DAILY CHARLOTTE OBSERVER: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1882.

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## MORE ANTI-POLYGAMY LEGISLA-TION PROPOSED.

The anti-Polygamy bill with which Senator Edmunds proposed to knock the bottom out of polygamy in Utah having proved a dead letter he now proposes to add the following three sections to it:

That in any proceeding or examination before a grand jury or United States commissioner by reason of the provisions of this act, and in any prose-cution for bigamy, polygamy or unlaw-ful cohabitation under any statute of the United States, the lawful wife of the defendent or person accused shall the defendant or person accused shall be a competent witness and may be called by the prosecution, and shall be compelled to testify in said proceeding, examination or prosecution without the consent of her husband being first obtained, the same as any other witness.

That in any prosecution for bigamy, polygamy, or unlawful cohabitation under any statute of the United States, whether before a United States Commissioner or grand or petit jury, an attachment for any witness may be issued by the court or United States commissioner compelling the immediate attendance of said witness; and it shall not be necessary before the issuance of said attachment to first obtain personal service of a subpœna upon said witness; provided always that said attachment shall not issue as above provided except upon the certificate of the United States District Attorney, or one of his assistants, that in the opinion of said Attorney it is necessary that said attachment should issue as aforesaid.

And that any and all statutes of limitation limiting the time within which an offender against the statute shall be prosecuted are, so far as they relate to prosecutions for bigamy, thereby re-pealed, provided that the President is hereby authorized to grant amnesty to any offender guilty of bigamy of polygamy on such conditions and under such limitations as he shall think proper; but no such amnesty shall have effect unless the condition thereof shall be complied with.

The trouble with the bill which became a law was that the polygamists refused to testify against each other, and hence the grand juries were unable to find indictments against accused

DORSEY ON CIVIL SERVICE. The agitation of the civil service question and the remarkable change that has come over the spirit of the dreams of prominent Republicans in reference to it, has brought Mr. Dorsey Secretary of the National Republican executive committee, to the front, and he publishes in the New York Herald a correspondence with Mr. Garfield, Levi P. Morton, and other distinguished Republicans, all of whom endorsed the modes then prevalent of collecting campaign funds and the use of money for political purposes. None of them were half as virtuous as Mr. Arthur and the Republican members of the

Senate and House of Representatives have become since the election.

Brush, the electrician, claims to have discovered a method of storing electricity for use, to be kept any length of time and carried any distance. His storage battery is a square box containing cells, in each of which are two cast lead plates, (hydrogen and oxygen which are electrically treated in a manner known only to himself.

Tom Ochiltree's district in Texas is five times as large as the State of Massachusetts. In this vast region there are thirteen counties, which have always been solidly Democratic, and every one of them went solidly over to Republican Ochiltree, whose magnatism seems to have been irresistable.

It has been discovered that for fourteen months there has been no legally drawn jury in the city of Chicago, and the thieves in jail are jubilant thereat, and the people outside of the jails in a state of consternation.

George Hildreth, of Philadelphia, wants Mrs. Cahill, a widow with some means, to pay him \$10,000 to sooth his wounded feelings for failure to marry him as she promised.

The oleomargarine factories in 1880 turned out \$7,000,000 worth of that stuff.

Twenty-seven cousins of the dead A T. Stewart have turned up and claim a share of his lucre.

### Acquitted of the Charge of Murdering his Son.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 20.-The ju-ry in the case of Solomon Jones, on trial in the case of Solomon Jones, on trial in the county court at Chesterfield for the murder of his son, rendered a verdict last night of not guilty and the prisoner was discharged. After his arrest Jones denied having murdered his son, alleging that he had been killed by a train on the Richmond and Petersburg railroad. The body was subsequently found. The father will now bring suit against the railroad company for damages.

### Nominations and Confirmations;

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- Among the nominations sent to the Senate to-day were: Hiram L Grant, for postmaster at Goldsboro, N C. Among the confirmations by the Senate were: Commo-dore Edmund R Calhoun, for Rear Admiral: JCB Davis, Judge Court of Claims; C McMichael, Marshal of the District of Columbia. Postmasters: W H Aspinwall, Wilson, W Va; Mrs E L Atkinson, Willsburg, W Va; C S Krouse, Culpeper, Va; W F Slater, Wytheville, Va; J N Yost, Staunton, Virginia.

### Incendiaryism at Henderson--Vigalance Committee Formed.

HENDERSON, N. C., Dec, 20 .- Incendiaries last night attempted to burn this place. The stores of Charles French and James B. Phillips and the tobacco warehouses of J. D & D. Y. Cooper were set on fire, the latter in four places. Kerosene oil was freely used in each place. A vigilance committe of fifty citizens has been formed, and the town is patrolled by them every night. A few years ago the town was entirely destroyed by incendiary fires. Great excitement prevails.

Belligerent Opelika. MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 20.-A special from Opelika to the Advertiser says: The war cloud darkens. The house of B. H. Kieser, editor of the Times, was last night fired into by unknown parties and ten buckshot crashed through the window of his bed room and buried themselves in the opposite wall.

Curtis Pays his Fine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- General Newton M. Curtis, convicted of a violation of the United States statistics in collecting assessments from office holders for political purposes, appeared in court to-day, and paid the fine of a thousand dollars. The court directed entry of the order discharging the General from custody.

A Rochester Bank Failure.

excitement prevails.

NEW YORK-Dull; sales 214 bales; middling uplands 104c; middling orieans 10 9-16c; con-solidated net receipts 40,481; exports to Great Britain 20,974; to France 8,875; channel 1,589.

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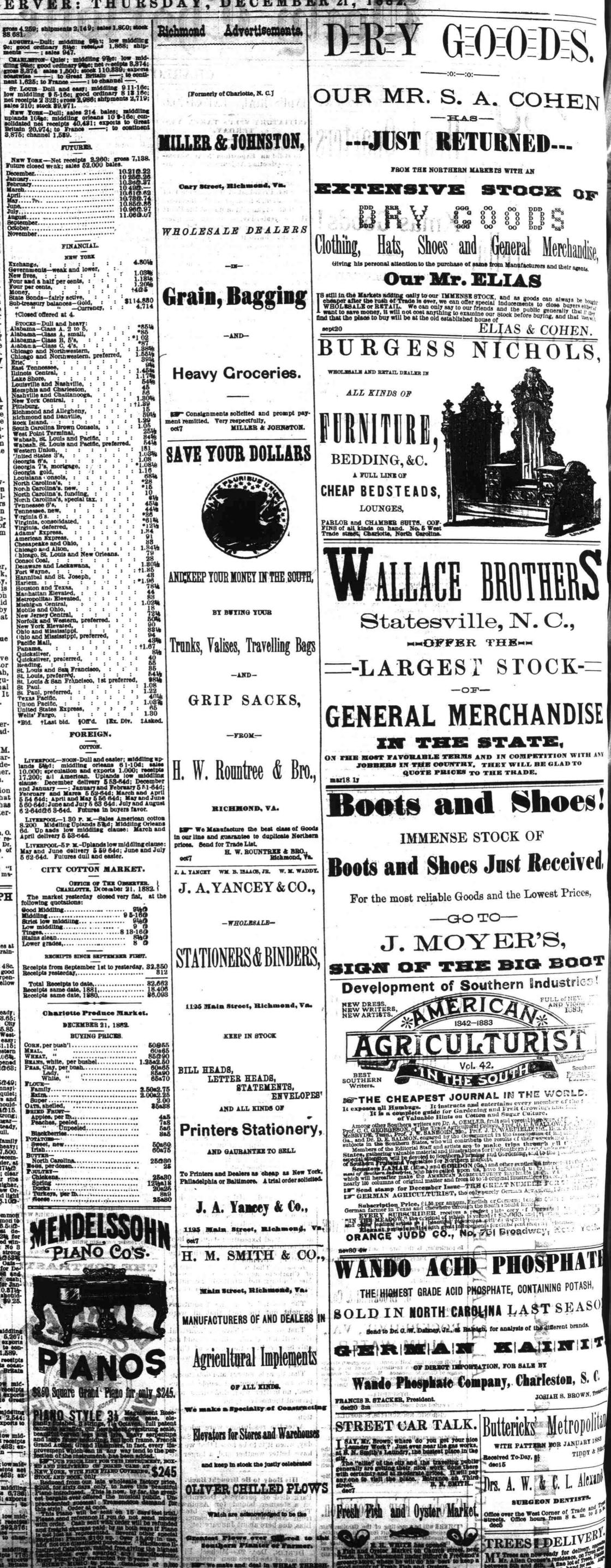
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February..... April. May...... June, July Angust. September. October. November ovember..... FINANCIAL.

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Pittsburg, : : : : Bichmond and Allegheny, Richmond and Anegdeny, : : : Richmond and Danville, : : : South Carolina Brown Consels, : : West Point Terminal, : : : Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific, :: Wabash. St. Louis and Pacific, preferre Western Union. : : : :

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persons. Mr Edmunds now proposes to take the animal by the horns and resort to the despotic process of compelling the wife to testify against her husband.

Our opinion of all this anti-polygamy legislation is that it is nonsense if not worse than nonsense. Polygamy, in Utah, cannot be rooted out by such legislation as Mr Edmunds proposes nor by any other legislation. These people believe in it, they are devoted to it, it is their religion, to which they are as much attached as the people of other denominations are to theirs, and all this hostile legislation being regarded as so much religious persecution will only have the effect of binding the objects of it more closely together. It is an abominable institution but that does not justify arbitrary, despotic and abominable legislation, which is not dictated so much by a sense of morality as by the supposed popular demand for the removal of a social monstrosity.

Polygamy will die in time, it will be smothered out of existence, but such legislation as has been enacted and as is proposed, instead of killing it will serve only to keep it alive.

Life insurance statistics show that in Ohio where the consumption of beer is very great the death rate is 16 in 1,000; in Kentucky and Tennessee, where more whiskey is used the rate is 11 to 1.000, and in Canada, where the drinkers confine themselves almost entirely to whiskey the death rate is only 6 in 1,000. But you must not infer from this that whiskey is necessarily a producer of longevity, and go to guzzling on the strength of it.

Twenty-one States have boards of railway commissioners: Alabama, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Texas, and New York.

Raleigh News and Observer: The will of Col. John H. Wheeler has been probated at Washington. Among other bequests he gives to the Governor of North Carolina, to be deposited in the library of the State, his books and manuscripts relative to the history of North Carolina.

A Democratic convention is proposed in Virginia to see whether something can't be done to reconcile the differences between Funder Democrats and Readjuster Democrats. A satisfactory arrangement of this kind would dispose of Wm Mahone, Esq.

Geo M Rice, President of the Utica, Ithica and Elmira railway company in New York, was arrested in New York for carrying mails. The amendment was agreed to after

CONGRESS YESTERDAY. ON THE APPROPRIATION BILLS. The Senate Passes the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill and

Makes Another Pass at Civil Service, While the House Passes the Postal Appropriation Bill with Sundry Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-SENATE.-The Committee on Appropriations to whom was referred the House resolution providing for receas from De-cember 22d to Jany. 2d, to-day instructed Mr. Allison to report it to the Senate with a recommendation for adoption.

At the close of the morning hour Allison called up the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, and the Senate proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee on aappropriations which were agreed to except the provision that nothing in the act shall be construcd to extend the time within which the French and American claims commission shall make its final report and expire.

On motion of Pendleton, with the arproval of the committee on foreign relations an amendment was added appropriating \$5,000 to enable the Presi-dent to extend diplomatic relations with the governments of Eastern Asia. The bill was then passed. Jones, of Florida, offered a resolution which was agreed to directing the Secretary of the Navy to inform the Senate whether in his judgment any further appropriations are necessary to put the Pensacola Navy Yard in a state of efficiency; what is the condition of the dry dock there, and whether it is in a condition to be used for the purpose for which it was constructed. Jones said he had observed that the Pensacola Navy Yard was one of those that the Secretary of the Navy thought should be abolished, and he made a brief argument to show that this yard, the only one in the Gulf of Mexico, our great Mediterranean Sea was of great importance and ought to be maintained for the protection of the commerce of the Gulf and of the Mississippi valley, hav-

ing its outlet there. The civil service bill, being under consideration, Pendleton offered an amendment striking out the provisions that original entrance to the service shall be in the lowest grade, and providing that appointments in the de-partments shall be apportioned as nearly as possible among the States and Territories, and District of Columbia upon the basis of population. A long discussion ensued. The Senate at 4:55 went into executive session, and when the doors re-opened adjourned.

HOUSE .- Browne, of Indiana, called up the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill permitting retired army officers to hold civil offices in Territories was indefinitely postponed. The motion prevailed, and the motion to postpone was withdrawn. The bill passed.

mittee of the whole, Reed of Maine, in the chair, on the postoffice appropria-

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-A Rochester, Fort Wayne, : : : : Hannibal and St. Joseph, N. Y., dispatch says the city bank, rated the third strongest in the city, Harlem. : : : : Houston and Texas, closed doors this morning. There is Manhattan Elevated, : Metropolitan Elevated, Michigan Central, : Mobile and Ohio, : said to be a deficiency of half a million dollars. The cause of suspension is said to be speculation in stocks and oil by New Jersey Central, : : : : Norfolk and Western, preferred. the President, Charles E. Upton. Great New York Elevated, Ohio and Mississippi Ohio and Mississippi, preferred, Pacific Mail, Charges Against an Internal Revenue Panama,

Collector. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-Charges have

been filed against Pleasants, collector of internal revenue of the Savannah, Ga, district, of inefficiency and irregularity. The commissioner of internal revenue recommended his removal. It is understood a change will be made.

### Condensed Press Dispatches.

A fire in North Danville, Va, yester-day, destroyed two stores and five adjacent frame buildings.

The Empress Eugene requests M. Rouher to turn over to the city of Marseilles the castle and park recently decided by the courts to belong to her. She says that was her husbands wish.

Judge Good win of the corporation court of Norfolk, Va. has decided that the Dismal Swamp Canal Company has a right, under its charter, to run lotteries to help complete the canal.

The little daughter of the editor of the Tiffin, O. Daily Star, was immediately and permanently re-lieved of a severe cough by three doses of Dr. Buil's cough syrup. A twenty-five cent bottle of this valuable remedy will cure the worst cough.

Mr. C. K. Hancock. Newberne, N. C., says: "] used Brown's Iron Bitters after an attack of ma-larial fever and was greatly benefitted."



The bill passed. The House, at 12:05, went into com-mittee of the whole, Reed of Maine, in the chair, on the postoffice appropria-tion bill. Robeson, of New Jersey, continued his argument in support of his pending amendment, fixing the compensation of land grant and bond subsidy railroads for carrying mails. The amendment was agreed to after being modified to as a to provide that

yesterday for hypothecating on his own account \$10,000 worth of stock in the road. Rice's mistake was in fooling with as small an amount as \$10,000.

Atlanta Post Appeal: The legislature at its recent session passed twenty acts on the liquor question. The agitation will doubtless continue until the summer session when a determined effort will be made to secure the passage of a general local option law.

Washington Critic: Notwithstanding the repeated denials from alleged "official sources," there is good reason to believe that the month of January, 1883, will witness important changes in the cabinet. 1

King Arams, of the west coast of Af-rics, has recently died leaving seven hundred widows and seventy-seven orphans. He had ainety-five children in all, the oldest of whom, a son, has only four hundred wives.

Bufus Hatch says a "corner" is a "straight-out gamble," and that in it "one man buys what he don't want and another sells what he hash't got."

Twenty-eight of the largest papers printed in this country, pay an aggregate of over a quarter of a million dol-

The Chicago Tribune says that more than one half of the tobacco produced in the United States, is shipped to Eu-

Gen. Grant may be appointed Secretary

being modified so as to provide that compensation paid to subsidized roads shall be fixed by the Postmaster-General at a rate not exceeding that fixed by him or allowed by law to companies of the same class to which the United States have furnished aid by grant of land, right of way or otherwise.

The question then recurred on Holman's amendment, which fixes the compensation for carrying the mails by land grant railroads which have received over 3,000 acres per mile at 50 per cent of the rate allowed to other railroads. Lost.

On motion of Mills, of Texas, an amendment was adopted directing the Postmaster General to make thorough investigation into the railway mail service of the United States and report to the next session of Congress what is a reasonable value for the transporta-tion of mails and what difference there is between the cost of transportation and of freight for private parties and the cost of transportation of mails.

the cost of transportation of mails. The committee rose and reported the bill to the House, and it was passed. Butterworth gave notice that he would ask consideration of the army appropriation bill to-morrow. Lynch, of Mississippi, offered a reso-lution making it in order to offer an amendment to the pension appropria-tion bill extending the provisions of the act placing emisted colored persons on the same footing as other soldiers as to pensions and bounty to such persons. pensions and bounty to such persons.

## The House, at 4:40, adjourned.

Wenther Indications. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.-Middle Atlantic, rain and snow; slightly warm-er East to South winds and lower ba-rometer. South Atlantic, rain follow-ed by partly cloudy warmer weather, northeast winds shifting to the South-east and southwest falling barometer.

B. Oscar Harris, Eog., Littleton, M. C., Brown's Iron Bitters has given megreat ren idney complaint."

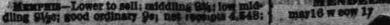
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