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Report of the President and Directors of the Internal Improvement Board.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS. Raleigh, December 8th, 1866.

GENTLEMEN:—The President and Directors of the Board of Internal Improvements, during the present year, have had no funds under their control...

The members of this Board made a trip through the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal during the past fall. Sea-going vessels, drawing six feet water, are to be used...

When party politics shall cool down so as to give business and enterprise a feeling of security, that fertile region will supply abundant freight...

Most of the stock of this Company is held by non-residents of the State. The officers and stockholders of the Company, in an interview we had with them, expressed their readiness and entire willingness to afford every facility to the Commissioners...

The State owns stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to the amount of \$1,000,000, and that Road owns the State a balance of about \$1,800,000 loaned to the Company by the State and secured by mortgage...

For the amount of interest held by the State, by the way of stock or mortgage, in other roads, we refer to the late Report of the Public Treasurer. Three of these works are incomplete, and not likely to yield income to the State or other stockholders...

Under existing laws, the only supervision or control which this Board can exercise over the works, in which the State is interested, is by the appointment of Directors and State proxy. It complains that there is any mal-administration prejudicial to the State...

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"I WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE PRESIDENT"—Henry Clay.

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IMPORTANT DECISION.

The Test-oath Pronounced Unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The United States Supreme Court, when their opinion in the Indiana military commission cases was announced, prohibited reports from being made for publication, but the rule has been relaxed on condition that the publishers state that the reports are from reporters' notes...

On the second of July, 1863, Congress passed an act prescribing an oath to be taken by every person elected or appointed to any office of honor or profit under the Government of the United States...

In May, 1861, the State of Arkansas, of which the petitioner was a citizen, passed an ordinance of secession which purported to withdraw the State from the Union, and afterwards in the same year, by another ordinance, attached herself to the so-called Confederate States...

He rests his application principally upon two grounds: First, that the act of January 24, 1865, so far as it affects his status in the court, is unconstitutional and void; second, that if the act be constitutional, it is released from compliance with its provisions by the pardon of the President...

The bill for setting aside the late municipal election in Baltimore, by holding another on the first Wednesday in February next, will undoubtedly become a law.

clude them from the profession of the law, or at least from its practice in the courts of the United States. As the oath prescribed cannot be taken by these parties, the act as against them operates as a legislative decree of perpetual exclusion...

In the case of Cummings vs. The State of Missouri, just decided, we had occasion to consider at length the meaning of a bill of attainder and an ex post facto law in the clause of the Constitution forbidding their passage by the States...

The profession of an attorney and counselor is not like an office created by an act of Congress, which depends for its continuance, its powers, and its emoluments on the will of its creator...

They hold their office during good behavior, and can only be deprived of it for misconduct, as defined or declared by the judgment of the court after opportunity to be heard has been afforded...

"We are not aware of any case," said the court, "where a mandamus was issued to an inferior tribunal commanding it to reverse or annul its decision, where the decision was in its nature a judicial act, and within the scope of its jurisdiction and discretion..."

These views are further strengthened by a consideration of the effect of the pardon power of the President, and the nature of the pardoning power of the President, the Constitution provides that the President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States...

stitution provides that the President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment. The power thus conferred is unlimited, with the exception stated: It extends to every offence known to the law, and may be exercised at any time after its commission, either before legal proceedings are taken, or during their pendency, or after conviction and judgment...

From the petition, therefore, the oath required by the act of January 24, 1865, cannot, be exacted, even were that act not subject to any other objection than the one just stated. It follows from the views expressed, that the prayer of the petitioner must be granted.

Reconstruction at the Latest Dates. The Tribune had an article on yesterday on reconstruction, which was a curious compound of sense and folly. It justifies the rejection of the constitutional amendment by the Southern States as proceeding from generous and creditable motives, admits that the amendment is a failure, on which the Supreme Court is likely to split if it attempts to circumnavigate the Constitution...

The Tribune would seem to regard its proposal in the light of a compromise. Congress demands negro suffrage, and objects to rebel suffrage; the South grants rebel suffrage, but refuses negro suffrage; and the Tribune proposes that the differences shall be settled by conferring impartial suffrage on both...

HEAVY BANK BOMBARDMENT. The National Exchange Bank, 15 Wall street, this morning closed its doors, and the day before the amount of \$2,000,000 was reported to have been withdrawn from the bank...

The circulation of the Sentinel makes it one of the most desirable mediums of advertising in the State.

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General News.

A LIFE LONG AND BLOODY FEUD.—The Louisville journals state that two families of Carter county, Tennessee, named Roberts and Johnstone, have been waging a bloody war between each other for twenty years, during which time fourteen men have lost their lives...

Five different persons officiated as Governor of Maine within the space of twelve months, beginning in March, 1843.

The Massachusetts Legislature on Friday instructed the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the reading and writing qualification of voters.

A writer in a New York paper makes the following lurid statement about Paris: "All the horrors hitherto in the world have been obtained from a lake in Thibet in Asia, and some, though not much, from Northern Italy."

A man has been arrested in New York and put under \$500 bonds for violation of the act to prevent cruelty to animals. His offence was setting a dog to worry a cat.

Works are to be constructed in Alabama for the manufacture of railroad iron from native ore, which is abundant. The St. Louis Republican boasts that such enterprises will ultimately be Southern independence.

A little boy in Pittsburgh, Pa., got up early on Christmas morning to ascertain what Santa Claus had put in his stocking, and in passing the stove set his night clothes on fire, and was dead in a few hours.

A man in Lower Windsor township, Pennsylvania, on Thursday last, attempted to burn his wife up, as he alleged she had burnt a fence rail. By a desperate effort the woman escaped from the horrible fate intended by her fiendish husband.

A young lady at Berlin committed suicide recently because her betrothed was among the killed at Sadowna. She was playing one of Beethoven's sonatas on the piano, when she suddenly left the instrument, opened a window, and dashed herself on the pavement below.

Millard Fillmore, William G. Fargo, John M. Hutchison, and other leading citizens of Buffalo, have organized a club to which the initiation fee is one hundred dollars, annual dues fifty dollars.

An exchange says that it is just as sensible a move to undertake to get married without advertising, as to attempt any business without advertising. Both often prove abortive.

The receipts of cotton at all the Southern ports during the past week exhibit a falling off of about seven thousand bales, as compared with the previous week.

General Sterling Price arrived in St. Louis last Saturday, and the people there gave him a cordial reception, overhauling him with tenders of private hospitality, but he declined all.

The Union Tennessee State Convention to nominate a candidate for Governor meets the 22nd of February. A number of counties in East Tennessee recommend the renomination of Governor Brownlow.

The Michigan Legislature have passed resolutions thanking Congress for passing the District suffrage bill over the President's veto and favoring the impeachment of the President.

The Sheriff of Texas county, Missouri, while trying to arrest a party of six on the 6th inst., was resisted. Two of his posse were killed and three wounded.

It is said in St. Louis that the radicals in the Missouri Legislature propose modifying the requirements of the test oath so that preachers and school teachers can pursue their avocations without taking it.

IF THE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE IMPRACHED.—What then? This seems to be a universal popular impression that if President Johnson should be impeached and deposed, the president of the Senate, who by law succeeds him, would continue to hold the place during the unexpired portion of Mr. Johnson's term. This is a mistake. The same law which designates the president of the Senate as the next in succession when the offices of President and Vice-President shall both fall vacant, provides also for an immediate presidential election to fill the two vacant offices. If President Johnson is impeached, we shall have a new presidential election this year.—New York World.

SOUTHERN ORPHAN ASSOCIATION.—The sale of the tickets of this association began on yesterday, and a large number of tickets were sold. Among the purchasers was the Rt. Rev. Bishop McGill, who bought five tickets, one of which he set aside for the benefit of the association. Who will follow the liberal example of the most worthy Bishop?—Rich. Whig, 17th.

The Methodist Centenary collection now foots over \$3,800,000, and it is not all in yet. It will probably reach \$4,000,000. Of this sum Daniel Drew, of New York, gave \$500,000; Mr. Bond, of Ohio, \$300,000; Mr. Rich, of Boston, \$250,000, and many others from \$20,000 to \$50,000 each.

It is believed that the emigration to America from Ireland and the Continent, this spring and summer, will be the greatest on record.

A Washington correspondent says the late decision of the Supreme Court on the Test Oath will undoubtedly influence the action of the Executive to some practical extent, and we may confidently expect that the South will be relieved from the alternative of having either the few small civil offices there filled by a Yankee, or being deprived of many and other facilities altogether.

GEORGIA COTTON CROP.—Prominent factors have estimated the probable cotton crop of the present year taking the receipts thus far as a criterion, at 1,150,000 bales. The estimate is regarded as a close one.