

IT IS REPORTED that the Russians are getting ready to skeddaddle out of Turkish territory.

WE ARE PROMISED a fresh sensation in the arrest of other prominent Radicals. Let it come. We are prepared to bear such an event with fortitude.

THE ORANGEBOURG grand jury has found true bills against almost all the old and the new Radical county officials. A few resignations are now in order.

A COUNTRYMAN remarked the other day that things were getting blamed dull now; that there hadn't been an election in the State in more than two weeks.

THE DEMOCRATIC Conventions all over the country are approving the course of President Hayes in recognizing the principle of home rule, which has always been the Democratic corner stone. A palpable bit.

CHARLESTON IS getting ready for a municipal contest. Every precaution is being taken to prevent bolting. Charleston cannot afford to lose the fruits of Democratic victory—more precious to her than to any other portion of the State—by any petty jealousies or selfish greed for office. The Democrats must move to the polls in solid array.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE McIVER has delivered an opinion, concurred in by Chief Justice Willard, confirming Hampton's title to the governorship. The opinion is delivered in the case of Peter Smith, which was not decided by Willard's opinion in the Tilda Norris case. The only annoying feature in this matter is that Governor Hampton's legal title should be linked in the law books hereafter with such inglorious names as Tilda Norris and Peter Smith.

THE APPOINTMENT of Judge Northrop to the district attorneyship creates a vacancy on the bench which must be filled by the Legislature this winter. No successor has yet been publicly suggested. It is probable that Speaker Wallace will be a candidate, in which case he will be hard to beat. He is very popular and his ability as a lawyer is recognized, while his management of the House during the trying times last winter, and since, evinces a level head and calm judgment—excellent qualities in a member of the judiciary. The election of such a judge would add greatly to the purification of the bench.

THE INVESTIGATING Committee have been inconsiderate enough to poke into Comptroller Dunn's official record, in consequence of which that immaculate reformer looms up as an alleged defaulter. The Southern Life Insurance Company deposited with him seven thousand dollars' worth of coupons to be converted into three thousand five hundred dollars worth of bonds. That corporation became tied up in law, and the bonds are now missing from the comptroller's office. Dunn is said to have sold just that amount of bonds, of corresponding numbers, in Charleston. It is more than possible that he will have to go to jail in November for a different offence than contempt of the Supreme Court.

SITTING BULL is naturally flattered at the prospective visit of the commission, and is preparing to receive them with all the pomp and circumstance of savagedom. Fifteen hundred warriors surround him, and he evidently regards himself as a pretty big Injan.

A cyclone has been cavorting about Cape Hatteras during the past week.

The Liberia Movement.

Messrs. Editors:

I see my name mentioned as "assistant secretary" of the Liberian organization instituted by June Mobley on the 29th of September. I wish to say that I knew nothing about such a thing until Tuesday, October 2nd. When I entered a store, a clerk exclaimed that my name was in the paper. I was at the meeting, I suppose, an hour; and this hour was consumed between the opening and the closing of the meeting. I desire no such a position. Though it may be ever so good, yet I see nothing so very charming or wonderful in the movement; and the person who suggested or appointed me to so lucrative a position could have been obeying the little rule of politeness, by inquiring of my desire or no desire (of course the latter would have been my response) for the office.

I believe in America: yet there are things which make me wish that I was somewhere else. But I verily believe that my dissatisfaction here will be healed here quicker than the one I would incur by going to Liberia.

G. T. DILLARD.
Winnboro, S. C., Oct. 4, 1877.

Soldiers, Not Assassins.

In the report of Governor Hampton's eloquent address to the Winnebago farmers the following portion was not given in full. As it was one of his most telling hits it is given here. After speaking at some length Governor Hampton said:

I must say to you—I should not perhaps, have alluded to it, but that some newspaper reporter—and they ought all to be killed—said I had received some letters threatening me. [Laughter.] Well, I did receive one or two. I should not allude to them except for the reason that I will give you when I have read one. I know you have no kuklux up here. [Laughter.] "You D—d OLD REBEL, [laughter]: If you or any other of your stripes come to Rockford to make a public speech you may expect to go back in a box. [Loud laughter.] There are a hundred veterans besides myself who have constituted themselves a committee that effect. A word to the wise." [Renewed laughter.]

Now, my friends, if there was anything in the world that would have brought me to Illinois it would have been just such a thing as this. [Cries of "hear," "hear."] I have read this letter to you because I know that it was a slander upon the people of Illinois. [Cheers.] I know especially that it was a slander upon the veterans of the Federal army. [Cheers.] I knew that the men whom I had met on fields of battle were not cowards enough to threaten to be assassins. I knew that, and I felt it, for a brave man knows how a brave man will act. I knew that if the whole Federal army was canvassed—all the three millions of men that they put into the field—they could not find one hundred men among them all who would forget that they had been soldiers and sink to be assassins. [Cheers.] I knew that, and I know it and say to you that I have met hundreds and thousands of veterans, not only in battle, but since the war, and had the solution of those troubles after the war been left to the men of both armies who fought on many battlefields, we would have had none of the troubles and sorrows and wrongs and evils of reconstruction. [Loud cheers.]

This is now a Washington lady catches a street car. She pokes along composedly till the car is about four lengths ahead of her, then suddenly shakes her parasol in a frantic manner. Blue car thinks she means him to stop. Still she shakes her parasol and flip-flaps her bottom flounces and wabbles her head right and left in an abortive attempt to run with a pin-back on. A dandy sees her distress and tries to whistle the yellow car. He puckers his mouth and puffs, but the sound dies away in a wh-sst. Then he runs to catch the car. Drops his new silk hat in the gutter, but he stops the yellow car. It's the wrong one. Bootblack takes up the sound which dies away on dandy's lips, and whistles like a fire engine. Excited spectators gather in a crowd and bet on the result. Red car comes up by that time, thinks it means him and stops. It's the green car she wants.—Washington Capital.

The Colorado potato bug is ravaging the fertile fields of Franco.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Cardinal Sparza, of Italy, is dead. He was mentioned as the probable pope, in case of the death of Pius IX.

Almost all the New York politicians of any note are denying or explaining away Tweed's charges.

The yellow fever still continues at Fernandina. Out of 1,600 inhabitants in the town, 263 are at present sick, and 853 have been sick.

Ex-Senator Sawyer, formerly of this State, has been found guilty of conspiring, with the assistant Secretary of the treasury to pass a fraudulent cotton claim.

Spotted Tail, Red Cloud, Young-man-afraid-of-his-horses, He-Dogo and a number of other braves are in Washington on a visit to the Great Father. They want money, schools and good roads.]

Hon. Cassius M. Clay, of Kentucky, the great abolitionist, recently killed a negro desperado who attacked him. The coroner's jury acquitted him of blame.

Ann Eliza Young, the seventeenth widow of the prophet, has addressed an open letter to President Hayes, asking him when he is going to clean out the Mormons.

Murtagh, of the Washington Republican, after having flung mud at the South through that Celestial sheet for eleven years, has sold it. Ex-Senator Robeson is the proprietor, and Public Printer Clapp the editor. Both of these worthies have been considerably damaged by the reports of investigating committees.

An extra session of Congress will be convened on the 15th instant, to consider an appropriation for the army—the House having refused in March to make any appropriation, because the Senate refused to accede to the proviso that the army should not be used to uphold carpet-bag governments in the South.

No decisive actions between the Russians and the Turks have taken place recently. The latter are strongly fortified in the Balkan mountains, and have succeeded in repulsing all assaults. The rainy season will soon set in, when active operations must cease for the winter. Turkey has thus far had much the best of the struggle.

A Strike Among the Farmers.

There is a strike in Mississippi—not a strike for higher wages, but for lower prices. In Lincoln and the adjoining counties in the lower part of that State, three-fourths of the farmers united in a strike against the merchants, their complaint being that the merchants charge them fifty per cent. profit on the supplies advanced on their crops. They say this is exorbitant; they insist that a pound of cotton ought to be good for a pound of bacon, and on this basis they claim fifteen cents a pound for their cotton, and refuse to settle at a lower rate. The merchants, on the other hand, claim that they charge their customers no higher percentage than the latter agreed at the beginning of the year to pay for supplies on twelve months' credit; that it costs them twenty-five per cent. on their investment to do business on credit; that their losses on cotton taken on settlement are fully ten per cent.; so that, even at fifty per cent. advance on the price of supplies furnished, they make only fifteen per cent., which is not exorbitant. The farmers are not satisfied with this explanation, and their organization against the merchants is rapidly extending.

The grievance of the planters is not unreal or fancied, but the remedy proposed is of the most doubtful character. The lien system is to blame for this state of things, and the excessive charges for supplies grow out of the credit operations on the farm. The merchants are not at fault that this system brings them losses every year, by which they are compelled to charge high rates for the protection of their own interests. But the farmer has an adequate remedy in raising his own supplies, and not relying upon the merchant for advances. The abolition of the lien law in South Carolina has caused the farmers to make preparations for cash purchases in the future, and the large grain crop of the present year will enable them to pursue a different course hereafter. The profit now charged by the merchant will be saved by the farmers, losses will not be incurred by making advances, farming will become a more profitable occupation, and the general prosperity will be enhanced by the adoption of a cash basis in all business transactions. But the "Mississippi plan" is not apt to succeed in this instance, as the merchants doubtless have the obligations of the farmers for supplies advanced at prices agreed upon before delivery.—Register.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

Josh Billings says, very truly, "You'd better not know so much, than to know so many things that ain't so."

A Danbury man describes a church festival for raising money as an operation wherein one-half of the church buys berries at fifteen cents a quart and sells them to the other half for a dollar.

A Milwaukee man made three unsuccessful attempts to blow his brains out, and then his wife told him, "Don't you try it again, John; you haven't got any." He goes about now saying he owes his life to that woman.

Two of the best acts of Thomas Jefferson's eventful career were the writing of the Declaration of Independence and bringing tomatoes (then called "love apples") from France to America as food for his hogs.

Tyndall has surrendered the notion of spontaneous generation of life, after protracted investigation and experiment. The true scientists will eventually work themselves back to the grand truth stated in the first chapter of Genesis.

Richmond Enquirer: "We read that Mars will, on September 5th, be only 35,000,000 miles from the earth." How to prevent a collision on that day between Mars and the fashionable shirt collar is the problem now agitating Richmond philosophers.

"I don't see how you can have been working all day like a horse," exclaimed the wife of a lawyer, her husband having declared that he had thus been working. "Well, my dear," he replied, "I've been drawing a conveyance all day, anyhow."

On the 16th and 17th instant a grand musical festival is to be held in Boston. There will be two choruses of 1,300 voices, one of which will comprise Boston societies and the other out-of-town organizations. Brignoli will be among the soloists.

On the organ at Halberstadt there are painted the portrait of three monks, who, according to tradition, sang themselves to death with sacred music, while Satan sat in a double bass, disturbing them with his groans and growls.

A Frenchman, soliciting relief, said very gravely to his fair hearer: "Ma'mselle, I novare beg, but dat I have von wife with several small family, dat is growing very large and noosing to make their bread out of but de perspiration on my brow."

Don't be sorry when you are beaten in an election. John P. Jones was beaten for a State office in California, went to Nevada, "broke," and began work with the savage energy of a man who had nothing to lose. Look at John P. Jones now. That defeat made his fortune.

The Russians have one real hero. His name is Skobelev. He leads his men in person, and they plant the Russian banner upon the captured Turkish citadels, while the "Grand Dukes" and the "Czarovitches," covered all over with military decorations, watch the proceedings with spy-glasses.

When Mrs. Van Cott comes singing down the aisle and fixes her reviving eyes upon a man and he turns pale and trembles, she thinks his soul is awakened. Yet we have seen the very same look in a man's face when he turned round after kissing the servant girl and suddenly encountered his wife's mother.—Burlington Hawkeye.

John Taylor, the new Mormon chief, took his place by virtue of seniority. His quality as a ruler is yet to be tested. No easy task is before him. To keep Mormonism from going to pieces will require a high degree of human sagacity, also something of the miracle-working power claimed by these Latter Day Saints. The miracles will now be in order—miracles not for the confirming of the faithful, but for the confounding of enemies.

A meeting of Republicans has been called in New York city, to endorse Hayes and his policy. This is a movement in direct opposition to the Republican State convention. Curtis, Governor Dix and other notables will speak.

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