

The contribution to the Beecher Monument Fund now amount to \$8,392.31. This is progress. Mr. Claffin gave \$1,000.

The invitation extended to Governor Hill to visit the White House in January last, which was withdrawn on account of the death of Gen. Logan, has been renewed, and it is expected that he will go as soon after the Legislature adjourns as public business will permit.

The labor vote of New York will cut a big figure in the next Presidential election. The Shelbyville Democrat says: "The natural home of that vote is in the Democratic party. It displays a disposition to leave the party, and, if it does, good-by Democracy. The party must nominate a man next year who will get that vote."

John Saxe was six feet two in height and broad in proportion. He had a magnificent head which was finely poised upon his broad and stalwart shoulders.

James R. Randall, long chief editor of the Augusta Chronicle, and author of "Maryland, My Maryland," has removed to Anniston, Ala., where he will edit a new daily paper in which he is financially interested.

Walt Whitman is living, at the age of seventy-six, in Camden, on the Delaware. The old poet is in poor health, having had a paralytic stroke some months ago. His white hair is long and unkempt, his mild gray eye is dim, and his tall figure is bent with age. He spends his time in a disordered library, clad in ill-fitting clothes, with a faded shawl about his shoulders, and a pair of well-worn slippers on his feet.

NO CHANCE FOR A SOUTHERN MAN.

A Washington dispatch says: Representative Gibson, of West Virginia, called at the Postoffice Department Friday, to have one of his constituents promoted. Mr. Smith, a Republican, who has control of all such appointments, asked whether the man had been a Union soldier, and, when answered in the negative, told Mr. Gibson that it could not be done; only ex-Union soldiers, he said, could be promoted. The Postmaster-General when appealed to admitted that such was the rule. Mr. Gibson thereon declared that such a rule shut out not only ex-Confederates but every Southern man from promotion, and he asked Vilas whether Southern people had votes. The action of the Postmaster-General has aroused the indignation of Southerners, and there is promise of a lively warfare upon the Postmaster-General.

The above morceau has been going the rounds of the papers for two weeks or so. When it first started we feared that such would be the fact. But we have seen it in some papers the editors of which we had hoped better things of than to copy it and leave it right where it is. It is a partial statement of the case, in two respects. It leaves our Postmaster-General under suspicion of enforcing a rule of his own, whereas he is restrained by law. We feel sure that our Southern people cannot complain of Mr. Cleveland's administration is dispensing the patronage of the government. The South has her full share and has not been slighted in the least, where the administration has been left free to carry out a broad national practice.

The fault of the fault finders is, in not telling the whole truth Mr. Vilas is estopped from pursu-

ing his bent by a law of Congress, we believe. Now if our contemporaries want to be reasonable, they should complain of the law, not of the sworn executor of that law. Not only does this law stand between the Confederate soldiers and the great body of the Southern people, but it is as solid against all our Northern Democratic friends, and the Republicans as well, who were not in the Federal army. Friends, contemporaries, let us be reasonable, for reason is right, and right is reason. If our friends want to have the law repealed—and we know they do—let them agitate the question. Till it is repealed the Union soldier will stand in the way, whether under one administration or another.

Only Four.

Lawyers are not so much in vogue as legislators as formerly. In the recent General Assembly of North Carolina there were fewer lawyers than probably ever before. We notice that in the Connecticut Legislature out of 249 members there were but four lawyers. It is said to have been an excellent working body and to have done its business with dispatch and wise purpose. We are glad to see the people turning to other callings in life from which to select legislators. In saying this we do not join in any prejudice against the legal fraternity. In every legislative body there ought to be a dozen or twenty experienced lawyers. In all periods of our history the great lawyers have been great patriots. But it is well to divide the legislature between the many callings and thus have the interests of all represented. But when a man learns the manner of transacting legislative business by experience, do not then turn him out and put in a green hand. Crudeness of work must follow such a course.—Wilmington Star.

A citizen of Fort Worth, Ga. has a hound that would go deer hunting alone. So he chained the dog to a block of wood just large enough to keep him from running. One day the dog could not be found. While searching for him the master heard him bay some distance in the woods. He went to the spot but the dog was not to be seen, yet his bay was heard several hundred yard further on. The dog barked two or three times only. When the owner arrived at where he supposed the dog to be, he heard him still further on. This was kept up for some time, till finally the owner caught up with him. He saw the dog lay the block on the ground, bark three times, take the block up in its mouth again and move along on the trail. The dog was trailing a deer, and carried the block in its mouth, except when it paused to let its master know where it was.

The boring of an Artesian well at Galveston shows on what peculiar foundations the city rests. In the first place it stands on a narrow sand spit between Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. After going through 32 feet of quicksand the drill passed through blue clay, 17 feet; coarse sand, 26; white clay, 107; sea mud, 57; olive clay, 116; sea mud, 130; blue clay, 26; sea mud, 11; blue clay, 147; total, 658 feet. At a depth of 500 feet several palmetto logs were passed through.

The bounty of five cents placed on each jack rabbit scalp is resulting in great slaughter of the pests in California. The Elko Independent says that on a recent day certificates for bounty on 20,000 scalps were presented to the board of county commissioners, and the Harney Valley Items tell of a wagon load of 7,000 scalps starting for the county seat.

Two thousand one hundred and twenty eight feet per second was the initial velocity of the 1,800 pounds projectile fired twice with 1,000 pounds of powder from the new 100 ton gun intended for the British ship Beaw. The gun survived.

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