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NEWS OF A WEEK

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

PENCILINGS—CLEANINGS

The University is to have a new and larger chapel.

Justice Greening says, "Necessity is like some lawyers—it knows no law."

A company has been organized in Durham for the manufacture of fertilizers.

Judge Rodman is critically ill at his home in Washington. He is not expected to live.

The name of La Grange Academy has been changed to La Grange Collegiate Institute.

Rev. L. Shell, an old and venerable member of the N. C. Conference, died last week.

The Mormon question will have to be settled exactly as the slavery question was settled.—Ex.

A Brooklyn girl eats three pounds of candy daily. If she is not so sweet she ought to be.

It is considered a disgrace for a Hindu girl not to be married when she is eleven years old.

A colored woman in Chicago got a verdict of \$10,000 damages in a breach of promise suit against a white man.

The Tarboro "Southerner" gives us the astonishing and incredible information that Tarboro has a lawyer who can blush.

The Salt Lake "Tribune" says there never was a time when so many young girls were going into polygamy as at present.

Professor Coble, of Graham Normal College, has accepted an assistant professorship in the University of the North Carolina.

The first regular female physician in India was sent by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

The Weldon "News" reports the death of a young woman, aged 16, from burning. She attempted to kindle a fire with kerosene oil.

Mr. C. T. Willis has disposed of a half interest in his paper, the Tarboro "Guide," to Mr. Chas. F. Cooke, the efficient foreman of the office.

Grady, of the Atlanta Constitution, has had a thousand dollar pair of horses given him by Senator Calhoun. It is better to be lucky than rich.

In the Iowa town of Traer, the City Council posts a list of drunkards in every saloon, and orders the keeper thereof to sell no drink to any of them.

"He was the most perfect gentleman I ever saw," said a Kentuckian of Henry Clay. "When you went to see him he handed you the whiskey bottle and then turned his back."

Mr. Beecher distinguished himself in his sermon last Sunday by demolishing the doctrine of Vicarious Atonement. He cut loose finally from everything that could be considered orthodox.

A Gardner (Me.) man wills \$2,000 to the Methodist Church, under the condition that it give up socialables. If the church people do not want the money it is to go to the sick in the poorhouse.

"Were it left to me," said Jefferson, "to decide whether we should have a Government without newspapers, or newspapers without a Government I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

A Providence man slapped a stranger's face for staring at his wife in a street car and he was beginning to feel himself a hero when the car stopped and a little girl helped the impudent fellow off. He was stone blind.

Spring chickens are probably the same size the world over. The "Press" says a citizen of Lincoln recently bought some which were so small that he had to put a mosquito net over the coop to keep them from getting away.

The "Farmer & Mechanic" mentions several candidates in prospect for Congressmen from the 4th District, but fails to name the one who will be successful, B. H. Bann, Esq. Mr. Bann is the man for the place, and we confidently predict that he will be the choice of the people of that district.—Tarboro "Southerner."

Mrs. A. T. Stewart has donated \$4,000 for the erection and support in New York city, of the largest college in the United States. It will furnish free tuition, and be strictly nonsectarian. The building work upon which is to be begun immediately, will be the largest and finest collegiate edifice on this side of the Atlantic, if, not in the world.

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REV. DR. TALMAGE.

WHAT HE THINKS OF CRIMINALS AND TRAMPS.

INDECENT LITHOGRAPHS.

Between the cornet player the professional quartet, one of the best organists of the country, and a spirited preacher, the congregations of the Brooklyn Tabernacle have no cause of complaint with its management.

After the reverend gentleman had announced that he would baptize by immersion immediately after the service, he said:

"The Lord's voice crieth into the city."

"Whether God or Satan shall have complete possession of the cities, is the question of the hour. Never so many churches. Never so many reformatory institutions. Never so many good men and women. Never such bright prospects as now, but don't think that righteousness will triumph without any rebuff or without a terrific and long continued struggle. Take for instance the one fact that in the busy season, many of our streets in the great cities are depraving picture galleries by reason of the metal figures on the boards and in the show windows, many of our Theatres and Opera Houses and places of amusement are by their mode of advertising outraging decent society. Twenty-five years ago such things would have been impossible. I am sure he who would display them and the printer of them would be brought up in a police court. I denounce this mode of advertising in show windows. This is education in the wrong direction, and I ask that all respectable merchants refuse such advertisements. In all the cities of this continent it is an outrage against which no voice seems to be lifted. If the pictures of actors and actresses in the show windows and on the board fences are genuine specimens of what is going on in the American theatre that institution is rapidly going toward Sodom. In Europe the ancient pictures are put in private museums as specimens of a barbaric age and only to be looked at by antiquarians. In the name of God and all citizens I demand a reformation in this respect. Never since the world started have the forces of righteousness been so triumphant as now, never since the world started have the forces of evil been so unblushing and blackening. We are on the way toward complete and universal victory. Don't charge me with being a pessimist, I am an optimist. The desert is to be a garden and all around is to be right.

Dr. Talmage then spoke of the demand for christian workers to go into the streets and workhouses and preach Jesus Christ. And stated that it was his ambition that his congregation be one great band of such christian workers. I shall set before you this morning the antagonists of society. First I remark, belonging to this class of society are all public criminals. It is not strange that in large cities there should be large classes of criminals, American criminals, foreign criminals. Never so many good honest men (!) The greatest come from foreign lands to live here. But they do not constitute the whole. While standing at Castle Garden I saw a great multitude come with bibles within hands. They are an addition to the moral forces as well as to society at large. I have seen them while waiting for their transportation to another railroad train reading their bibles to their families. But here is a fact that cannot be disputed: That the majority of criminals taking ships from Europe come to our port. In 1869 of the 49,000 people in the prisons of this country 32,000 of them were of foreign birth. Many of them were the desperadoes of society, they oozed into the slums of the cities, after a time joining a gang of American thieves and cut throats. There are 4,000 people in this neighborhood of cities whose entire business it is to commit crimes. It is as much their business to do that as it is our business to manage jurisprudence and medicine. They count the few weeks spent in jail as wasted time, just as you would look upon that time as wasted when you are sick with the influenza. They are related to crime and I don't suppose once a year the thought of morality comes before them, 10,000 arrests in this neighborhood of cities in one year for theft and battery, 50,000 arrests for intoxication; run the cause of many of these evils; run the course of many of these thieves, 70,000 dollars worth of property stolen in this neighborhood of cities in one year. Can you as good and honest citizens see these things done without interesting yourselves? They must interest you because they touch your pocket. You are to-day paying the board of criminals, from the boy that stole the spool of cotton to the man who helped to make black Friday. The State prisons of to-day, said the preacher, are not accomplishing the end they were created for, instead of being a reformatory they tended more to develop thieves and cited as an example that of 1500 persons in Sing-Sing 400 had been there before. The majority turned out of prison were worse than when they went in. We want something more than the shoe last to reform them; something more than sermons. The Secretary of one of our prison associations, said to a lad 15 years of age who had been three years of that 15 in prison.

"What did they do to make you better?"

"Well" said the lad, "when I came up the first time before the judge he said, you ought to be ashamed of yourself!" "The second time I was brought before him for committing another crime, when he said, 'you rascal.'" "In time I committed another crime, and was brought a third time before the judge, when he said, 'you ought to be hanged, (laughter)."

We want more of the influence of such people as John Howard and Elizabeth Fry, to do that which they did in the prison of Europe.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

BY REV. DR. DEEMS.

It is the saddest day in the year. Then most hideous, not to say unchristian and uncivilized, noises rend the air, increase the misery of the sick and torment those who desire to read or talk or think, or do anything that is reasonable.

Why Americans should look down upon Chinese is to us utterly incomprehensible, seeing that we have never learned to celebrate our national birthday in any other way than imitating the brainless noises of the "Celestials." Every unnecessary noise is indicative of lack of culture, refinement, and large personal resources. From their earliest days children should be taught that every unnecessary noise is an injury to him who makes it and to him who hears.

But the noises which are made by useless explosions of gunpowder are not the greatest of the evils. How many hundreds of lives are destroyed annually, and how many thousands of dollars' worth of property are consumed, by this more than foolish practice! Let every Christian be made to feel what a sin it is to expend his money in this senseless way. If children were taught to carry all the money that is now wasted on the Fourth of July to other children who were needy, how much solid and profitable pleasure might be thus secured!

Desiring to make our contribution toward the suppression of this form of vice, we suggest that all the boys who read this article shall commit the following verses to memory!

The boy stood on the backyard fence, When all but him had fled; The flames that lit his father's barn Shone just above the shed.

One bunch of crackers in his hand, Two others in his hat, With pious accents loud he cried, "I never thought of that!"

A bunch of crackers to the tail Of one small dog he'd tied; The dog in anguish sought the barn, And "laid his reins aside."

The sparks flew wide and red and hot, They lit upon that barn; They fired the crackers in his hand, And eke those in his hat.

Then came a burst of rattling sound—"The boy! Where was he gone?" Ask of the winds that far around Street bits of meat and bone.

And scraps of clothes and balls and tops And nails and hooks and yarn, And relics of the dreadful boy That burned his father's barn.

Even little fellows might be taught to declaim this harrowing story. If they chose, they might also commit "Cassabianca," of which this is a parody, and then, when their fond parents drew them out in the presence of "company" to display their "smartitude," they might say, "Look on this picture!" and give "The boy stood on the burning deck," and then say—"Now, look on this picture!" and declaim, "The boy stood on the backyard fence." It would be more useful and impressive than certain other exercises we have witnessed.

Bicycle Riding at the State Fair.

The Western Toy Company, of Chicago, Ill., will offer through the N. C. Agricultural Society at the State Fair this fall, a fine forty-two inch bicycle of that most modern construction, with holler Bessemer steel felloes and genuine round rubber tires, for the best bicycle riding by any resident of North Carolina, speed and grace to be considered. Bicycle riding is very popular in Europe and is rapidly becoming very much so in this country. This is a chance to get a good machine on easy terms.

Suicide of Col. W. E. Mebane.

Charlotte, N. June 23.—A special to the "Journal-Observer" from Reidsville, N. C. reports the suicide of Col. W. E. Mebane, the cause was financial troubles.

That Bad Boy.

How he disables his pa with fire works.

The Fourth of July.

"How long do you think it will be before your father will be able to come down to the office?" asked the druggist of the bad boy as he was buying some arnica and court plaster.

"The doc says he 'could come down now if he would on some street where there were no horses to scare," said the boy as he bought some gum, "but he says he aint in no hurry to come down till his hair grows out, and he gets some new clothes made. Say, do you wet this court plaster and stick it on?"

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