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NEWS OF A WEEK

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE.

PENCILINGS - GLEANINGS

The Star Route cases have cost \$115,000.

Queen Victoria has almost entirely recovered.

Gov. Jarvis has appointed Prof. Kerr state Geologist.

"What is kissing?" asks an exchange. A matter of taste.

The Freedman Bank depositors are to get another dividend.

The Bishop confirmed eleven at Kingston, says the Free Press.

Mrs. Mary Bayard Clark will assist the editor of the Newberne Journal.

Eureka cotton mills at Mount Airy, N. C. were burned last week. Loss \$60,000, insurance \$15,000.

An eruption of Mount Etna has occurred, accompanied by an earthquake, causing a panic in the vicinity.

"Nobody ever heard of an absconding editor. The reason may be obvious, but the fact is nevertheless true.

The mother of Josh Billings is ninety-two years old. She is evidently resolved to live until her son learns to spell.

Mrs. Frank Leslie will probably spend some days at Tokay, N. C. This spring, the guest of Congressman Wharton J. Green.

Timothy O. Howe, Post Master General, died at Kenosha, Wis., Sunday of pneumonia. He was the 19th P. M. General of the U. S.

Little Jimmie Annell, of Beaufort was "fooling" with a toy pistol. Result, a bad wound in his thigh and an inch deep, says the "Telephone."

The greatest beauty in Ireland, they say, is a Belfast mill girl. Every day crowds surround the mill to get a look at her when she leaves.

Judge Black, of Pennsylvania, says he is for Hancock for President. He thinks Conger, of Michigan, is about the best man the radicals can run.

The Arkansas Legislature has been investigating into the account of Governor Churchill whilst he was State Treasurer. They find a clear deficit of \$233,600.87.

Woman is rapidly widening the sphere of her usefulness. A milliner in Plainville, Conn., has closed out her business and applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors.

An Ohio man has taken the small pox from a pet pig, and a Minnesota papermaker in a casual way that when once this disease gets into a family it is pretty sure to go through it.

The Tennessee Legislature has passed a bill pensioning all Confederate soldiers who lost one or both eyes during the war, and all Pe-legal soldiers not pensioned by the United States Government.

"He saw the editor" is the first headline in a Cincinnati paper, and as the second line says that "when he retired he had a ball in the stomach," it is safe to say that the editor saw him and went into one better.

From an old and substantial farmer of Wilson county, says the "Clinton American," we have a letter commending our course on the educational question—whites educate whites; negroes take care of themselves.

A poor man in New York City was lately arrested and given six months because he had just killed a cat and proposed to eat it. There seems to be no disposition on the part of the New York authorities to allow the poor any luxuries of the season.

The Tarboro "Guide," is red-hot because the legislature gave Wilson a portion of Edgecombe. Too late to raise a row. The people who were most concerned are gratified and the legislature did right in consulting their wishes.

The New York "Herald" estimates that the roll of paper used in "working off" its last Sunday morning edition, if extended from the door of the "Herald" building would have reached beyond Washington and nearly to Richmond.

A boy in New York, sixteen years old, is suing for a divorce from his wife, aged fourteen. The couple should be brought into court, spanked by the Judge, sent home to their parents and told that if they indulged in any more such cuttings up they would be chased all around the room with a trunk strap. It just beats all what dodos little children will resort to when left to go off by themselves a few minutes.

THE WILSON ADVANCE.

"LET ALL THE ENDS THOU AIM'ST AT, BE THY COUNTRY'S, THY GOD'S, AND TRUTHS."

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A FINE SERMON.

DR. TALMAGE'S TRIBUTE TO A GREAT AND GOOD MAN.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS.

"GOD HATH TAKEN HIM."

The following is an extract from Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's tribute to the late Alexander H. Stephens: TRAXT—Isaiah ix., 20 "A little one become a thousand."

In this prophecy is set forth that it is not the amount of averypois weight which decides effectiveness. Many a man with vast physical equipment has not weighed a half ounce on the side of a world's betterment, while many a one of insignificant stature and feeble forearm and decrepit limb, has weighed a ton on the right side of the moral balance.

David the King of Israel was so small a man that he was not the gravity of the giant Goliath, yet the sword of the giant is hung up in history as impotent, beside the sling of his dwarf combatant. Napoleon was only five feet in stature. Archibald Alexander, though head and shoulders above other preachers of his time in theological attainments, was not more than up to their elbow in physical height. Some of the grandest, mightiest and most decisive and resounding strokes that have been given for God and the Church of the world have been given by some whose equipment has been only a pledge for the soul's earthly retention. Isaac Watts set his diminutive personal presence in immortal rhythm. One such man as any I have mentioned, though built on contracted corporal scale, in intellectual or moral force amounted to a thousand ordinary people. Their achievements were far beyond anything their body possessed, and so my text had its echo—"and a little one became a thousand."

Among these men of small body and great soul I place the name of one, the announcement of whose death falls upon me with this evening's shadows. Alexander H. Stephens, Governor of Georgia, and later member of the Congress of the United States, is no more, for

GOD HATH TAKEN HIM.

With him I have had warm personal friendship, and the tidings came to me this afternoon more like a sharp blast out of the north than a message from the balmy south. I have nothing to do with Alexander H. Stephens as a politician, but as a warm friend, as a devoted Christian, as a great and magnificent soul, wrapped up in the frailest earthly tenement, I have something to say. Though a little one he was a thousand.

He was first of all a Christian, a member of our beloved denomination, bosom friend of and companion with Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Talmage, whose name in all branches of my own family is an inspiration and a benediction. The theologian of whom I now speak, like his Senator friend whom I commemorate, was a little one who became a thousand. Yes, Alexander H. Stephens believed in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, with more brain than all the infidels now blatant and railing and blaspheming around Washington. He was a believer in the Bible and Christianity, and all up and down the South are ministers of the gospel who went into college and into theological seminaries through Alexander H. Stephens' pocket.

With no princely estate, I am told that for the last thirty years there has not been an hour in which he has not been supporting men on their way to medicine or the law or the pulpit. Starting for the ministry and turning aside for legal profession, yet preaching to-day all over the South the Gospel of good tidings which shall yet be to all people. He was one of the few men who, like James Lenox, of New York, could stay outside of the marriage relation and yet be more kinder and more genial and more sympathetic and more generous as the years went by. First, he honored God, and next, he honored Christian womanhood, and wherever there was a burdened man who wanted help or a wayward man who wanted opportunity to return, or a struggling man who wanted knowledge, there was one who might count on Mr. Stephens as an ally.

The Statesville Landmark calls attention to a late decision of the Supreme Court, (name of the case not given) to the effect that dealers in builders' supplies are not entitled to the benefit of the mechanic's lien law. The laborer can get the benefit of it, but not the man who supplies the material—such as a saw-mill man etc.

THAT BAD BOY.

PA USES HIS FIRE ESCAPES WHEN THERE IS NO FIRE.

THE BABY SHW CAUSE D IT

PA'S MUSIC BOX IN CHURCH.

"Got any vaseline?" said the bad boy to the grocery man, as he went in the store one cold morning leaving the door open and picked up a cigar stub that had been thrown down by the stove, and began to smoke it.

"Shut that door will you? Were you brought up in a saw mill? You'll freeze every potato in the house. No, I haven't got vaseline. What do you want with vaseline?" said the grocery man, as he set the key on a chair by the stove where it would thaw out.

"Want to rub it on pa's legs," said the boy, as he tried to draw smoke through the cigar stub.

"Why, what is the matter with your pa's legs? Rhenmatiz?"

"Wass nor rhenmatiz," said the boy, as he threw away the cigar stub and drew some cider in a broken tea cup. "Pa has got the worst looking hind legs you ever saw. You see since there has been so many fires, pa has got-otful scared and he has bought three fire escapes made out of ropes with knots in them, and he has been telling us every day how he could rescue the whole family in the case of fire. He told us to be cool, whatever happened, and to rely on him. If the house got on fire we were all to rush to pa, and he would save us. Well, last night ma had to go to one of the neighbors, where they had twins, and we didn't sleep much, 'cause ma had to come home twice in the night to get saffron, and an old flannel petticoat that I broke in when I was a kid, 'cause the people where ma went did not know as twins was on the bill of fare, and they only had flannel petticoats for one. Pa was cross at being kept awake, and told ma he hoped when all the children in Milwaukee were born and got grown up she would knit acting as usher to baby matinees. Pa says there ought to be a law that babies should arrive on the regular day trains, and not wait for the midnight express. Well, pa he got asleep, and he slept till about eight o'clock in the morning, and the blinds were closed, and it was dark in his room, and I had waited for my breakfast till I was hungry as a wolf, and the girl told me to wake pa up, so I went up stairs; and I don't know what made me think of it, but I had some of this powder they made red fire with in the theatre, that me and my chum had on the 4th of July, and I put it in a wash dish in the bath room, and I touched it off and hollered fire. I was going to wake pa up and tell him it was all right, and laugh at him. I guess there was too much fire or I yelled too loud, 'cause pa jumped out of bed and grabbed a rope and rushed through the hall towards the back window, that goes out on a shed. I tried to say something, but pa ran over me and told me to save myself and I got to the back window to tell him there was no fire, just as he let himself out of the window. He had one end of the rope tied to the leg of the washstand, and he was climbing down the back side of the shed by the kitchen with nothing on but his night shirt and he was the horriest looking object that ever was, with his legs flying and trying to stick his toe nails in the rope and the side of the house. I don't think a man looks well in society with nothing on but his night shirt. I didn't blame the hired girls for being scared when they saw pa and his legs come down outside the window, and when they yelled I went down to the kitchen, and they said a crazy man with no clothes but a pillow case was trying to kick the window in, they run in the parlor, and I opened the door and let pa in the kitchen. He asked me if anybody else was saved and then I told him there was no fire, and he must have dreamed he was in hell, or somewhere. Pa was astounded and said he must be wrong in the head, and I left him thawing himself by the stove while I went after his pants, and his legs were badly chilled. He lays it all to ma and says if she would stay at home and let people run their own baby shows, there would be more comfort in the house. Ma came in with a shawl over her head, and after she had told what the result of her visit was, she sent after vaseline to rub pa's legs. Pa says he has demonstrated that if a man is cool and collected in case of fire and goes deliberately at work to save himself, he will come out all right."

"Well you are the meanest boy I ever heard of," said the grocery

man. "But what about your pa's dancing a clog dance in church Sunday. The minister hired girl was in here after some codfish yesterday morning, and she said your pa had scandalized the church the worst way."

"Oh, he didn't dance in church. He was a little excited, that's all. You see, pa chews tobacco and it is pretty hard on him to sit all through the sermon without taking a chew and he gets nervous. He always reaches around in his pistol pocket, when they stand up to sing the last time, and feels in his tobacco box and gets out a chew, and puts it in his mouth when the minister pronounces the benediction, and then when they get out of doors he is already to spit. He always does that. Well my chum had a present, on Christmas, of a music box, just as big as pa's tobacco box, and all you have to do is to touch a spring, and it plays, 'She's a Daisy, She's a Dimppling.' I borrowed it and put it in pa's pistol pocket, where he keeps his tobacco box and when the choir got most through singing pa reached his hand in his pocket and began to fumble around for a chew. 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