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We are indebted to the New York Bulletin for statistics of the movement of hog products at Chicago and Cincinnati since the first of last November.

We have authority for saying that the paragraph in the Star of the other day, to the effect that a new novel of the "Old Tramp" series would soon appear from the presses of J. P. Ford & Co., is incorrect.

The Speaker's ill health, which makes necessary his withdrawal from Congress for a few weeks at least, occasions much regret.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in Washington on Tuesday, 22d inst., for the purpose of choosing a place and appointing a time for the assembling of the next National Convention.

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From a dispatch in the Baltimore Gazette we see that Messrs. White, Shorne and Denton, of the House Naval Committee, have returned from Norfolk, where they have been examining into the management of the Navy Yard...

The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette says there is a movement of more than ordinary strength, having for its object the retirement of Secretary Bristow upon the conclusion of the Babcock trial without regard to its result.

Rumors reach the New York Herald that, if they are proven true, will throw an entirely new light on Cuban affairs. According to these accounts Captain General Jovellar is to occupy the Fort Cabanas preparatory to disbanding the Spanish volunteers of Havana...

The great American actress, Charlotte Cushman, died yesterday morning in Boston. She had been suffering for years from cancer. Last week she was somewhat better, but was attacked with pneumonia, which was more than her enfeebled constitution could bear.

The March Galaxy is chiefly interesting to Southern readers by reason of Gen. Custer's "War Memoirs," in the course of the first paper of which a statement contained in a private letter of Gen. R. E. Lee is furnished.

As regards the movements of General Sherman, it was easy to see that unless they were interrupted I should be compelled to abandon the defense of Richmond...

Wilmington Retail Market. The following prices ruled yesterday: Apples, dried, 12 cents per pound; dried peaches 35 cents per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per peck; pickles, 30 cents per dozen...

A Burglar on His Travels. The store of Messrs. G. Boney & Son, at Duplin Roads, was broken open a few nights since, and robbed of tools, etc., to the value of about \$15 or \$20.

Fire in the Woods. A gentleman who came in on the Weldon train last evening, informs us that the pine timber bordering the road between this city and Magnolia was afire when the train passed, and the heat was quite severely felt by passengers.

Calls have been issued for political Conventions as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 22.—Connecticut Greenback Convention in New Haven.

Wednesday, Feb. 23.—Confederate Democratic Convention in New Haven. Wednesday, Feb. 24.—Ohio Temperance Convention in Columbus.

Thursday, May 17.—National Greenback Convention in Indianapolis. Wednesday, May 18.—Alabama Republican Convention in Montgomery.

William Baskin, who resides in the country, was arraigned before Judge Gardner yesterday afternoon, charged with refusing to pay the market clerk the city tax of ten cents on produce he offered for sale...

Arrival of Barstow. Officer Carr, of Rocky Point, Tarboro, arrived here yesterday evening with two prisoners, Chas. Wright and Willie Nixon, both colored, the former having been committed by Justice A. Bannister in default of a \$1000 bond...

Plantation Miller, with Separator. A New Invention. We examined yesterday, at Messrs. Hart & Bailey's, where it is on exhibition, a new invention known as Kahnweiler's Cotton Seed Hulling Machine...

Allagad Violation of the Enforcement Act. We learn that a warrant has been served by Dr. Walter G. Carle, a prominent citizen of Brunswick county, on the sidewalk of Lewis A. Galloway...

The following are the names of the members of the Republican Executive Committee of New Hanover, and its organization: Henry Brantley, S. Van Amringe, W. H. Moore, Hiram Hankins, S. H. Mapples...

The pupils attending the public school taught by Mrs. William V. Byrnes at Cedar Grove, Funder county, were examined Thursday, on the occasion of the close of the term. Quite a number of the friends of the scholars manifested their interest by attending, and the examination exhibited considerable progress and proficiency.

Physical Experiments. The first of our physical experiments was made by Mr. A. J. this city, endorsed by the New York Scientific American, and proved mathematically demonstrated on appeal to "Jack" of St. Louis...

Now let us see what we gain by the way of practical results. As 1,000 lbs. will thus compress these two bales, so in like manner would 1,000 lbs. equally compress any other two bales of like size and weight.

A little reflection shows that we may now lift these last two bales and place them on top of the first two, and then place four more bales in the press beside these four and our 2,000 lbs. will in like manner compress the eight bales to a density of 50 pounds per foot.

Which is an exceedingly plausible suggestion. But let it be remembered that the bale is not represented by the scale. The scale takes the place of the press; the weight on the scale is the power, and the man is the bale compressed [squeezed] by that power.

Put your man on the scale or your bales on the press in any way you please, and you get the same result. A man of 200 lbs. would be reduced to 100 pounds if he were to stand on top of the scale, and a pressure of 400 pounds, dry or wet, that if he were to stand on top of the scale, would be reduced to 100 pounds.

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