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THE CHARLESTON CASE.

This morning's news about the Charleston and her pursuit of the Itata is chiefly remarkable for the mystery with which it surrounds the whole affair.

The capture should be effected as soon as possible, but delay seems to be the policy of those having the matter in charge.

A NATIONAL SYSTEM. The project of extending the deep-water channel of the Hudson to Troy and Albany is under consideration by a board of engineers in New York.

This is the right way to view such enterprises. When we see that, whether work is done on the Ohio or Mississippi rivers, on the Erie or the Humber Canal, or on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie or Hudson river ways, it is all working toward the realization of a complete system, all local jealousies will disappear.

THE LINK OF THE LAW. The announcement that a proposition for a lecture by Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, at one of the city theaters, on some Sunday evening, has met with a decided negative by the Department of Public Safety, is accompanied by a declaration that "the line is drawn" on "the noted infidel."

LIENS AND CONTRACTS. The mechanics' lien law of this State has long been a mystery to experts and a snare to the unwary.

THE VICE LIES DEEPER. The latest bank failures in Philadelphia produce the usual outburst from the newspapers of that city, concerning the wanton wickedness of the people who spread reports affecting the reliability of banking institutions.

It is rather amusing to discover in Eastern papers, published in cities where it is proposed to introduce some modern methods of surface transit, the destructive nature of these inventions.

UNDISCOVERED PERILS. There is an evident tendency in legislation to regard in the same light as B is put in the song from "The Mikado."

There seems a determination among some legislators that C shall have his lion A. Consequently a bill is pending in the Legislature which declares that sub-contractors are to be given a lien, notwithstanding a written stipulation to the contrary in the original contract.

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