

Is the Pope Dying? Pope Pius the Ninth has had a number of escapes from death by various attacks of illness, but he is now stricken in years, and cannot expect exhausted nature to do much for him in the way of recuperative resources.

THE POLICY OF EXTERMINATION.—The diversity of opinion among the daily papers in reference to the Indian policy now to be pursued is remarkable. On one side, the extremists raise a cry for extermination; on the other, the Peace Commission still stands out for "Peace!

BEECHER ON SOUTH CAROLINA.—HE PRAYS FOR THE INDIANS.—Henry Ward Beecher, in a characteristic sermon at Plymouth Church, Sunday, drew on South Carolina for an illustration. He said that he did not know on earth a more pitiable sight than South Carolina.

INFORMATION WANTED.—A letter has been handed us, making inquiries about Mr. Wilson C. Bruce, who lived in Sumter for many years previous and up to 1869, since which time nothing has been heard from him by his relations.

THE SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—PROFITS TO BE INVESTED IN THIS STATE.—ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.—COLUMBIA, S. C., April 2, 1873.—At a meeting of the business men and other gentlemen of the city of Columbia, S. C., this day, Mr. Southern was called to the Chair, on motion of Mr. R. O'Neale, and Mr. Shiver requested to act as Secretary.

Resolved, That this meeting occur in the plan proposed for a local department of the Southern Life Insurance Company at Columbia. Provided, The contract be so altered as to express more definitely the plan and to be invested in South Carolina of premiums received in the State, outside of Charleston.

James E. Black, A. H. Waring, LeRoy F. Youmans, J. P. Southern, Rev. Dr. Merriweather, F. W. McMaster, George Symmers, H. Muller, R. D. Sann, Wm. Wallace, Edwin J. Scott, R. O. Shiver, Dr. C. H. Miot, Dr. G. S. Trezevant, D. H. Chamberlain, Edward Hope, W. P. Hix, John B. Moore, Johnson Hagood, E. B. Cash, Clark Waring, Wm. H. McCaw, G. Diercks, Jos. D. Pope, John S. Wiley, J. H. Kinard, W. D. Love, O. D. Melton, M. C. Butler, John C. Seegers, George W. Bearden, F. W. Wing, P. C. Loric, W. B. Gulick, Rev. S. B. Jones, J. L. Neagle, E. W. Wheeler, E. A. Keanan, C. H. Baldwin, W. C. Swadlow, B. O'Neale, Jr., D. B. Miller, J. M. Mackey, G. A. Shields, J. T. Sloan, Jr., Paul S. Felder, C. C. Puffer.

Mr. James Black, the newly-elected President, was conducted to the Chair, and, upon taking his seat, addressed the Trustees in a few well-timed remarks, and urged upon them their hearty cooperation. He predicted great success to the Columbia branch.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare and issue an address to the citizens of South Carolina, setting forth the claims of the Southern Life Insurance Company to their patronage and support.

It was organized in 1863, amid the gloom and despondency following the close of hostilities, and was the pioneer in its peculiar and beneficent field. Having to contend with the almost universal distrust in the stability of Southern institutions, its unparalleled success is not only an earnest of ability and economy of management, but a monument of the patriotism of an appreciative though suffering people.

One of the prime objects of the organization is to check the drain of capital from the South, and at the same time to furnish to the people as safe and as honestly managed a company as can be found in any section.

The Columbia branch is under safe and discreet management, and a just proportion of the funds constituting the reserve will be securely invested in our State for the development of the material interests of our people.

Losses will be adjusted at the Columbia office, without the trouble, expense and uncertainty attending collections at remote points and from unknown persons. No Southern man should send his money out of the South for life insurance, when Southern companies, in every respect reliable, are seeking patronage.

THE MODOC.—It seems that these ferocious savages do not live by hunting, but that they are root-eaters, thus forming an exception to the rule which assigns root-eaters to the lowest class of Indians. They are said to have some proud traditions and inspiring legends.

A HORRIBLE TALE OF MURDER.—A dreadful murder was committed near Camden, in this State, on Friday night last. About five years ago, Robert Pierce, then at work for Alexis Beeman, seduced his employer's daughter, and married her after the birth of their child.

DEATH.—Mrs. Christiana Davis, an aged lady, who has resided in this city since 1821, departed this life yesterday morning. The deceased was born in Somersetshire, England, and was about eighty-three years of age. She has been an invalid for many years.

The annual meeting of the Port Royal Railroad stockholders will be held on Tuesday, the 29th inst.

Local Items.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—Excoelior Lodge, No. 7, Good Templars, held their stated meeting at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, a large number of the members being present. Nominations for officers were made and an interesting occasion enjoyed by about eighty participants.

Supreme Court, Columbia, April 23. The Court met at 10 A. M. Present—Chief Justice Moses and Associate Justices Wright and Willard.

GET YOUR STAMPS.—Special taxes hitherto assessed are, under the new law, to be paid by stamps. The Internal Revenue Bureau in Washington has commenced the issue of stamps prepared for the purpose, and after the first of May all persons transacting business will be obliged to display the evidence that they have paid the amount due on account of special taxes in a conspicuous place.

THE CHARLESTON SPRING MEETING.—The preparations for the approaching Floral Fair and the spring meeting of the State Agricultural Society, both of which begin in Charleston on Tuesday next, are being completed with a degree of taste and care which promise the most complete success for both of these attractive events.

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PARDONED.—The Governor has pardoned Lettie Williams, of Orangeburg, convicted of grand larceny at the October, 1872, term of court, and sentenced by Judge Graham to one year's imprisonment in the State penitentiary.

THE RAILROAD INVESTIGATION.—The joint committee, composed of members of the House and Senate, appointed during the recent session of the Legislature, to investigate the taxable property of the South Carolina Railroad, now in Charleston, is composed of R. Turner, W. A. Grant and O. Minort, of the House, and W. R. Jervey and Beverly Nash, of the Senate, all colored.

THE COURT MET AT 10 A. M. Present—Chief Justice Moses and Associate Justices Wright and Willard. The cases involving the validity of the license law, commenced yesterday, were resumed. Mr. Chamberlain was heard for the State; Mr. Porter for appellants.

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Justin McCarthy opens the Galaxy for May with a chatty sketch of "The National Assembly at Versailles." "At first," says Mr. McCarthy, "the idea conveyed to the mind of the unaccustomed visitor (to the theatre in which the Assembly meets) is entirely that of an ordinary theatre during a morning performance. He can hardly for a time bring himself to believe that this is a great National Assembly, charged with the regeneration of a crushed and conquered country.

"I was in the House of Commons on the famous night of the debate on Sir Charles Dilke's motion, and I have seen many another stormy scene in the same House, not to speak of some rather noisy discussions in the Capitol at Washington, and scenes in the Palais Bourbon, Paris, when the Imperial Corps Legislatif sat there, and the historical five were doing the whole work of opposition. But I, at least, never heard such vehement, persistent, and passionate clamor as in the theatre of Versailles during the sitting of this present Assembly. The whole 750 odd members seem at times to be yelling with one throat. Half are trying to scream down the speaker; half the other moiety are shouting in his defence; the rest are bawling out appeals for silence. The orator in the tribune shrieks defiance to his enemies, and shakes his fists at them, and bangs the front of his rostrum sometimes with both hands together. Now and then some interruption, shriller or nearer than the rest, catches his ear, and he goes off into an episodic altercation with that particular enemy, each "skirling," as the Scottish fish-wives would say, at the very top of his voice.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, April 23, 1873.—Wheeler House—J A Brenner, Augusta; Miss F Glover, Miss A Glover, Edgefield; R H Mende, Mrs G W Farlee, Miss A R Farlee, Miss L G Farlee, New York; P H Smith, Baltimore; Mr and Mrs Murdock, N O; E E McCurdy, Gen J Conner, D T Corbin, J A Gunn, W A Bradley, Charleston; A O Shaffer, Waltherboro; D S Hart, Charleston; I C Thompson, Kershaw; E O LeDrout, Boston.

Columbia Hotel—J M Penney, N C; W J Crosswell, S C; Miss Darby, Va; C W Smith, Wilmington; S O Gilbert, Charleston; M B Lipscomb, wife and two children, Florida; A H Waring, S C; J H Miller, Augusta; T J Goodwyn, Fort Motte; J O Hoadley and wife, Mrs C H Bingham, Mass; T M Cawton, U S A; J F Izlar, Orangeburg; G D Fox, Orangeburg; G P Kirkland, Oconee; J T Darby, S C; Miss E McCracken, Thos S Clarke, Chicago; Mrs H A Weed and niece, N Y; M F Benton and wife, P L Koempel, N Y; G W Thames, Wilmington; Fred D Bush, G & O R R; H P Hammett, Greenville; P M McBride, B McBride, Charleston.

Hendrix House—John C Lane, A B Counts, Pomaria; T P Stovall, Ga; M M Padgett, Edgefield; E L Boozer, city; J B McCants, Winnsboro; O B Tyson, Md; J P Gibbs, Charleston; T S Cathren, Miss H H Cathren, Miss N Kirkley, Camden; C Kinsler, Riland.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. T. P. Walker—Special Meeting. Prof. G. T. Sheldon—Dancing. George Symmers—Claret, etc. R. M. Wallace—Bankruptcy Notice. Meeting Acacia Lodge.

UNITED STATES COURT, CHARLESTON, April 22.—In the case of Harvey Terry vs. Wm. Godfrey, receiver of the Merchants' Bank of South Carolina, at Cheraw, on motion of the defendant's counsel, the decree pro confesso previously made was set aside, and the defendants were allowed to file their answers within two days.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN H. C. INWOOD.—The subject of this notice died at his residence, in Line street, yesterday afternoon, of pneumonia, after a month's illness. The disease was contracted by him while making an incursion in St. Andrew's Parish. The deceased was a Trial Justice, and had his office at the Eight Mile Pump. He was an Englishman, and came to this State with the United States army, in which he was at the time a captain and brevet lieutenant colonel. He married a lady of this city, who survives him.—Charleston News.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Garland Meng, a highly respectable and worthy citizen, residing at the time of his death on Pacolet River, in Union County. He died on last Saturday, at about 2 o'clock A. M.—Carolina Spartan.