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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1873.

As the public have been apprized, the Attorney General sent to the House a few days ago, a splendid effusion grossly reflecting upon one of its members, Gen. Lowry, in connection with his course on the bill passed at the last session to release parties on bail-bond.

Gen. Lowry met the assault in a dignified and manly way; and in conformity to his request a Committee was appointed to institute inquiry into the matters whereof the Attorney General had spoken.

What is the Legislature going to do about it? Does it intend to sanction the violation of law by the acting Governor in the matter of the settlement of the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad Company's indebtedness, by Messrs. Murdoch, Smith and others?

The Subsidy Investigation. A large part of our present number is occupied with the balance of the testimony in this investigation on which the Committee based its Report.

The Provision Supply.—An advance has been noted recently in the meat market. The rise is attributable to anticipated heavy orders from Europe; and not from any deficiency of supply.

The Brandon Republican states that the planters are having a good deal of trouble with the negroes in the neighborhood of Steens Creek, in Rankin county.

REMARKS OF HON. ROBERT LOWRY. After the Reading of the Attorney General's Letter to the House of Representatives, Addressing Gen. Lowry, that Gentleman Said:

I have in this vicinity for nearly a quarter of a century, and this is the first instance in which any living man ever reflected upon my honor.

The Indebtedness of the N. O. & G. Northern Railroad Company to the State.

The acting Governor has informed the Legislature that Messrs. Murdoch, Smith & Co., have delivered to him in State Warrants and Certificate of Indebtedness the balance due the State by the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad Company whose indebtedness they have undertaken to pay off so as to become the creditors of the road themselves under the terms of the law of April 4th, 1872.

It will be borne in mind that a report was submitted to the Legislature by a Committee appointed to investigate the subject, more than a month ago, to the effect that the acting Governor had been guilty of violating the law at a heavy cost to the State.

In his message to the Legislature, the acting Governor said: "Messrs. Murdoch, Smith and Company came forward and paid the debt from the N. O. and J. Railroad Company by placing in my hands an accepted draft on New York for the full amount of the debt."

The proceeding cannot be viewed except as a shameful violation of law by the acting Chief Executive officer of the State, to promote a private speculation. There could have been no other motive at the bottom of his neglect to collect in currency the amount unpaid prior to the expiration of the law.

We beg leave to warn the Legislature against the appeal of the acting Governor to give its sanction to this scandalous proceeding and to assume the responsibility and the shame which it involves.

At the last election in Florida, the Republicans nominated for Governor a Scallawag named Hart in place of Reed the late Carpet-Bag incumbent.

The Memphis and Arkansas River Packet Company have encountered the new Social Equality law. Rather than surrender their right to take who they please into their cabins, they have closed the same and refused to receive any but deck passengers.

The question is often asked what is the object of Col. Mann, Vice President of the Mobile and Northwestern Railroad, author of the Subsidy Law and renounced Prince of the Lobby.

THE CONGRESSIONAL SALARY BILL. The Mississippi House of Representatives have passed a resolution severely censuring this measure of wholesale plunder, which seems, by the way, to have been reprobated by the press and people of all parties, and Legislative Assemblies throughout the country.

Going Back on Reform.

A Radical Senator has introduced a bill to amend the Printing Law of the examination. This bill we learn from the Legislature that Messrs. Murdoch, Smith & Co., have delivered to him in State Warrants and Certificate of Indebtedness the balance due the State by the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad Company whose indebtedness they have undertaken to pay off so as to become the creditors of the road themselves under the terms of the law of April 4th, 1872.

We shall not conceal to an increase of the printing rates until it is shown that the present State Printer will not perform the work at these prices, and that in case of his default, it is found impossible to have the work performed on as favorable terms to the State as let out by contract.

The same remark will apply to the last rates prescribed in the Act of the last session reducing the pay of the State Reporter. We have shown that his profits last year could not have been less than a large sum which would have been saved to the taxpayers if the Acting Governor had not criminally delayed signing the bill designed to cut off this enormous perquisite twelve months after its passage.

A bill has passed both Houses appointing a Commission to assess damages on the property of the people of Meridian to indemnify Aaron Moore for the losses alleged to have been sustained by him in the riot for which he was a chief agent.

EXIT CORRUPTIONISTS.—Caldwell, the U. S. Senator from Kansas who was being investigated on a charge of bribery to procure his election, has resigned to procure his expulsion.

THE RAILROAD INDEBTEDNESS BILL. In another column we have published the bill to enable the railroads to pay their indebtedness to the State. It will be remembered that this indebtedness is for the loan by the State of a fund which was held in trust.

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THE NEW YORK HERALD. The New York Herald, independent, says that the most charitable course the friends of Colfax can pursue is to suffer him to hide his shame in the seclusion of private life.

THE PRAIRIE NEWS PLACES AT ITS MASTHEAD THE NAME OF ALBERT AMES FOR GOVERNOR. We believe that our old friend, Dr. Tindall, one of the editors, has recently returned from a visit to Washington.

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THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE. In the school law lately enacted by the Tennessee Legislature the following words, simple but full of significance occur: "And for like services of male and female teachers, like salaries shall be paid."

An Iniquitous Measure.

A bill is pending in the House to authorize a Commission consisting of three of the State officers to appoint a journal in each Judicial District to perform the legal public advertising appertaining thereto. The real object is to break down the Conservative press and to establish and support Radical newspapers by forced contributions.

A correspondent of the Meridian Mercury directs attention to the 8th section of the law which passed the last session to amend the criminal practice of the State—the ninth section of which the Attorney General has arraigned Gen. Lowry for originating.

Section 8. That all prosecution for criminal offences heretofore committed in this State shall be commenced within two years after the commission thereof, not arising from certificates of indebtedness of the State, issued under an Act entitled an Act to provide for the collection of the same, and not to the State, and not for other purposes.

THE COLUMBIAN PRESS (Radical) says that the Report on the Subsidy conduct of the Attorney General originated with "a view to make capital for, and to use 'it, as a sharp electioneering document 'in the next campaign.'"

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THE RAILROAD INDEBTEDNESS BILL.

AN ACT to facilitate the collection of debts due from Railroad Companies to the State. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, That the Mississippi Central Railroad Company, the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company, and the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad Company, and the Mississippi and Louisiana Railroad Company, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and permitted to pay the principal sum of their indebtedness to the State of Mississippi, in five equal annual installments, with interest at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, commencing on the first day of January next, and continuing until the said debt shall be fully paid.

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CONSIDERATION OF BILLS.

H. B. An act in relation to the driving of stock in the counties of Marion, Coffey, Peoria, Hancock, Harry, Jackson, Greene, Wayne, Jones and Covington.

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