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Editorial Briefs.

The Michigan State Grange, recently in session at Kalamazoo, adopted the report of the committee on transportation, which is to the effect that railroads are amenable to the State regulation as much as plank and gravel road companies, and that the legislature has as much right to regulate their charges as to fix the turnpike tolls or the charge of millers for grinding corn.

There is, says the Boston Post, if prevalent suspicion that when Judge Waite and Wm. M. Everts were in college together at Yale, they each bet that the other would be Chief Justice first. The wager was small, but it has been on interest all the while, and amounted to a good round sum, so that Everts positively refused the use of his name in connection with the position. Waite preferred the emine to the fifty and so lost the bet.

Recent news from India represents the natives in several districts of Bengal as already consuming the unripe crops, owing to the scarcity of breakfasts in that country. The British authorities have set the people at work upon the roads, the tanks, and the canals of the interior in order that every village may earn food by bearing part in the labor, and the inhabitants kept from leaving their homes. After the month of March, native rice vessels will no longer venture on the ocean, and in May the villages of Bengal are practically cut off from the main lines of traffic.

In the demise of Madame Parepa-Rosa the hand of death has extinguished one of the brightest lights in the Musical arena. No artist in the history of the stage has ever been held in higher estimation by both the public and her contemporaries, and her loss is deeply felt by the profession as well as by the music loving public. Her career has been brief but brilliant; and she died not only at the height of her fame, but in the full and mature possession of her powers. It was in America that she won many of her brightest laurels, and it was the often-expressed intention of herself and her accomplished husband to make this country their permanent home. But in the midst of a season of English opera in London, she gave premature birth to a child, and died in twenty-eight days thereafter. She leaves no children and few relatives, but the whole world of music were her friends.

The House Congressional Committee on coinage, weights and measures is considering the question of a universal standard of international values in coins. It is proposed that a grand international Congress of coinage, weights and measures be held, in which the countries of Europe and South America are expected to participate. The question also of the abrasion of coins is of no little importance. It appears that the countries of South America, which have no coins of their own stamping, have been for years in the habit of using those of the United States until, by abrasion they become of considerable less value than their face, when they are returned home for redemption, thus subjecting this government to great loss. The question of coining money for foreign nations is also before the committee, as applications to that end have been made by various governments which offer to pay liberally for the same.

Senator Morton's proposed constitutional amendment to provide a better mode of electing the President of the United States, has been examined by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, and without reaching formal conclusions, the following propositions were considered: First, to abolish the Electoral College. Second, the President and Vice-President to be voted for directly by the people. Third, each State to be divided into as many districts as it has representatives, and the candidate having the highest vote for President in the district to receive the vote of that district, which shall count one Presidential vote; each State to be also entitled to two Presidential votes at large, which shall be counted for the candidate having the highest number of votes in the whole State. Fourth, the person having the highest number of such Presidential votes in the United States, shall be President. This will allow a President to be elected by a plurality vote. Fifth, these provisions to be applicable to the election of Vice-President. Sixth, Congress shall have power to provide for holding and conducting Presidential elections, and to establish tribunals for decision of contested elections in districts of States, and make regulations to govern these tribunals.

From the American Agriculturist, we take the following note given to that journal by Mr. Geo. E. Waring, Jr., in relation to the cleanly manner they have in milking their cows on the Jersey and Gaenssey Islands, which might with generally advantage be adopted throughout this country.

The milk on both islands being drawn, not into pails, but into jug-shaped cans, the opening being about four inches in diameter. In Jersey this is covered with a cloth strainer, tied in so loosely that it lets down several inches into the neck of the can. In the bottom of this jug there is laid a shell to receive the force of the strain as it is drawn from the teat. The milk flows over the shell and soaks through the cloth. This is certainly the most cleanly manner in milking that could be devised. The wet cloth prevents any foul odor of the stable from reaching the mass of the milk, and any hair or dirt from the udder is at once held back, instead of remaining in the milk until it is carried to the dairy to be strained. The cloths are easily kept clean and aired, and the system is in all respects a simple and commendable one.

Letter from Mr. Oaksmith on the Railroad Question.

In another column will be found an interesting letter from Mr. Oaksmith, of Carteret County, which we copy from the Raleigh Daily News of 29th January. It will be observed that the writer does not express any confidence in Mr. Humphrey's so-called consolidation scheme, and that he refutes, in the plainest manner, certain insinuations made by the Raleigh Era, that he was working in the interest of Mahone and Robinson, or, in other words, the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio and the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroads.

We fully endorse all that Capt. Oaksmith says—our only regret being, that he is not more explicit where he states, "and I assert that the present ill-advised and impracticable movement sprang from the knowledge of my plans possessed by certain parties." If consistent with his view of what is best for our State's interest on this mixed up railroad question, we should like to have the names of these parties from Mr. Oaksmith.

Caution and Advice.

Hardly a day passes that we do not hear something of the mean, low-lived and sneaking rascality of some of the would be political leaders of the Republican party. Some of them eleven hour men and wolves in sheep's clothing, are daily appealing to the passions and prejudices of the ignorant and more deluded of the colored race. Urgent appeals are made to induce the colored man to rally to the support of the snake who pretends to be his champion. We again take occasion to caution the colored man against these pretended champions. They are usually persons who have "an axe to grind," or desire to use you for the purpose of furthering their own selfish purposes.

Some of these men will attempt to violate the fifteenth amendment by making a distinction on account of color—in favor of negroes—these men should know that to make distinction against the white race, is as much a violation of the law, as if the distinction was made against the colored. These same things in human form, with white skins and black hearts, will tell you, that you are entitled to this, and that the other, "because you are in the majority," and if you will elect them to office they "will see to it, that you have your rights." Again we say to you, look out for them. We believe you have better sense than to be thus led astray by such parasites, who are constantly trying to poison your mind and flatter you to the belief that they are your best friends. Consider well what we have said to you. Remember also the good advice we have given you in former years—and those living in this section of the country should recall to mind the kind words and good advice given by one of the fathers of the republican party in North Carolina—the late David Heaton—His advice to the colored race, to be honest, industrious, temperate and truthful, and to educate themselves, in order to make them better citizens, should be your constant study. The political campaign for the next election is now about to commence, and upon all occasions we shall advocate the cause of the people, the selection and election of good, true, competent and honest men for all offices. We shall oppose all corrupt political rings and cliques of whatever party, color or race. Again we say to the colored people, beware how you follow the advice of bad men.

Consolidation—Swepson, Humphrey, Smith, Hearne and the Ring.

The Goldsboro Messenger (Humphrey's paper) of Thursday last contains a two column editorial of a most extraordinary character. The ostensible inspiration is a short editorial which appeared in our last Saturday's issue, and which our learned cotemporary is pleased to grace with the appreciative term of "Twaddle."

Since Mr. Bonitz is content to have his name in the responsible column, we are forced to the conclusion that he endorses not only the elegancies but the truth of the editorial in question. Let us give him a little more "Twaddle," as a text for another editorial. In a former issue of the Messenger the public were favored with a long and able article on Consolidation in general, and Mr. Humphrey in particular. The whole thing is child-like and bland, and in some quarters, perhaps, was considered effecting. There were certain points, however, which betrayed its authorship, and we trust to be excused for our skepticism in being proof against its "child-like" blandishments.

As the Messenger belongs to Mr. Humphrey (at least we have good authority for so saying) the public should not be surprised that it endorses the course of that distinguished Consolidationist. Permit us to call it attention to some more "Twaddle." Last winter Lot W. Humphrey, in the State Legislature, supported such railroad matters as were believed to be for the best interest of North Carolina, viz: an unbroken

line of railroad from Beaufort Harbor to the Tennessee line. Most of the true friends and well-informed men of North Carolina have been urgent for Consolidation; some have opposed it. Wm. A. Smith, commonly known as Bill Smith, has opposed it, and to attain his own ends and defeat true Consolidation, he leased the North Carolina Railroad to North Carolina's natural enemy, viz: the Piedmont interest. The fugleman and chief hornblower of the present so-called Consolidation which apparently means to rob the State and people of what little remains is Hearne of the Era. They captured him last February, at which time we denounced the ring, and cautioned our people to look well to the real and true interests of our State. Humphrey then more than endorsed what we said. While Enford, the "Piedmont" man, was at the Yarbrough House, in Raleigh, Hearne of the Era, was almost continually in his room. Hughtart, another "Piedmont" or Southern Security man—for the concern has many aliases—was also frequently at the Yarbrough. Hearne, Smith, McAvien, Fuller and Tate were also there. The influence that captured Hearne, caused him to change his tactics; of this no one doubts as there is abundant proof, much of it was under our personal observations. Now at that period Humphrey denounced every one of those whose names we have given, as "King Men," not even sparing his own partner Bill Smith. We visited the Legislature and had many opportunities of knowing his opinion and observing his public conduct, we felt that he was working for the welfare of North Carolina against the Piedmont concern, and were grateful for the efforts which we supposed he was making in behalf of the public. The Messenger's special pleading, however, so "child-like" and bland, will not alter our present opinion of Mr. Humphrey, formed entirely upon our knowledge of his own record and facts within our own possession. For the Messenger's benefit, let us look at the public evidences. Upon the first meeting of the Legislature, Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill to consolidate all our railroads. Having confidence in him, we were at first in favor of the movement, many of our best citizens were also induced to support the measure.

The bill was most violently attacked in the Legislature, and as we always consider both sides of all disputed questions, we gave this careful attention, when we found Hearne was its advocate, our suspicions were aroused; upon further examination we discovered the cloven foot, and upon further investigation we became convinced that the Great Consolidation scheme was to make Humphrey Governor and turn over all railroads to the Piedmont interests. Then, we made up our mind that he was playing double to Eastern North Carolina as well as to the entire State. Joe Turner in the Sentinel, denounced Humphrey for more than treachery and proposed to risk his life as proof of his assertions; he challenged Humphrey to go out of the State and fight him, when the gallant owner of the Messenger shielded himself in two ways. First under the privilege of a State Senator; second by the code, but at the same time refusing to be bound by the code. Hearne of the Era denounced Turner as a coward, &c., in his paper of Jan. 22nd and sneered at the Sentinel's "Ducking Excursion" to Currituck. Now, Hearne ought to know perfectly well that he was uttering a falsehood, for he himself was with the gallant Colonel at Goldsboro at the time Humphrey received the challenge, and helped him out of the scrape.

Upon examination of the Humphrey House register and the statements of gentlemen on Thursday last, we learn that, on the 20th of December 1873, Humphrey, Hearne and Bill Smith were in secret conclave at Goldsboro, after fixing up and sending Humphrey step by step to leave that city. Three disinterested, pure and model public citizens went to Company Shops to attend a meeting of the board of Directors of the North Carolina Railroad, and to get that board to pass a certain resolution, so as to give them another chance at the Legislature. Men are known by the company they keep; it is generally considered and believed that Hearne and Smith belong, body and soul, to the Piedmont line. It is plainly evident that Humphrey has betrayed the proposed through line which it is desired should be completed from the Tennessee line to Beaufort Harbor in the real interest of our State, and joined hands with persons, looked upon, with much suspicion. The curses we have heard heaped upon his head by his former friends have been loud and deep. They say he has forfeited all claims he ever had upon the Conservative Democratic party, and will never be trusted by that party again. While from our own point of view, we believe, in spite of the opinion of others that there is no room for him in the Republican party. Has the Legislature ever looked "behind the scenes" of this Piedmont concern? They had better do so before entrusting the entire railroad interests of our State to those who would drain the last bit of vitality from its boundaries. Whenever we can be convinced that these gentlemen are not working in the interest of Swepson's "Ring," we will freely acknowledge that Swepson has not captured Humphrey. Next week we shall have some more "twaddle" for the Messenger and facts for the consideration of the Legislature.

A cable dispatch from London, 26th inst., announced the death of Dr. David Livingstone the great explorer. He died of dysentery in the interior of Africa while traveling from Lake Bembe to Unyanembe. His body has been embalmed and is being conveyed to England by way of Zanzibar.

A perceptible earthquake shock (was felt at Chelmsford in Massachusetts on the 26th inst. Buildings were shaken and considerable alarm was caused.

News of the Week.

Lieut. General H. F. French, of the British army, and Lord St. John of Bletso died on the 29th inst.

The Philadelphia Olympic Theatre was burned on Tuesday last. The building was filled with firemen and injured others.

Efforts are being made to conspire the N. C. State authorities to hold the necessary legal request of the holders of the State bonds. Judge Stone has been requested to use his influence with the board to make the necessary request, but Judge Stone has declined to do so.

W. E. Coleman, a professor in the fourth high school at Louisville, Ky., has absconded with another man's wife, leaving her and child.

Dr. Zachary has returned to Raleigh by paying compensation on professional services as a chaplain in operating on the feet of soldiers of the Union Army during the late war in the sum of \$50,000.

Dr. Parson with a splendid physique of Philadelphia, has gone to Mount Airy to make an examination of the remains of the Sambo Twins.

The U. S. Government has given permission to the Mexican government to extend its telegraph lines across the Rio Grande to Brownsville, Texas and to establish an office at that place.

Wm. J. Wilcox of New York, died suddenly on Sunday last while taking a Russian bath in that city.

J. B. Helm, the murderer of John Galveston, was shot dead in the Court room at Galveston, Texas, on Saturday last, by a son of the murdered man. Helm was about being tried for murder.

Last year twenty-four establishments in Knoxville and Knox counties, Maine, cut and hauled 391,000 tons of ice valued at \$552,000.

Mme. Parepa-Rosa died on the 26th inst. at London, England.

Marshal Norton, who murdered Valentine Eisele, was hanged at Mantreza, California, on the 26th inst., and when the drop fell, his head was entirely severed from his body. On the scaffold he said the murdered man, who instigated the murder.

Luther Lee, Esq., has been appointed Collector of Customs at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va.

Capt. John Johnson, formerly a steamboat builder, while taking passage in the elevator at the Gibson house in Cincinnati, had his head severed off while in the act of looking down through the window of the Elevator.

The Duke of Edinburgh and the Russian Princess Maria, were twice married at St. Petersburg on the 26th inst. The Greek marriage ceremony first, then by the Anglican service.

Chief Justice Waite has accepted a complimentary dinner tendered him by such graduates of Yale College as are now members of Congress.

The Post Office money order business at New York city last year amounted to \$31,500,000.

Dr. Tazewell Tyler, third son of Ex-President Tyler of Virginia, died in San Francisco, Cal., on the 26th inst.

General Spitzer who is at present sojourning in Florida for his health, is rapidly improving and winning golden opinions from all with whom he comes in contact.

The Physicians of New York, Boston and Philadelphia are making strenuous efforts to secure the bodies of the Siamese twins for autopsy.

The President has issued an executive order giving official recognition to the Central and Exposition, and providing for the appointment of a board to arrange and take charge of such affairs, the Government may deposit its title thereon.

Literary News.

We shall, from week to week, give you prepared notices and reviews of such publications as come to hand. We shall give you only good books, and persons desiring to purchase books or magazines can place their orders in the office of those notified by us for family readings.

"Gold and New" for February 1874, contains the following: The Way We Live Now, by the Better Samaritan; Tom Habington's Quarterly; A Washington Season; Mistaken; The Lost Child; Sea-Tangle; The King and the Beggar; Non-Prospective Schools in the South; Exercise and Scorpions; The Lost Library; ("Great American Novel"; Mr. Quincy's Compliment on Not Taxing Charities; Life and Words of Mrs. Parball; French Home Life; The Romanach Aphorisms; Carlyle's New Order; Michael on German Soldiers; A Banker on Parties; Note on the Value of Gold; American Society.

"Gold and New" for February is a sprightly and entertaining number, on the principle of being a popular and useful magazine, instead of being useful, and taking the chance of being popular. Mr. Trollope's novel grows readable and interesting. Mr. Perkins' novel contains some curious matters illustrating the nature of the book-agent's "drawn-out trade."

The February number, the second of the new volume of Lippincott's Magazine fairly sparkles with brilliant, interesting and attractive articles. In this number Mr. George MacDonald's long-published serial story, *Melchior*, really begins. It is bristling with technicalities. Its characters are skillfully and clearly drawn. It is altogether a most striking and captivating story, one of the author's best. The continuation of "The New Hyperion" maintains the interest already created. "Josephine and Mademoiselle," illustrated, is an interesting sketch. "A Western Success" is a graphic and original piece, descriptive of adventures illustrating the faculty of second sight. "Two Marquises" contains a sketch of the Marquis of Hertford, who was the original of Thackeray's famous character, "The Marquis of Stoyne." "How My Met" is a charming story, by the author of "Blindfold," "Kismet," an Eastern poem, which command universal attention. "Among the Alligators" is a lively Florida hunting story. "The Romance of a Tin Box," is, as its title indicates, a very amusing story. "Modern French Fiction" a subject of constantly increasing interest. This number also contains "A Queen's Adventure," and "A Famine in the East."

"Our Monthly Gossip" in the February number is equal in style and variety to any of its predecessors, and to say that it is commend the Magazine to all readers of refined taste and good judgment. Yearly Subscription, \$4. Specimen number with premium list mailed on receipt of 20 cents. Address, J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO., Philadelphia.

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