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E. S. BARNARD, - - - Editor

Thursday, January, 8, 1874.

WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN?

Since the election of Stephen N. Bennett as Sheriff, and the wholesale slaughter of the Ring, Gillies and his partners have been frothing and foaming, and moaning and groaning over their ignominious defeat. They have skulked and stooped in and around every corner, to find out who wrote the articles which appeared in the ANDOVER ADVERTISER, charging it here and there, first one then another. They have gone still further to search out and expose the man or men who, with mallet and chisel, broke open the Clerk's desk in Belmont. The native shrewdness of Gillies has succeeded in finding a mare's nest, in a poor, obscure individual at Belmont by the name of Knowlton, who builds the fires at and sweeps the Court House, and does all manner of chores. This man Knowlton is bribed—hailed by the elegant Gillies and induced by him to go to Angelica, on the promise of taking care of the Court House during the adjourned session of the Board of Supervisors. After he arrives at Angelica, he is immediately run into a back room, and there told to sign his name to a garbled, lying statement, (which is published in the Ring journal) got up by Gillies expressly for the occasion. The outlines of an oath are made up and Knowlton is hustled out and ordered to travel home. This statement is put into the hands of a chosen Committee and reported as being sufficient to exhonorate the tribe of Gillies and fasten the charges upon some one at Belmont. Mr. Gillies was not anxious to have any investigation of the matter while the Board was in session at Belmont, but chose to have a one-sided, unfair, dishonest, and dishonorable examination, by offering bribes to a poor, simple-minded dependent and then fabricating a defense to the charges made against the Ring, of which he, Gillies, was scavenger—as exparte trial—the accused not being present nor having any knowledge of the fact that they were to be tried, or were even suspected of the crime charged. What a mockery of justice! What a shameful farce! Why was not the trial, or investigation held at Belmont where the accused and witness resided? Why was not persons and papers sent for as per resolution. But to cap the climax of this whole show, the virtuous, unbottled sage of the Wellsville Times comes to the rescue, and after publishing Knowlton's statement he shows his tact at drawing inferences. One points towards Col. Scott as author of the "article" that appeared in the ANDOVER ADVERTISER. "Now then, there are other inferences that are more obvious to us than the Times can imagine. First, Col. Scott never had anything to do with the article named. Second, It is nobody's business who did write that article. Third, There are other "eminent" Republicans who will be "sacrificed," if such men as Jas. Wood and Joseph Gillies undertake to assume the role of leaders in the Republican party. Fourth, It comes with poor grace from the man who stumped New Jersey and Potter county for Greeley and against the Republican party, to set himself up as the Great Mogul of Allegany county, and to call upon life-long, honest Republicans to apologize for their actions in defeating a corrupt and dirty combination, that was headed by a rotten and corrupt Senator. This is not the end thereof.

THE SALARY GRAB.

We are in hopes that upon the assembling of Congress, the first thing which will claim their attention will be the Salary Bill. During the session previous to the holidays, long discussions were had which resulted in the passing of a substitute for Mr. Hale's bill, fixing the Salary at $5000. But on going to the Senate it was rejected, and a bill reported in its place by Senator Wright, of Iowa, which repeals the new law and adopts the old one.

It is certain that the people will not be satisfied with any half way work or measure. The Republican party in their several State Conventions recently, asked for the repeal of the bill, and it is the demand of the people, and nothing else will be satisfactory. And it alone depends upon the Republicans, as no help can be expected from the Democratic side of either House.—Wood, whose vote once saved the bill from defeat, pockets the back pay and is run for Speaker; Stevenes, leader of the Southern Democrats, vehemently defends the measure, and Cox is not slow to profit by it. The declarations of the Democratic press and the votes of Democratic Congressmen on this subject show how utterly false and hypocritical that party is, and the people can not fail to observe it. So long as there was a doubt whether Congress would repeal the law, Democrats on the stump and through the press howled like mad men, and now they are mad men because they see the law will be repealed. They surely have an interesting record on the subject.

The Democratic papers are calling attention to the fact that certain minor Federal Judges have resigned or proposed resigning in order to avoid impeachment. Very well, that is a testimony to the rigor of judgement and sternness of accountability on the part of a Republican Congress. But, how was it with [illegible] Judges Blatchford, Woodruff and Shipman, who resigned this March, when they were known for years, and in fact by the Democratic party itself, to be corrupt? Did they ever think of [illegible] to avoid impeachment? [illegible] Democrats, [illegible] Democratic [illegible] [Albany Journal.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The State Legislature was organized on Thursday by the election of James W. Husted, as speaker. This was not our first choice, nor was the first choice of nearly all the Republican Press of the State, and ALL of Western New York. As is well known we were in favor of Mr. Prince, because we know him to be an honest man, a man who had no interest in any political ring, and we were afraid of James W. Husted, but we shall hope for the best, if he will let his better judgment controll his acts, we shall have no fears.—But as in many cases heretofore, he allows those political sharks, which have had so much already to do with the party, dictate for him, we can look for no good. The party has been led and controlled for the past few years, too much by a few men who have styled themselves its leaders. We should like to have had them received a little rebuke at Albany, in the organization.

The Albany Journal in an article upon the duty of the Legislature, says: "The session of the Legislature of New York, with the vast and diversified interests of the State, always possesses importance. At the present time its action and results may prove momentous. The members enter upon their labors at a period when wisdom, honesty and firmness are peculiarly needed. There is a feverish state of public feeling In the decaying force of old issues and the rising interest of new questions which go to the very character of administration, judgment and skill and, above all, upright and straightforward purposes are required in the management of affairs. The people demand that the action of their representatives shall look to good government. If the Republican party answers this requirement, its future will be as secure as its past has been brilliant and honorable.

With an effective organization adapted to the despatch of business and appreciating the demands of the situation, the Legislature should address itself earnestly and prudently to the vital work before it. It should set its face in the right direction at the beginning and inflexibly adhere to it to the end. When we come to the summing up of its work, we want to be able to point to satisfactory results—to a short session, to honest and frugal legislation, and to a satisfactory treatment of all questions which affect the interests of the people. The lasting and effective impression is that which is left when the work is passed in review, and in order that it may be favorable the Legislature should from the outset seek to fulfill the popular expectations."

JUDICIARY.

The designation, By Gov. Dix, of Judges to fill vacancies in the General Terms of the Supreme Court of this State appears to be eminently judicious. They are as follows:

FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.—Hon. Noah Davis, of the First Judicial District, to be Presiding Justice of the General Term; Hon. Charles Daniels, of the Eighth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term, in place of Hon. Noah Davis, made Presiding Justice.

SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.—Hon. John L. Talcott of the Eighth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term.

THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.—Hon. Augustus Bockes, of the Fourth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term; Hon. Douglass Boardman, of the Sixth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term, in place of Hon. John M. Parker, deceased.

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.—Hon. Joseph Mullin, of the Fifth Judicial District, to be Presiding Justice of the General Term; Hon. Jasper W. Gilbert, of the Second Judicial, to be Associate Justice of the General Term.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We have received a copy of the Governor's Message in pamphlet form from the office of the Albany Journal. We have partially read it over, and can but pronounce it one of the best documents we ever read. He reviews all matters of State in such a way that everyone can fully understand the condition of affairs of the State. We shall publish the message in full next week.

The long list of dividends to be paid the first of this month gives the New York Commercial Advertiser a very hopeful view of the financial situation. The Government payment of January interest reaches $35,000,000, half of which will be paid out in New York city. The dividends to be paid out by banks, railroad companies, insurance companies and other corporations aggregate nearly fifty millions of dollars, all of which vast sum will be liberated and poured into the channels of trade. The great revival of the ship-building industry and the starting up of blast furnaces all over the country makes the outlook for business bright indeed.

The Secretary of the Treasury was advised by those whose advice he sought, not to ask Congress to restore the tax on tea and coffee. Such a proposition having now become decidedly unpopular, the Secretary feels that he would not have acted unwisely if he had heeded the suggestions of his advisers, who, although politicians, were able to feel the public pulse, and therefore the assurance was given the Secretary that such a step would not heighten his popularity.

The appointment of Hon. Alexander S. Johnson to the vacant seat on the bench of the Court of Appeals is received with universal approval. Democrats as well as Republicans praise the action of Gov. Dix, and agree that a better selection could not have been made. Judge Johnson will hold a seat in the Appellate Court, by virtue of this appointment, for one year.

The Virginius matter, as far as the vessel is concerned, has been settled by the sinking of the same off Cape Fear.

The great railroad strike proves to be not much of a shower after all.—From nearly every quarter where trouble existed we learn either that men are returning to work at the reduced rates, or that the companies are finding themselves able to get along without the services of the strikers. The excitement of the past few days in most of the Western cities has, therefore, pretty much quieted down, and there is now very little reason to anticipate the general stoppage which seemed imminent during last week.

The defaulting railroads number 115; that is, there are that many roads which will not pay their January coupons. The aggregate of money which will thus be kept from its legitimate owners, will exceed $27,000,000. While those defaulting roads are thus discrediting themselves, the stock of the New York Central has advanced over 4 per cent. in a week; St. Paul nearly 4 per cent; Western Union 3, and a number of other roads from 1 to 4.

The people of Colorado are said to be so anxious for admission into the Union that they have started the plan of annexing a portion or all of Wyoming, so as to make sure of sufficient population to succeed. If the General Government can in this way accommodate those people and save the expenses of two territorial organizations, it might be wise to do so.

The Virginius.

Message of the President.

In my annual message of December last, I gave reason to expect that when the full and accurate text of the correspondence relating to the steamer Virginius, which had been en route and in cipher, should be received, the papers concerning the capture of the vessel, the execution of a part of its passengers and crew, and the detention of the ship and the survivors, would be transmitted to Congress. In compliance with the expectations then based, I now transmit the papers and the correspondence on that subject.

On the 26th day of October, 1873, the Virginius was cleared in the Custom House of New York as the property of a citizen of the United States, he having first made oath, as required by law, that he was the true and only owner of said vessel, and that there was no subject or citizen of any foreign prince or state directly or indirectly, by way of trust, or otherwise, interested in such. Having complied with the requisitions of the statute in that behalf, she cleared in the usual way for the port of Cienfuegos, and on or about the 5th day of October, 1873, sailed for that port.

It is not disputed that she made her voyage according to her clearance, nor that from that day to this she has not returned to the national jurisdiction of the United States. It is also understood that she preserved her American papers, and that when within foreign ports she made the practice of putting forth her claim to American nationality, which was recognized by the authorities of such ports. Where, therefore, she left the port of Kingston, in October last, under the flag of the United States, she would appear to have had, as against all powers except the United States, the right to fly that flag and to claim its protection, as enjoyed by all regularly documented vessels registered as part of our commercial marine.

No state of war existed embracing upon a maritime power the right to molest and detain upon the high seas a documented vessel, and it cannot be presumed that the Virginius had placed herself without the pale of all law by acts of piracy against the human race. If her papers were irregular or fraudulent, the offence was one against the laws of the United States, justifiable only in their tribunals.

When, therefore, it became known that the Virginius had been captured on the high seas by a Spanish man-of-war, that the American flag had been hauled down by her captors, that she had been carried to a Spanish port, and that Spanish tribunals were taking jurisdiction over the persons found on her, and exercising that jurisdiction upon American citizens, and only in violation of international law, but in contravention of the provisions of the treaty of 1795, I directed a demand to be made upon Spain for the restoration of the vessel and for a return of the survivors to the protection of the United States, for a salute to the flag, and for the punishment of the offending parties.

The principle upon which these demands rested could not be seriously questioned, but it was suggested by the Spanish government that there were grave doubts whether the Virginius was entitled to the character given her by her papers, and that therefore it might be proper for the United States, after the surrender of the vessel and survivors, to dispense with the salute to the flag, should such facts be established to their satisfaction. This seemed to reasonable and just. I therefore assented to it, on the assurance that Spain would then declare that no insult to the flag of the United States had been intended.

I also with pleasure in agreement to be made that should it be shown to the satisfaction of this government that the Virginius was improperly bearing the flag, proper steps should at once be instituted in our courts for punishment of the officers committed against the United States. On her part Spain undertook to proceed against those who had offended the sovereignty of the United States, or who had violated their treaty rights.

The surrender of the vessel and survivors to the jurisdiction of the tribunals of the United States was an admission of the principle upon which our demand was founded, and I therefore had no hesitation in agreeing to the arrangement finally made between the two governments, an arrangement which was moderate and just, and calculated to cement the good relations which have so long existed between Spain and the United States.

Under this agreement the Virginius, with the American flag flying, was delivered to the navy of the United States at Bahia Honda, in the island of Cuba, on the 17th ult. She was in an unseaworthy condition. In the passage to New York she encountered one of our winter storms. At the risk of their lives the officers and crew placed in charge of her attempted to keep her afloat. Their efforts were unavailing, and she sank off Cape Fear.

The prisoners who survived the massacres were surrendered at Santiago de Cuba on the 16th ultimo, and reached the port of New York in safety.

The circumstances attending the part of Spain to establish the fact that the Virginius, at the time of her capture, was improperly bearing the flag of the United States, is transmitted herewith, together with the opinion of the Attorney-General thereon, and a copy of the note of the Spanish minister, expressing, on behalf of his Government, a disclaimer of any intent of indignity to the flag of the United States.

U. S. GRANT.

GENERAL NEWS.

Comanche Raid in Texas!

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Capt. Chas. C. Hood, of the Twenty-fourt Infantry, stationed at Fort McIntosh, Texas, reports to the headquarters of the army that on the night of November 2d, a party of Commanche Indians attacked Mendiolas' sheep camp and wounded Mendiolas so badly that he was not expected to live.

On the 30th of November the same party were at San Diego, seventy-five miles from Corpus Christi, where they commenced operations by hanging seven shepherds, and left twenty-two persons dead in the vicinity of the Rancho, among them several of the best and most respectable ranchmen in that vicinity.

Proceeding due west the savages threw two men into a well at Benigo Rancho, one of whom had his neck broken by the fall. On the Salado they killed a shepherd and wounded another man.

A company of citizens started from Laredo in pursuit of the Indians and gave them a hot chase, but the Indians wounded a young man named Hall and a Mexican at the Cochina ranch, and at Don Neni's Rancho they stole eighty head of horses. As there was no cavalry at the post, no force was sent to assist the citizens.

First Lieutenant Charles Hudson, of the Fourth Cavalry, stationed at Fort Clark, Texas, reports that he left the post with a company of forty men and six Seminole scouts on December 4th. On December 6th the 2nd the Indians on Scatch Shaw River, and a fight ensued. The Indians stood about ten minutes, when they ran, and were pursued through the rocks, which were very slippery, owing to the rain. The country was by no means favorable for a cavalry pursuit. Fifty-two ponies and mules were captured, together with a lot of saddles, bridles and blankets.—Nine Indians were seen dead on the field, and others are known to have been wounded, but not many.

The men of Lieut. Hudson's command behaved with great gallantry, and in none more than was a great degree of bravery was displayed by Private George Brown, of Company G, Fourth Cavalry, receiving a flesh wound in the arm. Two horses were killed and two wounded.

—Of course business going off eighteen per cent. during the past year, over that of 1872. She hardly feels that she owes Uncle Sam.

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—Ex-Senator Graham, who formerly was present of the Tenth district in the State Senate, and who was thought none too honest while serving in that position, has been convicted of having misappropriated some $500,000 of the funds of the Wall st Savings Bank, of which he was President, and has before him the pleasant prospect of spending some years at Sing Sing.

—A decision in Belgium has awarded damages to a passenger against a railroad, for detaining him three-quarters of an hour, by a blocking of freight trains. The court held that such blocking was the fault of the management and not the result of custom was sufficient cause for a claim for damages.—Should our laws be thus constructed there would be more trains on time than were ever known to be in this country before.

—And now comes proposed relief to thousands of American working and women. To ladies are requested to by a popular periodical, to buy only home manufactures, and to call for no others when they go shopping. If the patriotism of our American woman should make this the fashion, it would bring great relief to the thousands of working men and women. Can American fashion be made to take this turn?

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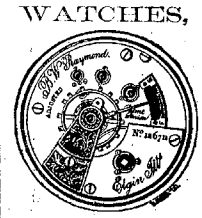

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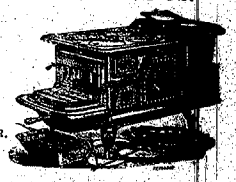

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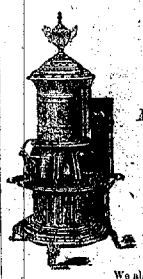

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