THE MEMPHIS SUNDAY APPEAL.

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THE ENFORCEMENT ACT.

Trial of Mr. Lee Belk, one of the Meridian Prisoners, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Special to the Appeal.]

JACKSON, MISS., February 17.

The trial of Lee Belk, one of the Meridian prisoners, under the enforcement act, commenced yesterday before Judge Hill in the United States court. The past two weeks have been occupied in preparation. The jury was empannelled on Thursday evening—seven negroes and five whites. The first witness for the government is a negro, who has been on the stand two entire days, undergoing a searching examination by Messrs. Coleman, Wharton, Potter and Steele, volunteer counsel for the prisoner. The testimony of this witness is most unreliable, containing successive contradictions throughout. District Attorney Jacobson represents the government. At the present rate of progress, giving two days to each witness, it will require six months to complete the first case, there being seventy five witnesses, and one hundred and fifty indictments from Meridian also. Over two hundred negroes are in attendance from Meridian and other points, who lounge about the vacant rooms of the courthouse, and at night sleeping in any available place, and subsist in a manner they could scarcely explain. There has been no quorum in the legislature since Saturday. They have all been to New Orleans to Mardi Gras, and drawing per diem, at a cost to the taxpayers of several thousand dollars.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Constitutional Convention — A Small Affair.

CINCINNATI, February 17.—The constitutional convention at Charleston, West Virginia, yesterday, was occupied with the further consideration of financial questions.

The legislature was engaged on bills of a local character. To-morrow they will visit Huntington, West Virginia, by invitation of the officers of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad company.

The complaints of fraud against the State printers is a small affair, the amount involved being one hundred dollars.

OHIO.

The Kemp-Saylor Contested Election Case.

COLUMBUS, February 17.—There was a fine prospect for a continuance of the trouble over the Kemp-Saylor contested election case this evening. Objection was made to Sayler's voting on any motion but adjournment until Monday, which delays the trouble until that time when it will probably occur. Mr. Denis will make an attempt to correct the senate journal so as to make it declare that Sayler was not legally elected.

In the house to-day a bill was introduced to repeal an act of 1869 which authorized foreign corporations to lease the railroads of Ohio.

NEW YORK.

Sauce for the Goose Should be Sauce for the Gander.

ALBANY, February 17.—In the State senate to-day Mr. Lord presented a preamble and resolutions reciting that President Grant had been guilty of receiving presents, in common with the late clerk of the senate, and therefore he should resign as the clerk had done. The resolutions were tabled.

Leaving Politics Out of Municipal Contests.

The German Republican committee of New York city last evening adopted a resolution that, while adhering to the national nominations of the Republican party, they will act in municipal affairs with any party honestly working for reforms.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

EAST INDIES.

Honors to the Remains of Earl Mayo.

CALCUTTA, India, December 17.—The body of Earl Mayo, late governor-general of India, was brought to the city to-day. An immense crowd witnessed the landing of the body.

CUBA.

A Capture that Was Not Made.

HAVANA, February 17.—The reported capture of Dr. Losaces and Agramontes, adjutant-general of the revolutionists, by the Spanish is untrue. They escaped with their companions.

MEXICO.

Overthrow of the Revolutionists Predicted.

HAVANA, December 17.—Advices from Mexico state that the government is certainly able to defeat the revolutionists, and that the secession of Lerdo de Tejada to the presidency is certain, in case of the downfall of Juarez.

PRUSSIA.

The Prusso-Brazilian Difficulty.

BERLIN, February 17.—The officer who was sent to Rio de Janeiro to inquire into the difficulty between Germany and Brazil, is expected to return shortly and submit the result of his investigation to the government.

Imitating Czar Alexander.

A bill has been presented in the Federal council declaring that German shall be the official language in the conquered provinces of Alsace and Lorraine.

ENGLAND.

The Anglo-American Telegraph Company.

LONDON, February 17.—At a general meeting of the Anglo-American Telegraph company, last evening, the reduction of the present tolls on dispatches was favorably considered. A proposal for laying a fourth cable was well received.

The Royal Thanksgiving.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the thanksgiving services at St. Paul's on the 27th.

SPAIN.

Another Cabinet Change Imminent.

MADRID, February 17.—Differences have arrisen in the cabinet, constituted in December last, by Sagosta, between Admiral Topete, minister to the colonies and other ministers. A formation of a new conservative cabinet is imminent.

Later—The Row Quieted.

The ministers held a long consultation to-day. There are now hopes that the differences which exist between them may be reconciled and that the anticipated change in the cabinet will not occur.

FRANCE.

Working for the Emperor.

PARIS