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We wonder if the floral tribute in shape of an anchor sent to the renegade-Virginian in the Senate by the colored people of Washington City, is symbolical of the little traitor having cast anchor with the black Republican party?

A singular case was before a M ssiss ippi court a few days ago. A planter decided to plant his lands in grass seed and raise stock instead of cotton. His neighbors, who all stick to cotton, applied to the court for an injunction to restrain the planter from sowing grass seed, on the ground that grass will not confine itself to the land of the planter of it, but spreads over surrounding plantations and unfits the ground for cotton. The injunction was granted.

After a brief run through the South, Mr. Jay Gould returns with the conviction that a better day is dawning for this section, in a business sense. "The old South," he says, "seems to me to be actually 'turning its face towards the rising sun,' not in any political sense but in its new and visible appreciation of industry, economy and enterprise .-That perfect order reigns is clear from the way in which Eastern capital is going in there. I find the whole country dotted with industries, backed by capital from the East."

An old colored man, once well known in anti-slavery circles, has passed away. Louis Napoleon, aged eighty-one, died on Monday evening at his house in Brooklyn, E. D. He was born of slave parents in Virginia, and remained a slave until 1328. Soon after gaining his free dom he went to New York and made the acquaintance of Gerritt Smith, Arthur and Lewis Tappen, and later Horace Greeley. Henry Ward Beecher and George William Cnrtis. Napoleon was active in helping fugitive slaves to escape by what was known as the "underground railroad." He was one of the most efficient conductors Those who are conversant with the facts of the case say that he assisted over 3,000 slaves to escape. He was on several occasions arrested for such acts, but by the aid of influential friends and good counsel he escaped conviction. He was believed to be cognizant of the John Brown raid into Virginia, and to have aided in its organizatios.

IT WAS CURRIETHE MURDER

We published yesterday on our fourth - page a clipping from an exchange deny ing the report telegraphed a few days ago that the man Currie, recently killed in New Mexico, was the same desperado who slew the actor Porter, in Marshall, Texas, some two years ago. Now comes a denial of the contradiction, in which it is reasserted and affirmed, that the villain slain was the same Currie who murdered Porter. Here is the second contradiction:

In contradiction of the dispatch published in the morning papers from Little Rock, Ark., stating that the Currie reported killed was not the murderer of Porter, a dispatch from Sauta Fe says: "The reported killing of Jim Currie, who gained such enviable notoriety by the murder of the actor Porter at Marshall Texas, two years ago, proves to be true. His identity has been proven by interested persons who have investigated the affair. The shooting occurred at Las Vegas, N. M., about two weeks ago. While under the influence of drink, Currie visited a house of ill-fame, became involved in a dispute, when Ellbright, husband of the keeper, killed Currie. Ellbright claimed that the shooting was done in self-defence. The court acquitted Ellbright on the evidence of his wife and himself, there being no other wit-

THE QUANTITY OF MILK.

Billy Mahone, Ohone! has filed a petition before the U. S. Circuit Court in Virginia, to be allowed his salary as President of the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad for the past five years at the rate of \$25,000 per annum ; aggregating the nice tittle sum of \$125,000. In addition to this, he asks to be reimbursed for lawyers fees, travelling expenses, and other little incidentals expended, as he alleges, out of his own private funds during the period mentioned above, in the interest of the corporation of which he was once the President, and still claims to be, although the road is in the hands of a receiver, and has been for the past five years. The same Court to which Mahone petitions for his salary and incidentals. is the power which created a receiver to manage the corporation's affairs, and is composed of Judge Hughes, who has attained some notoriety for partisan seal in his rulings, and that modern lefef.

fries of the bench known as Bond. Of course, these two worthies would not soil their ermine by rendering a decision at all partial to this new convert to Republicanism. They would sooner resign and lose a lifetime position with all the pry and emoluments attached to the

The truth is, Billy Mahone has more m lk in his cocoanut than the Democrats at first thought. Of course the government patronage in Virginia will give him great influence in his old State which he now so unworthily represents, and he n'e doubt thinks it may aid him too to a second term in the Senate. But all this is nothing, as compared to the \$125,000 salary, and the additional pickings of at least \$50,000 more for lawyers fees, travelling expenses, and so forth, and so forth, which he hopes to be awarded for his faithful services as President of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Railroad Company, or rather, for his treachery in giving the organization of the Senate by his vote into the party which he has so frequently denounced, but whose tempting bait he did not possess the right grit and noble manhood to spurn and refuse.

A Good Housewife.

The good housewife, when she is givng her house its spring renovating, should bear in mind that the dear in mates of her house are more precious than many houses, and that their systems need cleansing by purifying the blood, regulating the stomach and bowels to prevent and cure the diseases arising from spring malaria and miasma, and she must know that there is nothing that will do it so perfectly and surely as Hop Bitters, the purest and best of medicines. -Concord N. H., Patriot.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASBINGTON, D. C., April 5, 1881. The anomalous condition of political affairs in this city is already causing the The anomalous condition of political exposure of many party secrets, and the revival of stories heretofore told to the disadvantage of various politicians.

It is said for instance, that Garfield, either to anger Conkling, or because he failed to understand the man, offered a Liver, Bowels and Kidneys, Cabinet place to him, at the same time telling him that Blaine was to have the first place. Imagine Conkling's feelings. It is said, alas, by the friends of Blaine,

that he will have the present Senate that he will have the present Senate dead-lock broken early in the week. In be expelled naturally. the Republican caucus yesterday Senator Frye, who owes less to Blame than any other successful Maine Republican politician, but who is his faithful and able friend, spoke earnestly against fur ther neglect of public business. Mr. Blaine is "fighting mad" with Senator Conkling, and thinks this is the time to crush him. Conkling is, however, be coming the recognized head of the party in the Senate, and Blaine can hardly go about the "crushing" business too soon. If the present Senatorial fight is kept up for ten days longer the chances are that Conkling would be able to defeat the confirmation of Robertson, and thus put upon the administration a humiliation not known to any preceding one in its first few weeks.

Another story is that Secretary Windom's much talked of financial visit to New York was made for the purpose of inducing Robertson to ask the withdrawal of his name as nominee for the collectorship for the port of New York. And an addition to this story is that Atterney-General MacVeagh went with the Secretary as a kind of supervisor. One more story, and as improbable as any of the others, is that the President will call an extra session of Congress to meet early in May, believing that to be the ouly way of breaking the 'dead-lock."

These stories are good until others are told They may all be true, or all false. They are all told freely around town.

The Republican Senators in caucus yesterday decided to introduce a resolution at an early day appointing commit-tees to go South to investigate recent elections in various States. At present they are simply refusing to go on with public business simply because they wish to elect a few Senate officers. It is not strange they do not like the record made from day to day, and wish to change it. But the change signifies nothing. The selections of such committees is no more the necessary work of a session called for executive business than is the turning out-of one set-of officers to make place for another set.

The authorities have determined to commence at once the erection of a building for a Pension Bureau using the appropriation-\$200,000-both for site and building, and trusting to Congress for further amounts. This is the second building ever authorized for a single bureau of a department, the first being for the Patent Office. It is understood that Ex-Congressman Moore will be made Commissioner of Pensions in place of the present incumbent of the office. The salary of the Commissioner is \$5.000.

Quarterly Meetings For the Wilmington District, Methodist E. Church, South, 1881.

(Second round.) Elizabeth, at Purdies, - April 9-10 Whiteville, at Carvers Creek, Ap'l 16-17 Waccamaw, at Cypress Cr'k, Ap'l 20 Wilmington, at Fifth Street, Ap'l 23-24 Wilmington, at Front Street,

Apl 30, May 1 - May 7-8 Brunswick, at Zion, - May 14-15 Topsail, at Herring's Chapel, May 21-22 Onslow, at Gum Branch, - May 28-29 Clinton, - June 4- 5 - June 11-12 June 18-19 L. S. BUREHEAD, Presiding Elder.

MEUNSHIEE.

And now, Lord, what shall I say? were the words of the minister at the close of a long prayer. "Say Amen," said a little cherub of the congregation. -Providence Journal.

"You don't know how it pains me to punish you," said the teacher. "I guess there's the most pain at my end of the stick," replied the boy feelingly. "At any rate, I'd be willing to swap.'

A dangerous illustration: Lady visi tor Scripture class.- With what weapon did Samson slay his enemies? After a period of unbroken silence, fair questioner (touching her blooming cheek)-What's this? Chorus-The jor bone of a hass,

Mrs. Holman Hunt, wife of the artist has written a book for children about Jerusalem.-Ex. It is rather strange that while she was about it she didn't make her book suitable for children in other places, as well as those "about Jerusalem."-Norristown Herald.

A stock broker returning to his office the other day, after a substantial luncheon with a client, said, complacently, to his head clerk .: "Er. Putkin, the world looks different to a man when he has a bottle of champagne in him." "Yes, sir." replied the clerk, significantly, "and he looks different to the world."

A gentleman had five daughters, the first of whom married a man by the name of Poor, the second a Mr. Little, the third a Mr. Short, the fourth a Mr. Brown, the fifth a Mr. Hogg. At the wedding of the latter her sisters with their husbands were there, and the old gentleman said to his guests; "I have taken pains to educate my daughters that they might act well their part in life and do honor to my family. I find that all my pains, care and expectations its Passenger Depot in Wilmington. have turned out nothing but a Poor. Little, Short, Brown, Hogg."

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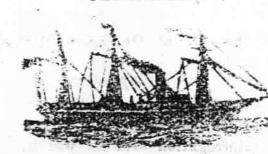
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