

Democrat-Editorial.

There seems to be a disposition to construe the Civil Rights bill very strictly in some quarters. The bill confirms the right of negroes to the accommodations of inns, public conveyances, theaters and other places of public amusement.

The United States Supreme Court (Justice Strong) has just decided a somewhat important principle as to the liability of express companies, the Court holds that an express agreement between the company and those delivering a package is to be construed to the effect that it should not be liable for any damage or loss unless the claim should be made within ninety days, was a reasonable contract and not against public policy.

The hypocritical and dishonest alliance between the Republican politicians and the prohibitionists of the state is threatened with a violent dissolution. The prohibitionists have no confidence in the promises of the radical politicians, and the latter regard the alliance as a bad investment.

As the caucus of the Republicans of the state since the other day there was an attempt to make the repeal of the local option act a party question. But it did not succeed. The discussion developed the fact that more than one third of the caucus was for the repeal.

The King's Freeman says: "There is a lady in the upper part of the city who is a fine subject for scientific investigation. She is a born pin swallow."

The Committee of Ways and Means have rendered their report in regard to the Pacific Mail Investigation. They present a mass of facts which can leave no doubt whatever that the use of \$750,000 was directly for the purpose of corruption in securing the passage of the additional subsidies. The committee remarks that in each case the payments of the sums, as traced by them, show enormous rewards for the most insignificant services. They cannot resist the opinion that the money had a further use, although regretting their inability to throw further light on the subject through the Hon. J. G. Schumaker and other witnesses who refused to appear.

The State Treasurer, since he cannot get the "Sinking Fund" of the State "fixed up" and take from that fund the money pledged to pay the State Debt, is simply furious. He threatens not to pay the members their salaries, or anybody else's salaries, thus trying a force bill on his own account.