

The Loud Bill.

STRONG LOBBY AGAINST THE MEASURE.

Washington, March 21.—During the debate in the house today upon the Loud bill relating to second class mail matter, there was a sharp exchange between Mr. McPherson, (Rep. I.) and Mr. Lutz, (Dem. O.) over a charge made by the former that the latter was the attorney of the lobby which is fighting the bill, but otherwise the debate was without incident. Both sides believe the vote tomorrow will be close. Mr. Loud has agreed to accept two amendments, one to increase the number of sample copies which newspapers can send out at second-class rates from 500 to 2,000, and the other to limit the provision requiring newspapers to separate their mail to those having in excess of 5,000 circulation. These are all the concessions he will make. He says the debate has strengthened the bill, and he believes it will pass. The speakers today were Messrs. Brownell, Ohio; Griggs, Georgia; McPherson, Iowa; Burke, Texas; Ringham, Pennsylvania; Heatwole, Minnesota, and Latimer, South Carolina, in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Moon, Tennessee; Lutz, Ohio; Vandiver, Missouri; Snodgrass, Tennessee; Cochran, Missouri, and Neville, Nebraska, against it.

It Will not Become a Law at This Session.

Washington, March 22.—After a spirited discussion extending over three days the Loud bill relating to second class mail was recommitted by the house to the committee on post-office. The majority in favor of the motion to recommit was so decisive that it is regarded as unlikely that the measure will appear again during the present congress. Mr. Loud said after the vote was announced that this was the third time and out, so far as he was concerned. The vote on the motion was, 148 to 96, with 16 present and not voting.

The final vote was preceded by a lively debate on the general features of the bill, the principal speeches being made by Mr. Moon of Tennessee in opposition to the measure and by Moody of Massachusetts in support of it.

Mr. Moon urged the value of the literature now sent as second class matter as instructive to the people, a point more important than a small bit of revenue to the government. The express companies, he said, would have a monopoly of the carrying of cheap literature if this bill passed.

Mr. Talbert of South Carolina declared in opposing the bill that the house seemed to have a mania for new legislation or for reenacting old legislation. He believed the present law sufficiently covered the subjects touched upon by the bill. He quoted Mr. Gregg of Georgia as saying the pending bill did not change existing law.

The Goebel Murder Trial.

Secretary of State Powers Before the Committing Judge.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.—The preliminary examination of Secretary of State Caleb Powers, charged with abetting the assassination of William Goebel, was begun today before Judge Moore. The court house was guarded inside and out by militia and scores of deputy sheriffs, armed with Winchester rifles, to prevent possible interference from "mountaineers," who were reported on their way to Frankfort, but their presence was unnecessary, as the mountaineers failed to appear and no disorder occurred.

The commonwealth's witnesses were called, numbering 40. Golden was not in the list.

Among the witnesses were Detective Armstrong, Sheriff Bosworth, of Fayette County, who arrested Secretary Powers and Capt. John Davis, and Silas Jones, of Whitley County, who is now under bond, charged with complicity in the murder.

The testimony tended to show that the shots came from that section of the executive building in which Secretary Powers' office is located, although none could swear, from the secretary's office.

F. Wharton Golden, who is said to have made a confession, will be put on the witness stand later. Prosecuting Attorney Polsgrove said tonight that sufficient evidence had already been heard to warrant holding Powers, but that the case would be much stronger before he was through. Former Governor Brown, for the defense, says the evidence so far is decidedly weak.

It is probable that all of the witnesses for the prosecution will be heard by tomorrow afternoon.

Chicago, March 21.—Thirty persons were injured shortly after 6 o'clock this morning by the falling of a freight elevator in the rear of the building at 125 Market Street, where the victims of the accident were employed by the Blakeley Printing Company. The men had crowded into the elevator at the top floor. The big elevator had moved slowly to the third floor when the engine broke and the lift, filled with its mass of agonized victims, crashed into the basement. None of the injuries were fatal.

KENTUCKY ANARCHY.

Beckham's Soldiers Guarding the Judges.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—State troops recognizing Democratic Gov. Beckham are in possession of the county court house and jail tonight and will do military duty here under orders from Gov. Beckham during the examining trials of Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, Capt. John Davis and W. H. Culton, which are set for hearing before Judge Moore tomorrow. The military is also reinforced, by 75 special deputy sheriffs sworn in by the civil authorities this afternoon. The Lexington company of 70 men, under Capt. Longmire, arrived here at 6 15 o'clock. In proceeding to the court house the line of march did not pass the State house square, where Gov. Taylor's soldiers are quartered, and the dual militia did not come face to face. Longmire marched at the head of his company, carrying a revolver, while each of the men carried two guns. It is understood practically the entire contents of the Lexington army were brought here.

The indications tonight are that the trial of some of the defendants will be entered upon tomorrow.

The commonwealth will demand that the defendants be arraigned separately. County Judge Moore today issued an order to Sheriff Suter directing him to exclude everybody from the court house tomorrow except attorneys, witnesses and members of the press.

There has been no confirmation here of rumors that armed bodies of citizens from the mountain section are coming to Frankfort, and the rumor is not generally credited.

Barbed Wire Fences.

Following is the very latest legislation against barbed wire fences. It is entitled "an act to afford protection against certain barbed and edged wire fencing," and reads:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina, That from and after the passage of this act, all persons or corporations building or using a barbed or edged wire fence, within fifty feet of any public highway, shall nail or place a plank or pole on or near the top of said fence: Provided, That the said plank or pole be not required when there is such an embankment at the side of the road as shall, in the judgment of the road overseer of such road, render it safe from injury to stock traveling said road without such plank or pole being on said fence.

Section 2. That all persons violating the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$100, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Section 3. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed, especially the acts on same subject approved February 21, 1894, and February 21, 1898.

Newspaper Borrowing.

Here is the latest story of the man who is too stingy to take his home paper: "A man who was too economical to take this paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees, and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy, and ruining a \$4 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence, and got into the cornfield, and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket, the wife ran out, upset a 4-gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. In the hurry she dropped a \$7 set of false teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the spilled milk and into the parlor, ruining a brand new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man; the dog broke up eleven setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts."—Kansas City Journal.

A Few Things the Editor Has to Do.

We apologize for mistakes made in all former issues and say that they were inexcusable, says the Sauk Rapids (Mich.) Sentinel, as all an editor has to do is to hunt news, and clean the rollers, and set type, and sweep the floor, and pen short items, and fold papers, and write wrappers, and make the paste, and mail the papers and talk to visitors, and distribute type, carry water and saw wood, and read the proofs, and correct the mistakes, and hunt the shears to write editorials, and dodge the bills, and dun the delinquents, and take cussings from the whole force, and tell subscribers that we need money. We say that we've no business to make mistakes while attending to these little matters, and getting our living on gopher-tail soup flavored with imagination, and wearing old shoes and no collar, and a patch on our pants, obliged to turn a smiling countenance to the man who tells us our paper isn't worth \$1 anyhow, and that he could print a better one with his eyes shut.

Punished for his Brother's Crime.

Columbia, March 23.—Governor McSweeney today pardoned Charles Mills, colored, who was convicted in Spartanburg County on the charge of stealing a watch. Judge Buchanan and Solicitor Sease urge the granting of the pardon. It appears that Charles Mills was confused with Eugene Mills and that the wrong man was gotten into the meshes of the law for the watch stealing and that it was a case of mistaken identity, the two brothers looking so much alike that people could not generally tell the difference between them.

To Rival Biltmore.

John Jacob Astor is now building at Ferncliff on the Hudson, just where that beautiful river, the Rhine of America, enters the Catskill mountains, the finest private residence on this continent and one of the finest in the world. Biltmore, George Vanderbilt's castle near Asheville, N. C. is now the largest, most expensive, and magnificent home in America, and the park which surrounds it is unsurpassed even in Europe. Few royal palaces compare with Biltmore in grandeur, luxury and extent, and none contains anything like the comforts and conveniences which human genius and unlimited wealth have contrived for Mr. Vanderbilt and his guests.

Mr. Astor, however, intends to surpass Biltmore in all of these respects. His architects have been at work for several years upon the plans. They have examined every private and royal residence that is worth looking at and claim that when Ferncliff is finished it will be the noblest and most luxurious home in existence. Mrs. Astor is giving personal attention to the details. She gained a good deal of experience during the construction of the Waldorf and Astoria hotels. Much of their beauty is due to her taste.

Singular Coin.

Dr. Herrington exhibited in our office quite a singular coin which he says was dug up or plowed up in his place in this county near Girth. It is of brass and copper (more brass than copper) and about the size of our 25 cent silver coin. It has on one face a United States flag and around the legend "California Counter" on the reverse side is a United States eagle, with the arrows and olive branch in his talons, around which are the words "United States of America." It has no date. The word counter means a "false piece of money or stamped metal, used as means of re-coinage." Another meaning is "money in contempt." This may have been made long ago by some private enterprise for convenience and not for common use as money.—Waynesboro True Citizen.

Steamboating on the Jordan.

The progress of civilization has at last reached the Jordan, and a steamboat churns the water in which John baptized. The Abbot Pachomius of the monastery of St. John at Jericho made the first attempt at steam navigation with a diminutive launch about three years ago. The experiment was so successful that a small steamer was purchased a year later and taken to the Jordan.

A Big Chunk of Ice.

James Garrison, a farmer living in Camden county, Me., put up ice during the winter, and his crop is all in one piece. It measures 20 feet each way. He constructed a box into which, by means of troughs, he conveyed streams of water from a spring in the hillside. The water froze, and when the box was filled the troughs were removed. Around this box Mr. Garrison built a larger one, filling the space between the two with charcoal and sawdust. He says he will drill and blast his huge cube of ice as he may have occasion to use it during the summer.

Army doctors look out for good news even more eagerly than the general in command of the forces, for they know that it makes the difference between life and death to many of their patients. Nothing hinders the recovery of the wounded so much as depression of spirits and anxiety. And when they hear that things are going badly at the front many of them who are at the turning point grow worse and die. On the other hand the news of a great victory will pull a man out of the jaws of death. This fact was very noticeable when both the British and French wounded were congregated at Antwerp during the Waterloo campaign. When news of Napoleon's defeat reached the hospital, the French began to die at about twice the rate of the British troops.—London Globe.

No Right to Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50c at J. F. W. DeLorme's Drug Store.

SHORT NEWS STORIES.

When Mr. X. Was "Dad"—Empress Kept Out by Soldiers—Beaten at His Own Game.

A man prominent in the politics of this part of the country had an opportunity recently to show his nerve, says a Washington correspondent, and the manner in which he stood the test won him many warm adherents among those who had mistaken his peaceable qualities for cowardice. Visiting a small town in Virginia, Mr. X. was delayed long beyond traintime by his business. It was necessary, therefore, for him to remain during the night. He made arrangements accordingly at the village tavern for his accommodation, and, being tired and worn out from a long and hard day's work, he went promptly to bed and to sleep.

Some time in the night Mr. X. was awakened by a bright light shining in his eyes. Looking up, he espied a huge black negro sitting before the lamp on the table in the center of the room, his arms folded and his great eyes, which seemed to be all whites, gazing intently at him. A look of horror overspread the darky's face as Mr. X. opened his eyes, and when he sat up in bed and demanded in a fierce voice, "What in the devil are you doing in my room?" the negro sprang from his seat, panic stricken, and, darting from the room, shouted or rather gasped out: "Yo's dade, mister; yo's dade! 'Deed, yo's dade!"

The visitor did not move; but, turning over, so he says, went comfortably to sleep. Asking for an explanation of this strange incident in the morning, Mr. X. was told that one of the regular boarders of the hotel had suddenly died the evening before. After the body had been prepared for burial the porter was directed to watch beside it until morning. The superstitious negro went reluctantly to his post, and, mistaking the room, he set himself to watch Mr. X., who was peacefully dreaming.

Empress Kept Out by Soldiers.

Discipline in the German army is very strict. Not long ago the empress, returning from a walk with a lady in waiting, was stopped at the park gate by a sentry, who refused to let her enter.

In vain the lady represented she was the empress. The soldier told her he did not know her and could not let her pass till he could get some one to identify her. This was eventually done by another soldier, and only then did the sentry allow his sovereign's consort to enter her own gates.

The man has since had a special message from the emperor highly approving his steady adherence to orders.

Beaten at His Own Game.

"A good, strong bluff at the proper time is a very good thing, but it may fall flat," said a well known traveling man who is at present visiting Washington. "It was at one of the best hotels in Kansas City a few days ago that one of the guests stepped into the lobby to leave his umbrella and, not desiring to go to his room, thought he would try a scheme to prevent some one from walking off with it.

"Taking a slip of paper from his pocket, in large black letters he wrote the following notice: 'Beware! The man who owns this umbrella weighs over 250 pounds and can strike a ten ton blow. He will be back in 15 minutes.'"

"It was not long thereafter that some one was attracted by the sign, and he feared not the consequences of the dire threat. Quickly taking the coveted umbrella, he removed the paper and, turning it over, wrote on the back as follows: 'The man who took the umbrella weighs less than 150 pounds, but can walk ten miles an hour. He is never coming back.'"

"When the big fellow returned, he read the reply courteously, but he did not desire even to look for his unknown friend. The drinks were on him, and he did not murmur. He had been beaten at his own game."—Washington Post.

No Shoes to Fit Him.

Booker T. Washington, the leading colored educator of the United States, arrived on the St. Louis.

He said he liked Paris, but thought the exactions of fashion in that city amounted to tyranny.

"When I went into a store a few weeks ago to purchase a pair of shoes, I could not find any large enough to be comfortable," he said. "I was gently told by the storekeeper that it was not the fashion to wear large shoes in Paris."—New York Letter.

The Noble Animal.

Trader: Don't you want to sell that horse?

Farmer: Naw, I keep him extra to haul broken down automobiles back to town.—Indianapolis Journal.

Dew.

Teacher—How do you account for the phenomenon of dew?

Boy—Well, you see, the earth revolves on its axis every 24 hours, and in consequence of this tremendous pace it perspires freely.—London Tit-Bits.

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The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER, COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF.

(Complaint served) George D. Shore and Bernard P. Shore, co-respondents, doing business under the firm name of Geo. D. Shore & Bro., plaintiffs against Eugene Hogan, defendant.

To the Defendant above named: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office in the city of Sumter, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in this complaint; and you are hereby notified that the complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for Sumter County, in the State aforesaid on the 23rd day of February, 1900.

Dated February 23, 1900. PURDY & REYNOLDS, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

March 21.

Notice of Registration.

The State of South Carolina—Sumter County—Office of Supervisors of Registration, Sumter County, Sumter, S. C., February 1st, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly, and in conformity with the requirements of the State Constitution, the books for the registration of all legally qualified voters, and for the issuing of transfers, etc., will be open at the office of Supervisors of Registration in the court house, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m., on the first Monday of each month, until thirty days before the next general election. Minors who shall become of age during that period of thirty days shall be entitled to registration before the books are closed, if otherwise qualified. The requirements for a qualified voter are that the applicant for registration shall be able to read and write correctly, or possess in his own name property to the amount of three hundred dollars, upon which he pays taxes.

E. F. BURROWS, T. D. DEBOSE, J. M. KNIGHT, Supervisors of Registration Sumter Co. March 1

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Certificate No. 107 for 33 shares of stock in the Sumter Cotton Mills, issued to F. W. DAWSON, and dated May 23d, 1883, having been lost or destroyed, the undersigned will on the 26th day of March, 1900, apply to the said Sumter Cotton Mills to issue a new certificate in lieu thereof.

SARAH M. DAWSON, Executrix Estate F. W. Dawson. Feb 28—5t

ATLANTIC COAST LINE North-Eastern R. R. of S. C. CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

Table with columns: Dated, No. 35, No. 23, No. 53, No. 51. Rows for Charleston, Kingstree, Lanes, Lanes, Charleston.

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Daily. Daily except Sunday. No. 52 runs through to Columbia via Central R. R. of S. C. Trains Nos. 78 and 32 run via Wilson and Fayetteville—Short Line—and make close connection for all points North. Trains on C. & D. R. R. leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 50 a. m., arrive Darlington 10 15 a. m., Hartsville 9 25 a. m., Cheraw 11 30 a. m., Wadeboro 9 15 a. m. Leave Florence daily except Sunday 7 55 p. m., arrive Darlington 8 20 p. m., Bennettsville 9 17 p. m., Gibson 9 45 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 30 a. m., arrive Darlington 10 05 a. m. Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 00 a. m., Bennettsville 7 00 a. m., arrive Darlington 8 00 a. m., leave Darlington 8 50 a. m., arrive Florence 9 15 a. m. Leave Wadeboro daily except Sunday 3 00 p. m., Cheraw 4 45 p. m., Hartsville 7 00 a. m., Darlington 6 29 p. m., arrive Florence 7 00 p. m. Leave Darlington Sunday only 8 50 a. m., arrive Florence 9 15 a. m.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Condensed Schedule in Effect Jan. 17, 1900.

Table with columns: No. 1 Daily, No. 3 Daily, EASTERN TIME, No. 6 No. 11 Daily, No. 8 Daily. Rows for Charleston, Sumter, Camden, Columbia.

NOTE: In addition to the above service trains Nos. 15 and 18 run daily between Charleston and Columbia, carrying elegant Pullman sleeping cars. No. 15 leave Charleston 11:00 p. m.; arrive Columbia 6:00 a. m. No. 18 leave Columbia 1:30 a. m.; arrive Charleston 7:30 a. m. Sleeping cars ready for occupancy at 9:00 p. m. both at Charleston and Columbia. These trains make close connections at Columbia with through trains between Florida points and Washington and the east. Connection with trains Nos. 31 and 32 New York and Florida Limited between Blackville, Aiken and Augusta. No. 31 leaves Blackville at 8:40 a. m., Aiken 9:25 a. m., Augusta 10:10 a. m. No. 32 leaves Augusta 6:25 p. m., Aiken 7:08 p. m., Blackville 7:55 p. m. Pullman Drawing Room Sleepers between Augusta, Aiken and New York.

Table with columns: Lv. Augusta, Ar. Savannah, Ar. Savannah, Lv. Savannah, Ar. Savannah, Ar. Savannah.

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Atlanta and Beyond.

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To Asheville-Cincinnati-Louisville.

Table with columns: Lv. Augusta, Ar. Batsburg, Lv. Charleston, Ar. Columbia (Union Depot), Ar. Spartanburg, Ar. Knoxville, Ar. Cincinnati, Ar. Louisville (via Jellico).

To Washington and the East.

Table with columns: Lv. Augusta, Ar. Washington, Ar. Philadelphia, Ar. New York.

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Estate of Alex. M. Pitts and Others, Minors.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on April 14, 1900, for a Final Discharge as Guardian of persons and estate of said Minors.

R. M. PITTS, Guardian. March 14, 1900.