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## NEWS SUMMARY.

—Gold was quoted in New York yesterday at 404.

—Cotton closed in New York yesterday firmer, with sales of 4000 bales at 14 1/2c for Middlings.

—In Liverpool cotton closed quiet, with sales of 12,000 bales; prices unchanged.

—Over one-seventh of the land in Mississippi is advertised for sale under executions.

—England pays \$100 a year for each of its soldiers, France \$40, and Prussia only \$30.

—The Richmond Whig says: "We have satisfactory information that General Schenck will order a new registration before the vote is taken on the new constitution."

—Dan Rice announces himself a candidate for President, and the New York World irreverently says he is used to swinging round the circle.

—A portrait of Jefferson, said to be the last original picture since the burning of the Smithsonian Gallery, is offered for sale to the Kentucky Legislature.

—Mail robberies are becoming so frequent in Texas that the people are refusing to avail themselves of the assistance of the postoffice in communicating with their friends.

—A bill is pending before the New York Legislature prohibiting the marriage of first cousins under a heavy penalty of fine and imprisonment.

—Large numbers of bones of an extinct race of human beings have been exhumed in digging for the foundation of a cathedral at San Antonio, Texas.

—The Marion Star went to press this week a day earlier than usual, to give those employed in its office "an opportunity of enjoying the circus"!!!

—The Mobile Times has removed the names of Grant and Fessenden from the head of its editorial columns as its ticket for President and Vice-President.

—It is frequently the case in Canada that in digging wells for drinking water salt veins are struck, which bring in large sums of money to their owners, but have a bad effect on their habits.

—Good field hands cannot have a very hard time in Louisiana. They are offered fifteen dollars a month, rations, quarters, a peck of meal and five pounds of pork weekly, and an acre of land to work on their own account.

—The Avenir National, in its issue of the 8th instant, said: "It is noon, and we are writing these lines by the light of a lamp. Never did so black a sky surround Paris. One would think the sun was extinguished forever."

—Says the Tribune: "There is a vast amount of stationary furnished to Congress, which the members would be much more stationary if they did not drink."

—The New York Tribune informs Messrs. Julian and Chandler "that, if the people wanted blackguardism, they could get it at a cheaper rate than \$5000 a year, mileage and stationery."

—The gas company in Jackson, Mississippi, cut off the supply of light from the Reconstruction Convention, because it would not furnish security for the payment of the gas bill.

—A Parisian left directions before his death that a copy of one of the Paris morning papers should be placed on his tomb every day. The eccentric request is duly carried out, and on his grave may be seen a heap of musty old papers.

—S. G. Reid, Esq., senior editor and proprietor of the Montgomery Advertiser, retired from his connection with that paper on the 24th instant. He disposed of his interest in the establishment to Messrs. W. W. and B. H. Sorens.

—A letter was received at the Treasury Department at Washington, on Saturday, from a Catholic priest at St. Vincent's College, Los Angeles, California, enclosing \$2000 conscience money from a party there desiring to make restitution to the government.

—The London (Eng.) Advertiser says that Garibaldi had requested the report to be contradicted that he had returned any answer to an address forwarded to him by the Fenians, and he moreover states that on this subject he would support the government.

—In the Atlanta convention last week, a colored delegate grew excited and said, "May God have mercy," when he was asked to order by the chairman, who stated that "the person the gentleman called upon was not in the house."

—Unless Mr. Delmonico, whose name may be familiar to some of our readers in connection with an eating house in New York, had apologized to the sportsman's club of that city, he would have been prosecuted for violation of propriety and infraction of the game laws in furnishing food at a recent public breakfast.

—The only public library in Alaska consists of about fifty hundred volumes, with government records, maps and manuscripts. The only American volume is a copy of Wendell Phillips' speeches. The other volumes are printed in Russian, with a sprinkling of the Swedish, German and French.

—The Central Grant Club, of St. Louis, Missouri, has issued a manifesto in favor of Grant for the Presidency, assigning, among other reasons for this preference, that Grant's views on reconstruction are in accord with those of the Radicals; that he will know no distinction of race or color, and that he "will settle up the Alabama claims."

—The London Daily News, in its City Article, says it was stated that English and German holders had returned to the New York market a very large amount of United States bonds in consequence of the disgust excited by General Butler's motion for paying off the Five-twenty bonds in American currency, and by the discussions on the subject which have since been continued to the serious injury of American credit.

—The troubles in Hayti are thickening. Salvator, the new President who went to Cap-Haitien with a large force to put down the rebellion in that quarter, has demanded reinforcements. There appears also to be serious dissatisfaction at Aux Cayes. A terrific fight, it is said, had occurred on the frontiers, and as "a large body of young aristocrats"—conscripted apparently—had been put in the advance guard many of them were killed. The best families in the capital were in mourning in consequence, the stores were closed and business suspended.

—La France, a leading Parisian journal, says: "Tableaux vivants have taken the place of pictures of life; silk tights suffice where once we used to look for fine thoughts and beautiful poetry. These barely tolerated exhibitions attract and excite the French in their decadence. It is not possible to take a respectable woman or an innocent girl to see them. The modern stage makes a parade of sensuality. The incorruptible souls who refuse to sacrifice morality upon the altar of life passions are few and far between." Whereupon the New York Sun remarks: "If the writer in La France were to come to New York, he could not find words to express his detestation of what passes with most of our people for theatrical amusements."

## CHARLESTON.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 30, 1868.

The Bills, the Whole Bills and Nothing but the Bills.

It is useless for the convention to flatter itself that the market value of State Bills Receivable will not be injuriously affected by the purpose of paying the members and officers of the convention. The bills receivable have up to this time been sustained in price because there was no pressure of sales. They were bought in small lots at eighty cents on the dollar, and sold at eighty-three or eighty-five; but, at any moment a forced sale of twenty or thirty thousand dollars of these bills would have run down the price fifteen or twenty per cent.

The convention is of opinion that the demand for State bills, to be used in payment for taxes, will keep up their price; that the bills will be absorbed by tax-payers in a few months; and that the endorsement of the convention, and a guarantee of payment, will do State securities more good than the increase in the amount issued will do harm.

These arguments have no solid foundation, and show but little sense on the part of those who use them. This State is now bankrupt. As a State, it is bankrupt; as a people, it is bankrupt; as a community, it is bankrupt. The people of the State will not pay their taxes; and they cannot be made to pay, for they have no money, and no means of raising money. If one man would not pay, he could be compelled to pay; if a hundred men would not pay, they could be compelled to pay; but what can be done by compulsion when the defaulters are numbered by thousands, and when the property of the delinquents will not sell in the market for the State claims upon it? This is a sober fact; and every reasonable man knows that not one-tenth part of the whole taxation of the current year can be expected to be collected before the first of January next.

The State bills will not be absorbed in six months, or in a dozen months; and the guarantee or endorsement of the convention, upon which so much reliance is placed, is for all practical purposes, useless and of no effect. Assuming that the endorsement of the convention would give the bills receivable the undoubted validity of the State bonds issued before the war, it would not make them worth more than forty or fifty cents upon the dollar. But it cannot even do this. The legality of the convention is extremely doubtful, and so is the legality of the Reconstruction acts of which it is the creature. Going further back, the constitutionality of the convention of 1865, and of the Provisional Government established by President Johnson, is far from being beyond question, and it is now a patent fact that, within the next three years, the course of events may overthrow everything that has been done since the war closed, and throw to the ground every obligation not incurred by the people of the State according to the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions.

While all this is in doubt, can the convention "bills receivable" be made secure beyond dispute? They cannot; and nothing else can be expected than such a fall in their value as will give the members of the convention their first sad experience of the danger of meddling with things which they do not understand.

It is a remark, if we are not mistaken, of that most genial of modern essayists, the Country Parson, that the life of every one of us, man, woman and child, would be very different to-morrow were we only assured of the final decision of Mrs. Grundy;—could we only be certified that we might from henceforth be our natural selves unaffected by any of the artificial and conventional rules which at present hold us so inextricably in leash. There is a truth as profound as it is cynical in the suggestion. Perhaps we are hardly aware, until we are led to consider the matter, how little place and influence our real personal individuality has in making up our everyday existence. Every now and then, it is true, there comes a crisis when the in-dwelling spirit which is born to assert itself struggles forth into the garish light of day, and surprises all the accustomed associates of the human tabernacle in which it lurks by the manifestation of characteristics wholly unexpected and unforeseen;—but as a general rule men feel and obey the power of a network of conventionalities whose sole end and purpose is confessedly to subordinate the individual to the grand whole, and to work out a certain desirable general result by the sacrifice, if need be, of numberless particular passions and desires.

Now, as Providence in ordering the affairs of this sublunary sphere, follows as far as we can see a precisely similar principle, this course seems *prima facie* to be that of wisdom. And as such it is generally recognized. Take care of the sum total and the units will, or must, take care of themselves. The scheme seems so grand, so comprehensive, and withal so beneficent! Sacrifice. Why it is the law of being! No life that exists but is sustained by the sacrifice of numberless others. The greatest good of the greatest number! Was there ever a more Heaven-inspired doctrine! It is only when a few of the petty details of the scheme crop out into view,—when the iron hand which the velvet glove so deftly conceals crushes in its pitiless gripe some pet

vanity, or ruthlessly sweeps away some darling fancy of our souls, that the unit becomes rather aggravated at the practical working of this fine plan, and betakes himself to vicious unreasoning kicking against the pricks which does not on the whole act as a sedative to his wounded spirit.

If he is wise, however, he suffers in silence. When Silverskin, who has an awkward habit of treading on his printer's toes, and whose dancing Miss F. lingers describes in the mildly satirical tone which she adopts with her intimate friends, as "cavorting," petitions that young lady for "the next waltz," she violates no law of propriety or conventional morality when, with the most angelic smile which ever smoothed over an unwelcome reply, she breathes out her sorrow that she is "engaged," though the fair surface of her tablets is as yet unscrubbed. But Silverskin has been snubbed, and he knows it—knows it as well as he does the fact that Glissoneo Glid-tell who, two minutes later, is piloting her with Palinurus-like skill through those wavy mazes, is laughing with her at his discomfort. But his smile is not one whit less serene nor his brow less smooth for the knowledge. The one crime which society will not pardon is bad taste, and in the long run he who keeps his temper best will triumph.

Not that any one is deceived by these harmless sham. Mademoiselle Malmaison whom the ill-advised and *mal-apropos* death of some crusty old curmudgeon of a father's uncle compels to seclude her sweet self for the orthodox thirty days from the pomps and vanities, knows very well that the innocent conventionality imposes upon no one; and she is quite ready to be consoled with on her enforced exile from the world. She has succumbed to a popular prejudice—she has "stayed in" the orthodox time, and no one expects any more of her. Of course she does not like the role of the Pelican in the wilderness, and she may bewail her condition as such to her sympathizing friends. All that is required of her is that she should abstain from telling it in Gath or publishing it in the streets of Askelon. If she refrains from this she may be quite sure of the whispered sympathy of her intimates. The author of the famous aphorism "My son thou little knowest with how little wisdom the world is governed," might well have added, "and with how little honesty."

Much of this artificial state of things is doubtless owing to the relations of the sexes. Women are the true Ishmaelites of the world. Every woman's hand has been against every other woman, from the days when the daughters of Heth made Rebekah weary of her life,—most probably indeed long before that, to Eve herself, the only woman who had no possible rival. Some one has drawn the contrast between men and women very skillfully, when he says that with men the difficulty is to conceal their real feelings, but with women the difficulty is to express them. Brought up in an atmosphere of dissimulation a large portion of the shames of the world owe their origin to their necessities, and are the direct product of their views of life. Of course there are larger necessities interwoven with these pettier ones, and perhaps one of the largest lessons to learn in life is the fact of our individual insignificance, a fact which human vanity is rarely sufficiently conquered to perceive. The reflection of the Country Parson, however, is a very suggestive one, from whatever view of the case.

What a veil it would strip from human deformity, the decrease of that good old lady of whom he speaks! How the selfish man, the forward man, the mean man would stand revealed in their true colors! What disagreeable candor would affront us! How our humps and bumps and wrinkled fronts would be cast in our teeth! What an unpleasant world altogether it would be! We shudder at the prospect. Have we seemed to reflect on Mrs. Grundy in some of our remarks? We most humbly beg her pardon. Heaven send her a long life!

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