

That very old chestnut, the Settles-Williams contest for a seat in Congress, is again in the papers. This time the case has been postponed until February. The term will have expired before the case is decided, if, indeed, it is ever decided at all.

Another of Tillman's whisky constables or spies was killed last Saturday at Gaffney City. It seemed that he had hired a negro to purchase a pint of whisky for him (the negro not knowing who he was).

President Cleveland yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, after an extended conference with Secretary Carlisle and Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller, issued an order putting store-keepers, gaugers and clerks in offices of collectors of internal revenue in the classified civil service.

The Late J. B. Lanier.

The death of Mr. James B. Lanier, which occurred at Salisbury last Friday, removes one of the most remarkable men who ever lived in the State. This writer knew him and knew him well.

To a stranger he appeared rough, and unsmooth, almost repellent, with his neighbors he appeared sometimes equally rough and unsmooth, but those who knew him, knew that beneath that cold, icy exterior was another side of his character, a deeper and better nature.

Should get what? Why, the Rev. R. H. Hicks' splendid Almanac for 1895. He has kindly sent to this office a copy of the same, and we speak advisedly in saying that it is rare publication—the very latest and best of all that has emanated from the pen and brain and heart of this well-known friend of the public.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them.

It now confers out that one of the things which the fugitive legislature will do, will be to abolish the merchants purchase tax.

IN HONOR OF ZEB VANCE.

One Week of Congress—Hanson's Speech Defeats Change of Senate Rules.—By name North Carolina Hosts—Personal—Also—Other Points of Interest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. Tuesday the House resumed its usual routine and has kept steadily at work since that time. Messrs. Henderson and Grady were the only members of our House delegation who responded to the first roll call.

The Senate caucused all the week on a resolution to change the rules of that body in favor of cloture. The motive underlying a chance to take up the "pop gun" bills and pass them, the Senate remained in session until a late hour Friday night. The main speech was made by Senator Ransom, whose masterful effort was in the nature of a revelation.

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STATE NEWS.

The eleven-year-old son of Mr. W. S. Hyams, of Bakersville, Mitchell county, weighs one hundred and sixty pounds.

There is talk of two Republicans being elected to the Senate when the Legislature meets. That is all hush.

The town of Morganton is very much exercised over the liquor question and the temperance people are making war on liquor.

Frank Wilson, a well-to-do farmer of Howard's Creek township in Lincoln county, eloped last week with the wife of Timb Smith, carrying with them three of Smith's wife's children.

Mrs. Elizabeth Setzer, of Hickory, has sued the town for \$2,000 damages, because, as she was returning from the opera house one night a few weeks ago, she fell and broke her leg.

Mr. John Wannamaker, of Philadelphia, was in Lenoir Saturday. He had been visiting Linville City, blowing Rock and other places of interest in the mountains and was on his way back to Philadelphia.

Six of the prisoners, who were being guarded in the court house at Marion on account of the burning of the jail last week, escaped from a window. Three were United States prisoners and three were State prisoners.

Allen W. Whittington, of Wilkes county, is the oldest magistrate in the State. He is now over ninety-four years of age, and lately married Miss Mariah York, another place years old.

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The Caucasian will be removed from Goldsboro to Raleigh about January 1st and will be issued both daily and weekly. Mr. Butler will probably be editor in chief, and there is all sorts of guessing as to who his assistants will be.

President George T. Winston, of the University, being asked if he was going to attend the Baptist Convention in Charlotte, said he generally visited the Convention, but that since the receipt of a note more forcible than courteous, from a gentleman high in Baptist circles, he had ceased to honor the Convention with his presence.

Judge Walter Clark, of Raleigh, has a short communication in the Atlanta Constitution looking to a change in the plan of voting. He favors more and better facilities in voting. He suggests more ballot boxes, and that the polls should close at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of election, so that the vote can be counted and consolidated on the same day of the election.

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Much damage to property at Blounton, Ala., was done by a storm Monday. Little later in the day a fierce wind storm did much damage near Westville, Fla., and in Bartow county, Ga., the damage and one man was killed and others wounded. Many persons in the track of this storm became paralyzed several hours after its passage.

GENERAL NEWS.

Texas reports an enormous tide of immigration from the Northwest.

Ex-Senator Ingalls will probably enter the Senatorial contest this winter.

A woman in Galveston, Tex., poisoned her children. Four are dead, the fifth may recover. She is insane.

The Missouri Supreme Court says that the distribution of liquor by a club to its members is not a sale within the meaning of the license laws.

The Georgia Legislature has killed the bill which provided for the election of judges and solicitors by the people, as it is at present the Legislature elects.

The gold reserve is now \$112,000,000, and treasury officials look to see it greatly reduced in the near future. Already \$4,500,000 has been withdrawn since the last bond.

It is given out that sugar may be cheaper instead of higher. That is if German sugar is sent at the low price promised—3.56 cents a pound. The net price of the Sugar Trust is 3.98.

Daniel F. Beatty, a millionaire organ manufacturer of Washington, N. J., has been convicted of using the mails for fraudulent purposes in promoting the sale of organs.

The Brooklyn Tabernacle, of which Dr. Talmage was until recently pastor, was sold under foreclosure proceedings for \$75,000, about \$10,000 in excess of Russell Sage's mortgage on the building.

Ignatius Donnelly is a fit of disgust announces his retirement from public life. He has resigned the presidency of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance and proposes to devote himself to literary work and to the editing of his paper.

A farmer named George in Florida went to town accompanied by his little son. He gets drunk and a neighbor took the boy home. In the morning George could not remember what became of the boy and committed suicide.

A newspaper in Atlanta edited by a colored man of some parts, is urging a more honest and just administration of the affairs of the United States by the President and the members of the House of Representatives.

Ferdinand de Lesseps, "father of the Suez canal," and originator of the Panama Canal project, died near Paris last week. Since the disclosure of corruption in connection with Panama funds, he has been widely vilified in mind and body until death doubtless came to him as a welcome relief.

The December report of the Agriculture Department gives the farm prices of products for December list, as compared with former years. Corn is higher than the average since 1880. Wheat is lower than in twenty-five years. Oats are higher than last year and tobacco is low.

In the South Carolina Legislature last Friday the House, by a vote of 55 to 56 killed the bill to reduce the legal rate of interest in this State to 7 per cent after a hard battle by the friends of the banks. A bill has been prepared by the State officers to reduce the rate of interest to 7 per cent.

The Carrington, Ky., Democrat had something to say last week about a fat boy in Carroll county, and claimed that he was the largest boy of his age in Kentucky. He is, however, a pigmy compared to Horace Dane, says the Wilkesville Yoneman.

The Glasgow, Ky., Gazette is responsible for this: Hiram Boles and wife left home on a visit, and on their return source their smoke in a door open, and a two bushel sack with some beans and potatoes in it, some corn and an old fashioned spinning wheel gone.

Mr. Benjamin Ryan Tillman, who has been leading it over South Carolina for many years past as Governor, gave way Tuesday to a successor who is apparently constructed on the same principle as the one who preceded him.

The President of the Carolina National bank of this city, makes a statement that his bank furnished \$3,000 of the money secured by these mortgages, \$6,000 of which was furnished to pay for the plantation he has lately purchased.

The president of the railroad which has brought the dispensary liquor into the state makes denial of the statement that his road gave or Tillman received a rebate on the freight.

There was a fatal mistake on the part of a conductor on the Carolina Central railroad last week. It was a bad pill for the Watauga Populists to swallow the Republican ticket in Watauga at the late election. It was so hard that one Populist said he couldn't swallow it without it being well greased, so he accordingly got him a piece of tallow and thoroughly greased it before voting the ticket. This is a fact that the gentleman can prove it. Wonder if there were any greased tickets in Caldwell?

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Progressive Farmer claims Pearson and Linney as Populist Congressmen.

It is noticeable that Northern newspapers are anxious for the income tax passed shall be blocked, repealed and even nullified.

But a homeless people is an unparliamentary thing. It is in the home that the patriotic spirit is engendered—born—men count it glory to die in defence of their homes, but men without homes could be induced to join the enemy, like an army of devils devastate their own country. But we may be pessimistic so we desist further writing.

The Peoples party gained everywhere in the past election.—Caucasian. Any man who makes the above statement is either guilty of gross ignorance or of lying. We have always regarded Mr. Butler as a well informed, sensible man. The losses for the People's party have been great. They have sustained heavy losses in Kansas and Colorado, their two strongholds, and in many other places.—Smithfield Herald.

The strongest testimony yet given to the scarcity of money is that of the presiding elders of the North Carolina Conference, who report distressing financial conditions throughout the bounds of the Conference. The Methodists are among the most generous people in the world in their contributions for Church purposes, and when Methodist ministers cannot raise money money is scarce indeed.—Charlotte Observer.

The New Temps has a leader on the Foreign Policy of the United States. It says: President Cleveland, who but recently had only the Monroe doctrine on his lips, now throws himself into the thick of the conflict, in another hemisphere. Doubtless the Chinese-Japanese war affects American interests, but what is to be said of the sending of an American commissioner to Armenia? There are indications that America may become the Seventh European power.

Those Populists who will not come back to the Democratic party must hereafter ally themselves with the Republicans. Principle can no longer cut any figure with the Populists in North Carolina. They care no longer to conjure with that magic term. They have put that virtue, which they fondled with so much apparent affection, behind them and seem content to let it remain there. Fusion means the absorption of the Populist party in the State by the Republicans. It means nothing else.—Clinton Democrat.

Lexington Dispatch to the Louisville Post says: If the factions in Breckinridge's district don't get together in the next legislature and elect the next governor, Breckinridge and his friends are hot for revenge. The first victim is the Senator Blackbird in North Carolina. Breckinridge would be willing to take his place. Of Breckinridge this correspondent says: "Heretofore Colonel Breckinridge has been considered a man of peace, yielding rather than contending, relying more on his mellifluous voice than on the force of his logic, on opposition or aggressive conduct to carry his point. The past twelve months have changed all this, and at bay Colonel Breckinridge displays a courage, a determination, a vindictiveness, and unrelenting enmity that betrays his nature as a long line of Scottish ancestors."

In the South Carolina House a bill aimed at profane swearing has passed. The fine ranges from \$5 to \$20. So "cuss words" will become a luxury to the indulgers as it is an offence to many not indulging in such unseemly profanity. There is a law in North Carolina against this useless, indecent abuse? We recall that before the great war a mayor of Danville, Va., enforced a law against profanity with rigor and put some hundred or two dollars in the city treasury each year. He merely executed faithfully a law that had been ignored by his predecessor in office and treated as a "dead letter."

A good law should be enforced because it is needed and will do good. A bad law, even if it is well enforced, should be repealed. It is the duty of a legislator to repeal and insure its repeal.—Wilmington Messenger.

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Post-Office Business in North Carolina. During the last fiscal year domestic money orders in North Carolina were issued to the amount of \$1,748,637.51. The number was 186,020 and the fees paid thereon amounted to \$15,559.59. Of postal notes, \$7,559 were issued to the amount of \$148,331.11, and of the fees \$2,631.99; of international money orders, 1,167 were issued, amounting to \$24,988.56.

The Post-Office Department lost money in the New Carolina business last year. It required \$309,907.00 more to carry on the mail service in North Carolina than was received. The total receipts from all sources were \$568,372.99, and the total disbursement \$878,280.00. Of the receipts, \$546,890 came from the sale of postage stamps. Of the disbursements the compensation of postmasters was \$278,588.56, and it required \$452,092.82 for carrying the mail on trains and star routes. The balance, however, clerk hire, messengers, carriers, &c.

We were talking with a gentleman from Watauga the other night and naturally the conversation turned to politics. He said: "It was a bad pill for the Watauga Populists to swallow the Republican ticket in Watauga at the late election. It was so hard that one Populist said he couldn't swallow it without it being well greased, so he accordingly got him a piece of tallow and thoroughly greased it before voting the ticket. This is a fact that the gentleman can prove it. Wonder if there were any greased tickets in Caldwell?"

There is a small-px scare at Niagara Falls.

Flocking To Texas.

The Augusta Chronicle states that people are leaving the upper part of South Carolina and flocking to Texas by the scores. It is the usual fall attack of "Texas fever" that has cropped out among the people in the Piedmont section. The cause of their leaving is supposedly on account of the dispensary law and other State legislative acts that have proven to be offensive and objectionable to many citizens of the Piedmont State, and for the further reason that the people in that section believe they can better their condition by going further South. That section of the country is further being drained by removal to the towns—especially the factory towns. A number of cases are reported of owners of farms renting out their places and taking their families to Piedmont, Felzer and other places.

All the North Carolina Democrats have done to sit quietly down and await the division of spoils by their Populist, Republican enemies. Political greed and mongrel miscegenation will do the rest.—Washington Post.

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