





**DAILY EXPRESS.**  
THE GRANGE AND THE CHURCH.

It is a pity when in this world of trouble and difficulties, men have to manufacture trouble and difficulties for the sake of overcoming them. It is a greater pity when in these times of evil corruption, men will manufacture evils and corruptions for the sake of reforming them, leaving existing evils untouched. But it is the greatest pity of all when in this world of sorrow and sin, men profess to be disciples of Christ, and with the words of the Master: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," ringing in their ears will leave this divinely appointed work for the purpose of discrediting the cause where there is none, and of denouncing those who in their own way are teaching the Gospel of peace and good will, of intelligence enlightenment and prosperity.

We have been led to this train of thought by a letter we have recently received from an esteemed friend in Defiance county, this State, informing us of an attempt being made there by some persons, professing to be acting under the authority of some Christian church, to overthrow the Grange, denouncing it as a "secret society," as a band of pirates and traitors. Now, every member of the Order, and every person whether a Patron or not, who possesses common sense and any knowledge of the organization, knows that such language is not only absurd, but most maliciously untrue. A secret society—Well, supposing it is; is there a worse, or a claus-e, or a principle in the Bible that forbids a man to keep his own affairs to himself? And if individuals have this privilege, do they lose it as soon as they begin to act together? Do such sessions never hold meetings and transact business that is kept most rigorously secret from everybody, but themselves? Do State and public bodies never hold meetings with closed doors? Do joint-stock corporations and private companies hold their meetings with open doors, and permit any one who desires to enter and learn all he will concerning their business and private affairs? And has not the Grange as good a right to keep its business and private affairs to itself as an individual, as a church session, as a public committee, as a joint stock company? And if not, why not? Staff! We are sick of this cast about secret societies. We have no desire to insist on any one joining such a society unless he feels so disposed. The question of secrecy or of open meetings is one of judgment and of expediency; the question of joining a secret society or not is one of opinion, but for any man or set of men to denounce an organization so pure, based on such high moral principles, that is keeping so much moral, intellectual and temporal good to those connected with it, that attends so directly and specifically to its own business, turning neither to the right nor to the left to interfere with others, as the organization of Patrons of Husbandry, is a shame and a disgrace, and if done in the name of the church, shows that whatever church is supporting such action is neglecting the work of saving souls, and going about seeking evils where none exist.—The Grange Visitor.

**SCENES IN THE SOUTH-CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.**

**HOW THE LEGISLATORS SLEPT, AND HOW THEY WERE KEPT AWAKE.**

The Columbia correspondent of the N. Y. Herald writes as follows of the scenes and incidents which transpired in the South Carolina House of Representatives on December 1st:

The dual houses, republicans on the one side and the democrats on the other, remained in session all night. After midnight the eyelids of the weary members began to droop; numbers of them, notably the blacks, fell asleep, and those that did not were only kept awake by the eloquence of Fancy Bill Pinckney, an intensely black negro from Charleston county, known as the "Santee orator." His speech was a model of negro eloquence, abounding as it did in a jumble of all the big words he had ever heard, and well and distinctly uttered and using good English, but devoid of a single idea, and so ridiculous as to be singularly amusing and provocative of laughter. Even this did not serve to keep members thoroughly awake, and at times the weary occupant of that seat of honor, the chair, would be caught napping. This was worse in the eyes of the democrats than a sentinel asleep on post.

**THE SPEAKERS' RESPECTIVE AD-VANTAGES.**

When the raid was made on the hall by the united democratic forces over the greatest achievements and triumphs of the hour was the capture of the chair. The first thing they did was to place Speaker Wallace in the chair, and, being there, he had to stick. Having obtained possession of the chair the next thing they wanted was the gavel; but also that instrument, so potent and effective in the hands of a parliamentarian, was not to be found. When Speaker Mackey came and found his seat occu-

pied and usurped by a democrat, who would not be made to vacate, he at once thought of the gavel. With the gavel he would be all right, and honors would be easy. Mackey forgot its whereabouts, and in despair almost he looked around in every nook and corner of the stand, but without finding it. At length he spied a drowsy youth, who was a page of the House; he whispered a few words, the page vanished and reappeared in a moment, placing the magic gavel in the hands of Mackey. It was a victory that can hardly be appreciated by ordinary mortals who have not been legislators or Speakers of a House.

**HOW THE ADVANTAGES WERE USED.**

Mackey flourished it, and though he could not sit down, as Wallace did, he rapped away while the democrats were speaking with such force and effect as to drown the utterance of his opponents. Besides the noise it made Mackey could put the gavel in his pocket and walk about with it, but Wallace dare not for the life of him forsake the chair for an instant. The seat had to be watched and it was amusing to see how carefully the occupant got out of it, and how quickly his successor popped into it, Mackey or his representative eyeing it all the time in the vain hope of finding it unoccupied at every instant.

**HOW THE NIGHT WAS PASSED.**  
After midnight the republican Speaker being tired standing had to sit; for one of the ordinary floor chairs, and the position, though so dignified, became less disagreeable. The hour of three A. M. found even the oratory of Fancy Bill Pinckney had given out and a great majority of the houses were slumbering in their seats or stretched on benches or the floors, when Judge T. Mackey came in and aroused the white and black legislators with a humorous speech, which again kept them awake till after four. A sedentary debate was kept up from that time till daylight, in which the wit and humor of both sides found considerable display and kept them all in a pleasing mood and good temper. At last the long looked for day dawned upon the half sleeping and half awake crowd of blacks and whites. Some of them went out to breakfast early. These came back quickly, and then others went, held after relief until all the legislators had satisfied the cravings of their appetite. Toward ten o'clock visitors began to drop in, and by twelve M. there were a good many privileged persons on the floor.

**THE EQUALYPTUS TREE.**—The St. Louis Republican says that the cultivation of the eucalyptus tree in California has been attended by such manifest benefits that it promises to become a regular business. A very high estimate is set on the tree. In Los Angeles, Alameda and Sonoma counties there are large plantations devoted entirely to it, and new ones are being constantly set out. Fire wood in that region is worth \$10 to \$15 a cord. Experiment show that five of these trees four years old will make a cord of wood. They are planted about eight feet apart, so that making about seven hundred to the acre, so that an acre of trees will yield about one hundred and forty cords of wood, which, at \$10 per cord, would be worth \$1400; or, allowing one-half for cutting it would yield a net profit of \$700 per acre. But the tree has other uses than that of fuel; it is more valuable for fire, posts, piles and building purposes, so that its value as fire wood is its minimum worth.

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