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#### THE NARROW GAUGE ROAD.

A communication was printed in THE Sun, a few days ago, the writer of which advocated the plan of a narrow gauge road from Mt. Airy this way, to stop in Wilmington if the people here desire that it should. THE SUN regards this as an important feature in the general discussion over internal improvements now going on in the State press. To further so prominent a scheme, we reprint portions of a private letter received from a gentleman of great public spirit who is especially interested in making a North Carolina railroad system. "I have, he says, "recently re-"turned from the western part of this "State, and I rejoice to be able to say to "you that the people along the entire line "to have it ultimately terminate at your "city. But I deeply regret to say that our "Fayetteville friends do not desire it to "go to your place. They appear to desire "to send it to Florence, S. C., and to "Franklinville, Randolph, county, N. C. "Now to take the road to these two points "will consume all our available means. "The road from Matthews to this place on "a direct line is but 35 miles; by Frank-"linville to this place 45 miles, and by the "estimates after a month's survey will cost "\$118,000 more than the straight route."

#### JOHN I. DAVENPORT.

Mr. Fernando Wood has not recently rendered the country a more important service than he has just done by his introduction of a resolution providing for an investigation of the operations of this delectable individual We are glad to know, too, that the investigation will not be conducted by a committee, with its hands already full-a committee, a majority of whom will be Republicans-but that a special committee, with plenary powers, will be created.

Leading New York papers of independent or neutral politics have assured the public again and again that hundreds of naturalized voters were deterred from voting by Davenport's threat. While the "tissue ballot" business is undergoing inquiry, surely such flagrant bull-dozing as this ought to be looked into. We hope the naturalization intimidation in New York and the intimidation spoken of by Mr. Thurman as taking place in the New England mills will undergo the strictest scrutiny. In this country let what is sauce for the goose be sauce for the gander.

#### THE TEMPER OF THE COUN-TRY.

as calm as they are right now. Mr. Chandler may sulk, Mr. Hayes may turn somersaults and Mr. Blaine may utter diatribes, but the country is unmoved and immovable. The wheels of commerce revolve as before, without clog or hindrance; the pulse-beat of society is not quickened into feverishness, and the whole people calmly pursue their respective callings, smiling in quiet contempt-if they take any notice at all-of the demagogues who seek the reembroilment of the sections in deadly par-

This fine conservatism of the people must save the country, if it shall be saved, when storms arise and dangers thicken on all sides. The Americans are a manly nation. If partisanship, at times, runs high, and injustice be done, the sober second thought comes to restore harmony and do justice. Taking a broad view of recent events, one cannot find in the people, as a body, a tyrannous disposition, or the traces of a tigerish temperament. On the other hand, he will see the element of kindliest nature, of sincere patriotism. All men have good in them. Sometimes it takes wars, famines, financial panics, pestilences to bring it out. The sufferings of the Southern people in the throes of reconstruction and in the recent dreadful scourge on the Mississippi have re-kindled in Northern breasts the fires of magnanimity, and to-day, in truth, there is a better feeling between the two sections than there has been since the administration of John Quincy Adams.

An instance of this goodly spirit of fraternity is furnished in our columns this morning. A gallant Federal officer perishes while in the performance of a selfimposed duty. Having ministered personally to the fever stricken in a Southern city, he falls a victim to the pestilence. A noble Southern gentleman, an ex-member of Mr. Davis' cabinet, proposes to deliver a lecture on a subject of prominent and Vice-President of the United States, doubtful, however, whether the evidence is local interest and devote the pro- and, together with a list of the votes, be en- as strong as represented.

ceeds to the honorable and pious purpose of relieving the wants of the soldier's family. This is only one of a number of instances of a renewed fraternal feeling, and of a newer and broader patriotism in this land-a patriotism whose governing principle is love of right and truth as embodied in good deeds to our neighbors in distress, in sympathy with those who sorrow, in patience and forbearance as toward those with whom there exist differences of sentiment or position. Our country, whatever ma lignant partisans, may say, is not one vast arena covered by two camps of opposing forces, but a people now happily fusing into one, sinking animosities day by day and year by year learning fresh lessons of charity and brotherly love. God send the day when all hatred shall die and all sectional feeling be banished forever. Parties there must be and partisanship, but parties ought not to be geographical and should not seek to thrive by perpetuating the evidence mentioned in section 4 of this animosities.

#### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS:

Mr. John Ruskin has resigned the Slade Professorship at Oxford

Senator David Davis believes that he out of the Presidential race.

The King of Burmah has married h half sister. In Burmah this is the correct

Mrs. General Sherman continues to re side in Baltimore, while her husband and daughters reside in Washington.

Mme. Nilsson will be installed as Grand Mistress of the ancient charitable Masonic Order of "The Eastern Star," which is composed of ladies of rank and distinction. whose husbands belong to the fraternity.] Mr. William Leighton, the anthor of the dramatic poems "The Sons of Godwin" and "At the Court of King Edwin," has left the field of history and chosen for the subject of his third volume 'Change, the

Whisper of the Sphinx." brated English novelist, "One sees what he to either House on a motion to withdraw; "of the proposed N. G. R. R. from the means, and is all the more disappointed at "Gulf to its Western terminus, are decided | the clumsy way in which the meaning is expressed," says the Athenerge. We long ago called his style "hard;" but isn't his modest way of making "one see what he means" one of Hardy's real merits?

#### THE ELECTORAL BILL.

## As it Passed the Senate.

A bill to amend sundry provisions of chapter 1, title 2, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to Presidential elections, and to provide for and regulate the counting of the votes for President and Vice President, and the decision of questions arising thereon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the electors of President and Vice President shall be appointed in each State on the first Tuesday in October and in every fourth year succeeding the election of a President and Vice President, and on the same day in October when there shall be a vacancy in both the offices of President and Vice President declared and certified as hereinafter provided; but no Senator or | shall be competent for either House, act-Representative or person holding an office | ing separately in the manner hereinbefore of trust or profit under the United States provided, to direct a recess of such House shall be appointed an elector.

cancy in both the offices of President and Vice-President occurring more than two months next preceding the first Tuesday in any month of October other than that next preceding the expiration of the term of office for which the President and Vice-President last in office were elected, the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause a notification thereof to be made to the executive of every State, and shall also cause the same to be published in at least one of the newspapers printed in each State. The notification shall specify that electors of President and Vice-President of the Uinited States shall be appointed in the several States on the first Tuesday in October then next ensuing.

·Sec. 3. The electors of each State shall meet and give their votes on the second Monday in January next following their appointment, at such place in each State Seldom have the American people been | as the Legislature of such State shall di-

Sec. 4. Each State may provide, by law enacted prior to the day, in this act named for the appointment of the electors, for the trial and determination of any controversy concerning the appointment of electors, before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors, in any manner it shall deem expedient. Every such determination made pursuant to such law so enacted before said day, and made prior to the said time of meeting of the electors, shall be conclusive evidence of the lawful title of the electors who shall have been so determined to have been appointed, and shall govern in the counting of the electoral votes, as provided in the Constitution and as hereinalter regu

lated. Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Executive of each State to cause three lists of the names of the electors of such State duly ascertained to have been chosen to be made and certified and to be delivered to the electors on or before the day on which they are required by this act to meet.

Sec. 6. Congress shall be in session on the second Monday in February succeeding every meeting of the electors. The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon on that day; and the President the Senate shall be their presiding officer, Two tellers shall be previously appointed on the part of the Senate, and two on the part of the House of Representatives, to whom shall be handed, as they are opened by the President of the Senate, all the certificates, and papers purporting to be certificates, of the electoral votes. which certificates and papers shall be opened, presented, and acted upon in the alphabetical order of the States, beginning with the letter A; and said tellers. having then read the same in the presence and hearing of the two Houses, shall make a list of the votes as they shall appear from the said certifidates; and the votes having been ascertained and counted as in this act provided, the result of the same shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall thereupon announce the state of the vote, and the names of the persons, if any, elected, which announcement shall be deemed a sufficient declaration of the persons elected President

tered on the journals of the two Houses. Upon such reading of any such certificate or paper the President of the Senate shall call for objections, if any. Every objection shall be made in writing, and shall state clearly and concisely, and without argument, the ground thereof, and shall be signed by at least one Senator and one member of the House of Representatives before the same shall be received. When all objections so made to any vote or paper from a State shall have been received and read the Senate shall thereupon withdraw. and such objections shall be submitted to the Senate for its decision; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall in like manner submit such objections to the House of Representatives for its deciany State from which but one return has been received shall be rejected except by the affirmative votes of both Houses. If more than one return or paper purporting te be a return from a State shall have been received by the President of the Senate, those votes, and those only, shall low prices. be counted which shall have been regularly given by the electors who are shown by act to have been appointed; but in case there shall arise the question which of two or more of such State tribunals, determining what electors have been appointed, as mentioned in section 4 of this act, is the lawful tribunal of such State, the votes regularly given of those electors, and those only, from such State shall be counted whose title as electors the two Houses. acting separately, shall concurrently decide is supported by the decision of the tribumal of such State so provided for by its Legislature. And in such case of more than one return, or paper purporting to be a return. from a State, if there shall have been ao such determination of the question in the State as aforesaid, then those votes and those only shall be counted which the two Houses, acting separately, shall concurrently decide to be the lawful votes of the legally appointed electors of such State. When the two Houses have voted they shall immediately again meet, and the presiding officer shall then announce the decision of the questions submitted. No votes or papers from any other State shall be acted upon until the objections previously made to the votes or papers from any

State shall have been finally disposed of. Sec. 7. That while the two Houses shall be in meeting, as provided in this act, no debate shall be allowed, and no question Speaking of Thomas Hardy, the cele- shall be put by the presiding officer except and he shall have power to preserve order. Sec. 8. That when the two Houses separate to decide upon an objection that may have been made to the counting of any electoral vote or votes from any State, or other question arising in the matter, each Senator and Representative may speak to such objection or question five minutes, and not oftener than once; but after such debate shall have lasted two hours it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of each House to put the main question without further debate.

Sec. 9. That at such joint meeting of the two Houses seats shall be provided as follows: For the President of the Senate, the Speaker's chair; for the Speaker, immediately upon his left; the Senators, in the body of the Hall upon the right of the presiding officer: for the Representatives, in the body of the Hall not provided for the Senators; for the tellers, Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, at the Clerk's desk; for the other officers of the two Houses, in front of the Clerk's desk and dpon each side of ing shall not be dissolved until the count of electoral votes shall be completed and the result declared; and no recess shall be taken unless a question shall have arisen in regard to counting any such votes, or otherwise under this act, in which case it hall be appointed an elector.

Not beyond the next day, Sunday excepted, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon. But if the counting of the electoral votes and the declaration of the result shall not have been completed before the fifth calendar day next after such first meeting of the two Houses, no further or other recess shall be taken by either House. Sec. 10. That section 140 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, so amended that the words "first Wednesday in January then

next ensuing" be stricken out and the words "second Monday next after their meeting" be inserted therein. Sec. 11. That section 141 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, so amended that the words "first Wednesday" be stricken out and the words "on or before the day" inserted

Sec. 12. That sections 131, 135, 136, 142, 147, 148 and 149 be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

#### Gain of the Lutheran Church in the United States and Canada.

The statistics, according to Brobst & Co's Almanac, foot up as follows: Ministers, 3,011; congregations, 5,282; communicants, 679,718. This shows an increase during the year of 97 ministers, 146 congregations, and 24,199 communicants. Of of the Weekly Herald gives the latest as this increase, there belongs to the Synodical Conference 61 ministers, 52 congregations and 11,266 communicants; to the General Council, 17 ministers, 16 congregations and 5,537 communicants; to the General Synod, 7 ministers, 34 congregations and 2.204 communicants

The Kurtz Almanac gives a grand total as follows: 57 synods, 3,040 ministers, 5.301 churches, 676,509 communicants, which, as compared with the same almanac's total of last year, shows a gain of 1 synod, 135 ministers, 297 churches and 71,169 communicants.

#### Bro. Yates Puts in a Strong Word Against Duelling.

Charlotte Democrat. We learn that the persons from South Carolina, who came over into North Carolina to fight a duel recently, will be indicted by a Mecklenburg Court. That is right, and Gov. Vance should demand the rendition of the persons implicated. Let our courts put its seal of emphatic condemnation on the foolish duelling code. Mecklenburg authorities are expected to do their duty in regard to the affair mentioned, and maintain the dignity of our laws and respect due the State. If two or three negroes or white men get into a little tusselling scrimmage, or "first and skull' fight, the whole force of the State (in law) is brought against them, and the same should be done against the young gentlemen from South Carolina who came into

this county and violated our laws. A Molly Maguire's Last Hope. Mrs. Kehoe, wife of Jack Kehoe, the Pennsylvania Mollie Magnire, submitted to the State Board of pardons on Wednesday, an affidavit by one Patrick McHugh. formerly a tax collector in Carbon county, tending to prove an alibi for Kehoe. It is APPLETON'S

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gained seven. These facts demonstrate that the people in tend to invest the Democratic party with the full control of the National Government. The Senate of the next Congress will be Democratic by a considerable majority, and it is only necessary for the Democrats of the South to remain steadfast in their allegiance to our organization, and our triumph will be complete. It is for us to determine whether the banner on which are inscribed Reconciliation, Home Rule and Financial Reform, shali trail in the dust, or shall be borne on to victory.

erats have elected twenty-three, and have

Every consideration of interest, or policy and of patriotism then urges us to prepare immesiately for the approaching political

Be assured, fellow-citizens, that without preparation, it will be impossible to achieve Let us ot by our apathy, our luke warmness and indifference postpone the accession to power of that party which alone has been able to check Republican corruption and to

a centralized despotism. Let us be steadfast in our devotion to principle, true to our organization and endeaver by every means to discountenance those independents and disorganizers who oppose our worthy standard-bearers freely and fairly chosen by the Democratic party in Convention

arrest the progress of oer government towards

In particular do we desire to repeat what we have so often urged-the necessity of thorough local organization. It is the town ship committees who are charged with the most important of all party duties. To them is committed the duty of supervising the election, and of devising means to bring out every Democratic voter to the polls. They ought to meet frequently and advise and take counsel together how best to promote the fortunes of that party, on whose success depends so largely the prosperity of themselves and of their posterity. In every township, in every neighborhood, there ought to be appointed a committee of active, efficient, and prudent party men, who will undertake to see that every Democrat in the precinct comes to the polls and casts his ballot for our nomlneee. We therefore urge this upon the township committees; and if in any township it is neglected, we appeal to our Democratic friends there to send their conveyances for all their

neighbors who otherwise might not attend the Let it be clearly understood in every locality that he who fails to vote for our Lominee, gives half a vote to the Republican party, and that the Conservative who casts his vote for an independent is taking the surest means to break up and destroy the only party which can give relief to our afflicted country. We warn our fellow-citizens that great ends cannot be accomplished except at the cost of some inconvenience, and olten through the sacrifice of our personal preferences; and we appeal to every man who has the good of the people at heart to give a portion of one day to his country, and subordinating his individual preferences, east his ballot for the nominee of the Conservative party.

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