

Both Houses have so solidly expressed their appreciation of their presiding officers that it leaves nothing for us to say, though it is perhaps proper for us to remark of Lieut. Governor Averill—placed among the state officers from the Union democracy—that the high reputation he acquired in his first term has been largely augmented in his second.

We are able to speak more of the personal qualities of our legislators of this year than of the business they have done. When they reach their homes they may be able to recall much that has been said and acted on, but their main work is left undone. The great want of the state is a militia law, under which Connecticut will be ready, at short notice, to send her able-bodied men into the field at the call of the state or the general government. Under the law we have she is powerless. She has really no militia. Upon call to go elsewhere or even to defend her own borders her men are in no condition to respond, and we should be in the position we were at the beginning of the war, without organization, uniform or drill.

After more than two years of war and the demonstrated necessity of a good militia system, and in the midst of a northern invasion when troops were sorely needed to repel the enemy, it is almost incredible that our legislature could adjourn and leave us in the helpless condition we are in. After all the experience of this war is there not wisdom enough in the state to frame a good law? We are aware that a factious minority in the House have spared no art and no device to defeat the bill. But what should we say of a majority that has permitted them to succeed? The bill has really been the brain feature of the session. With the exception of one or two financial, it has been the only one of great public importance. The session has been prolonged on account of it and it has been brooded over, discussed and amended. It is proper that the people should know that the discussion of the bill, which has failed at last, has cost the state not less than twenty thousand dollars. It has cost considerably more than the discussion of the Vallandigham resolutions, which were day after day forced upon the House by the "sympathizers."

Upon the merits of the bill itself we are not prepared to speak, nor is it for us to say which House is to blame for its death. But it does seem to us that the Senate in insisting upon its amendment striking out the provision for uniforming the militia—robbed the bill of one of its vital elements. It is true that it would cost something the first year to carry out the provision, but we should remember that if the emergency should arise for calling on the militia, their uniforming would be attended, in the haste and urgency of the occasion, with probably double the expense at which it would be done at leisure. And besides, a militia without a uniform, even if it got together in an organization and for drill, is and ever will be only a mob.

The bill fell between the friends of a good militia system and the enemies of any one that will be efficient in this war. Can it be that the state of Connecticut has not the requisite patriotism and ability to make a decent militia law? It is a strange spectacle.

The Vendetta.

Readers of the old American Review will remember a most powerful story published in it many years ago of the terrible revenge of a Texan called "Hot in the Eye." Which

Powder Mill Explosion.

The tremendous explosion which jarred the houses in this city like a small earthquake, and shook frightened people out of bed, at 2 o'clock this (Saturday) morning, took place in Burnside, East Hartford, about five miles distant. The corning mill of the Hazard Powder Co., where the powder is ground, exploded first, and was almost immediately followed by the explosion of a storehouse near by, containing five tons of government powder. Loss \$8,000 to \$10,000. No lives were lost. It is not known how the explosion originated. A barn near by was shaken down, and the refining mill considerably damaged, by the tremendous concussion. While some people in this city thought their houses were coming down about their ears, others slept soundly and heard nothing of it.

The Loss of the 14th Conn.

First Hospital of 2d Army Corps, Near Gettysburg, Pa., July 6th, 1863.

Editor of the Press—I enclose to you a list of the losses of the 14th Conn. Vols. during the engagements of July 2d and 3d, near Gettysburg, Pa.:

Killed—Corp. Samuel G. Huxham, Co. B; Wm. Goodell, D; Walter F. Standish, E; Thos. J. Brainerd, F; Aaron A. Clark, Alfred H. Dibble, Moses G. Clements, Wm. D. Marsh, G; Thomas M. Ames, H; Corp. Joseph Puffe, I.

Wounded—Surgeon F. A. Dudley, arm, by fragment of shell; Co. A—John Fox, arm, fragment of shell; Russell Glenn, face and hand. Co. B—Serg. Geo. H. Hubbard, arm, fragment of shell; Corp. E. B. Tyler, foot, musket ball; Jas. H. Page, head, musket ball; Augustus Guittd, back, fragment of shell; Patrick Daily, foot, slightly; Hiram H. Fox, hand, musket ball. Co. C—Lieut. J. W. Knowlton, back, concussion; Wm. Patrick, foot, slightly; Valentine Lungwitz, slightly; Owen McKeowan, hand, fragment of shell; Theodore C. Byington, ball in leg; Wm. C. Rice, buckshot in leg; Cornelius Daly, back, fragment of shell. Co. D—Capt. Walter M. Lucas, leg, contusion; Serg. Geo. N. Brigham, seriously, ball in side; Serg. Benj. Hirst, shoulder, fragment of shell; John F. Julian, seriously, temple, fragment of shell; Chas. Morrison, slightly, ball in groin; Corp. David W. Whiting, ear, fragment of shell. Co. E—Lieut. Frederick Shalk, slightly; Michael McDermott, ball in arm; Isaac C. Barrows, solid grape shot through leg and fragment of shell in side; Francis Bebe, in jaw, musket ball; Henry R. Frisbie, hand, buckshot; James Riley, arm, musket ball. Co. F—Lt. J. A. Tibbits, arm, musket ball; Danford J. Davis, head, slightly; James A. Stroazzl, ball in arm; contusion on head; Thomas Fenn, head, fragment of shell; Michael O'Connell, contusion, slight. Co. G—Corp. Stanley L. Chapman, ball in leg; John B. Stevens, ball in arm; Edgar L. Kly, ball through leg; Corp. John B. Stannard, ball in neck; Albert M. Hill, temple, fragment of shell. Co. H—Lieut. Henry L. Snagg, leg, fragment of shell; Lieut. Frank E. Stoughton, seriously, ball through lung; Thomas W. Gardiner, head, musket ball; James Crengan, knee and side, musket ball; Theodore Kohlrise, hip, contusion of shell. Co. I—Lieut. Frederick B. Seymour, ball in leg; Samuel H. Seward, stomach, musket ball; James W. Bonham, ball through thumb and wrist; Nelson Hodge, ball in knee; Thomas L. Crittenden, head, musket ball, severely; Henry H. Frankenfield, shot in neck; Serg. Geo. W. Baldwin, severely, ball in abdomen. Co. K—Capt. James B. Colt, run over by horse; Francis McVey, ball in arm.

Missing—(Supposed to have been taken prisoners)—Serg. Henry M. Cooley, Corp. Wm. Jacobs, John Gearty and James W. French, Co. A. H. S. BRAYNS, Chaplain 14th C. V.

State Items.

The barn of Burton Gilbert, in Warren, was recently destroyed by "shining, with the con-

lately, about the size of Jeff Davis', that he cannot tell how the "small" will suit him. They are just right for people this way we know. Rathbun, who besides his ability to always get the best cigars in the Cuban market, is well posted in military matters, informs us that the secret of the surrender of the rebels in Vicksburg is that Grant "smoked 'em out."

Another Tale of a Cat. The Courant says that a cat "belonging to Lawrence & Cook's market," on Wednesday morning last, "gave birth to five kittens, all attached to each other firmly, and so interwoven, that it is difficult to tell exactly where the connection is made. They are a curiosity well worth seeing. Being in such close communion they do not make any great fuss, though all are lively and partake of their regular nourishment with avidity."

The Parting Presents of the Legislators. The legislature has at last adjourned. Its session has been longer than any we remember, and the members seem to have cemented a warm friendship for each other, which, now that the fight is all over, shows itself in a general exchange of photographs, a large number of complimentary speeches and the giving of many valuable presents. For a full record of doings and speeches, we refer to our three or four columns of legislative reports.

The members of the Senate presented Lieut. Gov. Averill, this morning, with a large and elegant China vase, a costly China dinner set of eighty pieces, a silver goblet, and a lava cigar receiver—the whole costing about \$125. The presentation was made by Hon. Henry A. Mitchell of Bristol, (democrat) and replied to, feelingly, by Lieut. Gov. Averill.

The members of the House presented Speaker Cleveland with an elegant pitcher and salver of solid silver, costing \$175. Mr. Bond of New Haven (democrat,) made the presentation, to which the recipient made a proper response.

The silver ware was procured of Hemingway & Stevens, and may be seen in their show window for a few days. The China ware was purchased of Jas G. Wells & Co., No. 15 Asylum street.

The Senate and House reporters were also presented with \$50 each, out of the liberality of the legislature—a gift which the reporters know how to appreciate—and messengers and doorknockers all fared liberally.

Mr. E. P. Stevens of Suffield, on behalf of himself and fifteen other members of the legislature who have boarded at Ryder's Hotel during the session, last evening presented Mrs. Ryder with a handsome photograph album and the photographs of the donors.

Journal of the 3rd Regiment. Ord. Serg. Waters of Co. B, 23d regiment, has written a journal of the travels and experiences of his regiment, from the time of its leaving Hartford till its return. It is told all in rhyme, and set to popular tunes. Tennyson or Tupper has written no poetry like it. It will be interesting to members of the regiment and their friends. For sale at the news rooms.

The Situation.

Lee is at Hagerstown, fortified to some extent, and awaiting a battle. He has, by the best reports, one bridge at Williamsport, over which he has been able to get ammunition and supplies. Meade has crossed the South Mountain passes, and the two hosts stand confronting each other.