

War Not Necessary or Desirable.

The ravings of a portion of the Northern press against Cuba remind us of the cry, "on to Richmond," which made the welkin ring in 1861.

No, we want no war with Spain. We hope to be spared its horrors and its evil effects upon our country.

"Should war be declared to-morrow, there would be thousands of millions and parasites, men of tainted reputations, broken fortunes, battered constitutions, 'choicé spirits,' tired of the dull pursuits of civil life, ready for any enterprise against either a foreign or their own country, however perilous, or dishonorable, or treasonable it might be.

A spirit of justice and discretion can settle the matter with Spain, without war. If Cuba is to be made free, let it be done by a bloodless process.

FRANCE.—And now it is stated that the Right and Left have been unable to compromise on a five years' term of office for MacMahon; that the former insists upon a prolongation of ten years.

A letter to a mercantile house in London, from Borna, in Western Africa, dated August 12, states that Dr. Livingstone is a prisoner in a town twenty days distant from that place, and without means of ransom.

Bainbridge, Ga., is in a distressed condition, and appeals to her sister cities for aid.

Legislative.

The House of Representatives is now engaged in skimming the cream of the last month's legislation. The bill to reduce the volume of the bonded debt and provide for the payment of the interest on it, is on its third reading.

Mr. Wallace spoke earnestly and eloquently in deprecating the hot haste with which the bill was pushed forward. Its further consideration was postponed, and the House adjourned.

THE BANK BILL CASE.—The concluding portion of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in relation to the bills of the Bank of the State, is in these words:

"Upon the whole case, we are clear that the judgment must be reversed, and a mandamus issued to the Collector, directing him to receive in payment of the relator's taxes the bills offered by him."

Whenever any particularly horrible crime is perpetrated by Kellogg's supporters in Louisiana, the bogus Governor telegraphs to Attorney-General Williams that the report of the outrage is a political canard, and that no such outrage has been committed.

The Chinese in San Francisco had a gorgeous sort of non-Evangelical Alliance recently, complimentary to the moon, whose indignity is dreaded.

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1873.

The Senate assembled at 12 M., and was called to order by the President. The President laid before the Senate report of the Treasurer of the State of South Carolina for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1873, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hope introduced a bill to require the Treasurer of Lexington County to attend specified places to collect the taxes.

At 1:45 o'clock, the Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House met at 12 M., Speaker Lee in the Chair.

The Senate sent to the House a resolution to request the Comptroller-General to furnish certain information relative to the enforcement of collection of taxes due by the North-eastern, South Carolina and Charleston and Savannah Railroads, &c., which was amended as follows: "And, also, if the Board of Equalization has met pursuant to law."

Mr. Middleton introduced a bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to punish any person or persons who shall sell or convey any real or personal property on which a lien of any kind may exist without giving notice of such liens to the purchaser or purchasers."

Mr. Thomas introduced bills to incorporate the towns of Reesville and Georgeville, in Colleton; also, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, that the action of the House, whereby it refused to pass a bill to make appropriations for the payment of expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and for other purposes, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and the bill be again placed upon its second reading.

Mr. Barker presented the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield, praying that a certain road be opened as a public highway; also introduced a bill to require the County Commissioners of Edgefield and Abbeville to lay out, construct and keep in repair a public highway leading from Shuburg, in Edgefield, to Ninety-Six, in Abbeville.

Mr. J. P. Moore introduced bills to require payments made on executions lodged in Sheriff's offices to be made to Sheriff; to amend Section 415 of the Code of Procedure, being Title V, Chapter CXXII, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the examination of witnesses.

Mr. J. Young—Joint resolution authorizing the County Commissioners of Laurens to levy and collect a tax of three mills on the dollar for the payment of the past due indebtedness of said County.

Mr. Curtis introduced a bill to incorporate the Richmond Guards, of Columbia.

Mr. W. H. Wallace—Bill to incorporate the Union Hotel Company, in Union County.

A bill to make appropriations for the payment of expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and for other purposes, was debated and finally ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to raise supplies was discussed to adjournment.

DEATH OF A NOTED COLORED MAN.—Stephen Smith, for many years the aged leader of the colored race in Philadelphia, died on Friday last. His life was divided into a youth of slavery, a manhood of freedom, bought by his own labor, and an old age of wealth and honor. He voted for General Jackson as a Democrat in 1833; lost his vote by the Act inserting the word "white" into the State Constitution of Pennsylvania in 1838, and got it back under the constitutional amendments in 1860. He has made, it is stated, splendid benefactions to the aged poor.

Mr. Sixty Chaplin died at Mr. John A. Zeigler's, his son-in-law's residence, in Orangeburg, last week, after a long and painful illness.

HIGH HANDED PROCEEDINGS.—We regret to be compelled to chronicle another most inexcusable outrage in this County, perpetrated under the pretence of legal authority. Or rather, we regret that we can do nothing more than chronicle it.

Employed on the farm of Mr. John A. Marion, a few miles East of this place, is a respectable young white man, named Henry Ferrell, aged about twenty-two years. He was summoned to work on the public highway last summer, but forgot the matter and neglected to appear when summoned.

A STARTLING OFFER TO CUBA.—The following letter is published by the New York Herald:

I have every reason to suppose that my brother, Col. G. C. Stuart, is among the slaughtered passengers of the Virginians. He left New York about the 1st of October, intending to join Gen. Ryan at Kingston. He probably went under an assumed name, as he was well known in this city and to the Spanish authorities.

P. S.—My post office address will be for the coming week Yorkers, N. Y.; afterwards, Richmond, Va.

A STRANGE STORY OF SPANISH RULE IN CUBA.—A correspondent of the New York Herald writes from Boston of a statement of a John W. Young, made last summer, of Spanish rule in Cuba. At the time of the interview, Mr. Young was under arrest. He states that, in the summer of 1872, he went to Havana, and, immediately on landing, was carried privately to the Captain-General's palace, who offered him \$20,000 if he would return to the United States, get up an expedition, inform him when it was ready, and allow it to fall in his hands.

THE AUGUSTA CANAL ENLARGEMENT.—The work on the canal is progressing favorably. The contract awarded to Messrs. John A. Greene & Co. will be finished some time in March. This embraces all the work on both sides of the canal up to the locks. The increased volume of water will be sufficient to run four mills of the present capacity of the Augusta Factory. This will give all the power that is likely to be used for years to come, so that there will be no necessity for putting in the bulk-head above the locks until the increased supply of water is utilized.

The Republicans, it is announced, are ready to make friends with Charles Sumner and Carl Schurz, and to give them again the chairmanships of important committees in the United States Senate. So much for the results of the recent elections. They have taught the boasting and truculent Radicals that their house is built upon sand.

CITY MATTERS.

A good remedy for the panic.—A little Cuba. But little real estate is changing hands now.

The Mansard roof is about being put on the new City Hall. It will be one of the principal ornaments of the city.

The Charlotte Fair opens on the 25th and continues four days. Gen. Wade Hampton delivers the opening address.

Persons indebted to the PHENIX office are requested to call and settle, as money is needed. The cash rule will be strictly adhered to hereafter.

The Savannah News gives the Great Eastern half a column "advance notice." It deserves it, as the show is a good one.

Mr. Lewis Bagar has opened his dancing school under favorable auspices. The class for children and misses meets this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Parker's Hall.

Mr. White has our thanks for late copies of papers from Erin's green isle—the Dublin Irishman and the Freeman's Journal. They are on file in the PHENIX office.

If anybody sees a row of buttons coming down the street, let him preserve his equilibrium and think not of supernatural agencies. There's a woman behind them.

The sun is now working about ten hours per day, but proposes a gradual reduction of time for the next five or six weeks, in order to help the gas company, and also the dealers in kerosene and tallow candles.

The Governor has appointed J. B. Tolleson County Commissioner of Spartanburg, vice H. D. Floyd, resigned; and accepted the resignation of Captain A. C. Shaffer, as Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of Colleton.

The gale of Sunday night, or Monday morning, was fearful in Augusta. Fences were demolished and houses unroofed. The destruction to trees and fencing to the South of the city was great. It passed into this State, where the devastation in its pathway was probably extensive.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Northern mail opens 6:30 A. M.; 3 P. M.; closes 11 A. M., 6 P. M. Charleston opens 8 A. M., 5:30 P. M.; closes 8 A. M., 6 P. M. Western opens 6 A. M., 12:30 P. M.; closes 6, 1:30 P. M. Greenville opens 6:45 P. M.; closes 6 A. M. Wilmington opens 4 P. M.; closes 10:30 A. M. On Sunday open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

PHENIXIANA.—Barbers are great travelers; they go from poll to poll. Confession is the best balm for a guilty conscience. Never ask an editor to solve a conundrum.

A handsome thing in ladies' hose—a neat little ankle and foot. When the policemen find a man fall, they take him to the station house, and his friends bail him out.

Because an office-hunter handles three or four stiff horns in a bar-room, before breakfast, that is no reason why he should try to palm himself off on the granger, as a "horny-handed farmer."

When a married man wants to get away from his wife and take a quiet drink with a friend, he says, "Brown, what do you think is the best remedy for the stringency?" Brown takes the hint and says, "Inflation," and then they get out their pencils and retire for awhile, their breath smelling of fresh roasted coffee when they return.

It has been discovered that the tone of a violin can be greatly improved by immersing the instrument in lager beer and leaving it there until it is thoroughly saturated. This is a slight improvement on immersing the violinist in lager beer and getting him thoroughly saturated before playing.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT OF COLUMBIA.

We are pained to record the death, yesterday morning, at his residence, nine miles above Columbia, from paralysis, of Mr. Eli Killian, who, for many years, was a resident and highly respected citizen of Columbia. His age was about sixty-five. Mr. Killian leaves a large family—wife, children, grand-children and other relatives.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The Senate has confirmed the following appointments: Joseph Latimer, Treasurer of Greenville; W. H. Gardner, Treasurer of Sumter.

Regents South Carolina State Normal School—State at Large—W. H. Jones, Jr., of Georgetown; W. E. Johnston, of Sumter; C. O. Puffer, of Charleston; H. E. Hayne, of Marion.

First Congressional District—B. F. Whittemore, of Darlington; H. J. Maxwell, of Marlboro.

Second Congressional District—Robt. Smalls, of Beaufort; W. H. Thomas, of Colleton.

Third Congressional District—L. Cass Carpenter and C. H. Baldwin, of Richland.

Fourth Congressional District—Wilson Cook, of Greenville; J. C. Win-smith, of Spartanburg.

County Auditor for Georgetown—T. D. McDowell.

Trial Justices—Fairfield, W. B. Marshall, A. M. Mackey; Union, J. C. Hunter; Lexington, Walter M. Drafts; Marion, Henry Breedon, A. P. Bridgman, D. McIntyre; Marlboro, J. W. Smith; Orangeburg, B. M. Emeal.

Rejected—J. H. Hendrix, Auditor for Lexington; S. A. Hawkins, Jury Commissioner for Union.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS R. & W. C. Swaffield—Clothing. Memorandum Book Lost. Meeting Richland Lodge. W. H. Gibbs—Cottage to Rent.

THE DEATH OF ABD-EL-KADER, the famous Algerine warrior, is reported. He was the son of a Marabout chief, and was born in Mascara in 1807. When Charles X of France undertook the Algerine expedition, Abd-el-Kader, though young, was elected chief of several of the tribes, with the hope of successfully resisting the invaders.

DEATH OF THE DISCOVERER OF THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE.—Vice-Admiral Sir Robert McClure, the Arctic explorer, died recently in London. He was born in Wexford, Ireland, January 28, 1807, was educated at Eton, placed in the British naval service, and, in 1836, accompanied Sir George Back on his second expedition to the Arctic regions.

ANOTHER INSURANCE MYSTERY CASE.—A case which excites great interest, especially among insurance men, as did that of Goss in Baltimore, will probably be brought on during the present month, before the Superior Court at Litchfield, Conn. This is the case of the heirs of Capt. Colocources against the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, which has become celebrated on account of the singular allegations in relation to the Captain's death. The question is, whether the Captain committed suicide, in order that his family might obtain the \$175,000 insurance on his life, or was murdered by some one else for his money and bonds, which the plaintiff's counsel claim were in his possession at the time of his death.

Ink is one of the things in which modern science seems to have made very little improvement. A recent analysis of the ink found on a manuscript of the year 910, showed that its composition was similar to that of the inks now in general use.

The Concord (N. C.) Sun says: Jennie Harris, aged 104 years, died near Rocky River Church, on the 5th of November. She lived to see six generations of her former master's family.

R-reports from Louisiana say that Kellogg will impress upon the next Legislature the necessity for a new charter for New Orleans, the present one not being satisfactorily adjusted to the advancement of the Kellogg interests.

State Treasurer Phelps', of New York, defalcation is \$310,000. There is no chance of the State recovering any part of the stolen funds.

Henry Bergh is coming South the coming winter.