

The Legislature. The Legislature met on Tuesday of last week, but the report of the organization came too late for publication in last week's issue.

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The message of the Governor was read before both houses on Wednesday.

The following, which strikes home, is taken from the Oil City Weekly Times:

The announcement that General Sheridan has been sent to the command in the Department of the Gulf seems to have served to "fire the Southern heart," somewhat. Sheridan is a Democrat and a chivalric and generous soldier, and it may seem difficult to understand why he is so hated at the South. It cannot be because he was so successful against the Confederate armies, for by the same token they would hate Grant worse than they do Sheridan. The stay-at-home rebels, of course, hate all Union soldiers and Union men. Notwithstanding the most magnanimous forgiveness that any insurrectionary people ever received; their voice is still for war. But the ex-Confederate soldiers, the fighting men of the South, are different ilk. They were whipped and own it, and the others never came any where near hither. They who did the fighting are frank to accept the result and treat the victors with the same spirit displayed by Grant and Sherman at the close of hostilities. Perhaps much of the incendiary writing and bad blood still displayed may be accounted for by supposing them to have been the exhibition of those who are valiant with the pen or the midnight assassin's bullet alone.

But it is undeniable that Sheridan's name is a red rag to nearly the whole population of the Gulf States—ex-soldiers as well as stay-at-home.

The cause assigned for this specific dislike is that General Sheridan commanded in the department at the time when the reconstruction acts of Congress went into effect and he aided so zealously and successfully to carry out those to the letter that he became very odious. To show the feeling we quote the remarks of a New Orleans paper greeting the announcement that Sheridan was coming to New Orleans:

"If our people are determined to avoid a collision with the United States forces, as we firmly believe they are, Generals Emory or De Trobriand, or for the matter of that any lieutenant in command of a squad would answer just as well as the redoubtable Sheridan or the scolding or town burning Tecumseh himself. Should they ever come to the conclusion that their self-respect and manhood require them to adopt a different course, which is seriously questionable, the fact that 'Ten Miles Away' Mauchausen Sheridan is to be their objective point, will not make a particle of difference so far as they are concerned, and it may safely be predicted that in that case somebody is just as likely to be hurt on one side as upon the other."

This, interpreted, means that they recognize the fact that if Sheridan takes command the laws will be rigorously enforced and his orders carried out to the letter; which will result in resistance; as the "White Leaguers" are as determined as Sheridan, some one is likely to be hurt and he has fair warning that it may be his side.

well as the other, if he undertakes to enforce law.

There is no question but that any attempt to enforce the laws strictly will result in a disturbance. There has been no time since the close of the rebellion that the public sentiment of the South arrayed itself on the side of the Government and law and order. That we have not had more disturbances is owing to the fact of the authorities letting the laws sleep, practically annulled, and not to the hearty acquiescence of the people in the laws. And when they turn on Sheridan as they do they simply express their hatred of the laws of which he was but the faithful agent. The odium they visit on him is due to Congress and the President and back of them the nation—for they made the laws and ordered their execution. So that the whole import of their outcry against Sheridan which now fills the South is that they repudiate the laws and will not tolerate their enforcement.

A correspondent writing from Fryburg, under date of December 28th, 1874, informs us of a disgraceful case of rowdism which occurred at that place on the Saturday previous. The particulars are about as follows: On Saturday evening an individual, saturated with whisky, called at the post-office, and finding no one present but Mrs. Grable and her daughter, acted in a very boisterous manner, cursing and swearing and threatening violence. The ladies taking courage succeeded in ejecting their boisterous guest. After being thrown out and the door locked the rowdy endeavored to break in the door, but being unsuccessful in this he threw a stone through the window, and then decamped. Later in the evening a party threw stones at the house of Jas. E. Grable, but failing to do any damage with stones, they fired two pistol shots which passed through the windows, fortunately, however, without injuring any one in the house. The party then left. If the statements made by our correspondent are true, and we have reason to believe they are, we think it is high time that something should be done to put an end to this rowdism.—Clarion Republican.

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