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A Kansas reformer asks the Legislature to prescribe by law the quality and quantity of food which a person may eat in that State. He believes that most of the ills of mankind arise from overfeeding.

The nomination, on his return to Constantinople, of Hobart Pasha to the post of Minister of Marine, tends to show that the English element is c gain coming inte favor with the Sultan. Hobart Pasha commanded a blockader running into this port during the war.

I' is surprising to find that Boston, er twhile setting her face steadily against the beverage, is now consuming more lager beer than Chicago or Cincinnati, and it is now the f.shionable tipple at the Hub. The figures last year were 641.603 barrels-two barrels to every man, woman and child.

Queen Isabella, of Spain, is staying at Spa under the title of "Princess Isabella," A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says that deposed or retired sovereigns have invariably laid nonle their titles, and declares that it is ollensive to the French and Germans that English writers should speak of the widow of the late ex-Emperor as "the Enpress Eugenie."

The island of Cyprus is overrun with goats. It is estimated that there are 2:30,000 of these animals on the island, and planting is almost useless on account of their ravages. "They carry no wool," says the St. James Gazette, "furnish ouly a bad meat, and hardly give more milk than the sheep, to which, however, they are preferred on account of their feeding on ligneous vegetation, which the sheep reject.".

can of themselves do nothing. The bill | was obtained, the thing complained of merely provides, to use Gov. Vance's own language, "that the Commissioners watch the progress of the work and report thereon to the Governor. It provides, further," says Governor Vance, "that they shall make this notice before declaring a failure in complying with the contract, and even after such declaration the bill provides ninety days of grace to the contractors or their assignces before the Governor shall take steps on behalf

of the State to have the contract legally annulled." An extension of time was based on

the following extract from sec. 23, chap 26. acts of 1880, (the Best bill) which reads as follows:

"That should the said grantees, or their assigns, be hindered or delayed by any cause for which they are in no wise responsible, then the said commissioners shall allow a reasonable extension of time for the completion of said lines of road."

The R. & D. people claim that this extension was made. Gov. Vance says that the Commissioners have ignored this claim. There has been some talk of the way in which this extension was made. Gov. Vance gives its inside history. We extract as follows:

"In the latter part of last April," he resumed, "as I was passing through Greensboro on my way to Washington, Col. Andrews came to me and asked my

consent to an extension of the time from the 1st of July. I declined to give my consent without consultation with the commissioners. I went on to Washington and in a few days received a letter from Gov. Jarvis, desiring me to attend a meeting of the commissioners in Raleigh. I did so. The request of the present controllers for an extension of time was renewed at that meeting. We, the com missioners-Gov. Jarvis, Dr. Worth and

name of the assignees of the Western duce de third, sah." North Uarolina Bailroad, and not, as it was made, in the name of the Western time. There may possibly have been one or two other unimportant conditions demanded, I do not recollect; but the present constrollers did not comply with these conditions and the extension was not granted. I returned, however, to Washington with the understanding between the two other commissioners and myself that they, a majority of the commissioners, were to sign the grant of extension and to consider that I consented on the compliance by the present controllers with the demanded conditions. At the expiration of two weeks there had been no renewed application for the extension complying with the conditions. concluded that the present controllers were procrastinating to gain time, and wrote letters to Raleigh to Governor Jarvis and Dr. Worth, withdrawing my consent to the extension under any circumstances, and begging them not to act without me. Both letters reached Raleigh on the same day, and Governor Jarvis being in the city received his. Mr. Bain, Dr. Worth's clerk, forwarded; the letter to the Doctor at Asheboro, where he was at the time. From his action I presume Colonel Andrews became aware of the letters and their purport, for he sent a messenger on the same train which carried my letter to Dr. Worth. When the train reached High Point Colonel Andrews' messenger bired a horse and grief and there is yet a gleam of rejoic- diately waited on Dr. Worth and obtained his signature to an extension of time to the 15th of November. When Dr. Worth got my letter you can imagine that he was not entirely complacent But Governor Jarvis also having signed the grant, the claim was thus originated by the signatures of two of the commissioners, one of them having been obtained in. the fraudulent manner described. We ignore that grant not only on the ground of fraud but also from the fact that even its conditions have not been complied with, a sufficient number of hands to complete the lines to the proposed points not Oscur G J having been put on the road within six weeks after the signing of the grant of extension, which they claim as being le-

being the manner in which Dr. Worth was induced to sign the extension, in ignorance of my letter.

In relation to your statement as to our grounds for ignoring that paper of extension, you are in error in supposing it was discussed and made the basis of our recent action. It was ignored by the simple fact of making that statement to the Governor, as of course a legal extension of time would have condoned the failures embraced in that time.

There are some other slight errors in the statement, but they are not material to a proper understanding of the action of the commission. Z. B. VANCE, Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 27, 1881.

#### A Ministerial Statement.

Rev. C. A. Harvey, D. D., is the popular financial secretary of Howard University, and is specially fitted to judge of merit and demerit. In a recent letter from Washington to a friend he said: "I have for two years past been acquainted with the remedy known as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure and with its remarkable curative efficiency in obstinate and so called incurable cases of Bright's disease in this city. In some of these cases, which seemed to be in the last stages, and which had been given up by practitioners of both schools, the speedy chauge wrought by this remedy seemed but little less than miraculous. am convinced that for Bright's Disease in all its stages, including the first symptoms, which seem so slight but are so dangerous, no remedy heretofore discovered can be held for one moment in comparison with this."

#### MUUNNHINE.

A Southern negro, an ex-slave, hired he to receive one-third and the master twe-thirds of the crop. The old negre was honest, but not up in arithmetic. The field yielded two leads, both of which he put in his master's crib, and reported myself-required that the application to the astonished landlord: "Dar is no for the extension should be made in the third, sah; de land am too pere to pro-

They were touching up their toilettes preparatory to the afternoon parade. North Carolina Railroad Company sim- "Cicely, my dear, do you think I need ply. We also agreed to consent only any more colorin my face?" That de ou the further condition that the pends. If you only want a delicate blush, terms of such extension should require you have it just right. But if you want the assignees to keep continually on the your complexion to inatch your hair, put two lines a sufficient number of hands to on a little more vermilion." Do you complete the work within the extended suppose they walked together that af ternoon? Not any .- New Haven Register.



In spite of dynamite the Emperor and Enpress of Russia, it seems, still take some comfort out of life. During the recent visit of the Duke of Edinburg to St. Petersburg the Duke, who is nothing if not musical, in company with Mr. Arthur Sullivan and Mr. Frederick Clay, entertained the imperial circle with much merry music. The wines served at the imperial table do not appear to have commanded the complete approbation of the guests, but words failed them to de scribe the incomparable excellence of the imperial "caviare."

It is with feelings of profound thankfulness that the people of this entire country, irrespective of any sectional, political or class distinctions, have learn ed of the improvement in President Gar field's condition. He is not yet on the road to recovery, but there is some reason to believe that the worst has been passed. We looked for death, and we find life; for tears and there are smiles of hepe; for beat the mail; to Asheboro. He immeing. The relief to the mind of the people, the great organ of the great body of the American people, who are in this in stance as but one, is in itself much to be thankful for. The next few days will determine the outlook for the future. Let us trust, and let us pray, too, that the new joy and the new hopes may not become again enshrou ded in gloom and despair.

#### A TRIANGULAR DUEL.

There promises to be quite an interesting triangular duel for the possession of the Western North Carolina R. R., with the State of North Carolina, the Richmond & Danville Syndicate and Mr-W. J. Best as contestants. The State claims, through the mouths of her com missioners, Senator Vance, Gov. Jarvis, and Dr. Worth, that the assignees, the R. & D. R. R., have not complied with the terms of the contract; the R. & D. people, now the actual possessors of the Road, claim that they have thus far fully complied with the law, and exactly what marking, further, that the language used Mr. Best claims has not yet transpired.

P.S.-The above was prepared for yesterday's paper but could not appear until to-day. Since the above was in type we find the following in yesterday's Charlotte Observer which we append as a postscript to the foregoing article: To the Editor of The Observer:

In publishing the conversation had yesterday with your reporter, you have made some mistakes in relation to the affairs of the Western North Carelina Railroad. I beg to correct them, re is the reporter's, not mine. The substance of the statement only I am responsible for. In the April meeting of the board it was agreed that if an application for an extension should be made by the proper parties, and proposing to put 1,100 hands at once on the work, one-half at least of which increased force should be put on the Ducktown line, and other things, that we would grant an extension of four months from the first of July/ 1881. This you will see is slightly different from your statement. Again. you say in relation to my letters to Gov. Jarvis and Dr. Worth, withdrawing my assent to the expected application, "From his action I presume Col. Andrews became aware of the letters and their purport." I did not so state it to your reporter. In fact, my letter requested the Governor as chairman of the board to inform Col. Andrews of my change of purpose, which he did, as well, I presume, of my letter to Dr. Worth. There was nothing improp-The Commissioners, be it understood, | er in the way in which the information

Religious: On a recent Sunday, when the paster of one of the leading Presby terian churches of St. Louis was absent from his palpit, several persons express-ed dissatisfaction at seeing a stranger in the pulpit, and one lady said she would not have come if she had known that Dr. -was not going to preach. An elder standing near very promptly replied: "Madame, the worship of Dr. ----will be resumed next Sunday."-St. Louis Post Dispatch.

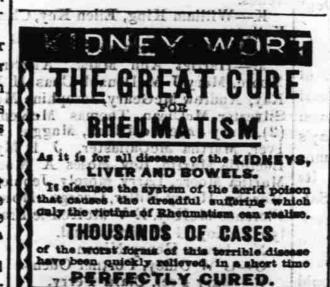
Latest agony: It is difficult to keep all the agonies of this agonizing reriod in mind; but if you wish to be considered "intense" it is absolutely necessary that you should receive by mail a polka det handkerchief from your best girl. This signifies: "There is a spot (in fact, several of them) that's dear to me. Wil come?"-New Haven Register.

A puzzle solved: Two Irishmen were poring over the news in one of our city papers, and coming to the heading "Latest," and immediately following it "Very Latest," one said to the other: "An' sure, Tim, will ye be afther explainin' what this means?" "Arrah, bedad," said Tim, "an' it is meself that can explain that to ye. Sure the latest is what comes in time to be printed, and the very latest is what comes afther the paper is out."-Fugitive

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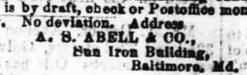
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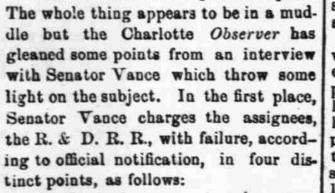
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"2d. They had failed to keep a force on the Ducktown branch sufficient to complete the road to Pigeon River by the 1st of July, the time in which they were required to complete it by the contract.

"3d. They failed to reach Pigeon Riv. er and Paint Rock by the 1st of July. "4th. They are daily discriminating against North Carolina towns and cities."



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