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The public schools of New York City cost \$4,000,000.

Gen. Jackson and Grover Cleveland received the same number of electoral votes.

Over \$30,000,000 in United States greenback notes, were destroyed by the government during the last fiscal year.

The Chicagoans contend that gargling the throat with whiskey is a sure preventive of diphtheria. No more diphtheria need be looked for in Chicago.

There is a report that some woman sent Mr. Cleveland a Christmas cake that was poisoned. The cake was analyzed and the sender has disappeared.

Mrs. W. F. Blackwell, of Durham had the misfortune of being severely injured while asleep by the plastering falling on her. She narrowly escaped death. So great was the weight of the plastering that the bedstead was badly broken.

Dakota has for some time enjoyed the reputation of raising more wheat than any other territory. If she keeps on with her capital wars and county seat strivings she will soon take from the south her established reputation of raising more of that other product, politely called hares, than all the states and nations of the universe.

A Texas man raffled himself off the other day. He had reached that point in liquor-drinking where he must have the stimulant or die, and nobody would give him a drink. In a saloon he managed to sell 100 chances at 10 cents a chance, the winner to be the absolute master of the prize one year. A newspaper man won him, and now doesn't know what to do with his prize. He might put a wick in him and use him as a lamp.

North Carolina 4 per cent bonds at 82 1/4 are a good investment. They yield nearly five per cent interest annually on the amount invested, are exempt from taxation, which is equal to two per cent. more, and they may be expected to rise in value nearly one point each year until eventually, in 1910, when they are payable, they will reach par. They are as safe as United States bonds and are twice as profitable. Our home people ought to buy them up.

Mittenwald, a little town in Bavaria, which, as its name indicates, is situated in the midst of forests, has for over two hundred years been given over to the single industry of violin making. The very best of material is found right at their very doors, and in every yard in the place are seen violins suspended from ropes and poles to dry. All kinds of stringed instruments, violins, guitars and even banjos are manufactured there, and sent all over the world.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Price does not seem to have a very high idea of the alleged civilization of the capital city of this great and glorious country. He said in a recent conversation: "There are 200,000 inhabitants in Washington, which is the capital of this great nation and the central point of its refinement and culture, and yet there is more drunkenness and crime here than among the 250,000 Indians who are savages, and have never felt the elevating influence of our modern civilization."

John L. Sullivan, whose bull-muscle and brutal instincts have given him his fame as a pugilist, played the part of an arrant ooked the other night when he knocked down and kicked a poor water-girl who resented an insult he had offered her. This will ever stand Sullivan as his fame, since ever among the class of men who admire him for his brute strength there is more or less regard for the protection of women. The law should lay a heavy hand on this bully. He should be made to understand that no one man has muscle enough to make it safe for him to knock down every person who does not tamely tolerate his low insults.

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Mr. Leslie, when he began the work of land commissioner for South Carolina, found that his time was frittered away by idle callers. Walking down the street one day, a well-dressed female in a store caught his eye, and wondering why the lady tarried so long, he approached and discovered that the figure was a dummy. Just here an idea struck him. He was sure that no one, at least no Southerner, would attempt to interrupt him while he seemed to be talking to a woman. If a quick sighted New Yorker could mistake a dummy for a lady, why should not other people? No sooner thought than done. The figure was made and placed in his office. Leslie worked with his back to the door and his face to the figure. The thing acted like a charm, and the few cents for calico, buttons, hooks and eyes, and a clignon were amply repaid by the savings in the valuable time of the land commissioner.

THE SOUTH IN 1888

Notwithstanding the general depression in the business world during the past year, the South made very substantial progress and enters upon the new year with brighter prospects than at any time in the last twenty years certainly, if not the brightest in her entire history. The great staple cotton, upon which so much of the South's business depends, was short in yield it is true, but this is partly counter-balanced by the high grade, due to the excellent picking weather in the Fall and to the higher value of cotton as compared with last year. The net results of the crop, counting the reduced cost of production owing to enforced economy on the part of planters in the Spring, and the full prices now being received, will make the crop of 1884 very nearly equal in value to the producers to an ordinary full crop. Added to this is the greatly enlarged yield of cereals, fruits, vegetables, &c., a growing factor in the prosperity of the South. While the farmers have thus made good progress and are as a class more prosperous than in former years, the industrial interests of the South have increased more rapidly than ever before. The depression in trade and manufactures was of course seriously felt in the South as elsewhere, but despite this there was a remarkable growth in manufactures and an immense amount of money was invested in manufacturing and mining interests. In the building of new railroads and the improvement of old ones, great progress was also made.

The new year finds the southern people fairly prosperous and thoroughly alive to the importance of developing their great resources. The South is moreover now attracting greater attention in other sections of the United States and in Europe than ever before, and while her own people are doing an immense amount of work in building new mills, furnaces and factories, outside capital is being invested there by the millions and even tens of millions. The present year promises to witness a remarkable activity in the development of the material interests of the South, and we feel safe in predicting that during 1885 more money will be put into new manufacturing and mining enterprises in the South than in any two preceding years.

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The News-Observer says that among the practical matters which the legislature should grapple with is the condition of our land titles in North Carolina. The statute which has been on the books for a century requires that deeds shall be registered within two years, and without registration they cannot be given in evidence. This is the law—but each legislature extends the period for registration two years, so that a deed can be registered at any time no matter when made. The result of this practice is to postpone registrations so that many deeds are not registered at all. Hence we find that our land titles are in a state of "glorious confusion." It is impossible to correct the evils that have already arisen, but the legislature may prevent renewed occasion for doubt and litigation by requiring the registration of all deeds and making them valid against subsequent purchasers only from the date of registration. We press this matter upon the attention of the law-makers.

The Charlotte Observer has received a letter that throws more light upon St. John's rascality and proves him to be even a worse man than has heretofore been supposed. The letter is from a young woman whom St. John lured away from her home and abandoned among strangers. The woman states in her letter that St. John persuaded her to leave her home and go with him on the promise that he would give her a good home of her own, finely furnished, would give her an elegant wardrobe and insure her generally a life of ease and luxury, and further assured her that she should never want for anything. The temptation was too great and she went with him. He carried her to Charlotte, and at the end of two weeks left her with a considerable board bill and carriage hire to pay. In closing her letter, the girl rather mournfully remarks that she returns to her former home a sadder and wiser woman.

It is said that there are more illicit stills now running in Chatham than ever known, and that whiskey can readily be bought at \$1 a gallon.

Josh Billing's Philosophy.

"Accident" is a word that should be expunged from the dictionary; it has no meaning. We can't prove more than half we believe, and perhaps it is better for us that we cant.

Genuine Poetry is as natural and joyful as a leaping stream, but too much of the poetry is like the same stream trying to run up hill.

Forgiveness is a delicate thing to administer; it is more apt to make people sullen than humble to forgive them.

It is all very well when a man takes his religion into his business; but when he takes his business into his religion, look out for breakers.

Men are born with a character, their reputations they have to make themselves.

The ambition of man is to gratify his vanity; but very few wish to be great for the sake of being good.

Pride should remember this; it has got to die and rot in the ground, and, perhaps, right alongside of a pauper.

When a man talks about himself I can't afford to believe more than half what he says about himself; for if he is a man of any sense, this is about all he believes himself.

Shameful.
The Republican party ought to be ashamed of itself. It would be ashamed if it had any character or conscience. After cracking the sky with its terrific howlings over Southern outrages; and lying year after year about Danville and Copiah and other real or supposed wrongs; and after having all manner of aggressive, bulldozing, degrading legislation aimed against the Southern whites to turn and in the very centre of thrift and education to become the violators of law, the intimidators of voters and the enemies of a "free ballot" is a great reproach and disgrace. Resolved upon carrying Ohio at every cost the Government actually lent itself to bulldozing white voters in Cincinnati and throughout Ohio. The investigation shows that the Government furnished the rascals who were appointed bulldozers with 600 bull dog revolvers of heavy calibre—44's. The fellow Wright, who bossed as U. S. Marshal, pretends that he supposed the pistol were furnished by the Republican National Committee. But that is "Lambert Wright was a United States official."—Wil. Star.

A CARD
WENTWORTH, N. C., }
Jan. 2, 1888.

To the Voters of the Fifth Congressional District:
Anticipating a vacancy in the representation from the District in the present Congress, the Democratic District Convention, held at Greensboro on July 29th, 1884, adopted the following resolution:
"Resolved, That the gentleman nominated here to-day, James W. Reid, for the next Congress, also be the nominee of this Convention for any vacancy that may hereafter be declared in the present Congress."
The Hon. A. M. Scales has resigned, and, as required by the constitution of the United States, the Governor has issued writs for special election to be held on Thursday, January 15th, 1885, to fill the vacancy.
As the time is so short and the weather so inclement; and as I have recently made a thorough canvass of the entire district, after consultation with the executive committee, I have concluded to make no canvass at this time, but I take this method to respectfully solicit the suffrages of the voters of the District. If elected, I shall use my best efforts to serve the people faithfully to the best of my ability.
I cannot forego this, my first opportunity, to express to the voters of the district my sincere gratitude for the cordial support given me in the recent election. This flattering expression of their confidence shall nerve my courage, sanctify my ambition, and fire my patriotism to make the sentiments expressed by Gov. Cleveland the chart of my political course. "Public office, a public trust. Good and pure government lies at the foundation of the progress and prosperity of every community."
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Mortgage Sale.
By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to Wm. Campbell, on the 12th day of May, 1877, by Alex. Allen and wife Liza Allen, recorded in Book 23, pages 490-7, Register's office in Stokes county, N. C., and assigned by him to my use, I will expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Danbury, on the 2nd day of February, 1885, the following tract of land, lying on the waters of Neatman Creek, adjoining the lands of John H. Carroll, Robert Stewart, Lovelock Smith and others, containing 20 acres more or less, the same being the land on which Alex. Allen formerly lived.
THOS. M. BAKER, Mortgagee.
Dec. 16, 1884.

NOTICE.
By virtue of an execution in my hands, I will sell on Monday, February 2nd, 1885, a tract of land lying in Stokes county, on Snow Creek, adjoining the lands of Thos. Martin and others, and known as the Pleasant Pringle. Said lands are sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of J. W. Lawson against Eg Pringle for the purchase money. This 6th January, 1885.
R. L. DALTON, Sheriff.

NOTICE.
Having qualified as the executor of the last will and testament of Jno. W. Eaton, deceased, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make payment of the same, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them for payment on or before the 5th day of January, 1885, as this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. This Jan. 1st, 1885.
JAMES M. EATON, Executor.

NOTICE.
By virtue of an execution in my hands, I will on Monday the 2nd day of February, 1885, sell for cash, at the courthouse door in Danbury, a tract of land lying in Stokes county, about one quarter of a mile from Prestonville, containing 25 acres more or less, and known as the old William Ward homestead. Said lands are sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of Mary Ann Terrell against P. M. Terrell for the purchase money of said land.
R. L. DALTON, Sheriff.
Dec. 15, 1884.

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