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FRIDAY......NOVEMBER 28. 1873.

Ho! For the War.

We hope the New York Herald, and

If anybody is out of humor, he can go and fight in the war that some peo ple ar : bestirring themselves to get up.

the big papers will get what they want that line.

Alexander Stevens, we observe, is getting mad. He is not so tardy as he was in the Confederate war, when he was opposed to the fighting till it was over. We do not believe however that the difference in his age, then and now, has anything to do with his temper. If the Junior Reserves did not get him, he would in all likelyhood bring up in the veteran ranks, or march with the Seniors.

Lengstreet has get in bad odor with the Rads in New Orleans, he too, is going for a bite in another place.

· Pickett and some others having got seedy in the Life Insurance business, are going for Cuba with a vim. We have not heard frem Mosby yet, but suppose that he may make a raid on the Cubans, and make as speedy a body but Dudley, and such malicious return as he did when he went into the radical party and come out. We are yet out.

The Governor's Messago

The annual fulmination of the gentleman, who as Jo Turner would say, by the grace of the Rings, and help of the n'ggers, now o cupies the Executive chair of the State is a long winded concern, -characteristic every respect of the man, except the spleen does not appear so near the surface as hitherto. He has managed to be a little more covert in his expressio s of ill-will. We suppos this in a measure, results from the operatic performances in the opening of the late State fair when he told President Holt that he should consider hi self blessed, or something of that sort, in being pe mitted to associate on equal te ms with republicans There seems to be little or nothing else in this produc ion but wind, and as it is not of a suitable kind to float balloon, and even if it was, we a e not yet fully decided or foll wing Donaldson and wise we shall not burden the columns of the COURIER with it.

Legislative Summary,

We propose hereafter to give in every number of the COURIER, a brief summary of the more important action of the Legislature during the week preceding each issue, Not much, of course, has been yet

accomplished, and the time of the two houses has been mostly taken up with the discussion of the 'Self suit,' and the Injunction against the State Treasurer's paying out the public fund . Much has been said; nothing done.

The discussion has been chiefly upon a legal question, in which only lawyers will take any great interest : but the occasion is, a bill introduced by Mr. Merrimon of Buncombe, imposing pains and penalties upon the Treasurer for refusing to pay out upon the Auditor's warrants; to which

Cuba and the butchery of the Virginius prisoner, have not been overlooked. Almost as soon as the Senate met our Senator, Major Dunham, offered a set of very indignant resolutions, which, in their warlike spirit, smacked strongly of 60-61. These were whitled down and amended, and 'emasculated. (as Judge Pearson would say,) until you wouldn't know them. and then passed.

One thing we have observed in the proceeding which causes us regret: we refer to the flood of propositions of amendment to the new compilation of the laws of the State, known as ,Batthe's Revisal-' This work was reported by the learned compiler, and necepted by the Assembly soon after the meeting of that body, as a Compen dlum and Code of the Statute laws now in force, but it has not yet been given to the public and yet, there have been, up to this writing, prob-

ably a dozen bills presented, in the two houses, proposing changes and alterations of the law as given in the work: At this rate it will be necessary, before the sessions closes, to have a commissioner to revise the 'Revisal., Will the law ever be settled again?

A heavy shot las been fired at the 'back salary grab' in the last Congress, by Mr. McGeehee of Person; who was warmly supported by Mr. Marler,-a republican, we believe.

Menday, Nov. 24. - The House bill allowing Sheriffs until the first of Jan. 1874 to make a final settlement of the taxes of 1873, provided they pay in three fourths of said taxes by December 1st,-was taken up in the Senate and, af er being so amended as to ex tend the time for fin I settlement to February 1st 1874, on condition that all of the taxes collected in addition to the three fourths be paid in by or the 1st of December, and that Sheriff's receive no mileage in settling their arrears, was passed in this shape. Battles Revisal' still the subject of legislative tinkering. A sort of Civin Rights Bill. introduced some days ago by a colored member. named Dudley, was taken up in the House. It was doubt ess a very silly attempt to revive and inflame the feeling of hostility between the two races, now happily dying out, and it affords us unfeigned pleasure to record the manly and sensible conduct of John H. Williamson, the colored representative from Franklin County. John saw that the bill, and the discussion o' it. could not posibly do any good to any and foolish zealets as he is, and to his great credit, he moved that it be laid on the table: which was promptly done by a vote of 84 to 8.

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> I remain, Very truly Yours,

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How The Financial Crisis Affects Newspapers

A valued contemporary in comment ng in this tubjet, makes the following forcible remarks, which, so to speak are as true as preaching in respect to pepers generally. Have the me chant , the business mer, the readers of the press, ever thought of the su jet matter of this spicle? They certain y should do it, and the reffecnumerous amendments, substitutes ton would incite to more generous and modifications have been offered, se on There is no interest more deep-So the matter stood on Saturday night. Ity aff ciec. by monetary stringency than that of the new payer.

All over the country f.ctori s, railroad c reoration and business houses of all kinds, are discharging operatives and curtaining beapenses. How with the de vsp per? Ot all business enter_ prises in such times as there the newspaper is the only one not contracting. Let any man come to our office and look over our exchaeges for proof of this fact. - Take them all in all and they, have rather incre-sed their r ading matter and consequally their ex-

We have discharged to employee, nor decreased a dollar of wages. Now th se are facts. Do business men? de the readers of newspapers appreciate them? Let the newspaper receive more consi eration - in these times every th ughtful man will make extra effort to su tain the pres , up in which fallthe brunt of the stringerry, yet to which comes no relaxation or contrac

tion of ex enser. We have written because the oc casion was apropos.

Opinions of the Presson the Spanish Butchery.

The foll wing brief extracts from the leading papers of New York will show what they think of the atrocious murler of the crew and passengers of the Virginus.

Our Duty in the Future .- 'We must in future protect our own flag and our own citizens in Cuban waters.' -Tribune.

The duty of our Government .- 'A prompt and thorough reprisal for the repeated acts of hostility to our flag. -Commercial Advertiser.

We must defend our citizens in Cuba the same as in New York, even if war should be the result.'-Tele-

War .- 'Nothing left for the United States government but to declare war against Spain.'- Times.

The most ample reparation must be exacted for this terrible outrage ,-

'A crime for which no apology or explanation can atone.'-Times.

The Cuban Slaughter - The shock of such a wholesale slaughter we all feel, and the demand in the name of humanity is that it shall be stopped.' - Express.

No alternative but to topple their infamous and impotent provincial government into the sea and take possession in the name of outraged humanity.' -Evening Post.

National Honor .- We call the national honor a possession which like the chastiy of woman, rust be kept far above the region of assault, doubt or controversy.' - Evening Mail

Infringements of Muritime Rights. -That quick sense of injury and that prompt assertion of the national dignity in former times at every infringement of our maritime rights was the best guarantee of the safety of citizens and property entitled to the protection of our national flag.'

Where Lies the Responsibility ?-The responsibility for the outrage on our flag on the high seas lies with Spain; the immediate responsibility for the murder of the ship's passen gers, officers and crew belongs to the Spanish cut-throats of Cuba acting upon their own authority. To simplify the settlement, while Mr. Fish is negotiating with Sprin a few iron-clads should be sent down to the culf to look after those Spanish cutthroats of Cuba. N. Y. Hera'd.

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