est of those who undergo penal servitude ever retern permanently to the izens. At the present moment we cannot recall a single instance while our tiary, have renewed the course of life in which they were summarily checked by the hand of the law. Hence, we agree readily, as all observant persons must, that the peniterrary; as a reformatory institution, is a failure. To abolish it, however, seems inexpedient-For the punishment of minor offences.

reach, and again we are confronted by the penitentiary. We have it, we must keep it, and the question which forces itself upon us is, how shall it be made most effective in the suppression of crime? Nothing has presented itself, so likely as the suggestion of our cor-respondent, to solve the difficulties of the situation: In the case of a trial fora criminal offence, make the question, Has the defendant ever served a term in the penitentiary? a part of the case -a matter for investigation by the that some prominent Southerners are ciently pointed out in the communication: There having been a failure on the part of the State to reform the ofthe most good or at any rate the least opinion.

It may be objected that the punishment is too severe. We think not. Enmity to society, to law, and to good orshould be stayed. Society shows itself subject, and an effort to quote any of very lenient when, after repeated in- his freaks as an exponent of public fractions, it still spares the life of the offender; the feast that he can in reas-on expect of it is that it should care for his life; the least service that he can render it is to refrain from assaults upon its interests. If he will not do so that he should be made to do so.

We can, however, add little to the strength of the argument advanced in the communication upon which these comments are based. The force of the argument, and the practicability of the commend themselves to reflecting people at a glance. The suggestions are at ciety at large, we are persuaded, would be the better for their adoption, but the discussion of the measure will not be

GRANT AND THE SOUTH-AGAIN.

have had within the past two weeks about the South being any lous for an apportunity to support Grant for the presidency in 1886, is Mr. Henry W. Grady, of Atlanta, Ga. We observe in the New York Herald, of Monday, another letter on the same subject, and manating, no doubt, from the same source. Now, Mr. Grady is a very brilliant young leastletter and in a very brilliant young leastletter and in a very brilliant young leastletter and in a very brilliant.

"sail ahead," and when he got on deck he saw a ship approaching not more than a hundred yards away. He saw no light on the ship and had no time to look for one. He rang the belt to stop his own vessel, but had hardly stopped her head you strike the ship?" Capt. Lockwood answered: "We did not strike the ship. The ship struck us just abaft. young igentleman and a very accom-plished journalist, but we submit that if this Grant business is to be taken as evidence he ought to keep his pen out of politics. The whole South has a right to protest when he sets about to put her people in the attitude of time-servers and spaniels. The South has nothing but indignity to exact the vessels, and stated that the holes on eihands of Grant, as witness to blood had by her last get through the bow of the Champion.

The spoil-hunting Bourbons of the as they deem best, either before of after his apparently probable nomination by the next Republican convention; but unless they do so with the distinct understanding that he is a Republican, and that his action if t should present before the coint of the steamship's crew would be followed by a Stalwart Administration they will be sadly disappoint the will be presented.

It is apparently probable nomination was then closed but will be returns had all been will be returns had all been will be said their testinent, which will occupy several days, will be presented.

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Yes, a Stalwart Administration with all that the term implies. We know too well the meaning of those words. They mean the bottom rail on top; troops to stifle the voice of the people; scoundrels to alter returns and count out the elected; licensed robbery, and everything that is vellation, desputies and unrepulsion. No, so! Nov. assembled in the tate House at ap. n. The Governor this afternoon informed the committee that returns would not be the committee that returns are the committee that returns are the committee that returns are the control of the control brief time what "Stalwart Administration" means. All the same we thank the Republican for this fair warning. the committee that returns would not be considered even in the sense of allowing any amendment of corrections until the committee of council of elections of the committee of the capyage to the We may know now of a surety that Governor and council, and there would Governor and council, and there would the world grant first does seem to the world corrections. There are thanges of the procession halter and the p this instance, the word of the National, Republican—Grant "is a Republican,

alluded to the fact, that the last Concemeteries during the past week. gress passed a certain act, relating to

mileage of witnesses in the United Matters per taining to our social well-being are always fit matters for consid-quickly told the attorney, that Congress In the absence of that meteoric dis-

from his mace on

POLITICAL CONVERSIONS.—Republi-

ertra rdinary gles, petther need Demothe recent letter of Congressman Felton, of Georgia, withdrawing from the mind is full of the names of those who, after serving out terme in the pentite of Democratic party. Dr. Felton withpendent" until now, when he goes the way of all hien who become too "inde-" pendent" for their own party, "Independent, is the asme of a turncoat in wall all the way in significant embryo, hesitating to make the leap all at once, the turncoat first becomes independent, and the next step is into

> sign of a change is abuse of his own change has come. Old Aleck St is going exactly the same way, only

Death and the Radicals have about even chances on him.

STEPHENS DEMOCRACY.—Readers of THE OBSERVER know very well the opinion which it entertains of Alexander H. Stephens. If any proof further than it has already addiced, were necessary to establish the justness of the estimate which it has always placed Being interviewed as to the rumor

swered in the affirmative, and convictions the affirmative, and convictions with the remark that "in philosophy of this proceeding is semi-ing John Kelly the purest and wisest statesman that ever came from New York."

And yet there are those who call this fender, it becomes its duty to itself, to man a Democrat and persist in quoting had much trouble in getting a short-society to part him were not an opinion. The New York Herald does com-

> plete justice to this section, and more than this does it a real service when it

opinion would do the South great in-

THE CHAMPION DISASTER.

Others. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18 .- The investigation by the United States local ininto the collision of the steamer chamargument, and the practicability of the legislation suggested, will, we take it, to-day. The officers and crew of both vessels have been summoned to attend and the enquiry was begun to-day with least worthy serious consideration, is the testimony of the commander of the Col. Waddell, the statement recently diampion, that It W. Lock wood. This published in a Northern paper to the

captain). He had not given any posi-tive orders on the subject, but it was The person who is primarily responsible for all of this silly twaddle that we not got to sleep. He heard the cry of have had within the past two weeks "sail ahead," and when he got on deck

> ship. The ship struck as just abaft make a pile of money. They agreed to make a pile of money. They agreed to this out Moore being offered a place in this out Moore being offered a place in can judge, because we had no chance to see. She struck us at about an angle of 45 degrees. She went into our ship Moore three hundred blank registra-

The engineer and seamen of the South may indorse General Grant for witness was asked whether his vessel President if they want to and as often as they deem best, either before or are to the Chambion, but was unable to

several days, will be presented.

Excitement Running High Over the Proposed "Counting Out" of Republicans.

over the rumored counting out of the Republican Legislature runs high. A in Texas. The city is said to be greatly

Eliza Pinkston as a Murderess and his election, if it should occur, would be followed by a Stalwart Administration, he was arrested Saturday sharped with of cottob were received here yesterday murdering her husband, who died suddenly that morning.

The Heaviest Ever Known.

MEMPHIS, November 18.—8,627 bales was arrested Saturday sharped with of cottob were received here yesterday with a printing of JOSEPH FISCHESSER.

Thorne's Comedy Company will furnish the an usement for the people at

elves by sending up sky-rockets, &c. Society of Friends have organ Wayne county.

Mrs. Bettie Herring, of New Hope township, Wayne county, had the misfortune to break her right leg, Monday, in accidentally falling out of her kitchen door.

Mrs. Sarah Heron Nelson, the estimaday night the 12th inst., aged 65 years. Deputy Collector Nichols reports the cans need not rub their hands with any amount of tobacco stamps sold to the manufacturers of Durham for the week inding last Triday night at \$17,4

The Plant says John W. Ferrel, who lives two and a half miles from Durham, killed a very large American

Mr. H. M. Williams, of Tarboro, called to see the editor of the Blue Ridge Blade a few days ago. He was on his way to San Francisco and expects to

A gold watch, a bracelet, and other property recently stolen from the residence of Mr. M. P. Leak, of Wadesboro, were found on the 12th inst., says the Herald, in the woods near that place.

The United States commissioner of agriculture has appointed Dr. Salmon, of this State, to investigate the disease of stock in the South, with a view to determine their nature and the best means of preventing them.

The Piedmont Press says Mr. Richard Wilson, of Catawba, finished up his work in motasses last week and his books show that he has manufactured 3,500 gallons this fall, 2,500 of which were from his own crop of cane, while the balance was custom work.

Mr. J. M. Smith, one of the prominent tobacconists of Durham, died of fever last Thursday night. The Plant says that on the 25th of last December he tion follows the second trial let the my opinion the South might go a great was married to Miss Addie Resus and criminal be sentenced for life. The worse," He is also quoted as consider.

Salisbury News. After participatng in a dance several miles from this city a few nights since, a young man saddling a cow.

The Blue Ridge Blade says the loss of hogs and poultry by cholera during the summer and fall in some sections of Burke county has been fearful to contemplate. Lower Creek township alone, it says, has lost several thousand dollars. Two-thirds of the hogs have

The Blade says a negro boy, Lige Caldwell, was caught in the room of M.D. Frasier, of Morganton, while he was gone to supper on the night of the 13th inst. He climbed up one of the posts of the porch and raised the window and entered the room. Several articles of Mr. Frasier's were found on his person. He is now in jail.

The Messenger says some miscreant went to the mill and gin house of Mr. Irving Grantham, in Grantham's township, Wayne county, last Thursday night, and played havoc with his engine, gin and belts. A negro man, named Robert Mills, is supposed to be the villain who did it, and they are af-The Wilmington Review denies for

discussion of the measure will not be subsequently to prevent the loss of account says. The discussion of the measure will not be subsequently to prevent the loss of account says. The discussion of the measure will not be subsequently to prevent the loss of account says. The discussion of the measure will not be subsequently to prevent the loss of account says. The discussion of the measure will not be subsequently to prevent the loss of account says. The discussion of the measure will not be subsequently to prevent the loss of account says. shall procure the adoption of a measure, however much modified from the look out to set sail. If his doubtless immediately enter his own any way akin to it.

THE LOUISIANA INQUINY. .. ilquatte

The Testimony Yesurday Before the

day, Peter Williams testified regarding the election in the seventh hard in 1876. Moore, who was declared elected to the Legislature from this

ward, told witness that the clerk in the he could tell a tale about Kellogg's election that would be useful to the the custom house, which he accepted. would now testify to the contrary. but was counted for the Republicans. After the election the registration

ward in the election of 1876, testified that the election was very fair. No trouble occurred and no protest was entered, yet poll No. 3 was thrown out of the fretuining board. Nearly five hundred votes were cast at this poll—

Post-Dispatch from Sherman, Texas, says W. B. Greenlaw, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of the place, suicided last night by taking morphine. The cause is said to be criminal intimacy between this wife, Augusta, ME, Nov. 17.—Excitement man, and Rev. Conrad Heney, one of

Victory,

adjusters had a grand demonstration from the Brewery.

ANOTHER MARINE FATALITY

The steem tog Seymour, of Ogdensburg, left Cape Vincent yesterday noon with a tow consisting of three dredges, two derricks and seven scows owned by Eckler & Arnold, of Buffalo. They had fine weather until after passing Gallop Islands, off Sackett's harbor, when a now storm, set in. The tug and tow got within five or six miles of Oswego when they lost their lights. The tug turned around and endeavored to hold the fleet until day-light, but the fleet broke away and was lost with all hands except those who were rescued by the Thirty-one persons, including three women and one girl, were drowned. The fleet is a total loss.

Health Authorities in Council. NASHVILLE, Nov. 18.—The American public health, association met to-day. Sanitarians from every State and Canada will be present. The sanitary commission of the Mississippi Valley, national board of health and representatives of the leading railroads West and South will also meet here this week for the purpose of arranging with the health authorities about quarantine and transportation in case of fu tine and transportation in case of future epidemics.

Victory for a Gas Company. ST. Louis, November 18.—The long pending gas case of the city against the St. Louis Gas company was decided yesterday. The judgment below was reversed and the case remanded, with directions to the court below to order the receiver to turn over all property and profits and to dismiss the bills. The money received by this decision will enable the company to pay a divi-dend of 160 per cent. This stock, in \$50 shares, sold last week at 98; to-day 350 was bid.

The Colored People's Industrial Fair. RALEIGH, November 18 .- The Colored People's Industrial Fair was formally opened to-day. Gov. Jarvis delivered the opening address, and was followed by J. E. O'Hara. Col. Elliot, of South Carolina, a colored man, speaks to-morrow. It was raining all day but the fair was crowded. There were eight military companies and five companies composed the procession escorting the Governor to the grounds.

Boiler Explosion.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 17.—The boiler of an engine attached to a material train on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, exploded to-day, near Belton, and instantly killed the engineer, fireman and another man.

Au Actor Killed.

MACON, GA., Nov. 17.—Samuel Aimes, of Chillicothe, Missouri, a comedian, of and | the Globe Comedy Company, was thrown | Orders for ornamental Cakes promptly attended to. from a carriage and instantly killed at Milledgeville. His funeral took place to-day at the Episcopal church at Milledgeville.

A Rise in the Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 18.—There was a general movement among the steamers in the Ohio river yesterday, preparing for a rise in the river which was begin-ning at Pittsburg. The New Orleans packet expects to get away Thursday

The Shenandoah Sunk. LONDON, November 18 .- The former

Confederate cruiser, Shenandoah, has sunk off the Island of Socotra, in the Indian Ocean. The date of the disaster is unknown. Most of the crew were drowned. The Shenandoah belonged to the Sultan of Zanzibar.

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