## CONVICTION OF TWEED.

The conviction by a New York jury of William M. Tweed for the crime of breach of official trust is a matter for universal gratulation. That acts such as Tweed and his ring committed should have been tolerated so long is a disgrace to the judiciary and people of New York. That justice should have been so dilatory in meting out punishment after every reasonable doubt of his guilt had been dissipated is additional shame. But at last that city illustrates the old saying, "better date than never." A judge was found honest enough to charge a jury according to the law, and a jury was found with decency enough to bring in an honest condemnatory verdict. So the arch corrupter of the time, a man of great wealth, astute capacity and dangerous ascendancy over men's minds, is brought to face, unexpectedly it is true, the prospects of a disgraceful termination of his career in prison. It is to be sincerely hoped that justice will not be cheated of her dues this time, and that sentence will be prenounced upon Wm. M. Tweed for the full term that his numerous crimes warrant

There were two hundred and four counts in the indictment on wheh he was tried, based upon fifty-five distinet claims. These relate principally to breaches of trust in the auditing of certain county accounts. The Legislature provided for a Beard of Audit, which should consist of the Mayor, Controller and President of the Board of Supervisors, of which Tweed was one. The duties were not discharged by this board, but contrary to law were devolved upon others, to the scandal of the board and the detriment of the public.

The downfall of Wm. M. Tweed is a solemn lesson which others would do well to heed. We have in the land too many corrupt politicians, too many defaulting cashiers and bank presidents, too much dishonesty of all kinds. Let the fate of Tweed be the fate of all who pursue the devious paths of corruption.

The Republican papers of Iowa seem to be rejoiced that there are five or six straight Democrats elected to the Iowa House of Representatives. They are wire-working to secure these for their candidate for speaker, thinking by a combination of old Repubcans and sold Democrats that they can defeat the candidate of the new Reform party. Of this absurd attempt a local paper says:

This is a smaller matter than a party of such lofty pretensions should stoop to. Of course it will amount to nothing, being of course it will amount to nothing, being about twice as silly as was the attempt to wheedle the hitherto Republican members of the Anti-Monopoly party into the Administration cancus. These are but the spasmodic twitchings and dying kicks of the rapidly during Republican mule. It dies hard and remains important.

Advices from California are to the effect that Senator Casseriy will be re-elected. It is said that before the late State election Senator Camerly and Gov! Booth, who were in accord on the issue before the people, had an understanding that the one which developed the greater strength among the members of the Legislature should have the support of the other, and a canvase of the members demonstrate that Mil Casserly has three more votes than for Booth. They are both very alle men, and it is pur that we can have both in the Senate

at the same time. The belief is gaining ground that Hon. R. M. T. Hunter will be elected to the United States Senate, in place of Lewis, whose term expires flext spring. It is not hard for Virginia to send a worthy and able Senator to Washington, The only point of difficulty is in deciding whom to send, With her Kemper, her Withers, her Stuart, her Good her adopted Walk-er, and a half score others, she has embarras du richesse of statesmen.

Mrs. Westmoreland, the Georgia novelist, who lately sisterized with womanhood of this section. Her defence is purely verbal, conceding the main facts alleged WILLIAMS & MURCHSON,

PERSONALITIES AND GENERAL-ITIES.

- Hon. Jefferson Davis returned to Memphis. - Pennsylvania votes on the pro-posed new Constitution on the 16th

of December. - Major General W. S. Hancock and family will winter at the St. Cloud Hotel, New York.

- Three brothers in Brooklyn wil lead three sisters to the altar on the same night in December. - Kate Field writes to the Cincin-

cinnati Council that Bradlaugh is a born orator, and has not his equal in England. - The daughter of Senator Car

Schurz is to be married to Mr. Boker, of Bavaria. The ceremony will take place in Washington. - Item in an invoice of fashionable New York furniture: "Elegantly upholstered kneeling benches for

the weary and heavy laden." - One old woman is the sole sur vivor of the church of the famous Joanna Southcott, which once numbered one hundred thousand members.

- The charge for registering domestic letters is to be reduced. Hitherto it has been fifteen cents; but, after up to the holiday recess, but little is
January 1st, eight cents only will be risked in predicting that nearly all charged, of belongs as segment that

- Victor Emanuel wears a moustache so long that, as he rides, it floats back like the waving locks of a young girl. His beard also reaches

- Mr. Henry Clews, the well-known banker, will be married in a few months to Miss Worthington, niece of Hon. William G. Belknap, Secretary of War.

- Remarks the N. Y. Bulletin: From almost every quarter comes some cheering sign. The worst seems now to have passed, and improvement seems to have set in and all

## PALMETTO LEAVES.

. Mr. F. K. Huger has been appointed General Superintendent of the Northeastern Railroad Company.

. A Beaufort dispatch to the Charleston News and Courier says 13 colored men were drowned at Coosaw Tuesday night.

.. The News and Courier says there is no such Charleston ship as the Henrietta said to have wrecked on Frying Pan Shoals.

Phoenix: Mr. Edward White, of Columbia, was accidentally drowned in the Congaree river, about ten miles below the city, on (Monday af-

.. The report of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1873, has been submitted to the Legislature. It shows that the receipts and payments during the year were as follows: Receipts, \$1,719,-728 37; payments, \$1,717,318 60. The Treasurer says that the Legislature authorized the payment of \$2,418,872 during the year, and the Treasurer only received \$1,719,728. There is, therefore, a long list of deficiencies, which amount to \$540,328 00.

.. Comptroller's report makes the taxable property of the State as follows: Personal property, \$55,096,-946 22; real property, \$112,384,146 45; total, \$167,481,092 67. Singularly enough, says the News and Courier, he makes the further statement that "the deductions and abatements for errors and erroneous assessments will reduce the above amount to about \$150,000,000." This is almost too broad. There cannot be errors and abatements to the amount of one tenth of the whole of the property returned to taxation.

THE CUBAN INDIGNATION MEET-ING.

Speech of Hon. S. S. Cox in Summary. At the indignation meeting in New York Monday night among the speakers was Hen. S. S. Cox, who said:

Every vessel sailing under our flag, no matter what her mission may be, is sacred from outrage at the hands of other natioss. It is the pride of the American people to have always been the advance power of the world in maintaining their rights on the high seas. Benjamin Franklin made the first treaty with Prussia providing for free seas. Washington and Jefferson analyzed and expounded that right and Monroe and Jefferson that right, and Monroe and Jefferson redeclared that the sea is a common, upon which a national flag covers men, cargo and everything on board. And that established law applied to the Virginius. When a hational power, whether it be a republic of Castelar or a monarchy of Carlos, seizes a ship so protected and takes American citizens to their unwarranted death, it is an infragtion of the law of nations which demands redress. (Applause.) If the correct reasoning be contrary to this, then Canada, on account of some real or fancied offence, might pursue its alleged American offenders to the very bay of New

York and seize and kill them! M. W. M. Now I am coming to old Demo-cratic ground. There is a law higher than that of Congress or of treaties; it is that the weaker and disorganized nations and peoples mut be absorbed by the strong and organized. Nationalities of inferior grade must sure novelist, who lately sisterized with the strong minded women in their "Congress" in New York, pow criticizes her critics among Southern newspapers who couldn't see in her conduct all that was lovely and in correspondence with the traditional womanhood of this section. Her interests, her sufferings, and her history, to the greater and more illustrious state for protection and law will drive Cuba, by her position, her interests, her sufferings, and her history, to the greater and more illustrious state for protection and law will drive Cuba. trious state for protection, and contentment, and advancement. [Cheers]. Under this law mations, like men, are mutable.

GENERAL PRESS DISCUSSION.

Themes of Current Interest. "The Doctors are coming says the New York Bulletin," and continues thus. Various classes of people appear to be looking forward to the approaching session of Congress, as to some-thing that is somehow to deliver them from the hardships under which they are severally supposed to labor. The industrial classes expect such legisla-tion at its hands as will, by some mysterious process, once more set the mills and manufactories in motion. The busy brain of General Butler is said to be hatching a plan for inflat-ing the currency, which will put into the hands of the mechanics and laborers Government "promises to pay" of small denomination, where-by the toiling millions—whose sweet voices the General calculates upon to help him to a future Presidential nomination—will be made happy and comfortable. Other politicians, with similar aspirations, doubtless will have their little panaceas for the panic also, in the shape of "employment on the public works "amendments of the Bankrupt Act and everything or anything else that may suggest itself to the average demagogue. Others again will be the petitions, and memorials, and joint resolutions, as well as the "eloquent speeches," will turn on that topic. "Buncombe" will be the order of the day. As a Congress moved by impulses like there is more likely to aggravate existing evils than to relieve them we look forward to its assembling with feelings of no little apprehension.

The Richmond Enquirer, old and honored organ of the Virginia Domocracy, thus fraternally: A war with Spain would bring the North and South together in closer fraternization than there has been between them since our own war with each other. Confederate and Federal soldiers who fought on their separate sides as heroes with their hearts in the strife would be found fighting on the same side, vieing in a generous rivalry for the meed of patriotic devotion and sectional and personal valor. There are some Northern extremists, we know, who would be pleased still to be allowed to regard all "rebels" as boutside that pale of patriotism within which every American citizen has an equal right to claim an equal place, whether he was for the Union or against it during the conflict that has passed and passed forever. And there are Southern extremists, too, we know, who care little for the flag to which they owe obligation, and which owes protection to them. But such men in both sections, we trust, are few, and in a war with Spain on account of the seizure of the Virginius and the murder of Capt. Fry and his passengers and crew, the South would show to the North, as we hope the North would show to the South, that we have a common country and that all men in all parts of it are jealous of its honor and zealous in defence of its rights.

From his late letter the Chicago Tribune says it appears that Dr. Cummins proposes to continue the office and exercise the functions of a Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, but he intends to de so ontside of that church. He knows perfectly well that the canons of the church provide for his deposition from the office of Bishop; but he evidently is prepared to maintain his office without any regard to the future action the church may take in his case. In other words, Dr. Cummins proposes to be Bishop of a new church, and for the present, sole Bishop. He has marked out for himself a policy toward the Protestant Episcopal church the same as that adopted in Germany by Dr. Reinkens, who is sole Bishop of the Old Catholics. The two pre-lates propose to divide the churches from which they separate. Both are Bishops, -able to exhibit an Apostolical succession in their consecration, and both claim to represent the genuine church of which they claim to be the chief Bishop and

Alluding to Sumner's "placid letter" to the Cuban meeting in New York the Baltimore Gazette observes: Knowing that our flag has been trained by Spanish hands in Cuban dust; that an American vessel has been captured on the high seas in time of peace, and American citizens brutally shot to death, he yet tells us we have no cause for complaint, that our belligerent preparations are all wrong and that offer watchwords ought to be commerciation of the Cu-ban negroe, success to the Spanish republic, and honor and gratitude to Emilio Castelar!" And the man who gives this cold-blooded counsel bas a seat in the Senate of the United States, and has the reputation of being learned in international law.

The Methodists. The Methodists General Missionary Committee sitting in New York, on Tuesday, made further large appropriations. The total, this far, is \$842,150, against \$680,000 last year. For New Mexico \$6,000 has been voted, and for Arizona \$5,000. Among the miscellaneous appropriations were \$25,000 for the contingent fund for next year; \$20,000 for incidental expenses; \$20,000 for office ex-penses, and \$18,000 for the gratuitous distribution of the "Missionary Advocate, "all pand soon of not main arded Mr. Dr. W. C. Porter of

Canadians Coming. Henderson Tribune Canadians are settling around Ridgeway. We are informed by Mr. W. Buly, a Canadian, that seven farms have been sold around that place within the last week,

REPUBLICAN WHITE TERROR

Figures of the Final Result in Iowa. We copy from a Western paper: The vote of Iowa for Governor and Lieutenant Governor is to be can-vassed by the Legislature elect, in January, and the character of the returns is not known beyond an unofficial statement that Gov. Carpenter's majority is about 21,000. The returns for Superintendent of Public Instruction and for Judge of the Supreme Court have been officially canvassed by the Governor and others composing the Executive Council, and the whole vote is 188,375, against 177,098 for Governor, in 1871, and 204,748 for President, last year. The figures are as follows: Rep. Oppo. Rep. maj 1871. Governor..108,801 67,547 41,254

1872. President. 131,173 71,134 60,039 1873. Judge. .... 106,267 81,536 1873. Sup't.....105,971 82,253 It should be remarked that the Opposition totals for Judge and Super-intendent, this year, contain many thousand votes intended for Hall and Priudle, but misdirected in the initials or spelling of names. Thus 22,-000 votes intended for D. W. Prindall were returned for Pringle and Prindall, with various initials. The like errors will, doubtless, be found in returns for Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The candidates on the Anti-Monopoly State ticket having had no hopes of election, no effort was made to secure uniformity in the ballots, much less for a general distribution of them. The large vote polled. and the largely reduced Republican majority, are, therefore, all the more surprising; and, taken with fact that the Opposition elected a majority of all the local tickets, the Radical ring-masters may well be warned that they are now boasting of Iowa for the last time. There no longer exists a 60,000 or even a 20,000. Republican majority as an abstract terror, and next year's canvass by Congressional Districts will show it.

That Saharon Sea.

[Baltimore Gazette.] Mr. Tallichet, of Wilmington North Carolina, has a very peculiar theory concerning the effect of draining the Mediterranean into the Great Desert of Sahara, and creating there an interior sea. The ultimate effect upon the climate of Europe is what puzzles Mr. Tallichet. Will it pre-vent the African simoon? And if it does, will Switzerland and Italy gradually freeze up? Will it be good-bye to the balmy breezes of Naples, and the open-air recreations of Florence? For the sirocco from the African desert is the chief agent in reducing the Alpine glaciers. Would the simoon still reach the Alps? And if it did, would not its heat be so reduced as to have little effect upon the masses of ice there accumulated? When the Desert of Sahara was an island sea, in ages long gone by, this portion of Europe was, according to Professor Agassiz, covered deep "in icy pall." What is to prevent what once took place taking place again, under similar circumstances?

A Ghastly Custom. More than twenty years ago party of thirteen friends, among whom were Alfred de Musset, Theophile Gautier, and the Count de Fle hac, sat at dinner in one of the lead ing Parisian restaurants. It was resolved to dine together every year in the same restaurant on the anniversary of the first banquet, and that when one of the party was wanting to reserve a vacant place for his spirit at the festive board. In the following year eleven met, then ten, and three years later but seven of the companions were left, . In the course of the present year the last but one, the Count de Flavigny, had died. The sole survivor, the painter Ru-belles, now eighty four years of age, true to the agreement, dined in solitary state, with the twelve other seats unfilled, not long since on the day appointed di lo roed sait le lorigen su

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