

Stanton Spectator.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1884.

A telegram received here yesterday afternoon conveyed the intelligence that the bills in reference to the State Institutions had been passed over the Governor's veto.

The Difference.

It was all right when Mahonites had control of the State to turn out not only the Boards of the State Institutions but also the employees also, and for no other reason than that they were democratic; but now it is the vilest partizanism for the Legislature to make any changes in these Boards unless charges are preferred against them.

No charges were needed for Cameron to turn out the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia.

No charges were preferred when he removed the School Boards of Staunton and of Richmond.

There were no charges against the trustees of the Medical College, who he attempted without a shadow of right—according to Mahon's Supreme Court—to turn these officers out and put in a partizan set.

No, indeed, no charges were needed, it was sufficient that the incumbents were democrats, and out they must go.

The precedent was set by Mahon, and they have no right now to complain that it is followed by the Democrats. The fact that these officers were filled by Mahonites for partizan purposes, and that alone, is a sufficient reason, why they should now be a false.

A FALSE PUBLICATION CORRECTED.—In the House of Delegates on last Thursday, Mr. Stuart, the Speaker of that body, arose to a personal privilege. He said he would not consume the time of the House in the matter were it not that it was more than a personal one, being one aimed at him as Speaker of the House.

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FLOODS IN THE OHIO VALLEY.

The scene of desolation caused by the recent flood in the Ohio Valley beggars description. Nearly all the towns and cities on that river on both sides have been more or less damaged, and some almost entirely destroyed.

Thousands have been rendered homeless, and the suffering want of food and clothing has been very great. We are pleased to see that the people in many places have acted with promptness and liberality in making contributions for their relief.

The Ohio river was higher than it has been since this country was settled by the whites. There is an Indian tradition that it was much higher many years ago.

MAHONITE REPUBLICANS.

The State Central Committee of the Republican party and the Mahonite party met in Richmond on Saturday and called a joint convention to meet in that city on the 23d of April, next, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago, in June, to nominate a candidate for President and Vice-President of the United States.

ACCIDENT IN A MILL.—At Danville, last Friday, whilst J. A. Whitton was dressing one of the mill-stones he moved too near the upright shaft of the water-wheel and his overcoat was caught in the set-screw on the shaft, and he was carried around twice before his revolutin could be stopped.

The Pope has recently had a good piece of luck. The Hon. Mrs. Stapleton Brotherton, of Rainhill, of Lancashire, England, died a few weeks ago bequeathing His Holiness \$2,000,000. Mr. Barrington, M. P., will carry the news to Rome.

Scarlet fever broken out in the Virginia State Agricultural and Mechanical College in Montgomery county. One student has died, four are ill and others are leaving for their homes.

THE O'FERRALL AND PAUL CASE.—The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch says that the case of O'Ferrall and Paul will be decided by the House on Tuesday (to-day), and Major John W. Daniel will close it.

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Congressional Proceedings.

SENATE.—Monday, Feb. 11th.—In the Senate a bill was passed increasing the pay of the judges of the District Court of the United States in Maryland and the circuit and western districts of Pennsylvania from \$4,000 to \$5,000 per annum.

A bill was reported from the committee on public lands, providing for the erection of a public building at Annapolis, Md. A resolution was adopted to ascertain whether an attempt had been made within the past twelve months to consolidate the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company with the Western Union Company.

Mr. Riddlerberger's resolution of inquiry into the question of discharges and appointments to subordinate offices in Congress was discussed without final action.

HOUSE.—In both houses of Congress a joint resolution was adopted appropriating \$300,000 for the relief of the Ohio river and its tributaries.

SENATE.—Tuesday, Feb. 12th.—In the United States Senate a resolution was adopted calling on the Attorney General for an explanation of his delay in the case of Postmaster General as to the interpretation of the law relating to the adjournment of postmasters' salaries.

HOUSE.—In the House, Mr. Potter introduced a bill to refund the bonded debt of the United States at 3 per cent. A bill was reported from the committee on education to aid temporarily the support of common schools.

SENATE.—Wednesday, Feb. 13th.—The United States Senate was principally occupied in a debate on Mr. McPherson's financial bill, in which Messrs. Tappan, Sherman and McPherson took part.

HOUSE.—The House was occupied in considering the Mississippi contested election case, in which Messrs. Tappan, Sherman and McPherson took part.

SENATE.—Thursday, Feb. 14th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Friday, Feb. 15th.—Both houses of Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing \$200,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the Western floods.

HOUSE.—The House adopted the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Saturday, Feb. 16th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Sunday, Feb. 17th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Monday, Feb. 18th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Tuesday, Feb. 19th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Wednesday, Feb. 20th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Thursday, Feb. 21st.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Friday, Feb. 22nd.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Saturday, Feb. 23rd.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

SENATE.—Sunday, Feb. 24th.—The United States Senate passed a bill for the relief of the Louisiana State Bank, growing out of a claim for cotton taken by the United States during the war.

HOUSE.—The House passed the majority report in the Mississippi contested election case, Chalmers vs. Manning, leaving the seat vacant until the case is decided on its merits.

For the Spectator.

The Bells, Gambles, Loves, &c.

Mr. Editor.—A lady, a native of Liberty, in Bedford county, months ago, addressed a letter to a limb of the law in your town, who bore the name she did before her marriage.

She learned something of her ancestors, natives, as she said, of Augusta. He showed it to a brother, who puzzled over it a few moments, and then said to her, "There's but one man in the county who can answer her enquiries; give it to him."

Well, sir, had it occurred to you that in the limits of the county you named, there live a half dozen families of the same name that can trace a relationship? There are a half dozen of the first of the three above this county.

There are many, who, at this day, do not know that the Gamble family, connected with the Campbell, Wirt, and the Gables, of Florida, emanated from Augusta, near Spring-hill, and came into the county as soon, if not before, the "founder," if you know who he is.

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General Assembly.

SENATE.—Monday, Feb. 11th.

In the Senate the bill adopted by the Democratic caucus for the reappointment of the State members of Congress, and introduced in the Senate by Mr. Atkinson, came up.

Mr. Wickham, the only straight-out Republican member of that body, offered a substitute therefor. He exhibited two colored maps, showing distinctly the arrangement proposed to be made under the two competing propositions.

In advocating the adoption of his plan, Gen. Wickham stated he was elected to the Senate chiefly by the votes of Democrats, but as an avowed Republican. He claimed that his bill more nearly conformed to the requirements of the federal constitution, requiring congressional districts to be laid on compactly, than that offered by the Democrats.

He claimed that the Republicans in the reappointment of the State for members of Congress were entitled to two districts and another which they may at least have a fighting chance to carry.

Mr. Duff Green moved to amend by inserting that "the Attorney-General be directed." Mr. Cardwell stated that the Attorney-General said before the committee that he wished to be excused from having anything to do with the matter.

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arrived, and House bill No. 67 was announced to be the first.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's motion to postpone until Friday was adopted.

Special order No. 2 (House bill No. 240) was passed.

On motion, all the special orders were passed by.

The question recurred on the Hamilton-Alien joint resolution.

Mr. Marshall moved to amend by making the fee of the counsel employed not more than \$500. Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was ordered to third reading.

At 8 o'clock the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock.

HOUSE.—Monday, Feb. 11th.

The Senate passed two important bills auxiliary to the Riddleberger act. These are a bill appropriating a portion of the surplus revenue to the Commonwealth to the purchase of its recognized debt.

It provides that it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the sinking fund to meet on the first Monday in April, 1884, and on the first Monday of every month thereafter, and determine at such meetings what, if any, sum can be spared from the treasury, after paying the interest on the public debt.

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