

Our State debt at the beginning of 1879 is \$21,274,017.

Hamilton county is out of debt and so is Rome, says the Chattanooga Commercial.

The Legislature met Monday at 12 o'clock. Hon. John R. Neal, of Rhea county was elected Speaker of the Senate, and Foulkes, of Williamson county, Speaker of the House.

We have received the first copy of the Knoxville Republican, a large 30-column paper, recently printed and well gotten up. The Republican's politics will be in accordance with its name. We welcome it to our exchange list.

The New York World reports that the Union League Club of that city will elect ex-Secretary Fish President, and will devote its energies to working up the Presidential interests of General Grant.

Cincinnati is discouraged when she contemplates her crop of murderers. The Gazette remarks, sadly and regretfully: "Punishment for murder is about played out in Cincinnati. Nearly all the murderers prove to be insane when they come to be tried."

W. E. Grady, a young man of Dayton, Ohio, fell in love with Miss Winston, of the Adah Richmond Troupe and followed her to New Orleans, where, a few days ago, he shot himself in the theatre in which his siren was playing. The ball passed very near his heart and the wound will probably prove fatal.

Nashville American: "A man arrived in this city at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from London county, having walked all the way, a distance of 181 miles, to run for principal door-keeper of the Senate. He left home a week ago, and came most of the way over the mountains."

Only one of Josh Billings' demphools.

Honor to Dishonor.

The Guardian Angel of Tennessee, fluttering her snowy wings over the grand Capitol of the State, see the Representatives of her people gathering in the Chambers of the Council; and dipping her forehead in the rainbow she writes upon the flag that floats from its turrets: "My house shall be called the house of honor."

If the devil of reputation be set up in that Capitol as the god of Tennessee, then will our Guardian Angel, dipping her left finger into the black slime of hell, write on that flag: "But ye have made it a den of thieves;" and with a sad heart and tearful eyes will abandon us forever.

Representatives of Tennessee! Dare ye what is right in the sight of God? Married, not your ancestors and ville, to Miss Lizzie Mendon.

Case Honesty.

This announcement is a correspondent's report last week but Chattanooga, in the Cincinnati Commercial, presents a very dark picture as to the honor and good faith of the people.

We have recollections in respect to her public enterprise. He expresses the opinion, which J. B. Fyffe is the prevalent opinion and purpose of a large majority of the people, that the entire debt will ultimately be repudiated. The Republicans generally are in favor of paying the debt, either in whole or in part; but the Democrats, who form the majority, are, with few exceptions, out-and-out repudiators. The latter have an intense hatred against all sorts of bonds and bondholders, State and national, and do not regard bondholders as having any rights which is their duty to respect. Were the question now submitted to popular vote, untrammelled by any other question, opened and undisguised repudiation would be carried by an overwhelming majority.

Such is the picture of Tennessee presented by this correspondent, and it must be confessed that the action of the Legislature of that State leads a painfully strong confirmation of this view of the case. It now looks as if a majority of the people had deliberately made up their minds to become robbers, and defy all the rules of honesty, as well as the deserved scorn and contempt of the world. Here is a good field for home missions, quite as needy as any that have been seen, even the darkest parts of Africa. We call the special attention of our home missionary societies to Tennessee. Be sure to send the right kind of men to this field—men of John the Baptist type, who have the habit of using plain words, and calling upon all sinners to repent and bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Men of any other stamp will not meet the exigency, and we are by no means certain that even such men will be able to set things right in Tennessee.

We need hardly say to those who have money to lend, whether they reside in or out of Tennessee, that that State is not the place to lend it in. A community that is so lost to the elementary principles of commercial honor that it can without a blush repudiate its debts and cheat its creditors is not made up of people whom money lenders can safely trust. The way to deal with such a people is to give them a plump and emphatic no.

MEMPHIS.

Receipts and Disbursements During the Epidemic.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 14.—J. T. Smith, Secretary of the Memphis Howard Association, has completed his report, which shows the receipts to have been, during the late epidemic, \$417,636.66; disbursements, \$415,790.44.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A large number of petitions were presented during the morning hour, among them many from women in various parts of the country asking Congress to enact such legislations as will make effective the anti-polygamy law of 1862; also from various citizens protesting against the passage of the pending bill to award and colidate laws relating to patents and against the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department. All were referred to the appropriate committees.

Bills were introduced as follows: by Mr. Hamlin, of Maine, for a more efficient collection of the postal revenue; referred to the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads. By Mr. Booth, of Cal., for the interchange of subsidiary silver coin and United States notes; referred to Committee on Finance. By Mr. McDonald, of Ind., to authorize the taxation of the outstanding legal tender notes of the United States; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary at his request.

Mr. Edmunds, of Vt., said: On this glad morning of the New Year, when there was peace and joy, and hope everywhere, he thought it best to offer a resolution tending to cement more perfectly the good will and harmony now existing all over the country. He therefore submitted a resolution declaring that in the judgment of the Senate the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the U. S. have been legally ratified and are as valid as other parts of the Constitution; that it is the right and duty of Congress to enforce such amendments by appropriate legislation, and the duty of the Executive Department of the Government faithfully, and with diligence to impartially execute such laws; that it is the duty of Congress to appropriate money to that end, instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill for the protection of the rights of citizens and the punishment of infractions thereof. (Laid on the table at the request of Mr. Edmunds to be called up hereafter.)

Mr. Voorhees, of Ind., during the morning hour called up the resolution submitted by him early in the session instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the expediency of making the trade dollar a legal tender and providing for its redemption into standard silver dollars. He addressed the Senate at length in favor of the resolution, denouncing the trade dollar as fraudulent money, which having failed in its mission abroad had returned home to cheat the honest people of this country. The amount of such dollars coined was \$85,000,000 larger than the people had any idea. He reviewed the course of Secretary Sherman and said there was a deep-seated hostility to silver money of every kind on his part. Silver money was not receiving fair play at the hands of the present Administration and those who draw their inspirations from it. He referred to the silver bill passed at the last session and said the execution of this popular law was in the hands of its most conspicuous and personal enemy. He referred to the action of the New York and Boston banks in November last in regard to specie resumption and the silver dollar and denounced it as rebellion against the lawful constituted authorities of the Government. He predicted the final triumph of the silver dollar and said the people insisted that specie resumption should not rest on gold alone but it should be as strong as the unlimited coinage of silver as well as gold could make it. At the conclusion of Mr. Voorhees' remarks the resolution was laid over without action being taken thereon.

Mr. Beck, of Ky., submitted the following Resolved, That the communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, in answer to the resolution of the Senate passed December 3d, 1878, relative to the amount of silver coin received in payment of customs dues during the current fiscal year, and the disposition which has been made of it be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that said committee is authorized and directed to make such investigation as it may deem necessary to ascertain whether the laws relative to the payment of customs dues and payment of interest on the public debt with coin received therefrom have been and are being complied with and report by bill or otherwise. Laid over upon objection of Mr. Edmunds.

The editor of the Savannah (Ga.) Recorder declares that he is no unshaken rebel or Southern traitor, but adds: "If Georgia, to-day, should, in her State sovereignty and State rights elect to secede, we should stand by her and defend the act as one of her sons, believing in her right." This is, as we have claimed, about the status of the average conciliated Democrat in the South. They talk about accepting the results of the war, but they believe in the doctrine of secession, and some of them, like the editor of the Recorder, only await an opportunity to repeat again the programme of 1861.

SCARLET FEVER.

How the Contagion is Spread in New York.

At a meeting of the New York Board of Health Wednesday, Dr. Day, Sanitary Superintendent, presented a report on the prevalence of scarlet fever. He says: "While scarlet fever cannot be said to be epidemic, and while it is true that we expect an increase in all contagious diseases during those months of the year in which their contagion is intensified by closed doors and windows, and people are more closely associated with each other, the disease is evidently on the increase, and it is the part of wisdom to exhaust all means to retard its progress. For the last year, by the direction of the Board, I have sent a daily list of persons sick with contagious diseases to the Board of Education, and I have notified the families of those sick with contagious diseases that, during the period of liability to their spread, the children of such families should not be allowed to attend any school. An inspector, especially detailed for the purpose, has visited cases occurring in tenement houses, with a view to investigate unsanitary surroundings, and to impress upon the parents the necessity of all possible isolation. The disinfecting corps have, to the extent of her capacity, performed the necessary disinfection and fumigation, although in the latter class of houses we have often been compelled to trust to the physician in attendance to see that the needed precautions were taken to prevent the disease from spreading. It is often impossible to ascertain the source of contagion in a given case. No doubt the disease is sometimes propagated by persons who are about to be taken down with the disease, or who have recovered from it, and a frequent cause may well be the transportation of solid linen to the laundry in our close street cars. There is scarcely a conductor on any city car line who attempts to enforce the health ordinance, and huge bundles and baskets of foul linen infected with disease from the bodies of unrepented cases are thrust beneath the noses of unsuspecting passengers. When remonstrated with the excuse is given by the conductor that he has no means of knowing the contents of the bundles. At such a time as this, however, it would not seem unreasonable to require those carrying suspicious parcels to satisfy the conductor that they are unobjectionable. If the violation of this ordinance continues, it may be necessary to arrest the conductor on the car, which would subject the traveling public to serious inconvenience.

EMPEROR AND MINISTER.

Bayard Taylor's Report of His Interview with the Emperor Augustus.

A correspondent at Washington says one of the most interesting dispatches which the late Bayard Taylor sent from Berlin was that written on the 1st of July describing the visit of President Grant to the German capital. The Emperor, owing to his then recent wound, was unable to receive any one, and the Emperor felt bound for that reason to maintain her privacy in the palace. But the Empress sent for Mr. Taylor, who described the interview in the following words:

"From the absence of certain customary formalities on reaching the palace, and the quiet manner of my reception, I suspect that it was meant to be private quite as much as official. The Empress took occasion to express to me the Emperor's interest in Gen. Grant's history, his desire to meet him personally and his great regret that this was not possible. Her words and manner implies an authorization that I repeat these expressions to Gen. Grant. She then spoke very freely and feelingly of the disturbances occasioned by the distress of the laboring classes, declared her belief that a period of peace would be the best remedy, and finally said: 'The Emperor knew that I should see you to-day. He has the peace of the world at heart, and he desires nothing so much as the establishment of friendship between nations. I ask you to make it your task to promote the existing friendship between your country and ours. You cannot do a better work, and we shall most heartily unite with you in doing it. This is the Emperor's message to you, and he asked me to give it to you in his name as well as my own.' She bowed and left me.

"The deep, earnest, pathetic tones of her voice impressed me profoundly. I kept her words carefully in my memory, and have repeated them with only such changes as the translation makes necessary."

Peculiarities of Great Men.

Gen. Grant is said to be a confirmed smoker. Marshal McMahon speaks excellent French. Brigham Young was a confirmed old bachelor. It is now thought that A. T. Stewart is the original boneless man. Secretary Schurz is very sensitive on account of his short legs. Mr. Hayes would rather attend a country fair than go to a circus. Mr. Conkling has no desire to be a Presidential candidate.

Prince Bismarck is of German parentage, but he can swear in English. It is believed that Zachary Chandler is addicted to outbursts of profanity. Prince Alexandrovitch Smolenski Voufoukitchheoffonoposki is a Russian.

County Court met in this place last Monday. Not much business of importance was transacted. John P. Davis was elected Chairman, and S. W. Tindell Superintendent of public schools.

CLEVELAND WHOLESALE MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Corn, Wheat, Bacon, Lard, Flour, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Peaches, Feathers, Beeswax, etc.

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