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The "Fraud Commission" Sessions for the Year.

The Journal in its leader on Sunday last has the names of certain republicans in connection with amounts charged by Geo. W. Swepson against Mr. S. Littlefield.

Now we wish to ask the Journal why, in making up the amount of \$241,713.39, the names and amounts of Gen. T. L. Clingman, \$700, Gatlin, \$1,000, L. McD. Tate, \$14,000, J. P. Branch \$1,510 which Mr. Swepson testified were a part of the \$141,713.39, were omitted by the Journal.

The Legislature.

During the campaign last August, in this State, when the question of calling a convention of the people to amend the Constitution was presented, the democratic orators and the democratic press informed the people that the Constitution of the State required the Legislature to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest upon the public debt.

Orderly and well governed Republics are so rare that they would be remanded to the regions of desirable possibilities, if the Republics of the United States and of Switzerland were to fail.

The general principles of public policy developed in the several messages of the President, and subsequently embodied in the laws, have been so thoroughly in accordance with public opinion that even hostile criticism has been abandoned.

We are called upon to witness the astounding spectacle, which, if it were not enacted before our own eyes, we could with difficulty believe, of a deliberate conspiracy of lying an Administration out of office.

Republican candidates for the next General Assembly can go before the people with clear consciences and honest hearts; they can say that the present condition of the State does not justify a tax so onerous as that which would raise a sum sufficient to pay the interest upon the present State debt.

If we call upon them for the specifications they only reply with greater vehemence "corruption, corruption." If we ask them have you any proof that Boutwell, the Secretary of the Treasury, or Belknap, the Secretary of War, or Francis A. Walker, the Indian Commissioner, or any other prominent officer is corrupt or guilty of any malpractice, the libel is repeated in general terms, and told "if we only had access to

They had read Aesop's Fables—they were like the fox and the grapes—he could not reach; when he turned away and said the grapes were sour. When some member suggested that to impeach Judge Logan would consume thirty or forty days, one member said that they would have to remain in session until the apportionment bill passed Congress, and they might as well amuse themselves in trying Judge Logan as in any other way.

We insist, in the name of patriotism and justice, that these charges should be accompanied, not by brave assertions but by proofs. We insist that it is trifling with the public confidence, and a crime against the Republic itself to raise doubts about the character of its chosen representatives, simply for the one purpose of driving them from office so that the hungry pack of wolves, that follow the ship of state precisely as the Russian wolves follow a sleigh that ventures within its vast forest, should have access to the public crib.

Let us then not repeat like parrots these phrases of corruption and of fraud, but in justice, no less to ourselves than to our public men, demand that some proof should be furnished before we accept them as true.

Good Advice.

The Columbia (S. C.) Phoenix says: Our advice to the people of York, Union, and Spartanburg is to go to work, to organize their farms, and to prepare for this year's crops. Let them touch earth, and, like Anteus of old, they will acquire new strength.

This is good advice. Many of the Southern people now see, doubtless, the evils that have been brought upon them by the Ku Klux organization. Many of the Ku Klux themselves regret their conduct, and are most anxious to be let alone, and to lead better lives in the future.

The Republican Party—The Future.

We cannot impress too strongly upon the minds of our readers that self-government is no child's play. The inestimable privilege which every citizen enjoys of passing his judgment upon all government measures, and upon the President and all others in authority, carries with it the duty of weighing well, carefully and dispassionately the questions presented.

The Phoenix hopes "this Ku Klux business has reached its climax." If there had been no Ku Klux there would have been no law to suppress them. Courts have been held to punish criminals, and troops have been employed in aid of the civil law, because courts and troops were indispensable.

It has often been said that the history of a nation may be found in its newspapers. The important part that the advertisement columns bear in the record may be seen in the following, published within thirty years of each other.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD.—Run away from the subscribers, on the 23d of November last, the negro boy Oscar Dunn, an apprentice to the plastering trade. He is of Griffe color, between twenty and twenty-one years of age, and about five feet ten or eleven inches high. All persons are cautioned not to harbor said boy under penalty of the law, Wilson & Patterson, corner St. John and Common streets.—New Orleans Post, June, 1841.

The Hon. John C. Heenan, of pugilistic fame, arrived in New York from Europe on Friday. He has been practicing on sand-bags during the voyage, and is prepared, at short notice, to "put a head" on any man who asserts that he is connected with the ring, tollbooths.

The Department records we would a tale unfold.

This system of warfare is simply infamous; it is the vilest and meanest yet devised. Precisely as a Napoleon, scrupled not to wade into power through seas of blood and over hecatombs of the bodies of his fellow men; so Carl Schurz & Co., hesitate not to obtain place over the prostrate reputations of their fellow-men, whose good character is as dear to them as life.

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"Firing the Southern Heart."

The Yanceys are still among us. The "Southern heart" continues to be "fired" by perverted facts and inflammatory appeals, not merely by Southern papers, but by the national organs of the democracy. The object of this is two-fold; first, to break the force on the Northern conservative mind of the Ku Klux atrocities, perpetrated by Southern democrats, and second to keep the Southern democrats in countenance and in harness for the Presidential contest.

The democratic organ in this city assumes that "an American Poland" is a "radical necessity." It devotes a two-column leader to the work of misstating and perverting the facts in relation to the Ku Klux atrocities, and in misrepresenting the action and purposes of the government in the premises.

There is no Poland in this country, and there is no necessity for it. There was a Greece or a Mexico in the Southern States until recently, in which human liberty and life were at the mercy of masked bandits—of men who committed crimes of all kinds, in the interest of the Democratic party, from assault and battery to murder. The fault of the Government, in the judgement of the Democratic organ here is, that it put down these bandits and restored comparative peace and order to the South. And this, it seems, is what the organ says has made a Poland of the South! The Southern people are told, and that too by the organ of the national democracy, issued here under the shadow of the Capitol, that they are injured, oppressed, outraged; that discriminations degrading to them have been made against them by the Government; that they are the victims of a Russian despotism, and that their condition as a conquered people is as intolerable and deplorable as that of Poland.

Now, the Southern people themselves know that this is not so, yet such statements and such appeals, emanating from a respectable source in Washington City, must have an unhappy effect upon their minds and feelings. There can be no substantial peace between the two sections of the North and the South as long as such a course is pursued by the national democratic press. Why, if the South indeed is a Poland; if her people are deprived of their rights, and ground to the earth with the iron heel of power, what wonder if there should be disturbances, violations of law, an incipient rebellion among them? They are a brave people. Who supposes that, if they were in the condition the organ says they are, they would quietly submit to it? Who thinks that, if it were so, the whole North and the whole of Europe would not cry out against it? No, the South is as free as the North. There have been no unjust discriminations by the Government between the Southern and Northern people. They are taxed just as the Northern people are. They are represented in Congress and in every department of the Government. Their lives and property are as jealously guarded by the Government as the lives and property of the Northern people. The great body of the Northern people, seeing their impoverished condition, and deploring, though ready to forgive them for their desperate efforts to destroy the Government, are disposed to sympathize with them, and to help them in every way they can to improve their condition. They would not have them in the Union as their inferiors.

The Southern people have no cause to complain that any section or any power has inflicted wrong upon them. They owe their present condition to their own acts. They staked everything they had on the rebellion, and lost. They have not yet submitted in good faith to the national authority. If they had done so in 1865, and from that period to the present, and had labored with half the zeal they exhibited for the Confederacy to build up their waste places, and to repair the injuries which they inflicted on the country by a causeless rebellion, their condition to-day would have been far better in all respects than it is likely to be ten years hence.

There is no patriotic statesmanship—there is no regard for the whole country in these inflammatory appeals to a section. No good, but only evil, can come of this new attempt to "fire the Southern heart." The condition of the Southern people is unhappy enough without adding to it imaginary grievances. Rather let us look on the bright side of the picture. Let us encourage them to put behind them the narrow-minded demagogues who have misled them, and to take heart and hope for the better days that are surely in reserve for them, if they are true to themselves and the country. The Government is not their enemy. It is only "a terror to evil-doers" among them. It is the friend of all law-abiding citizens. And it is in all respects as much disposed to do justice to the South as to the North, the East, or the West.—Washington Chronicle.

Catacazy's Recall—Minister Kramer Reads an Explanatory Letter at Copenhagen.—The Russian Cabinet Vexed—Alexis Treated Coolly.—He will not Return to Washington. New York, January 15.—A Berlin letter states that the German Government has received a circular from Gortschakoff relative to some incidents arising from the recall of Catacazy. This circular is said to have been necessary from the following circumstances. American Minister Kramer, during a dinner at the house of the German Minister at Copenhagen proposed reading a letter from the American Government explanatory of the Catacazy affair, but the Russian Minister refused to listen, and the German Minister said such a letter must not be read in his house. Subsequently, Mr. Kramer went to each Minister in Copenhagen and read the letter to them individually; they, of course, reporting it to their governments. The Russian Cabinet feels vexed over the affair, and rumors are afloat in Berlin that a coolness between Russia and the United States has arisen therefrom. The same letter states that advices from St. Petersburg represent that the Emperor and all the society there consider Alexis slighted by President Grant not returning his visit, and the Emperor will not allow Alexis to return to Washington.

Greely's race for the Presidency may be considered one of the lost races. After the election the "latter Franklin" will know more about "heats" than any other farm product. Prince Gortschakoff is very mad, and no wonder. He's been receiving a Curtin lecture.

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