

LEGISLATIVE CORRUPTION.

A Committee of investigation, appointed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, are making some startling disclosures as to the bribery of certain members of that body. A bill was introduced into the legislature last winter making the State liable for the losses incurred at the great railroad riot in Pittsburg in July 1877, and appropriating the sum of \$1,000,000 to pay the same. To secure the passage of this bill and obtain so large an amount of money, it was alleged that corrupt measures were being used, and that the votes and influence of members were being obtained by bribery. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter, and for some time past they have been examining witnesses. From the testimony already taken it is fully proven that bribery was used, and large sums of money offered and paid to those patriotic legislators. The price of members varied according to their influence and capabilities, some valuing themselves at only \$300, while the consciences of others could not be bribed for less than \$5,000.

Among the guilty members was one, Representative Petreff, of Philadelphia, who seems to be an old offender, having been expelled from the legislature in 1876 for endeavoring to obtain \$75,000 for the purchase of fifteen votes in the passage of another bill. So it would seem that the expulsion of a man from one legislature on account of bribery, is not considered by the voters of the "city of brotherly love" as any objection to his being elected a member of the next legislature!

But we need not be surprised at this, for the Pennsylvania politicians and legislators have long since established the unenviable reputation of being the most venal and corrupt in the United States, being only equalled by the leaders of the pet-burgers that preyed upon the South. The mere fact of itself, that such a man as Simon Cameron, who has lived a long life stained with all manner of bribes and frauds and corruption, should have had for so many years supreme control of the dominant party in that State, is sufficient evidence of its corrupt morals, and it is not surprising that petty members of the legislature should follow his example.

The Federal Land Tax.

Many of our readers will doubtless remember that immediately after the war the federal officers were collecting from our people a tax levied on their lands by an Act of Congress passed in August 1861. Money was very scarce at that time among the Southern people, and it was an extreme hardship upon them to be compelled to pay this tax. Many of our citizens, fearful lest their land would be seized upon and confiscated, succeeded in scraping up by hard work enough money to pay this tax, but there were hundreds and thousands who were utterly unable to meet the demands of the tax gatherer, and so the further collection of this tax was suspended by Acts of Congress. A resolution has recently passed the Senate calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for a statement of the amount of these taxes yet due from the several States. In his statement the Secretary of the Treasury says, that the amount still due and uncollected from the eleven States which succeeded in \$2,725,104 and of this sum North Carolina owes \$199,000. He also says that this tax was charged against the land and was a lien until paid, and "this lien is evidently remains upon each and every parcel in those States upon which the direct tax has not been paid." He goes on to say still further, that

"There can be no doubt that the Secretary of the Treasury is charged with the duty of collecting this direct tax under the provisions of existing laws. To leave these portions uncollected will be an unconstitutional and inequitable discrimination against those States which have paid their respective quotas of the tax under the statute of 1861 and other acts. The last legal suspension of the collection expired January 3, 1869. It remains for Congress to decide whether the collection shall pro-

ceed under the methods provided by existing statutes, or whether additional legislation is necessary. The protracted suspension only renders the final collection of the tax more difficult and uncertain, and if further legislation is necessary it should be immediate."

To pay this tax even now would be very oppressive to our people, and we sincerely trust that Congress will at once pass an Act to modify and suspend the collection. For the people of North Carolina pay \$199,000 into the Federal Government in taxes on their land in addition to their State and county taxes, and would produce much suffering, and force the side of many farms.

Vanoe's Speech.

Gov. Vanoe made his first speech in the United States Senate on the 15th inst. the following synopsis of which we copy from the New York Herald.

No man more devoted to Southern rights, said Mr. Vanoe, had a fair hearing in this body. The fact that it is held by them is the stand for resolving old issues not pertinent to the question. He thought it essential to a proper consideration of this bill that it be discussed on its merits; but the arguments of its opponents were more party denunciations. If this were an action at law, and I am assuming to the complaint was filed they would have been answered by the defendant. The South is not a party. Mr. Vanoe said that the South is not a party. Mr. Vanoe said that the South is not a party. Mr. Vanoe said that the South is not a party.

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Who Can Answer?

An exchange of letters, says one tell you how you can get your share of the money that is being paid to the South and West. Can any one tell how a man who has been complaining that he cannot afford to subscribe for the county newspaper, and from week to week receives it of his neighbors, can afford to pay twice the amount every month for man whiskey?

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with a feeling of his investment sliding to his hands. I saw a Chatham man, and a good farmer, he is too, on our streets, yesterday, and nearly to my surprise, he informed me that he wanted to buy fifty bushels of corn. He stated that he was in his neighborhood one dollar per bushel, and was very scarce at the present. It is selling here for 60 cents.

Very truly,

W. M. D.

FOR THE FARMER.

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the last Legislature do any thing in regard to Rangers? There is a Stray here, and we want to know how to proceed. Please inform me as soon as you can.

Very respectfully,
W. A. LAMAR.

In reply to our friend's inquiry we will state that the late legislature did pass an Act in regard to "Strays" which we have not yet been able to see, but we understand that the only material change made is, that every justice of the Peace is appointed a Ranger by virtue of his office. As to the duties of rangers and the law on strays, we refer our correspondent to chapter 109 of Battle's Revised, but as many of our readers may not have access to that book, we will briefly give the substance of the law: Any person finding a stray horse, mule, ass, shall within ten days after taking it to the owner being unknown) make information on oath to some ranger describing such animal, and the ranger shall summon two freeholders to appraise its value, and at once advertise in the county paper for its owner. If the stray is not claimed by its owner within twelve months, the finder up may retain it upon paying the county two-thirds of the appraised value.

So whenever any person in this county takes up a stray animal, whose owner is unknown, let him at once go to the nearest Magistrate and give such information as the law directs, and it is the duty of such Magistrate to advertise such stray in the Register, under a penalty of five dollars. (Herald Special.)

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