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The Legislature.

It has gone right down to work. We extend our congratulations, and ask you to eat your Christmas dinner at home, and not meet any more until November 1879. It was the old custom, and is a land-mark well worthy to be guided by.

Hon. John C. Sheppard.

This gifted and talented son of South Carolina has again been called to preside over the deliberations of the General Assembly of our State without opposition. Col. Sheppard is a gentleman of rare culture, and is a fine parliamentarian. He stood at his post in the dark days of 1876, and was a true sentinel upon the watch tower. His fine ability and commanding appearance, with all of those other high qualities which he possesses, eminently fit him for this or any other position to which he may be called. We congratulate the Colonel upon this renewed manifestation of confidence and honor.

Much Ado About Nothing.

Just at this time the New York dailies are teeming with sensational articles in regard to the stolen body of the late A. T. Stewart. It is natural for kindred and friends to care for the remains of those that were once dear to them, but for the life of us we cannot see the use of so much ado about so little. It is true that Mr. Stewart was a great man in a financial point—that his ships dotted every ocean, and his checks were honored at every moneyed institution upon the globe is a fact. But this was Mr. Stewart alive, not Mr. Stewart dead, and his dead body to-day if, it is not scattered to the four winds of the earth, is no more than that of the mendicant who stood at the street corner and begged for a penny. It is but a tenement of clay, and its immortal inhabitant has long since been required to account for its doings upon this earth. It would be a relief to hear no more of it. It matters nothing now; it is all dust, nothing more. *Requiescat in pace.* In making this comment, however, we will not fail to observe that this occurrence is an argument in favor of cremation, which is now being agitated by a large and influential party in this country.

An Error.

In the issue of last week's JOURNAL we inadvertently attacked the management of the "Wateree Free Bridge," and made remarks which now we are satisfied were too harsh. We understand, we think, our duty, and we would be false to that duty, did we not plainly, fearlessly and candidly state our ideas upon all matters belonging to, or in anywise connected with things of public interest. This we try to do, if we fail, and it is human to err and to fail, we can truthfully say that such error and such failure comes either from too much zeal, or because the lights that are before us do not reflect the truth. To correct all mistakes is equally our duty, and we know of no greater pleasure to a true man than that of acknowledging his errors and making the proper amends when he is convinced. Complaints frequent and numerous have come to our ears in regard to this bridge, and always coupled with critizisms of a harsh nature. At that time we were even ignorant of the fact that a "Special Commission" existed, and as by contagion we caught up the complaint and wrote the little article which we now freely confess was an act of injustice.

We therefore hasten to correct the same, and it gives us pleasure to do so. In the first place we are assured authoritatively that every dollar that has been received from the county treasurer has been applied to its legitimate purposes, and if we had known that such gentlemen as Col. Wm M. Shannon, Mr. M. Baum and Mr. Clarke had been its guardians, never would one single criticism have come from us. The payments have all been properly made and vouched for, and the receipts of the Bridge Treasurer open to the inspection of the world. Besides this the Grand Jury have time and again gone into an investigation of this matter, as a part of their duty, and never yet has one single wrong been discovered. This is surely enough, but to make assurance doubly sure, the Treasurer gave a bond, which to-day, as far as human foresight can go, is as good as it can be. We very cheerfully make these statements, *as facts*, and would further state that not only are the books of the Treasurer open to inspection, but he courts it. Whatever may have been the differences of opinion in regard to the building of this structure, we must confess our satisfaction at its management.

THERE was a report that King Alfonso, of Spain, had determined to ask the hand of Princess Christine, sister of Queen Mercedes, his former wife, in marriage, but later accounts contradict the statement.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE British Council of State are about to discuss a project for taxing cotton imports from America.

THE latest news from Gov. Hampton (December 2d) report his condition much improved, as he now rests well and has very little fever.

THE latest arrests of Socialists have led to the seizure of documents that have given much information relative to the organization of the Internationalists of Italy, and their connection with similar bodies in foreign countries.

A TERRIBLE disaster happened near the English coast last week in which about fifty people lost their lives. The steamer Pomerania was proceeding on her way through a heavy fog when she was run into and sunk by a sailing vessel.

BOB. MCKIMME, the Black Hills desperado, who was arrested at Hillsboro, Ohio, some time since and subsequently escaped, was recaptured last week in Highland County after a desperate resistance, in which he was shot through the breast and cheek.

PRINCE LOBANOFF has re-assured Safvet Pasha concerning the execution of the Treaty of Berlin by Russia, and stated that he had arranged with Gen. Todleben in regard to the settlement of pending difficulties. He particularly referred to the restoration of Mussulman refugees to their homes.

A RESOLUTION passed the Senate and House of Representatives on the 2d instant to adjourn *sine die* on the 23d inst. This looks like a return to the good old times when honesty and fair dealing were the order of the day. May we ever have such good and true men to represent us—who look to the interest of their constituents, and not to *self* alone.

THE motion before the Supreme Court in the cases of Cardozo and Smalls was denied, and judgment of the lower Court confirmed. They are out on bail now, and it is a question whether they will surrender themselves. Cardozo has to go to jail for two years and pay a fine of $4.000, and Smalls to three years hard labor in the penitentiary.

THE Rev. Gilbert Williams, the worthy pastor of the Elko colored Baptist Church, has been adjudged a wayward brother by his loyal flock, because he voted the Democratic ticket at the late election. In losing his flock he gains many friends, and they propose to show their regard for him by aiding him to purchase a home, devoting to that purpose the money that they had promised to give towards the erection of a new colored church at that place.

THE Philadelphia *Times* states that two men will watch the grave of the late Thomas Powers, the millionaire, by day and two by night, the orders of Mrs. Powers being that their vigils shall not cease for two years. To the tombstone will be attached a key to a watch, locked in a case that the men will carry. This watch must have the key at the grave inserted into it every half hour, and will be inspected twice a day to see that it has been carried to the grave at frequent intervals.

A LARGE mass meeting of citizens of Memphis, Tenn, who were absent from the city during the recent plague, was held there on Thursday, at which resolutions of thanks to all who have given the stricken city sympathy and aid were unanimously passed. Gen. W. Y. C. Humes, a major-general in the late Confederate army, presided, and made a speech, in which he paid a warm tribute to the people of all sections of the country for their ample chairity to the stricken people in the yellow fever districts.

IN Wyoming, where lovely women can vote if she will, she doesn't. Only one woman in the territory has ever been elected to office by the people, and now official station is never demanded by any member of the sisterhood. Not half the women in Cheyenne has cast a vote since the first two elections. Although there are separate polling places for the sex, respectable women stay away from the polls and keep out of politics. The only women who take an interest in elections are those of the baser sort.—*Savannah News.*

A SERIES of riots occurred at Jackson, Breathett County, Ky., 90 miles from Mount Sterling, last week which resulted in the fatal shooting of County Judge John W. Burnett, Thomas Little and Wm. Freeman, a negro. Danl. Freeman, a brother of William, was also dangerously wounded. These were friends of a prisoner whom the sheriff's posse was conducting to jail and endeavored to rescue him. Fighting has been going the whole week, and the Governor has been called on to quell the disturbance. A special to the Lexington *Press*, dated Mount Sterling November 30, says: "Jackson is still in possession of the mob, but the sheriff and party are in possession of the court-house and jail. Picket firing is kept up and many persons have been killed and wounded. No action has yet been taken by the Governor."

THE President's message, presented to Congress last Monday, was not the fiery article that many expected, but rather mild and conciliatory.

SULEIMAN PASHA has been degraded and sotenced to confinement in a fortress for his conduct during the war. This is the way they treat men in that country who fail to do what they are ordered to do, no matter what the cause of failure may be.

AN election to fill the place of Judge Shaw, deceased, of the Third Circuit, was to be held on the 3d instant, and it is almost certain that Hon. T. B. Fraser, Senator from Sumter, will be chosen, as his name is the only one prominently before the House. The choice of Maj Fraser will undoubtedly give satisfaction to the State. He is not only a lawyer of conspicuous fairness and ability, but his moral fitness for the bench none will question.

THE following bill, relative to the use of fire-arms on the streets, has passed to its third reading:

Be it enacted, &c., That any person hereafter convicted of an assault or assault and battery committed with any fire-arm on the street of any incorporated city or town, or any thoroughfare, or in any place of public resort, shall be punished by fine of not less than two hundred or more than one thousand dollars and may be imprisoned for not less than six or more than twelve months.

THE Baltimore *Sun* says there has been much denunciation of the whipping post, and inhumanity and barbarity has been cried against it by its opposers, but the fact remains that Delaware, where it is used, is freer from crime than almost any State in the Union. It spends very little money on jails and criminal prosecutions, and is one of the few States entirely out of debt. When the honest people of South Carolina come to realize the cost to them of punishing theft and other crimes by imprisonment, they will demand the application of the lash as a more effectual preventive of crime and a much cheaper method.—*Register.*

A DISPATCH from Calcutta to the *Times* says that trouble in the Khyber Pass has been greatly exaggerated. A single officer, Lord William Beresford, rode the entire length of the Khyber Pass without being molested. General Browne's force will probably winter at Daka unless some movement on the part of the Afghans provoke a further advance. Gen. Biddulph's will probably remain at Pesthon, but if he shall determine to proceed to Kandahar that place will probably be found to be undefended. Gen. Robert's advance on the Peiwer Pass may encounter resistance, but the Pass will probably be found to be easily overcome. No important fighting is expected anywhere this year.

HISTORY REVERSING ITSELF.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* calls attention to the fact that in the Forty first Congress, out of sixty-three Southern Representatives admitted to seats fifty two were Republicans, and of Southern Senators twenty-two were Republicans. The South says the correspondent, was just about as solid then as it is now, but it was on the other side. In the Forty first Congress the entire body of the white people of the South, the people who owned all the property and paid all the taxes, were practically without representation; yet not one word of disapproval was uttered against this monstrous wrong by press or speaker of the Republican party. Now, on vague allegations, totally unsupported by respectable proof, that the colored people of two or three States are deprived of representation, the partisan press of the North is in an agony of horror and reproach.

IT was reported during the early part of the week that the condition of Governor Hampton was very critical. Drs. Kinloch, of Charleston, and Campbell, of Augusta, were summoned by telegraph to meet his physicians in Columbia, to hold a consultation on the case. The following is Dr. Kinloch's statement: "A few days since Governor Hampton was unexpectedly seized with chills, followed by some fever, and seemed depressed in spirits. There was an apprehension on the part of his attending surgeons that blood poisoning had ensued, and the question of amputation of the limb was naturally considered. Dr. Kinloch, from Charleston and Dr. Campbell, from Augusta, were summoned to see him yesterday in consultation. After a very careful examination and consideration thought that blood poisoning was improbable, and regarded the general condition as brought about rather from local irritation, with the retention of purulent matter in the deeper part of the wound It was at once decided that amputation was not indicated under any view of the case. Measures were instituted to relieve the local condition, and the determination to adhere to the efforts to save the limb were unanimously agreed upon. At present the Governor's condition is not serious, but it is by no means certain that amputation may not be called for at some future day."

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