

PRECEDENT to its adjournment, our State Legislature passed a bill making Decoration day a legal holiday.

BOTH HOUSES of Congress have agreed to adjourn on the 22d of June. It may, therefore, be pretty safely counted on that no further action regarding the finances will be taken this session.

THE committee on location of the next annual exhibition of the State Agricultural Society, met at Harrisburg last week, and fixed upon Easton as the place, and September 29th, 30th, and October 1st and 2d as the time.

GOV. MOSES, of South Carolina, has been indicted for stealing the public funds, and a true bill has been found against him by the grand jury.

He called out a body of colored State troops and resisted an arrest by the Sheriff, but has since given bail for his appearance to stand his trial.

It proves to be utterly false that the Court in General Howard's case acquitted him by a bare majority. On the contrary, the verdict was a unanimous one for acquittal.

General Sherman, McDowell and other officers of high rank and reputation composed the court.

A FAINT idea of the terrible financial condition of South Carolina may be gathered from the fact that in Charleston County alone, twenty-nine hundred pieces of real estate were levied on and offered for sale on Friday last for taxes, and were forfeited to the State for want of bidders.

In Cincinnati and in Pittsburgh bands of female crusaders have been arrested for praying in the streets in front of liquor saloons, thus attracting crowds and obstructing the public thoroughfares.

In both cities the leaders have been smartly fined and dismissed with the injunction to sin no more in that way against the municipal laws and regulations.

HON. DAVID MELLISH, member of Congress from the Ninth district of New York, has become insane. He was lately arrested by the police in the street in Washington, and his friends deemed it prudent to place him in an insane asylum, where he is confined in such an exhausted condition physically that his death is daily anticipated.

THE Chicago Times has gathered reports from all the grain producing countries of the west, showing most encouraging prospects for a very large crop. The reports from all parts of the country are equally encouraging, and therefore a fall in the price of grain may be safely looked for as soon as the new crop is harvested.

Besides being good news to consumers, a large crop of grain will do much towards reviving activity in trade in the fall.

THE Massachusetts Senate passed a bill on Friday last to abolish the State constabulary and establish a license law. The House will probably concur. For a period of twenty years or more Massachusetts has been making vain efforts to carry into effect prohibitory laws, and is at last, it seems, compelled to acknowledge that it cannot be done, and that while the manufacture of liquor is permitted by law, the wisest plan is to regulate the sale by a judicious license system.

GOV. HABTMANT has signed the bill passed by the Legislature appropriating one million of dollars from the State Treasury to aid the centennial exhibition, and the State is now bound beyond recall to furnish that amount. This amount, together with a million voted by Philadelphia councils, and about one and a half millions contributed by individuals and corporations, is the sum with which it is now proposed to carry out the enterprise which first estimates reckoned at some ten millions. Congress has apparently determined to give no pecuniary aid to the project, and it looks very much as if Pennsylvania is to be a desperate or splendid model, going to throw away a few millions on what in all probability will prove an abortion.

NEW YORK STATE is in the odd dilemma of having money in its treasury and nobody who can draw it out. The State Treasurer has gone stark mad, and has had to be sent to an insane asylum, and under the law there is no one that can legally perform his duties. There are between one hundred and two hundred checks awaiting his signature, and all payments are suspended. There is no way to declare the office vacant. The Governor can suspend the Treasurer only for a violation of duty, and then fill the vacancy.

Referring to the possible embarrassment from the State Government arising from Mr. Raines' illness, the Albany Express says: "The Deputy Treasurer is prohibited by law from signing checks upon the bank holding the State moneys, and no person is authorized to sign such checks except the Treasurer himself. No provision has been made for the disability of the State Treasurer, and no person can be appointed to act in his place, unless he is suspended for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. Of course Mr. Raines cannot be suspended from office, and of course he cannot perform duty in his present condition. We do not know how the very serious embarrassment caused is to be avoided. It looks very much as though a special session of the Legislature would have to be called to amend the law, either by permitting the Deputy Treasurer to sign checks, or by authorizing the appointment of acting Treasurer."

THE latest details of the terrible disaster in Hampshire county, Mass., give the total number of lives lost at 145, and the destruction of property at a valuation of \$1,000,000.

Twenty and 400 families are made homeless. Relief committees are already at work in the rural communities, and an available fund for this work amounts now to \$30,000, with subscriptions rapidly coming in. It is expected that an inquiry into the causes of the disaster will be ordered by the Massachusetts Legislature.

THE Pittsburgh Dispatch is responsible for the following: "Considerations of policy, not of right, rule at Harrisburg. For instance, the Philadelphia delegation found it as much as they could do to secure the passage of the Centennial bill. Aid was secured from the Dauphin and Perry county members upon condition of signing a written agreement promising Philadelphia influence to the securing of an appropriation for the extension of the capitol buildings. This contract specified no amount for the latter purpose; but the sum was in due time fixed at \$300,000. Had it been \$130,000, Philadelphia would have been 'in honor' bound to rush it through, all the same. Contracts of such sort may be convenient, but they are not pre-eminently satisfactory to the people."

In answer to inquiries from Washington concerning the condition of the sufferers by the late floods in Louisiana, Governor Kellogg telegraphs that the Relief Committee here is nothing but between two such men it meant something. They are big chivalrous men, each with his following, and each in the name of his country, acts as public property, possessing public interest. True, one was a prize-fighter, and the other was a gambler, and that matters not. The first represented the Democratic Party, the second the Republican, and the other a district in the State Senate, and, between them, they control more political power than any two men in the State. The party is already divided on it, and what the result will be no one can say.

When the masses of the people are in the hands of a few men, it is inevitable that the party of the nation is shaken to its center. It is a curious commentary on the civilization of the 19th century that such a man as Morrissey should possess any power whatsoever. He was of course a politician by profession—a man whose kind that had lived in Rome in the time of the Emperors, would have been compelled to the life of a gladiator for the amusement of the citizens. But this man—who has been a prominent member of the Legislature of the State—has been elected to Congress, and today holds in his hands the political destinies of the great city that controls the destinies of the nation.

The Legislature of the State has just adjourned, and already we are in the midst of an active canvass looking to the nomination of successors to the gentlemen whose seats have been so lately vacated. The next Legislature meets under the provisions of the new Constitution; its sessions will be biennial, the first session being held next winter, and its most important duty will be the election of a Senator of the United States.

In making this canvass candidates must remember their present surroundings under the new Constitution, which renders every man liable to disfranchisement, imprisonment and fine who attempts to procure a nomination or an election by corrupt solicitation, and the late Legislature by law has declared that money can only be legally expended by a candidate, or with his knowledge by his friends, for advertising, ticket printing, and assisting to defray the expenses of public meetings. And this is not left to the mere conscientiousness of a candidate, but it is a part of the law abiding spirit of the seeker for office, but every one elected to position is compelled to take an oath declaring that he did not use corrupt means to procure his nomination or election, and if he be subsequently found guilty of such an offense, he is liable to the pains and penalties of perjury.

It behooves candidates for all offices therefore, to tread cautiously in the path that leads to success, remembering that many things heretofore deemed legitimate and not immoral, for the purpose of securing votes, cannot now be ventured upon, without violating the letter or spirit of the law, and subjecting the violator to disgrace and punishment.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

NEW YORK, May 26 1874.

Oleomargarine is in more people's mouths now than any other word in New York. It refers to trouble, weeks ago. Some ingenious chemist discovered that the properties of butter did not differ, except in flavor, from tallow or suet, or anything else in the way of fat. So this diabolical wretch goes and finds out the chemical analysis that gives the flavor to butter, and then tries to make a butter which is styles Oleomargarine. He takes suet or tallow and refines it, then he adds these other ingredients and works them all together, and the result is a compound which looks like butter, smells like butter, tastes like butter, and, he says, is butter. But goodness! what kind of stuff is it? When you spread it on your bread what earthly confidence have you in it? It will require a more sublime faith to eat it than it does the complex but healthy among the dealers about it.

The dealers who bring the yellow article made from actual milk drawn from actual teats of actual cows, insist that they shall not be put in competition with the manufacturers of suet and tallow. They assert that Oleomargarine shall be branded as such, and put upon the market as such, that the public may know exactly what they are buying. Then if the people want the manufactured article which may buy it, and if they want actual butter they may buy it.

I tried Oleomargarine, and I want to give my testimony. It hasn't done poor people much good, but it has done something like that. I would try it, and it will give you a good idea of what it is. I tried it, and it is not what you think it is. I tried it, and it is not what you think it is.

PEDDESTRIANISM.

Pedestrianism is the rage here just now. Weston, the great fattier, who has tried to accomplish more feats than any man living, came here to walk 150 miles within 24 hours,

which for a wonder, he accomplished. The mania for physical development has spread to the upper classes. Young James Gordon Bennett, the proprietor of the Herald, always fond of muscular contests, is giving some attention to pedestrianism. A lawyer named Whipple had an idea that there was something in his legs and feet, and a match was made. The race was won by Mr. Bennett, his base on Fifth avenue to the gate of Jerome Park, and the stake \$3,000. It was added to this over \$50,000 which was a large amount in Wall street. The journalist won the race, making his ten miles in one hour and forty six minutes. The competitor, the limb of the law, reached the gate six minutes and five seconds later, badly blown and very crestfallen at the loss of the \$50,000 which his friends in the Union Club had wagered upon him.

THE weather is fearfully hot and it is the more uncomfortable because it came upon so suddenly, but we shall get used to it.

THE GREAT FLOOD.

The main cause of the great flood in the Mill River Valley has been fully told, but the disaster has yet many incidents connected with it that are of interest.

NUMBER OF LIVES LOST.

The number of lives lost by the Mill River disaster can now be fixed with practical certainty at 145, and the value of the property destroyed at \$1,000,000. Sixty persons are known to have been lost who were residents of Williamsburg, four of Skimerville, thirty of Havensville, and fifty-one from Leeds. All other known inhabitants of these villages are accounted for, leaving only those whose disappearance may be discovered in the future.

Several bodies were found in the Florence meadows and taken to the carpenter shop in Florence, among them that of Mary Woodward, daughter of P. B. Woodward, formerly of Northampton, but now of Savannah, Georgia. Miss Woodward was visiting in Leeds. The body of a little child, one year old, was also brought to the scene on the morning of the 23d.

PROGRESS OF THE SEARCH.

The search for the bodies of those who were missing has been steadily progressing. The bodies of those who were missing have been found in various places, and the search is being continued.

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