

Private Legislation.

That this has become a great and growing evil, no one, who has paid attention to the proceedings of the Legislature for several years past, can doubt. The enormous number of bills introduced into the Legislature of 1881 attracted general attention, and was the subject of extensive comment. And now we are informed, that nearly a thousand bills have been introduced into the House of Representatives alone, during the Session of 1883, and that a very large majority of them, were of a private and local character.

word, and not to discourse upon political and other secular topics, which may divert the serious thoughts of the people from humble worship of the Father." Aside from the source from which it springs, this is pre-eminently good advice. It seems to be another instance in which "out of the eater came forth meat." As a matter of course there is a class who can see in it nothing but presumption and impudence. It contains neither meat nor sweetness for them. It is rather a bitter which contains a gall, unpalatable in the extreme.

Republican Testimony.

We have long known that there was a vast deal of extravagance in the Republican party and that those who held the purse strings were prodigal in the use of public funds. But it remained for Senator Ingalls a Republican Senator from Kansas to confess at large the dereliction of the party in this regard. In reply to Mr. Cockrell in a recent debate on the appropriation bill the following colloquy took place:

Mr. Ingalls. The Senator from Missouri speaks with some heat as if this were an exceptional case. I should suppose that his long experience on the Appropriations Committee would have taught him the absolute futility of any attempt to impose limitations on executive power by legislative restraint.

Significant. Mr. Whitford, on Saturday, presented to the State Senate thirteen petitions, with 640 names, asking that the constitution be so amended that every voter shall be made to show a receipt for poll tax before he can vote; and Mr. Whitford told the reporter of the Observer that two-thirds of the signers were colored men from Craven, Jones, Carteret, and Green counties. This is a significant fact in the history of the colored people of the State. It indicates a growing appreciation among them of the importance of having intelligent suffrage, and is a sign that the property holders among them are increasing. It is a fact within the knowledge of most persons in the South that the most intelligent and industrious of that race are opposed to universal suffrage. Indeed there is no more exclusive and aristocratic element in our population than those colored men who are accumulating property and educating their children. They regard with lofty disdain the humbler and more ignorant members of their own race, while they are by no means desirous of associating with what they call "poor bukra," "mean white folks," or "poor white trash," as they designate a certain class of white people.

Death of Governor Stevens.

Alexander Hamilton Stevens, Governor of Georgia, is dead. He was the most conspicuous figure in Georgia's history, and had for many years enjoyed a higher degree of popularity than any other resident. His had been a busy, active, eventful life, having been almost constantly in public life since 1836.

Leach Calls on the President.

Only this morning Dr. Mott and James Madison Leach went up to see "Chet," as they said with full-fledged candor. This brace of "Arcadians" have already in imagination spied out and conquered the promised land. The spoils are at their feet and they are simply picking up the choice bits of gold and precious stones and Babylonian garments. Leach was dressed to kill. With a grand sweep of his princely hand and shake of his amaranthine locks, James Madison observed that the thing is sure as shooting.

Educational and Crime.

We are in the habit of proving by statistics in this country that education tends to promote morality and repress crime. In France they produce records of courts to show: 1st. That 25,000 persons of the class wholly illiterate furnish five criminals. 2nd. That 25,000 of the class able to read and write furnish six criminals. 3rd. That 25,000 of the class of superior instruction furnish more than fifteen criminals.

Errata.

The gleaming on the first page of this paper beginning with "We agree with the Wilson Siftings when it says that Randolph A. Shotwell is dearer to the people of North Carolina than thirteen Tom Jarvises," should have been credited to the Toisnot Sunny Home. In the personal controversy between Governor Jarvis and Mr. Shotwell we have purposely kept from making comment, and we only say now, without reference to the question at issue, that we think any man inexcusable who calls the Governor's speech "a fellow's ranting," or who does not treat the Governor with the respect his position entitles him to.

of the English speaking race, and made his mark in each. Senator and most polished orator under one, Prime Minister (so to speak) under another, he lands a political refugee on English soil, and eighteen years later voluntarily relinquishes the largest professional income, probably, that any man in any age of the world has ever yet commanded. Wonderful, wonderful, is the force of genius when sustained by principle, as is exemplified in this extraordinary life-story. Bear it in mind, ye struggling sons of toil, and in the darkest hour give not away to despair and despondency.

Carrying Concealed Weapons.

It must be admitted that with the growth of this country and with its advancement in civilization crime should have decreased. It cannot truthfully be said that this is the case. Without seeking other causes, it can be asserted without fear of contradiction, that one reason for this is the criminal habit of carrying concealed weapons. We use the word "criminal" advisedly, for whatever is contrary to law is criminal. We do not consider it the mark of a brave man to carry concealed weapons, but rather the contrary. Of course there are circumstances in which carrying them is justifiable, but a man to put on his pistol as regularly as he puts on his coat does no credit to him as a citizen nor as a man. Especially is this a dangerous habit in the young.

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A Guilford county correspondent of the Greensboro Patriot write back from Texas: "I have been almost everywhere in the State—north, south, east, west, centre and circumference. I have seen the different soils, productions and industries of the State; talked with all classes of population, and experienced some of the changes of its climate. Wherever I have been I have endeavored to keep both my eyes and ears open, and I think I have learned some things by observation that no amount of reading could have taught me. An after having been through the State, I have about come to the conclusion that North Carolina is better than Texas."

Our present legislature seems,

says the Kinston Free Press, to be acting as if each individual member were a law unto himself, had no connection with any other member, and gloried in defeating every measure which was not introduced by himself. And hence while the bills introduced have been like the sands of the sea shore in number, very little important legislation has been effected, and now at the close of the session all the bills that are of general importance, as the code, the bill for re-districting the State, and the bill establishing a railroad commission, come up with no time to discuss them. We trust these important measures will pass both houses before the end of the session.

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