

The Watchman and Southerner. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

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EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The State press is still engaged in discussing Charleston and the Fee Bill, and if the next Legislature will need any information on the subject in devising a better bill, you can find it scattered around loose all over the State in the columns of the weekly papers.

There was an oversight in the wording of the charter granted at the last session of the Legislature for Midway, or possibly it was a piece of sharp rascality on the part of some one through which it is asserted that the Town Council have the right to grant license to sell liquor, and the whiskey papers are much pleased thereat.

A Mr. Broadhurst has been appointed a member of Mr. Gladstone's cabinet, and this action has caused a tremendous flutter among the blue bloods over there.

Mr. Broadhurst was at one time a working man, and that fact, according to English traditions, shuts him out for all time from participating in anything higher than hoeing turnips or chopping wood.

Mr. Gladstone, however, has overlooked the nobility by making him a minister and the conservatives are lifting hands in holy horror at the sacrilege. Mr. Gladstone, however, can chop wood himself, and has a fellow-feeling for the laborer.

The anti-Chinese riots assumed a most threatening aspect at Seattle City in Washington Territory last week. The defiant attitude of the lawless element compelled the Governor to declare martial law, but not before a collision occurred between the guards who were protecting the unfortunate Chinamen, and the rioters.

As a massive mob estimated in number at 50,000 held undisputed possession of the city of London for hours, the evening of the 8th instant. The police were utterly powerless, and the rioters marched through the streets smashing windows and plundering shops and private dwellings without check.

For about six hours they were masters of every street through which they passed, but strange to say, not a life was lost. We doubt if the police of any other city in the world could have been so patient and forbearing in dealing with a mob; we doubt if a mob so large as that one, could, in any other city in the world, have gone through their wild orgies for six hours without shedding blood.

We think, however, the police made a mistake in not being more determined. The rioters, some at least, had a grievance, but marching through the streets looting the shops and turning the city into pandemonium was not the proper way of righting a wrong.

The lion and the lamb are preparing to lie down together in the Ohio Senate, and while they are not yet in a sufficiently amiable state of mind for the little child to lead them, we hope for a better. The warring factions have buried the hatchet, for the present at least, and have referred their differences to a committee whose report is to be final. This speaks well for the Democrats, who had a majority of three and could have forced the Republicans to accept the situation had they been so regardless of law and order as were the Republicans in the House who so arbitrarily turned out the Democrats whose seats were contested by the Republicans.

Two weeks ago we thought we would have to draw lots to see which were the rascals, Republicans or Democrats, but the Democrats are certainly ahead now in decency.

Gen. Sherman wrote a letter to a friend last year which contained a sentence that might be considered derogatory to Grant. Gen. Fry saw the letter and published the extract in the North American. When Sherman saw it he was furiously angry, said that Fry lied, that he had never written any such letter, and wrote to the Secretary of War and asked to have the impertinent offender tried for slandering his serene highness. He got no consolation from that quarter and finally demanded of Fry his authority. Fry in reply published a fac simile copy of Sherman's letter, thereby convicting the great barn-burner and pillager of one more lie. Sherman's temper and mendacity are both matters of national note and no one is surprised when he lies into a passion or leaves truth at the bottom of the well.

In looking over the columns of the Methodist Messenger, edited by Rev. A. Webster, one of the prominent leaders of the Southern wing of the Northern Methodist Church, and which is the organ of the M. E. Church in this State, we see that it hangs to the political skirts of such villainous sheets as the Indianapolis Journal and others of like ilk.

There is nothing surprising in that. It is the truth that hurts, and we all know that what the printer says must be so, while the lawyers' assertions, but we will not pursue the subject any further.

That's where you are wrong, brother. The average editor can forecast the political horizon for the next ten years with the accuracy of a weather prophet, but when it comes to cabbage culture, why that requires real talent—no guess work there.

A bold and successful robbery was carried out last Friday morning in Clausen's Brewery, at Charleston. The safe was blown open nearly \$700 taken. From the scientific manner in which the work was done the guilty parties were doubtless experts, and there will be much difficulty in tracing them.

that the latter road will furnish all the rolling stock needed; and suppose that it is intended to run a train back and forth between Atkins and Bishopville each day. Now, if instead of stopping at Atkins, the train should run on to Sumter, it would not only give Bishopville convenient facilities for reaching Sumter and returning home, but also Mayesville and intermediate points. We think such an arrangement would be of mutual benefit both to the road and to our town, and would greatly increase the conveniences it would offer to the people along the line.

We can sit still and do nothing and see the trade of Bishopville fall away from us, or we can arouse our energies and keep it. Which will it be?

MR. SMALLS AND THE DEMOCRACY.

A correspondent of the News and Courier, writing from Beaufort some days ago intimated that Robert Smalls (our own Smalls) was leaning towards the Democratic party, and that he had a great admiration for President Cleveland's administration; and now Smalls writes a letter saying the above statement is all false. Of course it is. The man who thinks Smalls could leave the G. O. P. is too innocent to live. We should be very sorry to have Smalls in the Democratic camp. In fact we have enough rascals of our own, and have no need of importing Republican scamps to teach us still more than we already know of ways that are crooked. Stay where you are, Gen. Smalls. Stay where you are, and when any reviving sense of decency or honor drives you from the party of great moral ideas, just go over to Ben Butler's party, or emigrate to Liberia, or join the Mormons, but don't join the Democrats, we do not want you.

DEATH OF TWO GREAT MEN.

General Hancock died at Governor's Island last Tuesday, from the effects of a malignant carbuncle on his neck. Winfield Scott Hancock was the senior Major General in the United States Army. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1824, graduated from West Point in 1844, and had as classmates some of the most prominent Generals in the late war, among whom were Grant, McClellan, Burnside, Reynolds and Franklin. He was conspicuous for gallantry in the more important Mexican battles, and was brevetted at Cherubusco. After the close of the Mexican war he took a prominent part in several Indian campaigns. He was noted for his strong Union sentiments, and at the beginning of the Confederate war was commissioned Brigadier General of volunteers. His record during that war was brilliant but has been far more so since. He alone, of the prominent Union generals recognized the fact that the war closed in April '65; and in the important commands held since, has ever insisted upon the subordination of the military to the civil authorities. In 1880 he was nominated by the Democrats as their candidate for the Presidency, but was defeated by Garfield. He was one of the few Northern generals whose death the South can sincerely mourn.

OUR TOWN.

We see complaints from many towns of stagnation of business, grass growing on the streets, clerks being discharged by the wholesale, &c. Well, Sumter is more fortunate. Business is not what we could wish it here, but it is far better than that of some of our sister towns, judging from the newspaper reports. No grass is growing in our streets—the fact is it is too cold for grass to grow anywhere now; the clerks have not been discharged to any great extent; while the erections, during the last few weeks, of half dozen or more comfortable dwellings, show that we are not entirely bankrupt. A glance in the well-filled streets of our wide-awake merchants will convince the most skeptical that they are not out of heart, and are confident there is money in the country. There is no doubt but that the prosperity of the town is due more to the wide-awake enterprise of the merchants than to any other cause. It is true that they, some at least, do not use printer's ink as much as they might, and the outside world, as a consequence, does not know as much of them as we who are here and can see for ourselves do, but we hope to see an improvement in that line. We know of no other they can make just now.

THE BISHOPVILLE ROAD.

The railroad, which is to run from Atkins's Turnout, five miles beyond Mayesville, to Bishopville and beyond, is making steady progress. We understand that the owners expect to reach Bishopville by the 4th July and give that prosperous section the benefit of railroad facilities.

MORE CABBAGES, LESS POLITICS.

If the editors of some of our exchanges would devote more time and talent to articles on cabbage culture, and less on editorials on the Presidential succession bill and the monetary problem, they would find the subject better fitted to their calibre.—Berkley Gazette.

THE POOR PRINTER.

An exchange in commenting on the hardships of the printer says: "Lawyers stand up in court-houses before juries in the presence of large audiences and denounce men as liars, scoundrels, thieves and perjured villains, and when court adjourns the men thus abused appear to harbor no ill-will against them. But let a newspaper faintly intimate that a man's character is not entirely without blemish, and the editor has to confront a horse pistol, stand a libel suit or at least, suffer the greatest of all mortifications—lose a subscriber."

Happy Thought in the Night.

For years Mr. J. R. Ackerly, of 163 West Fayette street, Baltimore, had suffered from the ailment so called hard sleep. One night he was suffering very much, and the thought struck him that Brown's Iron Bitters would do some good, and that perhaps cure me. It was a happy thought, and to my great joy it has entirely cured me after using two bottles. After three months I have had no return of the symptoms. I cheerfully recommend it as the best tonic I have ever used.—Neuralgia sufferer, take the hint!

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE UNDER POWER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on TUESDAY, the 9th day of MARCH, 1886, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, so long as may be necessary, the following described real and personal property will be sold in the town of Sumter, in Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, and pursuant to and in accordance with the power of foreclosure and sale conferred upon and vested in Patrick Moran in and by a deed of Mortgage executed on November 10, 1885, by Myles Moran, to Patrick Moran, recorded in the Office of the Register of Sumter County, in Book No. 14, commencing at page 514, and in Chattel Mortgage Book No. 9, commencing at page 244, to wit:

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