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JUBIES-RECENT CASES. The going Scot-free of Tweed, if he gets free, as seems likely, will increase the distrust of the public in the jury system and either lead to its radical amendment or total abolition. So many oriminals have been acquitted on pleas of temporary insanity or justifying circumstances, and so loose and insecure has society become from the immunity thus afforded criminals that public-interest has increased and it is hoped that public indignation will be aroused.

The inner and secret history of the Tweed trial we suppose will never be written. But enough is known or believed to be known concerning the the way the Great Criminal managed to break the case down, to adorn the tale of this phenomenal age if not to point a moral for after times.

We do not often go to the Herald for revelations of rascality no more than we go to it for enlightenment on questions of public policy.

But we find in its columns such a lucid, and we believe such a truthful account of the inner workings of the trial, as far as they are known, that we make use of it in preference to those we find in the other Metropolitan papers. It is the report of an interview with Lyman Tremain and embodies statements and comments on both the Stokes and Tweed cases. Mr. Tremain says that the Tammany ring still control matters in New York, the laws in relation to jurors giving them almost absolute power. The ring procured the conviction of Stokes and it effected the deliverance of Tweed. They did it in this way: They had a law passed in 1870 making the Commissioner of Jurors the twenty-five thousand dollars, good and lawexclusive judge of the qualificat of those who are to sit on the juries. This is an immense power to confer on one man. Now, in the case of Tweed, the object was to get on the jury as many ignorant men and as many of the vagabond and vicious class as possible. One hundred men were summoned. Twenty-nine only appeared. The principal part of the jury was drawn from these. Subsequently the others appeared, after the number was complete.-They had not been notified in time. The men who did not get on the jury to try the Boss rascal of the age were intelligent and res pectable gentlemen; the jury were believed to be far otherwise. Indeed it is said that some of them were tampered with, and action may be taken by the prosecution on the information they have.

Senator Patterson, the exhausted Mobilierite, was to have been not only President of the Ohio Agricultural College, but its Professor of Moral to-day Philosophy. Raise the hyme, brother Barebones.

The communication of "Jingle is declined because not accompanied with the real name of the author.

## TIMELY TOPICS.

The question of woman's rights is settling itself. A woman must not vote, so says the rational part of the world. There is no need for her voting, and there is every reason why she should not vote. But there are other phases of the woman question than the suffrage phase. In the arts and sciences, in some of the professions and trades women are as competent as-some times even more competent than-men. We speak to-day only of the profession and science of medicine. The extent to which woman has been admitted to the study and the anthorized practice of medicine by lead-

ing institutions in Europe is well known. In Zurich, in Edinburg, in London, and ings elsewhere, ample privileges in this respect have long been accorded. But now it is also announced that in London the managers of the pharmaceutical society, under the provisions of the pharmacy act, which make no distinction of sex, have opened their courses of instruction in chemistry and botany to female as well as male students. One argument seems to be that, as widows or daughters of deceased druggists aften take more or less part in continuing the business, it would at least be advisable. to educate them and then allow them to fully engage in pharmacy on undergoing the same educational tests as men. The fact was mentioned in the news colums of

THE MORNING STAR a short time since, that the city physician of Springfield, Mass., is a woman-clected by way of an experiment. She is said to have been exceedingly successful; and the result shows what already has been accomplished in opening a new profession, in its various branches, to wo-

Male flirts pay dearly for the whistle sometimes. A young lady of Liverpool, lately succeeded in convincing a jury of her countrymen that the curate of her parish had injured her, in the matter of the affections, to the amount of one hundred and ful gold money. In anothe of promise case, a lady not so young or good looking, a few years ago succeeded in getting a verdict of an even hundred thousand dollars against an elderly lover who had jilted her. Now, all this may be right and proper, but suppose you reverse the sexes, how then? Think you an injured man could make a jury " see it," if he asked for damages for his wronged affections? It is questionable if damages were ever recovered against a woman for breach of promise to marry. But the Piute Indians, with a sense of justice pushed to cruel severity, don't look at things in our sentimental way. We read of a case the other day which drew tears from our unsentimental eves. and it is indeed cum multis lachrymis that we recall the incident of man's inhumanity to erring woman. A young lady of that tribe having played the agreeable to a large number of braves, and won from them an infinite number of trinkets by promising to become the wife of each, has at length come to grief, After a solemn trial, at which each jilted lover was allowed to give his testimony, she was condemned to be burned at the stake. The sentence was immediately carried out on the spot, her jilted lovers joining in the dance around the burning faggots. The Wharton-Van Ness case, and its predecessor of the same nature, both as to the time each occupied and the skill displayed in the prosecution and defence, is nardly equalled in the history of criminal law in this country. The first case of the State against Mrs. Wharton for the alleged murder of Gen. Ketchum, occupied the close attention of the court, the jury and the counsel for forty days. Its investigation developed a subtlety of chemical science that will hereafter rank as a precedent in all similar cases-not a precedent calculated to guide future investigations to actuate conclusions, but rather to throw a doubt on scientific accuracy, and confuse the conclusions of courts and juries. The present case is marked by the radical difference in conclusions from the same facts of scientific men. The truth is, there is more humbug in the so-called tests of chemical science and in the glorification of the "common law right of a man to trial

PROMINENT PERSONALS. Tyndall is to sail for England

- Baltimore has Oates and i Gough-ing, Who wouldn't? - Henry Ward Beecher lectures n Harrisburg, Pa., on the 17th inst.

- It is hinted that the disgrace of Colfax affords Oliver P. Morton "mallelous atisfaction." - Messrs. Blackwood have in the

press a book of poems by Owen Meredith Lord Robert Lytton).

- Among the foreign artists now singing in Italy are two English tenors, bearing, respectively, the celebrated names of Shakspeare and Byron. - Mr. Albert Guerry, the accomplished Artist, of the Palmetto State is located at the South Carolina University, where he has established his studio.

- Moulvi Syed Ameer Ali is th name of a law student in London, who has written a new life of Mohammed, with critical examination of the prophet's writ-

# PALMETTO LEAVES.

.. A slight misunderstanding between two young men near the Car-olinian office, in Columbia, resulted in a wound in the left arm of one of the parties.

The trustees have elected Mr. P: A. Cummings, Principal of the Palmetto Lodge School, Columbia. Mr. Cummings is a graduate of Wofford College.

Friday last T. R. Jeter, living near Santuc, met with a very severe loss by the burning of his gin-house and all its contents, consisting of a nearly new gin and gearing, fifteen bales of cotton and a large quantity of cotton seed. The loss is estimated at \$2,500. A small child lighted some matches and caused the fire.

.. Robberies and attempts at robbery are becoming common in Columbia. On Friday night Adjutant General Purvis was stopped by two colored foot pads, on Gervais street, near Bull, but a prompt use of his pistol set the would-be robbers off-one of them with an ounce or two of lead his carcass. Another individual had a blanket thrown over his head, and was robbed of what valuables he about him. A bit of cold s

#### [From the New York San.] A Neat Little Procession.

On the 4th of March coming the following talented and high-toued procession will proceed down the Capitol steps at Washington, and after appropriate music by the Marine Band, be dispersed to various parts of the country: The Hon. Schnyler Colfax of South Bend, Ind. The Hon, James W. Patterson of Dartmouth College, N. H. The Hon. James Harlan of the Washington Chronicle newspaper. The Hon, Samuel C. Pomerov of Atchison, Kansas. Old Ames.

The procession will halt at the foot of the avenue and be addressed by Mr. Colfax, with the following remarks, accompanied by a smile: "Neither Oakes Ames nor any oth-

er person ever gave or offered to give me one share, or twenty shares, or two thousand shares, in the Credit Mobilier or any other railroad stock; and unfortunately I have never seen or received the value of a farthing out of the two hundred and seventy per cent. dividends, nor the eight hundred per cent. dividends in cash, stock, and bonds you have read about every day for the past mouth; nor one hundred per cent. nor one per cent. nor the tenth of one per cent." Mr. Colfax will then repeat the following challenge, uttered and published in the teeth of the whole world at South Bend in September last:

"I have said that I would like to buy twenty shares at par, if attainable, in the Studebaker Wagon Company, or the Birdsell Clover Separator Company here; and I challenge either one of the two last companies to give me such an opportunity now or hereafter."

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He will be followed by Professor Patterson, who by special request will repeat for positively the last time his touching farewell to public life in the following beautiful language:

"Of the outrage done to the fair fame of men who have lived without reproach for a half century by driving them into the gaze of the public with a scourge of epithets which should be laid upon the lowest criminal with caution: of torture inflicted upon men sensitive of their good names by subjecting them to legislative inquisition without sufficient reason, I may take occasion to speak elsewhere; but here I close, simply remarking, if such things are to continue, all decent men will leave public A magazine for ways up to the ad and spirit of the lighter literature life, as I do, with pleasure and not with regret."



This is all very bad. It is bad to be talked, false or true. If strictly true it is a most damning blot on the civilization of the times. We are disposed to believe every word.

We turn from Tweed to Wharton. In the latter trial, it is curious to note what was said by outsiders while awaiting the verdict. The public, in forming its opinion of how it would result, did not once consider the guilt or innocence of the accused and the weight of evidence, so we are told. but gossipers discussed the prejudices and biases of the different jurors and the influences that would be like ly to operate upon them.

Purchasel prejudice! Are these the safe guards to our honor, our personal liberty, our lives, magnanimously thrown around us by the laws of the land? Do not the hearts of virtuous and law-abiding citizens all over the country burn to right these wrongs? How long, how long, O people, shall these things be!

Of the Mobilierites a New York evening paper innocently remarks; "That the public confidence in the sposition of the accused persons to elf the whole truth concerning their conduct in this matter is in danger of being impaired." Well, Yes, there may be the remotest possibility of some of us some of these days thinking that there is a probability of dan-

The English Government has organized on a grand unexampled scale a deep see soundings expedition. The Challenger, the vessel employed in this career of scientific research, has lately proved her stability and seaworthiness in very heavy gales on the British coast. Some forty years ago the British ship Beagle, under the command of the distinguished Fitzroy, circumnavigated the globe in the interests of science, and more recently the Austrian frigate Novara did the same. But more

by a jury of his peers" than is commonly

suspected.

or a bullet properly put in will have tendency to check this business.

## DOWN IN DIXIE.

- When the sheriff at Helena, Arkansas, has a warrant for a desperado, he shoots him and then serves the warrant on the body.

- The Augusta mortuary report eighty-six deaths in the city-more than double those of December. This has resulted from the bad weather, bringing on, in many cases, pneumonia. - The negro supposed to have

outraged and murdered Mrs. Kidd, in Claiborne, La., is said to have been fastened to a pine tree and burned by his captors. The lynchers say that he confessed his guilt.

- We learn, says the Hawkinsville Dispatch, that John W. Wilcox, of Jacksonville, Telfair county, Ga., during mental aberration, killed a freedman named Eph Wilcox, a few nights by striking him with a hand ago, pike.

- A man was found dead with his throat coat, in the road about twelve and a quarter miles from Washington, Wilkes county, Ga. There were marks of a struggle in the road. He was known to have money on his person but when found, only eighty cents was in his pocket.

- Near Alatoona, and not a great way from where the sleeping car flew the track on Wednesday night, another accident occurred Friday morning, by which two freight boxes, heavily aden, were precipitated down an embankment, completely smashing them up. Fortunately, no one on the train was hurt, and no further damage done than this.

- We regret to state that the residence of Major W. J. Williford, in this city, says the Cartersville Express, was destroyed by fire on Saturlay night last, between midnight and day. Major W. and family barely escaped with their lives. Miss Lena Williford was rooming on the second floor, and she was rescued from a horrible death by her father ascending the stairway and seizing her in her frenzied condition, and descending with her while the stairway was on fire.

Big Haul of Polecats.

During the late rise in the Yuba River, J. W. Briggs, while passing over a low strip of land on the Grass Bros.' ranche, met with what he called a "drove of polecats." They had evidently been driven from. their burrows by water, and when approached by the discoverer they trotted along before him like a drove of

The Rev. Mr. Harlan, before pronouncing the benediction, will hold up to public scorn and reprobation two checks of Dr. Durant for \$5,000 each, with the following pertinent discourse:

"The expenditure of money at elections is a growing evil. The apology for the month of January sums up for doing it on one side is that it is done on the other, and the peril grows out of the fact that it is often handled by unscrupulous agents, who make a use of it not contemplated by the those who furnish it. A public sentiment that will make it perilous to a candidate to allow the expenditure of money to influence elections without restricting its uses within clearly prescribed limits is one that needs strengthening by all the arguments our best men and purest journals can adduce."

can make large c fidential circula Christian Graces religious feelings lisappointment as we have made The Hon. Samuel C. Pomeroy, known to the general public as the "Christian statesman" and to the lobby as "Subsidy Pom," will follow Brother Harlan, bearing on his manly shoulders a transparency having one side inscribed with the following certificate of character, eulogy and obituary, from the pen of the eminent saint who precedes him: S.

"We are utterly at a loss to account for such a representation of Mr. Pom-eroy. Those who know him intimately and well believe him to be one of the truest and purest of our public men, as they know him to be one of the most generous. His benefactions have made hundreds of worthy families rejoice. Those who ought to know him thoroughly regard him as singularly unselfish, caring only for money as he can use it, not to ag-grandize himself, but to accomplish some good."

On the opposite side of the transparency a representation of the truest and purest and most generous of our public men "offering in his singularly unselfish way" \$8,000 in reenbacks to State Senator York, of Kansas, "not to aggrandize himself. but to accomplish some good," and make "hundreds of worthy families rejoice." The dastardly conduct of York in turning over the whole sum to the Speaker of the Kansas Legisature and thus obstructing and defeating a benefaction which might have made hundreds of worthy familics rejoice will be only remotely referred to in the inscription, "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Old Ames may or may not make some remarks. He is a man of intermittent memory and spasmodic utterance. He will be accompanied by an army wagon containing vouchers and

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