

ment ring to for a Christmas present.—New York Herald.

"John were all those—those living pictures—er—rude?"

"I—I think one of them had a cold on her lungs. Maria."—New York Recorder.

Ragolet—"Say Nevvy, dis paper says de Czar has an income of \$25-000 a day. Wish we was Czar, eh, Nevvy?"

Nevvy—"Naw. Jist think of de work we'd have dogin' the income tax man"—Springfield Union.

Tescher. "In which of his battles was General Custer killed?"

Numbskull (after reflection). "I believe it was in his last."—The Waterbury.

She. "Just think, Cousin Fritz while coming home from the club last night fell into the water."

He. "Great heavens! I hope he didn't drown."

She. "He couldn't drown. He was so full he couldn't swallow any water."—Texas Siftings.

"I hear Maud has been making a show of herself this week."

"How's that?"

"She's got a job as a living picture."—Albany Argus.

"Alas!" exclaimed Fogg, striking his empty pocketbook, "would that a man were like pie-crust; then the richer he is the richer he would be."—Boston Transcript.

"Good gracious! how did I ever come to take to such a thing?"

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"What difference does that make?"

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### LITTLE SHAPS.

If you have knowledge let others light their candles by it.

The average of human life has increased 5 per cent in the last twenty-five years.

During his present term of office as justice of the peace Squire Jacob Kiser, of Gaston, N. C., has married 172 couples.

It is too bad. South Carolina has raised the biggest corn-crop of its life. The Dispensary law prevents consumption.

Two men had a fight in the street. One of them had a pocketbook. They had a fight over it.

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South Carolina Cotton Heads.

The bill reducing the salaries of state officers and the per diem of legislators which passed the South Carolina house last week, should be killed in the senate or vetoed by the governor.

It is a penny w. e. pound foolish bill—an effort to save at the spigot regardless of what is wasted at the bung. The governor's salary is cut from \$2,000 to \$1,500, the chief justice from \$4,000 to \$2,000, the salary of legislators is cut from \$3 to \$3 per day while the mileage is reduced one-half.

This sort of retrenchment is mere grand stand play. It may impress the ignorant and niggardly, but intelligent people will despise it. If the bill passes the senate Governor Evans should promptly veto it. The state of South Carolina needs her best talent in her public offices, and it is unjust and dishonest to require first-class men to put in their best work on starvation salaries.

The South Carolina statesmen are in earnest in their economical crusade they should go gunning for bigger game, and not waste their time in saving a few thousand dollars by cutting down salaries which were low enough before they touched them. This proposed retrenchment is not economy; it is a sham and pretense, worthy only of demagogues.

Let this policy prevail, and South Carolina will be forced to select her public servants from the rank of third-rate men who are not able to earn even moderate salaries, or else they will have to be rich men who do not need compensation for their services. Either of these extremes would be prejudicial to the best interests of the State.

Economy, without reason or commonsense, is not economy, but folly.—Atlanta Constitution.

Various Teacher Arrested.

Norfolk county, Va. Dec. 18.—Dr. R. D. ... in this city for torturing a small white boy with hot irons because he failed to ...

Uppen A. Cumming—"The fact is, sir, women need more exercise. I'm going to give my wife a Christmas present of a foot-ball."

Tellus Y. Knott—"I'm not. My wife does enough kicking already."—Chicago Tribune.

"Why do they call the ... up in the galleries the ... them ...

### THE FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Exciting Discussion on Important Questions at the Denver Meeting.

Denver, Col., Dec. 14.—The sessions of the Federation of Labor were exciting today. David Holmes, M. P., listened all day to the debate and stated that he was greatly impressed with the ability of the delegates on the floor and with the order that prevailed.

"My personal opinion is," said he, "that the whole discussion is wrong and will tend to disrupt our labor movement. You cannot stand with politics in the trades unions; you must keep that question out entirely."

John Burns was not present, having gone to Colorado Springs for the day.

The main work of the day was the consideration of the platform as adopted last year by the Chicago Convention to be approved this year.

The preamble was cut away and the planks amended slightly in some cases were adopted as follows:

1. Compulsory education.
2. Direct legislation by the use of the referendum.
3. A legal work day of not more than eight hours.
4. Sanitary inspection of work, shop, mine and home.
5. Liability of employers for injury to health, body or life.
6. The abolition of the contract system in all public work.
7. The abolition of the sweating system.
8. The municipal ownership of street cars and gas and electric plants.

The nationalization of telegraphs, telephones, railroads and mines.

The tenth plank declares for the collective ownership by the people of all means of production and distribution.

It aroused intense interest and was the cause of an acrimonious debate.

### ROBBED OF \$1,000.

Hard Luck of a Mecklenburg County Merchant.

Mr. Frank Abernathy, who keeps a store one mile from Matthews station, was robbed of \$1,000 last night. Mr. Abernathy is a farmer and merchant. Recently, he sold his farm and yesterday he was paid \$500 of the purchase money.

Last night after shutting the doors to his store he got out the shot bag in which he kept his money. He already had \$500 to add to the \$500 paid him that day. He put it all together, a glittering pile of gold and silver coin, counted it over to make sure of it. It was all there, \$1,000 in cash. Then he placed it in the shot bag, put the bag in a cigar box and secreted the treasure under other boxes in his store. He had no safe. Then he retired to his room adjoining the store and went to bed. He slept undisturbed, and opening the store this morning, he was paralyzed almost at the sight of an open window. He hurried to the place where he had secreted his money and his worst fears were realized. The money had been stolen.

Mr. Abernathy was no clew whatever to the perpetrators of the theft. It is quite probable that as he was counting over his cash a greedy eye was upon him and after he had retired, it was an easy matter to break open a window, slip in and get the money from his hiding place. Considerable sympathy is expressed for Mr. Abernathy. Detectives are at work on the case.—Charlotte News.

### A Negro Shot in Self Defense Near Huntersville.

There was an affray on the plantation of Mr. John Cathey, who lives near Huntersville, on Monday. Bill Gibson is a tenant on the place and he and Mr. Cathey had some difficulty over the division of the crop of Gibson.

On the day named Gibson got into a dispute with Henry Cathey, a son of Mr. Cathey. The former was drinking, and he advanced upon the young man with a rock in one hand and a knife in the other. Young Cathey thereupon drew his pistol and shot Gibson twice in the leg. It was an act of self defense, and the young man, who is steady and of excellent reputation, has the sympathy and backing of the neighborhood.—Charlotte Observer.

### For Over Fifty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children's teething, with perfect success.

It soothes the child, opens the bowels, allays all pain, cures wind, and is the best remedy for colic. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Write and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and take no other

### A Strike on the Southern.

EMPLOYEES DEMAND CONTRACTS.

The Company So Far Will Not Grant Them—Order Men in Charlotte Say It Looks as if a Strike Were Impending—The Chiefs Summoned to Washington—Arthur Already There.

All is not well with the Southern. Rumors of a strike come rumbling along with the rush of holiday transit and business on the road.

With the former management all order men had contracts with the road, duly signed, and which bound both parties. The new management, it is said, refused to contract, and trouble is about to be precipitated.

When the road went into the hands of a receiver, the conductors, engineers and firemen had the contracts which had previously existed between them and the Richmond & Danville renewed.

When Drexel & Morgan took charge of the road, things continued under the contract system until the present time. The company now refuses to grant the men any contracts at all, but has taken off the 10 per cent reduction. The order men are not satisfied unless the road grant the contracts. They demand of the company contracts. "That," says a prominent order man yesterday, "is all we ask. We did not ask for our wages to be put back."

A delegation of Charlotte order men, consisting of Engineer John Fetzer, Conductor Tom Morris and Fireman Tom McAlister were summoned to Washington Sunday night. The chiefs of the three orders, the Observer learns, were summoned to Washington, were to have met there yesterday. Last night the Observer wired its Washington correspondent to send all the facts obtainable and received the following:

### A THREATENING SITUATION.

The Disagreements Are Radical—The Grounds of Difference.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The delegates to the Southern Railway conference are very shut-mouthed tonight. The most that can be learned from any source is that the men will strike, as they threaten to do, unless their demands are complied with. These demands are about as follows: They want uniformity of wages, as heretofore stated, but further insist upon labor contracts between the railroad and its employees. The new contract which Vice President Baldwin rejects is a restoration of the pay rate in use before the late horizontal cut of 10 per cent.

An ultimatum will be sent to the conference either tomorrow or next day.

The Railway Union leaders are congregating here. E. M. Sargent, chief of the order of United Firemen, and E. E. Clarke, grand chief of the order of Railway Conductors, are already conferring with the delegates of the employees of Southern Railway. It is said that the railway officials will agree to make the schedule uniform but not to restore the rates before the cut. This does not satisfy the employees. The railway officials continue to state their disbelief in a strike.

### A Conference to Be Held To-Day—Chief Arthur Non-Committal.

Washington, Dec. 17.—At four hotels where railroad men usually stay, all is as quiet as the grave tonight. No officials of the Southern Railway have put in their appearance. The conductors, when I called, had gone to bed and refused to be aroused. I think reliance can be placed in the statements sent in my early dispatch tonight. All that can be added is the fact that Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has arrived and is registered at the St. James. He told me a few moments ago, in ascending the stairs to his room, that a conference would take place tomorrow between the parties to the dispute at some hour after half past 10 in the morning. He did not think, pending that conference, that it would be proper to say anything. When asked if he would state what the propositions were which would come before that conference, he replied that that would be inadmissible. He was perfectly polite. He was determined not to commit himself and he was suffered to escape without further questions.

### GOING TO THE EXTREME.

Employees of the Southern Railway Determine That Old Wages Must Be Paid.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A delegation representing the employees of the Southern Railway Company held a conference in Washington to-day with the chiefs of the various railroad trainmen's unions, Chief Arthur, of the locomotive engineers,

Brown, of the trainmen, and Chief Clark, of the conductors.

The meeting was the outgrowth of a reduction in salaries made by the receivers of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company prior to the reorganization under the name of the Southern Railway. Unlike the usual custom of paying salaries in accordance with the rates fixed by the railroad companies, the Richmond & Danville road made an agreement with the employees as to the wages to be paid and a formal contract was drawn. When the receivers reduced all salaries, the trainmen accepted the cut, realizing that it was necessary on account of the financial condition of the road. The reorganization, however, caused a demand on their part that the contract with the Richmond & Danville should be kept by a restoration of the old order of things, but a repetition of the demand has not been successful and the conference which began to-day was decided to devise means for dealing with the matter.

To-day's session was brief. Absolute secrecy was enjoined on all who participated, and nothing was given out for publication. Chief Arthur, when questioned by a Southern Associated Press Reporter, was very reticent, but after some pressing he said: "There was nothing whatever done. We merely had a friendly chat over the business which brings us here. This seems to be the status of affairs. To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock the most important conference will be held and it is expected that definite action will be taken. The representatives of the men whose salaries were reduced are apparently in favor of going to the extreme of a strike."

### WHITECAPS IN GEORGIA.

Government Officials, Preachers, Doctors and Lawyers Implicated.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—A sensation was created in the United States court here today by C. F. Ogles, a witness in some whitecap cases. Ogles is an old and substantial farmer from Whitefield county. He gave the names of fifty men whom he declared he knew to be members of the band, as he had seen them at meetings which he had attended. He also stated that he knew from conversations with Paul Trammell, internal revenue collector for Georgia, that he was a member. Mr. Starr, State Senator from that section, and a large number of others were implicated by Ogles. A Methodist and a Baptist preacher, doctors, lawyers and the very wealthiest men of that section are whitecaps, so Ogles swore. He stated that he joined because it was safer to be on the inside than on the outside of the organization. Paul Trammell laughed when he was told of the testimony. He said it was well known that he was trying to break up the whitecaps. Thirty cases on trial now for whitecapping. It is said that there are 900 men organized in Whitefield, Murray and Gordon counties. They are all sworn to secrecy.

### Beautiful Gold Fish at Fetzer's Drug Store.

We have a large stock of beautiful goods suitable for holiday presents, by far the handsomest line and largest assortment of beautiful pieces at moderate cost, that we have ever before offered. If you want to buy a present at all, be sure to see our stock before buying. We offer the following inducements to purchasers of our goods. Don't fail to take advantage of it: We will give you a card and punch a number on the card for every ten cents you spend with us for these goods, and on the 25th day of December, at 10 o'clock, a. m., send in your cards and we will count the numbers and the person holding the highest number will present a four-gallon Glass Fish Globe, with four beautiful Gold Fish. To the person holding the second highest number a two gallon Fish Globe with two Gold Fish. To the third highest number four Gold Fish without globe, and to the fourth highest number two Gold Fish without globe.

Remember, this is open to all and every ten cents counts one number. Call at once and get a card, at Fetzer's Drug Store.

### Notice—Stockholders Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Stockholders of the G. W. Patterson Manufacturing Company will be held at the Company's office in No. 2 township, Cabarrus county, on Tuesday the 8th day of January, 1895, at 11 o'clock.

W. R. KINDLEY,  
President.

### Just Wanted to Be.

Muine, Ind., Dec. 18.—Edgar Waltz registered at the Hotel Kirby Saturday night. This afternoon the door of his room was broken open and his dead body was found, also a bottle of morphine and a note which reads:

"I administered poison with my own hands. Came to this city two months ago from Deland, Fla. I was well known and had plenty of money."

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We have cut the price on our entire stock of Black Dress Goods to cost. We want to close out every piece we have by the first of January. We have made reduction on a great many lines to close them out by the first. New lot of that

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