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WILMINGTON, N. C.: THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 2, 1873.

ABOUT LAWYERS. The Hon, Alexander H. Stephens advises young lawyers not to undertake a case unless they are sure they are on the right side.

We presume every young lawyer will religiously follow this advice of the Georgia statesman. In fact, we doubt if a young barrister ever deviated one iota from this broad and comprehensive line of conduct. A question may arise, however, as to what constitutes the "right side" of a ease; and there be some "limbs of the law" who will be mercenary enough to assert that the magnitude of the fee is a point not to be overlooked in a case. We have known young lawyers, and old ones, too, for that matter, grow eloquent over the fancied wrongs of their clients long before the cases were tried; when, in point of fact, these clients had no wrongs to redress and were not persecuted half so much as we have been by gentlemen who called on us to suggest the proper subjects of editorial discussion. We do not intimate, that is to say we do not believe, or if we did believe it would not be prudent for us to say, that a handsome retainer or a rousing contingent formed the basis of these prejudices. Attorneys are not known to have prejudices in favor of their clients. They always take a dispassionate view of every case, and frequently look up authorities for their opponents if the latter chance to be on the weaker side. And, then, when they go into Court, do not all lawyers plead for right and justice? Who ever heard a lawyer ask that a case be decided except in accordance with the law and the testim ??

The truth of the business is, we believe that both sides of all law cases are exactly right, and that young lawyers will be following Mr. Stephens' teachings in undertaking all cases that come along; provided, always, clients are "right side" up in the matter of fees.

"Case continued by consent of parties!"

BETROACTION.

Some of the members of the Louisiana Committee remaining in Washington have allowed the statement to be telegraphed to the country, as emanating from them, that they see no way out of the present embarrassments in their State except through a new reconstruction by Congress They propose that Congress pass : resolution declaring that Republican government no longer exists Louisi ana. Which is a fact, but one that loyal body will hardly be willing to recognize as long as the present chaotic condition of things can be made to secrue to the advantage of their party. Congress has hitherto had little stomach for upsetting governments run on the loyal principle like this Pinchback concern.

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True, O King Advertiser. And the fence-rail of public rebuke should so castigate this gentry that another Thackeray would not be necessary to write their exploits in a "Book of

"Murat Halstead favors a strong federal government," We suppose he favors it on the principle that it is best to make the best of a bad bargain. We've got the "strong government"-therefore "favor" it.

LITERARY-JOURNALISTIC.

- Froude stays yet a week on the scene of his recent traumphs.
- Anything that isn't purely classical makes Boston quite sick.
- A Georgia lady has written a novel, and placed Alexander H. Stephens
- in the position of the hero. W. O. Robinson and Edward S.
- ears, of the Boston Post, have left that paper and accepted editorial positions on the
- The Marquis de Chambrun dinice as legal counselfor to the French Le-
- D. O.C. Townley, a well-known

TIMELY TOPICS.

Washington political criticism is adverse to Mr. Stephens' recent utterances in his speech at Atlanta on the situation in Louisians. It is thought the eminent Georgian in his Senatorial aspirations has leaned over rather too much to the other side. His advice to the people to offer no violent resistance to unjust legislation and only to attack them through the "peaceful instrumentalities of the Constitution" may mean nothing more than appears on the face, critics say, or it may mean something deeper. When a man gets a Senatorship into his head, whatever honors he may previously have held, it is thought he will relax his principles-he will "stoop to conquer." We hardly think Mr. Stephens would even in a quasi manner endorse the Durell-Grant usurpation in Louisiana. The old man is crotchety but honest. But if Stephens were to veer his political course it couldn't avail him in

Chloral hydrate, according to a French physician, can be used for sleeplessness unattended by fever. For severe pain an opiate must be employed in connection with the chloral. Small doses are effective in serious troubles of the heart and circulatory system. There is on record an English case of death from taking two doses of one hundred grains each. The stomach was congested. It may be stated that besides its quasi intoxicating properties, the continued use of chloral produces great debili-ly, and the eyes particularly are effected. These acknowledged effects of chloral have caused its discontinuance as a remedy to a great extent, bromide of calcium and bromide of sodium being now usued as mild but effective sedatives.

We see that a World correspondent sugrests an amendment to the statutes, which shall compel every person who murders another in New York to inter his victim at his own expense, and to cause an obituary notice to be inserted in at least two daily papers at his own proper cost and charges. A Western contemporary in commenting on this suggestion pertinently observes: It would seem as if murdered men ought to have this much respect shown them by their murderers, inasmuch as they have no other rights which the murderers are compelled

London stores 30,000 barrels of petroleum and expects 20,000 more. The question of the city's safety is discussed. She might liant an illumination.

PROMINENT PERSONALS.

- Voltaire's stature on Boulevard du Prince Eugene, Paris, has been removed.

- The Pope has appointed Dr. Klein, Dean of the Chapter of Limberg, as private chaplain at the Vatican.

- The famous organ builder Eberhard Friederich Walker, who made the celebrated instrument in the cathedral at Ulm, is dead.
- A short time before his death, Forrest wrote: "I feel a sense of utter loneliness. There is no one now, in the wide world whose veins bear blood kindred to
- The ex-Emperor of France and his family will visit us in the Spring and make the tour of the continent in the sum

- Col. Charles Naylor, ex-M. C. an able lawyer of Philadelphia, is dead aged 67. He was the first to enter the Hall of the Montezumas at Scott's entry in 1848, and was appointed Governor of the National Palace.

OPERA AND THEATRE.

- Edwin Booth in New York last Monday evening. - Charleston enthusiastically greet
- ed the Wagners Monday night. - Kate Putnam is drawing im-
- mensely in all the Southern cities. - Caroline Richings Bernard and company performed at Newport, R. I.
- The King of Denmark has laid the first stone of the new National Theatre
- The "Old Reliable Company," with Helen E'Este, is playing through Ohio towns to poor business.
- Miss Dollie Bidwell was the star last week with Flora Myers' Dramatic Company, playing at St. John, N. B.
- The Strakosch-Patti troupe give two grand concerts in the Charleston Acad emy of Music on the 6th and 7th.
- M'lle Tostee, who first introduced the Opera Bouffe to this country, is now playing legitimate comedy in Brussels She talks of a return to the United States.

POLITICAL.

- Sam Bard, whose removal from the postmastership of Chattanooga is demanded by Senator Brownlow and other slightly stunned. The only offense been Democrat, Secessionist, Union-man, Tammanyite, and is now a Radical Repub

- The Senate Committee on Privfleges and Elections will on the 10th of Jan uary resume their investigation of the charge against Senator Caldwell, that he was elected by the bribery of certain members of the Kansas Legislature. Twenty persons have been summoned as witnesses.

- The Springfield Republican is lishing a series of communications, fro sure in passing a vote of censure on Mr. Sumper on account of his resolution, intro duced in the United States Senate, to strike the names of buttles in the war of the re-bellion from the regimental flags.

PALMETTO LEAVES.

... Walhalla College flourishes diss Patterson reads in Columnext Monday and Tuesday even-

The Phoenix says the administration of Governor Moses, so far, has peen inactive, not to say remiss.

Alderman E. F. Sweegan has nted the State Colored Orphan Asylum, through Auditor S. L. Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, with a ton of coal.

The Rev. C. B. Northrop, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Charleston, re-ceived a handsome gold-headed walk-ing cane from the teachers and pupils of the Catechism classes of the Church.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

- A large number of New Orleans printers are out of employment. -It is upon record that the average Atlanta man wears No. 9

- The Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company has completed its lines between Macon and Colum-

- It is reported in Macon that the children of J. Clarke Swayze have fallen heirs to a fortune of three millions of dollars. - Dr. Henry F. Andrews, editor

of the Washington (Ga.) Gazette, at-tempted some Christmas festivities the other day and broke his leg. -The Montgomery, Ala., papers report the unprovoked and malicious

stabbing of a young man of that city named B. Stiefel, by a party of drunk-en men who met him on the street. - The Mozart Hall, Savannah, has been secured by Manager Strakosch for Friday and Saturday, evenings, January 3d and 4th, for two grand concerts by the celebrated Patti-

Mario Concert Troupe. -There was a rumor affoat in Selma a few days ago that a petition to place the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad into bankruptey had been filed at Montgomery, and that Judge Busteed would hear the case on the 27th inst.

-Houston (Texas) Union, Dec. 21: "Yesterday about six hundred immigrants passed up the Central for Washington, Fayette, Bastrop, Travis and other counties, some going as ar east as Palestine. Georgia, Alabama, Virginia and Kentucky. To-day about five hundred of Germans, brought over by the steamship Frankfort, from Bremen, will arrive-making in all about 1,100 arrivals in two days. This looks like business. The passenger trains of the Central were immense yesterday, and will be no less extensive and swarming to-day."

Brutal Treatment of an Old Man. A correspondent of the New York Sun, from Alachua, Florida, gives a case of brutality that presents the

other side of the Ku Klux question, and may have been an incentive in other similar instances of which the advocates of the Ku Klux complain.

"In this town (Newmansville) resides a feeble old gentleman, now in the ninety-fifth year of his age, John Powers by name, who as early as 1812 enlisted in the army of the United States, fighting all through that war. He was also with Decatur in his expedition against Tripoli, and served in the Creek war under Jackson. Last Saturday week this old gentleman, while attending to some little matters in town, was assaulted by a stalwart negro, horsewhipped and knocked down. Mr. Powers, through the interference of another negro, who had some respect for his gray hairs, made his escape, followed by about thirty of these devils, shouting, "Kill the d d old , kill him," For-tunately he gained the house of a friend, where he secured a gun and

put to bay the mob." The correspondent mentions other outrages of the same character. He

"One of the most recent of these outrages happened the 4th day of the election at this precinct, and the writer and hundreds of others were eye-witnesses to what follows. The polls were opened at the usual bour, and when the voting began it was almost impossible to keep the negroes from taking complete possession of them. About the middle of the day a colored man voted for Greeley and the conservative State ticket, when a disturbance arose, which was kept up until late in the evening, and finally culminated in a deadly assault on two citizens of the town. One of them (Dr. Jackson) was struck and knocked senseless by a bludgeon of some kind as he was entering his dwelling to go to his supper, and he now lies in a dangerous condition. A gun was fired at him while falling, and some forty or fifty shot penetrated the door of his house. About the same time a young man was also assailed, but having been struck a slanting blow on the side of his head, he was only

was that of voting as they saw fit." Horrible Discovery.

On the arrival of the 3:55 Leeds express at St. Pancras (London) station, one Saturday morning recently, the guard found a man's head wedged between the spring and the brake of his van. The head presented a hor-rible spectacle, being covered with rible spectacle, being covered with dust and blood, with the tongue protruding from the mouth. It had been cut off at the junction of the jaw and the neck. An inquiry was immediately sent to Barrow by telegraph, and an answer was received, saying that the accident occurred there to a plate-layer, who was proceeding to his work, at about I o'clock in the morning. The severed head had been carried a distance of 120 miles.

What the Papers Say.

The Cream of Current Commen [New York Tribune.]

The prosecution of the Ring has come to an impotent conclusion deed, when, after all, Tweed and Mayor Hall are the only persons indicted. There were indicted originally Peter B. Sweeny and his brother, Woodward, Ingersoll, Con-nolly, Tweed, Hall, Cook, Genet, Garvey, Hugh Smith, and others whose names and particular deeds are already forgotten. There were several indictments against each of the principals, so that really some twentyodd indictments were found last year -and quashed. Later charges against Tweed are to be tried next week Hall has been twice arraigned, and probably will not be again; and Ingersoll is to be tried on an indictment which private energy brought against him. Even Peter B. Sweeny and Councily are no longer under indict-

ment; Woodward himself can return with impunity to the scene of his profitable operations as a go-between of greater rogues; a Legislative Committee is still inquiring whether or not Genet is guilty. Practically, Tweed is the only accused member of the old Ring still in the field for trial, and Reform will have to take its satisfaction out of him. Thus far his old comrades have left him to bear the blunt and expense of the battle; and his enemies appear now to think the people will be satisfied with his punishment.

[Memphis Appeal.] The Subversion of State Governments. The moment the Radicals of Louisana called on the President for aid, he rushed pell-mell into the support of the negro Pinchback; but it is evident that when Brooks, of Arkansas, calls for aid, Grant will slink away. It is not creditable to the Administration at Washington that it was prompt to lend its aid to the representatives of the Republican party in Louisiana the instant its assistance was invoked in the struggle with the opposition and that it refuses to respond to a like appeal from Arkansas when it comes from the other side in that State. The President should either undo his work in Louisiana, or do the same work in Arkansas. But the President can perform his duty by letting the States alone. The great bulwark of popular liberty in this country is the preservation of the State governments. So long as these are intact and in the exercise of all their normal functions, the rights of the citizen cannot be irremediably encroached upon by the central govern-

The Postal Telegraph. [Baltimore Sun.]

The power which the telegraph would give the Government is more serious than all these objections. The army of officeholders would be increased from twenty to thirty, possibly fifty thousand, involving, it is alleged, an increased taxation, which would be more than an offset to the alleged cheapness of the proposed change. The wires could be made to vibrate with such deceptions as suited the interests of the dominant party for the time being, or messages might be withheld as long as its convenience demanded, giving the Government vast advantages in political and finan-

cial matters. The greatest objection of all is that it is one step further in government interference with what properly belongs to the business of the people and an additional stride in the centralization of power in Washington, the tendency to which has been manifested so decidedly of late years.

THE BLACK LIST. Tarpentine.

- Charles Krager committed suicide in his store, at San Francisco, on Saturday.

- There were 167 deaths in Boston last week, including 63 from small-pox. Tran hadding and

- Twelve cases of small-pox and four deaths were reported in Wash-

ington on Friday. Theodore Jones, living near Indianapolis, killed his wife with a blow of his fist last Friday night.

- A range boiler exploded at Harlem, N. Y., last Saturday morning, killing a woman and injuring a boy.

- The deaths in Philadelphia last week numbered 226, a decrease of 99 compared with the mortality for the previous week

- Timothy Hurley, flagman on the old Central Railroad bridge at Albany, N. Y., fell through the bridge on Saturday and was killed.

— A correspondent of the Courier-Journal from Carrollton, Ky., says that on Sunday, December 22, two young men of that place, Messrs. John Redenback and Henry Thoman, while crossing the Kentucky river, broke through the ice and were drowned. Their remains have been

Financial Freaks.

Mr. Henry N. Smith's statement, made to the baking and currency committee during his examination by them relative to the lock-up of money by the Tenth National Bank of New York city, is one of the coolest things even of this season of "polar waves." He says: "I did not think of doing He says: "I did not think of doing it before the previous afternoon; it was what I called a dash. It was parely a treak of my own." This playful "freak" disarranged business throughout the country, raised two or three of his companions on "the street," and made great disturbance generally among banks and other moneyed institutions. It was a frisky and a pleasant freak—to Mr. Smith.

odfrey talks about ing to us again next year. - The Hartford Screw Company urn out" 864,000 screws daily. - A Venetian has invented a new

tyle of fiddle called a metallicorde. Kansas has shipped more cattle East this year than any other State. Hofty Dye, of Kirksville, Mo, took an ounce of laudanum, and is no

- An airline railroad is projected between Chicago and Kansas City via

- An \$11,000 bronze group is placed over the grave of a fortunate nfant at Carlisle, Pa. - Mr. Bain, the great wool dealer,

and James M. Lester, a prominent citizen of Baltimore, are dead. - The announcement is made that

missionary work at Matamora, - England has built a steel steamboat 90 feet long, and drawing only 12 inches of water, for one of the

- An Indiana man is naming his children after the New England States. Rhode Island is the last. It weighed three pounds at birth.

rivers of Brazil.

- America has achieved a great triumph if it prove a fact that there s a jail in the country strong enough to hold Train for six months.

SAM PATCH.

His Remarkable Leap.

Who has not heard of Sam Patch. his famous leap, and his tragic death? Many persons imagine that he was killed at Niagara. It was at Genessee Falls, however, near Rochester, New York. Some person has been interviewing the oldest inhabitant of that flourishing and interesting city, who saw the last leap nearly forty years go. A staging had been erected a hundred feet above the boiling cauldron below. Amid the deathlike stillness of thousands of eager spectators, the adventurous Patch ran a few steps and gave one leap into the air and fell, cutting the mist like a lead sinker, two hundred feet into the seething whirlpool. As he left the staging his body assumed an oblique position, his head foremost, but above his feet. As he struck the water there was a dreadful silence while the populace awaited with choking breath his reappearance. One minute-two minutes-three minutesand no signs of the daring jumper. Then the people set up a loud wail— a long murmer of sorrow.

This was the end of Sam Patch. They say he had been drinking during the morning, and failed to keep his feet together and his body perpendicular, as on previous occasions. So when he struck the water the breath left his body, and he was knocked senseless. A month or so afterward they found his body away down below Rochester, drifted upon the rocks.

- The American residents in London held a meeting, at the Laugham Hotel, on Dec. 7, to show their respect for the late Horace Greelev. Among those present were the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Mr. Dorsheimer (Buffalo, N. Y.) Col. John H. Fry (Connecticut), who acted as Secre-tary, and Mr. G. W. Smalley. A number of ladies wearing tokens of mourning were also present. Letters were read expressing regret for absence from the Hon. Benjamin Moran, Mr. Cyrus W. Field, Mr. M. D. Conway, and other gentlemen. Resolutions containing an eloquent panegyric on the character, ability, and public services of Mr. Greeley were submitted by Mr. McCulloch, and were indorsed by the meeting as an earnest of their sympathy and condolence with the relatives of the deceased.

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