

The Semi-Weekly Sentinel

VOL. 3.

RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1869.

NO. 80.

THE SENTINEL.

Legislature of North Carolina.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, March 6, 1869.

Mr. Winstead presented a petition, prohibiting the sale of liquor within five miles of the town of Raleigh. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Foraker, from Committee on Internal Improvements, reported back bill authorizing the State to subscribe stock in the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, with recommendation that it do so.

Committee on Internal Improvement recommended passage of bill relative to County of Robeson.

Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on a number of private bills relieving Sheriff and allowing them longer time to collect taxes, &c.

Mr. Lindsay introduced a bill to incorporate the town of Rocking, in the county of Rocking.

Mr. Bellamy, a bill to authorize appointment of municipal officers in Rocky Mount, &c.

Mr. Lenoir, a further amendment to bill, incorporating Green Swamp Land Company. Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Northampton to levy special tax, was read second time, and passed.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Anson County to levy a special tax, was read third time and passed.

The bill imposing a tax five times the amount now levied, and the Senator therefore moved its reconsideration, which was carried, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back on Saturday next.

Mr. Foraker moved the bill incorporating the Green Swamp Company, was taken up, read second and third times and passed.

Bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic Fire Company, in the city of Newbern, was read second and third times and passed.

Bill to remove obstructions from the Cape Fear River, read second and third times and passed.

Act to authorize the construction of a Railroad from some point on the Raleigh and Gaston Road, West, to the county of Stokes, was read second time.

Messrs Barrow and Shoffner took grounds against the bill.

Mr. Winstead advocated its passage. It appears that the notice required, of 30 days, had not been given of the bill, as required by the Constitution. The question seemed to be, is the bill a private or a public one? This question was debated by Mr. Sweet, and by President Long, and he looked upon it as a private bill.

Mr. Shoffner again argued that the bill was a private bill, inasmuch as it affected the interests of the State.

Mr. Barrow agreed with Mr. Shoffner, that a bill, with a provision in it affecting the public, must be a public bill. He had great doubts as to the constitutionality of the bill.

Mr. Winstead asked that the bill be allowed to pass its second reading. He denied that the State had been ruined by the action of the Legislature; he believed the State would be ruined by the bill.

Mr. Sweet said, having inspected the bill, he was of the opinion it was a public bill.

Mr. Scott was of opinion that it was a public bill, and motion for charters for Railroads had never been made.

Mr. Brogden, in the Chair, ruled that it was a public bill.

Mr. Sweet moved that the bill be transferred from the private bill calendar to the public bill calendar.

By consent, it was understood, and the bill was put upon its second reading, and resulted yes 18, says 8.

On motion of Mr. Osborne, the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Bill to amend the charter of the Fayetteville and Florence Railroad, was read second time, and passed its third reading no vote being taken.

Mr. Foraker rose to a privileged question. He said, the honor of the Senate should be vindicated by attending to the public business, or adjourn and go home. The proceedings of this body, was a disgrace.

Members were receiving \$7 per day, and during adjournment, and they could give up their business for this delay in business he did not expect ever again to come to these halls as a Representative.

Mr. Shoffner moved, inasmuch as the Senate was doing nothing, other gentlemen, who should be allowed to make speeches for themselves.

[Loud calls were made for Shoffner.]

Mr. Foraker returned that he spoke not for himself, alone, but for the whole State.

A question having been ascertained as to whether the bill was again taken on the calendar of the bill, 3rd reading, and resulting yes 11, says 6.

On motion of Mr. Foraker, the door of the Chamber was locked, and no Senator allowed to retire, during this day's session, without consent of the Senate.

The President of the Senate resumed the chair, and said the motion should not be entertained; no record should be made of it. The rules of the Senate clearly demand that the business should be transacted with open doors.

Act to extend the corporate limits of the town of Lumberton, was read 2nd and 3rd times and passed.

Bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within 5 miles of the Western N. C. Railroad, during its construction, was read 2nd time, and the propriety of such an act was discussed by Messrs. Barrow and Lassiter.

Mr. Bell advocated its passage, as necessary to the success of that great work. There were 500 hands employed, who were being contaminated, and the work retarded, by the sale of liquor.

Mr. Osborne also advocated its passage.

Mr. Stephens moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and resulted, yes 19, says 8.

Bill continuing certain land grants in the counties of Ashe and Alleghany, to Lewis W. Bryan and others, read second time and passed.

On its third reading, Hyman, colored, moved its indefinite postponement, which motion did not prevail.

The question then recurring on the passage of the bill on its third reading, passed.

Authorizing the Northampton North Carolina Railroad Company to receive subscriptions to bonds, and amend and third time and passed.

Bill authorizing the Commissioners of

Camden county to levy a special tax, read second and third times and passed.

Bill to incorporate the Swift Island Manufacturing Company, read second and third times and passed.

Bill to repeal an act in relation to the sale of spirits in the town of Haywood, and submitting the question to the citizens of the town, read second and third times and passed.

Bill to incorporate the Davidson Railroad Company, passed second reading—on its third reading, by sections, 7th section was amended to limit the price of travel to 5 cents per mile. The year and days being called, on the final passage, was adopted.

The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, March 6, 1869.

House called to order at the usual hour. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Long, of Chatham, of the House.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Allison, Green and Crawford.

Mr. Green was allowed to record his vote in the affirmative on the 15th amendment. Mr. Dixon, from the Committee on Claims, reported upon several resolutions which were placed upon the Calendar.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Robinson: A resolution in favor of A. L. Parlin, of Jones County. Referred.

By Mr. Moore, of Chatham: A bill to incorporate the Albemarle Loan and Trust Company. Lies over.

On motion of Mr. Hodnett, the rules were suspended, and the bill establishing a ferry across Dan River, was taken up, amended, and passed its several readings.

Mr. Justice, of Rutherford, moved to take up the Calendar, and that the rules be suspended upon the private Calendar until it is disposed of. Carried.

CALENDAR.

The Senate bill in favor of the Sheriff of Washington County, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Senate bill to incorporate the Carrick Club Steamboat Company, was next reached and passed its several readings.

Bill for the relief of the securities of Samuel A. Warren, late Sheriff of Northampton County, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to amend the act incorporating the Carrolton Mining Co., was taken up and, on motion of Mr. Hawkins, laid on the table.

Bill to extend the corporate limits of the town of Fayetteville, was next reached, and passed its several readings.

Bill for raising additional revenue in the County of Greene was taken up and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 64, says 0.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Pasquotank County to levy a special tax for certain purposes, was taken up and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 61, says 0.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Rockingham county to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 65, says none.

Resolution in favor of J. R. Grady, Sheriff of Harnett county, was taken up and passed its third reading.

Resolution in favor of W. M. Thompson, Willie D. Jones, W. M. Grimes, and R. K. Ferrell, was taken up and passed its third reading, by a vote of yeas 65, says 0.

Bill to amend the charter of the town of Rocky Hill, was taken up and passed its third reading.

Senate resolution in favor of W. G. Hicks, late Sheriff of Wilkes county, was next taken up and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Bill to incorporate W. T. Bain Lodge No. 231, in the county of Wake, taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of New Hanover county to receive into the Work House of that county, convicts from other counties, taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Stanly county to levy a special tax, was taken up and passed its several readings by a vote of yeas 65, says 0.

Bill to incorporate the town of Durham, county of Orange, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the Clarkson School in Smithfield N. C. taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the Union Church Association in the Company Shops, taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the town of Trinity in Randolph county, was next reached and passed its several readings.

Bill for the relief of Mary Crowder, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Mr. Ellington moved for a call of the House.

Mr. Justice, of Rutherford, and Ingram opposed the motion.

Mr. Ellington's motion was put to a vote and adopted.

The Clerk called the roll and 74 members answered to their names.

The Clerk was ordered to note absent members upon the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, further proceedings on the roll were dispensed with.

Mr. Ellington moved that the Doorkeeper lock the door in order to keep a quorum in the House. He wished the Reporters particularly to note the fact, that when he moved for a call of the House, there were not 25 members in the hall.

Mr. Ellington's motion was put to a vote and adopted.

No quorum voted.

Mr. Ellington said: That, sir, shows how members conduct themselves. He renewed the motion for the previous question, and it was adopted.

The motion in regard to locking the door was put to a vote and lost.

CALENDAR (RESUMED).

A bill to incorporate the J. O. Abbott Fire Relief Association, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to incorporate the town of La Grange, Lenoir county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to authorize R. A. Roswell to build a bridge across Catawba River, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill to repeal the act for the protection of windmills, was taken up and motion was laid on the table.

On motion the vote just taken was reconsidered and the bill was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Bill to incorporate Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 271 of A. O. U. E. (Incorporated by Mr. Moore, of Alamance.)

Bill to authorize the Commissioners of Rockingham County to levy a special tax, was taken up.

The yeas and nays were called upon the resolution on its second reading and resulted in a vote of yeas 70, says 0.

Bill de voting David Beam a citizen of Cleveland County, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Bill for the relief of S. A. Kelly, Sheriff of Davie County, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Section 100 complete, under a penalty, every child, of a certain age, to attend public school, at least 10 weeks in the year—where the parent is unable to send to different schools.

On the reading of the section, Mr. Barrow argued against the principle of compelling parents to patronize the school.

Mr. Foraker moved to strike out the section, or, better try persuasion. The compulsory clause, if adopted, would take away the labor of many poor widows, &c.

Mr. Walker advocated the section.

Mr. Bythe opposed it.

Mr. Sweet argued in favor of a forced education, if it could be, as a prevention of, and protection against crime. A forced limit of the kind of a thorough system of free schools—and under certain circumstances, children of poor parents ought to be exempt, &c.

The debate was protracted, for and against at considerable length.

The question then recurring on the motion to strike out section 100, the yeas and nays were called, and resulted, yeas 17, says 0.

Section 101 was also stricken out.

Section 104 provides that separate schools may be established for white and colored.

Mr. Barrow moved to amend by striking out may and insert shall, and on this motion he called for the yeas and nays, which resulted, yeas 23, says 0.

A substitute was offered for section 104, providing for an election in each Township, to determine whether separate schools shall be opened.

Mr. Walker said, while he denied that he was in favor of mixed schools, declared that, under the Constitution, this Legislature had not the power to separate these schools.

Mr. Bythe replied to Mr. Walker, and expressed surprise at the position of the Senator from Guilford, that he hailed from his (Mr. Bythe's) section of country, he (Mr. W.) would never come to Raleigh again, unless he did so at his own expense.

Pending the discussion, the Senate adjourned till 7 o'clock this evening.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, March 8, 1869.

House called to order at the usual hour. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Shaver, of the House.

Journal of Saturday last read and approved.

Message of absence was granted to Messrs. Hawkins and Barrow.

Mr. Hawkins, from the Committee on Enrollment, reported the bill to incorporate the Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Company, as being correctly amended.

Mr. Parker presented the report of the Commissioners of Northampton County, relative to the proposed extension of the Cape Fear River. Referred.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan, a bill to let the Town Commons in the Town of Eden Town, Referred.

By the same, a bill to contract a Railroad from Eden to Suffolk, Va. Referred.

By Mr. Hodgson, a bill to amend the act for the relief of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the bill to amend the charter of the town of Rocky Hill, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended, and the report of the Committee of Conference, upon the Senate amendments to the bill in relation to the collection of taxes, was taken up.

The bill in favor of Mr. French, the House concurred in the report of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Moore, of Chowan, the rules were suspended and the bill laying off a homestead and personal property exemption was taken up.

The question recurring upon Mr. Jarvis' substitute for Mr. Bowman's amendment.

Mr. French moved that the bill, with amendments, be referred to a special Committee of five, with instructions to report to-morrow morning, and the report to be the special order for 11 o'clock. Carried.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill supplemental to the act to amend the charter of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Bethel R. R. Co. was taken up.

Mr. French introduced a substitute for the bill.

After a long debate, the substitute was laid on the table, for the present.

The Chair announced Messrs. Moore, of Chowan, Jarvis, Bowman, Seymour and Harris, of Wake, colored, as the special Committee in regard to the bill laying off the homestead and personal property exemption.

Mr. Seymour, from the Committee on the Judiciary reported upon several bills, which were placed upon the Calendar, and will be noticed when they come up regularly.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, the rules were suspended and the bill concerning the settlement of estates of deceased persons was taken up and passed its third reading.

By J. E. Harris, of Wake, colored, a bill to incorporate the State Homestead Association. Referred.

A message was received from the Senate in relation to the passage of various House bills. The bills were ordered to be enrolled for publication.

Various other messages were received from the same body in reference to other bills.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill concerning Townships, was taken up, passed its second reading, and made the special order, for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

By Mr. Stevens, a bill for the protection of farmers. Referred.

Mr. Dixon moved to appoint a Committee of three to examine the report of the State Geologist and report how many copies are necessary to be printed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dixon, Meadwell and Robinson as such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Dixon, the House adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

Mr. French's investigation is becoming very popular. It is known as the gaiter grabber. These gaiters are reserved for stinging wasps, and contain a kind of poison which, when the skin is given to the bands, is most beautiful appearance when the gaiter is removed.

Mr. Billings says:—When a young man is not good for anything else, I like to see him go to the University of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. French, the House adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

Dr. Love called for the yeas and nays, which resulted yes 23, says 0.

The 90th section, regulating the number of hours, each day, to be engaged in study, being read, a motion was made to strike it out, which was lost by the casting vote of the President.

Section 100 complete, under a penalty, every child, of a certain age, to attend public school, at least 10 weeks in the year—where the parent is unable to send to different schools.

On the reading of the section, Mr. Barrow argued against the principle of compelling parents to patronize the school.

Mr. Foraker moved to strike out the section, or, better try persuasion. The compulsory clause, if adopted, would take away the labor of many poor widows, &c.

Mr. Walker advocated the section.

Mr. Bythe opposed it.

Mr. Sweet argued in favor of a forced education, if it could be, as a prevention of, and protection against crime. A forced limit of the kind of a thorough system of free schools—and under certain circumstances, children of poor parents ought to be exempt, &c.

The debate was protracted, for and against at considerable length.

The question then recurring on the motion to strike out section 100, the yeas and nays were called, and resulted, yeas 17, says 0.

Section 101 was also stricken out.

Section 104 provides that separate schools may be established for white and colored.

Mr. Barrow moved to amend by striking out may and insert shall, and on this motion he called for the yeas and nays, which resulted, yeas 23, says 0.

A substitute was offered for section 104, providing for an election in each Township, to determine whether separate schools shall be opened.

Mr. Walker said, while he denied that he was in favor of mixed schools, declared that, under the Constitution, this Legislature had not the power to separate these schools.

Mr. Bythe replied to Mr. Walker, and expressed surprise at the position of the Senator from Guilford, that he hailed from his (Mr. Bythe's) section of country, he (Mr. W.) would never come to Raleigh again, unless he did so at his own expense.

Pending the discussion, the Senate adjourned till 7 o'clock this evening.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, March 8, 1869.

House called to order at the usual hour. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Shaver, of the House.

Journal of Saturday last read and approved.

Message of absence was granted to Messrs. Hawkins and Barrow.

Mr. Hawkins, from the Committee on Enrollment, reported the bill to incorporate the Wilmington Steam Fire Engine Company, as being correctly amended.

Mr. Parker presented the report of the Commissioners of Northampton County, relative to the proposed extension of the Cape Fear River. Referred.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan, a bill to let the Town Commons in the Town of Eden Town, Referred.

By the same, a bill to contract a Railroad from Eden to Suffolk, Va. Referred.

By Mr. Hodgson, a bill to amend the act for the relief of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the bill to amend the charter of the town of Rocky Hill, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended, and the report of the Committee of Conference, upon the Senate amendments to the bill in relation to the collection of taxes, was taken up.

The bill in favor of Mr. French, the House concurred in the report of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Moore, of Chowan, the rules were suspended and the bill laying off a homestead and personal property exemption was taken up.

The question recurring upon Mr. Jarvis' substitute for Mr. Bowman's amendment.

Mr. French moved that the bill, with amendments, be referred to a special Committee of five, with instructions to report to-morrow morning, and the report to be the special order for 11 o'clock. Carried.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill supplemental to the act to amend the charter of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Bethel R. R. Co. was taken up.

Mr. French introduced a substitute for the bill.

After a long debate, the substitute was laid on the table, for the present.

The Chair announced Messrs. Moore, of Chowan, Jarvis, Bowman, Seymour and Harris, of Wake, colored, as the special Committee in regard to the bill laying off the homestead and personal property exemption.

Mr. Seymour, from the Committee on the Judiciary reported upon several bills, which were placed upon the Calendar, and will be noticed when they come up regularly.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, the rules were suspended and the bill concerning the settlement of estates of deceased persons was taken up and passed its third reading.

By J. E. Harris, of Wake, colored, a bill to incorporate the State Homestead Association. Referred.

A message was received from the Senate in relation to the passage of various House bills. The bills were ordered to be enrolled for publication.

Various other messages were received from the same body in reference to other bills.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill concerning Townships, was taken up, passed its second reading, and made the special order, for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

By Mr. Stevens, a bill for the protection of farmers. Referred.

Mr. Dixon moved to appoint a Committee of three to examine the report of the State Geologist and report how many copies are necessary to be printed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dixon, Meadwell and Robinson as such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Dixon, the House adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

Mr. French's investigation is becoming very popular. It is known as the gaiter grabber. These gaiters are reserved for stinging wasps, and contain a kind of poison which, when the skin is given to the bands, is most beautiful appearance when the gaiter is removed.

Mr. Billings says:—When a young man is not good for anything else, I like to see him go to the University of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. French, the House adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

For the Sentinel.

Miss Lucy Leland:—I was quite amused when I read the communication in the Sentinel, over your signature. I had just finished the account of the Woman's Rights Convention, at Washington, and the petitions sent up to Congress for female suffrage. I could but compare the different theories that occupied your minds.

They are requesting what every virtuous, modest woman ought to wish to desire—You are urging our depressed, and down-trodden youth, and countrymen to persevere, indeliberately to outlive the storm and gain the desired haven, that will lift them above the appalling disasters of our civil war. The dark cloud, there may yet be a silver lining.

That they "miserable diet" are striving to demolish the holy barriers, that surround our sanctuary, for the turbid waves of political degradation. What a pity that some of those self-styled, strong minded women would imbibe the sentiments of Miss Evans, now Mrs. Wilson. She believes that "the intelligent, good, modest, christian woman of our Southern States, are the custodians of national purity and the sole agents who can arrest the tide of demoralization breaking over our land." She "contemns for woman's every right which God and nature have decreed to the sex."

The right to be learned, wise, useful, noble in every woman, is a divinely limited sphere. The right to receive supreme regard for her worthiness—the right to make her children ornaments to a city, the right to be all that the phrase "noble, christian woman" means.

But not to vote, not to harangue from a pulpit, not to find her heaven born purity through the dust and mire of political strife, she may send her husband, son or brother, but whether she cannot go without disgracing all womanhood. But your husband, dear Lucy, I had almost forgotten.

Suppose some of you ladies get up a petition to the Legislature, (they appear to be afflicted with railroad on the brain,) get a charter, then manage to sell your stock to some of our once rich farmers, merchants, &c., &c. This will be a beginning. You must say anything to the Legislature about appropriations. You know that the Treasury is empty, and many of them fear for their per diem, and, of course, they must vote.

I will give your bill's eye survey. Start from Henderson, riding down the chalk level road to old plank Chapel, where we have had many precious Camp Meetings, thence to Haysville, strike a line North of Tarver, let it come out, just above the Hon. Wm. G. Williams' residence, and there place your Depot. This will avoid the hills of the Franklin route. Then you can manage to move your business part of town up from the River, and no doubt it will improve the health of the place. Where there is a will there is a way.

You will no doubt meet with opposition, but you will have one friend in the Legislature, Mr. W.—He will advocate your petition, and no doubt approve a measure of much utility. I have the interest of your friends at heart, where I have space to many pleasant days, and hope I have some sincere friends.

Wishing you "Omnia Parata."

Remain yours
TERRILL.

Raleigh, N. C., March 4, 1869.

For the Sentinel.

MR. EDITOR:—Allow me the use of your paper to call attention to those whose duty it is to educate the public, to the outrage that is perpetrated on virtue and respectability by allowing degraded and degraded women to occupy seats among our wives and daughters, at entertainments given at Tucker Hall, on Friday evening last, at the Wyman entertainment, I noticed four women of reported low character, occupying reserved seats, amidst ladies of high position of virtue and respectability. Such a course is a disgrace to any other theatre or place of entertainment in the land: It is the duty of the Police as well as the Proprietors of the Hall and Lessee, to prevent it, and without it is done, our people will cease to attend exhibitions.

We call attention, with much pleasure, to the following notice concerning the Church of the Strangers, in New York, of which the Rev. Dr. Deems, so well and so favorably known in this State, is pastor. He is one of the most versatile and eloquent of living Southerners. It will add much to the pleasure of a visit to New York to accept his polite invitation to call upon him at his home:

"CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS," New York. Visitors to the city of New York, are informed that they will find Divine Service every Sunday, in the Large Chapel of the University, Washington Square, at 10 A. M., and at 7 P. M. The evening service, in summer is at 8 o'clock. Waverly Place, immediately North of the New York Hotel, on Broadway, runs West to Washington Square, on the East side of which is the Church. The entrance to the Church is the main door of the University, University Place cars run from the door of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, to the door of the Church. From the St. Nicholas and Metropolitan, take the cars corner of Broadway and Broome, leave at Waverly Place, and go West one block, where the Astor House take University Place cars, leave at Waverly Place, and go West one block. Strangers will find cordial welcome, and polite attention.

The Pastor is Rev. Dr. Deems, who devotes himself to the spiritual interests of strangers. If any be sick, let them address him a note by mail, as "Pastor of the Church of the Strangers, N. Y.," and it will reach him. The ladies who compose the "Society of the Sisters of the Stranger," procure medical, legal, and spiritual help for strangers in perplexity, distress, or sickness. Address, "Sisters of the Stranger," care Rev. Dr. Deems, N. Y.

If you are coming to New York soon, let this out and paste it in your memorandum book.

HEBET BRAINE:—A noble promissory in the case of John C. Braine, of the late United States navy, was entered in the United States Circuit Court, Brooklyn, on Monday, under directions from Attorney General Evans. Mr. Braine was then discharged and left the court in a huff.

Gen. Grant sent a subscription of \$500 to the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Sunday.

THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its session on Wednesday in the city of Alexandria. It was presided over by Bishop Ames, and attended also by Bishop Kingsley.

In England even the Queen has to pay postage on letters.

Florida's present Secretary of State is a negro.

The Boston Post thinks that the inauguration dance was evidently a break-down.

There are now 75,000 invalid prisoners, and 94,000 widows and orphans on the national pay roll.

The boring for a well at the St. Louis Inebriate Asylum has struck granite at the depth of 6,227 feet, thus terminating all hope of obtaining water.

A paper to be called the Lynchburg Intelligencer will be started in that city in about two weeks by H. H. Otis.

Forty-five American artists and sculptors are residing in Rome.

The Mason, county, Ky., hemp crop turned out well, and is selling at \$100 per ton.

There are at present 1,891 male and 188 female convicts in Sing Sing prison.

The authorities of Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., have announced at the college reception, and five of the clergymen of that place have sent to the faculty a letter of remonstrance.

In 15,000 tenement houses in New York, 480,000 persons manage to live.

Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Prentiss are both critically ill in Louisiana.

The Wisconsin Senate on Monday night, by a vote of twenty-one to six, indefinitely postponed the House bill proposing to submit to the people in 1870, the question of extending suffrage to women.

Andrew Johnson's last veto, was his severest.

The resolution of the House of Representatives, expressing their sympathy with Cuba in its effort to establish its independence, seems to countenance secession.

Napoleon is becoming slightly melancholy. Addressing the Archbishop of Paris on New Year's day, he spoke of religion as a teaching man to do, and his opening speech to the Chambers contained a Scriptural quotation.

Adjutant General Townsend has declined to surrender the papers of General Beauregard, captured just about the termination of the war.

Rev. Geo. E. Taylor, of Stanton, has been appointed chaplain of the University of Virginia for two years from the 1st of October next.

The great State of Nevada, which polls six thousand votes has many Senators, and the State of New York, and is just as present in ratifying a constitutional amendment.

A gentleman in Boston advertises for a horse "for a lady of dark color, a good trotter, and of stylish action." The horse "must be young, and have a long tail about three hands high."

Disappointed, being without a girl, his disappointed condition shows that it will soon become one of the things of the past. The chain of verities works and batteries extending along the entire front of the island being the city and James Island remain undisturbed.

The Illinois Legislature has passed a law through one branch providing for the establishment of a jury to try a person charged with habitual drunkenness. On the first trial by the jury that the person is an habitual drunkard, a second trial is appointed, and his property taken from his keeping.

The Correspondence of Madrid, which has the largest circulation in the city, (60,000 subscribers) has adopted a singular system of publication. Instead of being distributed at 5 o'clock in the morning, or in the afternoon, as nearly all European papers are, it goes out of press between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening. People take it to bed with them, and it is nicknamed the "night-cap."

Indian advices state that about 1,900 warriors, composed of Cherokees, Apaches, Comanches, Kaws, and Dog soldiers, are on the warpath, moving south towards the "Smoked Plains." Gen. Cassid was prepared to move upon them with a large force.

Information from William G. Halpin has been received by his family, in Cincinnati, that he is now confined at Van Dusen's Land, and is kept in a room, resting about in a hand cart. He was formerly the city engineer. His crime, he says, consisted in an anti-English address, two years ago, in Cincinnati. He afterwards returned to Ireland on a visit, and was arrested and tried for "treasonable intentions"—a report of the speech being read as evidence. He commended the Fifteenth Kentucky volunteers during the war.

The Meridian, Miss., Gazette says: The working young lady in the eastern part of the county who is her fortune, soon after the late war, to see engaged in the laudable exercise of following the hands of a plow drawn by an ox, is married. Is anybody surprised that such a heroic spectacle of Mother Eve's daughters could have found a good young man to join his fortunes with her, after what some fastidious people call degrading work, for a lady, or nice young man.

Gen. Stoneman has issued an order relative to the Ku