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Gov. Moses.

Governor Moses, who may be styled the head thief of South Carolina, was not disposed at first to emulate the meekness of that illustrious historical character whose name he bore, but rather to exhibit, call on, and defy the law. He was not content with being a lawbreaker, but he was determined to be a lawbreaker. He was determined to be a lawbreaker. He was determined to be a lawbreaker.

We are not by any means certain that this fellow Moses will be punished for his crimes, but even in South Carolina, a governor who is indicted for theft cannot long continue in public office. On general principles and because we desire to have all rulers in public position brought to justice and consequent punishment, we are glad that the Republican party in South Carolina have taken the first step toward bringing to punishment the reckless board of thieves which has impoverished a people; but we shall take special pleasure in seeing this man Moses brought to justice for a thief, he has assumed the name and seized the prestige of the Republican party, just as a thinking camp follower wears the garb of the soldier to rob the helpless and dead. We shall always keenly enjoy the humiliation and confusion of the camp follower who has assumed the leader's place, when his baseness is discovered and he is marched out of camp to the music of the "Rogue's March."

When Moses was nominated for governor in 1872, there was, it will be remembered, a large minority of the convention that protested against his nomination as an outrage upon the party and the State, and withdrawing from the convention, renominated Mr. Tomlinson who at the election in October of that year received 36,535 votes to 69,838 for Moses, a fact which indicates that there is in the State a large body of Republicans who are not of the gang of thieves which has been plundering the State. So far as can be learned from the usual sources, the late ruling class of the Democratic members of the Connecticut Legislature, has not yet been apprised of the surrender at Appomattox, to such an extent as to enable it to unite with the best class to form a decent government. Perhaps it would not have been materially different if the aristocracy had attempted to influence public affairs since the participation of this class would have arrayed the colored men against any movement of reform.

It is evident that the race of the Moses wing is near its goal. There is no longer anything more to be done. The race has been realized on South Carolina, and the last dollar has already been wrung from the tax payers. The reckless thief who has forged three-quarters of a million of treasury warrants now finds himself bankrupt and so reduced that the traders of the capital refuse to take him for these little articles indispensable to comfort and luxury, and he produces his currency. Without any other resource, he haunts the colored voter, induced by a Republican jury for the crime of larceny, it does seem as though Gov. Moses is very near the beginning of the end. He may be able to defer the day for a time, but even the ignorant colored man who have carried him to power, when they come to know his treachery, will desert him. The Republican party has a right to expect much from such colored leaders as Congressmen Elliott and Rainey who have displayed so high qualities in Congress. It is said that the former is likely to be a Republican Candidate for Governor, but he is bitterly disappointed if a new order of things is not established in this State.

At the meeting of the social science association in New York Mr. Gamaliel Bradford read a paper on "Financial Administration," in which he advocated the admission of the Secretary of the Treasury to the floor of Congress with the right of taking part in debate, and subject to the French call of interpretation. The Secretary would then be under the necessity of making his plans, both as to theory and practice, acceptable to Congress and the country, and to do this he must know something, and have some little plan. Publicity would be ensured by limiting debate to one hour, and instead of diffusing it over a chaos of conflicting propositions involving a reference to committees. The great gain, however, would be in responsibility. The Secretary having supreme control of theory and practice, there would be no shifting the burden to other shoulders and letting it drop in the process. Finally, the new method would furnish a test of individual skill and furnish the President financial reputation to guide him in his choice of a Secretary.

Concluding his paper Mr. Bradford dwelt upon what he thought to be the undue supremacy of the legislative branch of the government. He considered it perfectly idle to attempt to force complex doctrines of finance upon Congress, and he thought that what was wanted was a man who by his position, gathered together and express the national will, and backed by the national ballot-box, can enforce that will upon a reluctant legislature. The power thus given the Executive would, he thought, be more than offset by the responsibility of the position and his amenability to public opinion.

It is said that President Grant favors the proposition of decorating the graves of Confederate as well as Union soldiers on Memorial day. It strikes us that if we lose sight of the principle involved in the conflict to grant a reward to a man who has done a wrong, it becomes a little more offensive to good taste on account of its apparent insincerity and charity.

Judge Davis, I am sorry to say, has made a bad showing in all this money business. I regret it the more because he had made a good record on the bench and is a genial, pleasant gentleman. But it looks very much as if, having got to Washington and found that he had somewhat impaired his usefulness by having been in the money business, he is now trying to make up for it by making a good record on the bench. He is now trying to make up for it by making a good record on the bench. He is now trying to make up for it by making a good record on the bench.

St. Louis furnishes an instance of a man whose tastes certainly differ from those of his fellows, but who very likely will be able to say that he has restored at least one fallen woman to society and her self-respect. His name is Parker, and he is from Bloomington, Illinois. Last Saturday he called on the chief of the St. Louis police, informed him that he wanted a wife, and was then disposed to do an act of Christian charity. He was then disposed to do an act of Christian charity. He was then disposed to do an act of Christian charity.

The Augusta Standard cannot astonish that class of readers who read no other paper, but its statements that the Democrats and crusaders in the West have marched hand in hand to victory is too funny for any sane person to take seriously. There is such a thing as being too sarcastic with your friends.

It is intimated that the vote of the House on Wednesday to allow the agricultural reports to go free in the mails, is only a precursor to the restoration of the franking privilege. If Congress think that thing will do, it is taken straight. The agricultural report is not so very valuable; but if all these books can be sent free, the bill which the House early in the session to print \$200,000 worth of this inexcusably stupid and wholly useless report (except to the paper makers) will be urged in the Senate.

Current Notes.

The New York Herald in the course of an editorial on the presidential question, predicts that if the question comes between a third term of Gen. Grant and Senator Morton, his cry would be, "Better three terms than the possibility of a President who would sacrifice the public property and national honor."

Watson, the "independent" editor of the Louisville Journal, of whose smartness something was heard in the Louisville Herald, has been elected to the London press and is happily supplemented by his "hook and snail water" in the Washington Herald. The Herald's played out Caesarism of Grant.—Hartford Convent.

The Springfield Republican says that if he has criticized the President often enough and sharply enough but is glad to be able to declare that his conduct in the Arkansas affair has been mainly straightforward and honest. The New York Herald says that the Board of Public Works, was examined by the District Investigating Committee Wednesday, is the most important yet given. He states that as a member of the board he was never consulted to contract and prices, and that Gov. Shepherd, as chairman, had a sub-engineer who made estimates and measurements as Shepherd desired. Measurements were never guessed and work was done which it was not necessary to do. The following extract from the testimony tells its own story.

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Washington News and Gossip.

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MAINE HOMOPATHIC MEDICAL SOCIETY.

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