

Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, Governor of Georgia, died at the executive mansion of that State in Atlanta at half-past two o'clock on Sunday morning.

Mr. Stephens was born on his father's sterile hundred-acre farm in 1812, and took his first manual labor as a farmer, under and when fifteen years of age.

His entrance into public life occurred in 1836, having been elected to the State Legislature while dangerously ill with cholera.

After the dissolution of the Whig party, which he had previously acted, he joined Mr. Douglas' popular sovereignty principle, and this led to violent abuse on the extreme South.

The Supreme Court of the United States rendered decisions in the Louisiana bondholders' case, and in the case involving the validity of the Riddleberger "non-resident" bill in Virginia.

Mr. Stephens was opposed to secession. Not that he denied the right of a State to secede from the Union, because he was one of the most earnest advocates of the right of secession as one of the rights necessarily incident to the reserved sovereignty of the States.

When we and our posterity shall see our lovely South desolated by the demon of war, which this act of yours will inevitably provoke, when our green fields and our fertile soil are trodden down by a murderous soldiery, and the fiery car of war sweeps over our land, our temples of justice laid in ashes, and every horror and degradation upon us, feeling that the responsibility will be held responsible for it, and who but him who shall have given his vote for this senseless and ill-considered measure, will he not feel that he will have signed his name to the perpetration of this crime?

When, however, the ordinance of secession was passed by the convention, true to his principles of State rights and paramount allegiance to his State government, Mr. Stephens accepted the situation and was elected Vice-President of the Confederacy.

Mr. Stephens was elected to Congress shortly after the reconstruction was completed and served continuously until during the past year, when he resigned to accept the position of Governor of Georgia, to which he had been elected by an overwhelming majority.

His life and works, especially in the latter years of his life, furnished a very remarkable exception to the rule, which is generally true as a physiological principle that the necessary habitation of a sound mind is a sound body.

The bill for the reduction of the internal revenue of the government, otherwise known as the "tariff bill," passed both houses of Congress during the latter days of the session.

The 47th Congress has closed its labors, having adjourned at noon on last Sunday. It passed all the regular appropriation bills and also the long debated internal revenue and tariff bill.

The Pennsylvania papers are making a member of the State Legislature conspicuous because of his bad grammar and worse orthography.

In the Senate, Senators Bayard and Beck gave their reasons for declining to serve on the tariff conference.

The House adopted the conference reports on the District of Columbia, army, legislative and naval appropriation bills, and insisted on its amendments to the post-office appropriation bill.

Both houses of Congress adjourned at noon Sunday. The session commenced at 10 o'clock Saturday, and continued, with brief recesses, until the hour when the Forty-Seventh Congress expires by constitutional limitation.

The Republican brethren do not dwell together in harmony. They are riven asunder by a bitter contest over the place of collector of internal revenue for the Third district of Maryland.

A Williamsport woman swallowed a pin which stuck in her throat. She then swallowed a button with a string attached, and by a quick jerk the pin was dislodged.

A man named Rattery, living at Russell, near Toronto, has implicit faith in Wiggins' prophecy of a March storm.

The barracks at the Soldiers' Home, near Washington, were destroyed by fire on Saturday night last.

John J. Toner, superintendent of the freight department of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, at Wilmington, Del., was in that city on Saturday while passing between two sections of freight train.

During a recent meeting in the Methodist church at Old City recently a young girl became so much excited that she went into the street and shot a pistol at a man.

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A bill equity filed by Anna G. Peil, executrix of the late Alexander G. Mercer, D. C. of Newport, R. I., brings out the fact that she deceased was worth \$1,000,000.

At daylight on Thursday morning Charles McDonald and William Mitchell fought a desperate battle in the river near the Richmond coal wharves.

Notes: Dudley M. Dubois, ex-member of Congress from Georgia, died in Washington, in this State, on Monday.

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NOTICE. BLACKSMITH SHOP FOR RENT at HUGHESVILLE. (Charles County). It is located on the Southern Maryland Railroad, and is one of the best located shops in the county.

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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold their OFFICE in Port Tobacco, TUESDAY, March 20th, '63. for the transaction of miscellaneous business.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING SECURED the right to sell the NEW YORK SINGER MODEL SEWING MACHINE. I wish to announce to the public that he will offer this Machine at the LOW PRICE OF \$25 CASH.

Public Sale. THE HOUSE AND SITE OF SCHOOL NO. 1, Election District No. 5, known as the MILTON HILL SCHOOL, will be offered for sale at the Court House door in Port Tobacco, TUESDAY, March 20th. Terms of Sale: -CASH, or such as may be approved by the School Board on the day of sale.