

The Evil of the Lobby.

The State of Virginia has passed a new law, and it is now in force, against lobbying. It provides that any person who shall pay or receive money or other compensation, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of securing the passage or defeat of any measure by the General Assembly of that State, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, if convicted of it, shall be punished by confinement in jail not exceeding twelve months, and by a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

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A detective called on him the next day, with a soothing note from the Cashier. McFadden treated it with lofty scorn. Detectives called on him every day with humble notes from the President, Cashier and Board of Directors. At last, the bank officers got up a magnificent private supper, to which Mr. McFadden was invited. He came, and as the bank officers bowed down in the dust before him, he pondered well over the bitter past, and his soul was filled with exultation.

Before he drove away in his carriage that night, it was all fixed that Mr. McFadden was to keep half a million of that money, and to be unmolested if he returned the other half. He fulfilled his contract like an honest man, but refused with haughty disdain the offer of the Cashier to marry his daughter. Mac is now honored and respected. He moves in the best society; he browses around in purple and fine linen and other good clothes, and enjoys himself fraterate. And often now he takes his infant son on his knee, and tells him of his early life, and instills holy principles into his child's mind, and shows him how, by industry, and perseverance, and nitro-glycerine, and monkey-wrenches, and cross-cut saws, and familiarity with the detective system, even the poor may rise to affluence and responsibility.

GEORGIA'S GALLANT SENATOR.—Gen. Gordon, Georgia's new Senator, is deservedly admired by the people of that great State for his true manly character. His real integrity, modesty, ability and natural nobleness of soul are spoken of by all parties of Georgia with enthusiasm. In these degenerate days, when the party mis-called Republican has brought the once honored Senate of the United States down to its present lamentable condition, and filled the places of the statesmen of other days with a mob of intriguing and corrupt men of fourth-rate ability and ninety-ninth rate morality, the election of a true man, like General Gordon, is a circumstance well calculated to revive the waning hopes of the lovers of their country, and re-awaken a faith which has seemed to be dead.

THE NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Charleston News pays the following compliment to Mr. Sawyer, late carpet-bag Senator from South Carolina, now Assistant Secretary of the Treasury: Mr. F. A. Sawyer, who has been confirmed as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will make an excellent executive officer, and from his knowledge of the condition and wants of the Southern States, may be expected to give an intelligent ear to representations which may be made to the department from this section of the country. The new Assistant Secretary is the ablest, and, so far as we know, the most decent of the Republicans who have been elected to Congress from the Southern States, and we, perhaps, have no right to complain, if, as United States Senator, he did not always comprehend the peculiar ideas of a people with whom, after all, he has little real sympathy.

It is rather curious, by the way, that the bolting South Carolina Radicals, who were defeated, are carrying off the honors of war from the regular Radicals, who won the fight—Orr as Minister to Russia, Boseman as Postmaster at Charleston, Sawyer as Assistant Secretary.

The Portland Press, referring to the appointment of ex-Senator Sawyer as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, thinks it is a "good point in his favor that the reckless rascals who have involved South Carolina in debt have been his foes." To which the New York Herald adds: Let us see how he will fight the "reckless rascals" in Washington when they make their assaults upon the Treasury. We trust he will prove a foeman worthy of their steel.

Hopes of retrenchment, like those of reform, came to nothing in the last session of Congress. The list of appropriations made during that session shows a grand and alarming total of \$195,510,839. This is about \$54,000,000 more than was appropriated last year. But, then, that was just before the election, and was a year of promise-making, as this has been one of promise-breaking.

LOCAL ITEMS.

CITY MATTERS.—The price of single copies of the PHOENIX is five cents. The Ohiriski Combingation Troops perform in Irwin's Hall, tonight. They drew full houses and gave general satisfaction, when exhibiting here several weeks ago. A number of valuable prizes are to be distributed. See programmes for particulars. Reserved seats can be secured at LyBrand's music store.

The latest styles wedding and visiting cards and envelopes, tastily printed, can be obtained at the PHOENIX office. The lecture by Miss Gaylord, last night, was attentively listened to and highly appreciated by the large audience present in Irwin's Hall. Her adventures have been remarkable. She lectures in Augusta to-morrow evening.

Old newspapers for sale at PHOENIX office, at fifty cents a hundred. The ball of the Phoenix Hook and Ladder Company comes off in Parker's Hall, on Thursday evening next. Complaint has been made that the weights and measures used by certain parties are inaccurate. The proper officers should look into the matter. The city is in possession of the necessary tests, and they should be applied.

It is understood that Bishop Lynch will confirm fifty or sixty persons on Sunday next, in St. Peter's Church. Twenty or thirty dogs, yesterday, paid the penalty of being found collarless in the streets. Work is about to be resumed on the new City Hall.

There was a fair attendance at Irwin's Hall, Sunday afternoon, and in the parlor of the Central Hotel, in the evening, to hear Mrs. Ballou discuss spiritualism. She promises Columbia another visit in the fall. Private Johnson, of Company H, 18th Infantry, died in the garrison hospital, yesterday morning. His remains will be carried to the National Cemetery in Florence.

A daughter and son of Mrs. Sherrod, (whose sudden death was announced in Sunday's PHOENIX) arrived in Columbia, yesterday. The remains will be carried to Passaic, N. J., to-day. The unfortunate husband and children have the earnest sympathies of our citizens in their sudden bereavement.

A number of capitalists are prospecting the State, with the intention of establishing manufactories. Let them come. The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Daly, (wife of Mr. Owen Daly,) was largely attended, yesterday morning. She departed this life on Sunday morning, after a brief illness. She leaves an extensive circle of friends and relatives to mourn her early decease.

Two colored men (whose names we could not learn) had a difficulty near the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad depot, yesterday evening, when one of them was severely cut in the arm. The temperance movement is exciting considerable interest in Columbia. A lodge of Good Templars is to be organized this evening. Mayor Alexander has received a box containing seven English sparrows, sent as a present to the city, by Senator Robertson. They are to be turned loose in the park, and any boys found hunting about there with their slings will be dealt with summarily by the authorities. These birds increase rapidly, and are valuable for destroying insects.

Sunday and yesterday were remarkably pleasant days. The streets were thronged with pedestrians and equestrians. The soda fountain of Messrs. Hoffman & Albrecht (two doors below PHOENIX office) is in operation. Choice syrups furnished. Gen. Garlington, of Atlanta, has written a drama, said to possess a high order of merit. It is now in the hands of the printer, and will soon appear. It embraces the period of Beast Butler's reign in New Orleans, and will create a sensation.

Saturday last was the seventy-sixth anniversary of the birth of Kaiser Wilhelm. A SHELL IN THE RADICAL CAMP.—The Rock Hill Lantern is authorized to announce a new work in preparation for the press, under the above title. It will be published in four volumes, and will contain, says the author, "a truthful public and private history of the Republican party of South Carolina since reconstruction, including the last Legislature. Beginning with the league, it will disclose the corruptions of the party, give the secret history and management of the campaign of 1870, and show up the military and persons engaged in procuring the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and will furnish biographical sketches of leading characters, the part they played, and how they played it. The first volume will be devoted to movements in York County."

There is a man in Newberry who keeps a list of all the banks in the country, so as to be able to say he keeps a bank account. A young fellow got off a smart thing last week. It was a mustard plaster that he sat down on just before retiring for the night. The Mayor of Shenectady disguises himself and plays drunk to test the vigilance of the police force. We learn that Captain Miller Johnson, of Laurens County, died at his residence, on last Thursday. Two bright boys of Mr. Price, of Timonville, died of meningitis the same day. They were buried in one coffin.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M. and 7.00 P. M.; closes 8 P. M. and 11.00 A. M. Charleston day mail opens 6.15 P. M.; closes 6 A. M.; night opens 7.00 A. M.; closes 6 A. M. Greenville opens 6.45 P. M.; closes 6 A. M. Western opens 6.30 A. M. and 12.30 P. M.; closes 8 and 1 P. M. Wilmington opens 3.30 P. M.; closes 10.30 A. M. On Sunday the office is open from 3 to 4 P. M.

PHOENIXIANA.

"A backward spring" is produced by presenting a red-hot poker at a man's nose. An exchange says the school board of San Francisco discharges school mistresses when they swear. Pious language is always commendable in school mistresses; but we despise to see a school board too particular about trifles.

The Providence Herald says the Philadelphia Press sometimes speak some very awkward truths. A paper which speaks the truth so rarely will naturally speak truths awkwardly, whether the truths are awkward or not. The Persians say of "noisy, unreasonable talk, "I hear the sound of the millstone, but I see no meal."

"An old fellow on West, over sixty years of age, has recently married a blooming lass of sixteen," says an exchange. She may bloom for a while, but she must soon wither under the icy touch of such senility. Sensational marriages may be simple or complex. A full dress ceremonial, with a rosy regiment of bridesmaids and the Wedding March on the organ is, perhaps beyond the means and facilities of De... Iowa; but a school madam there made her nuptials the conclusion of a school exhibition, and another couple, not to be outdone in novelty, were joined on the stage after a temperance lecture. These things are a matter of taste; but we cannot help thinking the timid, shrinking, blushing bride a little the pleasantest to consider.

"There is a revolution ahead," cries the Pittsburg Chronicle, an independent journal. "The knife must be applied promptly and fearlessly," says the Indianapolis Journal, (Republican,) referring to the necessity of cutting out the ulcers of corruption in the party. Put that and that together.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Dr. V. P. Clayton—Medical Notice. Educational Notice. Dr. Tutt's Expecto-rant. A First Class Agent in Europe. Jacob Levin—Auction Sale. Edwin J. Scott & Son—To Rent.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, March 24, 1872.—Columbia Hotel—W. H. Hancock, Atlanta; W. T. Butt, Augusta; C. W. Peterson, S. E. U. R. B.; G. W. Thames, Wilmington; O. Tiffany and wife, Bristol; B. J. Johns, B. Bellinger, Blackville; G. P. Baker, O. O. Wiggins, B. I.; Mrs. W. H. Lemon, W. H. Evans, Charleston; W. J. Crosswell, R. C. F. M. Walker, Sparanburg; O. T. Murphy, Mrs. S. Malone, Union; J. T. Bramlett, Mrs. L. T. Jinnings, Greenville; J. W. Seikirk, Charleston.

Wheeler House—R. E. Hyman, P. D. Keopper, T. G. Sumner and wife, A. P. Swarthout and wife, Misses Swarthout, N. Y.; L. Balmer, Va.; J. H. Keener, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Dana, Mass.; M. J. A. Conner, W. C. & A. B. B.; J. H. McFadden, W. H. Peters, Pa.; J. Taylor and wife, Miss Taylor, N. J.; W. H. Trossott, Pendleton; J. L. Clarke, Md.; E. P. Hill and wife, Ala.; W. C. Dial, Mrs. Dial, Ga.; M. Ohiriski, C. H. Dearborn and wife, Miss J. Dunbar, F. Dearborn, J. D. Gilbert, J. Shell, W. G. Cerunary and wife, Miss McDonald, W. H. Bailey, N. Y.; J. Maloney, J. F. Blodgett, Miss Blodgett, Newberry.

Hendrix House—A. E. Cohen, Charleston; H. P. Hodges, J. L. Gilkerson, Cokesbury; M. J. Hughes, N. Y.; L. Howell, A. McCullough, J. G. Watson, J. E. Miner, J. L. McCullough, Yorkville; Miss W. H. Whitmore and child, Newberry; J. Eli Gregg, Mar's Bluff; J. W. McCullough, Greenville; Marion J. Seay, Aston.

MODERN STATE RIGHTS.—The difference between State rights now and what was formerly understood by the term is briefly expressed by the St. Louis Republican: "Twenty years ago it meant the right of a citizen of Mississippi to own slaves. Now it means the right of a Senator from Kansas to give and receive bribes; the right of a New Hampshire Senator to sell his vote for shares in a joint stock corporation; and the right of Representatives and Senators, from any number of States, to accept bribes, and then commit perjury without forfeiting their Representative or Senatorial privileges."

State rights received great respect from the Supreme Court when the test oath of Missouri was before it; for though it disfranchised one-third of the people of Missouri, was retroactive in its nature, and was a bill of pains and penalties, it was sustained on the ground that the State had the right to define the qualifications of its voters. So, in 1870, when Gov. Clayton, of Arkansas, was indicted in the United States Circuit Court for a gross violation of the Enforcement Act, he did not deny the act, but claimed that the court had no jurisdiction over him, because he was Governor of the State. The recent action of Congress is a revival of State rights doctrines for the protection of the constitutional rights of infamous men, who are allowed to retain seats in Congress because they are members of the Republican party.

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