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Is Mr. Depew Above the Law?

We had supposed that Chauncey M. Depew was a bright man, but he seems to have become suddenly silly. Hear him, the topic being his arrest as a director of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway under charge of manslaughter.

"There is no shadow of law under which the directors of a railroad can be held for the consequences of accidents. I am a director in a railroad running to Duluth. Now it may be barely possible that there is a bridge somewhere up in the northwest which has a flaw in one of the girders. Under the coroner's jury's ruling it is my duty to go up to Duluth and walk over and climb under that bridge—

Mr. Depew evades the point and talks at random. New York state passed a law that the deadly car stove should not be used on cars run in New York state. The New York, New Haven and Hartford railway did not obey the law, hence the sacrifice of several lives and hence Mr. Depew's responsibility as a director, for he could have had the law obeyed and he did not.

A Republican Confession. There may exist in North Carolina republicans who do not believe that the late congress, with a majority and Reed against the democrats, was extravagant. If so let them compass the full meaning of this from the New York Tribune.

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Of course, the democrats are right for proposing to abrogate ex-Car Reed's rules in the next house, but there will be general regret if the Maine man be not given just one dose of his own medicine—in good large allopathic quantity, too.—Kansas City Times.

Speaker Reed will now be promoted to the floor of the house. The next speaker should unquestionably be Mills, of Texas. Mr. Mills has had chances to see how a herd of unruly steers can be rounded up.—Peoria Transcript.

Mr. Reed has become quite an adept counting democrats in the present congress, but he will get weary of it in the next one, as there will be so many of them.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Have Had Their Innings. The Statesville Landmark says that "a fact which needs to be emphasized in speaking of this legislature and its work in this: that whereas it was elected to reform things we find upon its adjournment that it has left things very much as it found them."

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NORTH CAROLINA HAPPENINGS.

—There are 2,199 sub-alliances and 96 county alliances in North Carolina. —"Bud" Nicholson, the white man who shot at Col. A. B. Andrews, jumped his bail and took to the woods.

—The Raleigh Chronicle is informed that the Baptist Female University would open there about October next. —Mont Airy News: The immense quantity of granite rock in and around Mount Airy is worth millions of dollars.

—The Centennial Anniversary of the visit of General George Washington to Salem will take place about commencement time, and big arrangements are being made to have it celebrated in handsome style.

—The Raleigh board of aldermen has granted the street car company an extension of sixty days in which to begin the regular running cars. At the end of that time, if nothing is done, the franchise reverts to the city.

—The firemen's fund in aid of firemen who are disabled while in discharge of duty is not to exceed \$2,500 annually, and is derived from an additional license tax of \$50 on each insurance company doing business in the state.

—Among the largest records that has ever been recorded in the register of deeds office of Forsyth county, was a deed of trust the past week by the Winston-Salem electric light and motive power company, to the state trust company of New York, for the amount of \$250,000.

—The Marion banking and industrial company has been organized at Marion with a capital of \$1,500,000 and W. H. Roberts president. The company proposes to put \$700,000 in manufacturing enterprises in addition to doing a general banking business.

—The heavy rains of last Saturday and Sunday damaged the railroad to such an extent as to prevent again the running of trains west of Balsam. We learn there are two washouts between here and Balsam. The trestle below Whittier was damaged and the train from that direction cannot get here either.—Tuckasegee Democrat.

—The pension tax is for the next two years the same as for the past two—3 cents on the \$100 and 9 cents on the poll. The non-payment by Mitchell county of this tax is now likely to get into the courts, as it is probable suit will soon be instituted against the commissioners of that county. They paid the tax, but paid it into the county treasury.

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No Deals or Bargains.

From the New York Herald. Representatives Moore and Cockrell had a long talk with General Palmer before they concluded to throw the decisive votes which made him United States senator from Illinois.

When the conference was nearly at an end Cockrell expressed admiration for Palmer because he declined to buy his way to Washington by deals and bargains.

The general, who is seventy-five years old, but still hale and hearty, replied: "I do not mean to go to hell by way of the senate, Mr. Cockrell."

—Some of the energetic ladies of Charlotte have made it certain that should the Charlotte female institute not be continued as an institute it will be continued as a high school for girls, to be opened next fall.

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