

Next to the grasshopper, nothing has proved so blighting to the prosperity of our country as the carpet-bag raid through the South, especially in Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Recent investigations of the financial affairs of Louisiana, made by a legislative committee, show that the ravages of the carpet-baggers and their white and black allies have been even worse than was supposed.

The Catholic church and public schools are just now troubling some Radical newspaper editors. Those thin-skinned fellows would like to resurrect "Satan" again.

It's seem to be the rage these times. The names of Beecher, Bowen and the two Basons and Butler are being taken down to history together along with the great scandal.

The Duke of Edinburgh is the only one of Queen Victoria's sons who is not a member of the Masonic order, and his father-in-law, the Emperor of Russia, is one of the few sovereigns of Europe who oppose Masonry.

All right, you may furnish the material for "blowers and strikers" and we will furnish the stuff for Governors and Senators.

Bismarck's organ now declares that a provision of the imperial constitution requires the consent of the Federal Parliament before war can be declared, unless the Federal territory be attacked by sea or land.

A PROPER QUESTION.—A Radical exchange says two Presidential aspirants, Blaine and Wilson, were upset and badly jumbled about by a railroad accident near New York on Saturday.

THE McKEAN COUNTY GRAB.—The Harrisburg Patriot says the Superintendent of Public Instruction has addressed a communication to the school directors of McKean county.

THE TEMPERANCE GRAB.—The Temperance party held their State Convention at Harrisburg on the 16th, and nominated Dr. Robert A. Brown, of Lawrence county, for Governor.

LOOKING TO IMPROVEMENT.—The St. Louis Times declares anew that the Long Branch cottage was not a present to Grant, but that he took the \$35,000 his New York friends gave him for the purpose and bought the cottage and paid for it himself out of the gift money.

A DOUBT FULFILLER.—As gamblers would say, the ring which has robbed the taxpayers of the national Capitol is being illustrated in the fact that the Administration organ at Washington, the National Republican, publishes the delinquent tax list which covers \$20 columns of that paper.

MAILED.—The attempt of Miss Schoeppe to break the will of Miss Maria M. Steineck, for whose murder he was convicted in 1853, has proved a failure.

Our capital city, Philadelphia, for years, like New York, has been robbed of millions of dollars by a band of political rascals whose members have become rich, smart and defiant.

WHEREAS. This action of Council has also shown that so long as the men now in power are permitted to control the Bureau of Finance, it is to be expected that any improvement in the character of our public officials, and nothing but the extreme measure of an open and uncompromising contest with them is left to the true and honest citizens of this city.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company has sold its old freight depot, Philadelphia, corner Market and Thirtieth, for \$337,500.

THE one famous race horse Kangaroo, for which the Marquis of Hastings once paid 12,000 guineas, now goes in front of a London cab at sixpence a mile.

FIVE hundred and twenty-seven children who have reached the minimum age (sixteen years) will be present in the State during the present year.

THE Brilliant Oil Refinery owned by Lockhart and Frew, at the mouth of the Schuylkill river, Philadelphia, was burned on one day week before last.

A BAIT IN THE GREEN HOUSE.—The Sunday Dispatch says "Here is a short picture of Bob Mackey, the present State Treasurer of Pennsylvania."

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THE RAO MONEY QUESTION.—The New York Tribune says: "The State gremble convention called to meet in Harrisburg on the 26th inst., for the purpose of forming a new party upon the Indiana plank of cheap and irredeemable paper currency."

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FOR nearly or quite sixteen years this beetle has been advancing, or more strictly speaking, spreading over the country from its native habitat, the plains near the base of the Rocky Mountains, where it was first discovered.

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Such is the question propounded by the editor of the New York Sun in the celebrated Tilton-Beecher case.

At last we begin to see the end of the long and weary trial of the Tilton-Beecher case.

Against the hopes, perhaps, of some, the case approaches its conclusion with plaintiff and defendant, jury and lawyers, all alike well prepared to participate in the denouement of the drama.

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The smashing of the gods is going on as appears. Phelps, Dodge & Co., moral idols of Republicanism, a year ago, were the wealthiest and most powerful of the nation.

Financially considered, this commercial crisis is sound and strong. The panic of 1873, which prostrated so many old houses and carried ruin to the innocent homes of tens of thousands, did not shake the Delanos in the least.

With free command of the public money, power over enormous contracts, connections with all sorts of jobs, never suspended in any of their large undertakings, and the largest opportunities of the market to the desire for wealth, it is not surprising that they should have grown rich in the last few years.

Unfortunate as it may be, the Delanos have been attached to the lead of this noted concern, and even its great gains have not improved his reputation, at a time when money crosses so commanding.

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