

The Local Option bill was defeated on second reading in the House on Wednesday last, by a vote of 75 to 77.

The efforts of the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives to destroy both the army and the West Point Academy, are well understood.

Here it is again: Judge Tillman, of South Carolina, claims the seat of Robert Smalls in Congress.

The disgraceful prosecution of the members of the Louisiana Returning Board is the legitimate fruit of the Southern policy of the Administration.

The British fleet has passed the Dardanelles and the Russian troops have entered the Capital of the Turks.

The President having become established by late events that the Southern Democratic leopard cannot change its spots, is said to have arrived at the conclusion that his policy of appointing Democrats to office has not realized his expectations.

It may now be regarded as settled that there will be no reduction of the tax on whisky this session.

Half our furnaces are out of blast, half our rolling mills are idle, and only half our workmen are skilled in the manufacture of iron.

It is alleged that House bill No. 126 at Harrisburg revives an old income tax law.

The Silver Bill passed the Senate, after nearly an all night session, on Saturday morning, by a vote of 49 yeas to 21 nays.

Secretary Sherman is mad. He says that if he ever had any doubts heretofore about the Presidential re-election in 1850, the outrageous violation of pledges by the Louisiana Legislature had removed those doubts.

We trust that he may prove a true prophet, but if the discovery had been made before the surrender to the Southern Democracy, there would have been no present occasion for prophecy.

THE news comes from Washington that during a heated discussion in the cabinet over Louisiana affairs, that Key took a very active part against any Federal interference.

THE Wallace ring of the Democracy have evidently concluded that Senator Dill is their most available candidate for Governor.

REMARKING the trial and conviction of General Anderson as a political prosecution, and not in the interests of justice, or of peace and tranquility, the President proposes to show his belief in his innocence by continuing him as a Federal officer.

Mr. Hill's renomination of silver, with Mr. Hill's restrictions and limitations, reminds us of the anxious mother's admonition to the wayward daughter.

HELENA, Mont., February 15.—A rich strike has recently been made in Snowdrift mine, about twenty-two miles northwest of Helena.

The President's Theory and Practice.

The difficulty with President Hayes and to his party seems, when fairly analyzed, to be this: He violates whenever he chooses, his own rules of Civil Service, for his personal friends and personal gratifications, and when a Senator or member of Congress desires an appointment he coldly points to the rules for shelter and cause of refusal.

It will cost \$50,000 to be elected Senator from Missouri next winter. We say this for the benefit of certain candidates who think they can get through on the "good but honest" dodge.

The Constitutional Amendment proposed by Senator Newmyer of Allegheny county, cutting down the number of Representatives to one hundred and the number of Senators to thirty-three, ran into a snag in the Senate.

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The Eastern Journals have had a great deal to say, late on, the "silver craze," but the Democracy of Kentucky appear to have gone stark raving mad on the currency subject.

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DARK DRESS GOODS. Especially Adapted WINTER and EARLY SPRING, but serviceable all the year round.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER. Have lately closed out the stocks of numerous Importers, and buying, as usual, with ready cash, secured many very desirable goods at almost their own prices.

ONE LOT BOURETTES, 10 CENTS. ONE LOT BOURETTES, 12 1-2 CENTS. ONE LOT BOURETTES, WOOL FILLING, 14 CENTS. MOSS SUTTINGS, 15 CENTS.

ENGLISH MATELASSES, AT 20 CENTS. Real value at the present time, 37 1/2 CENTS. MATELASSE BEIGE AT 20 CENTS. MATELASSE BEIGE AT 25 CENTS. MATELASSE BEIGE AT 31 CENTS.

BEIGE MATELASSES 50 CENTS.—REAL VALUE, 75 CENTS. ONE CASE MOHAIR BRILLIANTINES. In colors, at 35 cents; former price, 45 cents. FINE TWILLED BEIGE AT 20 CENTS. SUPER TWILLED BEIGE AT 25 CENTS. ONE CASE EXTRA TWILLS.

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STATE AND COUNTY TAX. Due and Owing by the Collectors of the Several Districts, as follows:

Table with columns: District, Year, State, County. Lists various districts and their respective tax amounts.

Wm. M. Schrock, Clerk. William Reel, J. P. Phillips, David Phillips, County Commissioners.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY POOR HOUSE, FOR THE YEAR 1877.

E. M. SCHROCK, Treasurer of the Somerset County Poor House in account with the County for the year ending January 7, 1877.

Table with columns: Dr., Cr., Total. Lists receipts and expenditures for the Somerset County Poor House.

Witness our hands and seals this 16th day of January, A. D. 1877. Attest: JOHN J. SCHELL, SAMUEL S. MILLER, SAMUEL SMITH, GEO. A. THOMPSON, County Auditors.

Of the above amount \$625 11 was paid on orders of 1876, \$500 were expended for a new roof on Poor House. At the close of the settlement the unpaid orders did not exceed \$87 45.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. Health and Happiness are precious Wealth to their possessors, and yet they are within the reach of every one who will use.

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