

The Legislature.

The matter of most general interest before the Legislature since re-assembling is the discussion on the subject of the State debt, and the probabilities are that no satisfactory conclusion will be reached.

Mr. Allen's Bill.

The Concord News learns by a private letter that there is a probability of the defeat of Mr. Allen's bill requiring the advertisement of lands sold under executions, &c.

The Minor Liquor Bill.

The passage of this bill, although in its amended form, is a subject for congratulation among all those who have watched the fearful havoc that intemperance is making, and deplored the numberless calamities it has brought upon men.

Amnesty.

Ex-Gov. Holden, in a letter to J. E. Boyd, of Alamance, declares himself in favor of amnesty for all offences committed during the Ku Klux day.

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The Immigration Question.

We have frequently written on the subject of immigration and have hoped that our Legislature would at the earliest practicable moment give its full consideration, and devise some means of securing for our own State a portion of the benefits reaped by others in the acquisition of imported brains, brawn and muscle.

Editorial Squibs.

An old female mendicant died of starvation the other day in New York and they found about \$300 sewed up in her skirts.

The California men are memorializing Congress to have the treaty with China so amended as to prohibit the immigration of the almond-eyed celestials.

Jesse Holmes, the "fool killer," thinks "Cincinnati whisky" more formidable than his club. The old fellow is partial in his compliments to the Porkopolis article.

The debt of Massachusetts is \$28,477,804; Maryland, \$6,219,172; Maine, \$4,626,908; Minnesota \$450,000.

The bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis is completed. It cost \$10,000,000 and is pronounced one of the finest structures of the kind and one of the finest pieces of engineering skill of the age.

The first white girl born in Milwaukee, Wis.—in 1835—was married in California the other day. She was no spring chicken.

Asheville wants a Federal Court House. Blessed are they whose wants are few and who expect but little from Uncle Samuel.

They kill cattle now in Europe by driving a hollow nail, made for the purpose, into the head. With the contrivance they have it done instantly and the animal dies without pain.

And now they are trying to legislate in Congress against polygamy in Utah. They had better try their hands on their own morals first. Polygamy is about as much practised by certain M. O.'s as it is by the Saints and Elders in Brigham's paradise.

Chicago is edified with the sensation of an eighteen year old girl who took a case-knife and hacked her baby, just born, into a half dozen pieces.

The St. Louis Times, the organ of the Missouri Democracy, has been greatly enlarged and improved and is one of the most interesting papers in the West.

Gen. Luther McCutchen, a practical farmer, is the republican nominee for Gov. of New Hampshire. And they are beginning to recognize the farmer away up there.

The Chaplain in Congress, one day last week, invoked Divine Providence "to take into His hands that powerful engine, the public press," and Ben Butler didn't say amen once.

The Wilmingtonians are hopping mad because the Virginians sunk near their harbor as to interfere with the passage of vessels.

Maryland has organized a State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry.

Col. R. W. Hughes, the defeated radical candidate for Gov. of Virginia, has been confirmed as U. S. District Court Judge, to fill the vacancy made by the death of the lovely Underwood, whose memory is so tenderly cherished by the befeared denizens of that State.

The new hall of the Hickman Lodge of Good Templars, at Raleigh was publicly dedicated last Tuesday week. Hickman Lodge claims to be the banner lodge of the world.

Miss Laura Alexander, a native of Charlotte, who had adopted the profession of an actress, and had attained considerable celebrity, died in New York after a brief illness last week.

Lynch, colored member of Congress is 26 years old and the youngest Solon in the House.

Mr. Waddell is the only member of Congress from this State who voted against the repeal of the salary bill. Mr. Waddell has done so much in Washington that his services are worth a big price.

A House of Correction.

The Constitution provides for legislation to establish Houses of Correction for the restraint of vagrants and persons guilty of misdemeanors. There is no subject of more importance to the State at this time, both from a moral and economical standpoint, than the establishment of one or more such institutions.

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STATE ITEMS.

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Correspondence of the Patriot.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17, 1874. CONVENTION WEEK. We have had a run on conventions during this week.

THE MEXICAN WAR VETERANS had a good time, the occasion being a very pleasant one.

THE CHEAP TRANSPORTATIONISTS yesterday reported that railroads are highways and railroad companies are common carriers.

THE PATENT CONVENTIONISTS met here to endorse the resolutions of the Patent Congress, held in Vienna in August last, relating to international patent protection.

THE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGISTS held a pow-wow at which the never-give-up, nor-never-to-be-put-down-spirit of the women of this State was evinced.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MET in council and have agreed to "neither give up nor give in."

THE TEXAS RADICALS-Governor Davis at his head—are telegraphing the President and Secretary of State, asking for military aid to keep themselves in power.

There will be quite an animated discussion over the cheap postage subject. Penny postage—a popular measure which will strongly urge the proposed reduction of postage on books and other printed matter.

THE COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS have framed a bill in accordance with the sentiment of Missouri Congress for a partial restoration of the Franking privilege.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS have been debating the case of the wagonman's bureau Apostle, Gen. O. O. Howard—and no course of action has been determined.

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The New York Herald says:

"The government pays to the national banks nearly twenty million dollars a year interest, at six per cent, although it gives back to the banks in their own currency over three hundred and forty million to invest and make interest on over-again. These favored institutions, in fact, have ninety per cent upon that capital. Mr. Richardson wants money, and proposes to tax commerce and the necessities of life to obtain it.

"If he will propose to sweep away the national bank circulation and make all the currency of one denomination, legal-tender, he will save nearly twenty-four million dollars now given as a bogus to the national bank, and be just so much richer without taxing the people at all.

"Mr. Senator Carpenter sees 'but one way of getting honest public servants, and that is by paying them a good price.' Unfortunately it is for the Senator's theory, but the fact is irrefragable, that we may pay the good price without getting the honest public servants. Moreover, it isn't exactly safe to permit a man to fix the value (in greenbacks) of his own honesty.

"This method will always result in differences of opinion. For instance, Mr. Flanagan of Texas thinks that his public services are worth \$10,000 per annum; yet everybody knows that they would be dear at a tenth of the money, and that we could better afford to give him \$10,000 a year to stay at home for the rest of his life.—N. Y. Tribune.

The funding act which is before the South Carolina Legislature, and which will probably pass, reduces the State debt from \$16,000,000 to about \$6,000,000, by repudiating a part of the fraudulent debt, and scaling the valid obligations of the State and another part of the fraudulent debt fifty per cent. Bonds for which South Carolina received dollar for dollar are scaled equally with those for which only fifteen cents were paid by New York speculators. This is iniquitous as well as contrary to the Constitution of the United States.

Vigorous efforts are being made by Virginia people to have their State Constitution amended. A petition has been numerously signed asking the Legislature to submit to the people amendments reducing the number of members in the House of Delegates to 75, and the number of Senators to 25; providing for biennial instead of annual meetings of the Legislature; and changing the pay of members to salary of \$500, instead of per diem salary of \$6; making attorneys for the state ineligible to seats in the Legislature, and equalizing and reducing, as far as possible, the rate of taxation upon real estate.

In 1761 the British Parliament adopted the Gregorian ratification of the calendar. The act directed that the year should commence on the first of January instead of the 25th of March, as heretofore; and that eleven days—from the 2d to the 14th of September—should be omitted.—[Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionalist.

The Men the People Want—A man well disciplined, full of useful information, thinking quickly and clearly, earnest and brave, honest and faithful, will always command respect. As to political mediocrity, the people are beginning to be surfeited with it. The ignorance of some men in high place, and the bad character of others, raised by accidental circumstances to unmerited honors, are evils which sooner or later will work their own cure. Already there is great restiveness and a desire for change. The change cannot come too soon.—Baltimore Gazette.

GREENSBORO Price Current. REVISED WEEKLY BY JAMES SLOAN'S SONS, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries, &c.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Grain, Bacon, Lard, Coffee, Sugar, Tea, Syrup, Raisins, Apples, Peaches, Blackberries, Coffee, Sugar, Tea, Syrup, Raisins, Apples, Peaches, Blackberries.

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And will offer to his customers the GREATEST INDUCEMENTS OF THE SEASON. GIVE HIM A CALL On Fayetteville Street, RALEIGH, N. C. feb 20/74

Piedmont Air-Line Railway.

Richmond & Danville R. W., North Carolina Division, and North Western North Carolina R. W.

CONDENSED TIME-TABLE.

In effect on and after Thursday, Jan. 7th, 1874.

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