

BARNEY has offered \$10,000 for the delivery to him of Charles Ross, and "no questions to be asked."

Gov. ROBINSON, of New York, has vetoed the appropriation for continuing work on the new capitol building at Albany. He thinks it time to call a halt on further investments in that kind of a "sinking fund."

ATTORNEY-GENERAL KIRCHNER has given an official opinion that the new "health officer" provided for by a recent act of the Legislature, to be elected in each township of the State, must "take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office," said oath to be deposited in the office of the township clerk.

CHAMBERLAIN, ex-Governor of South Carolina, is a model carpet-bagger. As soon as he gets out of office his interest in South Carolina ceases, and he packs up his duds and migrates to New York City, where he has been admitted to practice as a lawyer. There is one good thing to be said for him (as yet): he refuses to accept office under President Hayes.

THE Springfield (Mass.) Republican's Washington correspondent writes: "That there is a strong opposition to the President's policy among Republicans it would be very foolish to deny, for here at the capital, where there are ten thousand office-holders, there is a vast deal of grumbling." Which will be genuine balm to the poor wounded soul of the Ypsilanti Commercial.

THE length of the legislative session just closed was 140 days—21 days longer than the session of 1875, and 19 days longer than that of 1873; yet long as it was it was too short for the House Committee on Federal Relations to mature a favorable report on the Hoyt resolution indorsing the policy of President Hayes. The Michigan Republicans don't entertain very much in that direction.

HANGING may be the best use some men can be put to, but the details of the last few days of the life of Austin Humphrey, hung at Sandwich, Ont., on the 23d inst., for the murder of Frederick Appel, and of the closing scenes, read very much like the haldest burlesque. One might be pardoned for believing Humphrey the hero of a great moral drama, or a modern religious martyr of the first water, instead of a criminal suffering the extreme penalty of the law. We lack confidence in the beneficial effects of such exhibitions.

\$77,000 per annum for ordinary expenses is what the Illinois Legislature granted their deaf and dumb institution, while our law makes grants there as \$40,000. Wish we lived in Illinois. Or that Michigan would send an illiberal-minded man to her Legislature. The institution also gets \$200 per annum for repairs, \$500 per annum for pupils' library, and \$23,261 for erecting workshops. That's something like it—Deaf-Mute Mirror.

The Michigan Legislature has stuns enough to answer for, but it isn't exactly fair for our Flint cotemporary to hold it responsible for not coming up in Illinois to the Illinois appropriations. Illinois has double the population of Michigan, double in valuation of taxable property, and probably the same proportionate excess of deaf and dumb to be cared for. \$77,000 is not as large an expenditure for Illinois as \$40,000 is for Michigan. Does the Mirror see the point?

THE Detroit Post makes this brief comment on a law just enacted by the Legislature of Illinois, making silver coin a legal tender on all debts contracted in that State: "This though the law of the United States expressly provides that silver coin is not a legal tender above the sum of five dollars." Will the Post show us such a law? We had supposed that the United States law simply made silver a legal tender to the amount of five dollars and then stopped; and we now suppose that any law of Congress conflicting with a State law which makes silver a legal tender in any sum over five dollars is void. In prohibiting the States from making "anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts" the Constitution most certainly concedes the right and power of the States to declare both gold and silver a legal tender in any amount not less than Congress shall so establish. The wisdom of the Illinois law is another thing.

Butler to Key. General Butler has written the following rather sarcastic letter to Postmaster-General Key, in relation to the removal of the former's name from the H. Butler, from a special agency under the Postoffice Department:

New York, May 8, 1877. DEAR SIR—I find in the Tribune of May 8 the announcement that the removal of George H. Butler from a temporary special agency has been decided upon by you, and is based upon a letter written by one of the most prominent clergymen of the Methodist denomination in New York City to an officer of the Postoffice Department; that this clergyman says that while traveling in Chicago a few days ago he met a man who said his name was Butler, and who claimed to have received an appointment from the Postoffice Department as a special agent to organize mail routes in the Black Hills; that Mr. Butler exhibited his commission, repeatedly, and boasted that he got a good salary and \$9 a day traveling expenses; that he drank, frequently and copiously, and pressed others to drink after they informed him that they never indulged in spirituous liquors, and that before retiring the first night Mr. Butler was thoroughly drunk, and that his conversation was of such a profane and vulgar character that he made himself disagreeable to every one in the car. If any part of this statement is true you did exactly right to promptly remove the offender. If Mr. Butler, drunk or sober, is capable of acting in that way he is utterly unfit to hold any position among gentlemen. I should not place the slightest credence in the statement were it not that I could hardly conceive that the Postmaster-General would remove an official upon so grave a charge without a hearing, unless after careful investigation he had learned the truth of the statements as established by a reliable witness beyond a doubt. Therefore in this note I assume the facts to have been proven to your satisfaction, because after what you told me of your

unwillingness to change the appointment of Mr. Adams as postmaster at Deadwood after charges had been made against him, lest the fact of the removal would show that the charges had been sustained, I feel certain that you would act with like justice in any other case. Assuming this fact, therefore, I most fully concur with and applaud your action in the premises, and would act as you have done when assured of these facts had I been in your place. I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

BENJ. F. BUTLER. To Hon. D. M. Key, Postmaster-General.

STATE NEWS BRIEVITIES. There are but 23 non-resident pupils in the Detroit High School.

There are 4,195 pupils in the public schools of Grand Rapids.

The Soldiers' re-union at Adrian on Wednesday was a success.

The acreage of Wheat in Oceana County is nearly twice as large as that of any previous year.

Mr. Silas Darrow, an old resident of Branch county, died at his daughter's residence in Quincy on the 13th, aged 78 years. Mr. Darrow was a member of the Masonic order and had been for fifty years.

The lumber shipments by water from Muskegon thus far this season have been 8,417,000 feet of lumber and 1,650,000 shingles, against 11,260,000 feet of lumber and 800,000 shingles up to this time last year.

A few days since E. B. Smith, of Duplain, shot a blue heron near Maple River measuring six feet two-and-a-half inches from tip to tip, and four-and-a-half inches from bill to toes. It was a male bird with crested head and beautiful plumage.

The latest intelligence from the log-drivers on the Titabawassee and tributaries is not as encouraging as many wished and hoped. The river is all low, and the jam extends from Midland almost continuously to Dick's forks. In its low stage the driving is slow and difficult.

A nephew of the late Ross Winans, the celebrated Baltimore millionaire, is in our State Prison, under sentence for murder, while the man who was supposed to have killed him still lives. He is one of the best wood carvers in the country.—Jackson Patriot.

The gross earnings of the Detroit and Bay City Railroad for the year ending December 31, 1876, were \$385,717 37; the expenses and taxes footed up \$260,187 01, leaving a net earnings of \$125,530 36, about 3 per cent of the funded debt, which now amounts to \$2,330,000.

Eugene M. Morgan, a young man twenty-eight years old, committed suicide May 13, by taking a dose of morphine at a house of ill-fame on Van Buren street, Battle Creek. His wife, Mrs. Mary B. Adams, familiarly known as Big Kit. Despondency and discouragement were the cause of the act.

The Grand Haven Supervisors report vital statistics for 1876 as follows: Births, 158; deaths, 46. Reckoning the population of the city at 5,000, about 187 1/10, leaving an net earnings of 125,530 36, about 3 per cent of the funded debt, which now amounts to \$2,330,000.

One of the results of the reform movement is the organization of the "Hillsdale Free Temperance Library Association," of which Hon. Henry Waldron was President, and Capt. Geo. A. Knickerbocker as Secretary. Shares are being sold with the intention of raising \$5,000, and the project will doubtless succeed, as the business men of the city are identified with it.

The unexpended balances which will be used this season in harbor improvements are as follows: Ontonagon, \$14,000; Eagle, \$12,000; Marquette, \$1,000; Charlevoix, \$10,000; Frankfort, \$3,000; Manistowic, \$1,400; Ludington, \$1,000; Fenwick, \$10,000; White River, \$2,000; Muskegon, \$15,000; Black Lake, \$15,000; Saugatuck, \$1,500; St. Joseph, \$4,000; St. Mary's River and Falls Canal, \$130,000; Cheboygan, \$10,000; Thunder Bay, \$4,500; Monroe, \$5,000.

Playing Out Rapidly. Mr. Redfield, the Southern correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, writes that journal from Charleston: "The Republican party is playing out rapidly. After the next election the Republican members will not be numerous. The truth is, the Republican party in South Carolina is going the way it has gone in all the Southern States, only more rapidly, if anything. The 36,000 majority of colored voters will count for nothing. The white man is now on top, and with each returning election he will more securely entrench himself. Only a few years ago the Republicans had both branches of the Georgia Legislature. Now, out of over 200 members they have but nine. It is ever so. When once the Republican party starts in a Southern State it is soon practically out of existence.

To all intents and purposes the Republican party in South Carolina is today dead. It can do nothing, it can elect nobody. There is a wide-spread and almost frenzied determination upon the part of the whites never to allow it to come into power again, and they never will. By superior intelligence and resources they will gradually but definitely crush it out. They have had enough of it, and will go to war before they will allow it to come into power again.

This fierce antagonism is not without cause. The career of the Republican party here has been a liberal one on civilization. Its rule has been imbecility and robbery. Offices and public trusts were bought and sold without shame. The Legislature was little less than a den of thieves. To get anything through it had to be bought through. Democrats operating from the outside were largely mixed up in robbing the State, as will be shown upon full investigation. But of course the bulk of the blame must rest with those in power.

SALARY CUTTING.—At the close of its session the Legislature of Michigan requested the State Board of Regents and the State Board of Education, and the other State boards, to cut down the salaries of employees ten per cent, on salaries between \$1,500 and \$2,000, and twenty per cent on salaries between \$2,000 and \$2,500. We do not think much attention will be paid to the resolution. If the Legislature had proposed to establish a uniform rate of twenty per cent on State employees, including the salaries of its own members, and the officials of the Legislature, there would have been evidence of a systematic sincerity for economy which would have commanded respect. But the members of the Legislature, including the salaries of its own members, and the officials of the Legislature, there would have been evidence of a systematic sincerity for economy which would have commanded respect. But the members of the Legislature, including the salaries of its own members, and the officials of the Legislature, there would have been evidence of a systematic sincerity for economy which would have commanded respect.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CITY SCAVENGERS. The undersigned offer their services as scavengers in the city of Detroit, at reasonable prices. Orders may be left at J. H. Nickels' meat market, State street, or made through the Postoffice.

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