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The Great National Law-Suit—Democracy More Hopeful—The Points in the Louisiana case, &c., &c.

There are strong hopes that Hoar and Edmunds will vote to exclude the electoral votes of Louisiana, if they do not consent that they be counted for Tilden.

POINTS THE DEMOCRATS WILL MAKE IN THE LOUISIANA CASE. The points the Democrats will try to make are that the law under which the Returning Board acted was unconstitutional.

The point against Josephs, said to have been a convicted felon, was not pressed because it was impossible to produce the necessary evidence in time.

It is generally supposed that the week will be devoted to the Louisiana case, and that it will be decided this week.

A great fight will be made by the Democratic counsel in the Louisiana case. It will be conducted by ex-Senators Carpenter and Trumbull.

THE MORNING STAR.

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Judge Campbell has brought with him from New Orleans certain evidence of an extremely important character, which the Democrats think will be of great value to them.

of the State for Hayes, that any member of the Commission who votes to keep out the evidence to prove that fraud and corruption accomplished that result will be forever damned in public opinion.

Bill concerning contested elections to the General Assembly (allows pay only to the successful candidate) was, on motion, made the special order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

Bill to amend Battle's Revised concerning lunatics (provides for the payment of lunatics by the county having said lunatics except those that can be cared for in the Asylum) was reached on the calendar.

The question recurred upon the passage of the bill. The yeas and nays were called and the bill failed to pass by a vote of 6 for, and 21 against.

Bill to prevent the destruction of fish in Black river and Six Runs, in New Hanover and other counties, was taken up and passed.

Bill for restoring burnt records. [Extends the time for such restoration to ten years after destruction.] Passed its several readings.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Mr. Shackelford presented the petition of citizens of Onslow county in relation to the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Stump Sound meeting house.

By Mr. McRae: An act to allow the commissioners of Robeson county to levy a special tax. Finance.

By Mr. Dunlap: A bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of New Zion church in Anson county. Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Vaughn: An act to cure defects in proceedings in the Superior Courts of this State. This bill legalizes the proceedings in the Superior Courts of this State when the action has been brought in such court through mistake as to jurisdiction.

The bill to provide for the speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad was resumed as the unfinished business of Saturday.

Mr. Staples submitted the following amendment: "Amend section 5 by inserting in line eight, between the words 'railroad' and 'and,' the following: 'Provided the convicts assigned shall be at least 500, and the number so assigned shall not exceed 500, until other roads and public works to which convicts are or shall be allowed to be used shall have been supplied.'"

Mr. Carter accepted the amendment offered by Mr. Staples, and it was considered as adopted.

The question recurred upon the passage of the bill as amended upon its second reading, and upon a call for the yeas and nays, the bill passed by the following vote: Yeas 61, nays 37.

Mr. Wilson, of New Hanover, submitted an amendment to strike out \$70,000 and insert \$50,000.

Mr. Moring called for a division of the question upon the amendment. The question was put on the motion to "strike out."

Upon a call for the yeas and nays, the motion was lost by a vote of yeas 35, nays 50.

The question recurred upon the passage of the bill upon its third reading, and it passed by the following vote: Yeas 62, nays 32.

Mr. Gudger moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed its third reading and to lay that motion on the table. The latter motion prevailed.

Mr. Johnston moved a suspension of the rules to take up a resolution introduced Saturday in relation to the adjustment of the State debt.

Mr. Roberts moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on State Debt.

Mr. Ransom moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion prevailed by a vote of 54 yeas, 33 nays.

Spirits Turpentine. — Charlotte is trying to organize a Board of Trade.

Florida, which is too humid and enervating. Several of these came here after visiting Florida.

The Charlotte printer who undertook to eat thirty partridges in thirty consecutive days, had at last accounts demolished his twenty-fourth bird, and was still hungry.

The Commissioners of Greensboro have under advisement an ordinance which exempts from taxation, for a number of years, all capital brought into the city to be invested in manufacturing enterprises.

Wilson Express: The amount of cotton shipped from Wilson this season is 10,000 bales, which equals the quantity shipped last season, and as it continues to come, the receipts will largely excel those of former years.

Charlotte Observer: Mountain apples are beginning to pour into the market and sell for about \$1.25 per bushel.

An epidemic of burglaries prevailed in Goldsboro, as we learn from the Messenger. Thursday night the room of Mr. R. J. Gregory and the dwelling of Mr. Wm. Bonitz were entered by burglars.

Raleigh News: A shooting affray, as we learn, occurred Thursday night at a house of ill fame on the railroad two miles from Durham, between Frank Collins and Alfred Barrow, painters, on the one side, and Ellis and Frank Carr, carpenters, on the other.

Greensboro New North State: Deputy Collector Thos. M. Owen, with John Wagner and Charles E. McCormick, of Wagner's Mounted Revenue Patrol, returned yesterday from Surrey county, where they seized the contents of four large tobacco casks, amounting to 40,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco, and all the machinery and raw material, for violation of the revenue laws by the proprietors, who were caught shipping tobacco at Max Meadows Station, in Wayne county.

Raleigh News: Harvey Bingham, Esq., the excellent Senator from Watauga, is just in receipt of a letter from home, which tells him of a horrible tragedy which occurred in his county on Friday the 2d inst.

The gas-fixture were being removed, yesterday morning, from all the various apartments of the Court House building except the court-room and the Sheriff's office, and the latter, we understand, will have to run the "merchandise" at his own expense.

The roof of a house in the lower portion of the city caught fire yesterday, but no damage was done.

As the windy month approaches would it not be a good idea to burn off all chimneys on the first rainy day.

Northeast winds, cooler, cloudy and rainy weather, followed by falling barometer and warmer southeast winds, are the indications for this section to-day.

At a called meeting of Democrats of Harnett township, held on the 10th inst., Capt. A. A. Moseley and Messrs. John Ennett and Robert Wright were recommended for appointment as magistrates for that township.

The bill to appoint Messrs. F. D. Poisson, R. S. French and E. S. Martin special commissioners for the county of New Hanover, to investigate books and accounts of the officers of the county, passed its several readings in the Senate on Monday.

A resolution of approval of the action of J. C. Hill, member of the Assembly from this county, in relation to the colonization movement, was learned, unanimously adopted on Monday evening, February 12th, by the colored Mechanics' Protective Union of this city.

A colored woman was accidentally struck on the shoulder by a shot from a gun carelessly discharged by some person on their premises, yesterday morning. Fortunately there was no damage done, but the practice of carelessly discharging firearms is a dangerous one.

Mayor's Court. The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: Prince Richardson, charged with implication in the stealing of Mr. Solomon Reeves' tools, was ordered to give a justified bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court.

Daniel Mack, charged with stealing a trunk, containing clothing, &c., the property of his brother, George Mack, was ordered to give a justified bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court.

George Poisson, charged with stealing clothing, the property of Mr. Marsden Bellamy, was ordered to give a justified bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court.

One case, for violation of the general tax ordinance, was continued for a hearing on Saturday next.

The Merchants' Tax. The merchants in almost every city and town in the State, we believe, have taken action in the matter and sent petitions to the Legislature praying the abolition of the merchants' tax, which movement originated in the meeting of tax-payers of this city a few weeks ago.

Military Parade. The Wilmington Light Infantry, under command of Capt. M. P. Taylor, and the Cape Fear Light Artillery Company, under command of Lieut. Reilly, paraded the streets yesterday afternoon and made a very handsome appearance.

The Light Artillery Company, in their sabre practice on Fifth street, also displayed much skill, considering their limited experience.

Almost a Fire. A newspaper, though a very useful thing in its place, may be made an instrument of evil when least intended.

Economists. The gas-fixture were being removed, yesterday morning, from all the various apartments of the Court House building except the court-room and the Sheriff's office.

Thermometer Record. The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4.35 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin issued from the Signal Office in this city:

Augusta, 64; Montgomery, 64; Charleston, 51; New Orleans, 61; Corsicans, 49; Norfolk, 38; Galveston, 51; Punta Rasa, 70; Indianapolis, 54; Savannah, 51; Jacksonville, 58; St. Marks, 70; Key West, 71; Wilmington, 48; Mobile, 63.

A Change. We learn that the old Superintendent of the Fifth Street Methodist Sabbath School, having served out the time for which he was appointed, declined a re-election, whereupon Rev. J. M. Rhodes was chosen, and has accepted the position of Superintendent of the School, and Mr. Robert Smith that of Assistant Superintendent.

How Convenient. If any one wishes to know "what a convenient thing a postal card is," we refer him or her to the young gentleman in Fayetteville, who, a few days since, wrote a brief note on one to a business firm in this city and enclosed it in an envelope with a three cent postage stamp attached!

Alarm of Fire. What is known by many of our citizens as the "Gaze House," situated on Second street, just south of its intersection with Ann, caught fire on the roof, supposed from sparks from the chimney, yesterday morning, about half-past 8 o'clock, but the flames were extinguished before any general alarm was given.

There was rather a slim audience at Masonic Hall last night to enjoy the magnificent entertainment given them by Prof. Hartley in his Dramatic and Dialect Performances; but those who were present doubtless esteem themselves fortunate in having had the opportunity afforded them of patronizing an entertainment at once so elegant, refined and amusing.

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RATES OF ADVERTISING. One Square one day, \$1.00; Two days, \$1.50; Three days, \$2.00; Four days, \$2.50; Five days, \$3.00; One week, \$6.00; Two weeks, \$10.00; Three weeks, \$13.00; One month, \$20.00; Two months, \$35.00; Three months, \$50.00; Six months, \$90.00; One year, \$150.00.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. St. George & St. Andrew's Athletic Club. A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE HALL OVER J. C. MANN'S DRUG STORE, ON THIRD STREET, ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, AT 8 P. M.

Notice. THE SILENT PARTNERSHIP WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE FIRMS OF R. & J. C. McCASKILL and CURRIE & LEACH, was dissolved on the 16th day of January last by mutual consent.

Underwear. BALANCE WINTER UNDERWEAR. SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, LOW. Feb 14-15 HUNSON & CO.

Just in Store. FRESH PURPLE AND WHITE CABBAGE, PARSNIPS, CARROTS, HOBBSEARISH, RICEWHEAT, GRITS, AND FLOUR, PIGS' FEET, MOUNTAIN ROLL BUTTER, LOOSE FILLS, AND FRESH EGGS, NEW DRIED PEAS, &c.

500 Plants at Auction. From the Fayetteville Nursery. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1877, commencing at 11 o'clock, A. M., will sell, at our Sales Rooms, South Water Street, AN INVOICE OF PLANTS, from the Fayetteville Nursery.

100 Barrels. Seed Potatoes! FOR SALE BY Hall & Pearsall. Feb 14-15 D&W

Fresh Fox Crackers. CHAS. D. MYERS & Co. 5 & 7 North Front St. Feb 14-15 D&W

He-No-Tea. THE REPUTATION OF AND DEMAND FOR THIS SUPERB TEA is spreading all over the State. It is THE BEST MIXED TEA to be had—a blending of all the choicest Teas that grow. It is put up in the Original Packages, pounds and half pounds. It has induced many imitations, but there is nothing approaching it in Strength and Finest of Flavor.

OPERA HOUSE. One Night, FRIDAY, Feb. 16th. FIRST APPEARANCE IN THIS CITY OF THE BRILLIANT YOUNG DRAMATIC ARTIST, Miss Mary Anderson.

FRIDAY Evening, Shakespeare's Love Tragedy, ROMEO & JULIET. The sale of Seats will commence on TUESDAY, at HEINSBURG'S. Secured Seats \$1.50. Admission \$1.00. Gallery 50 cents. Feb 11-12

NORTH CAROLINA Cassimeres. JUST RECEIVED, FROM THE FACTORY AT SALEM, N. C. 25 ps. Cassimeres. Various qualities, the most desirable Goods made for Men and Boys' wear.

Wanted. A SALESMAN, THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE HARDWARE BUSINESS, who can give satisfactory references from last employer. To such a permanent situation can be given. JOHN DAWSON, Wilmington, N. C. Feb 8-11

No. 6. Duplin County Beel, No. 6. STALL-FED, AT STALL NO. 6. MARKET HOUSE. Ships furnished at Lowest Cash Prices. Cash orders respectfully solicited by T. A. WATSON. Feb 13-14

Horseradish. A PERFECTLY FRESH LOT. PUT UP EXPRESSLY FOR ME By a Gentleman from the Country. JAMES C. STEVENSON, Market Street, Feb 13-14

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