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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1871.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Gold closed on Saturday at 84 1/2c. In New York cotton closed at 24c. for up-lands; sales 1040 bales. The Liverpool cotton market closed steady; uplands 9/16d, Orleans 10/16d; sales 10,000 bales. Texas complains that thousands of her cattle are dying in consequence of the severe cold weather. A gas explosion in New York, yesterday, placed the centre of the city in darkness. One person was seriously hurt. The weather in Washington turned suddenly mild, yesterday, and the Potomac is open. The English government has officially indicated its belief in the death of Dr. Livingstone, the African explorer, by giving to his children a pension of \$1200.

The North Carolina Senate has passed a bill providing for the exchange of the railroad securities held by the State for the bonds issued by the State to the respective railroads. The Alabama State Journal (Republican) in its call for a reorganization and reform of its party in that State, in which the "native element" is invited to come into the fold. One of the first subjects to be reported on by the House postoffice committee will be the bill authorizing the postmaster-general to issue one-cent postal cards, similar to those used in England.

In the recent marriage of Olive Logan, at New York, the promise of obedience was carefully omitted from the ceremony. The clergyman said that he had never married more than one woman who promised to obey, and she didn't.

Mr. Felix Long, a large planter in Jackson County, Florida, was killed last Thursday night on his farm near Marianna. He was standing at his corn-crib when he was shot. A negro has been arrested, and the circumstantial evidence is very strong. The motive for the act is not known, as Mr. Long was very popular with blacks and whites. He was one of the wealthiest men in the county. There is much excitement at Memphis in consequence of the purchase of the Memphis and Charleston and the Memphis and Little Rock Railroads by Thomas A. Scott, the great Pennsylvania railroad. The stock of both roads immediately rose considerably in price. The Memphis and Charleston from 28 to 45, and the Memphis and Little Rock from 16 to 23. The cable tells of an English speculation which has turned out rather disastrously. When the death of the Prince of Wales was considered a foregone conclusion, the London merchants dispatched orders to their agents in Paris to buy up all the mourning goods to be had—all the black gowns, all the black artificial flowers, all the jet ornaments and sombre dry goods there were in the city. The orders were faithfully carried out, and now the entire stock is on hand, and with its anticipated use gone with the sad past.

London journals express admiration at the manner in which the American press has been supplied from day to day and hour to hour with news of the illness of the Prince of Wales. They notice that bulletins issued at Sandringham at five and six o'clock in the morning are published in the morning editions of American papers printed before daylight, and that noon and six o'clock P. M. bulletins appear in early editions of evening papers. All concur in the opinion that the rapidity with which these dispatches are forwarded, and their general accuracy, and the complete history they give of the Prince's illness, make altogether one of the miracles of journalism.

A Damning Document.

With a printed copy of the report of the Joint Investigating Committee before us, we can very well understand the anxiety of Governor Scott to kill off the impeachment movement before the contents of the report could become generally known. It is signed by B. F. Whitmore and S. A. Swails on the part of the Senate, and by John B. Dennis, W. H. Gardner, Jr., and Timothy Harley on the part of the House, and forms a closely printed pamphlet of nearly three hundred pages. At this time we can attempt nothing more than a very brief summary of the facts which the committee disclose.

The period covered by the report of the committee extends from the time of the induction into office of the present State officials down to October 31, 1871, a supplemental report for the year 1871 being in course of preparation. From September, 1868, to October 31, 1870, the State received, from all sources, \$4,184,783, of which the tax receipts were \$2,055,553. The expenditures for the same period were \$4,183,337, including the following disbursements: Interest account, \$720,148; salaries, \$331,488; Legislative expenses, \$516,408; and Militia, \$93,341. Before the war, the whole annual expenses of the State were under half a million dollars. The committee next expose the dealings of the State officials with the South Carolina Bank and Trust Company of Columbia, and say that this institution may have had on deposit nearly two and a half millions of State funds, upon which no interest is known to have been allowed, although the law requires the public funds to be placed where the highest rate of interest can be obtained. The committee, moreover, express the belief that claims against the State were paid by the bank, out of the State funds, after a large discount had been deducted from the face of the claims. We believe that the State officials are the controlling stockholders in the bank. But a worse system of plundering has been carried on under the plea of enrolling and organizing the militia. For the organization of the militia, now entirely without organization, and for the purchase of arms, the State has paid \$171,009. The committee declare that "equip a force of personal friends and advocates and pay them," and they add that "the election of 1870 was carried in part" by these means, the largest amounts being used "to secure the re-election of Robert R. Scott, but not for the success of the Republican party." And there is what the committee aptly call "a more glaring robbery of the Treasury." The State obtained from

the Federal Government, as a gift, ten thousand Springfield muskets. For the alteration of these thoroughly serviceable arms, and for the ammunition for them, the State of South Carolina has paid two hundred and two thousand six hundred and two dollars. For which fraud Governor Scott is shown by the committee to be responsible. Altogether, the militia, the State constabulary, and the expenses of the Adjutant-General's Department amount to \$421,159, which is equal to a special tax of two and a half mills upon the taxable property of the State, or a per capita of \$2.75 upon the "whole voting population."

Passing to that "gigantic folly," the Land Commission, the committee show that the total sum expended for that account is \$746,724, while all the funds at the disposal of the Commission, by law, were \$700,000 in new State bonds. If these bonds were sold at sixty cents the Land Commission have unlawfully expended \$326,723. The committee believe that when the whole truth is known they will be borne out in their conclusions that "a more outrageous and enormous swindle could not have been perpetrated." They show that the first Land Commission was bribed to resign, the money, about \$50,000, coming out of the Land Commission funds. They do not believe that the State has valid titles to one-half the land which the Commission purchased. The character of the purchases is shown in detail. One instance must, at present, serve our purpose. A piece of land bought by ex-City Inspector Jenks for \$23 was sold by that worthy to the State for \$3000. The persons responsible were the Advisory Board, consisting of Governor Scott, Comptroller Neagle, Treasurer Parker, Secretary Cardozo and Attorney-General Chamberlain, who have by law full and entire control of the Land Commission.

Christmas.

May we not hope that this day of days, the festival of Universal Christendom, will cheer the hearts which, through persecution and pestilence, are heavy-laden with care? For these few hours may not all this people part carking grief aside, and find, in the blessedness of giving, a tranquil joy which they shall never know who cannot, at this auspicious season, become as the little children whose gala time it is? One day in the year devoted to compassing the happiness of others! This is the secret of the joyous face, the dimpled cheek and the kindly-beaming eye, which make beautiful our streets and give to sturdy grandfathers and stately matrons, to graceful girls and strapping gallants, to the familiar forms at the fireside, and to the stranger within the gates, their part in the joyousness of the merry Christmas morn.

There is trouble enough behind. The brave boy whom war had spared, the proud young mother, whose little ones sadly bear her name, a host of the tender and the true, who, twelve months ago, sang on earth the Christmas canticle, are numbered with the saints who keep eternal Yule before the Jasper Throne. And who shall say what new desolation the future has in store? But until the rising of the morrow's sun, all who will may know the great joy which is born of forgetfulness of self.

The burdened thousands who thronged the thoroughfares on Saturday had said a short good-bye to business anxiety and domestic sorrow. They were willing laborers for sweat, for kinsman or for friend. Who shall tell the sweet story of the whistled-outlay which shall bring exquisite content to loving hearts this day? The pondering of tastes; the weighing of the claims of *utile and dulce*; the bidding of the gift until the reindeer halt at the expectant threshold; the shy wonder whether the child of larger growth will be gladdened by the Christmas offering. These may be small things, but they are the happiness of people. They make this a day of good deeds, when many a sullied page shall be washed into whiteness in the chancery of heaven.

Very soon the hard battle of life must begin anew, but the Yule sunshine will linger on silvered heads as well as childish faces. We have Yule with us as long as thought and act are pure. And the best wish we can offer, to friend and foe alike, on this blessed morn, is that they may have Christmas in their hearts every day of the year.

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The credit of the State, its honor, its future, and everything that makes the people of a Commonwealth to worthy esteem or commendation, her trusts betrayed—her pledges violated—the frauds committed in her name by half-paid clerks, and by the State's officers, cry out for justice. Let no moment be lost in the exercise of duty. The dominant party must recognize the responsibility now resting upon its shoulders, and deal with the matter as they may see fit. Their acknowledged leaders, as exact justice demands, or witness the sceptre of their power pass from their hands amid the execrations of an outraged and indignant people.

Here we leave the committee for the present, with the single remark that their report shows the justice of the movement for the impeachment of Scott and his copartners, and more than justifies all the strictures of the opposition press. At the worst, prior to the late revelations the opposition press had maintained that the Scott party had increased the debt, in three years, from \$6,000,000 to \$13,000,000. Messrs. Whitmore, Hurley and the rest confess that the frauds are not all known, although they put the debt at \$28,000,000—an amount which the people cannot, if they would, pretend to pay.

"High Crimes" and "Low Crimes."

[From the Nation.] The Committee of Investigation of the Legislature of South Carolina has made a report on the financial condition of the State, which is creditable for its fulness and frankness, particularly as the majority are colored men, and, particularly as they took the enormous sum of \$58,651 for "legislative expenses," and fitted themselves out with furniture and upholstery to the amount of \$91,500. Between October, 1870, and November, 1871, the carpet-baggers increased the State debt of \$6,655,566 by over \$9,000,000, and have nothing to show for it. The Treasury is empty, the credit of the State completely gone, and the January interest will probably not be paid. Not only have enormous amounts of bonds been issued, nobody knows for what, but they have been issued without authority of law. The report of the committee arraigning Governor Scott and the worthy Niles G. Park, the State Treasurer, for fraudulent over-issues, has been adopted in the House, and it was immediately followed by resolutions that both of them be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors. The resolutions were laid over under the rules. The impeachment ought, however, to be accompanied and followed by a common domestic prosecution for felony. Deposition from office by a "high court" for "high crimes" is all very well, but conviction by an ordinary criminal court of low crimes, and committal to an ordinary penitentiary, is what all our Ring thieves and speculators most need.

New Books.

1. PLEASURE. A Holiday Book of prose and verse. D. Appleton & Co. Price 50 cents.

2. AUNT JO'S SCRAP-BOOK. By Louisa M. Alcott. Boston: Roberts Brothers. Price \$1.

3. SING-SONGS. A Nursery Rhyme Book. By Christina G. Rossetti. Boston: Roberts Brothers. Price \$2.

The first of these Christmas books is a collection of interesting stories by well-known writers, among whom are Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Norton and Hain Tristram. But the most striking feature of the book is Algeron Charles Swinburne's new poem, "Tristram and Isent." It is really only the pretense of the poem, but in its two hundred and fifty lines will be found passages which even Mr. Swinburne's severest critics must warmly admire.

Miss Alcott is deservedly popular as a writer of children's stories, and we can recommend Aunt Jo's last budget as thoroughly healthy and useful reading. Without being "good," she teaches both children and parents lessons which are usually hard to learn, and hers are, besides, bright and amusing.

We confess that we prefer Old Mother Goose to any new series of nursery songs, but if it be desired to give the children a change they will find it in Miss Rossetti's "Sing-Song," a collection of nursery rhymes, with one hundred and twenty illustrations. The little book is handsomely bound in scarlet and gold, and should make a charming Christmas or New Year's gift.

Hostetter's Bitters.

THE GREAT PICTORIAL ANNUAL—Hostetter's United States Almanac for 1872, for distribution gratis throughout the United States and all civilized countries of the Western Hemisphere, is now published and ready for delivery, in the English, German, French, Norwegian, Welsh, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages, and all who wish to understand the true philosophy of health should read and ponder the valuable suggestions it contains. In addition to an admirable medical treatise on the causes, prevention and cure of a great variety of diseases, it embraces a large amount of information interesting to the mariner, the mechanic, the miner, the farmer, the planter and professional man, and the calculator, as are most suitable for a correct and comprehensive National Calendar.

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Meetings.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 9, A. F. M.—The annual communication of this Lodge will be held this evening, at Home's Hall, at half past 7 o'clock. Members will please be punctual, and come prepared to pay arrears. By order W. M. LEVY, Secretary. dec25-1mo

Wants.

WANTED PURCHASERS OF TICKETS in the Land and Immigration Association of Messrs. BUTLER, CHADWICK, GARY & CO. for the next steamer to sail to New York, at the office of Mr. EDWARD M. MORELAND, No. 29 Broad street. EBEN COFFIN, sub-agent. dec25-1mo

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