Friday, the 25th inst.

The bill requiring rotation of circuit judges was returned to the Senate with amendments.

After other business the House adjourned.

The blockade of Dahomey continues. When the king of Dahomey was first fined by the English commodore 500 puncheons of palm oil, the value of which is about \$62,500, he collected the money to pay the fine. But acting on the advice of the French traders, who told him the French squadron would prevent the English from blockading the coast, he spent the money in drunken orgies, and in the purchase of slaves for sacrifice. When he found that the French had deceived him, he carried them off prisoners to Abomey, where they will run a chance of having their heads cut off.

It may be interesting to learn that Marco Bozzaris was not killed by the Turks, but by the Miridites.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

President MacMahon rejoices in his eighth Cabinet. Bring in another horse!

Some Southern editors complain that the President is not ridding the offices of that "alien element."

Pio Nono is said to be the only man in the tide of time who can boast of an episcopate of fifty year's duration.

The knowing ones say that if Postmaster-General Key should resign, his place would be filled by a Republican.

Ladies now array themselves in bunting. They are stuns, and they wear the stripes on their stockings.

Four and a half yards of cashmere will make a woman a dress. But it takes eleven and a half yards to build the pocket.

The two Bourbon Pretenders, Don Carlos, of Spain, and Count de Chambord, of France, are said to have formed an alliance.

It is rumored that Commodore Vanderbilt's young widow will soon marry a Virginia physician who was her first love. She will bring him a neat dowry.

The bishops of the Reformed Episcopal church are to be bishops at large, instead of being limited to a particular diocese, as in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Phenological Journal advises young men to be guided by the shape of the chin in picking up a wife. Inattention to this rule is probably why so many husbands are led by the nose.—London Jockey.

Kate Field corresponded from London with the Herald and made thereby \$10,000 per annum. A woman like that need marry for a support.

An "ex-General of the Confederate army and mutilated hero of a hundred fights," at New Orleans, made \$100,000 speculating in State of Louisiana consols. Is General Hood the happy man?

The Providence (R. I.) Tool Company are making six hundred guns a day for the Turks, and have yet 180,000 to make before the contract be completed. Mr. Peabody, the inventor of the rifle manufactured, receives a royalty of three hundred dollars a day.

The New York Tribune puts it thus: "Mr. Hill, of Georgia, can resist gold and silver. He actually declines an offer of \$25,000 and expenses to lecture in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit." It was \$2,500 a week ago. Even Mr. Hill would hardly refuse \$25,000.

George W. Williams is the name of an intelligent colored man of Cincinnati. He is now engaged in the pious task of calming Wendell Phillips with soothing syrup and assuring the God and Morality saints that Stanley Matthews will never vote to admit General M. C. Butler to the Senate.

The change from the Polish to the Russian language is thus described: Where a man would have said "Oischski willski givski yonski a punchski in the snootski," the poor fellow is compelled to say, "Oiskvitch willvitch givvitch youavitch a punchvitch in the snootvitch."

Alexander of Russia has been lavishly eulogized for freeing the serfs. But Aleskseevoff, a Muscovite peasant, puts the matter in another light when he says: "We were given a little land that was of no use to us. Evidently we are still serfs. If we are obliged to ask for a rise of wages we are punished by banishment to Siberia."

On the Western N. C. R. R., near Henry's, there is a specimen of railroad engineering which is both novel and unique. The track passes over a culvert, and winding around for one and a-half miles in a loop, returns to the same culvert twenty-five feet above the lower track, and then stretches out westward towards Asheville.

A remarkable grapholite has been exhumed in Shiloh Cemetery at New Orleans. It is a slab of what appears to be petrified wood three feet two inches in length, eleven inches wide, and one and a half inches thick. On this is rudely cut in large Roman capitals the following inscription, which no one has yet been able to translate or explain:

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The grapholite, by a vote of eight to seven of the Cemetery Directors, has been transmitted to the Smithsonian Institute through Mr. Wayne MacVeagh, who has taken great interest in the discovery. New Orleans savans think it is an old prophecy, having some reference to the recent Presidential election. Who can decipher it?

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The Chester Reporter has entered upon its seventh volume. Long life to it.

The Orangeburg News and Times has changed hands. It now belongs to the Hook and Ladder Company of that place.

The Floral Fair at Orangeburg on the 17th was largely attended and is pronounced a success.

Spartanburg has had a \$500 strawberry festival to improve the college campus and make it a town park.

Spartanburg is organizing a military company. Capt. O. A. Sams, formerly of the Arsenal Academy, is captain.

The street railway in Greenville has crossed the river and will soon be complete. It will cost, all told, \$10,000, and is now half finished, and more than paying expenses. It will be good stock.

The Piedmont Factory stock is in great demand, and the \$100,000 subscription from Boston, and another \$100,000 from this State, and a dividend of fourteen per cent. for the first six months, make it very popular.

The Williamsburg ombreglio over the county treasurer'ship has degenerated into personalities between Col. S. W. Maurice and Dr. J. S. Brockington, and The News and Courier refuses to publish any further letters on the subject.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is estimated that the Turks have 200,000 men north of the Balkan to resist 250,000 Russians.

The Savannah Cotton Exchange appoints Francis Muir, delegate and J. J. Wilder alternate to the International Convention.

At a recent meeting in New York the coal dealers and coal carriers agreed to suspend mining from June 15 to July 15.

The President has nominated Judge P. H. Morgan, of New Orleans, as magistrate of the new judicial tribunal to be established in Egypt.

Decoration day will be observed this year, in most places without any discrimination between the Blue and the Gray. Gen. Roger A. Pryor will deliver the address in New York; and Lieutenant-Governor Woodford a pronounced Union man, will perform a similar duty in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

General Ord, commanding the Texas department, has gone to Chicago to consult General Sheridan regarding a Mexican invasion from the Texas border. Officers accompanying Ord say that Lerdo is making great efforts to reinstate himself, and there is much activity along the Rio Grande, by his partisans. General Escobedo and Padre Vasques are his chief supporters. Lerdo evidently intends making the United States his base of supplies and operations, till strong enough to make a stand in Mexico.

Gotham's Last Romance.

New York has enjoyed a first class romance. Miss Clara Hammond, daughter of Dr. William A. Hammond, formerly the Surgeon General of the United States, was married a few weeks ago to the Marquis Manfredi Lanza, of Italy. The romance of the event is chiefly connected with the groom, of whom it is said that he arrived in the United States some five years ago. It is said of him that he is the third son of Conrado di Manfredi Lanza, and that he bears the title of Marquis, in virtue of a special privilege granted some three centuries ago. He has seen service as a soldier, and by reason of his experience in this capacity is expected to make his way in the New World. The close of the rebellion, however, shut out the opportunities he sought. Owing to his inability to command the English language he soon found himself without resources. While in these desperate straits a well known lady of the city, discovering from his singularly well bred manner that he was a gentleman entitled to higher consideration than that which for the moment he was receiving, took him in hand as a protegee. He was introduced to a firm of silk importers, employed, and met with certain obstacles which a foreigner would naturally encounter, but with native grit overcame them; was promoted, rose in the estimation of the firm until he became a confidential clerk and personal friend of his employers; began to move in the best society, gradually drifted into the circle of which he is for the moment the centre, and has finally won a wife. It seems to be generally conceded that the young Marquis is deserving of his good fortune, and that he is not an adventurer, but a person who by earnest work and the skilful application of his talents has entitled himself to the hand of one of the most charming young ladies of New York.

The bar of Orangeburg have made a motion before Judge Cooke, who is sitting in place of Judge Reed, to appoint a solicitor. They claim that Buttz cannot hold both the office of congressman and of solicitor. The point has not yet been decided.

The New York Legislature has passed a bill making an appropriation of \$5,000 to enable Mr. H. H. Baker to lay an experimental portion of his single rail propelling track along the berm bank of the Erie canal. The rail, which is to be glovated, is intended to act in connection with cog-wheels and an expensive engine placed on each canal boat as a substitute for horses. The machinery is simple, and the cost, it is asserted, is less expensive and the facility of construction better than any method of propulsion previously devised.

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