

ANECDOTES OF DISTINGUISHED
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The Rev. W. MacMahon, a venerable Methodist minister, is writing reminiscences of his early life. He founded the first Methodist church in Huntsville, Alabama. The scene of the following anecdote, we believe, is located somewhere in that section of the State. He tells of a small, but well-attended congregation of wealthy sinners, where there was no society, and, I suppose, they thought themselves "free from the dead," so far as pay was concerned. When I was preaching my last sermon to them I remarked that I had preached to them for some time the best I could, and that if I had not preached as well as others, I had preached

"that for all my labor among them I had not received as much as would wrap my little finger round around it." "I am making my leave of them there was some feeling said he, when a large, fat old man came up to the pulpit blubbering and wiping his eyes and said, 'God bless you, Sir; if we poor critters don't pay you, the Lord will.' "I understand," said I, "that the Lord is very good for his own contract, but I never heard that he was bound to pay your debts."

A correspondent of the Home Journal relates the following incident of Washington Irving, narrated by one of his early kindred by an Indian once, "said Irving once overheard, "When I was a young man I was traveling in Canada with a friend. There were more Indians there then than there are white men now. One raw, chilly day, we were rowing in a canoe on the St. Lawrence, with an Indian for a guide. As we neared the spot where Ogdenburg now stands, he invited us to his wigwam to get something to eat. Seemingly so hungry, we went to the shore, we followed him in short distance to another wigwam, where he found his son, a healthy looking fellow,

and then proceeded to drink a large quantity of whiskey. My friend watched him closely; but I talked to his wife, who at first gave me short answers, glancing at her lord and master to see if he listened, which he seemed not to do; then she talked more freely. The squaw was very ugly, having the ever-burdened look that you see among the Indians; so, for the first time, as she looked the larger woman, from half, I rose to assist her. At the same moment her husband raised a large club, striking me on the head a blow that made me fall insensible at his feet. As he was about to repeat the blow my friend caught me in his arms, and rushing from the wigwam deposited me in his canoe, and was taking me rapidly down the stream before our half drunken pursuer reached the shore. I soon recovered my senses, but I never was polite to a squaw again.

The late Judge Pease, of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was a noted wag. A young lawyer was once making his first effort before him, and had thrown himself into a long dissertation, into the seventh heaven, when

John struck his ruler on the desk two or three times, and exclaimed to the astonished orator: "Hold on, hold on, my dear Air! Don't go any higher, for you are already out of the jurisdiction of this court."

William H. Weeks of Sacramento, one of the electors chosen in California, is a man of immense abdominal ponderosity. He tells a good story about himself in connection with his canvass of the State. After telling of his enormous girth, he said: "I was on a difficult mountain road, steep and down the side of a precipitous cliff. I was hot, weary and thirsty, at the cabin of a Chinese inn, John gave him a drink of water. While resting his corpulence and wishing to be sociable with his host he remarked in the best Chinese he could muster—'Yelly bad roads, John, too muchee appee and too muchee downee, and too muchee steepe.' John cast an amazed glance out of his almost featureless face at the exterior of his guest's digestive organs, and he replied in English, 'I am sorry, but this is the spring of the water points of this mountain.' John then held up his hands, and with his fingers crossed, he uttered a long and very capacious orole in his front, he soberly replied—'Too muchee guttee!' " Weeks left.

When the Liberator in the Capitol, was in

and enveloping the building. Tanenbaum, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, appeared in his seat at the usual hour looking quite tranquil and undisturbed. "May it please your honor," said an officer of the Court, "will he Court sit to-day?" The Chief Justice looked up, and coolly and significantly asked "Is the Court room really on fire?" "Oh, no, not yet." "Then we'll sit it, it," he replied. And they did sit, and transacted business as usual, amid all the confusion about it.

The following story is told of the Rev. Dr. Morse. At an association dinner a debate arose as to the use of the rod in bringing up children. The doctor took the affirmative, and his chief opponent was a young minister, whose reputation for veracity was not high. He maintained that parents often do harm to their children from unjust punishment from not knowing the facts in the case. "Well," said one of the ladies, "rather than whip a child, I would give him a rather good whipping now for telling the truth." "Well," retorted the doctor, "it cured you of it, didn't it?"

When Mr. Withersforce was a candidate

young lady, offered the compliment of a new gown to each of the wives of those freemen who voted for her brother; on which she was saluted with a cry of "Miss Wilberforce forever!" when she pleasantly observed, "I thank you, gentlemen; but I cannot agree with you—for, really, I do not wish to be Miss Wilberforce forever!"

Sir Walter Scott once had an Irishman working for him, who was a great drunkard, and who often neglected the work Sir Walter set him to do. One morning, while engaged in his daily labors, he was brought to him by a man who had returned from a night's spree. Sir Walter dashed his person on his desk, and, in great anger, ordered the son of Erin to be sent to him immediately. Pat entered, looking like humbleness personified, and Sir Walter poured out the vials of his wrath—"You unthankful dog," said he, "here I have been putting up with your misdoings, and forgiving you from time to time; and yet no sooner are you in my good graces, than you take advantage of me. But this is the last time, and the last time, I tell you, I shall forgive you. You are now banished from Ireland forevermore. The

Henry IV. being told by his gardeners, that there were several spots at Fontainebleau, where nothing would grow, requested him to plant a bed of attorneys, for they would flourish anywhere.

TELEGRAPH

TO THE
JAILY ADVERTISER AND FARMER.

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.
CHARLESTON, Jan. 2.—The Convention on Tuesday went into secret session on a communication from the Commissioners.

Pettigrew ordered boats not to approach Castle Pinckney.

The river is well guarded.

Women have tendered their services to the forts.

The City Rifles have gone on secret service to Morris Island.

The Zouaves and German Rifles are on duty in the harbor.

The Palmetto flag waved over the arsenal.

The interior banks offer to take their proportion of the State loan.

The collector advertises that all vessels from ports outside of the State must enter and clear at Charleston.

The President of the Convention has appointed Commissioners to Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas and Georgia, but none to Texas.

The Convention passed an ordinance that levying war against the State and aiding her enemies be punished by death.

Also, judicial power heretofore exercised by the Federal courts, now to be exercised by the State courts, and Congressional power is vested in the General Assembly.

WASHINGTON NEWS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Foreign Ministers Army and Navy officers and heads of departments paid their respects to the President yesterday. It was a general holiday. Union and secessionist cockades were in the crowd.

An address to the people, signed by both Houses, recommending a rally to compromise on the basis of Crittenden and Bigler's proposition is in circulation.

The President is determined not to remand Anderson to Fort Moultrie.

Certain Southerners, to-day, telegraphed South that reinforcements have been ordered to Charleston, but the statement is not correct.

Members of the border States, just return, express alarm at the progress of secession, while from other States they represent the people consolidating on Union.

The steamer Brooklyn at Norfolk is officered, manned and ready for any emergency.

The prospects are that the President's message embodying the propositions of the South Carolina Commissioners will be promptly tabled in both Houses.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.
HARRISBURG, Jan. 2.—Gov. Curtin delivered his message to-day.

He says the doctrine of secession is erroneous; the Constitution is more than a mere compact; organized resistance is rebellion.

He denies the right of a State to secede from the Union, but if good reasons are immediately removed, secession may be the result, and he recommends a law for protecting slaves while sojourning in States with their masters, and suggests that the Missouri line be extended to California.

He closes asserting the loyalty of Pennsylvania to the Union. He will follow the Stars and Stripes through every peril.

ACTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.
HARRISBURG, Jan. 2.—A resolution that Pennsylvania is willing to pass necessary laws for the redress of real grievances of sister States, expressing an ardent desire for friendly relations, avowing adherence to doctrines of Jackson's proclamation, and to contribute men and money to preserve the Union referred to a committee of five.

A copy of the resolutions, if passed, will have the seal of the State and be sent to the President and the present Governors of all the States.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE.
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Legislature organized yesterday. Morgan delivered his message to-day.

He recommends a very brief session to avoid special legislation, advises amending the capital punishment law to make it effective, recommends that measures be taken to establish a suitable station, and selling off the State island property. He also referred to other State reforms.

COMPLIMENTS TO MAJ. ANDERSON.
TRENTON, Jan. 2.—A salute was fired yesterday in honor of Maj. Anderson.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Three salutes were fired to-day in honor Maj. Anderson.

NEW YORK MARKETS.
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Flour—Sales 6,000 barrels; State and Western 5 a 10s better and very quiet. Superfine State \$5.25 a \$5.35; Extra State \$5.50 a \$5.75; Round Hoop \$5.75 a \$5.80; Superfine Western \$5.25 a \$5.35; Common to good Extra Western \$5.55 a \$5.60; Fancy and Extra \$5.65 a \$5.75; Canadian firmer; Sales 300 barrels at \$5.60 a \$7.00.

Wheat 1 ct. higher. Sales 30,000 bushels. Corn a shade firmer; Sales 40,000 bushels. Beef unchanged.

Pork steady.

Lard steady.

Whiskey quiet at 194.

Stocks are quiet and 2 and 4 per cent. higher or not very active. Money on call is easier at 4 a 6 per cent. and rates for first class paper are 10 a 14 per cent. Sterling Exchange quiet and nominal. Chicago and Rock Island 55; Galena and Chicago 69; Panama 112; Chicago Burlington and Quincy 66; Michigan Southern 154; Reading 34; Hudson 47; Erie 404; Pacific Mail 86; Hudson 47; Erie 404; Pacific Mail 86; Hudson 47; Erie 404; Pacific Mail 86.

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