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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The bill to prevent trains from running on Sunday, except mail trains, passed.

Another committee to investigate the charge of corruption in connection with the public printing, was appointed by the Senate.

The bill to prevent the ending of seamen from vessels, passed.

The bill to relieve farmers and others from a special tax levied by the authorities of Wilmington, passed. This is to stop the collection of a tax on carts and wagons coming to this market.

New York Herald, March 4th 1879.

The question of what constitutes a quorum of the House of Representatives will come up as an important matter for consideration at the very opening of the Forty-sixth Congress, for the reason that, with the Democrats in so slim a majority and with two vacancies already among the members etc., caused, the one by the death of Mr. Smith, of New York, and the other by the death of Mr. Schleicher, of Texas, some close figuring will be necessary to give the Democrats a convenient working majority. It is even likely that Governor Robinson will be asked to order a special election immediately to fill the vacancy in the Twelfth New York district. This district, under ordinary circumstances, is counted upon to send a Democrat, and the Governor of Texas may be given a similar hint, so as to enable the majority to have two more of their party here as soon as possible. The absence of Representatives from these districts and with four vacancies in the representation of the state of California, whose Congressional election does not take place until September, the possible total attendance of members is reduced to 287. Of this number 144 is a quorum, instead of the 147 which would be required should the quorum be construed to mean a majority of the possible total membership. There are several rulings in favor of the former interpretation of the constitution sufficient to make precedents for the present occasion. Every advantage of this kind will naturally be availed of by the Democrats, and it is asserted that they were shrewd enough to prepare for this contingency the other day when they got a chance to evoke a ruling from Speaker Randall to the above effect, the Speaker having in turn quoted the ruling of the Thirty-seventh Congress when, in the absence of Representatives from the seceded states, a majority of the members elected was held to be a quorum. This fact put at rest, it is thought, the apprehension that with a majority constituted so slimly with reference to the possible entire membership of the House the Democrats would encounter difficulty if not defeat in organizing it.

SENATE REORGANIZATION.

In the reorganization of the Senate it is decided that Senator Bayard will succeed Senator Morrill as chairman of the Finance Committee, Senator Thurman will be chairman of the Judiciary Committee instead of Senator Edmunds and Senator Randolph or Gordon chairman of the appropriations committee instead of Senator Windom. There are thirty-five standing committees in the Senate. The chairmanship of three of these will probably be given to the Republicans, and there are thirty Democratic Senators who have served some years and who are entitled by custom to expect chairmanships. There are thus chairmanships enough to go around. Among the candidates for Secretary of the Senate already in the field are Colonel Birch, of Tennessee; Harvey Waterson, of Kentucky, and Mr. Buell, of Missouri.

Nasby insists that the opponents of Tilden are "dooin a most on nessesarily crool thing in pursuing him, and adds: "That poor man hez suffered enuff by bein deprived uv the offs to wich he wuz elected by votes wich heid bought and paid for, without bein boundid in this villianous manner."

The San Francisco Chronicle says of Blaine's letter on the Chinese question: "Senator Blaine's letter to Wm. Lloyd Garrison, published in the New York Tribune on the 24th inst, presents the Chinese question in all its aspects with more force and truthfulness than has yet been presented either in Congress or the eastern papers."

CITY ITEMS.

Subscribe to the Post.

Now for spring weather.

Legislature adjourns next week.

March came in like a lamb. Next.

Congress convenes on Tuesday the 18th inst.

Real estate is more active than usual for the past week.

David Reed, sentenced to the Workhouse for two years, has escaped.

Two very handsome little dwellings going up on 7th and Princess streets.

Mayor S. H. Fishplate is absent in New York purchasing his spring stock of dry goods.

Cats, with a litter of kits, are now shipped over our railroads. Dick Wilmington must be projecting a trip.

The steamer North East, that was burnt and sunk some months ago, has been raised, and will soon be repaired.

We learn at the Custom House that the total valuation of foreign exports from this city for the month of February totaled up \$364,918.

There has been a railroad chartered from Burgaw to Jacksonville; we hope it will be constructed. The good people of Oslow certainly are entitled to a railroad.

The charter for the Salisbury and Rockingham Railroad was defeated in the Senate of North Carolina. We understand that many of our friends who should have supported the bill, voted against it.

Mr. J. F. Garrell made Tony Potts give him his watch by mesmerism or fight. He believed Tony had stolen it, and after a search failed to find it. When Tony went to sleep Mr. Garrell shook him, and when he awoke, fiercely demanded the watch. Tony produced it.

Mr. Oscar J. Spears, of Harnett county, was in our city on Friday last, stopping at the Purcell House. Mr. Spears is a young lawyer of considerable prominence and ability, business intrusted to his hands will be faithfully attended to. Mr. Spears Postoffice is at Lillington, Harnett county.

A most shocking crime was brought to light on the 4th. Fanny Jones, a colored girl of about sixteen years of age, was discovered to have buried her bastard child, which was probably still-born. She says her brother Anthony was the father of the child. She is now in jail, held for her appearance to the next term of the Criminal Court.

A colored pleasure club, to be known as the "Tar Heel Club," has been organized, and have rooms neatly fitted up in the second floor of the building in Custom House Alley, formerly occupied by Mr. W. M. Collins. The officers are: Jos. A. Hostler, President; W. H. Howe, Vice President; A. P. Howe, Secretary; N. G. Sampson, Assistant Secretary; T. H. Betts, Treasurer; James Pearson and David Jacobs, Governing Committee.

Frank H. Darby, Esq., has been appointed by Mayor S. H. Fishplate City Attorney. This is a very excellent selection. If his Honor always does as well in filling all the city offices, the citizens will have cause to congratulate themselves on the good government of our city. Mr. Darby is a young but an exceedingly able lawyer. He has a way of making all who know him like him, which is a quality not possessed by many of our attorneys at law.

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One thousand first-class instruments from best maker, to be placed in southern homes for introduction and advertisement. Pianos, 7 Oct, \$125; 7-1-3 Oct, \$150. Organs, 9 stops, \$37; 13 stops, \$71; Mirror top, 13 stops, \$86. Choice instruments at lowest prices ever known. Six years written guarantee, 15 days test trial. Chickering, Knabe, Mathushek, Weber and Southern Gem Pianos, Mason & Hamlin, and Peloubet & Pelton Organs included in this sale. A clean sweep; no reserve; new instruments fresh from Factory. Only sale of the kind ever carried out in the U.S. Write for introduction sale circular. Address Ludden & Bates' Southern Music House, Savannah, Ga., the Great Wholesale Piano and Organ Depot of the South.—L. & B.

Jeff Davis' autobiography is the next literary infliction. The old snorer fears that posterity will not do him justice; but we rather think it will.

Market street needs repairing.

Shad are selling at fifty cents to \$1 a pair in market.

Corn is plentiful in market, selling at 53 cents per bushel.

The Honorable Secretary of the U. S. Treasury has ordered a reduction in the Custom House of this port of two Inspectors.

The March number of the *Southern Planter and Farmer* is upon our table. Its contents are varied and timely, and its contributors are among the ablest writers of the south. Judge William Fullerton of New York; Col. Robert Beverly, Major Ragland, and Dr. Beattie discuss in this number great and vital questions in which all classes are interested, and which cannot fail to interest the thoughtful reader. We advise our friends to subscribe for the *Planter*, and we are persuaded that when once acquainted with its worth, they will be slow to discontinue it. Published in Richmond, Va., at \$2 a year.

POPULAR SONGS.—Will L. Thompson's songs have recently become so popular that a music firm in Boston has been compelled to order fifteen thousand copies of the following pieces to supply the demand: "Gathering Shells from the Sea Shore," "Drifting with the Tide," "The Poor Old Tramp." Each piece is a beautiful Song and Chorus. Any music dealer will mail them to your address on receipt of price, 40 cents each. Published by W. L. THOMPSON & Co., East Liverpool, Ohio.

CONVENTION OF PEANUT GROWERS.

The annual meeting of the Peanut Growers Association of Eastern North Carolina was held at the Purcell House in this city at 11 o'clock Thursday morning D. T. Durham, Esq., of Rocky Point was elected President, and Mr. R. K. Bryan, Jr., of Scott's Hill Secretary. The meeting thus organized proceeded to business. Committees were appointed for each township in the peanut section in the state, whose duty it shall be to report at the next meeting the acreage and condition of the crop. The Secretary was instructed to correspond with planters in Virginia and Tennessee to gather all the information possible in regard to the extent and growth of the crops in those states, and to report at the next meeting.

Committees from townships in the different counties which were appointed to ascertain the number of bushels still in hands of planters then made their reports, from which the following information of stock on hand was gathered. Of the Rocky Point section there are still in first hands 10,500 bushels. Second section, 7000 bushels. Brunswick, 4000 bushels Oslow, 2000 bushels. Total number of bushels, still held by planters, 23,500. Number of bushels estimated to be in hands of dealers in this city, 10,000. Total number of bushels in hands of planters in this section and dealers in this city, 33,500.

Stock on hand stored in Wilmington at this season last year 50,000 bushels. It was ascertained that the crop this year in North Carolina would fall short from 35,000 to 40,000 bushels. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board met at 2 1/2 p. m. Monday. Present, Col. W. L. Smith, Chairman, and Commissioners Worth, Grady, Bagg and Montgomery.

The Treasurer's report for the month of February, was received, examined and spread upon the minutes.

The Register submitted his report to the 31st of December, 1878, which was examined, found correct, and ordered to be placed on file.

It was ordered that licenses to retail spirituous liquors be granted to Binford & Hill and M. M. Dunning.

Commissioner Bagg moved that the tax collected from Prot, VanLeer be refunded, which motion did not prevail.

The following was passed: Ordered, That on and after this date the provisions of section 2, Schedule B, Laws of 1875-77 be strictly enforced by the Register.

H. E. Shriver came forward and qualified as Constable of Cape Fear Township.

It was ordered that the contract for furnishing medicine for the county poor be awarded to J. C. Munds, he being the lowest bidder.

It was ordered by the Board that the public road from the city limits, by the way of Appieton to the Federal Point road, be discontinued.

The Board then proceeded to draw

the regular venire for the April term of the Criminal Court, as follows:

Lewis LeGrand, M. Crony, Jr., Geo. F. Tiley, John A. Farrow, A. B. Lind, J. Fernberger, J. L. Barlow, C. P. Mebane, Wilkes Morris, B. P. Bryan, Solomon Reaves, Francis Bruhard, Jas. A. Walker, W. J. Penny, L. P. Dayis, T. H. McKoy, Wm. Dent, D. Greenwald, A. J. Shepard, H. Lemmerman, Thos. B. Harris, J. D. Woody, J. W. Southerland, J. W. Conoley, W. H. Chadbourne, J. W. Branch, E. G. Whitney, Dallas M. Fennell, Wm. H. Bradley, D. B. Mitchell.

It was ordered by the Board that the county poll tax of \$2 25, collected by the Sheriff on the delinquent list in Harnett Township, from Lemuel Williams, be refunded, the same having been paid by C. M. Borneman, as listed by him for Mrs. Williams.

Application of certain residents of Harnett Township, in reference to the performance of road duty, was not granted.

Application of certain residents of Federal Point Township, for permission to lay out a public road in said township, was granted on condition that the same shall entail no expense upon the county.

The Board then adjourned.

Another Phenomenal Case.

John Nichols, a farmer living near Thompson, Pa., while walking in the woods on his farm thirty years ago, ran a twig into his right ear. A piece of it broke off in his head. He became deaf, and at times suffered intense pain in his head. Two weeks ago this pain became unusually acute and continued without cessation until Saturday last. On that day Mr. Nichols felt a prickling sensation in his left ear, and with a pair of tweezers pulled out a round piece of wood three-quarters of an inch long and an eighth of an inch in diameter. Mr. Nichols was at once relieved of pain, and his hearing was restored. It has no doubt that the piece of wood is the bit of twig that was thrust into his head thirty years ago. If so, it passed through his head from one ear to the other. The wood is perfectly sound.

The veto does not settle the Chinese question. The people of the Pacific Slope should not prejudice this case by permitting the abuse of a single unfortunate heathen by the rabble in consequence of it; such a course will only postpone the needed legislation. The inhuman treatment of the Chinese, by the ignorant mobs of San Francisco, has done much to create public sentiment in their favor. If such a course is persisted in, and the slushy talk about secession continues a bitter controversy will result, when such disagreement is entirely unnecessary. People take small stock in a movement led by such spirits. This question is a grave one, requiring wisdom and statesmanship, and the people who have been invited to our shores can well claim our protection while they are amenable to our laws.

Hot and Cold Baths

The *London Lancet* in a recent number points out the difference between the effects of hot and cold baths. The effects of the cold bath, it says, being mainly due to impressions made upon the cutaneous nerves, the modifications of the cold bath largely depend on their power of increasing its stimulating action. The colder the water, the more violent the impression. The frequent change of water, such as is found in the sea or in running streams, increases the stimulating effort. Great force of impact, as when water falls from a height or comes forcibly through a hose upon the body; the division of the stream, as is seen in shower baths and needle baths; and the addition of acids or salt to the water, all act, it would seem, by increasing the stimulating power which the water exerts upon the cutaneous nerves. Warm baths produce an effect upon the skin directly contrary to that brought about by cold water. The cutaneous vessels dilate immediately under the influence of the heat, and although this dilatation is followed by a contraction of the vessels, this contraction is seldom excessive; and the ultimate result of a warm bath is to increase the cutaneous circulation. The pulse and respiration are both quickened as in the cold bath. The warm bath increases the temperature of the body, and by lessening the necessity for the internal production of heat, decreases the call made upon certain vital processes, and enables life to be sustained with a less expenditure of force. While a cold bath causes a certain stiffness of the muscles, if continued for too long a time, a warm bath relieves stiffness and fatigue. The ultimate results of hot and cold baths, if their temperature be moderate, are about the same, the difference being, to use the words of Baum, that "cold refreshes by stimulating the functions, heat by physically facilitating them; and in this lies the important practical difference between the cold water and hot water systems."

Salt should never be put on the tablecloth, but on the side of your plate. If, however, you want to pickle the tablecloth in brine, you must put salt on it, of course. A barrel of salt tablecloth would come in play should your pork give out during the winter.

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