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OBSERVATIONS.

The State of Missouri is paying five cents apiece for rat scalps. In whatship has the greatest number of people been wracked?—Coushiship.

John Harpoot, of Baltimore, succeeds Rev. Dr. Munsey in the pastoral charge of the Church Street M. E. Church, South, New Orleans.

The next morning after a champagne dinner there is nothing better than having your hair combed, we have heard.

DAI correspondent writes asking for a remedy for an apple-tree worm. How can we prevent the small we know what is the matter with the worm.

Diamonds are going out of fashion, and good black will be doing to distinguish a Niagara hackman from the ordinary capitalist.

Billings says, "I spell it 'kaupphy' and Webster spells it 'coffee.' I can tell which is right, Web or me."

A fashionable lady recently went into a Broadway store for a pair of gold sprinkled slippers. When she saw them she said they were so high priced that she would take only one.

Hygiene would have roses for their cheeks, they must do as the roses do—go to sleep at night, and get up with the morning glories.

Do not keep knives of dogs and cats around the premises, they eat more in a month than they are worth all their life time.

We were shown yesterday a piece of stone quarried in North Carolina. It was gritty and hard, but it was so elastic that it bent like a piece of leather, and, pulled lengthwise, it gave like a suspender. In this respect it was very much like the conscience of a spring politician.—N. Y. Herald.

The population of the United States is estimated at 45,000,000.

Packard is now the last piece of dog fennel left blooming alone in the wilderness of Southern carpet bagism.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has refused to allow women to vote in municipal elections by a vote 122 to 89.

The suit entered against Donn Platt at the instance of Grant and his Cabinet, shortly before the inauguration of Hayes, has been dismissed. Whereupon Donn exclaims: "So soon I was done for, I wonder what I was begun for."

The Virginia papers are busily canvassing the claims of the most suitable candidates for Governor before the nominating convention which is soon to meet. Those who have developed the most strength thus far, are Gen. Mahone, Col. Holliday, Major J. W. Daniel and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

A bill has been passed by the Legislature of Tennessee to reduce the salary of the Governor from \$4,000 to \$3,000; Supreme Court Judges from \$4,000 to \$3,000; Judges of inferior courts and all special Judges from \$2,500 to \$2,000. The bill, after it receives the promised signature of the Governor, goes into effect after the next general county election.

There is only one way for Hayes to solve the Gordian knot in Louisiana, and that is to do as he did in South Carolina, simply withdraw the troops. The business men of Louisiana have told the Commission that they will resist with arms before they will allow Packard to rule over them, and if they can't have their own government they will have a military one, and that is the long and short of it.

Hitherto about this season the papers of this State have been loaded with odes and compositions to "Spring, beautiful spring." That, however, has become a worn out subject and most of them have commenced to brag about the wonderful hen's eggs that have been laid upon their tables. We think it about time to drop this fowl subject, and we hope that the last lay of the minstrel has been yoked out.

Before pardoning convicts the Governor of Illinois publishes all applications for pardon, with the names of the signers. Such should be the case in this State, it would have the effect of making men more cautious about the applications they sign merely for accommodation, without looking into the real merits of the case. Many place their names on paper, thinking that it will never be known, but if they knew positively that the public would see their names in print, they would take care to inquire about all the facts and ascertain whether or no the applicant was an object really deserving of Executive clemency.

BEAUTIFUL ONLY IN THEORY.

There is an old saying that it is beautiful to die for one's cause, but it is beautiful to Mr. Chamberlain only in sentiment and theory, for he could see nothing attractive either in prison or in death. The army of the United States, his only stay and hope, was withdrawn and like Barkis, he went out with the tide. The props that held up the superstructure of his pretended government were removed and he left the building in time to escape a burial in its debris and ruins. Of course he still claims that he is the only legally elected Governor of the State, but to maintain less would be to give a direct lie to all his pretensions for the past five months.

He acknowledges however his weakness and inability to maintain peace and enforce his mandates without the aid of federal troops; and so the State government passes peacefully into the hands of one who is a giant among men, because he has the sympathy and respect of the substantial citizens and taxpayers to back him. Chamberlain in retiring peacefully from the State House has done the wisest and most graceful act that has marked his career since his residence in South Carolina. He well knows that the powers, that be, are against him as well as the sentiment of the whole country and he could not do otherwise than to surrender the State documents and gavel of authority to the people's choice. In doing this however, he has only done his duty and he is to be congratulated for it. He has only done his duty and he is to be congratulated for it.

He now retires like every other carpet bag adventurer who came to oppress and plunder the South—like a guilty thing who fears the indignations of a people he has wronged, like a deposed usurper with none so mean as to do him reverence. The South Carolinians once more have the mansion of their fathers and henceforth they intend to keep it.

MAKE POLITICS THEIR GOD.

The Northern Methodists have been noted ever since the war for taking more stock in politics and less in religion than any other denomination in America, and they have also been the most deadly foe of human liberty and the most enthusiastic wavers of the bloody shirt ever known in the history of this country. We think it is high time that they should take a little rest on politics and give religion a part of their attention. Below we give a report of the proceedings of a Methodist Conference in Boston held a few days ago. Mind you, that had assembled ostensibly for the purpose of discussing matters connected entirely with the church.

In the New England Conference of the Methodist Church to-day, the Committee on the State of the country to whom was referred the political resolutions offered on Wednesday by the Rev. Dr. Mallalieu reported through the chairman, the Rev. L. R. Thayer, D. D., a series of resolutions as a substitute for those of Dr. Mallalieu. The new resolutions extend the sympathy of the Conference to President Hayes and say that as legalized slavery has been annihilated, the sympathy of all members of the Conference should also be given to the colored people in their efforts to obtain their social and political rights.

Immediately upon the reading of the resolutions, the Rev. Dr. Mallalieu advocated the adoption of the resolutions which he had himself presented, and called upon the members of the Conference to express their opinions. He said it was his belief that if United States troops had not been stationed in South Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida, Samuel J. Tilden would have been President of the United States. Mr. Tilden was compared to the traitor Aaron Burr, and the speaker said that he (Tilden) would have been elected had not U. S. Grant, that man of iron, true to right and country, sprung forward and seized the raging Southern lion right in the midst of his mane.

The speaker related his experience, showing the intentions of the Wade Hampton movement, and said that continued oppression of the colored people, would follow from the withdrawal of the troops. He denounced the "trade" which had been made with Wade Hampton, and earnestly called upon the members of the Conference to arouse to the fact that there was yet a great battle to be fought for God and humanity in defence of the Southern oppressed.

Grant orated again. This time in Galena, Illinois, his old home. He merely thanked them for a serenade and his speech occupied fully two minutes and a half in its delivery. He was probably thinking of the memorable message of the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina.

The other day we watched a sick-looking house fly crawling across a pane of glass in a south window. It crawled very slowly, and by the time it had gone two inches it was as big as a blue bottle. It deloped into a bubble in less time than it takes to write about it; when it got to the middle of the pane it was as big as a robin, and when it reached the ash tray on the center table, laid a big do-do, told eggs, cackled wildly for a second, and then, with a wild scream, dashed through a window, seized a brass rooster in its terrible talons, and soaring aloft, a disappearing mote in the broad disc of the sun, was soon lost to view. Hail glorious emblem of our country, proud bird of American freedom; thy glory—[Paragraph suspended to await the arrival of the attendant clerk.]—Burlington Hawkeye.

A BABY'S THOUGHT.—"Who can tell what a baby thinks?" poetically inquired Mrs. Holland, and millions upon millions of people have given up the conundrum.—[Boston Post.] "Who calls the hungry calls they make semi-occasionally probably their thoughts may be interpreted to mean that it is a long time between drinks.—Washington Star.

Stonewall Jackson.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Times.] CHARLOTTE, March 22.—"There are few things that this little boy is prouder of," remark an effusive nature to your correspondent this morning, "than that it is the home of Stonewall Jackson's widow." I had little difficulty in finding Mrs. Jackson. She is a small, stout, elderly woman, with a manly look, who suggested a tiny manikin who was sunning himself in the corner, supplementing his suggestion with a course of directions that soon brought me into the old-fashioned porch of the Presbyterian school-house. I was ushered into Mrs. Jackson's sitting room and found that the lady would soon be in. I found pleasant occupation in studying a portrait of the dead General that hung above the mantle. It was totally different from the pictures I had seen elsewhere. The sternness and fixedness of expression that we had been accustomed to see was gone. The face was kindly and tender. The lips were half unclosed with a smile; the eyes were gentle and engaging; the brow calm and unclouded. As I looked at it I felt that I was studying a new side of a great man's life. This was the home of a great man's wife. This was the home of a great man's wife. This was the home of a great man's wife.

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General Jackson left his wife and child in moderate circumstances. He invested all that he had in the bonds of the Confederacy, which are of course worthless. A neat home in Lexington was about all that was left. A small amount of money in bonds and this house comprise Mrs. Jackson's wealth at present.

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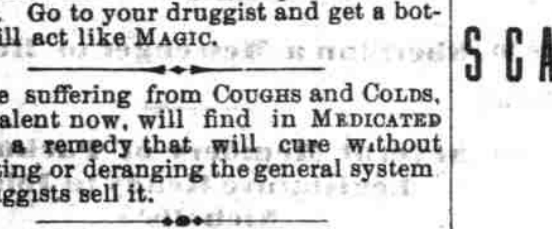
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