

The Whiskey Troubles. Immense frauds in whiskey distillation and sale have been brought to light in several North-western States.

All good citizens will wish success to the investigations of the Secretary of the Treasury. Illicit distillation defrauds the Government, infects the morals of the people, and spreads broadcast the evil of drunkenness.

The 100th anniversary of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga, New York, by the Green Mountain boys, under Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold, was celebrated at Ticonderoga, on Tuesday, by a number of military organizations.

AN IMPORTER EXPOSED.—The Charleston News and Courier says: Some days since, some of our prominent citizens were called on by an individual representing himself as an authorized agent to procure money to assist in re-erecting a house of worship of the Methodist denomination in Columbia.

more now than when Commissioner Douglass, "after investigation," announced that he could not discover the lawlessness of which Collector Carpenter complained, and refused to give him troops to harass and worry the people, and so believing, and having good grounds for our belief, we distrust, in toto, the statement that any good citizens of the up-country demand troops to be sent amongst them.

Judge Shaw is holding court at Sumter. At the opening of the term, he delivered a strong and impressive charge to the grand jury, urging upon them the proper discharge of the high and important functions which devolve upon them.

The San Francisco Chronicle calls the attention of immigrants to California, that they will have to contend against the cheap labor of the large Chinese population on the Pacific coast, and console itself with the reflection that Caucasian labor will come off victorious and drive the Mongolian population back to China.

THE STATE ORPHAN ASYLUM.—At the last session of the Legislature, an Act was passed providing for the removal of the State Orphan Asylum from this city to Columbia.

Silver coinage is going on so rapidly at the mint and branches, and the coins are increasing in the treasury so fast, it is anticipated there will be \$10,000,000 in silver on hand by the opening of September, so that, if the gold premium shall fall to a favorable point, it is possible the issue of the new coins may be commenced before the meeting of Congress in December.

Mr. Beck on the Situation.—The Hon. James B. Beck hopes to be the next United States Senator from Kentucky. He told a reporter of the Cincinnati Enquirer, recently, that he made no disguise of the fact that he was a candidate, and that he should do all in his power to secure his election.

How the Republican party takes care of the soldiers in the matter of head-gear is shown in a late report from the Quartermaster-General. According to that document, there were in store in June, 1874, 242,528 army hats, and 300,455 caps.

CHEERING REPORTS FROM ARKANSAS.—The release from carpet-bag mistle seems to have inspired the people of Arkansas with fresh courage, and as a consequence there is a much more cheerful tone in reference to agriculture and trade.

UNITED STATES COURT, CHARLESTON, May 12.—In the Circuit Court, Chief Justice Waite and Judge Bond presiding, the case of Wm. J. DeTreville vs. Robert Small was closed with the argument of Mr. Barker for the plaintiff. The jury rendered a verdict for the defendant.

The District Court, Judge Bryan presiding, resumed the hearing of the case of the United States vs. James Malony and James W. Hayward, for falsely representing a revenue officer. After argument by Mr. Tharin for the defendants and Mr. Earle for the Government, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty as to Malony, and not guilty as to Hayward. The Court then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

Another charge who thought to fill his pockets at the expense of an editor, had a surprise. A despatch from Springfield, Massachusetts, says Willis Phelps' \$200,000 suit against the Republican, of that city, was concluded on Thursday, with a verdict for the plaintiff of \$100,000.

She used to keep bits of broken china and crockery piled up in a convenient corner of the closet, and when asked her reason for preserving such domestic lumber, she shot a lurid glance at her husband, and merely remarked: "He knows what them's for."

The value of the wedding gifts of Miss Albel, niece of the Empress Eugenie, is said to reach the pleasant amount of \$1,000,000. One of these gifts is a cameo ring which belonged to Charles V. Other little amusing trifles are eleven necklaces and brilliants.

The needle gun, with which it was the fashion to say Sadova and Sedan were won, has already been supplanted in the Prussian service by the Mauser rifle. This weapon is being manufactured for the Government by private parties, and the contracts have nearly all been filled ahead of time, so that the troops will be entirely supplied with it before the fall manoeuvres.

The Philadelphia North American says: "Money is in such abundance in the banks and fiscal institutions, and in the hands of all engaged in discounting, that the demand is far below the offerings. Money for loanable purposes is, in fact, a drug, in consequence of the total absence of enterprise. Much as has been said heretofore on the subject, the surplus, which is greater than ever, shows that the expected recovery of business activity has not yet set in."

He was a rich American in Paris, who discovered that an unpleasant looking fellow followed him every day from morning till night. He became uneasy and diplomatic inquiry was made whether the man who watched was connected with the police.

SPRESSING HUMBUGS.—The Government strikes out in the right direction when it begins to squelch humbuggery. The stock of a cigar manufacturing firm was forfeited in New York on Monday on account of their using counterfeit custom house stamps to defraud, not the revenue, but the consumer.

An unfortunate Sioux chieftain, named "Sitting Bull," got a severe flogging from his comrades, the other day, during the confabulation as to who should go to Washington, because he asserted that "the whites would have the country anyhow."

Inspired being—"Whence, oh! whence, ladies, whence, oh! whence came the marvellous instinct that prompted the minute being originally contained in this fragile egg-shell, to burst the calcareous envelope that secluded it from the glories of the outer world?"

In Paris they believe that the flesh of horses and asses is first class brain food. In New York the people who dabble in this lazy science have decided that a good square meal of tripe and calves' brains renews the phosphorus in the cerebral tissues.

Senator Anthony, of Rhode Island, has, like Judge Kelley, been on a lengthy tour through the South. What he objects to is the fact that Southern families want to know something about a stranger before they admit him to the sanctuary of the family circle.

Chicago is swamped financially. The delinquent tax list foots up \$6,750,000, and the city is borrowing money to meet the deficits in its treasury by reason of the short-comings of tax-payers. But worse than that, it is acknowledged that if all the delinquent taxes were collected they would not be sufficient to pay the outstanding liabilities of the city not provided for in the funded debt.

ALL IN THE FAMILY.—The official bond of Col. Parker, postmaster at New Orleans, is a family affair. Gen. B. F. Butler, his brother-in-law, assumes \$200,000, his nephew by marriage, Gov. Adelbert Ames, of Mississippi, \$100,000, and the father-in-law of Col. Parker's daughter \$100,000, making the required total of \$400,000.

England sticks to muzzle-loading artillery, and is manufacturing it at an expense of \$1,500,000 annually, while the rest of the world won't use anything but breech-loaders. In the event of war, England's muzzle-loaders would play the devil with her.

Some of the London dealers are taking advantage of the mania for old china by having made at the Staffordshire potteries quantities of "genuine old" Chelsea, Dresden and other wares covered by collectors.

A lot of Alabama pig iron was recently shipped to Liverpool, England, and sold for a profit.

CITY MATTERS.—If you are asked to lend your Phoenix, suggest to the would-be borrower that he had better subscribe. Clear and cool, yesterday.

There was no quorum, last night, at the proposed meeting of Council. The committee appointed to obtain subscriptions to aid in repairing the damages to the Presbyterian Church, are meeting with great success.

You can get all styles of job printing, from a visiting card to a four-sheet poster, at the Phoenix office. Prices satisfactory.

A despatch from Blackville says: "Every box heard from. Majority for Blackville, 1,076." Another victory for the irrepressible C. P. Leslie.

The Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad will run excursion trains to and from Charlotte, to accommodate those desirous of visiting the Centennial. See advertisement.

The colored Orphans' Home has been transferred from Charleston to Columbia—the Elmore homestead having been purchased for that purpose.

We have been requested to state that there will be a meeting of firemen at Independent Hall, this evening, to which Independents, Palmettoes and Phoenix men are invited to attend, to consider the feasibility of putting in an appearance at the Charlotte Centennial.

Mr. S. D. Epstein made his maiden speech in Judge Carpenter's Court, yesterday, and succeeded in clearing his client, in a case of grand larceny, on a technical point.

The Caledonian Club, of Charlotte, N. C., cordially invite Scotchmen and their descendants, who intend to be in Charlotte on the centennial, to meet them in Miller's Hall, corner of Fourth and Tryon streets, where they will be received and entertained by the members of the club.

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.—Our Marion Street Methodist Church friends gave a strawberry festival, last night, in Irwin's Hall, which was well attended. The Columbia Silver Cornet Band made proclamation of the affair, and induced many passers by to halt and step upstairs. The hall was a mass of evergreens and flowers, while the tables surrounding it displayed a tempting array of good things—light as well as substantial. The music was very fine, and was heartily enjoyed. The festival will be kept up this evening, as the church must be fixed up.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, May 13, 1876.—This Court met at 10 o'clock A. M. The following cases were called and tried:

Wm. Kibler, indictment grand larceny—verdict guilty. Henry Johnson, grand larceny, Epstein and Lyles for defendant—guilty. John Bryant, murder—guilty of manslaughter.

H. T. Williams, grand larceny—guilty. James Williams, grand larceny—petition larceny.

Aaron Galbut, burglary and grand larceny. Pending the consideration of this case, Court adjourned.

SUPREME COURT, COLUMBIA, S. C., May 13, 1876.—The court met at 11 A. M. Present—Their Honors C. J. Moses, A. J. Wright and Willard.

Lambert J. Jones et al., vs. William H. Webb. Suber attorney for appellants. Taxtor for respondents. Ordered, that the appellant have leave to abandon the appeal as to Bonton, Smith & Co., George & Jenkins, and Edward Jenkins & Son. Not to be heard at this term.

G. M. Bowers et al., appellants, in re Sarah A. Thompson, vs. Thomas A. Thompson et al.

Lambert J. Jones et al., appellants, in re Emeline Bradley, vs. Peter Rodelsperger et al., defendants.

CONGRESS.—Per South Carolina Railroad, May 13, 1876: E. E. Jackson, E. H. Heintsh, J. H. Doughty, R. L. Bryan, Kinard & Wiley, G. Symmers, H. Robinson, J. C. Seegers, M. Sulzbacher, S. Robinson, P. Cantwell, M. H. Berry, W. D. Love & Co., Jones, Davis & Bouknight, J. & A. Oliver, C. Brookbanks & Co., H. Muller, W. B. Burke, B. B. McCreey & Co., Mrs. C. E. Reed, J. Woodrow, W. Steiglitz, W. B. Stanley, C. H., G. Hoffman, C. H. Humber, Fagan & Bros., W. B. Plumer, E. H. Heintsh, Lorick & Lowrance, R. Tozer, W. C. Fisher, W. Johnson, M. Collins, M. Ehrlich & Son, O. S. Leckie, Perry & Slawson, W. B. R. L. Bryan, State Orphan Asylum, J. B. Dennis, Goldsmith & Kind, P. W. Kraft, J. H. Altee.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Report Condition Carolina Bank. Report Condition Central Bank. C. J. Ireland—Notice. Jas. Anderson—Excursion Tickets. Lot for Sale.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, MAY 13.—Mansion House—L. B. Wilcox, wife and child, Conn.; Mrs. A. J. Irvine, Greenville; Andrew Crawford, Geo. Harth, city; J. M. Sparks, Gt.; Edw. McClellan, Gadsden; J. S. Bowers, wife and child, Helena; T. M. Emerson, city.

Columbia Hotel—F. M. West, N. C.; S. C. Gilbert, S. C.; B. G. Jones and wife, Lewisville; H. T. Peake, S. C.; L. M. Tough, Kansas; R. Rice, Baltimore; J. R. Simpson, Laurens; J. D. Stoney, S. C.

How Not to Die.—Thousands fall a prey to disease, not because the maldies that affect them are necessarily fatal, but because they lack the requisite amount of active vitality to make a valiant resistance to the enemy. It is a wise precaution to keep the body always in a state of defence—always prepared to "fend off" the germs of epidemic and other disorders, and to baffle the evil influence of damp miasma and sudden thermometrical changes.

It is truly wonderful, the variety and ingenuity of the conveniences for the desk and office—pens of varied patterns, inkstands possessing unnumbered advantages, letter files, each one the best, envelopes of size and qualities infinite. It is almost bewildering to enter the large Broad street store of Walker, Evans & Cogswell, in Charleston, and see the number of these attractions.

Here is something for your educational column: "Ohashi Masatake, a schoolmaster at Nakanago, Tokio, recently raised a pupil, on the ground that his father was out short, like that of Europeans. Ohashi is a shizoku of Toobigen, and the son of the late Ohash Juno, who was a great hater of Europeans. He lectures on the doctrines of Mencius, old Chinese poetry and 'Sadan,' one of the works of Confucius."

A man two-thirds drunk and his back covered with mud, stopped a policeman on the street and asked to be looked up. "Why, you are able to walk home, aren't you?" asked the officer. "Yes, I could get home all right, but I don't want to, and you wouldn't if you had my wife! Take me down, old feller, and if she comes inquiring 'round, just say I've gone to Toledo on 'portant business.'"

Chinese cheap labor is not all that Koopmanschap has painted it. "The Chinese tailors of San Francisco have struck, and have posted bills throughout the Chinese quarter offering a reward of \$400 for the killing of any boss tailor who won't pay the wages demanded, and an additional reward of \$300 for the killing of any tailor who consents to work for less money."

A Duluth editor, who has thus far evaded the fool-killer, has issued a card announcing the birth of his baby. The card is illustrated with cupids, and the words "ten pounds," are printed in the corner. If that poor little thing could realize what a ridiculous father it has, it would immediately perish in its little bowels.

In Plymouth, Mass., when a drunken man killed a police officer and kept shooting at everybody else, the fire department was called out, and succeeded in quieting the lion in his bosom. There are some towns in Texas that would be happier with a few engines that could be relied upon in similar emergencies.

Chavez, the lieutenant of the California bandit chief, Vasquez, is carrying out the threat he made to avenge the latter's death. With a band of mounted followers, he is ravaging certain Southern Counties, whose inhabitants clamor for a legislative appropriation as a reward for his capture.

Miss Moody, daughter of the American revivalist, who is now preaching in London, not sharing her father's views, went to the play, and coming down late to breakfast next morning was greeted by him with, "Well, child of Satan, so which she calmly responded, "Good morning, papa."

A gun factory in Upper Austria is making 250,000 rifles for Germany. It has delivered 180,000, and has received a further order for 75,000. A Vienna firm is reported to be executing a German order for 30,000,000 cartridges for delivery in June.

A child stolen in New York the other day turned out to be the son of a widow who hadn't a cent, and his abductor promptly restored him to her arms.

Two venerable citizens of Edgefield—Mrs. Mathis and Mrs. W. G. Walker—died last week. Bishop Beckwith, of Georgia, killed an alligator on St. Simon's Island recently, that weighed 250 pounds. You can't weigh an eel with scales, because they have no scales, you know. It is sad to see people squandering money and know you cannot help them. An open letter—O. An autograph letter—With some folks it is an X. Reading matter on every page.