

The Charlotte Observer.

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The gentleman from Alaska has arrived at Washington.

They say that Jones, who aspires to Mahoneix Texas, is the ugliest man in Congress.

Speaker Keifer's name is pronounced with a loud f. It is a German name and means a scold, or something of that sort.

The North Carolina State Grange was in session at Weldon this week. It adjourned yesterday to meet next year at Rocky Mount.

They say there are about seventy-five applicants in Washington for every position to be given, and they are not all Ohio men.

Another bank teller, this time at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., comes up short \$40,000. Too much fast horse, women and wine, etc.

It has been suggested that if Mr. Guiteau was put on bread and water diet it might have a tendency to check his antics in court.

The Augusta Chronicle, after noting the numerous advantages that Georgia possesses, remarks that what she most needs is the farmer who will raise his own supplies.

The pension office has made further examinations of the lists, and now estimates that the arrears of pensions will require of the treasury three hundred and twenty-five millions of dollars.

More than seven hundred bills were introduced in the House of Representatives Tuesday on the call of the States, and if the call had been completed about that many more would have been presented.

There was too much malaria in Washington for Frelinghuysen to accept the place of Attorney General when tendered him, but not quite enough to prevent him from accepting the Secretaryship of State.

The city council of Knoxville, Tenn., has forbidden the sale of parlor matches, so-called, and the Charleston Exchange has condemned the use of all kinds except the lucifer, or old sulphur matches.

It is one of the curiosities of the Guiteau case that the assassin has enriched the family of his victim and almost beggared his unfortunate brother-in-law, who, out of a sense of duty, defends him.

Henry W. Grady, M. P. Handy, and other gentlemen propose starting an "Industrial Review" with offices at Atlanta and New York, with a capital stock of \$50,000. It is an outgrowth of the Atlanta exposition.

It is reported that Advocate General Swain after going over the 2,000 pages of testimony in the Whittaker case has affirmed the finding of the court that Whittaker mutilated his own ears, and the result will be that Whit will be permitted to follow his theatrical pursuits, and be dropped from the army pay roll.

This is the way Britania rules the wave: Tonnage of sailing vessels, 5,435,851, against United States tonnage of 2,055,987; tonnage of steamers, 3,133,453, against our tonnage of 408,456. There is no cause for grumbling, however, for we've got the bulge on 'em on baseball, rifle shooting and horse racing.

Utica Herald (Rep.): Mr. Christiancy's rising to remark on his part in the South American difficulty is ill considered. He forgets that he is judicially, politically and diplomatically dead. The life remaining in him is barely sufficient to give animation to a divorce suit pending in the District of Columbia.

The Drummer is the title of a forty-column weekly paper to be started in Atlanta, Jan. 15, in the interest of the National Mercantile Travellers' Association, which will deal with all questions in which that numerous and omnipresent class of gentlemen are interested. It proposes to start off with an edition of 50,000. Subscription price \$2.00; address W. H. Reid, 67 East Alabama street, Atlanta, Ga.

It is rumored in Washington that counsel for Guiteau, in case the verdict goes against him, will ask for a new trial on account of the disqualification of two of the jurors, one of whom is employed in the navy-yard, and Wormley, the colored juror, is a laborer in the pension office. Both, when being examined, testified that they were per diem employees. It is now claimed that they are both carried on the regular monthly rolls. This Guiteau's counsel thinks disqualifies them. Other lawyers do not attach much importance to the alleged discovery.

SICK JURORS.

There are three of Guiteau's jurors on the sick list, one of them confined to his bed, and the question arises what effect this may have in giving a new trial in case of conviction, and a move for a new trial, which of course will be made. When the case is submitted to the jury they must all be present, and how those who are absent during the time the evidence is being rendered can give an intelligent verdict "in accordance with the evidence," it is not easy to see. It is true they may read the record of the evidence, and also the argument of counsel from the reports made, but the law contemplates that they themselves shall hear the evidence as delivered by the witnesses on the stand. It seems to us a strange proceeding to go on with the trial in the absence of any juror, and it would seem to afford good grounds for a new trial, should a verdict be demanded.

Guiteau is on trial for his life and can insist on being tried by a jury of twelve men and no less.

THE OUTLOOK.

We publish to-day from the pen of one of the most prominent, and thinking Democrats in the county of Mecklenburg, a communication on the Democratic party and the outlook, which gives food for thought and serious reflection. In his line of thought he is not alone, but voices the inquiries of thousands of the truest and best Democrats in the State.

It cannot be denied that the Democratic party is to-day in anything but a harmonious condition, and if an election were pending now, in no condition to go into a contest for the control of the State. There is want of unity among her leaders, there is open rupture between some of them, which has extended among the people, causing factions that bode no good, but threaten much evil. Personal animosities arising from rivalry for place and honors have found lodgment among those who ought to be united as a band of brothers in the labor of advancing the prosperity of the State they all profess to love so fondly. In the selfish strife for office, the harmony of the party, and the good of the State are forgotten, that the ambition of aspirants may be gratified and the race for office be won. The truth is, for we must be plain about this, the people have begun to regard the political contests of the past few years mere scrambles for office in which the man who has the most brass and the most skill in manipulating the wires, and fixing conventions comes out ahead, regardless of his fitness, or his strength before the people. If time ever was when office sought the man and not the man the office, that day is not now, for now the man seeks the office and a rule the less competent he is to fill it, the more untiring and persistent he is in the search. It is eminently the day of office seeking, from the lowest to the highest positions, and where there is one office there is a score of candidates, each feeling that he has a right to it, and each chagrined and soured if he fails to meet with the recognition of his claims that he thinks he is entitled to. The people have but little to do with this scramble, and are to some extent responsible for it in not taking more interest in nominating conventions and in calling out the men whom they wish to represent them. The mass of the Democratic party desire only the success of the party and the principles which that party stands upon because in their triumph the interests of the State are advanced; they care but little for the personality of the men who are elevated to place provided they are good, true and competent men. In the ambitious and self-seeking schemes of politicians they take no stock.

We do not write thus in a captious spirit of fault-finding, but because it is the plain, unvarnished truth, that had better be told, and told plainly, while the telling is yet in time perhaps to do some good. We must not and we cannot go into another contest with an enemy as wily as the one we have to contend against, with dissension in our ranks, with squabbling amongst our leaders, with doubts and indifference amongst the people, who look on these wranglings with amazement and a feeling that is rapidly approaching disgust.

The people are true to the party, true to the State, and they demand that the men who aspire to leadership shall not peril success, by carrying their strifes into the party household and creating dissensions there, where only peace and harmony should be found. They demand that these leaders should sink their personal differences and subordinate their individual ambitions to the good of the party, and they will insist on the demand being heard. A way with bickering, away with scheming, away with the discordant war of words and rascalous recrimination that are widening the breach already too wide. A truce to all this, and a closing up of the lines for a contest which will require the united exertions of all true Democrats who love their State better than a man or a faction.

First unity, then a policy, of which we shall have something to say hereafter.

AN UNCOMMON MORTALITY PREVAILS IN NEW YORK CITY THIS SEASON, AND THE INDICATIONS ARE FOR AN INCREASE.

His Divorced Wife on the Stand—She Never Saw any Signs of Insanity in Him—A Few Remarks from the "Remover" for Corkhill's Benefit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the Guiteau case G. E. Barnard was put on the stand to prove the divorce of Anna J. Guiteau from the prisoner.

General Reynolds was then called and concluded his testimony. Mrs. Dummore (Guiteau's divorced wife) took the stand, and but few questions were asked her by the prosecution, and in reply to one of them she said she had never noticed any signs of insanity while she lived with him.

Guiteau, with a sigh of relief, thanked Corkhill for the sake of her children, and said it was the only decent thing he had done on the trial, but suggested that Porter and Davidge had compelled him to do so.

The cross-examination was long and tedious, and at its conclusion the court took a recess.

We are strongly disposed to regard that person as the best physician who does most to alleviate human suffering. Judge from this standard, Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 238 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., is entitled to the most rank for her Vegetable Compound in daily restoring wonderful cures in female diseases. Send for circular to the above address.

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CONGRESS.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE.

Mapping Out Big Work in the House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—SENATE.—On motion of Allison, by unanimous consent, the Senate will be authorized to fill vacancies occasioned by the recent changes in committee membership and other like vacancies previously existing.

A number of bills were introduced and reported. Hear's resolution for a special committee on the rights of women was taken up, and Vest spoke in opposition to it.

After some discussion, Voorhees demanded the regular order, namely, resolutions and the bill on the presidential succession.

This subject was accordingly taken up, but on the statement by Jones, of Florida, who had the floor, that he would yield for a speech by Voorhees on another subject, it was laid over.

The following assignments in the rearranging of committees, consequent upon the recent vacancies, were announced by the chair: Windom is substituted for Edmunds as chairman of the committee on foreign affairs and takes the place of Aldrich on the same committee.

Senator Jones, of Florida, has taken the place of Hawley on the District of Columbia; Sewell is assigned to the chairmanship of enrolled bills in place of Rollins; Sawyer to the select committee on the Hawaiian Islands; Dawson to Wisconsin; Miller, of New York, to epidemic diseases in place of Miller, of California; Hill, of Colorado, to the select committee on Nicaraguan claims in place of Aldrich on the same committee.

Senator Jones, of Florida, has taken the place of Hill, of Colorado, to the select committee on civil service in place of Rollins; Van Wyck to take the place of Aldrich on the same committee; and Miller, of California, to take the place of Hill, of Colorado, to the select committee on the revision of the laws.

Voorhees' resolution, referring to the finance committee the parts of the President's message relative to the repeal of the laws authorizing silver coinage and the issue of silver certificates, was taken up, and that Senator addressed the Senate. At the conclusion of his speech the resolution was agreed to.

On motion, J. Jones, Florida, his resolution calling for information relating to the construction of the Florida ship canal, was considered and passed.

On motion of Garland, a bill legalizing the election of the legislature of New Mexico, held December 2, 1880, was taken up and passed.

The Senate, at 2:15, went into executive session, and at 2:25 adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE. The Journal of Monday was so long that it was not read probably have consumed two hours, but after a quarter of an hour its further reading was dispensed with.

The Speaker announced the following special committee on the expenses of the Senate and House, and of the President Garfield: Taylor, Pound, Cox, of New York, Joyce, Lefevre, Bedford, Blackburn, Page, Springer, O'Neill and Shelby.

Robinson, of New York, rose to a question of privilege. He stated that he had a resolution which he desired to offer. During the recess of Congress an officer of this government, connected with the State department had usurped the privileges of the House.

Speaker Jones, of Florida, has already disclosed that he desires to proceed to business.

Robinson: This is a question involving the privileges of the House.

Speaker: It is not a matter relating to a member of the House.

Robinson: It relates to the whole House; it is usurpation by a department of this government. It involves the imprisonment of our citizens abroad. We can get nothing out of Congress. The rights of our citizens cannot be heard. [Loud cries of order.] I will not press it now, but you will hear from me again.

The call of States was then continued at that point where left unfinished on Tuesday last.

Bills were introduced by Money, of Mississippi, to establish postal savings depositories, and several others relating to postal affairs.

By Chalmers, of Mississippi, to pay the debt of the State of Mississippi to the holders of bonds issued by the State of Mississippi; also to improve the civil service.

Manning, of Mississippi, to reorganize the United States supreme court.

Mississippi, to create a department of agriculture.

Hooker, of Mississippi, to prevent frauds in the pension office.

Bland, of Missouri, for the free coinage of silver.

Blackner, of Missouri, to incorporate the inter-oceanic ship railroad company.

A resolution was here adopted providing for the holiday recess from December 17th to January 1st.

The introduction of bills and resolutions was resumed.

By Cox, of New York, to promote the efficiency of the life-saving service; making all appointments of representatives in Congress under the 10th census; also relating to the apparatus indemnity fund; also making the trade dollar a legal tender; also a resolution requesting the President to communicate to this House all the correspondence with the British government in file in the State Department with reference to the arrest and imprisonment of American citizens in Ireland; also a resolution calling on the President for reports of the Hon. M. J. Wherry and any other communication on file in the State department with relation to the fishery award and the alleged frauds in connection therewith.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

STALWART ADMINISTRATION.

Democratic and Weak-Kneed Republicans to be Hounded—Chambers, etc., in the Post Office, and Other Interesting Details.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Congress cannot yet be said to have fairly gotten under way and will not until after the Christmas holidays. The House has had but few sessions, and the Senate though organized has not yet gone into business.

In fact, all the time that has transpired since the House organized has been occupied in the wrangling over appointments. Different State delegations have been holding angry and noisy meetings of hours.

As a result of these meetings, the House has generally adjourned in a disgruntled mood. So far the Southern Republicans have fared better than their Northern neighbors.

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