

Constructive forest fires are raging in Corbin county, Pa.

Europe is making large shipments of coin to this country.

The American Legion of Honor numbers 81,000 members.

The English Parliament was prorogued Saturday.

Kropotkin, a Nihilist, has been expelled from Switzerland.

Henry Todd, a colored man who lives in Darien, Ga., is worth \$100,000.

The high price of corn will somewhat reduce the whiskey crop of Kentucky.

Nitro-glycerine is being utilized in Manitoba for blowing up disreputable houses.

There are 800 prisoners in the penitentiary of New Jersey, 400 of whom are supported in idleness.

The Connecticut National Guard talk of paying Charleston a visit after the Yorktown centennial.

In some sections of Kentucky water is so scarce that farmers have to drive their stock three or four miles.

Union county, in this State, averages a homicide and a half to the year-nine in the past six years.

Mrs. Kate Griggs, of Long Branch, used anti-fat to reduce her proportions, but it killed her before she got lean.

John W. Farr, of Texas, to make dead sure of suicide last Tuesday, first cut his throat and then blew his head nearly off with a shot gun.

The judges in Pennsylvania are directing attention to the speculative insurance companies in their charges to the juries.

Mr. Thomas P. Lesense, youngest son of ex-Chancellor Henry D. Lesense of Charleston, S. C., was drowned off East Battery last Saturday night.

The St. Louis Republic thinks that when the national banks expire by limitation of law, greenbacks or treasury notes will be good enough for money.

The Georgia Legislature has refused to appropriate anything to the Atlanta Exposition. This doesn't say much for the Georgia Legislature.

East Carroll parish, or county, of Louisiana, produced in 1879-80, 95-100 of a bale of cotton to the acre, the largest production of any county in the world.

The State inspector of milk made a raid on the milk cans at Jersey City, last Saturday, and emptied out several thousand quarts of adulterated fluid which he found in the cans.

The body of Armentieres, who made an ascension from Montpellier, France, on the 16th inst., was found some days afterwards, frightfully mutilated, near the Lisignette Lighthouse.

If this thing keeps on Howgate will win the belt as the champion government swindler. The amount of his purloinings is now, it is said, running up to \$400,000.

The Greenville (S. C.) News has confidence in the turnip, which, "amid the general gloom consequent upon the drouth, shines forth as a blazing, shining star, to guide us to prosperity and plenty."

Zukertort and Blackburn, two of the most famous chess players in the world, are soon to meet in a series of match games at the St. George's Club, in London, each side putting up a stake of \$500.

Ben Blanton and James Todd had a difficulty in Texas. They settled it in the usual manner. They were found dead beside each other, one with a pistol ball through his heart, the other with the top of his head blown off.

Greensboro North State: The "holier than thou" brigade in the Republican party is now to the front excommunicating their betters. It takes a fog horn such as they blow to remind sincere and true Republicans that the scavengers are about.

Kentucky has a reverend colored gentleman, named Marshall, who advertises that he will pray for any desired object on receipt of 75 cents. He won't take any chances but wants his pay in advance, which looks like business.

Atlanta Constitution: There is a good deal more crime than hemp in Georgia. Our murderers are getting to be as loose in their morals and as reckless as their brethren at the North. It is about time for the grand juries to put the machinery of justice in motion.

It is rumored that in case of the President's death, Blaine and MacVeach will retire from the cabinet; Conkling will accept no appointive place, but run for Secretary of State at the head of the Republican ticket in New York. This is said to be the latest programme.

Gen. Hancock returned to New York Tuesday. He said to a reporter: "I return on account of the very serious illness of the President, as I do not feel inclined to travel and enjoy myself under the circumstances. I think my proper place just now is at my post on Governor's Island."

Senator Pugh, of Alabama, commands Mr. Arthur as a true gentleman, full of common sense, and more apt to lead Conkling than to be led by him in the Conkling campaign, Senator Jones, of Nevada, is Arthur's greatest confidant, and his influence would be exerted for good. Senator Pugh concludes that, if called to the presidency, Arthur would be altogether conservative.

SIX RAILROAD QUESTIONS.

As already foreshadowed in these columns, according to the Raleigh News and Observer on Monday last the commissioners of the Western North Carolina Railroad, on the part of the State to-wit: Senator Z. B. Vance, State Treasurer Worth, and his excellency, Governor Jarvis, reported officially to Governor Jarvis that "Messrs. Clyde, Logan and Buford, who claim to be the assignees of Mr. W. J. Best, are not prosecuting their work on that road according to the contract made between the State and Mr. Best, specifying the particulars in which they have failed. Among other things the commissioners report injurious discriminations against North Carolina cities and towns. The Governor has forwarded to the assignees a copy of the report, with notification that unless all cause of complaint be immediately removed, the whole power of the administration would be exerted to rectify the evil.

The Governor has called the attention of the Attorney-General to the fact that the Richmond and Danville Railroad has withdrawn all rates heretofore made with the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, and requested him to examine the question of attacking the lease of the North Carolina Railroad by the Richmond and Danville. In view of the fact that the corn crop of central North Carolina is an utter failure, while that of the eastern counties is most abundant, to shut up that section from the centre will prove to be a great hardship.

The Governor has instructed the Attorney-General to examine into the management of all railroads chartered before the war, in order to see if forfeitures have been incurred, with request that legal steps be at once taken to have such forfeitures declared.

The Piedmont Railroad Company, it is suggested, has forfeited its charter.

We have no opinion on the subject of these examinations except that if they are in the interest of the Best-Boston syndicate, as against the Clyde-Buford syndicate, our sympathies are with the latter combination. If, however, the contracts with the State have not been carried out, and if anything is to be gained for the State, let the investigations proceed.

We all remember how extremely anxious the politicians and the people were two years ago to get the Western North Carolina railroad out of politics, stop expenses to the State, and yet build the two branches of the road through to their termini. It was because of this desire on the part of the people that Mr. Best was able to make the terms he did make with the people's servants—the Legislature. Mr. Best failed to carry out his part of the bargain and assigned his contract to the Richmond & Danville syndicate. This corporation it seems to us are doing all that is possible to keep their agreements. Then in the name of justice, give them a chance. If they succeed they have got a big thing that will pan out handsomely in the end, but they will finish the two roads to their termini, and develop that portion of the State, which will only be a monument to their foresight, and a profitable contract where everybody else, including the State, had failed. If they fail to carry out the Best contract, as Best's assignees, the road will be forfeited to the State under the contract, and the State will have gained the road.

If the Richmond & Danville syndicates oppress the people by unfair discriminations, by all means let them be restricted to the contract, but don't throw obstacles in their way when they are doing all that can be done, to carry out their contract.

HOPE REVIVED.

The dispatches of Saturday so full of gloom, were succeeded Sunday by those of a brighter hue. Saturday night when the last bulletin from Washington was sent, the President was near death's door as any mortal that never passed through his physicians having given him up and stated that his death was only a question of a few days at most, and perhaps of hours. A cloud of gloom settled upon the White House and all seemed to be waiting for the fatal hour to come. But later in the night the sufferer rallied, called for some milk toast which was given him, and since then he has been holding his own and shown such evidences of vitality that hope has been revived, and his physicians have again begun to regard his recovery as possible. The dispatches we print this morning while they show no marked gain are still of such a tone as to inspire the hope in the public breast that the physicians entertain. They are very different from those that brought the gloomy tidings of Saturday night.

CALORIC TEXAS.

We find the following two ardent extracts in the Bonham, (Tex.) News of August 19, which we publish for the benefit of those who have been denouncing the thermometer so vigorously up this way:

The thermometer is said to have reached 110 degrees in the shade last Monday. The night following was undoubtedly the hottest experienced in this section for the past twenty-five years.

In lifting a hand-car off the track a mile west of Caney the other day, a section hand had both arms severely blistered by coming in contact with the wheels, which were heated by the sun. We are told, also, that hand spikes and other metal tools, after lying in the sun a few hours, are so hot that no one can endure to handle them.

It is stated that the superintendent of mails at Chicago has adopted, with good effect, a practice which should be general throughout the department. In all cases where complaint is made by regular subscribers of delay or failure to receive newspapers, that officer pastes upon the next paper mailed to that address the following notice: "Complaints do not reach destination promptly. All employes handling this package will please see that the same is properly forwarded."

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