

THE STATE CAPITAL.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A Good Bill Adopted in the House. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE NEWS.)

COLUMBIA, January 10. The Senate, after a long debate, concurred in the House resolution requiring the attorney-general to make immediate investigation into the late State treasurer's payments, and if any be found to have been illegally made to commence proceedings against him.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following appointments by the Governor: Trial Justices, C. T. Hopkins and J. B. Sherman, for Greenville; Oliver Hewitt, for Barnwell; B. S. Rollins, for Darlington; G. W. Shingler and J. P. Howard, for Charleston; J. F. Southard, S. B. Hall, J. T. Truesdale and C. Shiver, for Kershaw; Jas. B. Newberry, for Anderson.

In the House Speaker Lee announced a very admirable rule that hereafter the call of committees for the introduction of bills, &c., would terminate each day at one o'clock P. M. This is designed to limit the tiresome and trifling debates which have lately occupied the sessions of the House, and it will have the salutary effect of shortening the session of the General Assembly.

The Blue Ridge Scrip Case. Mr. Haskell concluded his argument against the scrip holders, and was followed by Mr. Pope on the same side. Mr. Pope addressed himself especially to the invalidity of the scrip as violating the Constitution of the United States in being a bill of credit.

After Mr. Pope came Attorney-General Melton, who discussed the question of the propriety of the mandamus under the circumstances. He showed clearly that the demand for the levy and collection of the tax to pay the scrip should first be made, which had not been done in the present case.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he now advocated the most important position of this argument, a "bill of credit" within the meaning of the United States Constitution, it is still true that the State had realized the full value of the scrip, and that no law or principle of law forbade the levying of the tax to redeem the scrip.

tors cannot demand anything of the treasurer until after the respondent has been compelled to do his duty. It is his duty to levy and collect this tax in the same manner and at the same time with the regular annual taxes levied by the State.

2. This is a public duty resting on the respondent, and the result of it is a benefit to any person interested in its performance. Moses on Mand., 126 127. Commonwealth vs. Commissioners, 32 Penn., 233, and other cases cited.

3. He said that demand was necessary in the case of a public officer, and cited numerous authorities. 4. He denied that the false representations made by the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, if they were admitted, impaired the validity of the scrip.

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EX-GOVERNOR SCOTT.

A CARPET-BAGGER'S OPINION OF THE EX-GOVERNOR TO BECOME A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF "OUR BELOVED STATE."

The Ex-Governor to Become a Permanent Resident of "Our Beloved State." A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial writes from Columbia on Christmas Eve:

I called upon Scott yesterday at his residence. Having retired from public life he is pretty close to his house, and gives more attention to private than to public affairs. He is interested in a banking house here, and owns some property, but no very large amount.

"It is worse than the old one, and the old one was bad enough. The truth is, each succeeding Legislature is more worthless and corrupt than the previous one. We seem to be drifting down a stream of degradation and decay, and the Reformers that were elected at the last election."

"Oh, they are a worse set than the fellows that succeeded. It seems impossible to improve on anything that is so low as this. I don't think there ever by any improvement!" I asked.

"Unless there is," replied the ex-governor, "the finances of the State will get in such a condition that the people will be obliged to bring out a stand-still from mere inability to go further."

"There is no chance for the taxpayers ever to get into power or have a respectable voice in the administration of State affairs?" "Not a word," he replied.

"For as long as the present Legislature will do, it has made matters worse for them. Their only chance is to win over enough blacks by kindness to give them power, or else go on massing the Republican party, and making a party of the masses."

"You have no doubt, seen it reported," continued the Governor, "branching off to another subject, that I have made a million dollars while in South Carolina. Before I became Governor I had some money. This I invested in State bonds, as they were very low, and I felt certain they were bound to rise. They did not rise, and I have done the same thing with the same effect."

"After becoming Governor I bought \$10,000 more in bonds, going into the market and buying them the same as any other person would who wanted them; this is all. It has been charged that I would, as Governor, depress bonds as low as possible, but that is not the case. I would, as a member of the Legislature, cause them to be enhanced in value. The charge is false. I have made a little in State bonds in a perfectly legitimate way, but nothing beyond what any other man could do."

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STOKES AFTER THE SENTENCE.

In the Condemned Cell—The Sheriff's Vain Efforts to Return him to his Old Cell—Painful Meeting with his Father—The Prisoner Despondent.

The New York Sun, describing the return of Stokes to prison after sentence had been passed upon him, says:

The scene outside of the Tombs was an animated one. Every window, every door step, and even the house tops commanding a view of the entrance of the city prison were crowded with male and female spectators. A crowd of not less than two thousand persons surrounded the entrance, all anxious to catch a glimpse of the condemned murderer as he alighted from the carriage.

At 11.45 A. M. Stokes re-entered the Tombs, where the sentence of the court had condemned him to be kept.

Immediately the massive oak doors of the prison were closed, and for some time no one was admitted into his own cell. A brother of the condemned man had arrived there in advance of the carriage, and he and the reporter joined the procession which so sadly filed into the court yard of the prison, where Warden Finley stood to meet them.

Not a word was spoken as the small party passed into the male prison where Mr. David O'Dwyer stood sentinel at the door, but when he saw that this was a prisoner, he turned round, and Warden Finley said, in a low tone of voice, to the sheriff:

"I'll give him No. 4." "Oh, no," quickly responded the sheriff, "you must put him in his own cell." "I cannot do it," said Mr. Finley, "he is a condemned man and must be put into a condemned cell. I am sorry, but I have only one duty to perform, and I must do it."

"But," replied Sheriff Brennan with indignation, "he is in my custody, and I alone am responsible for his safe-keeping. I want him put in his own cell." "You know I would not do anything to displease you or Mr. Stokes either, but I tell you, sir, that I have been in this prison twenty-three years and I never knew of a similar case. I have never seen a man so long governed by the rules of this institution which are made by the commissioners of charity and correction, to whom alone I am responsible for any violation of my duty. So long as you will let me do my duty, I will do it, and I will do it to the best of my ability."

Here Deputy Sheriff Shields spoke up and asked the warden to allow the prisoner to be placed in his old cell on the second tier for a few days. But the warden, who had been communicated with, but Mr. Finley's answer was unalterable from what he considered his bounden duty. Then the sheriff directed Mr. Shields to retain possession of the prisoner, and not give him up to the warden, who had been told to do so.

Then Mr. Shields, Edward S. Stokes and Horace Stokes were taken to the cell of the courtyard, but the prisoner was silent. He appeared to be wrapt up in his thoughts, and though a deep shade of sadness overspread his whole features, there was a peculiarly sad look in his eyes which told of a heart broken by sorrow. The walk around the yard had been traversed several times, when Mr. Stokes, Sr., the father of the prisoner, entered.

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THE DEATH OF NAPOLEON III.

Further Particulars of His Last Moments—The Grief of the Empress and Young Prince—Sympathy of Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales—The Effect of the Tidings in France, &c., &c.

LONDON, January 10. The Empress Eugenie and all of the household of Chislehurst were present at the bedside of Napoleon when he died. The Emperor showed some slight signs of consciousness towards his last moments, and spoke to the Empress twice in a very feeble tone. The last indication of life was a smile when his wife kissed his hand. She was completely overcome by her emotions, and fainted at the bedside. The Prince Imperial, who had been summoned from Woolwich by telegraph, arrived at Chislehurst fifteen minutes after the death of Napoleon. He was greatly affected and kissed his father's face several times. The Emperor died peacefully, passing away without the slightest sign of pain. His death is attributed to syncope or embolism. A post-mortem examination of the remains was to have been held yesterday. The body will lie in state for several days previous to the funeral. Eugenie, for several hours after his death, knelt at the bedside of the Emperor, engaged in prayer. Her Majesty Queen Victoria has sent messages of condolence to the Empress in her bereavement, and the Prince of Wales, with Prince Teck, have visited Chislehurst. The remains of the Emperor will probably be placed temporarily in St. Mary's Church. The Prince of Wales, who is at present the guest of Baron Rothschild, at Acton, has requested the postponement of all French plays at the theatres in London, as well as of the ball which was to have been given in his honor. A despatch from Paris says that the news of Napoleon's death caused a great sensation in that city. There was a slight rise in the price of rentes. The Bonapartist deputies in the National Assembly left the Chamber on hearing the news. Many of them will come to London, where Prince Napoleon, Princess Mathilde, M. Rouher, M. Fleury, and others are expected. The sad intelligence caused great grief in the provinces of France, and much sympathy is expressed for the Empress. The London journals of this morning publish highly laudatory obituaries of the distinguished dead.

The latest despatch from Chislehurst announces that Eugenie is more composed, though still very much prostrated. She sees no one but her nearest relations. The arrangements for the funeral of the deceased Emperor have not yet been decided upon. It is said that the dean and chapter of Canterbury have offered, subject to the approval of the home office, a crypt in that Cathedral beneath the crown of Thomas-a-Becket, as a temporary tomb for the remains. Roubert, Fleury and several other well known Bonapartists had arrived at Chislehurst. Despatches were being received from distinguished persons from all quarters expressing the deepest sympathy for the Empress.

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Wm. Craig, colored, convicted of rape, was hung at Cumberland Md., yesterday. Extremely cold weather continues at Chicago and throughout the Northwest. President Grant is gone to Annapolis to attend the annual meeting of the Annapolis Naval Academy. A committee of three, of London, have been appointed. Liabilities, &c., and a half million dollars.

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