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Nearly every member of Mr. Mc-Kinley's Cabinet has gone before the people in this campaign to vindicate his administration and appeal to the people to re elect him. When dignitaries of this class go on the stump to defend an administration of which they are a part, it is a virtual admission that there is much which needs defence and which cannot be satisfactorily defended by the

ordinary stump speakers and organs. They presume on the fact that they are so closely connected with Mr. McKinley that what they say will have more than the ordinary importance, forgetful of the other fact that they as well as President McKinley are on trial before the jary of their countrymen and that while defending him they are also defending themselves. This weakeas their power as defenders because | plea trembling lest the people bring it shows a personal and a selfish in a verdict against them, and we

When Secretary Root or Secretary | ing and expending the millions of Long defends the war policy of the administration they are defending themselves, for they are as much responsible for the war policy as he is, because they were his advisors.

When Secretary Gage defends the financial policy he is defending himself, for he is responsible for any defeets there may be in that as Mr. McKinley, because McKinley looked to him for counsel and acted largely if not altogether on his advice. When he comes to the front now to assert that there are dangers impending over the gold standard act he condemns himself and proclaims his own short-sightedness in not foreseeing the kind of a law that would stand the test if there were an effort made to break through it, and he also heralds his own inconsistency when he thus contradicts the assurances he gave the public but a short while ago that no matter which party won in the next election the gold standard would be safe.

It seems to us that, under these circumstances, what these interested gentlemen have to say to the people, especially when spurred to it by political emergencies, would have very little influence on intelligent, sensible people. But they seem to think differently, or they would not be scurrying around the country pleading for vindication for Mr. McKinley-and for themselves.

Secretary Gage is the latest but doubtless not the last to figure in the role of vindicator, which he did at a meeting of Young Republicans in Philadelphia a few nights ago. Commenting upon his performance there the Philadelphia

"Secretary Gage, who addressed the meeting of the Young Republicans of Philadelphia at the Academy of Music last night, employed the 'let-wellenough alone" argument in favor of President McKinley and the Republican party. After claiming as the fruits of Republican administration and legslation the prosperity enjoyed by the country during the past four years and its success in war the Secretary put his question: 'Has the effect been so dverse as to demand an experimental hange?' The force of this sort reasoning depends altogether upon the truthfulness of the premises. The nation has prospered and rolled up wealth during the administration of President McKinley because of the bounty of nature (the coincidence of abundant harvests in this country and relative scarcity abroad) and by reason of the inventiveness. industry and enterprise of our merchants, manufacturers and workingmen, not because of anything which the President and his party have done. It was the valor of American soldiers and the precision of American naval gunnery, not the ability dis played by William McKinley, commander in chief of the army and navy, in applying the power committed to him, that 'in 113 days com-

pelled a vanquished people to sue for "President McKinley's most important interposition in the conflict with Spain was to shield Secretary of War Alger, whom he had foisted on the American people in order to pay a political debt, and whom he retained to the end of the war against the almost unanimous protest of the nation. The 'embalmed' beef scandal, the fever camps and Eaganism—these are some of the choice fruits of War Office methods, and President McKinley cannot shirk his responsibility for the same. Another specific claim made by Secretary Gage for the official chief and the Republican party was that they established our money system 'on the good founda-tion of gold;' and yet if the secretary were right in his recent criticism of the Act of March 14th, 1900, the measure he now praises is so defective and the foundation established by his party 28,283.

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Congress in financial legislation.

"Inasmuch as the Secretary did not

cite any other particular act as en-

titling the Republican party to con-tinued confidence, it is not necessary

to confute the multitude of fraudulent

claims made by that party upon the

gratitude of the American people. Sec-

retary Gage's question whether a

change of parties in the control of the Government would be advantageous

or desirable might be answered in the affirmative a hundred times, and each

time the answer might be supported

by indubitable arguments. The growth

and multiplication of Trusts under the

fostering influence of Republican

policy; the enormous increase in pub-

lic expenditures and taxes; the viola-tion of the spirit of the Declaration of

Independence and of the letter of the Constitution in the treatment of the in-sular peoples whom the fortunes of

war have put in our ward—these are

pertainly serious and sufficient reasons

power. Unfortunately, however, the

American nation is laboring under a

choice of rulers for the next quadren-

nial period. It is the question whether

four years of Bryan might not be

worse than four years more of McKin-ley which is perplexing the voters.

The American people are not called upon to let well enough alone, but to

decide which of the two evils would be

the greater-a continuance of McKin-

legism at Washington or an injection

of Bryanism into our national financial

The "let-well-enough-alone" plea

is one of Mark Hanna's bright ideas.

based on the boldfaced assumption

that the conditions in which the

country now finds itself are "well

enough," for the people at large as

well as for Mark Hanna and his

crowd, which is very far from being

the fact, for if it were we would not

find the country stirred as it is from

one end to the other, and the men

who are making this "well enough"

would not see Mark' Hanna collect-

dollars contributed by the benefi-

ciaries of Republican policies to in-

fluence that verdict and secure at

any cost the acquittal of the admin-

Presidential elections in this

country are nothing to be sneezed

at. In the matter of paper alone it

requires eighty tons to supply the

State of New York. The paper

trust has a soft snap on that and

wouldn't care if elections came

quarterly instead of quadrennially.

The Gould family have had to

nterfere to prevent Castellane from

running Anna to the poor house.

In four years he has gotten away

with \$7,000,000 of her money. Her

brother George has had himself

made her trustee by the French

The strain of this campaign has

been too much for Mark Hanna. In

his recent stumping tour through

Indiana he devoted himself almost

exclusively to denunciations of

Bryan and talked with the inco-

herence of an insane man. He is

Since 1890 the fifteen Southern

States have increased their population

from 22,449,278 to 26,339,307, a gain

of 3,890,029. While there has been

more or less of this from immigra-

tion from other States, there has

been very little from other countries.

Mark Hanna had the candor to

acknowledge in a speech in Chicago

a few nights ago that he had done

"some political work and had pro-

fited by it." That's what he is in

it for, and he insists on big divi-

The Albatros, which has been

taking soundings in the Pacific,

struck one place where the sea was

five miles deep. That's about where

Hanna would like to have the Philip-

With the present population of

this country, on the present basis of

apportionment, the House of Repre-

sentatives will number 382 members.

instead of 357, as at present, North

The Hartford Courant is 136

years old, but is still nimble. It is a

Republican paper, which shows that

age and experience do not always

Carolina will gain one member.

dends, too.

badly off mental balance.

courts, to save what was left.

great embarrassment in making a

for the condemnation of the party in

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1900.

for the gold standard is so rickety that an Executive who should be un-friendly to the maintenance of that strndard could practically put the fin-ances of the United States on a silver basis in spite of that law. Secretary Gage is in no position to demand the confidence of the people for his party on the record made by the Republican

YORK GOES TO FAYETTEVILLE

He Was Taken to Jall Last Saturday Morning-Witness Sent to Jail for Being Intoxicated in Court-Notes of the Session.

The Federal Court finished up the business of the term at 12.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon and Judge Purnell left on the 3.05 S. A. L. train for his home at Raleigh. Most of the other court officers left last evening and the remaining number, including defendants, witnesses and attorneys, will leave to-day.

The term has been remarkable for the absence of important cases on the docket and dispatch with which those that were for trial were dispensed with.

The following proceedings appear from the Clerk's record yesterday Millard McKay, Bladen county; breaking into distillery warehouse and

retailing; not guilty.

James Green, Richmond county retailing, plead guilty and prayed for judgment; continued, defendant to give bond to next term. James Green and W. A. McDonald, Richmond county; sci fa, forfeited rec-

ognizance; sci fa dismissed James Bostick, Richmond county; retailing; plead not guilty; verdict not J. Wesley Hodges, Richmond county; retailing; plead not guilty; verdict guilty and sentenced to one

year in penitentiary.

Drewry Walters, Richmond county; retailing; plead not guilty; verdict guilty and judgment sixty days in jail and \$100 fine and costs. T. L. Rosser, of Elizabethtown and witness in the case against Millard McKay, was committed to the New

Hanover county jail for twenty days for being intoxicated in court. The grand jury returned a true bill against Thomas Sykes, of New Hanover, for retailing without license; continued on account of sickness of defeudant.

The grand jury and petit jurors All the cases on the civil docket were continued as follows: Thomas A. McIntyre vs. G. W. Kidder; Rountree & Co. vs. Harry Skinner; State of North Carolina on petition of Railroad Commision vs. the Western Union Telegraph Company: Maria R. Lewis vs. the Provident Savings-Life Assurance Society of New York: E. J. Powers vs. S. Munn, Son & Co., of New York; also those on the appearance docket as follows: Clarence L Parker vs. the Clarendon Water Works Company, (two cases), and Thompson & Co., and A. C. Thompson vs. the Atlantic National Bank, of

The cases of E. J. Powers vs. Munn & Co. and Maria R. Lewis vs. the Life Assurance Society were continued by

York Will be Transferred.

Since the decision to transfer the case of J. L. York to the Federal Court at Raleigh and the expressed desire of the prisoner to be trans ferred from the New Hanover jail on account of his health, there has been much speculation as to what would ultimately be done in the matter. It was at first thought by the District Attorney that it would be best to take him to Raleigh, but there were others who wanted to take him back to the jail in Fayetteville as York desired, among them being Deputy Marshal H B. Everett. The officer telegraphed to Judge Purnell at Lumberton in the afternoon yesterday and received a reply ordering the clerk of the court to give him a commitment to the Fayetteville jail, which was done.

Steamer Hurt's New Boiler. The old boiler of the steamer A. P. Hurt, which was recently condemned by the U.S. inspector, was taken out yesterday and placed on the wharf of the Cape Fear River Transportation Company. Capt. W. A. Robeson, master of the steamer, who has recently returned from a trip North to purchase a new boiler, found material so scarce that the factories would not guarantee shipment within six months. He returned via Savannah and there procured the boiler from the sunken steamer Katie, which the company lost in Savannah river about three years ago. It has already been shipped and is daily expected, so that the Hurt will soon be on her regular schedule again. Capt. Robeson is here, in person superintending the exchange.

Transfers of Realty.

the following property transfers yespany, property on Water street between Dock and Market; consideration \$3,000. The property is now used as a warehouse by Mr. Preston Cumming J. VanB. Metts to Thos H. Wright,

The yacht Arrow built for Charles . Flint is the fleetest thing afloat. She makes 42 miles an hour and when put on her mettle can make

Harbor Master's Report.

bring wisdom.

The report of Capt. Edgar D. Williams, harbor master, shows the following arrivals of vessels of 90 tons and over at the port of Wilmington during the month of October: American-Five steamships, 6,131

tons; 1 barge, 416 tons; 1 brig, 610 tons; 8 schooners, 2,061 tons. Total vessels, 15; total tonnage, 9,218. Foreign-Nine steamships, 18,345

tons; 1 barque, 720 tons. Total vessels, 10; total tonnage, 19,065. Grand total-Vessels, 25; tonnage,

THE FEDERAL COURT PERSUNAL PARAGRAPHS.

Judge Purnell Cleared the Docket and Reached Adjournment arrived home last evening. Friday Afternoon.

winter at Lafayette."

- Mr. George Faison, who has been with Mr. W. C. VonGlahn since October 1st, left yesterday for his home at Warsaw to recuperate from a

ton, a subscriber to the WEEKLY STAR for twelve years, was here Saturday. He was accompanied by Mr. D. C. Regan, also of Lumberton.

Defeats the Opponent Next Time.

To show that Bryan will defeat Mc-Kinley this year John W. Cavanagh, of No. 11 Wall street, has set forth facts establishing the rule that "in a Presidential contest the loser always defeats his opponent the next time they meet."

tests showing this result: 1796—Adams defeated Jefferson.

1824—J. Q. Adams defeated Jackson. 1828—Jackson defeated J. Q. Adams. 1836—Van Buren defeated W. H.

1888-B. Harrison defeated Cleve-1892-Cleveland defeated B. Harri-

1896-McKinley defeated Bryan.

ment at the Opera House Last Night.

ber-something after 12 o'clock.

The Fatal Accident at Clinton.

a former marriage.

Aaron H. Neff, of New York, to the Willard Bag and Manufacturing Com-

tween Green and Miller, for \$500.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Benevolent Society extends grateful thanks to the following friends or contributions to the Catherine Kennedy Home during the past month: Miss Louise Harlowe, Miss B. Armstrong, Mr. Hintze, Mr. J. F. Gar-rell, Mrs. H. F. Wilder, Mrs. E. N. Penny, Mrs. B. F. Hall, Miss Puss Hancock, Mrs. Roger Moore, a friend, Mrs. J. L. Cantwell, Mrs. Nixon Davis, \$5.00, Mr. J. H. Bunting, Mr. Clay ton Giles, Jr. The thanks of the society are especially due to Mr. Nixon Davis for experience with the society are especially due to Mr. Nixon Davis for serving us in a business way, thereby saving us a great deal of anx-

- Miss Mary Jennings Bellamy, after spending several months with friends in Pennsylvania and Virginia,

- Fayetteville Observer: "Mrs. M. B. Kirkland and Miss Mary Wararrived last night and will spend the

two weeks spell of sickness.

1800—Jefferson defeated Adams. 1840-W. H. Harrison defeated Van

The Una Clayton Company closed a most successful week's engagement | make it a veritable gala week to Wilat the Opera House last evening, presenting in artistic style the comedy drama, "Fanchon," to a house which would have been much larger but for the very inclement weather. At the matinee yesterday afternoon the company repeated Wednesday evening's bill, "A Sultan's Daughter," to a thoroughly delighted audience. The watch presented by Miss Clayton to the person guessing nearest the hour at which it stopped after being wound up was given to Miss Carrie Ortmann, she having guessed nearest the lucky num-

Register of Deeds Biddle recorded

property 48x82 feet on Fourth between Market and Princess streets, for \$2,000. erty 33x165 feet on MacRae street be-

THE ELKS' CARNIVAL.

Committees Named to Secure Co-operation

of Merchants in the Affair-Experi-

enced Man Will Be Employed

to Work Up the Matter.

The Elks' Carnival and Mammoth

At the meeting William J. Bellamy,

Esq., presided and members in attend-

ance were Messrs. Samuel Bear, Jr.,

H. J. Gerken, W. F. Robertson, T. B.

Carroll, T. H. Wright, H. McL.

It is proposed to hold the "Mam

moth fair and gala week" for the period

lasting from Dec. 3rd to Dec. 8th

Mr. George D. Benson, an experienced

man in arranging carnivals and events

of this character, and who has made a

great success of such promotions all

over the North and South, will be

here soon and will take charge of the

work, provided the Elks receive the

The attractions will be many and

varied and the event will be made

second to none of the phenomen-

ally successful street fairs and carni-

vals which have contributed so much

to the industrial and financial up-

building of other cities in the State

this year. It is proposed to have bal-

loon ascensions, foot ball games, ath-

mington and the surrounding country

nothing without enlisting the hearty

co-operation and support of the mer-

whom a gala week of the kind pro-

posed will mean so much. With this

end in view, Mr. Samuel Bear, Jr., at

motion, which prevailed, that the

from those who can be interested in

The chairman appointed the follow

ing, who are expected to work in all

the territory described by the bound-

East side of Front street; west side

of Third street and north side of Mar-

ket street-W. E. Springer and M.

street and north side of Market street

-Samuel Bear, Jr., and H. McL

East of the river; west side of Fron

street and south side of Market street —George Harriss and S. H. Fishblate.

East side of Front street; west side

of Third street and south side of Mar-

et street-H. J. Gerken and Lewis

East side of Third street and north

East side of Third street and South

side of Market street— J. F. Woolvin,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman Richardson says It Is Abso

lutely Certain That the Democrats

Will Have a Majority.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, November 3.—Chair-

nan Richardson, of the Democratic

National Congressional Committee,

to-night made the following statement

as to the next House of Representa-

"We are absolutely certain that the

next House will be Democratic, and

we believe that the Republican leaders

well know it, many prominent Re

publicans having admitted it. The

majority will be a good safe one, at

east 25. This committee has no

leemed it wise to go into detailed esti-

mates showing the districts they are

onfident of carrying, or those that

they are making a fight for, for the

reason that we do not wish to invite

ublicans to concentrate their forces

in those districts where our Demo-

bratic candidates are making hopeful

ent to every good Democrat, and is

certainly appreciated by every intelli-

they expect to carry the House by a

decided majority is all for political

effect. The prominent men of the

party have conceded for some time

past that the situation was desperate,

and probably hopeless so far as the

House was concerned, and the claims

now are made to keep their spirits

The weekly statement of averages

Loans, \$792,330,300; decreased \$1,054,-

300. Deposits, \$841,775,200; decreased

\$1,616,300. Circulation, \$30,717,800; increased \$57,000. Legal Tenders, \$58,

351,100; increased \$405,100. Specie, \$158,043,100; decreased \$890,600. Total reserve, \$216,394,200; decreased \$485,-500.

him to Atlanta last night.

219, or 3.3 per cent.

the Associated Banks shows:

"The wisdom of this must be appar-

"The claims of the Republicans that

ide of Market street -- T. B. Carroll

C. H. Wright, and H. C. Bear.

Julius Taylor and B. B. Jackson.

East of the river; west side of Front

ary lines given:

W. Divine.

in their laudable undertaking.

H. G. Fennell and S. H. Fishblate.

event from the very start.

Committee Met Yesterday Afternoon at The Orton to Ar-

ren Cameron, of Lake Waccamaw,

- Mr. Eli Phillips, of Lumber-

AN OLD RULE FAVORS BRYAN

In Presidential Contests the Loser Always

[New York Journal.] Green, L. H Skinner, W. E. Springer,

Here is the list of Presidential con-

Buren.

1900-BRYAN WILL DEFEAT MCKIN-

THE UNA CLAYTON COMPANY

Closed a Most Successful Week's Engage-

Mr. Morey, the manager, after the performance last evening, promised Wilmington a return engagement this season, and it goes without saying that theatre goers who have attended this week's performances will have for the entire company a warm welcome.

Parties, who came down from Clinton Saturday, brought particulars of the accidental shooting at Clinton a few nights since, in which young Howard Peterson lost his life. He was in the armory of the Sampson Light Infantry at a band practice which was about to begin. As the young man had picked up an instrument, Luke Moore, janitor of the building and first corporal of the company, was cleaning in another part of the building an old army pistol which accidentally fired the ball taking effect in Peterson's groin, causing, it is thought, lockjaw, from which he died a few hours later in a physician's office, whither he had been taken for treatment. The young man was a son of Mrs. Julia N. Lewis, of Clinton, by

Plano Recital. The usual Saturday afternoon recital by pupils of Miss Cannie Chasten's piano classes was given yesterday at 4:30 o'clock in Schubert Hall. The following programme was rendered. "Prelude and Fugue," (Bach) (From the Well Tempered Clavechord.) by Miss Elizabeth D. Burtt.

"Sonata Op. 2, No. 1." (Beethoven.) (First Movement) by Mr. James C. "Nocturne in C. Minor," (Chopin.) (Schu-

by Miss Esteele May Muse.
"Novellette in E. Major," mann) by Miss Elizabeth D. Burtt.

S. A. E. Alumni Association.

Members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in Wilmington have received a charter from their Supreme Council for the organization of the Wilmington Alumni Association of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. There are a number of S. A. E.'s in Wilmington and they propose to make their club one of the most popular social organizations in the city.

Negro Shot Last Night.

Arthur Evans and Fred Evans, two colored youths, quarrelled last night about 6 o'clock at corner of Second and Marsteller street, and as a result o Monroe Byrd to Henry Green, prop- the same the last named drew a pistol and fired on his adversary, the ball taking effect in the calf of Arthur Evans' right leg. The wounded negro was taken to the City Hospital in the patrol wagon. The other negro has not been arrested.

> Special Train to Newbern. The Atlantic Coast Line will operate

a special train to Newbern Wednesday, November 14th, on account of the Eastern Carolina Oyster, Fish, Game and Industrial Fair. The train will leave Wilmington at 7.40 o'clock A. M., returning, leaves Newbern at 4.50 o'clock P. M. Excursion tickets 423 in 1890. This is an increase of 11,will be on sale at very low rates.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Greensboro Telegram: Mr. Jesse Benbow, of Oak Ridge, this county, died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock. He was over 85 years of age. - Wilson Times: Last Monday Mr. James Davis, or "Jim," as he is range Event. known by his friends, was attacked with an epileptic fit and fell on Golds DATE, DECEMBER 3RD TO 8TH boro street. He was immediately taken

> about 3 o'clock from heart failure. - Rockingham Anglo Saxon: Mr C. C. Covington is hereby awarded the red ribbon on a prize squash. Dr. Covington brought in one from his farm a few days ago which measured 43 inches in length. The seed were sent here from Mississippi, and they are

home, and died suddenly on Tuesday

said to be very delicious. Street Fair, which has been much - Lexington Dispatch: The regtalked of for the past few months. istration books for the national elecnow appears a certainty. An enthution closed Saturday. The very heavy registration for the August election siastic meeting of the committee from made the week rather tame with the the Wilmington Lodge was held yes registrars, but the books had to be terday afternoon in the parlors of The opened according to law. There were Orton and active steps were taken very few names added to the lists. towards launching a boom for the

- Salisbury Truth-Index: Mrs. Dr. W. A. Newman nee Miss Mary Legh Page, wife of our townsman, Dr. W. A. Newman, has just fallen heir, as reported by the Richmond papars of Wednesday, to the Mont St. Angela estate, in Virginia, through the death of her aunt, Mrs. Julia Fletcher Williams, who left a fortune valued at

- Statesville Mascot: Mr. J. M. Whitlow, who lives about two miles from town, yesterday brought in two branches of a cotton plant that were loaded with full grown bolls. He says that all over his field the top branches have a second crop of fully grown bolls, and that if we have no frost for about ten days that he will have a second crop of cotton. This cotton bloomed since the middle of September.

- Concord Times: Another cotproper encouragement from the public ton mill is to be added to Concord's already large number, making the fourteenth one. Mr. B. E. Harris is the prime mover in the enterprise, and he has bought a site for the factory from Mr. J. C. Wadsworth, a part of the Montgomery lands. About a one hundred thousand dollar mill will be erected, and cotton twine and other cotton goods will be made. The project is yet in embyro, but its consummation is assurred.

- Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. T. N. Lee, a well known letic contests, mid way plaisance citizen of Union county, died at his shows, menageries, etc.; in fact to home near Monroe Friday. — John shot and killed Saturday by Mr. Emsley Phifer, who lives near Marshville. In arranging for the event, the Elks Mr. Phifer was repairing a gun which are fully mindful that they can do belonged to the negro, when it was accidentally discharged, the load taking effect in Nicholas' leg below the chants and business men of the city, to knee. The wounded man died from loss of blood. - Durham Sun: A fatal accident

occurred Thursday morning on the Seaboard Air Line freight yards, by the meeting yesterday afternoon made which a young man by the name of Sidney Lee lost his life. The young man was about 21 years of age, and a chairman appoint committees for the son of John Lee, who lives beyond purpose of soliciting subscriptions Red Mountain, in Person county. Deceased was either standing on the track or attempted to cross it, when he was struck by a car and knocked down. The wheels ran over his head, crush

ing it in a horrible manner. - Reidsville Review: We record with pecular sadness the tragic and sudden death of Mr. Stafford Turner, who was killed in a baseball game near Reidsville Saturday. The Mizpah and Berry teams were playing baseball at Sunny Side and Mr. Turner wes on the first base and his friend, Temple Harrison, was coaching him. Turner tried to make the second base. but finding that he could not do so safely, turned, and attempted to return to the first. In avoiding the first baseman he collided with Harrison, who was struck with such force that he was thrown to the ground and Turner fell upon Harrison's uplifted knee, causing some internal derangement that resulted in his death in about forty-five minutes. Mr. Turner was to have been married before Christmas. He had brought his sweetheart to witness the game and her presence made the

accident the more pathetic. - Asheboro Courier: John Fields, aged about 43 years, living in the Sandy Creek section, was killed instantly on October 22d by the overturning of a wagon on the public road near the widow Brown's place, a few miles east of Level Cross. The team of mules he was driving belong to John Wheeler. Will Hatwood, colored, met with an accident on Friday evening that proved fatal. He was employed at Dr. Bowbow's saw mill, about two miles south of Gray's Chapel. He fell on the saw while running, his arm being sawed off near his shoulder. - The store belonging to R. B. Johnson, in Concord township, was robbed Friday night. The store-house was entered by prizing open a window. They got \$200 and considerable quantity of merchandise. Two men named Sechrist and Lambeth were seen near the store about dark that night. They had been in the neighborhood some time, and i is said came from near Pilot Moun tain. They came to Asheboro Satur day morning and went north on the 10 o'clock train. They gave a gentleman here a box of the cartridges they stole and traded some \$12 at one of the hardware stores. They waded the Uwharrie river and burned up their clothes on this sides, and it is supposed put on new suits they sole.

PIGHTING IN CHINA.

An Anglo-German Force Meets With Stubborn Resistance. By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, November 3 .- The Pall Mall Gazette, this afternoon, publishes a dispatch from Ichow, dated October 28th, which says heavy fighting has occurred in the mountains on the Shan Si frontier. An Anglo-German force of 1,500 men, commanded by Colonel Von Norman, stormed Tseching Kung Pass. The Chinese occupied a strong position on the crest and stubbornly resisted. They poured a hot enfilading fire on the advance party of eighty Germans, under Major Von Forrester, but British Bengal cavalry and mounted sappers, dismounting, scaled the heights, turned the enemy's flanks and relieved the Germans.

The steamer Hill City, plying be-tween St. Louis and New Orleans, struck an obstruction just below Mem-Gus Fellows, a negro, was found guilty of criminal assault at Jeffersonville. Ga . and was sentenced to hang November 24th. The two companies of military ordered there to protect phis, and immediately sank to the lower deck. Thirty passengers and a crew of forty were taken safely ashore him from mob violence returned with in yawls, but the cargo probably will be ruined.

Lord Roberts, in a dispatch from The population of the State of Vermont, as announced yesterday by the Census Bureau, is 343,641, against 332,-Johannesburg, dated November 2d, reports no less than eight fights at different points; all unimportant but significant of the activity of the Boers.

THE BAMBOO FLUTEL [Japanese.] I hear from the shade of the fir trees
The fisher's flute again,
His importunate lamentations,
His passion and his pain.

Proud lords and lovely ladies Met there in nights gone by, While the summer moon was sailing Like a pleasure boat on high.

The lords sang amorous ditties, The ladies touched the lute, Where emulous and envious, The nightingale was mute. They stole apart in the darkness And plighted hearts and hands

Or, stiffing songs with laughter, Danced on the yellow sands. There is more in the fisher's music

Of passion and of pain
Than he knows, and here at midnight It comes to me again-Comes back with a silent sorrow, The weight of tears unshed,

The longing for vanished voices,
The loved, the lost—the dead!
—Richard Henry Stoddard in Century.

STORY IN FIVE WORDS.

It Told of One of the Most Terrible of Massacres. Probably the most startling piece of news that was ever sent out into the world was the announcement of the massacre of General Custer and his command in 1876. The terrible news was so unexpected that it came like a bolt from a clear sky. It brought a feeling of sickening horror to the heart of every man who read it or heard it on the street. It passed from lip to lip as it became known n the west and the east. There were friends and relatives of the murdered men in all parts of the nation, and the gallant commander was himself a national hero. For two days the nation waited breathlessly for information regarding the disaster additional to the brief general announcement of the calamity that had been sent out as soon as the news was known in Bismarck, N. D., which was then the extreme northwestern office of the telegraph company. That first message was a brief one; but, after all,

it told the whole story. That message was a bit of "wire talk" sent from Bismarck to Fargo on the morning of July 5, 1876, and it said, "All the Custers are killed." The message was sent by J. M. Carnahan, manager of the Western Union office in Missoula and it was thus that the news was first sent eastward. From Fargo it was re peated to St. Paul, and St. Paul sent it, in turn, to Chicago, and from there it was passed along to cities, towns and hamlets, telling its brief but terrible story tersely, but completely. There was but a single wire east from Bismarck in those days, and government business had the first call upon this. Consequently Operator Carnahan had only time to flash forward this brief message of general information before he was compelled to begin the transmission of the official report of General Terry to the war department. For 24 hours he sat at his key clicking off this mass of official correspondence. All this time the eastern papers were clamoring for news, but it could not be given to them. So persistent were these demands for news that Mr. Carnahan obtained the permission of Colonel Smith, the member of Terry's staff who had brought in the official dispatches, to make up a short "special" from the information contained in the reports of the officers. This special was sent to the New York Herald and is believed to be the first authentic news of the Big Horn massacre that was sent out, aside from the official dispatches .-Cincinnati Enquirer.

HEBREW SURNAMES. Most of Them Date Back Only Two The family names of European Jew

are of comparatively recent origin, most centuries and the first part of the nineteenth. When they were obliged by law to assume family names they did so either according to their traditional custom, calling themselves Abrahamson Isaacson, Jacobson, Aaronson, Davidson, Levison or the like, or took the names of their native country, as Sachs, Schwab, Pollack, Baier, Boehm, Schweizer, Tyroler, Oestretcher, Hollaender, etc. Others, again-and these are the majority-named themselves from their native towns, such as Frankfurter, Berliner, Oppenheimer, Posner, Landauer, Fuerther,

Marburg, Wetzlar, Erlanger, Bernheim-The descendants of Aaron mostly kept up the names of Cohn, Cohen, Cowen or Katz, and the Levites maintained the name of Levi, Levy, Leyh or Brill, the last being composed of the initial letters of Ben Rabbi Jehuda Levi. Some few are translations from the Hebrew; Huebsch and Schoen from Jafeh. Wise from Chacham, Weis from Zaban, Roth from Edom. Still there are quite a number of Jewish names much older than the eighteenth century which are evidently not taken from any town or country, also among the German Polish Jews, such as Heller, Mack, Moch, Block, Bloch, etc. Euphonious and attractive names, both from the fauna and flora of Europe, were frequently chosen. When emigrating to other countries, the bearers of these names would often translate them into the language of their new habitat. Schoenberg became Belmont, Blumbenberg changed to Montefiore, Loewenthal to Napoleon, Gutmann to Goodman, etc. The name of Saphir, the German humorist (1795 to 1858), is said to have been chosen by his father from a sapphire he was wearing in a ring and to which the official in court called attention when he was in doubt what name to select for his family.-Baltimore Sun.

There Was No Duel.

Colonel Crisp when in the Missouri legislature was one of the central figures in a scene which promised bloodshed which ended in a hearty laugh and which was the cause of an astounding remark from Hon. John W. Farriss, the then speaker. Crisp and another belligerent son of Anak got into a debate which grew into a quarrel. They shook their fists at each other and roared like a pair of Numidian lions. Everybody expected and many hoped to see a regular old fashioned knockdown and drag out fight, which expectation and hope were frustrated and dashed to the ground by

Speaker Farriss remarking: "If you gentlemen do not quit fussing and take your seats, I will order the chaplain to take you into custody!" which so amazed the bellicose legislators that they stood in a state of lingual paralysis, while the spectators laughed till they were red in the face. Humor saved the day.-Champ Clark in Denver Republican.

Lots of Vowels.

In the Hawaiian language every word almost impossible to pronounce two consonants together, and in English he has the greatest difficulty in pronouncing any word ending with a consonant. Mr. Hale in his Polynesian grammar says: "In all the Polynesian dialects every syllable must terminate in a vowel, and two consonants are never heard without vowel between them. It is chiefly to this peculiarity that the softness of these languages is to be attributed. The longest syllables have only three letters, and many syllables consist of a single vowel." Again, no syllable, as a general rule, in the Ba-ntu family of African speech can end in a consonant, but only in vowels.

The Work Cure. "The healthy brother supported the invalid brother for years and years and years, and then the healthy brother died.' "What became of the poor invalid

IRISH TURNS AND TWISTS.

The Unconscious Humor That Crops Out In the Green Isle. The author of "Irish Life and Character" says truly that one has only to mix with an Irish crowd to hear many a laughable expression, quite innocently uttered. As the Duke and Duchess of York were leaving Dublin

in 1897, amid enthusiastic cheering, an old woman remarked: "Ah! Isn't it the fine reception they're gettin, goin away?" In 1892 Dublin university celebrated its tercentenary, and crowds of visitors were attracted to the city. Two laborers, rejoiced at the general prosperity, expressed their feelings.

cintinaries does a dale for the thrade of Dublin, and no mistake." "Oh, faix they do!" said the other. "And whin, with the blessin of God, we get home rule, sure we can have as manny of thim as we plase."

"Well, Tim," said one, "thim tar-

An old woman, seeing a man pulling young calf roughly along the road, exclaimed: "Oh, you bla'guard! That's no way

to thrate a fellow crather." "Sure," said a laborer to a young lady who was urging him to send his children to school, "I'd do anything for such a sweet, gintlemanly lady as

yourself."

decided that it would be more convenient for them if they could be paid every week instead of every fortnight. One of their number was sent to place their proposition before the land agent,

"If you please, sir, it's me desire,

squad of recruits, called to them at "Halt!" Just come over here, all of

JUST A BIT OF LIFE.

ye, and look at yourselves. It's a fine

shops In the Metropolis. Sneaking into a small shop in an obscure and poverty ridden locality, the man who "went broke" at the races was realizing on a superfluous article care and desperation that it made him feel sick to look at her, was holding something under her shawl and wait-

ished his transaction. "Wait on her. She seems to be in a hurry," he said to the man behind the counter, and at the word of permission a carpenter's plane was produced from

"How much do you want?" queried the unmoved pawnbroker monotonous-

"Fifty cents," replied the woman, with a gulping in her throat and an eager look in her eyes. She clutched the money tightly and ran into another her troubles in duller fashion. She had a baby's cloak, never costly and much worn, on which she wanted to borrow money, the same sum as the other woman had asked for.

times as much." And, seizing the money, he hurrled after the woman who had just left the shop. He was not given to acts of charity, and he felt awkward, the more so as the woman shrank from him as he accosted her. "I beg your pardop," he began, "but

here's \$5 I have no use for. Perhaps you"-

"My child is dead!" cried the woman, with a queer sob, and fled into the labyrinth of alleys and byways that shelters so much wretchedness.—New York Times. Curious Mexican Laws.

twice as much of an offense to mutilate the face of a woman as that of a man. The law seems to be based on the idea that a woman's best possession is her beauty and that to mar it does her a great injury. There is another curious law. If a person should be wounded in an encounter, the punishment to the offend-

than 40 days in his recovery, the penalty doubles up.

An impudent fraud was perpetrated upon a Manchester bank by one of its customers, who opened an account with some few hundreds of pounds. The man, after a few weeks, drew two checks, each within a pound or so of his balance, and, selecting a busy day, presented himself at one end of the counter, while an accomplice, when he saw that his friend's check had been cashed, immediately presented his own to a cashier at the other end. Both cashlers referred the checks to the ledger clerk, who, thinking the same cashier had asked him twice, said "right" to both checks. The thieves

Nye's Introduction. When James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye traveled together giving a joint entertainment, the humorist had great fun with the poet. Once, in introducing Riley and himself to an audience. Nye remarked, "I will appear first and speak until I get tired, then Mr. Riley will succeed me and read from his own works until you get

Plymouth rock has become an object of veneration in the United States be cause of its interesting historical associations. As is well known, it is the rock or ledge on which the pilgrims are believd to have landed when they first stepped from their boats in the harbor of what is now Plymouth, Mass. In 1775 part of the rock was removed to the vicinity of Pilgrim hall, but was after ward restored to its original site and is now under the stone canopy that surmounts the main rock on Water street. Charles Sumner said, "From the deck of the Mayflower, from the landing at Plymouth rock, to the senate of the United States is a mighty contrast, covering whole spaces of history hardly less than from the wolf that suckled Romulus and Remus to that Roman scrate which,

Russia's National Tipple. Vodka is the destroyer of national character and domestic happiness in Russia. This deadly drink is seen on every table. It is simply another name for spirits of wine very little modified. Thousands of

on curule chairs, swayed Italy and the

world."

Too Much For Him "Were you sick on the voyage over?" "Not until the custom house officers came aboard."—Philadelphia American.

Russians every year become confirmed wooka drunkards, chiefly through the se-derity of the winter. It is a singular fact that religion and intemperance are closely allied together in Russia. Drunkenness is not accounted at all sinful by the vast majority of even the religious people.-New York Tribune.

Again, the laborers on a large estate and this was his statement:

and it is also ivery other man's desire, that we resave out fortnight's pay lvery week." An exasperated sergeant, drilling a

ine ye're keepin, isn't it?"

Pathetic Incident of the Pawn-

of jewelry. A woman so poor and pinched in feature, so marked with ing nervously until he should have fin-

the shelter of the shawl.

The man who had been offering a diamond felt uncomfortable. "There, give me \$50. The stone's worth four

"No, no!" she cried, drawing further from him.

nal laws in Mexico. For instance, it is

er is fixed by the number of days his victim has to stay in the hospital or under a doctor's care. A line is fixed at 40 days in the way of a general division. If the injured man occupies more

"Oh, he had to get well and go to