

The Democrat.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20.



Judge Orr.

It is almost certain, that Judge Orr will be raised to the Supreme Bench. WHIPPER...

Stealing.

The Legislature has taken a recess, but before parting the "Brethren" provided that they should be paid six dollars a day in advance, as a Christmas present.

Judge Rutland

Will certainly be impeached. The difficulty is, that he is too honest.

Lo! The Poor South.

We clip the following from the Bennington Journal, taken from the New York Day Book, which, according to our judgment is a true view of affairs in our Down trodden State.

"We hear of the 'rapid recuperation of the South' when the sale of a cotton crop is made which carries there a hundred or two millions of dollars. But what is the result of a hundred or two millions of dollars in a year, receipts from a principal staple, out of which comes the cost of labor and the huge taxes, leaving as net profits the very smallest fraction, and that fraction expected to keep an impoverished people of six or eight millions in the necessities of life? We are told to look on the brightest portion of the picture; there are to-day dark spots, too many of them, in that still doomed and unfortunate section, which the eyes of the great world are not invited to. Mongrelism howls itself hours over the gathering of the great staple, the proceeds of which go into the pockets of a comparatively small class and figure up there, but there are hundreds of counties in the South where a bale of cotton is never seen to-day, but which in 1860, and prior to that date, was on every day spectacle. To show the struggles and hardships of the class of small farmers who do not raise cotton, we append the following incident:—

Week ago a poor farmer came to our town, (Edgefield, S. C.) with a load of apples. He had brought this load near fifty miles and hoped to get about seventy-five dollars for it. He was met on the highway by a fellow named Ruff, a rev. fellow who demanded fifty dollars tax on the load, and the poor fellow had to give security for it; till he cashed his apples. When he did so there was little left. Ruff was a comrade of John Brown, and one of the best bitter Mongrels whose presence ever crossed the South. This is the sort of relation that is kept up between the poor producers of the South and the Mongrel thieves, who under the garb of officials rob every one who can get their hands on."

The Charleston Courier of the 18th inst., has the following paragraph. It seems that the evil minded, are not confined to any particular locality, but are scattered all over the State.

On Saturday morning as the Sumner train bound for the city, reached the nine mile bottom, the engine ran against an obstruction on the track. A number of iron rails had been placed across the road evidently with the intention of throwing the train off. Fortunately no damage was done, and the obstruction was removed. It is not known who was the perpetrator of this fiendish attempt.

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"We cannot conceive that Senator Drake's attack upon the Supreme Court can prove successful. And yet, recent events admonish us that it is not safe, under the present rule which controls the country, to calculate upon the defeat of any measure on the ground of its being contrary to justice and right. The time was when there was a common arbiter, the Constitution; but that was before party seized upon the Government. But this has assumed the role of a dictator and of supreme master of both Constitution and people. In its pretence the voice of public right is suppressed, and all regard for the public welfare discarded. What is it but a claim and assertion of the judiciary of country? How can any Government claim to be free, which prohibits the constitutionality of its acts from ever being investigated by the legal tribunals of the land? It at once proclaims itself superior to and beyond all law. And when this point is reached there is an end to liberty. And yet this is precisely what the present Bill before Congress proposes.

Congress may as well at once declare that its course shall not be commented upon by the Press, as to avow that its acts shall never be brought into question before the Courts. It has much legal right to suppress the voice of a free Press, as to suppress the voice of a people's rights, and when these are destroyed, the Government, under whatever name it may be called, is, in fact, limitless and despotic.

Between congress and usurpation there are but two obstacles: One, is that of force—that is—Revolution. The other, if the remedy provided, in our form of government, and that is the Supreme Court. And this is the present point upon which we are now engaged.

A BAN FUN.—A Northern paper puts out as a good pun, the following: "The great test of modern composers—Morphine." Down South this would only be regarded as a little bit of pleasant satire, because, in Charleston particularly, morphine don't compose—on the contrary, it is known to have just the opposite effect. It riles.

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