

A new Jersey court has made a singular decision. It holds, in effect, that under the laws of that State a man has a right to burn his own house and that he rents this right to his tenant in renting him the house. It strikes us that such law is not common sense but foolishness, and it is astonishing how much there is of that kind.

It is said that Prince Henry of Prussia is ambitious to establish a throne in Brazil. Before going very far we would advise him to read the history of another European prince who masqueraded for a time as Emperor of Mexico, the justly lamented and unfortunate Maximilian. American thrones are death traps to those who occupy them.

There has been a notable improvement in the enlisted men in our navy during the past ten or fifteen years. Formerly the crews of naval ships were composed mainly of foreigners, while now sixty nine per cent. of the enlisted men of the navy are American citizens, while eighty one per cent. of the naval apprentices are American born.

Gen. Alger denies that he purchased the votes of colored delegates to the Republican convention and the negroes themselves are indignant at this new charge against them. They say it is had enough to have to bear the blame for chicken stealing.

It is believed that Southern delegates to the Republican convention can be talked over if the right kind of talk is used. The Southern darkey does not object to the kind that pays, and there is no law against it.

Senator Sherman's book of recollections is said to recollect too much for some people, whose recollections do not agree with it.

The reform of football is said to be no reform after all. It is still almost as much of a slugging game as prize-fighting.

A Special Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The President this afternoon sent a message to Congress relating to the Venezuelan question, and appending the answer of Great Britain, which says the Monroe doctrine is inapplicable to the state of things in which we live at the present day and especially inapplicable to the controversy involved in the boundary line between Great Britain and Venezuela. Cleveland continues without accepting an extended argument in reply to these positions that the doctrine upon which he stands is strong and sound. Its enforcement is important to the peace and safety of the nation and is essential to the integrity of our free institutions and the maintenance of our distinctive form of government. The Monroe doctrine cannot become obsolete while our Republic endures; therefore we may properly insist upon this doctrine without regard to the State of things in which we live, or any change of condition here or elsewhere.

If the European power takes possession of the territory of one of the neighbor republics against its will, in derogation of its right, it is difficult to see why the European power does not there by attempt to extend its system of government to that portion of this continent. Thus taken, it is also suggested the British reply that we should not seek to apply the Monroe doctrine pending the dispute, because it does not embody any of the principles of international law which was founded by the general consent of nations, that no steps, however eminent, no nation, however powerful or compact, insert into the code of international law, a novel principle never recognized before and not since been accepted by this Government, or any other country.

Mr. Cleveland says that nothing remains but to accept the situation and deal with it accordingly. The United States should carefully investigate and dispute the prosecution a thorough examination. He suggests that Congress make an adequate appropriation for the expense of a commission to be appointed by him.

The Republican Policy.

The Republican leaders are anxious that their party in Congress should do nothing that would lessen Republican chances for victory in the presidential campaign next year. Great wisdom and moderation will have to be exercised by this Congress if it would gain the approval of the country. It is hardly to be believed that the Republican party could derive any advantage from a policy by Congress which should be to sharply and purposely hostile to the existing Democratic Administration. It must be taken for granted that the Administration is doing the best it can for the welfare of the country; and whether the Republican majority in Congress should agree or disagree with the policies pursued by Mr. Cleveland and his Cabinet, there ought to be the least possible display of mere partisan fault-finding.

Allen G. Thurman Dead.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 13.—Ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman died at his home in this city on yesterday at 1:30 o'clock. He was sitting on his couch reading when he suddenly became ill, and his physician was called. He was soon in an unconscious state from which he never rallied. His death was from the gradual wearing away of the body after such an active life.

Mr. Theo. F. Klutz writes that Ham, of Georgia, is the author of the elegant work "Anatomy of the Nation" which formed a part of the "Anatomy of the Nation" by the late Gen. James Madison Leach. He was wont to speak of certain classes of the population, as divided into Snollysters, Swashbucklers, Jobbers and Horse-Eaters.

STATE NEWS.

The North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, will meet at Kinston next year.

The State at large will regret to hear that L. Banks Holt will at an early date sell his thoroughbred horses.

At Morganton last week two women, who had been drunk night before and who had a fire built on the side of the road, were found durned to a crisp.

The marble court house at Murphy was burned Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. It cost \$40,000; no insurance.

The North Carolina Conference, in session in Elizabeth City last week, who admitted Rev. J. T. Abernethy, who was "located" three years ago for his proper conduct with one of his female members. The vote on his readmission was close and caused a warm debate.

Mr. Robert L. Steele, one of the most influential and prominent citizens of Rockingham, died suddenly at his home last Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock. He had been complaining for several days, but there was no alarm felt about him. His death was a shock to his family and the community.

The case against Judge Robinson appears to be about made out. It is charged, it will be recalled, that at the recent term of Graham county Superior Court he stuffed cotton in his ears while Judge Elias, Esq., was addressing the jury in a murder case, and walked out of the court house and lighted his pipe. The allegations of the Rutherford Democrat to this effect are confirmed from different quarters.

The Wrought Iron Range folks, who took in this country about a year ago, sold a range to Major W. A. Graham, of Lincoln county. Shortly after the range was set up, Major Graham's horse was set on fire, and he sued the house for damages, claiming that the fire was caused by the range being improperly put up. The case was tried in the Federal Court in Charlotte last week and the major was awarded \$8,000. The company appealed.

Mention was made four days ago that L. Banks Holt would sell at auction all his horses on the Alamance Farm, including John R. Gealy and Baronet, Julian S. Carr now decides to sell his horses at Ocoeechesee Farm. They will be on private sale for the next ten days, and those then sold will be sent to New York and be sold at auction. There are 60 of Carr's horses. He and Holt will dispose of their horses jointly. Some Northern buyers are at both farms. Mr. Holt gives up racing because of gambling and the unfair practices of drivers of horses.

The correspondent of the News and Observer who reported the conference at Elizabeth City, has this to say of Rev. J. H. Page. When Rev. J. H. Page made the report of Aberdeen circuit, he stated that it was a unique charge, unlike any other that he had ever heard of in Southern Methodism, in that it was forty-four miles long and one hundred yards wide. At the close of Mr. Page's report, which was a very fine one, Rev. J. N. Cole arose and made one, Rev. J. N. Cole arose and made one, Rev. J. N. Cole arose and made one, Rev. J. N. Cole arose and made one.

A Horrible Affair at Statesville.

Charlotte News, 12th. The report of a horrible affair combining robbery and attempt to murder comes from Statesville this morning. Last night while the night watchman at the Southern depot in that town was quietly engaged in his duty, a stranger came in and asked permission to warm. Mr. Neighbors, the watchman, consented and the two were talking friendly together when the stranger without the slightest warning drew from his pocket a pistol, and levelled it at Mr. Neighbors. Before Mr. Neighbors could plead for mercy the intruder had fired, the bullet entering the left breast below the heart. After shooting the watchman, the robber ran to the money drawer and robbed it of its contents and fled into the darkness. The report of the pistol aroused some citizens near the depot and they ran over to find what caused the alarm, and, on reaching the depot office they found Mr. Neighbors lying in a pool of blood. Search was at once instituted for the guilty person but up to this afternoon no arrest has been made.

The Paper Question in the N. C. Conference.

Correspondent Charlotte Observer. Then came the contest over the paper. Conference decided on change of relationship with the Advocate, demanding the right to control the editorial management. The owners refused to surrender the paper to the hands of unconditional support. The committee presented a compromise paper. The friends of the owners were in a minority. Eloquent speeches were made by Rev. R. B. Johns, against the owners' proposition, and Dr. Swindell for it. The Conference separated from the paper and appointed a committee to confer with a Western North Carolina Conference committee if they will appoint one, to buy or establish a paper, or, if necessary, to establish a paper separately. The Conference acted reluctantly but by 37 majority.

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Mr. Chas. N. Vance was appointed clerk of the appropriations committee by the former chairman, Senator Jarvis. Will he remain here in that capacity for Senator Pritchard's day?

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