

THE AVIOL OF GOD'S WORD.

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door... And he saw the aviol ring its vespers chime...

"How many anvils have you had," said I... "To wear and batter all these hammers on..."

And so, I thought, the aviol of God's Word... For aviol is the name of a hammer, and...

COL. M'CLURE VISITS GOV. CLEVELAND.

The President-Elect as seen by an Independent Republican.

Philadelphia Times. Most persons who have known Governor Cleveland only by his campaign portraits will be very agreeably disappointed in the general frankness that brightens his face when in conversation with visitors.

He does not talk about the personnel of his Cabinet, for the good reason that he has made no Cabinet and is not likely to make one, or any part of one, for weeks to come; nor does he declare any purpose or policy that would provoke antagonisms and possibly require reconsideration when he becomes President.

He understands that tariff revision is to be one of the duties of his administration, as the national platforms of both parties have alike demanded it, but if either tariff monopolists or free traders dream expect to resist the new administration in its course, they will be disappointed. The same practical business methods that he applies to all public duties he will apply to the revision of the tariff, and he will seek to do it in the most practical business like way.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This report is a full one, as usual. The table showing the aggregate gross amount of State and county taxes from the various subjects of taxation is one of the most interesting. Some of the items are as follows: From land, \$24,571,262; town polls, \$67,327,332; on 62,143 colored polls, \$67,780,392; on the taxable property in the State, including bank stock, \$548,576,373.

The number of acres of land is shown to be 28,223,640, valued at \$101,106,387. Value of town lots \$23,028,930. Value of real estate \$1,124,135,975.

THE BIGGEST OF ALL BETS.

From the Hartford Times. A bet was made in the Presidential election of 1852, or rather an agreement, by which the sum of \$250 was given outright to one of the parties to the bet, the condition being that he should pay the other man one cent for one electoral vote that Jackson should get over Clay; two cents for two votes; four cents for three; eight cents for four; sixteen cents for five; thirty cents for six; and so on, according to the majority, if any, that Jackson might get in the electoral college.

get in the electoral college. The man to whom the offer was made incautiously jumped at it, and eagerly took the \$200; but he found that he had obligated himself for more than he or all his friends could ever pay.

For the week ending this morning (Dec. 26) the total receipts have reached 207,893 bales, against 258,340 bales last week, 289,457 bales the previous week, and 276,300 bales three weeks since; making the total receipts since the 1st of Sept., 1884, 3,537,441 bales, against 3,416,350 bales for the same period of 1883, showing an increase since Sept. 1, 1884, of 121,091 bales.

On Wednesday the course of the market for Tuesday was repeated in a modified degree, with the exception that the interest in January contracts, which had been a leading feature, almost wholly disappeared, and February became a prominent month.

OFFICE SEEKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Special to New York Times. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—In the general opinion among Democrats for office it is generally understood that Mr. Fabius H. Busbee, of this city, is to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of this State.

N. C. INSANE ASYLUM.

Raleigh News-Observer. The reports of this institution are made by Dr. E. Burke Haywood, President of the Board of Directors, and by Dr. Eugene Grissom, the Superintendent, and are for the year ending Nov. 30, 1885. Dr. Haywood says the board are anxious to receive additional insane patients as soon as possible.

Dr. Grissom's report says that the total number of admissions since the opening of the asylum, February 22, 1856, is 1,626; the total number of discharges 1,483; of these 428 were cured; 296 were committed to the asylum, leaving now under treatment 248. There have been under treatment during the year 149 males and 156 females; a total of 305. The last year the percentage of cures were 24; of deaths 0.4. Some figures presented, giving the startling increase in insanity, may be referred to.

THE BEAUFORT TELEPHONE.

—The Beaufort Telephone says there is a rumour in the Eastern portion of Currituck county who were born without ears, still he is not deaf nor dumb but hears through his nose and mouth.

A PHOTO OF SENATOR GARLAND.

Washington Letter in New York Times. Until it is settled beyond dispute by the public announcement of his selection he can scarcely be expected that Mr. Garland will talk about himself as a future Cabinet officer.

He is a modest, retiring gentleman. Tall, heavy, but not stout, dark of complexion and hair, smooth-faced, not an orator, but a plain, rather rapid talker, who seldom speaks except upon legal positions or the legal knots presented in Senate debates; he has not "shown off" in the upper branch of the Congress.

THE FEELING IN GEORGIA.

Unless the Roads there are Granted State Aid, Bankruptcy. Augusta Chronicle. The Chronicle sees no possible or practical good to result from an amendment of the Railroad law in Georgia unless the power to make new laws over their own roads is vested in the railroad themselves.

THE UNION OF NORTH AND SOUTH.

London Times. The principal feature of interest in this year's (New Orleans) exhibition will lie in the evidence which it will afford as to the recuperative energies of the Southern States.

ARKANSAS AND TEXAS.

Heavy Rains—Over Ten Inches in Ninety Hours—Great Floods in the Rivers—Serious Damage to Fences, Houses, Stock, &c. Little Rock, December 31.—The rainfall here continued until 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it slackened. Telegrams from several points in the Arkansas river at this point had risen, up to last night, four feet in the preceding eight hours.

WHO CAME OFF BEST IN A DUEL.

Balt. Sun, Dec. 27. It is said that arrangements had been made for a duel at Druid Hill Park, early yesterday morning between two medical students, one of whom is from North Carolina and the other from Mississippi.

NEW YORK.

Decline in Western Union—Trouble of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia. (By Telegram to the Morning Star.) New York, Dec. 31.—Western Union has sold down to 82 1/2 from 97, on reports that the company was to be sold to one cent per word after January 1st, and other telegraph companies would meet the cut. Officers of the companies say there is no truth in the report.

CLEVELAND'S LETTER.

N. Y. World, Dec. 30. The President-elect promulgates no new doctrine and takes no sudden position. He stands where he has always stood, the advocate of genuine, practical Civil Service Reform.

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WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 24, P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The market was quoted at 27 1/2 cents per gallon, with sales reported of 320 casks at that price.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market steady, with sales reported at \$1.00 for Hard and \$1.00 for Virgin and Yellow Dip.

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DISFIGURING HUMORS.

I have tried for eleven years to have my wife cured of a terrible skin disease. The Cuticura Remedies have cured her.

BLITCHES CURED.

I used your CUTICURA REMEDIES for Blitches, and an completely cured by my inexpressible joy.

\$500 FOR NOTHING.

Having paid about \$500 for first class doctors to cure my baby without success, I tried the CUTICURA Remedies, which cured my child.

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