

THE TARIFF discussion now going on in Congress is one of the most interesting as well as one of the ablest that has ever been heard there.

THE CATTLE fair to be held at Raleigh, on next Tuesday, will no doubt be quite a success, and, as the railroads will carry visitors to it at reduced rates, there will probably be a large attendance from the surrounding counties.

THE METHODIST General Conference now in session in the city of New York has been disturbed with an exciting debate on the question of admitting women as delegates.

THE MOST disgraceful scene probably ever witnessed in the United States Senate was that between Ingalls and Voorhees, a few days ago.

TODAY is Memorial Day throughout our State, which brave men and fair ladies observe with befitting ceremonies in honor of North Carolina's dead Confederate soldiers.

BLAINE will probably again be the republican candidate for President. Some weeks ago he published a letter in which he declined to allow his name to be presented to the nominating convention, and it was positively stated by his friends that he would not consent to be the candidate.

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Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 4, 1888.

President Cleveland has the happy faculty of making good appointments. His latest popular hit in this line was the nomination of Mr. Melville Fuller, the eminent Chicago lawyer, for Chief Justice of the United States.

Mr. Fuller has always been a consistent democrat. He was a delegate to the democratic national conventions of 1864, 1872, 1876, and 1880.

Had a foreigner stepped into the Senate Chamber on Tuesday last he would doubtless have been of the opinion that the civil war was in full blast.

The unfortunate part of the affair was that Mr. Voorhees became so maddened by these attacks that he allowed himself to be goaded into using language unsuitable to the Chamber of the United States Senate.

The Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce has decided to report an entirely new bill, to take the place of the present interstate commerce law.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to increase the pensions of soldiers and sailors who contracted heart disease in the service, and one in the House, giving a pension to all soldiers or sailors who served 90 days and over, at the rate of one cent per month for each day of actual service.

The House committee on Territories are trying to get the committee on Rules to report a resolution providing for an evening session of the House on Monday, to consider the bill organizing the Territory of Oklahoma.

Weather and Crops. WASHINGTON, May 6.—The weather has been unfavorable for the growing crops in Minnesota, Dakota and Nebraska, where seeding has been temporarily suspended, owing to cold and heavy rains.

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A Terrible Accident.

MOUNT CARMEL, PENN., May 6.—Between 10 and 11 o'clock last night a terrible accident occurred on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, between this place and Locust Gap.

A Big Swindle.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The discovery was made at the Treasury Department today which it is thought points to a defalcation at American Exchange National Bank of New York.

Her False Teeth Killed Her.

From the New York Star. Mrs. Frances Murray, 40 years of age, and a native of England, died yesterday morning at the New York Hospital under very peculiar circumstances.

A Remarkable Case.

COLUMBUS, S. C., May 3.—The case of Abalou Frieson, a white boy living in Clarendon county, is one of the most remarkable known to medical science.

State News.

Shelby New Era: Last Friday a young boy was taken with an epileptic fit while sitting in front of his father's store.

Fayetteville Observer: At a called meeting of the county commissioners held on Monday last, H. C. Fisher, the present efficient register of deeds, was elected sheriff to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Neill McQueen, esq., and Mr. H. L. Hall, of Black River township, was elected register of deeds.

Statesville Landmark: The wife of Mr. Erasmus Redman, of New Hope township, was killed, Monday, by a tree which Naman Barker was cutting, falling upon her.

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Attempted Assassination.

From the Raleigh Visitor, 8th Inst. From a dispatch received too late for publication yesterday afternoon, and other sources, we are enabled to give fuller particulars of the base attempt to take the life of Miss Ida Poe, at Carthage, on Saturday night last.

A Murderer Lynched.

WASHINGTON, N. C., May 7.—Saturday afternoon our community was shocked by the reported murder of Mr. Joshua H. Cox, a large lumberman of Blount's Creek, sixteen miles from this city, by Thomas Frazier, an employee of Cox's brother.

Don Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, is seriously ill. He has a high fever, and the physicians who have been in consultation with his attendant doctors have been summoned to his bedside.

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