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The use of parliamentary tactics a few members can stave off a report to an indefinite period, or defeat the objects of it entirely, and it is pretty plain that they mean to do it. We see no good to come from any further attempts to investigate by the whole House.

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JOEL R. POINSETT.

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devoted to the Federal Union, and foretold the bloody consequences and ultimate failure of secession—with the loss of slavery. He said, in conversation with Mr. Calhoun, at his own table in Washington, he inquired an explanation of some views which Mr. Calhoun had expressed to him, and he said he did not remember that Rawlins Lowrey, republican, had been engraved on his tombstone? I now understand you, said Mr. Poinsett, and shall oppose to the death. They never had any intercourse after that.

The death of Mr. Poinsett was a serious loss to the society of Greenville, and his friends all over the State. His health had been feeble all his life, but he took wonderful care of himself, and lived to a good old age.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES, &c. An Act, declaratory of the cases which an act entitled "an act concerning the settlement of the estates of deceased persons" being chapter 113, of the acts of 1854, is applicable.

Sec. 1. That the said act shall apply to the estate of a deceased person only, whereof the original administration has been granted prior to the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty six, and that all estates whereof administration was granted prior to the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty six, shall be deemed to have been administered according to the law as it existed just prior to the said date and is hereby declared that such was the true intent and meaning of said act. Provided, however, that no such estate shall be deemed to have been administered according to the law as it existed just prior to the said date, unless the same shall have been so administered, or to the practice and procedure therein.

Sec. 2. If any person prior to the ratification of this act, shall have administered any estate or any part of the estate of any deceased person whereof original administration was granted prior to the first day of July, under the said act of 1865-66, he shall not be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, nor shall he be liable to any civil or criminal proceedings, on account of any act or omission done by him in the administration of such estate, or in the manner thereof provided for in the said act of 1865-66, if he acted in good faith, and in conformity with the law as it existed at the time he acted.

Sec. 3. That executors and administrators who qualified and entered upon the administration of their estates before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty six, may sell such evidences of debt as are mentioned in the second section of the act aforesaid, in the manner therein provided for.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. In General Assembly read three times and ratified this 1st day of March, A. D. 1870.

A dispatch from Rome received in Brussels says every effort is being made to induce the American bishops to declare for papal infallibility, but so far the ultra-montane have been unsuccessful in securing their admission.

New Orleans has sent fifty tons of manufactured ice to Philadelphia, and threatens to supply Boston yet.

Belle Boyd, destitute and insane, has left San Francisco for the residence of her mother, at Martinsburg, Va.—N. Y. Democrat.

Christian Neilman, a Philadelphia somnambulist, jumped out of a third-story window Wednesday night, carrying the cash with him. He escaped serious injury.

The North and South United by the GREAT METROPOLITAN Through Passenger Route. See that your Tickets are good. Via Petersburg, Weldon, Raleigh and Charlotte.

TIME TABLE—N. C. RAILROAD. TRAINS NORTH. TRAINS SOUTH.

Accommodation for Eastern N. Carolina. Passengers from Wilmington to Raleigh will take the accommodation of 8:15 p. m. train.

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Your Attention. Henderson County Kentucky Land Sale. GRAND PRIZE SCHEME.

511 PRIZES, \$314,320! CAPITAL PRIZE \$150,000! SMALLEST PRIZE, \$80!

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Grand Raffle and Sale of Real Estate and Personal Property at CASTLE, Ga. June 1st, 1870.

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Derringer Pistols. I have the day appointed to Mr. TOMES MELVIN & CO. to sell the only Factory Family Brevier Pistols.

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