

WHAT IS THE USE?

What is the use of buying your hat, if you do not intend to wear it?

MINE TIME AND CUT.

Ven clouds are black above, and mud is black below.

BUTLER.

High Poetry publishes the following for the edification of its readers:

Miscellaneous News.

JOSH BILLINGS'S ESSAY ON TO SWINE.

Hogs generally are quadrupid. The extreme length of their antiquity has never been fully discovered.

In act Granting a General Amnesty and Pardon to all Officers and Soldiers of the State of North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same.

of this bill, or in other words, that no officers or privates in any of the above named organizations, against whom no indictment is now pending, shall be liable to prosecution for any offence committed against the criminal laws of North Carolina prior to the first day of January A. D. 1866, as aforesaid.

Be it further enacted, That in all cases where indictments are now pending, either in the County or Superior Courts, if the defendant can show that he was an officer or private in either of the above named organizations, at the time it shall be presumed that he acted under orders, until the contrary shall be made to appear.

Be it further enacted, That all private citizens who, on account of age, or from any other cause, were exempt from service in any or all of the above named organizations, who for the preservation of their lives or property, or for the protection of their families, associated themselves together for the preservation of law and order in their respective counties or districts, shall be entitled to all the benefits and provisions of this Act.

Be it further enacted, That no person who may have been in the civil or military service of the State or late Confederate States Government, or in the service of the United States Government, neither of the above named organizations, shall be held liable in any civil action for any act done in the discharge of any duties imposed upon him, by any law or authority purporting to be a law of the State or late Confederate States Government.

Be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified Dec. A. D. 1866.

I certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the original, on file in this office.

R. W. BEST, Secretary of State.

For the "Banner." A FABLE.

Long ago, time and chance had waded many flocks of bipeds towards the setting sun.

There was one among the many on whom the choice was likely to fall and who had grown taller than the rest.

The silly birds soon had cause to repent their folly; for no sooner did Skins (as so was his name by interpretation) had himself in office than he began to show his natural disposition and cruel propensities.

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She lives, we understand, on Hill street, near Broadway.

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How much true bone and sinew have we got! North Carolina will be a manufacturing State in a few years.

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persons—"a host" of mothers—in this country mourning the loss of daughters of the age of fifteen, who have been kidnapped or enticed from home.

A Terrible Combat.—The Baton Rouge Comet gives the particulars of the death of a negro under circumstances of the most singular character.

NEGRO CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF WASHINGTON.

In the course of Judge Underwood's remarks, Wednesday night, at the African Methodist Church, in Alexandria, he stated that the President of the Freedmen's Relief Association, of Washington, has been waited upon and informed by a committee of negro men that he was the unanimous choice of the entire number of negroes residing there for Mayor, and that he had accepted the nomination.

THE RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

A special in the New York Tribune says the Reconstruction Committee are expected soon to make a report on the several plans now before them, looking to the restoration of the Southern States.

From Nashville the indications are that no election for representatives will be held in time for the fortieth Congress.

For some days previous we have had vague rumors from the great Dana of the Ephesians (the city of Washington) "that it would not be long before there would be important developments."

Proposed Amendment to State Constitution.

ARTICLE. Every male citizen who has resided in this State for one year and in the county in which he offers to vote six months, immediately preceding the day of election, and who can read the Constitution of the United States in the English language and can write his name, or who may be the owner of two hundred and fifty dollars worth of taxable property, shall be entitled to vote at all elections for Governor of the State, members of the Legislature and all other officers elective by the people of the State.

An Argument against a Penitentiary.

ry.—We learn that there is scarcely half the number of charges against criminal offenders, or half the number of cases on the criminal docket at the present Court that was on the docket at the former Court.

Coal and iron exists in the West, on both sides of the Mississippi, and this tariff will develop the immense mineral resources of the Western States.

THE OPPRESSIVE TARIFF BILL.

The tariff bill which has passed the Senate is a substitute for the one which passed the House at the last session, and is, in most respects a much more oppressive measure.

Legal Tender, in a mile race, 3 in 5, won a heat in one minute 44 seconds.

Henry Peritt, 3 years old, carried eighty-six pounds at New Orleans, La., April 17, 1865, in a two mile race, and made the first mile of the second heat, in one minute, and 42 seconds.

Legal Tender, in a mile race, 3 in 5, won a heat in one minute 44 seconds. He carried 17 pounds less than his proper weight, and the track was 30 feet short of a mile. See Turf, Field and Farm, vol. 2, page 230.

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