

A strong fight will be made over Senator Gordon's seat from Georgia this fall. The gallant Gordon has won a second term by his patriotic and able record. Especially gratifying would his re-election be to the many South Carolinians who met him last winter in Columbia during those trying times.

THIS TALK of persecution in connection with the trials of the Radical ring thieves is all fal-lal. The last one of the scoundrels who are guilty should be sent to the penitentiary. No compromise should be made with them in consideration of restoring their stolen property. A State can with no more propriety compound a felony than can a private individual. The people who have been so grievously oppressed demand that the thieves, both great and small, shall be sent to the penitentiary.

Tilden in 1880.

For some time past a heated discussion has been maintained in the Democratic papers of New York, whether the present State officers shall be nominated or whether there shall be a new deal. The acrimony and heat evolved in this discussion upon a subject apparently so trivial are inexplicable to an outsider. But the New York Herald offers a solution which, to say the least, quite plausible. The Herald maintains that the real issue, though both factions studiously endeavor to conceal it, is whether Tilden shall be renominated in 1880. The present officials were chosen by Mr. Tilden as his agents in defeating the canal rings and other opposing factions. The Herald says: "On the other hand, Tammany, the canal ring, and other opponents of Mr. Tilden de-iro to defeat his faction by securing a new deal in the State offices, and thereby gaining the prestige in advance of the struggle in 1880. The Democratic Executive Committee has called the Convention to meet at Albany, a circumstance which the Herald construes into a victory for Tilden, as the State officials can, at Albany, manipulate the Convention, while they would not dare to leave their public business and go on this errand to any other city. In connection with Mr. Tilden's candidacy the following extracts show the diversity of opinions existing in New York, which are the more important, because the renomination of the defrauded President will probably only in case of the unanimous demand for him in the Convention by New York. Here is what the Herald says:

According to our Saratoga, letter printed this morning, Judge Church asserts that the controversy over the State ticket has no relation to Mr. Tilden, because he is so evidently outside the pale of choice for another nomination. In amusing contrast to this the Brooklyn Eagle of last evening contends that it is ridiculous to suppose that this vehement contest has any relation to Mr. Tilden because he is so absolutely *enro* of the next Democratic nomination. The Eagle says:—"If Samuel J. Tilden is living and capable of performing the duties of President of the United States he will be the next Democratic candidate for that office and our next President, with the hearty assent of all citizens of all parties who desire to right a great political wrong through the just elevation of the man who most directly suffered by it. This is a question which may as well be accepted by politicians."

These contradictory reasons explode each other, and merely prove that both factions think it politic, in boatmen's phrase, to "slook one way and row another." But, in spite of strategic denials, this angry conflict proceeds from a pro-Tilden animus on one side and an anti-Tilden animus on the other. The Rochester Union, which advocates a new ticket, indulges in very pleasant reflections on Mr. Tilden.

The Troy Press, which is a champion of the present State officers, vigorously denounces their opponents as enemies of Mr. Tilden. It is too evident from this mutual exchange of invective that Mr. Tilden and his hopes are the real pivot of the quarrel. No fusillade of denials can mask this plain fact.

In the light of these facts, the contest in New York will be worth watching. The fact is indisputable that, however wanting in other respects, Mr. Tilden would make such a President as has never been seen in the White House. His administration would be a marvel.

HAMPTON AND CHAMBERLAIN.

What Donn Platt Thinks of the Carolina Prosecutions.

Washington Cor. Cincinnati Enquirer.

A gentleman answering to the geological cognomen of Stone turned up here yesterday, in response to an invitation tendered him by General Devers to resign his place as United States Attorney for South Carolina. He brought his resignation with him. This was prudent on the part of the geological specimen, for he is a carpet-bagger, and the same line of financial conduct that made his resignation acceptable to the President made him extremely disagreeable to the new authorities of South Carolina. He tells me that Help-me-God Hampton is making it very hot for the late friends of man (colored) of that State. The H. M. G. Governor is dead in earnest, and has committees and grand juries hard at work investigating the conduct of the late friends of man (colored) put in office there by the late administration, and he is especially warm and active in his pursuit of his late opponent, Chamberlain. Stone says that if Help-me-God Hampton gets hold of said Chamberlain he will have an opportunity tendered him of serving the State in a manner more useful than ornamental.

We now comprehend the meaning of that poetical quotation of the eloquent Chamberlain at the Blaine-Bowen Fourth of July celebration, when he said:

There's a voice you cannot hear,
That bids me not to stay;
I see a hand you cannot see,
That beckons me away.

It was the voice of the sheriff, and the hand of the law.

And so we learn that these fellows of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana, who followed the army into the South, and who, so long in power and on plunder, have, at the moment the army was withdrawn, "folded their tents like the Arabs and silently stole away"—the only stealing, by the by, that is sanctioned by the people of the United States. In their desperate efforts to secure the electoral vote for the Republican candidate they were, it now appears, not only fighting for place, but to keep from the penitentiary. It is a little hard on the poor devils that, after selling their worthless souls to the devil, the very administration that they fought so hard to put in power abandons them, not to their enemies, but to that blind Justice whose evenly-adjusted scale weighs, and whose sharp sword punishes, without fear, affection or favor.

In an altercation among several men in Baltimore on Friday, Andrew Weiner was knocked down and brutally kicked about the head and neck. He died within ten minutes after being conveyed to the station-house. Thomas Freeze, his alleged assailant, ran off, but was soon captured, and along with him two other men, named McDonald and Brecken, who were concerned in the quarrel. McDonald is an ex-police officer, and some two years ago was sentenced to the penitentiary for shooting and killing a negro named Brown, but owing to a flaw in the indictment, he was released before his term of service expired.

Ex-President Grant has been presented with the freedom of the city of Edinburgh. The scene was very impressive. The Lord Provost said: "Hech lad, since ye thoicht to coom across frae tither side, just coom in; we'll all be unco youkie to hear a blaud o' your gab. Gang your aint about the town, but mind ye when ye get cheange for saxeppie, it's soon slippit awa." The General's voice was so choked with emotion that the reporters could not catch his answer.

"I'm a good deal spryer than I thought I was," said an old gentleman who had passed his three-score and ten. "How did you find it out?" asked one of his grand-children. "By neighbor Johnson's bull trying to interview me as I came through his pasture this morning," quietly replied the old gentleman.

Sam Bowles thinks that Democratic Gaston may beat Republican Rice for Governor of Massachusetts, unless the latter hurrahs for Hayes.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Diphtheria prevails in some sections of Darlington county.

Georgetown has a ship on the stocks named "Liberia."

Cotton in Chester county has suffered severely from the drought, but a magnificent corn crop is realized.

Abbeville people are afflicted with sore eyes, but deny that the large crop of peach brandy has anything to do with it.

The residence of Mr. C. B. Rogers, near Harris Cross Roads, in Darlington county, was destroyed by an incendiary fire on Tuesday morning.

The new Adger College, at Walhalla, was opened on the 6th inst., with eighty-four pupils in attendance.

The governor has ordered a special election for sheriff of Oconee county, on the 20th instant. The vacancy was caused by the death of the former incumbent.

The ninth annual meeting of the York Baptist Association, commenced at Catawba Church, five miles south of Rock Hill, on Thursday.

The colored people held a mass meeting at Rock Hill, recently, to discuss the plan of a general emigration to Texas. They don't like Liberia.

Everybody about Georgetown is taking an active interest in the proposed railroad, and nearly all will subscribe liberally.

Rev. Harris Demison, a colored preacher, while fishing at North Island, near Georgetown, was stung in the foot by a ray, and died of tetanus in less than a week after being wounded.

General E. W. Moise will deliver the annual address before the Barnwell Agricultural and Mechanical Society, at the next county fair, which begins on the 21st of November next.

The committee appointed by the Democratic Club of Anderson have, under instructions of the club, taken out warrants for the whole of the persons charged with illegal voting in the late town election.

Ezekiel Mayhew, a colored man, with some little education, and formerly a school teacher in Cane Creek township, Lancaster county, left for Liberia on Monday before last. He land, and is to return and report his observations.

Mr. Barfield Powers, living in Georgetown county, jumped a bear on the 6th instant, but failed to kill him, owing to an undue nervous excitement. Mr. S. J. Goude was more successful, and slew the animal, it is said, at the risk of his life.

A personal difficulty took place at Newberry on Tuesday last, in which Mr. T. C. Summerell was seriously shot by Mr. S. D. Pelham. It is claimed by the latter's friends that the shooting was in self-defense. The wound is not necessarily dangerous.

Ex-Treasurer Watson, of York county, returned home from Ohio on Tuesday. On being informed of the legal proceedings which had been instituted against him, he is said to have expressed himself as ignorant of any irregularities in his accounts, and as being perfectly willing to have his official conduct undergo judicial investigation.

On Saturday night last, while the good people of Cartersville, Darlington county, were at church, a thirsty thief bored a hole through the ware-house floor and into the head of a keg of whiskey and drew out the entire contents, twenty gallons, with which he made off, to enjoy a good and free drunk.

The negro Joe Henderson, who was to be hanged at Edgefield on the 21st instant, has been respited by the governor for two weeks. The day now set for his hanging is Friday, October 5th. This respite is granted while the governor has under consideration a numerous signed petition for a commutation of sentence.

Fred Baxtrum, colored, who was tried at the last term of the general sessions court for Lancaster county, for murdering his eldest son, and was acquitted, came into town on last Wednesday on the hunt of a doctor to have a load of buckshot picked out of his unholy carcass, which, as he stated, had been put into him by his next eldest son. Fred's injuries are not serious.

On Saturday before last about twenty-eight of the colored militia of Darlington county passed in review before Col. J. A. Law, on the public square. They did not pass inspection, and their arms and accoutrements were taken away, to be held until they are able to do better. The rifles delivered are some of the finest owned by the State, said to have cost about sixty dollars apiece.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Pope's health is improving.

Woodhull and Claflin are going to lecture in London.

The Bank of England had only two depositors with larger credits than Brigham Young.

Two representatives of the Italian press are supposed to have been killed in the late combats between the Turks and the Russian insurgents.

Dom Pedro has completed his tour of Europe, and is now at Lisbon, whence he will soon embark on his return to Brazil.

At Opelika, Ala., on Friday morning, Ernest Doughty, aged thirteen years, was run over by a railway train, and his head and body were separated by the wheels.

Rev. Thos. J. Mooney, a well known Catholic priest, of New York, and a former chaplain of the 69th Regiment, died on Friday, from injuries received by falling from his carriage on the 11th instant.

Mayor Parsons has decamped from Burlington, Iowa. There is a heavy deficit in the school fund. The Merchants' National Bank loses fifty thousand dollars, and there are other victims.

The commissioners of the Freedman's Bank have funds, to pay a dividend of ten per cent., and suggest an organized movement to induce Congress to authorize the purchase of certain property to enable them to pay twenty per cent.

A colonization convention of four or five thousand colored people was lately held in Corinth, Miss. The African scheme was not favored, but New Mexico, Arizona, and northern Texas were considered.

At a meeting of the Anglican Synod, at Montreal, a motion empowering the clergy to use at their discretion certain prayers taken from the prayer book of the American Church was discussed and finally voted down.

The third boat belonging to the ship Forest, which collided with the ship Acadancho in the English Channel, has washed ashore. All hope of any more survivors is now abandoned.

There are further cases of intimidation by the striking miners reported in Pennsylvania. All attempts to effect a compromise with striking miners have failed. The operators announce that nothing further will be done by them to urge resumption.

The Boston and Albany car shops were burned on Thursday night. Cause unknown. Fifteen freight cars and four locomotives were burned. Loss, \$75,000 to \$100,000. Three hundred men are out of employment, fifty of whom lose their chests of tools.

In the first day's shooting for the Centennial trophy, at Creedmoor, the Americans led at every range, closing 26 points ahead. The grand totals are: Americans 3,334; British 3,242. The Americans win by 92 points. This closes the international match.

A son of the late Hon. John Y. Mason, of Virginia, is a captain in the French army. At thirteen years of age he was the bearer of dispatches from Napoleon's Court to the Confederate Government, and subsequently served on General Hampton's staff during the civil war.

A dispatch was received in Augusta on Friday from New York, announcing the sudden death of Wm. Hope Hull, of the former city. Mr. Hull was one of the oldest and most prominent lawyers in Georgia. It is thought by some that he was poisoned, and by others that he died of apoplexy.

It is transpiring that all the Cabinet speeches made in New England were set, and Key's fellow Cabinet officers, as well as the President, are not disposed to allow him to palm off his utterances as jokes. The Pickwickian sense which Key wishes attached to his apostrophe to "erring brothers and vilest sinners" was an afterthought.

That was an extraordinary yield of rice on the Estherville place, Georgetown, planted by Mr. Arthur Manigault. A fourteen acre field had been planted with white rice. It was harvested last week, (the first in the county), threshed and pounded. The yield was 994 bushels, or an average of 71 bushels per acre. Another field of eight acres, on the same place, has been harvested, and the estimated yield is 60 bushels to the acre. The quality of the rice is pronounced first grade.

The Chester delegates to the State Liberian Convention were not favorably impressed with the scheme and its managers, and have so reported at home.

BRIQ-A-BRAC.

A new Chinese theatre is to be erected on Washington street, San Francisco, at a cost of \$30,000.

A Palatka, Florida, preacher was driven out of his pulpit recently, during a sermon, by mosquitoes.

The foreman of a Texas jury which lately granted a divorce to a woman married her the same day.

Six thousand children have been taught to swim in two years by the London Health Society.

A man in Chambersburg, Ill., has been sued for destroying property by spitting tobacco juice on the floor of a church.

Some Europeans think that Europe can take 2,000,000 American cattle every year, because some of the old countries have reached the limit of cattle-raising.

A post-mortem examination on the body of a New York man who had died of consumption showed that the heart was on the right side and the liver on the left.

Many of the wagons going to the Black Hills are drawn by cows, which furnish sufficient milk to pay the tolls.

Three good-looking young ladies the other day stood beside a grocer's sign which read: "Don't squeeze these peaches."

Turkish soldiers are taller than the Russian, and will average at least five feet and ten inches. They wear full beards, but have their heads shaved, or the hair cut very short.

Gen. Tom Thumb's house has lately been raided by thieves, who took away all his shirts under the impression that they were making a haul of handkerchiefs.

Judge Buchanan, of Georgia, refused to take his *per diem* as a member of the constitutional convention because he was drawing from the State his salary as judge of the supreme court.

James Gann, a prisoner in the Tennessee penitentiary, received twenty eye lashes, in the presence of the assembled convicts, for coin-ing counterfeit money in his cell.

The cot-on-seed oil trade has increased greatly of late years. The article is largely shipped to Europe, whence it is reshipped to this country in the guise of "pure olive oil."

Harpur & Brothers, who publish George Eliot's books in this country, have sold over 50,000 copies of "Daniel Deronda." The sales of the editions in England are estimated at twice that number.

JOSE BILLINGS says: "Paupers suffer less than mizers do; the man who don't know where he is going to git his next dinner suffers less than the one who is anxious to know how much it iz going to kost him."

In the United States in 1776 there were only nine public libraries, with 45,623 volumes; in 1876 there were 3,682 public libraries, containing 12,076,964 volumes and 1,500,000 pamphlets. Of these libraries, nearly 3,000 have been organized since 1850.

A bridegroom in Payton, Iowa, refused to provide refreshments for a serenading party, whereupon they pulled him out of bed and carried him through the village astride a rail. The bride hurriedly dressed herself, aroused a sheriff, and effected the rescue of her husband as well as the arrest of several of the mob.

A Seranton, Pa., business house, which was asked by a miners' committee to contribute to their relief fund, generously offered to assign to the fund \$40,000 in accounts due them by miners, which accounts they have been for years unable to collect. The subscription was declined with thanks.

Fifty young barbers recently left Copenhagen for Russia, where they are appointed medical assistants. Every barber in Denmark has to pass an examination in the elements of surgery. They were accompanied by a score of working butchers, who are also to be attached to the Russian army.

Among Brigham Young's numerous wives there was not one who could be ranked as a really handsome woman. They embraced nearly all the varieties between blonde and brunette, but presented no specimen whose good looks rose to the average of female loveliness displayed in almost any photographer's show-case.

One of the most successful ship-builders in Bristol, R. I., has never seen a ship, nor the waters on which it floats. He has been blind from infancy, yet this has not deterred him from reaching the foremost place in his business. By passing his hand along the timbers and occasionally rapping it with his knuckles, keeping his ear close to the wood, he can tell its imperfections better than any who have their sight.