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#### W. C. SMITH Charlotte N C

Dinizulu, the rebellious son of Cetewayo, is an enormous black with a development of brain above other African chief. He is a total abstainer from intoxicants. He is a warrior by hereditary taste, and his tremendous physical strength and powerful swiftness as a runner give him great influence over his soldiers. It is said of him that, unlike his kind, he has a sense of humor and is a hearty laugher. But he sometimes thinks things funny that to a white man are quite otherwise.

The most profitable farming in the world to day is probably the growing of tobacco on the Island of Sumatra. The business is controlled by a number of large Dutch syndicates. One of these, the Deli of Amsterdam, owns twelve plantations, from which it sold, in 1887, 24,013 bales of tobacco of the 1886 crop, and sold for other planters 44,410 bales. Its cash capital is 800,000, its reserve \$932,716, and its total working capital \$3,200,000. It declared a dividend last year of 110 per cent. besides adding \$174,652 to its reserve. The Arendsburg company, of Lotterdam, paid a dividend of 152 per cent. as the profits of its Sumatra tobacco business in 1887.

The first of a fresh series of military bills has been introduced in the Hunga rian Diet at Pesth, and a similar meas ure has been introduced in the German Reichsrath. The bill increases the yearly number of recruits and extends the age at which the recruits are to be taken from the twentieth to the twenty first year. It also greatly curta'ls the privileges hitherto gran ed to the recruits of the educated classes. For instance, it requires them to serve two years under the colors if they fail to pass an examin. ation entitling them to become officers at the end of the first year, and compels students to devote their whole time to military duties while serving their one or two years as volunteers.

"wise" Kings have ruled in Europe, and some of the other kind, but not since the iron crown was made from a supposed nail from the Cross of Calvary has one of them all, asserts the New York Graphic, earned the title given Christian of Denmark by his people. Punctuality is the old King's hobby, and it makes life a burden to all the sluggards in his kingdom. It is not the fashion at the Danish Court to be late. The sovereign is not only himself punctual to the second, but expects everybody else to follow his example. He will neither wait for any or let anybody wait for him. The people of Copenhagen, who are rather an easy going lot, have dubbed him, halfin ement and half in annoyance, Christian the Precise, and the name has

The New York Sun says: "A student deeply versed in ecclesiastical matters, recently advanced a very peculiar idea while conversing with a friend. He said that the established religion of a country owed its principal doctrines less to faith than to the conditions of its climate and surroundings. He cited the beautiful religion of the natives of India, who would not eat anything that once lived, because white all could take away life, only One could give it. He argued that a religious belief like that could only have its origin in an intensely hot nate like that of India, where animal food is not necessary to sustain life. Among the Laplanders such a religion could never obtain, because it was absolutely necessary for the inhabitants of so high a latitude to keep the warmth of the body up to certain heat. Nothing but animal food could do that,"

# ALL OVER THE SOUTH

NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

Two ladies, Miss Patty Lewis, a school teacher, and a pupil, Miss Lizzie Byrum, were instantly killed and terribly mutilated by the west bound passenger train on the Western North Carolina road Thursday evening at Alexander's, twelve miles from Asheville.

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Near Beaufort. there was a heavy gale, and vessels in the sound had to put out all anchors in order to prevent driving ashore. W. J. Roberts, captain of the schooner, E. R. Eyer, with a crew of six men, attempted to run an anchor while the gale was at its height. The anchor caught in the boat and sunk it. All were thrown into the water, and Roberts was drowned, as he could not swim. The sailors were rescued, but in a greatly exhausted condition. Roberts' body has not been recovered. He had for years been in the coasting trade between Philadelphia and Beaufort.

Governor Scales will in his message to

tween Philadelphia and Beaufort.

Governor Scales will in his message to the legislature, press upon that body the necessity of creating a railway commission, and clothing it with ample power. In this view he stands on the same line as Governor Eliot Fowle, in his inaugural address, will make the same suggestion. Railway officials have given notice that they will antagonize any movement looking to the creation of a commission. There is sure to be a lively fight over this matter, as well upon United States Senator to succeed Raisom. Governor Scales will, in his message, recommend an increase of pensions to the wounded soldiers, and Governor Eliot Fowle will follow in the same line. It is proposed to so increase the pension appropriation so as to give each wounded soldier \$30 per annum.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

General M. C. Butler was re elected Senator by the South Carolina legisla-

About seven hundred bales of cotton, lying on Bryce's wharf, Charlestoa, S. C., were destroyed by fire. The cotton was owned by Gastover & Co.

The railroad commissioners, in their annual report recently issued, show an increase in the mileage of the railroads of that state of 9 per cent. during the past year, and the remarkable increase of 38 per cent. in their net earnings. The gross receipts increased nearly a million dollars, while the expenses increased about \$200,000. about \$300,000.

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Pierre Lorillard and his party returned from a hunting and fishing tour around the sea islands with full bags. They left Wednesday morning for New York, where a regular party will be organized for the winter sport. His yatch, the Riva, remains at Charleston. Mr. Lorillard and party will return early in January. He has purchased an extensive tract of forest and swamp land in Berkely county, where game is abundant, and ly county, where game is abundant, and will shoct and hunt it on his return. The game in the tract consists of bear, turkeys, coon, possum, quail, duck, woodcock, snipe and foxes. Mr. Lornllard will establish a pack of hounds and will bring his stables with him in January.

# ALABAMA.

At Birmingham the Southern Surgical and Gynæcological Association elected Dr. Hunter McGuire, of Richmond, Va., president. The next meeting will be in Nashville, Tenn, November 2, 1889.

A prominent farmer named Bartlett, visited Hughes & Trippe's hardware A prominent farmer named Bartlett, visited Hughes & Trippe's hardware store in Attala, this State, where he got into a difficulty with a small boy, a cousin of Walter Trippe's, and a nephew of Miles Hughes. Bartlett slapped the boy in the face, when a quarrel ensued between the former and Trippe, the latter being struck in the face. Bartlett days Plenty of "good," of "great" and wise" Kings have ruled in Europe, and ome of the other kind, but not since the one crown was made from a supposed will from the Cross of Calvary has one of the control neck, and Miles Hughes received a dan-gerous stab in the abdomen. Both Hughes and Trippe are fatally injured.

# VIRGIAIA.

The anti-Mahone wing of the Republi-can party of Virginia held a meeting in Richmond and adopted a resolution ap-pointing an advisory committee to per-fect the organization of the party in the

The annual meeting of the stockhol-

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and West Point Terminal company was held at Richmond Monday, Vice President Logan presiding. A brief report from President John H. Inman was road. It says:

"The leading motive actuating your board of directors in acquisition of this extensive system has been the belief that unity of management must result in great economies, in the production of better facilities and higher efficiency demanded for the public in way of safer and quicker transportation of freight and passengers."

The treasurer's report was also submitted, from which it appears that greas carnings show an increase of \$1,799,793 over last year's carnings. A resolution was adopted increasing the board of directiors from sixteen to eighteen. All the old officers were re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

Frenzied with rage and drink, Mrs. Mary McManus set fire to her property in Nashville and perished in the conflagration that ensued.

\$750 for injuries sustained by the reck-less blowing of steam whistles near that city causing his team to run away. Mc-Donough was run over by the wagon. The suit was for \$1,500.

GEORGIA.

About three hundred refugees returned to Jacksonville. As no fever or new cases have been reported for two days the board of health will issue no more bulletins.

Irrigation is making Florida a very productive State. A Marion county man raised a cucumber so large on his irrigated land that when he sent it to a friend by mail he had to pay fifty cents postage

#### Blown to Atoms.

Three men known to have been killed, Three men known to have been killed, one fatally injured and a number of people badly bruised by an explosion of meal-dust which completely wrecked a three story buick building on North Halstead street, Chicago. The explosion which occurred was a terrific one, the shock being felt a mile away. The buildings in the immediate vicinity were bombarded with flying bricks and timbers, and nearly every pane of window bombarded with flying bricks and timbers, and nearly every pane of window glass within a radius of six blocks was smashed. Almost before the rumble of the explosion died away, flames sprang up from the wrecked mill and the whols place was ablaze in a few minutes. The fire spread with incredible rapidity, and it was sometime before the flames were under control. Losses will aggregate \$150,000.

#### Southern Immigration Convention.

The Southern Inter-State Immigration Convention met in the City Hall, Convention met in the City Hall, Montgomery, Ala., Wednesday morning with about two hundred delegates present, representing all the Southern States and New Mexico and California, Col. John D. Roquemore, of Montgomery, was temporary president. A speech of we'come was made by Mayor Reese, of Montgomery and a response by Gen. Cameros. was made by Mayor Reese, of Montgomery, and a response by Gen. Cameron, of Texas. Convention permanently organized by the election of Col W. H. Peeples of Mississippi, as president, and A. Strassberger, of Montgomery, and Mr. Elliott, of Florida, as secretaries. J. T. Patrick, of N. C., was made Chairman of the Executive Committee,

# Stanley Captured.

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Henry M Stanley, the explorer who went to the relief of Emin Pasha, who was holding Suakim, Africa for the English, reached his destination, but has been captured by Osman Digna, the rebel chief, together with Emin Pasha and his force. Osman Digna in his letter expressed willinguess to surrender Emin Pasha and his white companion, provided Egypt would agree to abandon Suakim. If this proposal is not accepted, it is believed that both captives will be killed. The British cabinet are now discussing the situation.

England will doubtless do everything possible to liberate Stanley, for Glad-stone too bifterly regrets the abandon-ment of Gen. Gordon for Lord Salisbury to abandon Stanley and Emin Pasha.

# The Political Situation.

In the midst of the uncertanties of the political situation the Southern people must rely to a large extent for the temper and policy of the next National Administration upon the great body of conservative political sentiment in the Northern States. Whatever aggressions the madness and desperation of the the madness and desperation of the politicians may propose against the rights of the Southern States and people will be more or less restrained by the strong sense of justice and deep-scaled sentiments of patriotism cherished by the conservative element of the Republic's population. lic's population.

# A Wise Rebuke.

Gen Harrison (to a party of visitors who wished to force a gift of some sort upon him:) "I assure you that I appreciate the kindness and geneaosity of my friends, and also the spirit in which you make this offer, but waile I have not got a fortune, I cannot accept it, as I believe that no man in the position of President of the United States can afford to be under pecuniary obligations even to his intimate friends."

# Crying to be Admitted.

Mary McManus set fire to her property in Nashville and perished in the conflagration that ensued.

Governor Taylor has been enjoined from issuing a certificate of election to H. Clay Evans. Republican Congressmanelect in the 3rd Tennessee district. The petitioners charge fraud on the part of the Republicans.

Isace E. McDonough, of Chattanooga, has recovered judgment agains the Western and Atlantic Railroad company for

#### SHOT THE CASHIER.

That is What a Stranger Did When Asked for Identification.

The Augusta Exposition closed on the 18th of December.

The Confederate Veterans Fair is being held at Atlanta.

Fire broke out Friday afternoon in the Gentral Railroad cotton warehouse, adjoining the Ocean Steamship wharf in Savannah. Baldwin & Co. are the heaviest loosers. They had 1,800 bales stored and Wood & Co. 1,680 bales. The warehouse was burned and with it, between 3,700 and 3,000 bales of cotton stored by Baldwin & Co. The total loss on cotton will approximate \$200,000.

FLORIDA.

The New buildings going up in Tallahassee have created a lively demand for brick.

At Gainesville the house of A. J. Tinsley, telegraph operator, was burned on Wednesday night. He was just out of bed from an attack of yellow fever.

About three hundred refugees returned to lacksen with the control of the lacksen will be a lacksen with the lacksen of the lank with the abouting gives the name of John Oakes, but refuses to talk. It is said that a chank with the shooting was going on. Oakes was shot in the arm, car and back but it is believed his wounds are not serious. strangers from Arizona entered

#### A Romance of the War.

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A gentleman from Missouri, who is now in Washington, tells the Baltimore Ameri an correspondent of a romantic incident that fell under his observation in Western Missouri during the war.

About forty miles east of Kansas City, and near the little village of Kingsville, in Johnson County, there lived a man named Harris, who had two daughters. The elder of the two was called Eliza. Those were rough times, and very few people were permitted to live in that part of Missouri. Quantrell recruited most of his celebrated guerrilla band from that section. One of his men was Si Porter, a tall, straight, athletic young man, of quiet demeanor, but great courage. Quantrell counted him one of his best men. He and Eliza Harris met and fell in love. She was a bold, determined girl, of strong physique, and she resolved to marry Porter and share his fortunes in the saddle. She did so, and was a sort of daughter of the regiment to Quantrell's command during one entire summer of daughter of the regiment to Quantell's command during one entire summer of their tighting and raiding on the Missouri and Kansas borders. She endured all the privations and dangers of one of the most reckless forms of guerrilla warfare ever known, and escaped with her fare ever known, and e-caped with her husband unharmed. When the war was over they went to California, where Porter fell into a profitable business and made a fortune, and to-day that same Eliza Harris and Si Porter are in Paris looking after the education of their children.

This is one of the romances of the Quantrell command that has never been

# The ley Sahara of the North.

The safe arrival of Dr. Nan en and his fellow explorers at Godthanb, Green-land, is a cause for rejoicing, but whether it is an event of much scientific whether it is an event of much scientific importance is yet to be determined. When the little band of mountain-climbers set out on this expedition, the plan was to traverse Greenland, the "Sahara of the North," at its widest part, for at least as far north as the seventieth parallel. That is the region on the East coast visited by Koldeway and scoresby. A march across country on the East coast visited by Koldeway and recresby. A march across country would have brought the explorers out on Baffin Bay at Upernavik, or at least at Godhaven, and such a trip, of seven or eight hundred miles, would have laid open to the eye of science the very heart of the mysterious Arctic continent. Instead, the party has appeared at Godhadab, on Davis Strait and near the northern point of Greenland. If they struck in at the same latitule on the other side, they have merely tramped for a couple of hundred miles across the snow far south of the Arctic Circle, in a country already pretty well known—an. country already pretty well known—an achievement of no especial value or interest. On Dr. Nansen'z return to Bergen we shall know whether his expedition has been merely a snow-scrambling frolic or a conquest of the last untraveled continent.—New York Tri-

# The Forestry Congress.

The joint session of the National and Southern Forestry Congress convened at Atlanta, Ga. The Hon. C. R. Pringle, of Georgia, was chairman of the Nation al, and Ex-Governor Bullock chairman of Georgia, was characteristic and Ex-Governor Bullock chairman of the Southern Congress. There was a joint session of the two bodies, at which an address of welcome was delivered by Governor Gordon. Among the delegates were Gen Greely and a number of leading men from different States.

# The New World's Exposition.

The promoters of the great Exposition of the three Americas, to be held in Washington in 1890, are beginning to Washington in 1890, are beginning to lay their plans. A meeting of the national board of promoters was held in Washington on Tuesday and encouraging speeches were made by many prominent men. They all say that the Exposition will be a great success, and that the whole country will take part in it.

# Sailed to Protect Americans.

The sloop of war Galena, manned by 230 men, and the Yantic, sailed from the Brooklya navy yard for Hayti. As the war ships moved out they received a salute from the men on the Richmond, who mounted the yard-arms and cheered lustity.

The Charlotte Observer says Pat Moylun, a tramp, was about to be overtaken by a train near Charlotte, N. C., but he let himself down between the cross-ties and dropped sixty feet, sinking into mud up to his hips. He crawled out, scraped off the mud, and west on un-

SONG OF CHRISTMAS.

und over all waters, reach out from all lands
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of

the morn, Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was

With glad jubilations Bring hope to the nations!

The dark night is ending and dawn has be-

gun; Rise, hope of the age; arise like the sun, All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as

Sing the bridal of nations with chorals of love, Sing out the war vulture and sing in the

dove,
Till the hearts of the people keep time in accord,
And the voice of the world is the voice of the

Clasp hands of the nations In strong congratulations;
The dark night is ending and dawn has be

gun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as
one.

Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace, East, West, North and South let the long quarrel cease! Sing the song of great joy that the angels

began, Sing of glory to God and good will to man-

Hark! joining in chorus
The heavens bend o'er us;
The dark night is ending and day has begun;
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as

-John G. Whittier.

Christmas in Many Climes. In Ireland and in Scotland, as well as in the most of the British provinces, the Christmas customs are very much the same as in England, varied chiefly by local customs and colored by the history and habits of the people. The midnight mass in Ireland, attended by a torch light procession, is very impressive. Dancing and open-air games amuse the peasantry on Christmas Day. In the Scotch highlands the day is devoted to feasting and drinking, ball-playing and open-air games.

"The Americans," says the Two Republics, "celebrate Christmas with a tree, the Mexicans with a pinata. Every night till the twenty-fourth, inclusive, the pinata is broken. It is a large oaken vessel, gayly decorated and filled with toothsome dulces or candies, hung from the ceiling in the center of the room. The children are blindfolded and armed with sticks to break the jug. Many are the efforts made by the laughing, rollicking, joyous young volunteers to make themselves masters of the situation, which they finally accomplish when some member of the blindfolded brigade with a lucky blow shatters the pinata. The crash of splintered, scattered crockery, the rattle of bon-bons and the candies on the floor, is the signal for the wrenching off of the mask, and the children throw themselves upon the sweets, knowing that 'Findings is havings.' Presents are then passed around, among them China baskets, figures and silk and satin boxes with candies. Dancing then commences and lasts until morning.



'RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW.

In Holland the patron saint of Christmas is Peltz Nickel (Saint Nicholas dressed in fur); he is also called Santa Klaus. He is described as a round, jolly fellow, with a red face and merry, twinkling eyes and white beard, who with reindeer and sledge drives upon the house-tops and comes down the chimney with presents for the children, who are taught by their parents to place their shoes and stockings on the hearth, where he will fill them before morning if the children have been good.

In Austria, Bohemia, Hungary and Foland the day before Christmas is observed strictly as a religious fast. No meat is eaten, but toward evening, when the first star appears, the tables are lighted and the great banquet is spread, and all partake with appetites sharpened by the fast. At 12 o'clock guns are fired, drums are beaten about the streets, and every sort of noise is made until

Christmus Eve with the pious country folk in Suabia does not mean a mere exchange of presents and compliments, but a devoted thankfulness for blessings received during the year. The poor and the rich are for the nonce made one, their object being to assist the few of their fellow townspoople living in squalor and want. During the evening hours of the day preceding the Saviour's birth quiet joy holds supreme sway in a goodly portion of the thrifty villages of the poetic Neckar Valley, and a good will to all is expressed upon the well-fed faces of young and old. The large front room of every cottage,

whose scrupulously clean floor is covered with shining sand, is decorated with emblems suitable to the high holiday.



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS. broad sill by the quaint, old-fashoned, small-paned window supports a gay Christmas tree loaded down with good things to eat and embellished by dozens of wax candles, whose bright light dazzles the eye. The square and heavy flour trough in the corner is covered with gifts for the little ones. The substantial oaken table, which has done duty in the family for perchance a century, is almost breaking down under the weight oft oothsome morsels.

Weather Proverbs About Christmas, A light Christmas, a heavy sheaf.

A warm Christmas, a cold Easter. A green Christmas makes a full grave-

A green Christmas indicates a white Easter.

December cold, with snow, brings rye everywhere. Christmas wet gives empty granary

and barrel. If windy on (hristmas day, trees will bear much fruit.

Wet causes more damage than frost

At Christmas meadows green, at Easter covered with frost. If it snows on Christmas nigt, we may

expect a good hop crop next year. If Christma finds a bridge, he'll break it; if he finds none, he'll make one.

If ice will bear a man before Christmas, it will not bear a mouse afterward. (English.) If the wind blows much the day after

Christmas day, the grape will be bad the next year. If the sun shines through the apple

abundant crop the following year. The twelve days beginning with Christmas day and ending January 5 are said to be the keys of the weather for the next year. But some begin December 26 and end January 6. (Probably one way is as good as the other.)

A Christmas Eve Serenade.



A Nobby Uniform.

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The cosume worn by the guard of honor of Georgian Princes at the the Czar's recent visit to the Caucasus made all the Russian officers look cheap. The tunic, fitting close to the body but wide in the skirts and sleeves, was of ruby velvet, with a hem of gold embroider; and a border of fur. Under this was a red silk waistcoat visible when the tunic opened toward the throat. Beneath the waistcoat was a silk shirt, generally of pale blue, showing at the neck and wrists. The trousers were very full and of some dark colored material, gathered at the knee into boots of white kid, wrinkled at the ankle, the toes pointed and slightly turned up, the whole fastened with a row of gold buttons and tassels down the outside; also a belt and collar of gold of beautiful native workmanship and splendid specimens of the swords and pistols for which the Caucasus is famous.

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