

The General Assembly.

The Legislature meets to-day. It is, in many respects, an improvement upon the last. There are respectable names upon the list, both of members re-elected and of new members.

Improvement in Finances Since the Elections.

There were ominous predictions before the late elections, that financial ruin would certainly ensue if the Democrats should be successful.

The legislative re-action which has just transpired here found a parallel in England at the last election, by the overthrow of the Gladstone party.

The effect upon Southern credit we showed the other day, by showing advance in the bonds of several of the States.

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Too Much Care.

Every report concerning the affairs of the Freedmen's Savings Bank shows its condition to be worse than it was made by the one last preceding.

Twelve members of Beecher's church having offered him \$100,000, to prosecute his libel suits, an exchange thinks some one else should now offer \$200,000 with which to defend his character.

ENGLISH EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.—It is mentioned as a remarkable fact that in 1873 the number of emigrants from England to the United States was more than four times greater than that from Ireland.

PROFESSOR TYNDALL DENIES THAT HE IS AN ATHEIST.—In concluding a discourse recently delivered in Manchester on "Crystalline and Molecular Forces," Prof. Tyndall, after some beautiful experiments, showing the constructive power of molecular forces, as following what might be called their architectural instincts, said:

"The way in which these atoms build themselves together, is, to me, perfectly astounding. You have here a play of power almost as wonderful as the play of vitality itself. I have looked upon this beautiful experiment hundreds and hundreds of times, and always with feelings of astonishment.

The Molly Maguires, an organized band of desperadoes in the coal regions of Pennsylvania, are committing murders, rapes and other desperate crimes; but we don't hear of any of Uncle Sam's boys in blue being sent there.

THE PRESIDENT ON CIVIL RIGHTS.

The President, in conversation upon the Civil Rights Bill, expressed the opinion that he has always looked upon some of the measures advocated in that connection as exceedingly unwise.

In the matter of mixed schools, the President remarks that to enforce such a measure would be of no service to the colored man, and would destroy the common schools of the United States, and deprive the poor of all classes of an education.

Wash. telegram to Baltimore Sun.

Attention, Conservative Members. The Conservative members of the House of Representatives are respectfully requested to meet at the Central Hotel this morning, at 10 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 24, 1874.

HAMPTON'S SPEECH.—The following is a synopsis of Gen. Wade Hampton's speech before the Young Men's Democratic Club, of New York, last Saturday:

"I am happy to be able to give, in a few words, the hopes and ambitions of the South. I beg to say that I am speaking only for myself, and by my very large and extended acquaintance throughout our land, I may assure you that the people of the South do not intend to embarrass the Democracy of the State of New York.

"I tell you, honestly, truly and sincerely, that I believe it as I believe in my God, that the people of the South intend not to embarrass the Democracy of the North by the expression of one rash wish. They would look to them to restore liberty. In the language of the old republic, 'that the republic suffers no detriment.' We want no violent revolutions, though I could tell a tale of woe, of insult and of downright wrong and despotism which would make 10,000 Republicans say 'can such things be?' and cry shame upon those who have placed these burdens upon us.

To the holders of tickets to the Grand Gift Concert of the Masonic Relief Association of Norfolk, Va.: OFFICE OF THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF NORFOLK, VA.

NONFOLK, November 18, 1874. The board of directors of this Association, feeling assured that the patrons of their enterprise and the public generally are satisfied that in its management the interest of all concerned will be strictly guarded, with honesty and fairness; and relying upon the belief that all who have aided us in our effort to complete the Masonic Temple in this city, are willing to rely upon our judgment as to the expediency of another postponement for a few days, notwithstanding our announcement that the Concert would positively be given on the 19th inst., have decided that a short delay will be more satisfactory to all holders of tickets than to have a partial drawing on Thursday next.

The following reasons have induced us to this action: First—While our receipts have been large, they have not been of sufficient amount to enable us to give a full drawing. Second—A drawing on the 19th inst. would not yield enough to accomplish the object for which our Association was organized and chartered; and third—the encouragement which we have received convinces us that in forty days more we shall, without any failure, give a drawing which in its results will be acceptable to all our friends.

We have, therefore, fixed upon TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, as the day when the Concert and distribution will take place, whether all the tickets are sold or not, or the money will be refunded upon application and presentation of the tickets at the agency where purchased.

By order of the Board of Directors. HENRY V. MOORE, Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Witt Talmadge was probably never inside of a theatre in his life; and yet he seems to think about the cheapest route to the docks, with baggage checked through and no change of cars, runs parallel with an habitual attendance upon theatrical performances.

In Alabama the Conservatives have secured the judicial establishment of the State (except two (out of five) on the Chancery bench and three Republicans (out of twelve) on the Circuit. But the people do not yet say, "Here we rest."

SAGACITY OF A FOX.—About a generation ago, there was in the lower end of Mecklenburg County, in this State, a fox that was doing a great deal of damage to the farmers in the neighborhood. They had made several unsuccessful efforts to take it; finally they made a grand rally of men and dogs, determined to accomplish their object this time.

Egypt, under the present Khedive, is making considerable progress in extent and power, and advancing somewhat in civilization. The country of the Upper Nile region has been occupied by expeditions; and the out-posts are now stretching Westward.

UNITED STATES COURT, CHARLESTON, November 21.—Judge Bryan presiding. The petition of Patrick Mc Bride, in the matter of Paul & Webb, bankrupts, to rescind order of sale, was granted.

The Democratic mathematicians have gone wild since the elections. The latest exhibition of figures gone mad is afforded by the lightning calculator of the New York World.

The attempt is being made in New York to make the Sabbath a holiday, as it is in Louisiana and the countries of Southern Europe.

The only thoroughly blighted being is the young man who has been deceived in a mercenary. When he has expended his money in purchasing the costly comfort, when he has consumed tobacco enough to unsettle the nerves of a rhinoceros and the stubborn pipe still refuses to color, demonstrating to him the fact that he has been sold, then does the hollowness of this world and all that therein is become fully and disgustingly apparent.

Has Von Arnim beaten Bismarck? In Europe the diplomatic gossips say he has. It was a struggle to suppress letters which Bismarck apprehended the Emperor might see, and the story is that Von Arnim has managed to deliver the letters to the Emperor.

Business men from New York, Cincinnati, Richmond, Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte and elsewhere have recently been visiting Greenville, making acquaintance of the merchants there, or initiating some new enterprise or invention.

The Aiken Tribune man is feasting on strawberries grown in the open air, in November.

CITY MATTERS.—Subscribe for the PHOENIX—don't borrow. The Legislature assembles to-day at 12 o'clock.

The new winter hats for the ladies are already felt. The wind, yesterday, blew down an insecure bill-board and ripped several awnings.

The Governor has appointed N. T. Morrison, of Beaufort, a Notary Public. Long Jimmy Simmons, of Charleston, who is well known in newspaper circles in this city, is in Columbia.

The annual meeting of the State Tax Union will be held in this city to-day, at 12 o'clock.

Transient advertisements and notices must be paid for in advance. This rule will be adhered to hereafter. The merchants who advertise generally have been doing a fair business, yet they have an abundant stock of goods on hand.

There's no necessity now for the ladies to hold their skirts up when they cross the street. Fashion has obviated that labor.

There was no session of the United States Court yesterday—neither Judges Bold nor Bryan having arrived in Columbia.

It isn't the correct thing to have your sun-shade or umbrella dangling to your side any more. That style has departed.

Chicken disputes will begin at the Cottage House, on Thanksgiving Day, and will be continued day and night during the season.

The German Schuetzens and a number of their friends had a lively time last night, and dancing was kept up several hours.

If you are in need of horses and mules, call at Daly's stables, and examine a lot just from Kentucky. They are said to be No. 1.

Job printing of every kind, from a miniature visiting card to a four-sheet poster, turned out, at short notice, from PHOENIX office. Try us.

The attention of passengers is directed to the change in the schedule of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad. The trains now leave Columbia at 8.30 A. M. and 8.15 P. M.

Fearful storms raged in different portions of the country, yesterday morning, and telegraph wires were prostrated in every direction. The town of Tascumbia, Ala., suffered terribly.

The many friends of Mrs. Baer, (consort of Dr. H. Baer,) will be pained to learn of her sudden death, last week, on board the steamer, while on the way from New York to Charleston.

Sunday was a raw, chilly day—reminding one that "winter, cold winter," would soon make itself felt. Yesterday, it was cold, rainy and windy, with a liberal supply of sunshine late in the day.

Gov. Moses has disposed of his pretty little chestnut sorrels, and now is whirled along by a pair of magnificent animals, attached to an elegant brel—each of which attracted the admiring gazes of hundreds at the late Fair.

The pardoning continues—three and four a day. Gov. Moses does not pretend to violate the Civil Rights Bill with reference to Executive clemency, as he makes no distinction as to race, etc. If he continued in office many more days, the Governor elect would have no criminals to try his hand on.

Dr. Deboit, the surgeon chiropodist, will remain several days longer at the Hendrix House, extracting and treating toe tormenters, such as corns, bunions, nails growing in the flesh, &c. Those sufferers who have employed him, speak in the highest terms of his skill.

The old Richard Riley, Captain O'Neal, and the Richard Rifle Club, Captain Thompson, were out on drill, last night—the latter in full uniform. Their evolutions were greatly admired. Nearly all the members have seen active service, and step out lively at the tap of the drum. Columbia is justly proud of her soldiers.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. W. Davis, Superintendent of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad, was injured severely internally yesterday, by attempting to jump from the locomotive, near Alston. He was carried back to the station, and a skillful physician went up last night, on a special train, to aid him professionally.

Considerable interest is manifested in the selection of a Speaker for the House. The present candidates are Representative Elliott, from Aiken, and Representative Myers, from Beaufort; with Governor Moses to enliven the contest. Bets were pretty even, yesterday, between the two first named.

PARKER'S HALL TO-NIGHT.—Mrs. F. W. Lander, with Frank Lawlor's dramatic company, appear in Parker's Hall to-night, in the drama of Elizabeth. A cotemporary thus speaks of the performance:

"As Elizabeth, last night, she was, from the rising of the curtain to the death scene, every whit a monarch, with the ambition of a woman and the determined bravery of a man. We were at a loss to conclude whether she was greatest in dictating her bitter letter to ambitious Leicester, while she wrote a release from prison for Shakspeare, or in her love scene with Essex, or when she rebukes him on his return from Spain; or yet, again, when signing his death warrant or reluctantly making James Stuart her successor; for in each of these scenes, which stand out in bold dramatic relief in the play, she fairly won the enthusiastic approval of an audience which, if not large, was critical and appreciative. Mr. James H. Taylor, as the Earl of Essex, invested the character of this brave yet rash English nobleman with peculiar interest, and while correct and acceptable in his entire part, he was magnificent in the climactic scene of the play, where, writhing under insult and injustice, he breaks his sword in the presence of Elizabeth and challenges Lord Howard to mortal combat. Of Mr. Frank Lawlor as King James, Mr. DeGroat as Burleigh, Mr. Beck as Bacon, Miss Osborne as Lady Howard, and other members of the company, we can speak in terms of high praise. In fact, the company is a splendid one, and in addition to acting well, dress well, a most important feature to a successful play."

Dr. E. E. Jackson is not only a skilled druggist, compounder of curatives, and a dealer in fancy articles, but a floriculturist and collector of curiosities. The latest addition to his stock is a collection of jewelry and ornaments, which has been in the possession of one of our first families for 100 these many years.

The Millerite prediction of the end of the world has failed to come true, and there has been, in consequence, no grand illumination in celebration of the event. We presume that they will announce a postponement, in consequence of the weather. There is still an opportunity for delinquents to pay up.

PHOENIXIANA.—The most valuable prize—Enterprise. A dead latch—That on a cemetery gate. Sweets for the ill tempered—Tart sayings.

Trance-migration of souls—Sleep-walking. "Slipping his grip" is California for dying. The height of absurdity—"Medium" height.

The oldest Western settler—the evening sun. Insurrection in Egypt—the rising of the Nile. Household words—the language in a receipt for rent.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Owen Daly—Horses and Mules. Eutaw Encampment, No. 2. L. N. Zealy—Legal Holiday. J. S. Reese & Co.—Pacific Guano. J. N. Robson—Pacific Guano. Walter Steele—Caution. Acacia Lodge, No. 94, A. F. M. Masonic Relief Association. O. F. Jackson—New Stock. G. & C. R.—Thanksgiving.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, NOVEMBER 23.—Hendrix House—M Aal, Philadelphia; L R Brooks, Laurens; A H White, Rock Hill; L Pemphrey, Baltimore; S P Tilton, Pennsylvania; H Keatt, Charleston; W W Moye, Adams' Cat; W H Schney, Danville; S E Coughman, Lexington; T W Carle, J P Medling, W A Meritt, Edgefield; T M McTousson, Charleston. Munson House—J E Bomar, D F Duncan, Spartanburg; J L Marilee, Marion; S S Crittenden, T B Ferguson, S Tinsley, J T Austin, Greenville; A B Woodruff, Union; B D Dean, Belton; R W Simpson, H R Vandiver, Anderson; J W Livingston, Oconee; Thos B Jeter, Union; H D Hamiter, Richland; A B Grant, Oconee; B F Mauldin, Williamston; Mrs T N Johnson, Miss Lou Edmondston, Augusta; B I Boon, city.

Rose's Hotel—James H Goss, Union; A M Folger, H B Hendricks, Pickens; Charles Smith, Greenville; E E Dickson, Clarendon; J W Cannon, Mrs W M Sain, Orangeburg; Wm Chase and wife, Orangeburg; Mrs W Wagner, Richmond; Mrs J Green, New York; J O Lynch, Norfolk; R D Charles, South Carolina; H O Corwin, Newberry; Jas M Smith, Barnwell; A Webster, Orangeburg; J N Humphrey and wife, Elmira, N Y; J H Durham, Horry; J W Harris, Charlotte; R A Sisson, Blackville; John B Beiers, Greenville; R E Kirkay, North Carolina; J Hollinshead, Abbeville; Toliver Robertson, Jr, D M Milan, Laurens; T T Gladden, Blackstock; J S Chambers, Chester; Lonis Scholler, George Dam, Hamburg; J K Hays, Lexington; S J Couch, Chester; Church Williford, F A Sitgraves, M L Owens, Rock Hill; D C Wolf, Lancaster; T K Bates, York; W R Marshall, Ridgeway; T O Andrews, Orangeburg; E F Blodgett, Newberry; J M Runion, W K Robertson, W A Ward, Greenville; W C Keith, L B Lee, J W Hallman, Walhalla; James Maloney, Laurens; W K Bryce, A Bryce, Walhalla.