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GRAND LODGE IN OXFORD.

The Reports of the Officers Show a Healthy Condition of

MASONRY IN THE STATE.

The Report of Superintendent Lawrence Encouraging.--Grand Master's Address.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina convened at Oxford in the [illegible] annual communication in its [illegible] hall at the Orphan Asylum, Grand Master Walter E. Moore [illegible]. All the grand officers were [illegible]. The attendance was unusual[illegible] being present at the [illegible] delegates and visit[illegible]. Oxford entertained the [illegible] handsome style.

[illegible] of Oxford, on behalf [illegible], welcomed the [illegible] appropriate address. [illegible] on behalf [illegible] Lodge, expressing the [illegible] Grand Lodge at meeting [illegible] Oxford.

[illegible] annual address [illegible] which was filled with [illegible] pertinent sugges[illegible] and treasurer and secre[illegible] annual reports, [illegible] and growing [illegible] in North Carolina. [illegible] financially and financ[illegible] membership in the [illegible] over last [illegible] organ[illegible].

[illegible] of the orphan asylum [illegible] endowment of the [illegible] in California. This [illegible] an annual rental of [illegible]. The completion of [illegible] the asylum at a [illegible] reported. The re[illegible] dates the present efficient [illegible] Superintendent Lawrence's report shows the cost of main[illegible] children to be [illegible]. The past year has been [illegible] progress. The superin[illegible] the addition of wood [illegible] and modern dairy.

Sensation at Newbern.

Newbern has a sensation. Annie Ab[illegible] her mother, sues [illegible], who was appointed by [illegible] Hussell, president of the [illegible] Railroad Company, for [illegible] alleging that he ruin[illegible] was his wife's niece and [illegible] that Hancock's [illegible] and was unable to [illegible] North, that she went [illegible] was accomplished by [illegible] her in a Northern [illegible] at Newbern he [illegible] her insane father, [illegible] of the revenue marine [illegible] out of an asylum and [illegible] removed from a posi[illegible] schools and thus [illegible] to comply with his [illegible] in an interview, de[illegible] charges absolutely [illegible] full investigation.--[illegible] correspondent of the Charlotte [illegible].

[illegible] in Osborne's Hands.

[illegible] A. Osborne, of Charlotte, has [illegible] Adjutant General Stephen D. [illegible] of New Hampshire, in regard [illegible] the flag of the Fourth [illegible] Regiment, which, it ap[illegible] captured at Chancellors[illegible] in his letter [illegible] in order to ob[illegible] for the pleas[illegible] of that once splen[illegible] Adjutant General Ay[illegible] Osborne says Mrs. [illegible] who in winter closes [illegible] has left the mat[illegible] the flag entirely in his [illegible] will be happy to re[illegible] statement [illegible] Cooles that Col. [illegible] to receive the [illegible] Adjutant General gives the [illegible].

Will Herald His Reputation.

The [illegible] correspondent of the [illegible] says: "The college [illegible] itself that Dr. [illegible] fresh laurels for himself [illegible] department of physics by the [illegible] he displayed in his [illegible] X-ray apparatus, which made [illegible] surgical operation at Char[illegible] a few days ago. Dr. Smith was [illegible] professor in a Southern col[illegible] to get an X-ray photo[illegible] likely now this last ex[illegible] his reputation still [illegible]."

[illegible] Companies Chartered.

[illegible] of State charters the [illegible] and Lumber Com[illegible] and the [illegible] Clothing Com[illegible] Wilmington.

More Than Double the Number.

[illegible] at Davidson College [illegible] This is more than dou[illegible] in the catalogue in 1888 [illegible] when Dr. Shearer [illegible] president.

Invited to a Golden Jubilee.

[illegible] Russell is invited to attend [illegible] Golden Jubilee on the 24th [illegible] San Francisco, Cal., in honor of the [illegible] anniversary of the discovery of gold in that State.

Home Associations Doing Well.

State Auditor Ayer says that many of the foreign building and loan associa[illegible] are going out of business in this State, while the home associations are doing well.

21 Cents a Day.

It is found that the cost of lodging, feeding, clothing, guarding and giving medical attention to each convict in the county road gang in Wake is 21 cents a day.

Appeal for Cubans.

Secretary of State Sherman has issued another appeal for the destitute and suffering Cubans. President McKinley has appointed a central relief committee, with headquarters at New York.

TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

The South.

Atlanta, Ga., last year used $3,000,000 in building.

There is a movement to change the capital of Alabama from Montgomery to Birmingham.

The orange crop of Southern California, now being harvested, is in prime condition.

Rich deposits of platinum have been discovered near Jackson, Tex., at a depth of fifty feet.

Judge Dick, of North Carolina, has gone to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, at Baltimore, for treatment.

The Virginia Legislature has passed a bill providing that clubs must secure license to sell wines and liquors.

Mr. J. J. Newman, of Salisbury, N. C., is making efforts to organize a Rowan county settlers' association.

The car "City of Charlotte" was slightly damaged at Marion, N. C., by a shifting freight car on the side track.

E. H. Miller, a prominent tobacco manufacturer at Danville, Va., has made an assignment; liabilities $50,000.

The President has named Owen L. W. Smith, of North Carolina, to be minister resident and consul general of the United States to Liberia.

Secretary Townson, of the Norfolk (Va.) Young Men's Christian Association, has resigned to accept the secretaryship of the Pennsylvania Railroad Association.

The Isbell Corundum Company has been organized at Asheville, N. C., with $250,000 capital stock, to mine the Clay county mineral, twenty miles from Murphy.

There is a movement on foot to embrace in one national park the battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House, Va., embracing 6,500 acres.

At Huntington, W. Va., Carter Shifflette has been arrested for passing old city orders which mysteriously disappeared from the vaults at the city hall. Fifteen thousand dollars worth have been paid a second time. Shifflette says he came by the orders honestly. The aggregate amount of the missing orders is $140,000.

The Confederate veterans of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, have begun preparations for the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte, that occasion being the dedication of the monument to the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Charlotte Typographical Union, composed of about forty members, will be represented in the parade, as well as other organizations and societies.

The North.

The New York Legislature proposes to regulate the practice of mesmerism and hypnotism in that State.

Wm. C. Oakley, of Chicago, has been appointed by Comptroller Dawes national bank examiner to succeed Jos. Talbert, resigned.

Wm. T. Buckley, who, until Jan. 1st, was a member of the dry goods firm of Dunham, Buckley & Co., of New York, committed suicide by shooting himself in a boathouse adjoining his residence.

Adlai E. Stevenson, former Vice-President of the United States, has accepted the position of Western counsel of the North American Trust Company of New York, with a membership in the board of directors.

Mrs. Augusta Nack, jointly charged, with Martin Thorn, with the murder of Wm. Guldensuppe, a bath rubber, at Woodside, L. I., in June of last year, has been sentenced to fifteen years in the State prison at Auburn, N. Y.

Burglars entered the residence of W. W. Jacobs, 12 Waverly Place, Chicago, Ill., and carried away mining stock valued at about $10,000, besides a collection of rare coins, musical instruments, rare books, jewelry, silverware and clothing.

On February 1st 111 looms in the Manchester (N. H.) Cotton Mills will be stopped for an indefinite time. The cause assigned is the falling off in the demand for print goods. There will also be a reduction of about 10 per cent. in wages, affecting about 30 per cent. of the employes, on January 24th.

Miscellaneous.

Corbett offers Fitzsimmons $35,000 for a fight to a finish.

John Lincoln, of Bolshow, Mo., a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, has asked for a pension.

The whole story of the Indian uprising in the Indian Territory is a fake, says the Associated Press.

Robbers attempted to hold up a train on the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, but they made a "wind haul."

Four colored men have been lynched in the vicinity of Bearden, Ark., within the last few days for different crimes.

Rev. Dr. John S. Zahm succeeds the late Dr. Corby as provincial of the Catholic Order of the Holy Cross in this country.

Ex-President Cleveland, owing to press of business, has resigned the position of trustee of the New Jersey Historical Society, but will continue to be a member of the society.

A cablegram from London says General Both, of the Salvation Army, has sailed for America. His object in coming to the United States is to assist in organizing great additions to the army.

Dr. Evans the famous American dentist, who died at Paris, France, some months ago, has willed almost his entire fortune of twenty million francs to his heirs in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Atlantic Coast Line's New York and Florida special flyer was put in service, for the eleventh season, on the 17th. It is the fastest train running between New York and Florida.

The central Cuban relief committee of New York, recently made a large shipment on a Ward Line steamer, consigned to Consul-General Lee, consisting of 30,203 separate packages and in addition 500,000 grains of quinine.

The National baseball team--the St. Louis Browns--has been sold to a syndicate composed of John T. Brush, the Indianapolis baseball magnate, Messrs. Talbo and Schmidt of that city, and Frank de Haas Robinson, president of the Cleveland club. The price paid was $85,000, of which $60,000 is in cash and the remainder in notes.

TORNADO STRIKES ARKANSAS

Many People Killed in the Storm at Fort Smith.

PEOPLE BURIED IN THE RUINS.

The Mansion Where Albert Pike Lived Demolished--Churches Reduced to Kindling Wood.

A special from Fort Smith, Ark., of the 12th, says: Two score of human lives and upwards of $1,000,000 worth of property were destroyed by a tornado which burst upon this city a few minutes past 11 o'clock last night. The storm struck near the National cemetery, and tore its way through the entire city, leaving its path marked by death and desolation. Men, women, and children were awakened without a moment's warning to meet death by falling walls, or in the flames which engulfed many of the wrecked buildings.

The scene following the first terrific crash of the storm was one of awful grandeur. Business blocks, handsome mansions, hotels and humble cottages were razed and scattered in shapeless masses. Several of the wrecks caught fire and the inflammable timbers burned furiously. The city was crowded with rural visitors, many of whom were sleeping at boarding houses and unregistered. For this reason the number of victims who perished in Fort Smith last night, may never be definitely known. The tornado struck Garrison avenue, at the corner of Ninth street, and made a clean sweep from there to the Texas corner.

The ruins caught fire from the night lamps. Seven bodies were taken from these ruins. The Burgess Hotel, three-story brick, on Towsean avenue, was demolished. There have been eight bodies already taken from the ruins. Rescue parties are still at work at both places and expect to find several more bodies. George Carter's house was one of the first struck. It was turned completely over and is now supported on its roof. A half pane of glass was driven through Carter's body, almost severing the head from the trunk. M. W. Burk's foundry was demolished. The beautiful National cemetery is a wreck. Fort Smith's $50,000 high school building was badly wrecked. It was one of the few buildings upon which there was tornado insurance.

The tornado destroyed two historic buildings. Judge Parker's residence is badly wrecked and the old rector mansion, where Albert Pike passed his days, is a pile of ashes, the ruins having caught fire from a lamp. The First Baptist Church and the Central Methodist Church were razed and are now only a scattered pile of kindling wood. The Church of the Immaculate Conception and Brownscombe Memorial Church lost their spires and sustained other damage. The storm struck the city near the National cemetery and swept throughout the heart of the town. Leaving Fort Smith it bounded for Van Buren and continued to the river, demolishing everything in its path. News from outside points is not yet at hand, but rumors of great damage have reached here, it being reported that a number of persons were killed.

It is now thought all the persons in the wrecked buildings have been accounted for. The citizens relief committee has $10,000 in hand for assisting suffers. President Robinson, of the Frisco Railroad, unsolicited sent his check for $1,000. The Missouri Pacific Railroad also sent $1,000. Business is practically abandoned all over the city, and men of all classes are assisting in clearing the debris.

News from Crawford county says the storm left nothing but death and desolation in its path. It estimated that 100 head of cattle and horses were killed. At Farmington several buildings were demolished and a number of persons injured.

Demolished by an Earthquake.

The Hague--(By Cable)--An official dispatch from Batavia announces that the capital of Amboyna, one of the Molucia Islands, has been completely demolished by an earthquake. Fifty persons were killed and 200 injured. The correspondent of the London Standard, at the Hague, says a private dispatch received there asserts that 300 persons were killed by the earthquake in Amboyna.

Coach Falls Through a Bridge.

A day coach on westbound train No. 36, of the Western of Alabama railroad, went through Cubahatchie bridge, 21 miles east of Montgomery, Ala. Two persons, the conductor and flagman, were seriously injured, and eighteen passengers received bruises or other injuries, none of which are serious.

Crazed by Her Son's Crime.

Mrs. Christina Gentry, the mother of James G. Gentry the actor who two years ago shot and killed his sweetheart, Madge York, in Philadelphia, and is now serving a life term for his crime, died at Richmond, Va. Mrs. Gentry was 60 years old and enjoyed good health up to the time of the awful crime of her only son. This crazed her with grief, and she had been sinking steadily since.

Bank President Assassinated.

At Butte, Mont., P. A. Largely, president of the State Savings Bank, was shot and killed in his office. The tragedy seems to be the outcome of litigation resulting from the explosion, which occurred three years ago.

North Carolina Railroads.

The report of the North Carolina railway commission shows that the Atlantic Coast Line has 725 miles in North Carolin, value $6,484,000; value of rolling stock $827,000, other property $192,000. The Seaboard Air Line has 620 miles, value $3,079,000; rolling stock $440,000 other property $110,000. Miscellaneous roads have 1,220 miles value $5,028,407, rolling stock $669,000, other property $168,000. The Southern Railway has 1,100 miles, value $8,091,000; rolling stock $1,097,000, other property $164,000.

SUIT FOR TWO MILLIONS

Instituted by the Heirs of the Late Mary Smith.

THE HEIRS ARE RALEIGHITES

Action Brought to Recover Very Valuable Property in Several Counties in Illinois.

The heirs of the late Mary Morehead Smith have instituted suit to recover two million dollars' worth of property in the State of Illinois, which, it is maintained rightfully belongs to them. The heirs of the Mary Smith estate reside largely in Wake county, the majority of them being well known citizens of Raleigh. It has only been a few years since the Smith estate, which was a very valuable one, was sold and the money divided among the heirs. The suit, which has already been brought in Quincy, Ill., is brought by Edwin Harrison and others. Mr. Harrison is a native of Forestville, but at present resides in Chicago. Mr. Turner, a well-known lawyer of Quincy, Ill., has made several trips to Raleigh for the purpose of getting the Smith heirs to bring action. There being so many heirs, it took some time to obtain the consent of all the parties interested. A telegram from Quincey, Illinois, announces that the suit has been commenced by Edwin H. Harrison and other Eastern claimants. The action is brought to recover possession of thousands of acres of farm lands in Adams, Hancock, Warren, Knox, Henderson, Mercer, Peoria and other counties, claiming through Richard Smith, who lived in Raleigh, N. C., fifty years ago. Richard Smith, who was Wake's wealthiest citizen, died in 1852, leaving a will by which his estate went to his wife, Penelope Smith; and a daughter, Mary A. Smith, and after their death a vast amount of property in the Illinois military tract reverted to the daughter's children, if any, or to Smith's natural heirs. Smith's wife died long ago, and his daughter died later in a Philadelphia insane asylum. Now the natural heirs have combined to dispossess over 100 present occupants of large farms, on the ground that the latter's title is but the life estate of Mrs. Penelope Smith and the daughter. The property is now worth $2,000,000.--Raleigh Post.

Winston's Noted Divorce Case.

A noted divorce suit was concluded at Winston last week, the parties being Noah J. Tally and wife, members of two of the county's best families. The husband was the plaintiff and his charges against his wife were abandonment, and being two intimate with her brother. The jury was out only ten minutes and vindicated the wife by answering all of the issues in her favor. The decree of the court awards a divorce to Mrs. Tally, and awards her the custody of the only child. The husband secures no divorce by the court's verdict. The case has attracted much talk and no end of scandal, though few believed the charge of incest preferred against Mrs. Tally, making her own brother correspondent in the case, and the verdict completely exhonerates her.--Raleigh Post.

A Plan for Cotton Growers.

A. R. Logie, formerly of Bridgeport, Conn., now engaged in extensive farming in this State, addressed a large meeting of farmers at Charlotte; he has a plan for the cotton growers of the South to form an association, whose officers shall control the sale of the cotton crop; the sales to be made through a system of State banks which shall advance to the producers a certain proportion of the purchase money and the proceeds of sale after deducting all expenses at the end of the year to be divided among the producers in proportion to the amount of cotton sold by each man.

History of a Stalk of Cotton.

The Louisburg Times says: "Mr. Joe Strickland, one of our best farmers, gives us the following history of one stalk of cotton: In 1865 he noticed quite a fine stalk of cotton in his field which contained 68 bolls. It was pulled up and hung in the barn. His wife afterward picked the seed out with her fingers. In 1896 he planted these seed from the one stalk and that year raised 78 pounds of seed cotton. In 1897 he planted the seed from the 78 pounds and made this year 5,327 pounds seed cotton. It is a very superior variety of cotton."

President of the Society.

Dr. Walter C. Murphy has been unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Society, of Washington, D. C., succeeding Hon. William H. Cox, Secretary of the United States Senate, who declined a re-election.

Reduction in Telephone Rates.

The Railroad Commission in session at Raleigh made a sweeping reduction of yearly telephone rates of rental by ordering the following in effect on and after February 1. Business telephones, special wire, $30; two and three party wires each, $24; four and five party wires each, $18; residence telephones, special wire, $18; two and three party wire each, $16; four and five party wires each, $14. These rates do not apply to service outside the corporate limits of any city or town.

S. A. L. Buying Land.

The Seaboard Air Line has bought twenty acres of land, mainly from the North Carolina Car Company, quite near the city of Raleigh's northern boundary, and will use it as a site for shops, it is said.

Talk of More Dispensaries.

It is said that there will be applications for more dispensaries when the next Legislature meets. The fact that the one at Louisburg has turned in $1,600 and the one at Fayetteville $2,400 as part of the profits of six months' business will spread the dispensary idea, no doubt.

When a girl is worried about the kind of neckties a young man wears she loves him.--Somerville Journal.

THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA

THE SHIRT FACTORY.

Penitentiary Chapel Will Be Used as the West Wing Is Not Fitted Up.

At the penitentiary it is learned that for the present the chapel will be used as the shirt factory, as only fifty convicts are to be employed in that work, and as the big west wing is not fitted up. It will cost considerable to fit it up, as there are no floors and no windows. There are now less than 175 convicts in the penitentiary. Inside the big wall 25,000 cabbage plants have been set out. The old log houses, which were the first quarters for convicts and now used for stables, ought to be torn down, as they are both unsightly and a constant menace to the permanent buildings. Part of the old quarters were burned years ago. One of the prison curiosities is a negress who calls herself the Queen of Sheba and devotes her entire time to cursing. And such cursing! No sailor can surpass her. She is in the department for the female criminal insane. In that for the male criminal insane are some as dangerous men as there are in the State. The hands of one are kept chained all the while, otherwise he would surely kill. He is a double murderer.--Charlotte Observer.

Whiskey Causes a Murder in Wilkes.

Particulars have been received at Winston of a brutal murder in Wilkes county. William Morgan and John Waters, while intoxicated, stopped at the home of Rich Wellborns. Waters tried to get Morgan to leave, and when they reached the front door Morgan drew his knife and disemboweled Waters, causing death in a few hours. Morgan is in jail and fears that he will be lynched. He admits his guilt and asks for time to prepare for death. He is 55 years old and has a wife and four children. He has been in the penitentiary twice for stealing. Waters is 36 years old and left a family.

New Move in R. R. Commission Matter.

There has been made a new move in the railroad commission matter. Attorney Robert O. Burton has served on Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson notice to appear on the 17th before the United States Supreme Court, when a motion will be made to attach them for contempt of that court in violating its supersedeas and to compel them to restore J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson to the office of railroad commissioners and also to restore to the Wilsons the rooms, books and papers of the office. The contention is that Caldwell and Pearson took forcible possession after the supersedeas was granted and in defiance of it.

To Invalidate the Bonds.

An action has been brought in Wilkes county to invalidate the bonds which it issued a few years ago in behalf of the construction of the Northwestern North Carolina Railroad from Winston to Wilkesboro. Judge Avery has secured from Judge Timberlake an order restraining the treasurer of Wilkes from paying the interest or any part of the principal of these bonds until a hearing can be had before Judge Starbuck on a motion to cause the treasurer to show cause why he should not be enjoined until the case is determined by the courts.--Raleigh News and Observer.

Oxford Orphan Asylum Matters.

The executive committee of the Oxford Orphan Asylum met at Durham. During the past year $21,000 was contributed and expended; 211 orphans was cared for; provision is made for receiving sixteen more at once; steps are taken for building four cottages for girls, each to accommodate 20; four cottages for boys are completed and accepted; arrangements are made to change the editorial conduct of the paper, the Orphans' Friend, and secure an editor.

About Examining Teachers.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction writes a letter to county supervisors and boards of education, designed to remedy the practice of examining teachers at any time. The law requires examinations on certain days. But some teachers go at any time, not wishing to face a public examination but wishing a private one. This is a costly matter as, of course, the supervisor has to be paid for such work.

Fertilizer Bulletin Discontinued.

By special agreement between the Agricultural Department and the experiment station the publication of the analysis of the official samples of fertilizers will be made exclusively by the Department of Agriculture, and in consequence the fertilizer analysis bulletins previously issued by the experiment station have been discontinued.

Old Fence to Be Removed.

The arrangement between the city of Raleigh and the State is that the latter will remove the massive iron fence around the capitol square and that the city will place it around a cemetery. The fence was made in Chatham county in 1851 by a man named Barnes, and cost $8,000.

One of the stations of the railway which is to be built from the Red Sea to the top of Mount Sinai will be put on the spot where it is supposed Moses stood when he received the two tables of the law.

Southern Railway

FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS.

In effect May 9, 1897.

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RICHMOND TO CHARLOTTE.

	No. 9 Dy. A.M.	No. 11 Dy. N'n.	No. 17 Ex. S'nd'y A.M.	No. 35 D'ly P.M.	P.M.
[Eastern Time.]					
Lv. Richmond	12 00	9 00	6 00	.....	.....
" Amelia C. H.	1 18	.....	7 27	.....	.....
" Burkeville	1 51	9 54	8 04	.....	.....
" Keysville	2 30	10 30	8 43	.....	.....
" South Boston	3 40	4 00	.....	.....	.....
" Danville	5 50	4 55	6 00	.....	[illegible]
" Reidsville	.....	5 40	6 50	.....	.....
" Greensboro	7 05	6 45	7 53	.....	[illegible]
" High Point	.....	7 12	10 20	.....	.....
" Salisbury	8 17	8 10	9 57	.....	[illegible]
" Concord	8 48	9 03	10 30	.....	[illegible]
Ar. Charlotte	9 25	9 45	11 15	.....	[illegible]
" Spartanburg	11 37	.....	3 15	.....	[illegible]
" Greenville	12 33	.....	4 30	.....	[illegible]
" Atlanta	3 55	.....	9 30	.....	[illegible]
[Central Time.]					
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.

CHARLOTTE TO RICHMOND.

	No. 12 D'y. A.M.	No. 36 D'y. P.M.	A.M.	No. 38 D'y. N'n.	No. 18 D'y. A.M.
[Eastern Time.]					
Lv. Atlanta	7 50	11 50	.....	11 00	.....
[Central Time.]					
Lv. Greenville	3 41	4 46	.....	3 00	.....
" Spartanburg	3 37	4 37	.....	6 18	.....
Lv. Charlotte	[illegible]	[illegible]	.....	8 30	5 40
" Concord	7 22	10 07	.....	10 02	6 17
" Salisbury	8 15	10 47	.....	9 30	7 16
" High Point	9 20	11 40	.....	.....	8 30
" Greensboro	9 52	12 10	No. 18	10 44	8 56
" Reidsville	10 30	12 50	Ex.	.....	9 30
" Danville	12 30	1 30	S'n'y.	12 00	1 48
" So. Boston	1 48	.....	.....	.....	3 46
" Keysville	3 06	.....	6 00	.....	5 54
" Burkeville	3 55	.....	6 38	.....	6 44
" Amelia C. H.	4 36	.....	7 18	.....	5 07
Ar. Richmond	6 00	6 25	8 40	6 00	6 24
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.

HIGH POINT AND ASHEBORO.

No. 41 Ex. Sun	No. 11 Ex. Sun		No. 12 Ex. Sun	No. 40 Ex. Sun
1 00p	8 20a	Lv. High Point Ar.	11 30a	7 00p
3 30p	9 50a	Ar. Asheboro Lv.	10 00a	5 00p

THROUGH SCHEDULES (Southbound.)

	No 11 Daily.	No 37 Daily.	No 35 & 33 Daily.	No 9 Daily.
Lv. Washington	.....	10 43p	11 15a	8 00a
" Alexandria	.....	11 06p	11 38a	8 25a
" Charlottesville	.....	1 50a	2 37p	12 30p
" Lynchburg	.....	3 40a	4 05p	2 17p
" Danville	10 00a	5 50a	6 20p	4 55p
Ar. Greensboro	7 32a	7 05a	7 37p	6 32p
" Winston-S'm	9 30a	9 00a	8 50p	.....
" Raleigh	11 45a	11 45a	7 10a	.....
" Salisbury	9 37a	8 17a	8 50p	8 15p
" Asheville	3 10p	2 58p	12 13a	.....
Lv. Asheville	3 30p	3 30p	12 17a	.....
Ar. Hot Springs	5 12p	5 03p	1 59a	.....
" Knoxville	7 40p	7 40p	4 00a	.....
" Chattanooga	11 35p	11 50p	7 40a	.....
" Nashville	6 45a	6 45a	1 50p	.....
[Central Time.]				
" Charlotte	11 15a	9 35a	10 00p	9 45p
" Columbia	.....	11 50p	1 00a	.....
[Blanding St. Station.]				
" Aiken	.....	10 00p	.....	.....
" Augusta	.....	4 15p	8 00a	.....
" Savannah	.....	4 15p	5 00a	.....
" Jacksonville	.....	5 30p	9 10a	.....
" Tampa	.....	6 30a	7 00p	.....
" St. Augustine	.....	[illegible]	10 30a	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Atlanta	9 00p	5 55p	5 10a	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Birmingham	.....	10 10p	11 45a	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Memphis	.....	7 30a	9 40p	.....
[Central Time.]				
Ar New Orleans	.....	7 40a	8 10p	.....
[Central Time.]				

THROUGH SCHEDULES (Northbound.)

	No 12 Daily.	Nos 36 & 18 Daily.	No 38 Daily.	No 10 Daily.
Lv New Orleans	.....	7 50a	7 00p	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Memphis	.....	8 35a	9 00p	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Birmingham	.....	4 20p	5 44a	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Atlanta	7 50a	11 50p	12 00n	.....
[Central Time.]				
Lv Tampa	.....	7 00a	7 30p	.....
" St. Augustine	.....	5 20p	7 00a	.....
" Jacksonville	.....	7 00p	8 10a	.....
" Savannah	.....	11 35p	12 00n	.....
" Augusta	.....	9 30p	2 10p	.....
" Aiken	.....	.....	12 20p	.....
" Columbia	.....	5 54a	5 20p	.....
[Blanding St. Sta.]				
Lv Charlotte	8 40p	9 50a	8 30p	8 40a
[Central Time.]				
Lv Nashville	11 20p	12 50p	11 20p	.....
" Chattanooga	4 15a	6 20p	4 15a	.....
" Knoxville	8 25a	9 45p	8 25a	.....
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Lv. Laurinburg	[illegible]	.....
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Lv. Wadesboro	8 11	.....
Lv. Marshville	8 45	6 25
Ar. Monroe	9 12	6 43
Lv. Monroe	9 35	7 30
Ar. Charlotte	10 25	8 30
Ar. Mt. Holly	.....	9 10
Ar. Lincolnton	.....	10 25
Ar. Shelby	.....	11 45
Ar. Ellenboro	.....	12 20
Ar. Rutherfordton	.....	12 50
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Lv. Lincolnton	.....	7 00
Lv. Mt. Holly	.....	7 50
Lv. Charlotte	5 10	8 25
Ar. Monroe	5 56	9 10
Lv. Monroe	6 05	9 40
Lv. Marshville	6 25	.....
Lv. Wadesboro	7 01	10 31
Lv. Rockingham	7 41	11 05
Ar. Hamlet	7 55	11 30
Lv. Hamlet	8 45	.....
Lv. Laurinburg	9 11	.....
Lv. Maxton	9 30	.....
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	P.M.	P.M.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

There has been a great deal of talk about a union of the reform forces. We would like to see all who are in favor of reform get together and vote together, but we are not in favor of "union" unless it can be had on some other issue than the free coinage of silver. A party that is persistent in declaring that we must have only redemption money--money redeemable in gold or silver, is resting on too narrow ground for Populists to vote with; the foundation is too weak to hold up a great political party that wants a sufficient volume of money to do the business of this country on a cash basis. That the People's party made a mistake in attempting to effect a "union of reform forces" on the single issue of free coinage of silver in the late campaign none will deny. If the Bryan wing of the Democratic party can not take an advance step by declaring for full legal tender currency based on national honor and national resources and redeemable in nothing, the proper thing for Populists to do is to let them severely alone.

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If the Bryan wing of that party should take an advance step and declare for Populism and attempt to run it in the name of and through the Democracy as presently organized, there are but few of the rank and file of the voters but that would look upon them with distrust. When a man makes you faithful promises pledging his word and honor that he will fulfill the promises made, and then goes straightway and violates every pledge and promise made, you, of course, lose confidence in him, and if he comes back again in a new light and makes more pledges, you are exceedingly slow to trust him. He has deceived you once and he would do it again. The Democratic party through its great leader, Grover Cleveland, gave the country a dose of bad faith that has been alarmingly destructive to the best interests of the country. That party is now bobbing up again under a new light and new promises, but nobody at all seems to be enthusiastic in expressing their confidence in the "dear old party." We call it the "dear old party" and it is "dear" to us at this time. The nearer dead it gets the "dearer" it gets to us. In fact, we would love it much better dead than alive.

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Col. Norton recently said: "There is a big difference between Democrats and the Democratic party." There are thousands of Populists who have confidence in Mr. Bryan and they are disposed to look upon the rank and file of his followers with respect. Those who are honestly in favor of Mr. Bryan from principle are where we Populists were when we began to get our eyes open, but the overseers and managers of the Democratic party are the same old bourbons who were instrumental in nominating and electing Grover Cleveland. If Mr. Bryan should be elected by them he would be powerless to effect any financial reform with a set of silver plated gold bug Democrats in control of the party policy in the legislative branches.

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So it is useless to look to the silver wing of the Democracy for any financial reform or any other reform. As to the Republican party, it is useless to even mention its name in connection with reform. It is a dyed in the wool servant of the monopolists and money changers and the people's interests are not looked after any more by it than under Democratic rule. If there is any hope for the people through any party but the People's party we are unable to see it. One thing is very certain, if reform ever comes it must and will come by the enactment of the principles of Populism into law. The country is sick, very sick, and the People's party proposes the only remedy that is adequate. Let's apply the remedy with our ballots.

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Letter from Guatemala.

Through the kindness of Mr. J. B. Nicholson, of Huntersville, N. C. we are permitted to give our readers a treat in the shape of a series of letters from his son who is now located in Guatemala, Central America. These letters are not only interesting because of the subjects discussed, but are doubly interesting coming from a bright Mecklenburg boy. The letter we publish this week was written last July from Tendores, a small town in the southern part of the Guatemalan Republic:

Dear Father and Friends:—Father's letter that he registered, sure did come, and it was conveyed to me under a special guard of three soldier's and one clerk. When it first arrived at Puerto Barrios, it was dispatched to Guatemala City, for some reason unknown to me, then it was taken to Santo Tomas, a Government Fort just across the bay from Puerto Barrios, that's where things are done according to law, (supposed to be), but some of the laws would cause a N. Carolinian to smile a great long smile. Well, when my letter came to Santo Tomas, the Chief Cook and Bottle Washer there, whose title is Jefede Politico, telegraphed to Commandante here to notify the Jefede Estacior, that means Master of Station (that's me) to come to Santo Tomas with all haste. I was considerably puzzled at first, but on account of not having anybody to run the station, I had to tell the Commandante I could not go until some one came to take charge of the station for me. So two days later here came a Government Agent with the letter, and a big stamped document that looked like an iron clad oath of allegiance. I was joking about 3 soldiers, but the agent of the government was a reality, and the Documentary Paraphenalia also. I did not pay anything at all for special services, but on account of some law I had to give the Government Agent the original envelope. You asked me about the costumes of the natives here and if they observe Sunday. I have been thinking some time of answering these questions but hardly knew what to say. I have found out this much since your letter was received. The natives do not observe Sunday in any way noticeable at Tendoces. There is no church or place of worship here, and I feel safe in saying there is not one Bible in the place except the one owned by myself. The section foreman here has an Old Testament, and possibly one of the negro laborers might have a piece of some religious book, but there is no Spanish language Bible here, at least that is the result of my investigation, and do you know, I can not in any way find the Spanish name for heaven I have tried time and again, but it is not in my Spanish dictionary. The Spanish for God is "Dios," pronounced "Deeos." I have asked two or three people who speak Spanish about this matter and they all tell me they know nothing except Dios. A Frenchman told me a few days ago that there is a book at his home across the Mt. in which heaven is mentioned. He has promised to let me have it, and when he does so I will see how these people stand in regard to knowledge of a future resting place. It is a popular belief among the young boys and girls that the Devil stays in the bushes, of which Guatemala is more than three fourths covered, so there is plenty of room for any ordinary size Devil in the bushes, consequently plenty of room for the belief. While they tell you that God gives them their little brother and sister at birth, there is no sign of any belief in a burning hell. I have exhausted my supply of Spanish language investigating this, and all the information I can gather is that the Devil lives in the bush and is supposed the same as the American children think he is, with the same appendages, viz: horns and a tail, and he has a record of being a very ugly customer. They call him "Dablo." Every Sunday morning all the men armed with machette (a long sword) go over the place and cut down all the bushes and weeds in the paths, and on the river banks. This is a common law on account of the soil and climate, any place here will choke up with undergrowth in a few weeks and snakes as big as they get are very fond of such places.

WADE I. NICHOLSON.

[The letter for next week describes how the native women wash clothes and cook bread. It will be specially interesting to our lady readers.—EDITOR.]

When bilious or costive, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10, 25c.

A Waste of Money.

The government continues to waste money for free farm publications and free seeds. Speaking of the frightful waste of public funds, Farm and Home says that the United States Department of Agriculture alone issued 6½ millions copies of its 424 publications last year. A new law provides for the sale at cost of these documents. But although they have been extensively advertised in millions of free circulars, were offered postpaid at bare cost of paper, and were pushed upon the public in every conceivable way, only 13,000 copies were sold out of the 6 541 000 copies printed!

With such evidence before him, is it not surprising that Secretary Wilson asks for a large appropriation to spend on stuff so little in demand? In the other departments a sum of money about equal to that spent by Agricultural Department for the same purpose, is spent in sending out free publications to the people, who as a rule, consider them worth barely as much as the cost of taking them from the postoffice.

And our Congressmen continue to send out "free" seed, they evidently think the people are such silly geese that they don't know who pays for them. It is the people who foot the bills, and as this is true, we believe they prefer to know what they are buying when they purchase seeds or books. As for ourselves, when we buy things of this kind, we want some worthless, unasked for trash which may be what we need—and may not. There are, as a rule, a thousand chances that it is not the needed thing to one that it is the article needed.

We hope Congress will stop this foolish waste of the people's money.—Progressive Famer.

Watch that man about whom the plutocratic press tells no lies. Think twice before you vote for him. Watch that paper about which the plutocratic press tells no lies. Think twice before you subscribe for it. There's more sense than fun in a little joke from Puck. "I'm afraid," said the candidate, gloomily, "the other said has me beaten and they know it." "Why do you think so?" asked his friend. "Well, there are very few campaign lies being circulated about me." Plutocrats and monopolists don't waste their powder on dead game.—Progressive Farmer.

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Direct legislation is no longer merely desirable; it has become essential to the safety, if not the continued existence, of the republic. A few years ago the representative system was in decay—now it is in decay. Then we had many bad representatives, good or bad. This is literally true of state legislatures and city councils, and it is becoming increasingly true of congress. The former congeries of representatives, some honest and some corrupt, each acting form his individual motives has given way to the boss, who owns the legislative power in bulk, and who takes contracts to "jam through" any measure whose sponsors are willing to pay the price. The people enraged by successive betrayals, and realizing the hopeless folly of turning out one boss to make room for another, are in a dangerous mood. The only way of keeping their rising indignation within the bounds of order is to give them some peaceful method of controlling their own affairs. That is what direct legislation will do.—New York Journal.

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The farmer who thinks that the only thing to be remedied is the low price of cotton and the gambling in futures, is to be pitied for his ignorance. The volume of cotton to be raised will be fixed, by the farmer with a lot of children to support, for he will starve the others out of the business. Its price will be fixed by the ability of the producer to hold it and the amount that is produced. His ability to hold will depend upon whether he is upon a home industry, pay-as-you-go basis of living, instead of upon a country store credit basis. How can the farmer make the money he receives go further, is a question that cannot be avoided in a proper settlement of present conditions. He cannot stand the present government expenses or the present high freight rate to the Gulf. He will never see the products of his labor high enough to stand these and have anything left for his family. He is now paying high freight both ways, and supporting an army of extravagant office holders and pensioners like unto the number of the locusts of Egypt. A revolution against these will take his nose from the grind stone.—Southern Mercury.

It is well to think twice before cutting down a fine tree. Some claim that such a tree in a field is only "a big weed," but this is a narrow view. Possibly the hay crop may be slightly diminished, and the hoed crops will not yield quite as much as they otherwise would on account of the tree. But man ought to have some regard for the higher instincts of his nature. If he gets so that he can only see beauty in plants that have cash value in the market he dwarfs his nobler faculties. The man who should plant potatoes instead of flowers in front of his house would be looked upon as deficient in taste and strangers, at least, would gain the impression that he was not only an intensely worldly man, but that he was also lacking in mental cultivation. The man who removes a splendid tree because it takes a few feet of ground from his field crops is doing himself and all about him an injury. A fine tree is a great object lesson in the natural world. It also has a decided value as a home for birds—those greatly neglected friends of the farmer—and in its effects upon the soil and the air.—Practical Farmer.

According to Democratic ethics the man who renounces the Democratic party and goes to the Populist party is a "crank." If he go to the Republican party he is an "office seeker," and should he join the Prohibition party he is a "damphool," but if he leaves either one of these parties and votes the Democratic ticket he is considered a hero and given a front seat in the procession. The fact that he has the moral courage to cast his vote for what he considers the best interest of his home and country counts for nothing so long as he refuses to believe that those interests can be best subserved by voting the Democratic ticket. To be a "good Democrat" it is only necessary to be servile. Principle counts for nothing.—Carolina Watchman.

She—Very slippery coming home, was it not?

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—Cotton remains at 5¼ cents. If you have your staple stored, hold it.

—Postmaster Mullen returned from a business trip to Washington this week.

—Mr. Edgar Sossaman, of Huntersville, spent a few days in Charlotte this week.

—Assistant Lecturer Jamison is now residing in the city. We give him a hearty welcome.

—Rev. James Boyce, of Huntersville, will give a birthday party next Tuesday.

—Messrs. R. Ross Steele and C. F. Morris, of Huntersville, called in to see us this week.

—Bro. E. T. Snipes, of Hertford county, reports a good county Alliance meeting last week.

—January 19th is Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday. The day was observed by the public schools.

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—Rev. W. W. Orr and family of Huntersville, removed to Corsicana, Tex., last Monday. Rev. Orr expects to be gone 5 years.

—The county commissioners of Rowan county were down this week inspecting Mecklenburg's good roads. Mecklenburg leads the State in road building.

—The streets are crowded with wood wagons. The colder weather is increasing the demand for wood much to the delight of farmers who fail to get rich on their 5 cent cotton.

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Take your old watch or clock to J. T. Scarboro and he will make it tick.

See J. W. Brown when you want something to eat.

See the editor and ask him if he will take meal, meat or wood on subscription.

United Action Wanted.

We are glad to note that the Alliance took action in regard to pressing the claims of farmers before the cotton convention which is to be held in Charlotte to-morrow. If these two committees composed of Mecklenburgs best men will be able to reach such conclusions as will unite all interested in the welfare of farmers in one grand body. We must have united action to accomplish any lasting good.

"Well, what did you get for Christmas that you will be likely to remember longest?" "The bill my wife ran up in buying things for her relatives." —Cleveland Leader.

Our County Alliance.

Thursday, Jan, 13th at 11 o'clock a. m. the Mecklenburg county Farmer's Alliance met in regular quarterly session in a rear room of Dr. J. B. Alexander's drug store. Pres. J. K Rankin opened the Alliance, and in the absence of Bro. R. W. Elliott, Bro. J. R. Utley was elected secretary pro tem. After a few desultory remarks by members, Bro. J. P. Alexander moved that a committee of 5 on the good of the order be appointed by the president, which should report to an adjourned meeting at 2 o'clock. After appointing the following brethren on this committee the president adjourned the Alliance till 2 o'clock, J. P. Alexander, J. P. Sossamon, R W Cope, D A Barkley, J R Utley. On motion the president was added to this committee. After recess, sharply at 2 o'clock: the Alliance re-convened and the committee appointed in the forenoon submitted the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

AN OVERTURE, NO. 1.

Whereas, It has been brought to the attention of this body that a mass meeting of cotton growers and others interested in the amelioration of the cotton situation was held in the city of Charlotte January 8th, and

Whereas At this mass meeting a committee on a plan of organization was appointed and instructed to report at a like mass meeting to be held at same place January 22nd, and

Whereas, The Mecklenburg county Farmer's Alliance is an old organization and the only farmer's organization in the county in thorough working order, and

Whereas, Its whole object and aim is the betterment of the farming and laboring classes, including cotton growers, and the protection of these classes, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mecklenburg county Farmer's Alliance in regular session assembled in Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 13, 1898, do overture this committee on organization to grant a conference to a committee from the Mecklenburg County Farmers Alliance at the Mayor's court room on Jan. 22nd at 10 o'clock, a. m.

COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS, NO. 2.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to confer with the committee from the cotton growers mass meeting be requested to suggest to the Alliance executive committee to call together the county Alliance in extra session at any time and place it may deem necessary after conferring with said cotton growers committee.

BUSINESS AGENCY, NO. 3.

Resolved, That Mecklenburg county Alliance will endeavor to patronize the State Business Agency of the Farmer's Alliance so far as is within our power in the matter of buying supplies.

SHOE FACTORY NO. 4.

Resolved, That we hail with delight the news that our shoe factory is in operation. After the adoption of the above resolutions, the president appointed the following brethren as a committee to confer with the cotton growers committee: J. P. Alexander, J. P. Sossaman, J. R. Utley, R. W. Cope, D. A. Barkley, J. S. Davidson, Jas. A. Wilson, Leander Querry, C. W. Miller, Chas. Gibson, A. J. Hunter. On motion the president was added to this committee. Mr. J. S Davidson offered the following resolution which was adopted after some discussion:

Resolve, That Mecklenburg county Farmers Alliance urge the managers and editors of our State organ, the Progressive Farmer, to be less partisan in political discussions and to devote more space to advocating non-partisan, Alliance principles. The Alliance adjourned about 4 o'clock after one of the most encouraging meetings in several months.

In the Alps a wet season means a fatal one. The last number of the Alpine Journal states that last summer was a very wet one, and that 134 persons lost their lives. The most striking accident of the year was that on the Jungfrau, where a young Saxon named Bein, and two of the Andereggs, the famous guides, were swept down in an avalanche. The two Andereggs were killed and Mr. Bein, who is said to have fallen 500 feet, escaped with a broken leg.

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Alliance Shoe Mill.

We made a flying trip to the Alliance Shoe Mill at Hillsboro on the 12th We are pleased to say that the Shoe Mill is moving along nicely, turning out about 100 pair of shoes daily. All that is wanting now is for the brethren and friends of the Alliance to patronize the manufacturer. Arrangements will be made as early as possible to get the shoes before the brethren in each and every county in the State. The brethren should make arrangements in every county in the State to have their respective counties canvassed by an Alliance lecturer with the understanding that he carry a sample lot of Alliance shoes and make an agent in each county to handle shoes. We hope this will be done at once, while the farmers have a little spare time and no political uproar to bother. To the brethren of Mecklenburg we will say we have a sample of the shoes at our office that can be seen at any time.

J. P. S.

Subscribe Now.

This is a campaign year, and everybody must read some papers to keep posted politically. A county and legislative ticket is to be elected in Mecklenburg county next November. The People's Paper will be in the thick of the fight. It proposes to line up with the true and tried populists and other reformers of the county in their effort to drive out the gang now in control. If you are a reformer, and want to aid in this fight now is the time to store up ammunition and prepare yourself, and you can do this in no better way than subscribing for the People's Paper. In clubs of three will send the Peoples Paper from now till the 1st Jan 1899 for 75 cents. Get two of your neighbors to join you and take advantage of this extremely liberal offer. Old subscribers renewing may take advantage of this offer. Bring in or send your subscription at once.

Drank like a Beast.

The following story of the late Dr. Kidd, of Aberdeen, and his beadle is told in the "Humor of the Scot". The kirk officer, it would appear, was a victim to the national vice. He had often been censured, as often forgiven, and yet again would fall into his old ways.

One day the worthy Doctor was confronted by Jeems so intoxicated that all his customary caution and sleek humility had flown. In a reckless mood he challenged the burly old doctor to come and drink with him. Recognizing the futility of trying to reason with a man in such a state, Dr. Kidd replied: "Oh, ay, Jeems. I'll come wi'ye, an' I'll drink like a beast to please ye."

"H'ory!" said the beadle. "Come ong !"

So they entered the inn, this strangely assorted couple, the mark of observation to many a curious eye. Jeems started to order a "mutchkin," but the reverend doctor filled a glass with cold water and quaffed that.

"Hoots! expostulated the bacchanalian beadle. "Ye said we wad drink like a beast, doctor."

"Ay, Jeems, an' so I have," was the dignified reply; "for ye know a beast is wiser than a man, an' drinks only what's gude for it—an' that's water." —Exchange.

The Wadesboro Courier says that editing a newspaper is very much like raking a fire—every one thinks he can perform the operation better than the man who has hold of the poker. And the Omaha Union tells the same old story in the following sad joke, evidently from real life:

Young Journalist—I would like to have some advice as to how to run a newspaper.

Veteran Editor—Sorry, my lad; you've come to the wrong person. I am only the editor of this paper. Better consult one of my subscribers.—Progressive Farmer.

A snappish female of the Amazon type whose husband sat sleepishly by, was being interrogated rather vigorously by the opposing counsel, when she blurted out angrily: "You neednot try to catch me; you tried that once before and couldn't." The lawyer leisurely replied, "Madam, I have not the slightest desire to catch you, and your husband looks as if he was sorry he did."—Exchange.

Some people are like nails. They have to be thumped on the head to make them go straight.

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SEVEN DOCTORS FAILED.

A Case of Systemic Catarrh in Its Worst Form Cured.

Invalids would do well to read the following letter recently written to Dr. Hartman by Mr. Abe Miller, of Sidesville, Indiana. Not only read it, but ponder on it. Not only ponder on it, but act upon it. He writes: "A word of praise to your medicines. I began taking Pe-ru-na the 20th of Feb. 1897. I was all worn out. My weight was 134 lb. I was weak and almost ready to go to bed. I had catarrh, asthma and kidney trouble. I have taken ten bottles of Pe-ru-na and I weigh 161 pounds. I feel as if I could do as much work as any man on earth. I had tried seven doctors; some of them as good as there were in the state. But none of them did me any good. At last I saw Pe-ru-na advertised. Then I began taking it and it has cured me. So I recommend it to my neighbor and it is doing the work for him. He has gained four pounds from the use of three bottles."

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On the first Monday of each and every month.

McKinley and Russell club of this city, which is supposed to represent the political sentiment of the colored race of this county, propose to meet at the Colored Pavilion in Latta Park and have a jolly good time in furtherance of the political rights of the negro. All kinds of innocent amusements will be allowed, the only restriction imposed being such as may be necessary for the maintainance of good order. Let everybody come. If you want to swap, sell or buy a horse, mule, cow, hog or anything else in the stock line, you will be permitted to do so, also all other trading.

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Mail orders receive prompt attention.

Say you saw this ad in People's Paper

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Livery, Boarding and Sales Stables.

Special attention given to stalling and feeding country horses. Separate from the main office we have a

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Apples-dried-quarter bright	2½ to
" " bright sliced	2 to 4
" " fancy bright sliced	
" " extra	
Peaches-unpeeled-halves,	3 to 5
" " peeled-bright,	5 to 7
Blackberries-dried,	
Extra flour-sack,	2 50 to 2 75
Family " "	2 25 to 2 50
Hides-dry-per lb,	6 to 8
" green, " "	4½ to 5
Wool-wash,	15½ to
Bacon-hog round-per pound	06 to 6
" -ham	12 to 12
" -sides	7
" -shoulders	5½ to 6
Oats-32 pounds per bushel	35
Peas-clay	50
" -mixed	50
Meal-bolted-44 lb per bu	55
"-unbolted-48 " "	45 to 50
Corn-old-56 lb per bu	50
Onions-select-per bu	80 to 90
Eggs-hen	12 to 13
Wheat	85 to 1 00
Rye	60 to 60
Honey-strained-per lb	10½
" -comb-per lb	10 to 15
Ducks	15 to 20
Hens-perhead	20 to 22
Spring chickens	15 to 17
Roosters-per head	15 to 20
Feathers	35 to 41
Lard-N. C.	7½ to 8
Tallow	2½ to 3½
Turkeys-per lb	7 to 8
Guineas	10 to 12
Geese	25 to 30
Butter-choice yellow	15 to 20
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Sweet " "	35 to 40

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Corsets from 15c up. Ladies hose 2½c pair. Men's socks 2½c.

Gents' Wool Underwear 25 cents.

BIG LOT OF CLOTHING.—Children's suits from 25c up; Men's pants, all grades, bought at a heav discount. We offer men's pants from 25c up. Men's undershirts 10c. Big lot sample Hats at just half regular price. Gingham 2½c, Sheeting 2½c, Alamance Plaids 2½c, Box Buttermilk Soap, three cakes in box, for 5c.

FOR ONE CENT.

Two boxes blueing, 25 sheets writing paper, two blank books, cake soap, two balls sewing cotton, two paper tacks, two papers needles, four boxes matches, paper pins, handkerchief, bottle ink, two ards lace, and hundreds of other useful articles, only one ct.

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We have bought 100 dozen Chair to sell at 50c each.

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100 Solid Oak Suits, extra fine with broad glass at $12.50.

Can save ou money on all kinds of Furniture, Carpets, Pianos and Organs.

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Wagons, Hacks, Buggies, etc.

We can and will sell you any thing in the VEHICLE line for less money than the same can be bought at any other place.

We buy them at rock bottom cash prices and will sell them on the same basis.

Do not buy until you see us. We can and will save you money besides give you the best work on the market.

COME TO SEE US BEFORE BUYING.

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Shaving and Shearing Works.

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Next to 2nd Pres. church.

Rev. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., on the Keeley Cure.

I ... impressed with this whole Keeley ... * * * there will not be ... United States or in the world ... touched by it." * * * ... such a cure taught ... throughout all the earth and all the ... * * * "We cannot read it down, we cannot talk it down; it will be ... triumphant and be recognized in all the land and all the lands of the earth." * * * The Keeley Cure has saved where ... under heaven would." * * * It has ... the approval of the Lord God Almighty.—Excerpts from Published Address and Sermons.

(Dr. ... Dec. 11, '97.)

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Nature Hates a Bachelor.

Some curious figures have lately been made public by a celebrated Berlin physician, which seem to point to the fact that if a man wants to live long and preserve his health and strength he ought to marry. Among unmarried men between the ages of 30 and 45 the death rate is twenty-seven per cent. Among married men between the same ages it is only eighteen per cent. For forty-one bachelors who live to be 40 years of age seventy-eight married men triumphantly arrive at the same period. The difference gets ... as time goes on. At 60 years of age there are only twenty-two bachelors to forty-eight married men; at 70 there are eleven bachelors to twenty-seven who are married; and by the time they reach 90 the married men are three to one, for there are nine of them to every three bachelors.

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Toned up by taking

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Is your hair dry, harsh, and brittle? Is it fading or turning gray? Is it falling out? Does dandruff trouble you? For any or all of these conditions there is an infallible remedy in Ayer's

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X-RAYS SAVE LIFE.

The First Use of the Roentgen Rays in Surgery in the South.

About eight weeks ago the 5-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Harris, of Harrisburg, N. C., swallowed a brass thimble—child's size—and the shape of a tailor's thimble, open and sharp at both ends, which caused the child great agony, and it had wasted away until it was a mere skeleton. The parents had Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson College, N. C., to apply the X-ray, which resulted in locating the thimble. A consultation was held and it was decided to take the child to the Charlotte Medical and Surgical Institute, Charlotte, N. C., which was did at once, and on the 8th Dr. Smith made the application of the Roentgen rays to the body at the hospital. The childs clothing was not removed as the rays easily penetrate any number of cloth. The fluoroscope revealed the object plainly, and all the physicians present examined the body and agreed as to the location of the thimble. The thimble was found to be located to the left of the backbone, and at the bi-furcation the trochia, about three inches below what is known as the "Adam's apple" in the throat. Drs. J. P. McCombs, R. L. Gibbon, C. A. Misenheimer, W. H. Wakefield, J. R. Irwin, of Charlotte; Dr. S. M. Hendron, of Croft; Dr. J. C. Black, of Harrisburg; Dr. Henry Louis Smith, of Davidson; Rev. J. W. Stagg and others were present when the Roentgen rays were turned on the body.

Dr. C. A. Misenheimer handled the surgeon's knife and he was assisted in the operation by Dr. R. L. Gibbon and Dr. Irwin. The first stroke of the knife struck the thimble, and it could almost be touched by the finger. But it had been there for eight weeks and the flesh had grown around the edges and held it firmly in place. The surgeon worked some minutes before the thimble could be dislodged, and then it had to be turned completely around and drawn out the large end foremost. The thimble was out and the operation completed in an hour and a half. The child rallied in a short while and asked for some water. She seemed greatly relieved and not many minutes later wanted her dinner brought to her. She is resting easy and unless some unforeseen relapse occurs will soon completely.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

The Year Opens With Quiet Confidence in all Branches of Business.

Bradstreet's review of the state of trade for the past week is as follows: The year opens with a quiet confidence pervading nearly all of the branches of business. Encouraging activity in the iron trade, resumption of work by many thousands of industrial employees in the Western glass industry, largely reduced the volume of business failures as compared with corresponding periods in preceding years, and the general outlook is certainly not inferior to any previous year at this time.

The distribution of trade has been rather slow pending stock-taking and the return of salesmen to the field. While the volume of distributive business is no larger, the industrial activity is a special feature, unconfined to any one section, but specially notable in the West.

Resumption of work after the holidays has been general and encouraging in that section.

Autumn weather in the Northwest checks distribution, but collections are reported good.

Sales of Southern iron large. The Louisiana Sugar crop returns are very satisfactory.

Nine-tenths of the Florida orange crop was gathered before the last freeze.

Cotton is steady on good export demand.

Wool has opened up actively at some Eastern markets, and lower prices for cotton goods have stimulated some demand.

The wage reductions at New England cotton mills is very generally accepted.

The jewelry trade is encouraged by the small number of failures in that line.

Preparations for active Alaskan trade are being made on the Pacific coast, and reported in California.

Prices have shown few important changes, and steadiness in the leading features. There is a slight gain in the number of failures reported this week over last, the total aggregating 338 against 297 last week, but a heavy fall off from 1897, when the total was 388.

Death Rather Than Dishonor.

At Florence, S. C., for some time mail has been taken from the lock boxes at the postoffice. Postmaster McKenzie stationed himself in the office to catch the rogue or rogues, and about 6:30 o'clock on the night of the 7th, after the mail was distributed, a white man named Andrew Welch came in, unlocked one of the boxes and reached around and took a letter belonging to Johnson & Wells, which had a small check in it, as was afterwards ascertained. Mr. McKenzie came out and caught Welch and carried him in Dr. Covington's drug store, where Welch pulled his pistol, but Mr. McKenzie got the drop on him, so he turned his pistol and shot himself through the pit of the stomach. He died in about one hour. He preferred death to disgrace.

Watts—"Getting a little rest out your way since the piano girl took to the wheel, aren't you?" Potts—"Naw. Her bicycle bell is louder than the piano was."—Indianapolis Journal.

ISLAND OF CUBA PICTURED

Assistant United States Attorney-General Reports What He Saw.

200,000 IN ACTUAL NEED.

Wants $20,000 Distributed Every Day By Our Consuls—Starvation, Disease and Death on All Sides.

Hon. Chas. W. Russell, assistant United States attorney in the Department of Justice, has returned from Cuba, where he has spent two weeks investigating the conditions prevailing on the island. To the Associated Press Mr. Russell said: "I am very glad to be interviewed on the subject of Cuba, because I feel it a solemn duty to humanity to endeavor to make the American people realize the terrible distress which exists there. Much has been written on the subject, but judging others by myself, I feel quite sure that because we do not commit and have not in our history committed such atrocities as Spain is committing on that island, the American reading public regards the reports as biased by the preconceived opinions of newspapers or grossly exaggerated.

"I spent just two weeks in Cuba, visited Havana, went South to Juraco, southeast to Guineas, northeast to Mantanzas, eastward about 200 miles through the middle of the country to San Domingo, Santa Clara and Sagua la Grande. I visited Maria Nao, a short distance west of Havana, and saw along the railroad 30 or 40 towns and stations. In Havana I visited the Fosses, the hospital prison Aldecoa, where I talked with the father of Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros at place called the Jacobs. I found reconcentrados at all three places, and begging everywhere about the streets of Havana. The spectacle, at the Fosses and Jacobs houses, of women and children emaciated to skeletons and suffering from diseases produced by starvation, was sickening. In Sagua I saw some sick and emaciated little girls in a children's hospital started three days before by charitable Cubans, and saw a crowd of miserable looking reconcentrados with tin buckets and other receptacles getting small allowances of food doled out to them in a yard. In the same city, in an old sugar warehouse, I saw stationed around the inside walls the remnants of 20 or 30 Cuban families. In one case the remnant consisted of two little children of 7 or 8 years. In another case, where I talked to the people in broken Spanish, there were four individuals, a mother, a girl of 14 and two small girls. The smallest was then suffering from malarial fever. The next had the signs on her hands, with which I had become familiar, of having had the beri-beri. These four were all that the order of concentration had left alive of eleven. At San Domingo, where the two railroads join, the depot was crowded with children and women, one of the latter, as I remember, being swollen up with the berri-berri, begging in the most earnest way from the few passengers."

He says starvation, disease and death is on all sides, and that 200,000 Cubans are in actual need of aid, for they are neither getting medicine or food. He wants $20,000 distributed every day by our consuls.

The Half Has Not Yet Been Told.

Congressman King, of Utah, after spending several weeks making a personal investigation of the situation in Cuba, has returned. Speaking of his trip, among other things, he said: "I made it to learn just what conditions were, and I found that no one has ever half depicted the awful horrors of the reconcentrados. These people, naked and emaciated, are still dying like sheep in the streets of the towns, where they are still huddled. To realize just what this means one must see for himself." It has been said that Consul-General Lee was to take the field with Gen. Blanco, but Mr. King says "I know positively that Gen. Lee is not going."

SEATS FOR FEMALE CLERKS.

Merchants in Virginia Must Provide Them.

The Virginia State Senate has reconsidered the vote by which the bill requiring merchants to furnish seats for female employes has been passed unanimously.

In the House, Mr. Churchman introduced a bill to amend and re-enact section 3652 of The Code, as to the wages of a laboring man, who is a householder, that are exempt. The measure provides that in cases where the debt is due for rent or for house for family, and for provisions and clothing bought for support and maintenance of the householder's family, this exemption shall not apply.

Coleman's Cotton Mill.

The Concord, N. C., correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: "The cornerstone of the Coleman Cotton Mill will be laid on Tuesday, Feb. 8th, with appropriate ceremonies. W. C. Coleman, the secretary, has interested quite a number of prominent people in the experiment of the negro in the cotton mill, and has invited men from all over the State and nation to be present. Among those booked for the occasion are Col. A. K. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times; General John B. Gordon, of Georgia; Senator Pritchard, Governor Russell and many others of equal prominence, while from his own race he will have here Booker T. Washington, Congressman White, Bishop Hood and others."

Lynching is Strongly Condemned.

The Legislature of Maryland met on the 11th to receive the Governor's message. The document was devoted almost entirely to local issues, but lynching is strongly condemned. The passage of laws to suppress "outlaw" race tracks, prize fighting and dog fighting are urged. Senator J. Wirt Randall, president of the Senate, is announced as a candidate for the United States Senatorship.

Hanna Wins His Fight.

A special from Columbus, O., says: Senator Hanna received 73 votes, a majority of one over all in total membership of 109. The Senate voted 19 for McKisson and 17 for Hanna. The House vote stood: Hanna 56; McKisson 49; Wiley 1; Warner 1; Lentz 1, and one absent.

Insurance Agent Sent Up.

E. F. Hanna, agent in Wilmington, N. C., of the Immediate Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, has been sentenced to two years in the State penitentiary for stealing a life insurance policy.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

Proceedings of Both the Senate and House Day By Day.

THE SENATE.

13TH DAY.—In the Senate Mr. Teller, of Colorado, in a speech branded the press reports about Secretary Gage's resignation as an insult to the advocates of free coinage. Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, offered a resolution declaring that the United States should independently and without delay begin and continue the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Senator Butler, of North Carolina, presented a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the election of the Federal judiciary. The resolution went to the table to permit Mr. Butler to make a speech on it. A message from the President informed the Senate that the sale of the Kansas Pacific Railroad had been postponed to Feb. 16-18, and also submitted the Agricultural Department reports on experiment stations.

14TH DAY.—In the Senate a bill was favorably reported from the Indian committee, prohibiting railroad companies from charging more than 3 cents a mile for passengers through Indian Territory. A resolution was introduced looking to the filteration of the water used in the city of Washington having been offered and referred to the District of Columbia Committee, Mr. Hale, of Maine, said that in no part of the United States was there a city whose citizens were so abused and imposed upon as to the water supply as are the citizens of Washington. "We are confronted with bad, foul water," said he, "so filthy, indeed, as to make it dangerous to drink and even to take a bath." The Senate at 12:50 went into executive session to consider the Hawaiian annexation treaty.

15TH DAY.—Except for a few minutes given to a controversy over some minor postoffice confirmations, the entire time of the executive session of the Senate was consumed by Senator Davis, of Minnesota, in a speech in support of Hawaiian annexation. Mr. Davis is chairman of the Senate committee on foreign relations, and his speech was generally accepted as the semi-official utterance of the majority of the committee. He spoke for about two hours, and when the Senate adjourned he had not finished.

16TH DAY.—Senator Davis completed his speech in the executive session of the Senate on the Hawaiian treaty, and was followed by Senator Allen, of Nebraska, who spoke in opposition. Mr. Davis' speech was devoted largely to a presentation of the stategic features of annexation. He displayed a chart in front of the presiding officer's platform, showing the location of Hawaii relative to this country and Asia. One of the points brought out with considerable elaboration was the probable effect on the Nicaraguan canal of the occupation of the islands by some foreign power. Chandler introduced a resolution requesting a list of the officers of the army be furnished the Senate.

THE HOUSE.

14TH DAY.—The civil service debate still goes on. All efforts to fix a time for the termination has failed, and the interest in the discussion does not seem to be waning.

15TH DAY.—The civil service debate was continued in the house. The remainder of the session under a special order was devoted to eulogizing the memory of the late Representative Wright of Massachusetts, and the 17th was set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Representative Milliken, of Maine.

16TH DAY.—The opponents of the civil service law had much the best of the debate in the House, so far as the number of those engaging in it were concerned. Eight of the ten speakers were of the opposition. The friends of the law are very anxious to shut off further debate, and in this will have the co-operation of speaker Reed and the rules committee.

good children who had never brought shame or grief to their parents. This is the biggest and best thing I know of. And we had wit and anecdote and conundrums all mixed up with oyster soup and turkey and "eat ceteras." I asked Judge Aiken what kin he was to his sister's husband's mother-in-law and he gave it up in despair. I hear that he pondered over it all the way home and away in the night cried out: "Eureka! Eureka!" Then Mayor Gilbert put the seventeen elephant problem at me and I got tangled up and then I asked him how a ground squirrel dug his hole in the ground without leaving any dirt around the top, and it scared him, but his wife came to his relief and answered it. Men haven't got very much of that kind of sense and I always depend upon my wife, I don't like to strain my mind.—Bill Arp in Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

17TH DAY.—The civil service debate which was inaugurated in the House a week ago, ended. It opened with a row, but ended very tamely. There was not even a vote on the appropriation in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill for the commission upon which the debate was predicated. The Republicans, who are seeking to modify or repeal the law, decided to let the debate come to a close, but it required the casting vote of the Speaker to accomplish this. There are conflicting statements as to the situation in which the future conduct of the war against the civil service law is left. All the Republican opponents of the law agree that the fight is to be kept up, and it is positively stated by Mr. Pearson, (Rep.) of North Carolina, that assurances have been received from those in authority in the House, that an opportunity will be given in the future for the consideration of a bill to modify the law. But from other sources the statement cannot be confirmed.

18TH DAY.—The House discussed the urgent deficiency bill carrying $1,741,-848. One of the items authorizing a further expenditure of $520,000 for the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill., for which $150,000 was appropriated in the last sundry civil bill, was used by Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, Democrat, as a basis for a bitter personal attack upon Chairman Cannon, whose home is in Danville. He charged the chairman of the appropriation committee of having used his powers and position to secure the location of the home at Danville. Mr. Cannon in reply branded Mr. DeArmond as a common scold, who would have been ducked under the town pump had he lived in the old days. He said he would stand or fall on his record. The House, by a vote of 123 to 74, sustained the appropriation. There was also a lively debate over the provision in the bill requiring the owners of bullion hereafter to pay the cost of transporting bullion from assayists to mints.

Mr. Edison declares that before the world's supply of coal is exhausted we shall surely not be dependent on it for fuel; in fact, fuel of any kind will be superfluous. It is said that he believes that the fires of the interior of the earth will be utilized in the future to carry on every industry requiring steam power.

ASSIGNMENTS IN VIRGINIA.

Law to Prevent Preferring Wives or Others to Detriment of Creditors.

In the Virginia Legislature the House bill providing for the listing for taxation by the commissioners of the revenue of all bonds, stocks and other evidences of indebtedness before they can be collected by legal process, has passed the Senate.

Mr. Athwithrow, of Bath, offered a bill providing that a lien given by any person or firm to prefer one or more creditors shall insure to all. The bill provides in detail that if any person, firm or coporation, create any lien or encumbrance on his or their property or estate, for the purpose of giving a preference to one or more creditors of such person or firm, over any other creditor or creditors, except to secure a debt contracted, or money borrowed at the time of the creation of the lien or encumberance, the same shall enure to the benefit ratably of all the creditors of such person or firm existing at the time such lien or encumberance was created.

The bill is to go in force on July 1st. It seeks to prevent the giving of a preferred claim by parties about to make an assignment to their wives or others, to the detriment of the remaining creditors.

A FIGHT IN COURT

Between the Judge on the Bench and a Lawyer.

The court room of the Lassen (Cal.) county superior court was the scene of an extraordinary altercation between a judge on the bench and an attorney at the bar. For some time relations have been strained between Superior Court Judge F. A. Kelly and Attorney F. V. Spencer. Spencer took strong exception to a ruling by the court. Several ironical remarks passed, and then Judge Kelly fined Spencer $50 for contempt. Spencer defied the court to his fact, and the court retorted with the statement that Spencer was a falsifier. Judge Kelly followed it up by leaving the bench and striking Spencer. Spencer attempted to strike back, but Deputy Sheriff Martin interfered and the judge returned to his seat on the bench. Spencer stood at the bar of the court applying to the judge offensive epithets. The court then ordered the deputy sheriff to remove Attorney Spencer, but afterwards modified the instructions and allowed Spencer to return.

A FAMILY MURDERED.

An Unsuccessful Attempt Made to Burn the House and the Bodies.

A special from Worcester, Mass., says: Francis P. Newton, a prosperous farmer of Brookfield, his wife, Sarah, and their 10-year-old adopted daughter, Ethel, were found murdered in their beds. The crime was discovered by neighbors whose curiosity was aroused by the lowing of the unfed cattle. The three had been killed with an axe. A hired man who has been employed by Newton, is missing, and the authorities are making a search for him. He was known only by the name of Paul.

Newton was 45 years of age and his wife was three years younger. An attempt had been made to conceal the crime by setting fire to the house. Kerosene had been spilled on the floor of the woodshed and a lamp so placed as to set fire to the wood. One stick was burned through, but for some unaccountable reason a blaze was averted. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive of the murder.

ROW IN AUGUSTA'S COUNCIL.

Fight Between an Alderman and the Fire Chief.

At the session of the Augusta, Ga., city council, on the 8th for the election of city officers for the ensuing term, the fight between the Walsh and Kerr factions was resumed with all its pugilistic features. The Kerrites have a majority of five and proceeded to amputate the heads of those officers who supported ex-Senator Walsh in the municipal campaign.

When the fire department was reached, the presence of Chief Roulette was necessary, and pending his arrival a recess was taken. During this recess, County Jailer Collins and Councilman Lougee became involved in a difficulty. Lougee attempted to strike Collins, who landed a blow on Lougee's jaw. Lougee reached for his gun, but peacemakers interfered and quiet was restored. Feeling is running high among the citizens, and the action of the Kerrites is denounced on all sides.

Money to Succeed George.

The Democratic caucus of the Mississippi Legislature has nominated Hon. H. D. Money as United States Senator to succeed the late Senator George.

TORNADO IN KENTUCKY.

Great Damage Done in the Town of Morganfield.

A tornado struck the town of Morganfield, Ky., unroofing the old Methodist church and parsonage, totally demolishing the large two story brick hardware grocery store of H. L. Hart & Bro., the city hall and J. M. Jean's produce store. The Crown roller mills building was considerably damaged and the smokestack was blown down. The front of A. Waren's jewelry store was blown in and a number of small buildings were unroofed and chimneys blown down. Mr. Harvey Sellers, the city marshal, who was in the police office at the time, was instantly killed by the falling wall. The loss to Hart Bros. alone will exceed $30,000, with no insurance.

Bushnell Inaugurated.

At Columbus, O., on the 10th Governor Bushnell was inaugurated for his second term. Although the city was crowded with adherents of both Bushnell and Hanna, there was no collision between the opposing factions. A number of delegations called on the Governor during the forenoon and expressed confidence in him. The inaugural parade was not equal to that of other years. It took it but twenty minutes to pass the grand stand. The inaugural address of Governor Bushnell was short.

Bryan Speaks in Chicago.

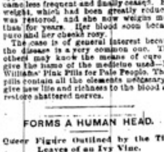
At Chicago on the 8th, Jackson Day was celebrated by a banquet at the Tremont House in royal style by over 500 Democrats. The Hon. Wm. J. Bryan was the principal guest, and he delivered a ringing speech on the fundamental idea of Secretary Gage's financial policy, which he laid bare in a most striking fashion, and was received with cheer after cheer. Mayor Harrison presided and acted as toast master.

Big Brewing Company.

A brewing company has been incorporated at Auburn, N. Y., with $100,000 capital.

Bad Digestion, Bad Heart.

Poor digestion often causes irregularity of the heart's action. This irregularity may be mistaken for real, organic heart disease. The symptoms are much the same. There is, however, a vast difference between the two: organic heart disease is often incurable; apparent heart disease is curable by curing the indigestion. A case in point is quoted from the New Era, of Greensburg, Ind. Mrs. ... of Greensburg, Ind., a woman forty-three years old, had suffered for four years with distressing stomach trouble. The gases generated by the indigestion pressed on the heart and caused an irregularity of its action. She had much pain in her stomach and heart, and was subject to frequent and severe choking spells, which were most severe at night. Doctors were tried in vain; the patient became worse, despondent, and feared impending death.



A CASE OF HEART FAILURE.

She was much frightened, but noticed that in intervals in which her stomach did not annoy her, her heart's action became normal. Reasoning correctly that her digestion was alone at fault, she procured the proper medicine to treat that trouble, and with immediate good results. Her appetite came back, the choking spells became less frequent and finally ceased. Her weight, which had been greatly reduced, was restored, and she now weighs more than for years. Her blood soon became pure and her cheeks rosy.

The case is of general interest because the disease is a very common one. That others may know the means of cure we give the name of the medicine used—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves.

FORMS A HUMAN HEAD.

Queer Figure Outlined by the Tiny Leaves of an Ivy Vine.

Ivy is known to be a very accommodating creeper and often forms queer figures of its own free will, but the vine in the yard of James Hughes of Philadelphia is the queerest of the queer. The sketch shows the form outlined by the tiny green leaves. Many people visit Mr. Hughes' house to find out how the strings are arranged, but it would take an exceedingly fine memory to retain the plan so as to produce a similar effect. Some of the visitors

A STRANGE TRELLIS OF IVY.

have made a sketch of the entire vine, but as yet none has reported his success in copying the oddity.

True to His Bringing-Up.

A writer in the Independent has discovered something rare—a donkey boy in Cairo with a sense of the ideal. Most boys of his profession are a good-natured lot, but few are the vices they cannot teach. Little Hassan, on the contrary, seems to have principles, and is quietly staunch in his adherence to them.

Once he refused a cigarette, says the traveler, and to my surprise I almost lost my balance.

"What! Not smoke, Hassan?" said I. "I thought all the donkey boys smoked."

"I don't," said Hassan, who looked about eleven, was short, very brown, very scantily dressed, quite dirty, had only one eye and trotted behind the donkey with rounded shoulders and head craned forward. "I don't. If I did, my family would beat me, and quite right, too."

"But who are you, and who are your family?" I asked.

"Ah!" he said proudly, "we are Sudanese. In the Sudan, we are strict. To smoke, to use wine, to drink coffee, not to pray—these are shameful things; and if a man does anything impure, they hang him to a tree with his face toward the sun."

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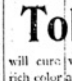

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