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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is about as much in need of a Secretary of the Treasury as he is of a gold reserve.

WE have received the Dallas, Texas, BEE with Mr. W. O. LEWIS as editor. It is a creditable sheet and deserves success.

THE legislature of South Carolina met last Tuesday and is still in session. We sympathize with the people of that state in their affliction.

A bill has been passed authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County to employ counsel to assist the commonwealth attorney in the prosecution of the prisoners charged with the murder of Mrs. LUCY JANE POLLARD.

THE cry is that the Virginia penitentiary is over-crowded. We are not at all surprised. The manner in which colored people have been sent there for trivial offences makes it evident that its present capacity will have to be quadrupled in order to supply the demand.

WE were shocked to learn of the death of Hon ROBERT G. STILL, editor of the Sunday Journal of Philadelphia and son of Mr. WILLIAM STILL, the author of the "Underground Railroad." When we met him about five weeks ago, he was the picture of health.

That he should be stricken down in his prime and pass away Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 5:50 A. M., is to be regretted.

Tireless, pugnacious, determined, a staunch friend to his friends and a relentless enemy to his enemies, he has passed to the Great Beyond where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

WE have received from C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of United States and Foreign patents, of Washington, D. C., a pamphlet recently published and copyrighted by them, entitled: "A Summary of Foreign Patent Laws with information and advice about foreign patents, giving the cost of the same in various countries."

The pamphlet is concise, well-written, and contains, in plain statement, much that will be of interest to inventors, patentees and manufacturers.

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WE failed to acknowledge receipt of the Baltimore, Md., Educator. It was an excellent number and demonstrated conclusively the enterprise of the publishers. The following were its contents:

Frontispiece, John Mitchell, Jr., Editorial, The Pope a prisoner, An Educational Era, John Mitchell, An Earnest Student, Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins, (illustration), Proper Education, Rev. E. W. S. Peck (illustration), A Rainbow at Night Time. Rev. S. E. Hughes (illustration), Chisel Work, (poetry), Practical Praying, The Call to Home Missions, What Might Have Been, The Annex of Morgan College, Among the Churches, Why He Saved the Train, (poetry), The Building, (poetry), Thanksgiving Selections, Mrs. Ida D. Bailey, (illustration), Sketches, Mr. Whipper's Speech, Rev A. Young, (illustration), Advertisements.

HORRIBLE MURDERS.

The murder of PATRICK MORRIS, a white railroad hand, and his colored wife near West Wego Wharf, Texas, a few miles from New Orleans, on the night of January 11, 1896, was horrible.

The only alleged crime was that of living honorably with his colored wife.

For this his body was riddled with bullets. His wife shared the same fate.

What think the liberal-minded element of this, the latest outrage?

We confess that we are appalled at the reckless disregard of human life, especially noticeable in the South. A premium is set upon immorality.

White men who live dishonorably with their Negro mistresses are not liable to punishment. Those who take on the bonds of wedlock are ostracized and murdered. It is surprising that this white man did not better defend himself.

It is to be regretted that the woman's relatives did not take up the case of the defenseless female. But the worst part is contained in the fact that the murderers will not be punished. The lynchers are protected by public sentiment, if not by the law and it requires to a great extent the cooperation of public sentiment in the South in order to secure an execution of the law. Gauge it as we will it is apparent that lynch-law must be made to go or the super-structure of our government will fall to rise no more.

THAT SEPARATE CAR BILL.

A member of the Virginia legislature named Mr. RADFORD from "God knows where," has introduced a bill in the legislature of Virginia for the establishment of separate cars for colored people.

This has been done too in the face of the fact that in no state where the practice is in vogue has it proven a success. It has caused needless annoyance, aroused race prejudice, embarrassed the railroad companies, and entailed an extra expense which could have been avoided.

Thank God, we have not yet lost confidence in the native born Virginian, to the extent of believing that he would hamper or humiliate any large proportion of our population by any such iniquitous law.

The attempt was made before when a Governor's recommendation furnished additional support to the measure, but it was ingloriously defeated.

Hon PHILIP W. MCKINNEY retired to private life and the latest reports are that he was so badly off for funds as to be an applicant for a country post-office.

This is the way chivalric Virginians express their disapproval. We do not know Mr. RADFORD, but we venture the assertion that he comes from a class of people who do not know the war is over and whose poverty is on a par with their prejudices.

He knows nothing about the true value of the colored folks.

If it is to lower his own and their morals, we doubt not but what he would tear down the partition walls and get over with the despised Negroes.

But the Virginian, who has been fondled and petted by a black mammy and when in childish pranks had suffered injury and had gone to her to kiss the tears away has a feeling of kindness and charity, which extends to even the wayward offspring of our race to day.

No, no, Mr. RADFORD, hang up your separate car bill and bury your prejudices. Prejudice has not been so rampant here as yet to necessitate such a radical change.

When you really want absolute isolation from the race, practice it at home and in your private affairs and our people may be more liable to believe in your sincerity.

THOSE LUNENBURG RESOLUTIONS.

It is indeed surprising to note the blood-thirstiness of the people who claim to represent the best citizens of Lunenburg County.

The resolutions adopted at the mass-meeting held at Lunenburg C. H., on the 13th inst, were not only peculiar but carried their inconsistency upon their face.

They say that the prisoners were never in danger of mob-violence when it is a fact that organized bands of men were ready to lynch them.

It is known and can be proven by reputable witnesses that requests were made to the troops who had them in charge to deliver their bodies over to the mob that they might deal with them as they saw fit.

It is further known that the judge of the county court of Lunenburg, the sheriff, and the commonwealth's attorney signed a petition requesting troops for the protection of the prisoners.

It is known that another company had to be ordered to the scene of the trial, so open had become the would-be lynchers in their threats.

It is further known that His Excellency, CHARLES T. O'FERRALL, Governor of Virginia sent a special message to the legislature concerning their safety declaring six months after the commission of the murder that from private advices, he had every reason to believe that if these prisoners were returned to Lunenburg County without a military escort, they would be lynched.

And yet in the face of this assertion, this mass-meeting of citizens had the audacity to pass the following resolution:

"Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting said prisoners were never in danger of mob-violence at any time during their first trial."

Nay more, in the face of the testimony which we have adduced, what is the opinion of this mass-meeting worth? But they did not stop here. They knew that MARY ABERNATHY had just a few days before become a mother. They knew that to remove her now would in all probability result in her death and yet they adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that our judge be requested to order said prisoners removed at once to the jail in this county, where we feel they will be as safe from mob-violence as they now are in jail at Richmond."

This would be in effect the issuing of the immediate death-warrant for one of the prisoners and result in the summary lynching of the other two.

It is conceded by all parties that the Lunenburg County jail is unsafe. This makes all the more ridiculous the assertions of this irresponsible mass-meeting.

But to cap the climax these people wind up their remarkable declarations by calling these prisoners murderers and declaring it to be the duty of the county supervisors to employ counsel to prosecute them.

But, enough, the public can see the class of people with which we have had to deal.

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There is much work ahead. The contest is well on, and there shall be no failure on our part to do our whole duty. Lynch-law must go!

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It is an undeniable fact that persons will come for advice—in full knowledge of what they want to know, and yet as soon as they confront a Medium they try their utmost endeavor to dismiss from their minds what they know so as to hear if it will be rehearsed by the Medium. To get the secret out of a person by "pumping" in no few cases is the art used by many unscrupulous mediums, but to take hold of the mind and gain control of the mind therefore is a matter of impossibility to most of them. And yet this can be done by consulting MRS. MARTH this seeming mystery becomes a realization.
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