

The Senate and the Reporter of the News.

The action of the Senate, in the adoption of a resolution which debars the reporter of the Charleston News and Courier from the privilege of a seat at the reporters' desk, until a written apology should be made for the indignity which was done it, in stating in his correspondence of last Thursday, that the bill to prevent unjust discrimination by railroad companies, was intended as a black-mailing operation, is a matter upon which we do not care to comment. The further action taken, yesterday, demands some notice at our hands. This we shall take as a neutral, and without communication with any of the parties named. In taking it, we shall not consider either the News, its correspondent, Mr. Dunn, (who introduced both the bill which provoked the comment and the resolution of censure,) or the Senate itself, in any other than a public light. It interests us as presenting a question which concerns the rights of individuals, the liberty of the press, and the privileges of a legislative body. The reporter of the News, upon being made aware of the sense of injury which was felt by Mr. Dunn, and of the action of the Senate, promptly addressed to the former gentleman a letter, in which he avowed his regret for his language, and admitted that it was hasty, and uttered upon imperfect information. He desired it to be received by Mr. Dunn as an apology to himself, as the main object of the grievance, and through him to the Senate. This, we think, met the demands of propriety and justice, and literally answered the requirements of the resolution of censure. It was "a written apology," and it made all the required reparation, expressed, it seems to us, in language to which no exception can be justly taken. It has been objected to it, that it was meant for Mr. Dunn, and not for the Senate. But it is distinctly tendered as atonement to him, and through him to the Senate. It was eminently appropriate that Mr. Dunn should be not only its recipient in his own person, but the channel through which it should pass to the body. He introduced the bill which was stigmatized as "intended as a black-mailing operation," he offered the resolution of censure, and he was the person who had the right to complain. When explanations and satisfaction were made to him, therefore, they were made to the body of which he is a member. This would have been the proper construction of an apology, if made to him alone. But its author, in express terms, tendered it to him, and through him to the Senate.

In going further, and saying that he appreciated Mr. Dunn as in sympathy with the people of the State, the reporter was guilty of no impropriety, and cannot in fairness be considered as reflecting upon the Senate. In debate, yesterday, several members professed to discern in these expressions a covert satire upon that body. But Mr. Dunn is a Republican in good standing in his party. He fully vindicated for himself this position in the course of the discussion yesterday, although, in common with Mr. Jervy and some other Senators, he sustained the bolters in the last State election. Certainly it ought not to be interpreted as derogatory to any one else, or to anybody, that Mr. Dunn is complimented as being in sympathy with the people. If there is satire in that, if it implies censure on any one else, it is not because it is uttered merely. Finally, in indicating to Mr. Dunn, at the close of the letter of explanation, that he might have it spread on the journal, the News reporter exhibited, we think, a still further spirit of conciliation. It looks as if it was in response to the demands of the Senate. But by its action, yesterday, the Senate returned the letter to Mr. Dunn as unsatisfactory. The grounds stated for this action were in general those which we have combated as insufficient for it to stand upon. The apology was promptly made, was explicit and was properly directed to Mr. Dunn, as the medium through which it would reach the Senate and be spread upon its journals. It fully met the proprieties of the occasion. It was a frank withdrawal of everything which trench upon the privileges either of Mr. Dunn or of the Senate. If the reporter committed the first wrong, it is the Senate itself which has committed the second. If it was right to hold him responsible for an abuse of the liberty of free speech and of a free press, it is in error, and shows bad temper in not accepting, with equal frankness, the satisfaction offered. It is he now who has a right to complain. Whatever may be thought of the re-

porter, or the News, or Mr. Dunn, the Senate was bound in honor to accept the olive branch. We cannot close without expressing the conviction that some Senators greatly over-rate and have largely overstated the immense favor which it confers in allowing the press to report its proceedings. The public, which they represent, and whose servants they are, have a right to know what they do and say. Newspapers, which are the channels through which they receive this information, have a right to send their representatives to collect it for them. It is no favor conferred by the body itself. It is a right and a privilege which they will find it dangerous to disregard. "All persons," says the Constitution of South Carolina, "may freely speak, write and publish their sentiments on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that right."

A Lesson Worth Learning.

A Georgia exchange mentions that the direct and incidental annual expenses of the Georgia Legislature amount to about \$150,000. It is proposed, by way of reducing this sum one-half, to amend the Constitution so as to have biennial, instead of annual, sessions. It is shown that in twenty years \$3,000,000 would thus be saved to the State. It is proposed, also, in addition to this measure of economy, to secure a constitutional inhibition of State aid to railways and works of internal improvement, and against city and County subscriptions to such works beyond a certain per centage of the taxable property, and thus save many millions more.

Our General Assembly, which employs itself mainly in squandering the people's money, our Administration officials, who have succeeded in stifling all the public institutions, destroying the credit of the State and running up its indebtedness, may here read a lesson which they very much need. Where is the Republican who will inaugurate a system of economy in every department of the State Government, reducing expenses and appropriations to at least the figure they amount to in Georgia—a State of twice the population and resources of South Carolina? We have heard often of economy and reform, but no one has appeared as its earnest advocate, or with a scheme to carry it out honestly.

Secure Laborers.

By private advices, we learn that Rev. Mr. Neumann has been well received in Newberry, and his mission, in the interest of introducing immigrants into the State, is likely to prove a decided success. Under his advice, a considerable number of German families have settled, during the last year, in Newberry County. These he paid visits to on Friday and Saturday, and met some of the granges in their sessions. He will remain in Newberry until after Monday. He has been urgently invited to attend the meeting of the County granges on that day, and has consented to do so.

Italian as well as German immigrants are seeking to establish themselves in this State. Two colonies of them are in a fair way of being settled in Spartanburg County. Mr. Zilio, a member of the Italian Emigration Labor Exchange, we learn from the News, will arrive in Charleston in a few days, to make arrangements for an additional number of Italians. Mr. Neumann is also anxious to find work and homes for several hundred. It is just the time to make labor contracts. Those who want labor can get it. The opportunity is the best we have ever known to be presented.

A REVELATION OF THE MOON.

The great "moon hoax" of 1832, by Locke, is still remembered by the "oldest inhabitants." Now a French astronomer would have us believe that we are on the eve of great physical discoveries in the same region. This savan asserts that the moon is inhabited, and would have his assertion believed on the strength of certain combinations of the telescope recently invented by him. He describes the lunar people as looking "like flies walking on the ceiling, for only the crowns of their heads were visible, the moon being in the full." In view of the fact that people are still living who remember the moon hoax of forty three years ago, the inventor of this tale will not find it easy to get believers.

Lebanon Ridge, Ky., was the scene of a remarkable duel about the middle of last month. Montgomery Roach accidentally shot and wounded a dog belonging to his cousin, James Roach. On the following day, James announced that he intended to kill Montgomery on a sight. The parties met, James with a pistol, Montgomery with a shot-gun and pistol. Montgomery discharged the shot-gun and fled. James pursued, and firing as he ran. While running, Montgomery drew a pistol and shot James through the heart.

Mr. Editor: The arrival of Herbert Neuman, missionary to the Garden, New York, charged with the duty of ascertaining the wants of South Carolina in the matter of immigration, is an event of great moment to the white people of South Carolina, and, we think, as you well said, "of God's ordering," for in it we rejoice in the hope that the star of our redemption has arisen in the Eastern horizon and is shedding gleams of light, which are bright and clear to the dullest vision. The white people certainly will not allow this opportunity to pass unimproved. Immigration we want and must have; otherwise we shall be forever undone before the lapse of ten years—carpet-baggers and scoundrels included—so far as the government of South Carolina is concerned. We need not tell the white people whether we are drifting under the present majority rule. Our doom is being fixed as fast as the wheels of time roll on, and can only be averted by placing a sufficient number of white men in each County to outnumber the blacks, so as to place the government of South Carolina in good, honest hands. We are plain, and we speak plain. It has come to this, and we had as well face the music. Immigration is the only peaceable means by which we can be saved, and while the whites own more than half the lands of the State, it is in their power to secure this immigration; but so soon as the blacks own more than half the lands, the opportunity or power to save ourselves will be gone forever. The venality of the Legislature and Government, since the advent of the famous Scott, has known no bounds, and the extra session just closed has completely covered itself with shame and infamy; and does any one hope for any changes for the better, so long as the present complexion remains, as it does, so largely in the majority? We answer no. Mr. Rainey said they like to lay on the taxes, so as to make land cheap; and they will eventually make it so cheap that the white man will lose all his land for taxes, and which will be taken possession of by the black man. We say, then, white people of South Carolina, organize an immigration society at once in each County of the State; run off all your spare lands (which is immense in some sections of the State) into fifty acre tracts, and offer them to good immigrants on easy and accommodating terms. Say to Rev. Mr. Neumann that we desire and sorely need at least 100,000 more population and to send them on, and, if needs be, let us furnish money and means to help them on here. Merchants and all professional men, organize at once. Your aid and influence is greatly in need in this the opportune hour of your State's deliverance. You, as a general thing, and justly so, too, are regarded as honorable and intelligent men, and your power and influence is almost unlimited, and, if necessary, take the initiatory step in this great work of redemption. It is you that ought to first see the dangers ahead, and it is you that should warn those less informed and invite them to unite with you for yours and their relief; and last named, but first in importance, we invite every newspaper man in the State, who desires our redemption, to do his utmost to bring this great subject before the people in its true light. This is a matter of life and death with us. WHITE MAN.

Acts Passed by the Legislature.

AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF PRINTING. SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for the compilation and printing of the report on immigration, ordered by the General Assembly at the session of 1872 and 1873.

SEC. 2. That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for the payment of printing the decisions of the Supreme Court. SEC. 3. That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated for the printing of the tax duplicates, returns and other necessary papers for the assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1873 and 1874. SEC. 4. That the State Treasurer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue to the Republican Printing Company, certificates of indebtedness to the amount of the above appropriations; and, also, for the balance due said company, one hundred thousand five hundred and eighty-nine dollars and sixty-three cents, with interest, appropriated by the General Assembly for printing at the session of 1872 and 1873. SEC. 5. That the sums hereby appropriated be paid on the certificates of the Clerks of the two Houses; said certificates of indebtedness to be receivable in payment of all dues to the State, and redeemable at the State Treasury out of the incoming taxes, except taxes levied for school purposes and interest upon the public debt. Approved the nineteenth day of November, A. D. 1873.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. I, H. E. HAYNE, Secretary of State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original now on file in this office. Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, this sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and [L. S.] seventy-three, and in the ninety-eighth year of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America. H. E. HAYNE, Secretary of State.

FRANZ MELCHERS, Editor Deutsche Zeitung. A decidedly rough-looking individual applied for a license as a teacher of a school not far from Troy, recently. "Do you think you can manage a school?" inquired the examiner. "Well, I guess so," said the applicant imperturbably. "If I can't, I can knock the spots out of the youngsters." The vacancy still exists.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 12 M. Speaker Lee in the Chair. Mr. Wolfe introduced a bill to fix the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the County of Lancaster. Also, presented the claim of J. L. Stoudamar, of Lancaster County, for teaching school. Mr. Meetze—Bill to incorporate the town of Buteburg, in Lexington County. Mr. Meetze introduced a resolution, which was adopted, that from and after this day, that immediately upon the expiration of the morning hour, the House proceed to the consideration of the matters upon the calendar.

Mr. Tate introduced a joint resolution to make the South Carolina Bank and Trust Company the depository of the State funds. Mr. Dix—Bill to incorporate the Cain Rifle Guards Company, at Lewisville, Orangeburg County. Mr. Curtis presented the claim of C. D. Eberhardt, of Richland, for teaching school. Mr. Spears—Bill to provide for the payment of certain claims therein named. Mr. W. H. Wallace—Joint resolution to change the name of Wm. DeSaussure Vanderpool to Wm. DeSaussure Harris. Mr. Ries presented the report of the County Commissioners of Union. Mr. Tolbert presented the report of the County Commissioners of Abbeville; also, presented extract of the presentment of the grand jury of Abbeville, June term, 1873, relating to public debt of Abbeville.

A note was received from Secretary Everson, of the University, stating that at a meeting of the Faculty it was voted that the Secretary inform the presiding officers of the two branches of the General Assembly that church services were held at 3.30 P. M., every Sabbath, in the Campus Chapel, and to extend a cordial invitation to the members who may desire to attend the same. The invitation was accepted. The Speaker announced as committee to make certain inquiries relative to the Republican Printing Company, Messrs. Bowley, Puffer, N. B. Myers, J. D. Boston and Crittenden. The Senate returned, with concurrence, resolutions relative to the civil rights bill pending in the Congress of the United States; concerning the plates of the Bank of the State bills. Mr. Holmes introduced a resolution, that when this House adjourns, it stand adjourned until Monday next, at 7.15 P. M. Carried. Adjourned.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Rev. Mr. Robert Neuman, Missionary of Castle Garden, New York, having come to the South, under the direction of the Commissioners of Immigration, of New York, for the purpose of seeking a new field for the immigrants arriving daily, is desirous of placing a few hundred families in South Carolina. Under the auspices of the German Society of Charleston, the undersigned, therefore, calls upon the planters, farmers and others, who desire to have some of these laborers, to write immediately and designate what kind of laborers they wish; whole families or single laborers, Germans or Italians, craftsmen or farm laborers. Planters who have land for sale at low prices, or who desire to give a portion of their land free to immigrants, will also please state it, as a portion of the immigrants have money enough to start a farm, if they get the land gratis, or on a long credit. An opportunity presents itself here to draw the long-desired immigrants to our State, and if all act promptly, several thousand good men may come here. The undersigned is ready to devote his time for this purpose, and only desires the co-operation of the citizens of the State. FRANZ MELCHERS, Editor Deutsche Zeitung.

MEETING OF THE SURVIVORS' ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Survivors' Association, of Richland County, held yesterday, the following officers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year: William Wallace, President; M. C. Butler, Thomas Taylor, Warren Adams, Vice-Presidents; W. P. Hix, Treasurer; S. L. Leaphart, Secretary. Delegates to the State Association, to be held in Charleston, 11th instant—F. W. McMaster, John A. Crawford, W. P. Hix, John T. Sloan, Jr., W. O. Fisher. Alternates—J. P. Adams, T. A. Jeffreys, Thomas Taylor, J. H. Kinsler, J. C. B. Smith.

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Religious Services This Day.—St. Peter's (Catholic) Church—Rev. J. L. Fallerton, First Mass 7 A. M.; Second Mass 10 1/2 A. M.; Vespers 4 1/2 P. M. Trinity Church—Rev. P. J. Shand, Rector, 11 A. M. and 4 P. M. Lutheran Church—Rev. A. B. Rude, 10 1/2 A. M. Marion Street Church—Rev. W. D. Kirkland, 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday School, 9 A. M. Washington Street Church—Rev. O. A. Darby, 11 A. M., and 3 1/2 P. M. Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. H. Bryson, 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Baptist Church—Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M.

"A Beautiful Fiend; or, Through the Fire," is the startling name of Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth's new book, to be published in a few days by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa. No words from us are necessary to commend this book to Mrs. Southworth's many admirers; they will find in it no falling off of the power that has made her previous books so attractive to them; the style is spirited and the intense interest sustained to the end. All of Mrs. Southworth's thirty-six popular books are put up in a neat box, price \$63.00, or \$1.75 each, bound in Morocco cloth, with a very handsome, newly-designed, full gilt back, and will be sent to any address on receipt of price by the publishers, making an elegant and appropriate Christmas present. T. B. Peterson & Brothers have lately published a paper cover edition of Wilkie Collins' works; Prof. Liebig's complete works on Chemistry; the Master of Greylands, by Mrs. Henry Wood; Bellehood and Bondage, by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens; new and beautiful editions for the holidays, of Beautiful Snow and of the Outcast, by J. W. Watson; Mrs. Hale's new cook book; Kenneth, the Earl of Glengyle, by G. W. M. Reynolds; the Heiress in the Family, by Mrs. Daniel; Count of Monte-Cristo, by Dumas; the Gipsy's Warning, by Miss E. A. Dupuy; and they will send their new illustrated catalogue to any address, if written for.

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.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. R. O'Neale & Son—Oranges for Sale. Dr. Sobley—Homoeopathy. S. W. Irwin—Store to Rent. Agnew's Cash Grocery House. To Members of General Assembly. Meeting of F. & M. B. & L. Ass'n. Meeting Myrtle Lodge, K. of P. Grand Concert.

The late Mr. Daniel Andrews, of De aware, died possessed of a very large fortune, leaving his brother a bequest of six cents, because that brother had once jerked a chair from under him and suffered him to fall upon the floor. Mr. Andrews ought to have murdered his brother in cold blood for such an offence, but by bequeathing him the magnificent sum of six cents, he bespoke himself a Christian who could bear no malice.

BACK PAY.—There seems to have been a square back down by the Democratic caucus in Washington on the back pay grab. The Herald sarcastically says: "If the Democrats do not take care, the Republicans will manufacture political thunder for themselves out of that delicate little financial transaction. How Ben. Butler must laugh in his sleeve!"

Charley Ross, who rode Thad. Stevens in the great race at San Francisco, receives from George Treat \$2,000, and is to be sent for two years to a first class school. To this benefit also he is to be treated. It's a lucky thing to have a privileged seat on the back of a fast horse when there's money up. Charley may go to Congress yet, and make more money than ever.

The word panic arose out of the battle of Marathon. In this immortal fight a mere handful of Greeks encountered an infinite host of Persians and put them to utter rout. How did they do it? The Persians were smitten by the god Pan with a sudden causeless and extreme fright. They lost their wits; and that state of things took its origin from the god who produced it.

FIFTY YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY.—George Feaster, (colored), convicted at the late term of Newberry Court of two cases of rape, was sentenced by Judge Moses to fifty years in the penitentiary—twenty-five years for each offence. One of his victims was a child and the other an old woman.

It is said that woodward, one of the New York ring thieves, is on his way home, having secured immunity by turning State's evidence, and that his testimony will implicate a large number of persons in the ring robberies heretofore unsuspected. A young lady in Kentucky lately broke a young man's heart by shooting a bullet into it, and she is the daughter of a clergyman besides.