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South Carolina is now commencing on the machinery of the law passed by the late Legislature to tax stock in National Banks in the hands of holders thereof. The election of special Assessors to make the levy, the allowance to them of excessive compensation for their services, the fact that members of the Senate were allowed to dictate the appointment of Assessors for their respective counties, and that meritorious soldiers were passed by, grow color to the presumption that "all" was intended in the peculiar drafting of the law. This presumption may do gentlemen injustice. It may, that is their misfortune.

The Assessor for Allegheny county is Mr. George H. Hoffman. His appointment he owes to Senator Buckalew. It is stated, moreover, that the Senatorial ring is Mr. Hoffman's assistant; though what he wants of an assistant, is more than we can tell. This is a sane arrangement, and may be all right; but the aspect of it begets surmises.

Horace Greeley and the Union League.

That Mr. Horace Greeley is an honest man, a genuine patriot, a large hearted philanthropist, and a clear headed thinker, even his personal enemies are constrained to admit. He differs from the Union League of the City of New York, and not a few besides, as to the best method of delivering of Mr. Jefferson Davis and other leaders of the Rebellion. Has he a right to his opinion, to express it, and to act in accordance therewith? That may seem a strange question to ask at this late day, and particularly as a Republican. But there is a disposition, and the rebound if, until the import of it is fully comprehended, and the reasons for shying it duly appreciated.

If the slaveholding oligarchy, in the days of their highest power and arrogance, ever made so logical and tyrannical an assertion as the freedom of opinion and discussion, apart of proceeding to personal violence, as has been recently made on Mr. Greeley by most of the Republican Journals, and by Union Leagues of New York in particular, we do not know where it was. This crusade is absolutely ludicrous. The result is not to be marked upon Mr. Greeley, as upon the flesh of Free Discussion and Manly Independence. If we differed from him a thousand times more than we do, we should none the less stand by him in an issue of this sort. Do the members of the Union League imagine they can, at this late day, put a true man under the ban, and destroy him, because he differs from them in opinion? If they do, they have gone so far through the great controversy for the Right of Opinion without learning any thing.

In this aspect, the case we are glad Mr. Greeley has invited defiance at his indignors, and sharpened his intention to stand or fall upon it. It is well to know if determined whether opinion has passed from under the yoke of Southern despots only to fall under the yoke of Northern ones. There are hundreds of thousands who do not believe in letting Mr. Davis escape punishment, who believe that as little as those like Mr. Greeley down because he is not of that way of thinking. If the Republican leaders expend confidence to be reposed in them, they cannot too soon wash their hands of this infamy.

Wholesale proscriptions, confiscations, and executions have been tried, thus without number — instruments also for stifling the spirit of regret. England has tried them in Ireland, Russia in Poland, and Turkey in the Greek Islands, for all to no avail. Those who want to try these experiments over again in this country, hoping for better results? Progression from their own premises must mean of knowledge of human nature, and its development in the history of nations. For two years the war has been over. Smouldering embers of the conflict are occasionally reveal their presence by smoke or, a transient glare of flame. But no probability exists of a renewal of the strife. It is time to look for the things that make for immediate and permanent unity. There is a possibility that some men, grossly constructed, might run magnanimity into weakness; but the danger is not in that direction. The wild clamor for blood that now fills the North shows that the real peril is in the demand for an unwise and federal severity.

May Anniversaries.

The anniversary season in New York, where the benevolent and religious societies hold their annual gatherings, is fraught with interest to the religious world generally. Divesting up the mere presentation of reports, financial statements, and the delivery of addresses, there is brought to the surface the elements of power there are in these masses in their respective fields of labor, and there are also manifest indications of the feeling of the churches in these agencies in movements. Much that is done on these occasions is of a formal character, and fades the fervor that is seen in the inside workings of these organizations. The facts and figures brought out by this mode, have a powerful effect in providing diligence and even rivalry. It is well that these noble philanthropic energies are stirred to such activity. The world is vastly the gainer by this progressive spirit.

No less of the remarkable augmentation of the income of the leading societies, within a brief period, does not arise from the abundance of money and prosperous times we live in, but mainly to the inward changes wrought upon the hearts of good men to give liberally of their substance, while they are engaged in the activities of life, and not wait until their decease to bequeath a legacy. By this means large bodies of money are now put to use under the eyes of the donors, thus escaping the uncertainties in temporal things, which lie in the pathway of all men. Many men would have died and been forgotten entirely, had it not been for their monumental gifts, by which their names will never be dishonored.

First and foremost among these institutions is the American Bible Society, undenominational and catholic in its work. The Society celebrated its fifty first anniversary. The report of the treasurer shows that the total receipts from all sources amount to $707,069.14; of which there were from sales $317,658.85. During the year there were printed at the Bible House, 809,5 volumes; and in foreign countries, 1,000,000, making a total of 1,810,048. Value of the foreign issues 1,028,231. Value of the foreign issues 1,028,231. Value of the foreign issues 1,028,231. The books circulated speak in about forty languages and are in

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

REV. D. R. BARKER WILL preach in the Pittsburgh (new) Episcopal Church (Grant street) TO-MORROW MORNING AND EVENING. Services at the usual hours.

TRINITY CHORAL SERVICE.—The usual AFTERNOON SERVICE will be sung in TRINITY CHURCH, Sixth street, TO-MORROW, at 4 o'clock.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, corner of GRANT and DIAMOND streets.—Pastor, Rev. A. BOSSERMAN. Preaching EVERY SUNDAY at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday School at 2 P. M. All the people are invited to come and hear.

PREACHING EVERY SABBATH at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M. in NORTH AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, corner North Avenue and Beaver street, Allegheny City. Rev. E. H. SNYDER, Pastor. All seats free. Sabbath School at 9 o'clock A. M. and 2 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Sandusky and Robinson streets, Allegheny. Preaching TO-MORROW (SABBATH) MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, by Rev. ALEXANDER HOGG, M. D. Subject: "Christ Crucified." The residence of the Pastor, Rev. JAMES D. DICKERSON, D. D., No. 48 Union street.

THE CHURCH GUILD AND CLASS ROOMS, No. 253 PENN STREET, Are now open to the public daily from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—The FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, formerly worshiping in Odd Fellow Hall, will in future worship in the NEW CHAPEL, erected by the Society, on the corner of Diamond alley and North Commercial street, Allegheny, TO-MORROW (LORD'S DAY), at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. All persons will be cordially welcome. The Chapel is FREE TO ALL, and there is no rental to be paid by pew holders. Sunday School at 2 P. M. Rev. A. A. WILSON, REMOVAL.—The undersigned have removed their Hosiery business from 84 Market street to No. 98 Market street, next door to Fifth street.

J. H. & W. C. BORLAND'S, No. 98 MARKET STREET, next door from Fifth street.

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METHODIST BURIAL GROUND. BODIES TO BE REMOVED.—

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE Board of Directors of the MANUFACTURERS' GAS AND COAL COMPANY have declared a DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the Company, payable on demand, clear of State tax, at the office of the Company, No. 84 FIFTH STREET.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.—U. S. Circuit Court.—Yesterday morning, before Judge Grier, Commissioner Pearson, and Clerk Wilson, the case of Thomas Bell, charged with the murder of Lieutenant Wormley, on the high seas, was called up. The prisoner was brought into court, and the counsel for both parties announced that they were ready for trial. The case was then continued until the next term of the Court, which commences on the first Monday in October next.

BLACK SILK SACQUES, CLOTH SACQUES, FOR SALE AT VERY LOW PRICES, BY WHITE, ORR & CO., 55 Fifth Street.

JUST RECEIVED, At No. 98 Market Street, BY EXPRESS, Invoice of the celebrated Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company's Manufactures, consisting of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40,