

The Courier.

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Woman's Rights.

The Legislature of Illinois has caught the spirit of progression in its latest sense as will be seen from its late action in regard to Woman's Rights. It has enacted that "No person shall be precluded or debarred from any occupation, or profession, or employment (except military) on account of sex, provided that this act shall not be construed to affect the eligibility of any person to an elective office."

This, then makes it lawful for women to become lawyers, or to fill any office in the gift of the Governor or President.

An exchequer says that the Legislature would have admitted them to elective offices also, had they not stood in fear of exciting fierce and deadly quarrels among the men. We of the South think ourselves very unfortunate, and in many respects we are so. We are poor and have felt the severest pang that oppression can give. And yet with all this we have escaped this progressiveness that has dragged from the sacred precincts of home its brightest ornament (woman) and caused them to lose their modesty among the vulgar crowd.

We think the moral idea of the North a worse misfortune than has ever fallen to our lot. Above all things we would have the ladies of the South remain as they have ever been, the purest and fairest the sun ever shone upon.

Important Decision of the Supreme Court of the United States Concerning Homesteads.

This court which determines in the last resort all questions connected with the constitution of the United States, has recently decided in a case which went up from the State of Georgia, that homestead exemptions of property from execution under State laws or constitutions are not valid as to any debts contracted before the time when such constitutions were adopted, or when laws were passed. As to antecedent debts the Court holds that the homestead exemptions violate that provision in the constitution of the United States which forbids any State from passing a law that impairs the obligation of contracts. The Supreme Court of North Carolina had decided (Judge Pearson dissenting) to the contrary; but of course its decision can be of no force against that of the highest Court in the Union; The question must hereafter be regarded as settled. Many persons will now have reason to turn to the Bankrupt Laws of the United States, and especially to some of the late enactments of Congress in order to find out what relief they afford the unfortunate debtor. They certainly do afford very great relief in many cases, far greater than could be expected from State legislation. The power of Congress on the subject of Bankruptcy is plenary, under the Constitution, and that power has been recently exercised to a very broad extent, particularly in reference to Exemptions. The act of Congress passed on the 3rd of June 1872, exempts such property as the State exemption laws in force in 1871 give to insolvents, which in North Carolina is a homestead of the value of one thousand dollars, and personal property of the value of five hundred dollars. Property of the value of five hundred dollars is exempt under the laws of the United States. The total exemptions therefore allowed to Bankrupts amount to two thousand dollars, and they must be allowed as to all debts no matter when contracted.

Franklin as seen by a Countryman.

Times are certainly changing and people are wild about improvements. Who would have thought six months ago to have seen six new business buildings going up in this place at once. It looks as if Guano is able to cause houses to spring up from the ground with quickness as it does cotton. Cotton Frames of new patent may be seen standing about the streets, ready for the coming crop. Goods of every description and quality may be seen rattling from the windows of the various stores, to entice us country-folks to buy. And how can we keep from it when there are Goods as cost, Goods on credit, Goods for cash. That is the way the money goes, though not much for cash in many instances. If we were versed in saying pretty things, we should go into ecstasies over the balmy breezes odorous with essences and extracts made from the different fertilizers, some say that the smell of Guano is unhealthy and if so we are right glad that we don't live near the Warehouse. And laudly Mr. Editor spring is here with its singing birds, flowers and growing herbs, so says the Almanac, but we are inclined to doubt it for up this way winter still lingers. This is a digression but we hope that you will make allowances as we are not so old but that we still remember how we used to write compositions. But again to our subject—Every thing seems to be most flourishing in this place. Enterprising citizens make prosperous towns.

Persons concerned must however, bear in mind that the assets which may come to the hands of the assignee must amount to at least fifty per cent of the debts proved against the estate on which the Bankrupt is liable as principal debtor, and which were contracted since the 1st January 1869.—If the assets shall be insufficient for that purpose then the Bankrupt can only be discharged from all debts contracted prior to January 1st 1869 and surety debts contracted since that time.—Warrenton Gazette.

A Word to the Commissioners of Franklin County—Information Wanted.

From many portions of the County the question comes to us "Why is it that the County paper has so depreciated? And how does the County stand as regards its indebtedness?" The PEOPLE are becoming CLAMOROUS, and we call upon the commissioners to let the people know why our finances are in such a DEPLORABLE CONDITION. The citizens of Franklin County have a right to know how the money drawn from their pockets by taxation is spent, and in what manner their credit has sunk so low. By reference to the laws of the State will be found the following:

The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners shall annually, or within five days next before the first Monday of September, make out and certify, and cause to be posted at the Court House, and published in a NEWSPAPER PRINTED in the County, if there be one, for at least four weeks, a statement for the preceding year, showing the amount. Items and nature of all compensations audited by the Board &c.

In other words that they shall show exactly how the County stands. Have they done so? We say not, for we publish the only paper in the County and though we read the law to them and asked for a statement for publication; were refused; We respectfully call upon the commissioners to satisfy the people in some way, if they know the indebtedness of the County. And if they do not, at least to tell all they know about it. We make this request after talking with some of the best and most influential men of the County. The County paper is worth only thirty three and one third cents in the dollar. Think of that who can think?

The Wilmington Journal, says:

If all Washington stories are true, the immediate effect of the abolition of the franking privilege is not of a pecuniary economical nature. The store houses at Washington, we are told, are being ransacked for all sorts of movable property belonging to Congressmen, and the same is being franked home by mail. It is alleged that during one day last week twenty-five tons of mail matter were franked from Washington. Ex-Senator Nye, of Nevada, has it is said, franked seven Sa-atoga trunks to his home in the Sierras, since his term of office expired.

Governor Leslie, of Kentucky, in reviewing the situation in Louisiana, well says: "Their cause is our cause; for their danger is our danger. The bitter cup which they drink today may soon be commended to our lips. To abandon Louisiana is to abandon the common cause of States rights." The same might be said with equal meaning by the Governor of any State.—The tea-table coterie which overthrew the legal Government of Louisiana will be equally able during four years to come to overthrow that of Kentucky or any other State.

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OBITUARY.

A paper from Nashville Tennessee contains the sad intelligence of the death of EDDIE G. WOOD, age of HARVEL H. and MARY A. GOODLOE, late of Warrenton N. C. aged 23 years. Thus in the beauty and prime of life has our dear young friend been called by an all wise Providence into the Eternal world. His sorrowing relatives in this their sad bereavement have the heartfelt sympathy of their friends in Carolina. Of those who knew and felt the pure and noble influences of his character. He had embraced himself gently and closely around the hearts of many who will mourn his loss to society. We know that he possessed many qualities of endearments which will be held together for years by innumerable threads of affectionate remembrance. He was sprung in the right, earnest in its truth—a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, taking great delight in the observance of its ordinances.

He possessed a tranquil mind with a trusting nature, and we learn that he bore his protracted illness with Christian resignation. His parents and friends undoubtedly loved him more and more as he drew near the grave giving all the affection which he deserved. They will miss his gently influence in the quiet sanctity of their home but as they call up his life day by day, they will find we hope a consolation in the evidences, he has left on earth of his being a child of God. We believe that he is with the beautiful good in his Heavenly Father's home.



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