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NEWS OF THE DAY.

-Lady Bute has been very ill. -Some people pretend that our mother Eve belonged to the High Church. This is quite wrong, for Adam called her Eve-angelical.

-The Spanish nun Ramonella will leave New York in about ten days. The crew remaining aboard are in good health. -The Chicago Times describes the aurora borealis as the "Angels in the Panoramia Business."

-Of some four hundred students at the University of Zurich there are eighty ladies in attendance, most of them students of medicine. A large proportion of these ladies belong to Russia.

-A lively Hoosier maiden wept when she read how Longfellow had cut his pastern so as to ruin him for life. She was so fond of his poetry, she said, as she snuffed the pearly tear drops from her nose.

-The Paris correspondent of the London Standard says the German Government has intimated to President Thiers its intention to retain possession of Belvoir, though it is willing to make a compensatory recompense to France.

-James H. Ingersoll, the Tammany chair-maker, was arrested in New York on Thursday under two indictments for forgery. As he is already bailed for half a million in a civil action, the bail in the forgery cases was fixed at ten thousand dollars.

-Dispatches from Santa Fe, New Mexico, state that but little notice is taken of the reported discoveries of precious stones in that section, and little credence is given them. A great and destructive flood has occurred in the Santa Fe River, which is usually a small creek.

-Howard Glyndon asks a terrible question. He wants to know if any one ever imagined what sort of a sight would be presented by an interior view of the six hundred private rooms of a fashionable watering place hotel half an hour before dinner or a nap.

-Entomological investigations at Cape May have resulted in the discovery of two distinct species of mosquitoes; by night, and the other relieving their exhausted brethren at early in the day.

-A thunder-storm passed over Amesbury, Mass., Tuesday afternoon. The lightning struck in five places, one of which was the house of the poet Whittier, prostrating Mr. Whittier to the floor. He was not seriously injured, however, nor his house much damaged. The other buildings struck received no serious injury.

-The Home Journal announces several interesting marriages in prospect: Lord Walter Campbell, of New York, brother of the Bishop of Lorne, to the daughter of the Bishop of Bochester; John Stuyvesant Cruizer, of New York, to Natalie House, niece of President Thiers, and William Hampstead, of the Marine Service, to Ida Greeley, daughter of the next President.

-The Indian troubles at San Pete, Utah, are growing serious. Tabby, a well-known Indian chief, sends word to all the bishops at Salt Lake that he can no longer control his tribe. A dispatch to Agent Dodge says the Indians are stealing horses and killing men at every opportunity. Governor Woods, Tuesday night, made a requisition on General Morrow for troops, which will immediately be hurried forward to the scene of the outbreak.

-The best informed in Philadelphia about the Mace-O'Balduin match assert that it is not "off," but it is likely it will be arranged either for Canada or Louisiana. Complaints loud and deep are made by the sporting fraternity of the publicity which was given the matter. They say that if it had not been for the reporters the fight would have taken place according to the programme. Mace is now in New York and O'Balduin in Philadelphia.

-Another evidence of the progress which the principle of minority representation is making, is to be found in the new school law of Connecticut. It provides that the number of school visitors in each town shall be either six or nine; if six, two to be chosen each year; but the ballot of either party contains but one name, and the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected. If the board consists of nine, three are to be chosen each year, and the ballots may contain two names.

-A new reform has been inaugurated in the British House of Commons. Mr. F. S. Powell, Lord Frederick Cavendish and others have been urging a bill to "regulate the use of steam whistles in certain manufactures." They desire to prevent the use of whistles for the purpose of summoning or dismissing workmen. Upon this the Echo calls for an abatement of the nuisances of bell-ringing, and of cannon-firing, and likewise diuener gongs. This, at the quietest, is a noisy world, but we think that quiet nights at least are attainable. Railway companies may have a right to murder their passengers, but they have no right to murder sleep.

-Some queer customs came into play on the occasion of Nilsson's marriage. After the wedding breakfast, as Mr. and Mme. Rouzard stepped from the door a cupful of dry rice was showered on their heads from a window above, and as the carriage drove off all the old foot-coversals about the place were thrown after it. One enthusiastic gentleman threw a broom on top of the carriage, and the crowd shouted themselves into a very hot and hoarse condition. When the bridal party reached the hotel, the bride sang at the request of friends some of the songs she had learned in this country, accompanying herself upon the banjo which was presented to her while in New York.

-A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal has been to see the "sleeping beauty of Tennessee," at Union City. He says of her: "She has slept for twenty-three years, in awake thirteen times in twenty-four hours, remaining awake only sixteen minutes each time, and no power on earth can force her to re-

main awake one second longer. She breathes only at intervals of five minutes, and at such times she seems to do so with great difficulty, only drawing two or three respirations, then falling back as though she was dead. While awake she eats, drinks and talks for a few minutes. She is as white as the whitest marble, and is perfectly beautiful. She has no education. All the medical skill of the country round about has been banded to her care, and she has been sent to St. Louis and examined by the most prominent physicians there, but they have not been able to solve her there, but they have not been able to solve her there. She is now on exhibition at the Southern Hotel, Union City, Obion County, Tenn. She is thirty-one years old, and was a bright girl up to eight years, when she was stricken, and has remained ever since as she now is."

The Chief Sinner.

Whatever Tom, Dick and Harry may have to say about their share of the "Armed Force" fund, it is certain that the greater part of the expenditures charged to that fund had nothing to do with that force. Governor Scott is the person who signed the warrants, and he is personally responsible for the money which has been misappropriated. A clearer case of fraud has never been made out. With proper diligence, Governor Scott should find himself in limbo, or under bond, before a week is past.

Speaker Moses and the "Armed Force" Fund.

Mr. Speaker Moses received \$11,000 from the "Armed Force" fund. This, no doubt, was for "professional services." The "profession" of Mr. Moses is Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a profitable one it is. His good-will is said to be equal to twenty votes, and during the impeachment debate, he had full opportunity to prove what he could do. At first he was rather opposed to Governor Scott, but he suddenly changed front and worked like a beaver to defeat the resolutions. There is a plain connection between this and the \$11,000. Moses has revelled in luxury during the last four years. He has been known to spend ten thousand dollars in a week—all out of his per diem and mileage as a member of the General Assembly. No wonder that Moses is believed to sell his influence as openly as fish is sold in the market. Ask Tim Hurley how much he paid Moses for certain places on important legislative committees? When that is done, look into the swindling contract for the alteration of two thousand muzzle-loading rifles. Then turn to the phosphate bill, the validating bill, the Blue Ridge bill, the Greenville bill. The trail of the Moses is over them all. Last and worst is the charge of Mr. Corbin that Speaker Moses has swindled the State, to the tune of three quarters of a million, by the use of fraudulent pay-certificates. A sweet candidate for Governor, surely!

A Thousand-Dollar Fee.

Mr. Solomon L. Hoge, ex-Judge and ex-Congressman, received one thousand dollars from the "Armed Force" fund, and is so good as to explain that the money was paid him by Governor Scott for "professional services." This is too much, and too little. It convicts Governor Scott of flagrant misconduct in charging a lawyer's fee to the "Armed Force," but it does not show the nature of the "professional services" which the sapient Hoge had rendered. There are many kinds of professional services. The money may have been given for wire-pulling, or pipe-laying, or stamp-speaking. Most likely it was given to Mr. Hoge for his "professional services" in persuading the Legislature to throw out the resolutions impeaching Governor Scott. Mr. Hoge is invited to explain. Unless he come out plainly, and show how much work he did for the money, he must share in the opprobrium which rests upon Robert Kingstons Scott.

Congressman Elliott's Ten Thousand Dollars.

While the Scott impeachment resolutions were before the House of Representatives last winter, black Congressman Elliott came down post-haste from Washington, and remained in Columbia until the resolutions were defeated. To him Governor Scott has paid \$10,500 out of the "Armed Force" fund. Will Congressman Elliott be good enough to explain what services he rendered the State which entitled him to draw so large a sum? Of course, he worked hard to defeat impeachment, and it was right that Governor Scott should give the laborer his hire. But what of the ten thousand dollars which came out of the State coffers, and not out of the Executive's pocket? To a man up a tree, it would seem that "our beloved State" has had the privilege of supplying the bribes which induced the members of the Legislature to whitewash an official of whose guilt they cannot be doubtful. Item, \$10,500.

Major Louis Merrill's Share.

One of the best known men in South Carolina is Major Louis Merrill, of the Fourth Cavalry, the commandant of the Ku Klux District, and the organizer of the Ku-Klux crusades. He is an officer in the United States Army, and is paid well by the government for his "professional services." How comes it, then, that Major Merrill figures on the books of the State Treasurer as receiving five hundred dollars from the "Armed Force" fund? What possible service could he render the State of South Carolina which would entitle him to such a sum? Major Merrill owes it to himself to make an explanation of this significant fact. Perhaps he can, like Representative Whipper, wash his hands of the whole business. So much the better. The thing must be probed to the bottom, however Scott & Co., the unquestionable culprits, may wriggle and squirm.

Wholesale and Retail.

These other members of the Legislature had a bite at the "Armed Force" cherry: Rivers, of Edgefield, \$300; Cain, of Abbeville, \$270; Thomas and Maddocks, of Colleton, \$125 each; Cousart, of Lancaster, Keith, of Darlington, and Green, of Orangeburg, \$100 each. These men must explain what claim they have upon the "Armed Force" fund. They did something; but their constituents would like to know what that something was. This question cannot be evaded, and a mild answer may turn away the public wrath. Never mind about Scott—there is nothing more to hope or fear from him.

Representative Whipper's Forty-Eight Dollars.

Representative Whipper came in among the small fry, and was charged with receiving forty-eight dollars from the "Armed Force" fund. With commendable promptitude, he declares that he never performed any services which could be properly charged to the "Armed Force," and that he has never received a cent from that source. Who had that forty-eight dollars? Mr. Whipper did not get it; but it is charged against him on the Treasury ledger. A little forging must have been done before that money was drawn. The warrant appears to have been in Mr. Whipper's name, and somebody else endorsed it and bagged the money. An examination of the vouchers will show who is the new candidate for the Penitentiary.

Small's Five Hundred.

Senator Small, of Beaufort, went cheap. Only five hundred dollars for him out of the "Armed Force" fund. What consideration did he give for the money? All that he had to dispose of was his personal influence and his vote. Dirt cheap, at five hundred dollars.

The Unknowns.

J. Mooney gets \$25,545 from the "Armed Force" fund; D. H. Wilson gets \$12,500; J. Leggett gets \$10,600. Who are these men? Their pay is princely. Governor Scott must know all about it, for he signed the drafts when the money was paid. It is believed that no such men are in existence—that the money charged to these names was paid out for votes against impeachment. There are two ways of satisfying the public. Let Leggett, Wilson and Mooney come forward, and show who they are, and what manner of services they rendered for that sum of \$48,000. Or, let Governor Scott overwhelm his enemies by proving that the money was honestly paid to those honest creditors of the State who are too diffident to speak for themselves. It is either that or downright stealing, Mr. Scott.

Stand and Childlike.

The Beaufort Republican says: "We see that some 'Re-formers' in Charleston have nominated Mr. Cardozo for Treasurer. The ease with which, by his own admissions, he was hoodwinked by Parker and Klinton 'would prevent us from advocating his claims for Treasurer. He is 'bland' enough, but entirely too 'childlike.'"

Mercy for the Ku-Klux.

It was Mr. Greeley who, two months since, called the attention of Gerrit Smith to the fact that many of the Ku-Klux prisoners confined at Albany were deserving of the interposition of Executive clemency, and he urged, it is stated, that "some of these poor creatures were so grossly ignorant, that others were too young to comprehend the nature of the fearful obligations which they had assumed, and that others had undoubtedly been terrified into joining the Ku-Klux organizations." Mr. Greeley asked Mr. Smith, as a philanthropist, to examine into the facts of the case for himself, and use his influence with the President, with whom his relations were cordially close, in behalf of such prisoners "as seemed to him to be deserving of mercy." Into the affair, but said he was doubtful if the "President would be induced, in the midst of a heated campaign, to take steps for the release of any of the prisoners, as it might injure his political prospects."

The Necessity of Specie Payments.

The New York Bulletin notes a tendency to ignore the question of the resumption of specie payments, and whistle it down the wind as a matter in which the people have very little interest, and as of no importance whatever to them. The editor well says we have a practical illustration of the consequences resulting from the uncertainty of values in the present condition of the fall trade. In order to take advantage of the reduction of duties by the new tariff, buyers delayed their purchases until the 1st of August, and then it was found that the rise in gold almost covered the reduction of duty, so that what the interest on the capital that was forced to lie idle was added, importers were unable to make the reductions anticipated by buyers. The latter in consequence are holding off or buying very sparingly, with possible, if not probable, results to the fall trade, both in this city and throughout the entire country, that are anything but reassuring at the present time. Now, there is not a merchant, business man, farmer, mechanic, steamboat proprietor or hotel-keeper in the United States whose interests are not more or less affected by at least a partial return of business prosperity at this time. To pretend, therefore, that a return to specie payments is a matter of no particular importance to the American people, is the very lunacy of economic ignorance. On the contrary, it is a matter of vital interest to all classes, and one of the issues of the present day it is the one in which the welfare of the greatest number of persons is concerned, and on which the prosperity and commerce of the country are most dependent.

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