

The Time When. It is usual to draw indictments in the language of the statute which it is charged has been violated.

The law of the United States which we quoted yesterday provides that if "at any election" for representative in Congress certain things be done the doing of them shall constitute an offence against the United States.

Look at section 5512 of the United States Statutes at Large—the very next section to the one under consideration. It employs identically the same language as section 5511, except that the word "registration" is used instead of the word "election."

"If at any registration of voters for an election for representative or delegate in the Congress of the United States any person knowingly personates and registers, or does any unlawful act to secure registration for himself or any other person," &c., &c.

Now, can any person be indicted under this section for anything done at any other time than the day of registration? Registration lasts in some States for several days. To constitute an offence the crime must be committed on one of the days of registration—not before, nor a month before, nor a week before, nor a day before.

So as to the case before us. The offence must be charged in the language of the statute—namely, that it was done "at an election" for Representative in Congress; not "at an election about to be held."

The New York Tribune tries to head off the movement now going on to take the tax off of tobacco altogether, by saying that the poor man's articles must first be cheapened. But the tobacco is itself one of the poor man's articles.

Such declarations as those we quote from the National Republican have opened the eyes of the Democratic Republicans in Virginia, and if the vote of November 7th were taken to-day the Democrats would carry the State by 25,000 majority.

The Cincinnati Commercial says that the tobacco trade want, and have a right to demand, is a fixed policy on the part of the Government.

Let us have a "fixed policy." Down with the heavy tax upon the poor man's tobacco. "Free tobacco" would not be an unpopular war-cry.

To charge JOHN SMITH with having done an unlawful act to secure an opportunity to vote for sundry persons at an election for Representative in Congress is not to charge him in the language of section 5511 of the statute at all.

opportunity to vote. The offence charged, therefore, cannot be the doing an unlawful act to secure an opportunity to vote at an election. The offence denominated by the law is doing an unlawful act at an election.

There are 115,000 negro votes in the State of Virginia. At the present election about 200,000 votes were polled. If 60,000 of the 75,000 who did not vote were negroes, there were only 55,000 colored men who did vote. Of these more than 50,000 voted for John W. Mahone.

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At the above article from the National Republican of December 2d was written by George C. Gorham, the editor, it shows how little he knows about the politics of Virginia.

But conceding the figures of the Republican to be true, its statement is sufficient to show the fallacy of the charge that the white man, woman, and child in Virginia.

The Republican states that 50,000 negroes voted for Wise; that there are 115,000 negro voters in Virginia; that 65,000 voters all told stayed away from the polls or voted for Davis.

That is to say, the Republican party will carry the State in 1884 by a majority of 37,000. The Republican party will then be composed of 156,000 voters.

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THE TRANSIT OF VENUS. Summary of the Observations at the Principal Stations—in the Main Satisfactory.

We briefly summarize the reports of the observations of the transit of Venus made at the principal points of observation. The result of the observations of 1874 was a great disappointment, as the calculations of the various observing parties produced an irreconcilable difference.

Professor Sampson, of the Naval Observatory in Washington, says: We succeeded in taking two contacts, and, considering the cloudy condition of the sky, were very successful. Professor Frisby observed all four contacts, as did also Professor Harkness, but the latter recorded only two. I observed all four, and Ensign Brown observed three.

The weather was not at all favorable for photography. The image in these photographs is about four inches in diameter, and, as far as they go, they are all right, but what was wanted was good photographs, at short intervals, during the whole time occupied in the transit.

First contact, 8 hours 55 minutes and 9 36-100 seconds; second, 9 hours 16 minutes and 18 36-100 seconds; third, 9 hours 29 minutes and 56 11-100 seconds; fourth, 9 hours 19 minutes and 39 11-100 seconds.

At West Point, N. Y., the observations of the first and second contacts were very good. The sidereal time of the first contact was 14 hours 9 minutes 43 9-10 seconds, and of the second 14 hours 29 minutes 52 9-10 seconds.

A cold in the head is one of the best things that can happen to a lady with a large headpiece, and Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is decidedly the best remedy to cure that ailment.

MARRIAGES. Married, on the 25th of November, 1882, at the residence of Mr. J. M. McQuinn, by Rev. J. M. McQuinn, Mr. J. M. McQuinn and Miss M. M. McQuinn.

DEATHS. Entered into rest, at the residence of Mr. C. D. Duffin, on the 25th of November, 1882, at the age of 65 years, Mr. J. M. McQuinn.

MASSONIC NOTICE. The members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, in regular session, will meet on the 15th day of December, 1882.

NOTICE.—The members of the Old Dominion Lodge, No. 116, A. O. U. M. W., will meet on the 15th day of December, 1882.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. BEYOND ALL QUESTION. DRY GOODS ARE SOLD CHEAPER AT THIS TIME THAN AT ANY TIME WITHIN OUR MEMORY.

As stated in our previous advertisement, importers and manufacturers have met with serious disappointments in the quantity of goods they expected to dispose of.

21 FUR-LINED CIRCULARS at \$25—the same we have sold all the season at \$45; 22 SATIN RHADAMES—QUILT SILK Lining and Fur-Trimmed—\$12.50.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. AT JULIUS MEYER & SON'S. 601 AND 603 BROAD STREET. SWEETENING REDUCTIONS.

We are determined to keep up a constant supply of the ATTRACTIVE BARGAINS which have made our NEW STORE

40 pieces DIESS FLANNEL PLAIDS, were 35c., now 16 1/2c.; 41 pieces MOIRE SILKS, were \$1.00, now 50c.

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