

Congress is considering, and will probably pass, a bill granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican, Florida and Black Hawk wars.

A Philadelphia dispatch says a number of Episcopal reform clergymen, of that place have agreed to recommend to the standing committee the abolition of the Lenten season.

Speaker Kerr's health has improved, and he has again resumed his place in the chair of the House.

On the 23d, the House passed the Banning bill, reducing the army to 20,000.

In the Senate, Morton presented a petition from 15,000 women and 14,000 voters on temperance, praying among other things, the requirements of total abstinence from alcoholic liquors from civil and military officers.

Babcock has been acquitted. In his charge to the jury, Judge Dillon said that the "government owes a duty to its citizens, as well as to the revenue, and it lays in the province of the jury to acquit, as well as convict," for which suggestion, no doubt, Bab. was truly thankful. The following telegram gives an account of the closing scenes:

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—At the opening of the court this afternoon a motion for a new trial on the McKee case was taken up and argument begun at 25 minutes past 3. The jury in the Babcock case sent word that they had found a verdict and they were immediately ushered into court. On taking their seats, the foreman handed the verdict to the clerk who read it as follows: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty." Some demonstration in favor of the defendant was made, but it was quickly suppressed. There was a general hand-shaking, however, and Gen. Babcock crossed over to the jury and most heartily and feelingly shook the hand of each jurymen and thanked him kindly for the verdict. The General, and his friends then left the court and started for the hotel. On reaching the street, the party was heartily cheered by a great crowd congregated in front of the Custom House and almost every body seemed well pleased at the result.

The National Democratic Committee have selected St. Louis as the place, and the 27th of June, next, as the time for holding the National Convention. Each State is entitled to a representation equal to double the number of Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Co-operation is desired from all persons who would change an administration that has suffered the public credit to become and remain inferior to other and less favored nations; has permitted commerce to be taken away by foreign powers; has stifled trade by unjust, unequal and pernicious legislation; has imposed unusual taxation and rendered it most burdensome; has changed growing prosperity to widespread suffering and want; has squandered the public money recklessly and defiantly, and shamelessly used the power that should have been swift to punish crime to protect it. For

these and other reasons, the National Democratic party deem the public danger imminent, and earnestly desirous of securing to our country the blessing of an economical, pure and free government, cordially invite the co-operation of their fellow-citizens in the effort to attain this object.

The Committee of Arrangements for the Methodist Centennial, which will be held in Raleigh, have published their programme.

The celebration will commence on the 21st of March and continue six days. On the evening of the first day, Bishop McTyeire, will deliver an address upon "Methodism and its Founders." Bishops Marvin, Doggett, and other prominent divines will also deliver addresses upon subjects pertaining to the church and its varied interests. Our minister, Rev. Mr. Robey, we notice, is appointed to take a part in the discussion of the subjects, "The pioneer Methodist Ministers and Laymen of N. C., their Struggles and Triumphs" and "The Educational Interests of Methodism in North Carolina."

The occasion bids fair to be one which will be a source of much pleasure and profit to those who attend, and one which will do much towards advancing the general interests of the church in this State. The Committee at the conclusion of their report, say:

"Let there be a grand rally at Raleigh, and let all of our ministers and people pray for a 'tidal wave' of salvation to sweep over the whole State."

A Mr. Rolfe, of England, a descendant of the Rolfe who married Pocahontas, has informed the secretary of the commonwealth of Virginia that he has forwarded as a present to the state a copy of an original portrait of the Indian princess in his possession. It will be placed in the state library.

Moody and Sankey continue to attract thousands of hearers. We extract from the N. Y. Sun's account of a recent meeting in that city:

Last night several hundred persons in excess of the seven thousand for whom seats had been provided, assembled in the large hall. They were furnished with camp stools, and stood up in front of the audience, and after all the room in the body of the body of the hall and galleries had been filled they took seats in the space reserved for the reporters, and were not easily or soon removed. The platform was crowded. Many who had tickets, supposing that their seats were to be reserved for them, and not having read the words, "if presented sufficiently early," did not arrive until a quarter of an hour before the meeting was opened, and were turned away. Some went into the other hall, where an overflow meeting was organized by the Rev. Dr. John Hall.

Mr. Sankey sang the thirtieth hymn, "I love to tell the story," the congregation joining in the chorus, and after a prayer all sang the twenty-seventh hymn. Then Mr. Moody read from the gospel of St. Luke the account of the blind man whose sight was restored, and Mr. Sankey sang a hymn based upon the same passage, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." As soon as he had finished he went into the overflow meeting in the adjoining hall.

Mr. Moody spoke from the

nineteenth chapter of the gospel of St. Luke. No man, he said, need hope to enter into the kingdom of God without making restitution to any one he had wronged.

About fifty arose in their places, and Mr. Moody prayed for them, after which twice as many entered the inquiry room.

The congregation sang the eighty-seventh hymn, and upward of five thousand remained for the prayer meeting.

The overflow meeting was attended by fully four thousand persons.

The Landmark says the Bank of Statesville has been looked into since Mr. Simontons death and declared "sound as a dollar." It will hereafter be conducted under the management of Mrs. S., who is sole legatee and executrix of her husbands estate.

The Wilmington Journal gets some information from Mr. Cannady, one of the commissioners, recently returned from the head of the road. He says the contract for the completion of the Swananoa tunnel has been perfected with Mr. James W. Wilson and the tunnel will be completed by the first of next January.

This tunnel is near the top of the gap and is one hundred and twenty feet below the surface at its lowest point of depression. It will be nineteen hundred feet long, and between six and seven hundred feet are already completed. This is by far the most formidable obstacle to overcome. The construction of the rest of the road is a comparatively easy matter.

The trains are now running to Malone's Store, at the foot of the mountain and three miles beyond Old Fort.—Rat. News.

Senator Sharon, of Nevada, was banqueted at the Palace Hotel, in San Francisco, recently. More than half the guests were millionaires, and the remainder were in no immediate danger of poverty. The bills of fare were engraved on solid silver dug from the Comstock lode, and were retained by the guests as souvenirs of the occasion.

Gov. Hayes is the favorite Presidential candidate among the Republican members of the Ohio Legislature. A correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette sounded 68 of the 85 members recently and found 61 for Hayes, 3 for Blaine, 1 for Bristow, and two undecided. Several were for Morton for second choice.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 24.—The sleeper on the Harlem railroad was burned. Bissell the proprietor of the Sherman House, Chicago, and his son were burned to death. There were ten aboard. Bissell had escaped but went back to save his son aged 17. None others were burned but more or less injured in other ways.

General Beauregard writes that "only immigration can give back to the white people of the south a proper and safe control of its public affairs, and enable it to restore agriculture and commerce to their normal condition."

The trial of G. W. Swepson has been postponed and removed from Alamance county at the instance of the prosecution, an action which would seem to signify a weaker case against the accused than has been popularly imagined. He is now in custody, a true bill having been found against him. Trial in Orange county, this Spring.—Southern Home.

Ames of Mississippi will be impeached.

(Communicated.) THE CHESTER & LENOIR NARROW GAUGE.

MR. EDITOR—I did not expect to silence your "star" man on the subject of the Railroad. Of course he intends to sell his corn, and potatoes, and apples, and eggs and chickens, and butter, and of course he intends to sell them at the highest price he can get; and if he can fix any way to get more he is going to do so. I expect him to advocate everything that will raise the price of produce, and "pack and jam" the pockets of the farmers of "Caldwell county" with greenbacks. This he will do without regard to the remaining population, and without regard to the damage done to other counties and other communities. The "farmers," the producers must be taken care of. Yes, these Caldwell farmers must have a Railroad to create for them a market at home where they may realize double for their produce what they can get now for it twenty, fifty or a hundred miles away. And all this must be done for your "star" man and the other producers of Caldwell county, even though it causes the day-laborer to have to work two days for a bushel of corn instead of one, the honest wagoner to give up his team and wagon for want of employment, and the generous merchant, who have invested so much at Hickory and lead in order to furnish our people with a reliable market, to close their doors, and sacrifice their property. Nor is this all. Even at present prices real estate is so high that hundreds and thousands of our people are not able to buy land or even to rent it. And yet your "star" man would create here at Lenoir such a market for produce as would double, and even triple the price of land, by doubling the price of the products of that land.

But there is still another grave consideration which no doubt has entered the mind of the star man, but he does not want to talk about that now. It does not suit his purpose. He would rather keep that a secret to himself for certain reasons. But he shall face it. It is this: Finish the railroad to Lenoir, and where we have our merchant and tradesman now, we will have five. For every one thousand dollars worth of goods in our stores now, we will have ten thousand. This will create such competition in trade as will be utterly ruinous to the prospects of our present thirty dealers. But this would be exactly into the hands of the star man and all his Caldwell farmers who have corn, potatoes, cabbage, butter, eggs, etc., to sell, and iron, salt, sugar, calico, etc., to buy.

Why did not the star man bring out this point? Why did he not show how much his farmers would gain by a competition created in all that they would have to buy? Because he did not want to wake up the merchants and tradesmen. But they are awake already. They have seen a thing or two lately, and they are cooling down on the railroad question.—They have seen the advantage of a distant market and bad roads. The town did once generously and magnanimously step forward in favor of the road under the idea that the prosperity and wealth of the country, the farmers would redound in directly to the benefit of the town. But they are beginning to cut their eyes-teeth. They are beginning to see another side to the question, in spite of their star man's cunning.

But the presumption of the star man is a flimsy sublim. He actually supposes that so small a star, can cast light on this whole subject, and he has stepped out and gone to shining right alongside of the Pioneer Library with the audacity of a genuine lightning-bug.

No wonder that he cannot see anything out "farmers" and the "farmers of Caldwell county" at that. Let him peek a clear night and shine again, and let him come a little closer to town and see if he cannot discover somebody else in the world besides the "farmers of Caldwell county."

P. S.—This country farmer has "cropped" on the brain so badly that he has transformed our name into "no crop." Double your stars and put on your "sp-ee," and take rest at it, and maybe you can see something besides "crops."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—An Indian war, the dimensions of which are entirely a matter of speculation, seems to be near at hand. Reports come from the West, with much reiteration, that Sitting Bull of the North is behaving in a very handsome manner and some suggestions are made that the military camp in the Black Hills is to be attacked by his warriors. Sitting Bull of the North is the Indian of the same name to whom President Grant last summer made a present of a rifle. The letter is a peaceable Indian, who is very proud of the weapon he carries, and a immensely fond of show off and explaining that it is in the gift of the Great Father, Sitting Bull of the North is a young and hostile Chief, and has caused the white inhabitants within a few hundred miles of him considerable uneasiness.

AN ELOPEMENT—A negro man named Henry All-on, living about four miles above Old Fort, ran away with Miss Maggi, daughter of Mr. Philip Douvau, a respectable white citizen of that section, last Thursday night. Great indignation is felt towards this negro for thus deceiving, from her father's house this beautiful girl of sixteen. They were heard from when just this side of Asheville and it is thought they were wending their way to N. C. or West Tenn. The negro weighs about 165 pounds, is very black, is a shoemaker, fiddler, thief, rascal and leaves a wife to "thank my stars" that he is gone during slavery he was owned by Andrew Allison, who then lived two miles from Statesville, Iredell county.—Piedmont Press.

Solomon Fisher, a negro in Portsmouth, stole a bible from the church pulpit and has been sent to the penitentiary for two years.

The committee of the advisory council sustains Plymouth church all the way through.

Cincinnati has had a \$80,000 fire.

The Governor of Maine has signed the bill abolishing capital punishment.

Diphtheria and scarlet fever are raging to an alarming extent in Milford, Pa.

The Indiana Republican State Convention favors Morton for the Presidential candidate.

J. T. W. Davis, for a number of years clerk of Stokes county, suicided at Norfolk the other day.

The Wisconsin State Convention condemns the third term, and indirectly endorses Blaine.

Dyer, cashier of the Farmer's and Trader's Bank of St. Louis is short \$80,000 in his accounts. Dyer fled.

A house was burned at Lamars, Iowa, with a woman and three children. The husband is a raving maniac.

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