

THE STRAIGHT-OUT.

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Our Next General Assembly.

Since the election of the now defunct General Assembly, our political climate has undergone a decided change. Then, all was uncertainty, and minor issues were forgotten—Democrats of every grade of opinion were forced to make common cause against corruption and mis-rule. With Hampton, Gary and Butler, and a few others as the principal figures, little attention was paid to lesser lights, and many lunk heads and milk-sops managed to sandwich into places which could have been more appropriately filled. When victory became assured, contrary to the expectations of many, and the Legislature was convened, grave questions of great political moment presented themselves from day to day. Face to face with problems beyond their ken, many who had stalked in, where angels might have feared to tread, after realizing the poverty of their genius, fall into the hands of dangerous and designing associates, and were used as mere tools to compass nefarious ends. Issues which were not anticipated at the election, and which should have had the full benefit of the assembled wisdom of the State, were decided contrary to the wishes of the people. Through precipitate and unwise legislation, bills were passed that must be repealed, and much injury was done that may never be remedied. With such a Legislature as an example, and with such stupid blunders as a warning, we are soon again to repeat the experiment of selecting a body to represent us. From a constituency made up of every shade of color, from the dusky African to the blue-eyed Saxon, and of every grade of intelligence, from untutored ignorance, to a superior culture, the choice of our candidates is to be made. With the most liberal allowance, fully one-half of the voters must be classed as "irresponsible" citizens, and on that account, are to be excluded from office-holding, but not from representation. From the other half alone, therefore, are we to make the selection. The great questions now before us are: Will the people return any of the weak-kneed who disgraced them? Will they send back any of the Miss Nancys, whose simple and quiescent conduct made a phosphate monopoly and other rings a possibility. Will they send weak sisters with no minds of their own, and who will be sure to find an easy prey to the guile of feed advocates of railroads, phosphate monopolists or bond-holders. Now is the time to decide. The errors of decision may sometimes be corrected, those of indecision never.

THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS.

The evident sense of relief realized by the country on the adjournment of Congress outweighs that brought about by sickness, bawlings and wranglings of eight month's session. The welcome and refreshing relief is

due, in a great measure, to the protracted state of unrest and anxiety which has been experienced by the country in looking forward to the realization of its hopes as to certain vital questions of an important, practical nature. Among other matters of National importance, are the repeal of the resumption act; the restoration of the legal tender quality of silver; the reform of our revenue laws. The periodical and discussive debates on the questions, by both houses, has done much to irritate and unsettle the public mind, and make it long for the rest and relief of the usual summer vacation. This Bleak House court of procedure of Jarndice vs. Jarndice has done more to weary and try the public patience and weaken its faith, than all the rumors of a threatened Democratic crusade against the President's title to his seat, or the projected Republican revolt, which was to result in his impeachment. And yet, strange to say, there has been an agreeable disappointment all round; for while there has rarely been a session from which the public expected and feared so much danger, and yet from which they have suffered so little injury. When the clash of arms and the storm of battle have subsided, and things once more settle down to a state of quiet repose, it will be found that the policy of retrenchment and reform inaugurated by the 44th Congress has been steadily, though not very enthusiastically carried out by its successor, and that the appropriation for the next fiscal year will exceed those of the present year by a very small figure, if any at all. The restoration of the the old silver dollar has not thus far produced any evil consequences, and the excitement over the bill to prevent the retirement of legal tender notes has, in a great measure, subsided, with at least harmless results. The much mooted repeal of the bankrupt law is likely to work more good than evil, while the passage of Senator Thurman's bill to compel the Pacific Railroads to prepare for the liquidation of the debts due the Government, is such an admirable and timely piece of legislation as ought to vindicate the session, and throw the mantle of charity over some of its blunders, delays and shortcomings. The protracted agony is over, and the people should feel satisfied and contented that Congress has adjourned, and the country in the main, is no worse off than it was before.

City Matters.

PREPARING.—A scaffold is being erected around the State House preparatory to repairing the roof.

AT HOME.—Senator Butler has arrived home from Washington. The Military Committee, of which he is a member, meets at the White Sulphur Springs on the 22nd of July.

DEATH.—We are pained to announce the death of Mr. John Glass, one of the oldest residents of this city, who died about half-past 7 o'clock, last evening.

KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES.—Drs. Wright & Boozer get the latest improvements in dental implements. They have 'em all. The latest is a

chair, which can be elevated, lowered twisted or turned in any direction. We want to get into that chair, but can't yet muster up courage

UNITED STATES COURT.—In the matter of Richard Tozer ex parte George L. Dial, assignee, petition to call in lien creditors and for a sale, it was ordered that the report of Registrar Seabrook be confirmed, and that the assignee do sell the real estate described in the report for cash at public auction, at Columbia, after three weeks' advertisement.

THE PENITENTIARY COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of the Penitentiary Commission, at the State House, on Wednesday morning, at which Governor Hampton, as an ex-officio member, was present. A motion was made to remove the present Superintendent—charges having been previously preferred against him. It was understood that the motion failed because the charges were not sustained. As a difference of opinion arose, between the Governor and members of the Board, concerning the power of the Board to remove the Superintendent. The Board adjourned to meet yesterday, at 9 A. M.

RESIGNATION OF THE PENITENTIARY COMMISSIONERS.—The Board of Penitentiary Commissioners met at 9 A. M., yesterday, at the Executive office. The Governor and all with the exception of Capt. Allen were present. The issue in regard to the present Superintendent was squarely made and squarely met by the Governor. Governor Hampton endeavored to secure a compromise which would bring about a reconciliation, but found it impossible. Gen. Earle, Chairman of the Board, then signified his intention of resigning, rather than stand in the way of an adjustment. Messrs. Seegers and Bradley are to follow his example. The action to be taken by Messrs. Shields and Allen is not yet known positively. A card to the public will probably be issued when the resignations are formally tendered, and the motions which are based on high patriotic grounds fully made known.

PHOENIXIANA — Whew!

Fort Moultrie anniversary

The crop prospects are splendid.

The pigeon shooters are going to try their skill again.

The entertainment at the Asylum, last evening, was an enjoyable affair.

Senator Butler delivers an address before the Erskine College, on next Tuesday.

The State Grange meets this year in Spartanburg, on the 13th day of August

The Republican party in this State is not dead yet. Occasionally we hear of a kick

"How much have you got saved up for the fourth?" is the principal topic among the boys.

Gen. Grant will spend the winter in Europe, returning to the United States via India in the spring.

Water-melons, cantaloupes and peaches—more particularly the latter—are coming in freely. Prices up.

The Boston Post thinks it has found the ticket now: "Mrs. Jenks for President and John Sherman for Vice."

Dr. Meynardie, at Trenton, a few days ago, enthusiastically argued the immediate re-opening of the South Carolina College, and prayed earnestly that Edgefield, in the next election, might send men to the Legislature who would be fully alive to the importance of higher education. He stated that there are now 418 young Carolinians perfecting their education out of the State, simply because they do not wish to go to denominational colleges, no matter how admirable the latter might be.

News Items.

Louisville, Ky., is 100 years old. The Lancaster County Convention meets on Monday.

Court opens in Greenville on Monday next. Judge Kershaw presiding.

Mississippi's colored Senator, B. F. Bruce, and his wife sailed for Europe in the Algeria.

The Consistory appointed to be held at Rome on July 5 has been postponed until July 15.

Lord Dufferin will accept an extension of his appointment as Governor-General of Canada.

It is understood that the National party propose to run Peter Cooper for Mayor of New York City.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Hahn, of Louisiana, will be appointed superintendent of the New Orleans mint.

The opinion is that the labors of the principal plenipotentiaries can be concluded by the 10th of July.

Mrs. Susan C. DeBruhl, the venerable relict of the late Stephen DeBruhl, died at Abbeville C. H.

The Communists of Brooklyn applied to the Mayor for permission to parade on the 1st of July and were refused.

The War Department is advised that Buffalo Horn was killed in the charge of Howard's troops on the hostile camp.

President Hayes will attend the celebration of the Wyoming Centennial, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the 3d and 4th of July.

All the members of the Potter sub-committee, to investigate the Louisiana branch of the inquiry have departed for New Orleans.

The Republicans of the Second Judicial District, of North Carolina, mostly colored people, have nominated one of their own race for Solicitor.

The Roumanian cause has apparently been abandoned by the Powers. The Bratianu Cabinet will probably go out after the close of the Berlin Congress.

Russia has given her consent that the boundaries of Roumelia shall not touch the Aegean Sea or approach Salonica dependent on the concession of Varna and the rest of the Quadrilateral to Bulgaria. It seems that this will be ultimately agreed to.

Orders have been received at the naval station at Portsmouth to despatch three Indian troop-ships to Malta. The circumstance causes considerable excitement and it is reported that these vessels will be employed to take back the Indian contingent.

The most important witness before the Potter Committee was ex-Judge Campbell, of New Orleans, who testified, in answer to Anderson's statement that Campbell had affixed his official signature to certain papers without Anderson having sworn to them, that he did not remember to have signed his name to any papers of the character mentioned by Anderson, but if it was there, the documents had been sworn to in the proper way.

Col. J. S. Murray, of Anderson, chairman of the Committee charged with the duty of visiting Augusta and conferring with the citizens in the interest of the Savannah Valley Railroad, will visit that city on the 10th of July. Arrangements will be made to bring the committee face to face with the people, to the end that the advantages which may accrue to Augusta by the construction of the Savannah Valley, may be made known. It is proposed that this road shall tap the Augusta and Greenwood at Dorn Mines.

Funeral Invitation.

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN GLASS, and of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Glass, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of the former, at the Washington Street Methodist Church, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 5 o'clock.