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long delay and so many disappointments. She has proved a friend indeed, if her story is discredited by all sensible and candid people. The Baltimore Gazette thus states the probabilities that Mrs. Jenks procured the document for Sherman and was paid a good sum for the great favor shown:

"Two circumstances bear this out. In the first place, she is a woman of too much common sense to deliberately lie herself into a bad hole from which it would be impossible to get out. She has denied that Sherman wrote the letter. This she would scarcely do if she felt there was a faint possibility that the committee could hold the original letter against her. She must know it is as safe that she can't get fast for a sum of money. The two circumstances are Sherman and his gifted accomplice. The committee is now in possession of an affidavit from Dan Weber's wife, now living at Donaldville, which she could not leave home on account of sickness in her family, but she swears that very recently she found the document wanted by Mrs. Jenks, as detailed in the correspondence read, and she sent it to her for a sum of money. The two Jenks have been in Washington several weeks. The moment they arrived Mr. Shellabarger hunted them up, and acted for Mr. Sherman in everything. Mrs. Jenks would have neither money nor credit for buying a worthless forgery of any one, for such stock would go on her shelves without a purchaser. It was genuine, or it wasn't worth a cent. She arrived at Washington shortly after leaving Mrs. Weber, and since she carried all her dealings here with the Sherman party, the next link in the chain will be furnished by the sub-committee which will soon go to Louisiana for the purpose, among other things, of examining Mrs. Jenks. If she is not satisfied with the evidence, she will be referred to the photograph copy that will be shown her, Sherman had better have his resignation drawn up in advance."

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with Radicals, and the remainder of mankind. Says this lovely witness, whilst on the stand:

"The end justifies the means, especially," she adds, "in Louisiana politics."

"I did not know in the morning what my politics would be in the evening."

This is the woman by whose word John Sherman is to be whitewashed. John and Agnes and Eliza—what an aromatic trio!

An intelligent correspondent writes us from Montgomery county concerning the testimony of the American Archives bear to the genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. After we saw what the Archives really contained we dismissed them in our mind as of no value, for the simple reason that Mr. Forre had merely given what was well known to all informed North Carolinians, to wit: what was contained in the Revised Statutes of the State, and in the Raleigh Register of 1819 and 1820.

Our correspondent writes: "I have consulted the volume containing the Mecklenburg Resolutions declaring independence, and which I hold accessible to any one who may choose to examine it. They are in the form of a note, the bottom of several pages, and are referred to by an asterisk from the resolutions of said county of the 31st of May, 1775. This note consists of a series of documents 'purchased' by the Governor under the authority and direction of the General Assembly of North Carolina in 1820-'21,' also an article accompanied by letters and certificates to prove the authenticity of said Declaration, taken from the Raleigh Register of the 9th April, 1819; also certificates secured through the agency of Col. William Polk, of Raleigh, taken from the Raleigh Register of February 18th, 1820."

Elsewhere we refer to the triumphs of some of our youth as being very gratifying to us. We are equally well pleased to observe that our most gifted novelist, "Christian Reid," as she prefers to be called, is still winning honors abroad with her pen, and we trust is also winning something more substantial than praise. She writes exceeding good English—limpid, graceful, scholarly English, and we are proud that she is a true North Carolinian. The Philadelphia Times thus notices her last novel:

"Christian Reid always writes pleasantly, if not very profoundly, her style is fresh and easy, and her characters are nicely drawn, and her plots, reasonably well constructed, are worked out with a fair amount of skill. Her latest production, 'Bonny Kate,' is a good specimen of her work, and is a very pleasant bit of summer reading. It is a story of Southern life, plantation life, a trifling rose-colored, perhaps, but not the less agreeable on that account, nor the less likely to find favor with the majority of her readers."

"Plantation manners" were strangely out of place it appears amid the scenes of revelry and debauchery in the House during the closing hours of the session. The Northern members eclipsed the rebels in their bibulous propensities and performances. A Philadelphia Radical, named Freeman, was on a "high old drunk." The Sergeant-at-Arms was sent to him many times; still he persisted in interrupting the speakers by the most ludicrous remarks. Speaker Randall once left the chair and personally endeavored to induce Freeman to respect the dignity due the House.

The conviction is wide-spread that the Democrats will have both Houses of Congress after next March. The New York Herald has been looking over the field and has no confidence in Republican success. It says: "We can hardly see a possibility of the Republicans recovering the House of Representatives which they lost in the elections of 1874. The whole drift of political tendencies is against them."

THE MEXICANIZATION OF THE ARMY. The spread among the voters of both parties of the belief that the government can only be carried on by one party, and that if the other party gets into power it ought to be resisted as a foreign invader, and driven out by force of arms, if necessary. Any man that thinks this may feel sure that he is a Mexican; any politician who preaches it is a Mexican; the black broadcloth and prunella gaiters and stovepipe that cannot disguise him. If by party government in a free country he means government by one party only, and treats the other party as a public enemy whose advent to power would ruin the country, he might as well put on embroidered breeches, silver spurs and a sombrero, and go cock-fighting on Sunday.—Nation, Rep.

Mrs. Jenks' testimony cannot be regarded as adding much to the impression made by Mr. Sherman's treatment of Anderson, because her character of veracity is not sufficiently established to inspire confidence. The singular story she tells respecting the origin of the letter may be perfectly true, even if she can be successfully contradicted on other points. It is consistent enough with her scheming character, so far as her character is known, and it reconciles much otherwise conflicting testimony; but it is supported rather by its intrinsic probability than by the credibility of the witness who delivers it. She may have told the truth on this point, though unworthy of belief on some others; but, unfortunately, she testifies in such a way as renders it

impossible either to corroborate or contradict her on the main point of the origin of the letter.—N. Y. Herald, Ind.

THE HEATED POLITICAL CANVASS. The heated political canvass is soon to commence. Let our people guard themselves against undue political excitement. To preserve the Christian character unsullied is of much more importance than the success of favorite political measures. Let us be true to our God and then to our country.—Raleigh Christian Advocate.

In some instances conventions are written out doubtfully managed. You yourself may become the voice of tricksters and intriguers. Not always in such bodies as the will of the people express. But whose is the fault? Or rather, where is the remedy? Unhesitatingly we answer, with the people. Let them attend the primaries and see that each township sends men of firmness and courage. They are careful of forming an opinion and tenacious of 'grip' after they have formed such opinion—who can be varied by every 'wind of doctrine.' Then, and not till then, will the objections to these bodies be hushed.—Tribune.

POLITICAL POINTS. —The dead Republican party shows signs of active life in Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina. Cincinnati Gazette, Rep.

Did the Jenks dictate that letter to Sherman himself. She knew what Anderson wanted, and Sherman was the man to write it from. Happy thought.—Wash. Post, Dem.

The clear development of the frauds practiced in the Presidential election of 1876 will make up such an urgent appeal for fair play in the election to be held in 1880, as must insure largely to the benefit of the Democracy.—Lynchburg Virginian, Dem.

Gen. W. T. Sherman does not seem to be affected by the disgrace of his brother John. Instead of laughing his head in shame at the recent exposures which tarnish the name he bears, he is making speeches with the impetuosity of the most several years, and the numerous citations upon the returns given in parties in business, I am prompted to request that you be careful in making up correct positive returns, thereby relieving me of the unpleasant duty enjoined upon me of looking over your books and notes. In this connection it is especially and particularly enjoined upon you that all purchases made by you from, through or by brokers must be included by you in your returns.

June 23-2003: an we fr. J. E. SAMSON, Register of Deeds.

To Creditors of Bank of Fayetteville. ALL PERSONS HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ABOVE BANK are hereby notified to file their claims with the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of September, 1878, so that the fund will be divided, and proceedings commenced for a final closing of the trust.

Grant has taken Holland. This is something out of the usual run; but it is a General Grant has arrived at Amsterdam.—Washington Post.

Bryant never liked Beecher. He thought he was vain, vacillating, selfish, and in the Tilton business guilty. Hence Beecher slurs about the Pagan poem.—Washington Post.

Not many men in the United States are as secure of fame as Capt. Thomas L. Jenks, of Louisiana. Agnes D. Jenks was married by marrying him.—Washington Post.

Beaconsfield makes jokes. He was asked the other day how the Russians would construe a certain paragraph in Lord Salisbury's circular. "They won't construe it," was the Premier's answer; "they will decline it."—Washington Post.

We shall soon have our whilom friend, J. Meredith Read, Minister to Greece, with us again. He is now engaged in committing to memory that sweet poem entitled, "Maid of Athens," for use as he bids farewell to the Queen.—Washington Post.

One thousand three hundred and seventy-eight pieces of skin, taken from the body of a friend, not appearing on the head of Mrs. Jones Hay, of Jamestown, who lost her scalp by her hair catching in the mill machinery in which she was working. Mrs. Hay is rapidly recovering, and is now able to ride out.

The reported rupture of the amicable relations between the President and Stanley Matthews is not as yet borne out by the facts. Senator Matthews called on the President to-day and had a long interview with him. He has also been at the White House nearly every day this week.—Washington Star, of Saturday.

SOUTHERN ITEMS. —The Richmond Transcript says: "Shirley," owned for many years by the Carters, of Virginia, is one of the few James river estates that has not passed into the hands of strangers. It is still the property of the Carter family, and is one of the finest estates in Virginia.

Baltimore does not propose to call upon the Federal Government for aid in case of another affliction in the guise of a mob. The police force of that city now number five hundred men, and is armed with breech-loaders. The Fifth Regiment is a high state of discipline and efficiency.

A lady from near Sugar Valley, Ga., says that a man was plowing in the field a week or so ago, during which he uttered the wish that God would have to plow in the heat of the sun, and was forced to do so. Immediately upon uttering these words he stopped still, as if turned to stone, and it is positively asserted that he was rolled to the spot, and that two horses fell on his head. He will hereafter be known as "Dillon Enterprise."

"A fly in the gravy" caused Mrs. Miller, of Burkeville, Va., to kill Mr. Miller. "Wife, here's a fly in the gravy," the husband remarked, as he sat down to his breakfast. "You're all the time finding fault," the wife replied. Harsh words were followed by angry words, and Miller seized a coffee pot and Mr. Miller clutched a carving knife. The scene of combat was shifted from the kitchen to the woodshed, and there Mrs. Miller picked up an axe, severed Mr. Miller's head from his body, and fainted.

Rev. Dr. Martin of Danville, Va. has received a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Louisville, Kentucky.

First, a Pan-Anglican Synod; second, a Pan-Presbyterian Council; third, a Pan-Methodist Conference in 1884; fourth, a Pan-Jewish Council in August, 1878.

Rev. William M. Dams, D. D., of Alexandria, Va., has accepted the call to the rectorship of Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church of Baltimore, which has been vacant since the elevation to the bishopric of West Virginia of its late pastor, Rev. Dr. Peterkin.

The Presbyterian Church has three Synods in Illinois—the North, the Central, the South. Pennsylvania is, however, an stronghold of the Presbyterians. In that State they have 138,328 communicants; in New York, 180,848. The church has in all 557,074 communicants in thirty-seven Synods.

It takes a drug clerk of broad judgment and liberal views, and a calm, statesmanlike control of his features, to know how to give a citizen the right kind of sympathy in his sad water when the citizen's wife tells him the same as her husband. —Burlington Hawkeye.

twinkling. —S-y M-t-h-w-s: Come home and tell your story in your own way. No disagreeing opinions shall be asked.—B. B. Wash. Post.

The water cure establishments must be very successful, so many people have been cured of the habit of drinking water.—Chicago.

"Have you ever read the 'Humble Bee'?" asked George of Sarah Jane. "No," said she, as she turned the color of her face. "I've read 'em."

Josh Billings: Before a man deliberately mixes up his mind to be a rascal he should examine himself closely to ascertain if he is not better constituted for a fool. —The fate of a recent religious newspaper enterprise in Chicago induces its projector to remark, with some acerbity: "Now let the devil foreclose his mortgage on this town as soon as he wants to."

A colossal statue of the French Republic—a woman wearing a helmet and cleaving, resting her right hand on the tablet of the law, and holding in her left an olive branch—has been finished by M. Clesinger and approved by the Fine Arts Commission.

An exchange says: "There is general rejoicing in Washington over the liberal appropriations for the District. There will be over four million available for public purposes after the 1st of July. Large sums will be used on the streets, public grounds and buildings."

Notice. Schedule B Tax.

ALL WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS are hereby notified that a privilege tax was levied by the Legislatures of 1875, 1876 and 1877, of Five cents per hundred dollars of the value of the goods sold in the State of North Carolina, in addition to the Schedule Taxes proper. Wholesale dealers are also notified that in giving in their purchases, they have to pay a tax of one-half per cent on the value of the goods sold in the State as well as out of the State (including the goods of the country). In addition to the Schedule Taxes proper, Wholesale dealers are also notified that in giving in their purchases, they have to pay a tax of one-half per cent on the value of the goods sold in the State as well as out of the State (including the goods of the country). 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