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Notice.  
For sale, 900 acres of land,  
on Rich Mountain, Watauga  
County, on which is asbestos,  
and fine land for sheep ranch.  
Sales private. L. D. Lowe &  
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row money, who can secure  
it by mortgage on good real  
estate, can be accommodated  
by applying to  
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NOTICE.  
Parties putting papers in  
my hand for execution will  
please advance the fees with  
the papers and they will re-  
ceive prompt attention, other-  
wise they will be returned  
not executed for the want of  
fees. D. F. BAIRD SHFF.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Harrison is usually very careful of the language he uses in his public speeches, but he made a break in his speech of welcome to Senator Montt, the new Cuban minister, that will be sneaked in diplomatic circles all over the civilized world. After telling the minister how glad we was to receive him, he told him of the policy of this Government in dealing with its neighbors unfortunate enough to suffer from internal dissensions and civil war. Said he: "It is our policy to preserve an honorable and strict neutrality, as was done during the late war in Chili. Tempting commercial and political advantages may be offered for our aid or influence by one or the other of the contending parties, but this we have not deemed to be consistent with the obligations of international honor and good will." It surely must have been difficult for Senator Montt to keep his face straight while listening to this high-flown talk, in view of the very short time since the newspapers of the entire world were ringing with charges of bad faith made by this Government against Hipolyte, the present president of Hayti, because of his refusal to cede the Mole St Nicholas to the United States, in keeping with the promise he had made to obtain the support of this Government to aid him in driving President Legitime out of Hayti, and in assuming the Presidency thereof himself.

That was an odd sort of honorable neutrality, wasn't it? And Senator Montt must have wondered if Mr. Harrison considered his bargain with the insurgent Hipolyte "consistent with the obligations of international honor and good will." Even Mr. Harrison's friends admit that he made a mistake in the phrasing of this speech, short as it was.

It is evident that some sort of a deal is being hatched, whereby the postmasters of the country are to make their influence felt in the election of delegates to the Republican National Convention. It is needless to say that this movement is in the interest of the present occupant of the White House. It is being manipulated by Boss Clarkson, aided by Mr. Wanamaker, who is said to be ambitious of becoming a politician. With'n the last week a number of the more prominent postmasters have been in Washington, and none of them went away until Clarkson had taken them to Mr. Wanamaker's residence, where a secret conference was held at which the whole programme was gone over and explained, as far as Boss Clarkson deems it wise to trust the postmasters. The only aid that Mr. Wanamaker can give is to let the postmasters know that he approves of their undertaking the work mapped out for them by Boss Clarkson, who lets them understand that

Mr. Harrison is away behind him.

It is now stated that Secretary Foster has made up his mind, after consulting Mr. Harrison, not to make a change in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, notwithstanding the popular impression that the incumbent, Mr. Lacey had by his seeming carelessness in the matter of the wrecked national banks in Philadelphia, Boston and elsewhere, lost the confidence of the public, which it is so necessary for the holder of that position to have, if discredit is not to be brought upon the entire National banking system. It is understood that Secretary Foster will, in his annual report, attempt to show that it's weakness in the law and not lack of vigilance on the part of Government officials that is to blame for the hoodwinking of the department by unsound banks.

If confidence were votes, all of the candidates for Speaker would be elected. Votes are mighty scarce here, because the members of the House are apparently in no hurry to arrive. It is noticeable that the fighting between the friends of several of the leading candidates has again taken on the vicious and personally abusive style that was so much depreciated by the cool-headed friends of all the candidates when it was first begun several months ago. These hot-heads seem to lose sight of the fact that when they abuse a candidate every word they say is treasured up by the Republicans for future use against the entire Democratic party. The great mass of the Democratic party has no favorite for Speaker; all it asks is that the men selected be sound upon the fundamental principles of the party.

If the news received by the Brazilian minister here is trustworthy, the flurry in that country is over and the republic still lives.

Ex-Gov. Foraker is here, ostensibly on a professional business, but it is known that he is pulling some wires that run pretty close to Mr. Blaine in order to get help in his fight against Sherman. He is going home today, but he will return on the 23rd inst., to help the Cincinnati folks try to capture the republican National Convention.

## The Lottery Wins in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 11th—A primary election was held in this city to-day to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention. The election was one of the most exciting and hotly contested ever held here and turned on the lottery issue. The anti-lottery Democrats, who are opposed to the re-charter of the lottery company, put a full ticket in the field. The other faction, in favor of submitting the lottery question to popular vote, carried the city by a majority of more than eleven thousand in the largest primary vote ever polled here. They carried all the seventeen wards, and elected the 139 delegates. It is considered a severe blow to the anti-lottery party.

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## Let Every Lover of Birds.

Read the following from Rev. Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn:

"This morning I had put in my hand a booklet from the Massachusetts Society for prevention of cruelty to animals. It contains a letter from Pandita Ramabai, of India, in which she says there is more wrong done to the birds in America than in India.

We want more birds, millions of them, multiplied by other millions that shall sing in every tree-top and flutter out of every grove and nest under the eaves of every house. We are barring the orchards and gardens and the harvest fields of America to an exposure that is awful beyond calculation. So the ornithologists tell us, so the agricultural department at Washington tell us, so legislative committees tell us, so common sense tells us. The laws on this subject are inefficient. Those we have already upon books are not executed. What is most needed and what will be most effective will be the establishment of a public sentiment in American womanhood that shall be opposed to the bird slaughter. If once they realize the wrong they will extinguish it.

The kindly and so grateful birds have enough enemies without human antagonism. No creature of God have a harder time to live than they. First, they have enemies in the animal kingdom, as man has in his. The eagles, the crows, the squirrels, are their assailants. Then the hurricanes dash them against the rocks, and beat them against lighthouses, and tangle them in telegraphic wires, and toss them into the sea, and drive them back in their semi-annual migration. And they have their own distempers to contend against, and what a gauntlet of earth and sky they run before they come in range of a sportsman or taxidermist. For God's sake and the harvest's and the orchards' and the gardens', of which they are the natural defenders, let their live, and remember that while you have navies and armies to keep off other enemies, against whole kingdoms of stinging, besailing and deathful animals, there is only one weapon that has ever been formed or ever will be formed, and that is a bird's beak.

Do not pull down your own fortresses.

Do not spike your own guns.

Do not carbine your own cavalry.

Instead of this perpetual shooting and stoning of your feathered friends, feed the snow-bird from your window, and listen quietly to the song in the forest, and coax the advances of these bright creatures of God.

Do not kill the musicians. Do not shoot the orchestra. Do not assassinate these prima donnas of the sky. The world has enough groans, but not enough roundelay; enough sigh, but not enough carol; enough dirges, but not

enough anthem. God again and again announces his sympathies with these beautiful creatures of his hand. Christ points to the brilliant plumage, and says, "Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feedeth them." And again He says: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and yet one of them is not forgotten before God." You could easier forget to feed your children at the breakfast or the dining or the tea-table than God could forget to feed the smallest humming-bird.

The wife of a United States Senator told my family the following incident: She said to the great Alexander II, Stephens:

"Come and see my canary-bird that has just died."

"No," said Gov. Stephens. "I cannot look at a dead bird with any composure; it makes me cry."

Surely, if God declares his deep interest in the bird, we need not be ashamed of having a feeling of regard for them. How I sympathize with them, especially in the autumn, when they have to move. In many a tree-top they, day after day, hold their semi-annual convention, moving and passing resolutions on the subject of migration: some proposing to go tomorrow, some moving to go today; some moving to go to Brazil, some to Florida, some to the table-lands of Mexico; but all unanimous in the fact that they must go soon, for they have a arching orders from the Lord, written in the pictorial volume of the changing leaves.

There is not a belted kingfisher, or a chaffinch, or a fire-crested wren, or a plover, or a red-legged partridge, but expects to spend every winter at the South; for apartments are ordered for them in South America or Africa, and after thousands of miles of flight they stop in the same tree where they spent the previous January. In every autumn let them strew the continent with music.

## THEN AND NOW.

Mecklenburg Times

The Farmers' Alliance we understood to be organized as an industrial and non-political institution. Its constitution is understood to distinctly forbid its taking any part in politics as an organization. This is the kind of an order which nine-tenths of the people now in it thought they were joining. But in listening to the oratory of the Jerry Simpson order one hears nothing but politics, and politics of the oldest and staliest type, and in reading some of the Alliance papers nothing is to be found but politics, and politics of the commonplace and milder variety, at that. How refreshing it would be to hear an orator from Kansas or elsewhere, and read a paper from Washington or elsewhere, discussing practical problems which the farmers are daily grappling and contending with.

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Hon. J. L. M. Irby, United States Senator-elect from S. C., who was chosen over Gen. Wade Hampton by the votes of the Farmers' Alliance members, has been interviewed on the political situation. He expressed the belief that Mr. Cleveland would be the Democratic nominee for President, and despite his views on the silver question he believed the Alliance members of South Carolina will fall in and support him almost to a man. "The Farmers' Alliance members of South Carolina," said Mr. Irby, "are Democrats and they may be relied upon to vote for the Democratic nominee, whoever he may be." Mr. Irby said most emphatically that he did not believe that the farmers of South Carolina endorsed in the least the talk of bolting and third party so freely indulged in by some of the extremists.

Frederic Taylor, a prominent New York Republican, has written an open letter to Mr. John Claffin assigning bossism and extreme protectionism as the causes of the recent Republican defeat and urging that the party undertake a reduction of the McKinley tariff.—Landmark.

The President has issued his proclamation appointing November 26th as Thanksgiving day. We are glad to see the observance of this day is becoming very general at the South, as it has long been at the North. Even if we regard it merely as a holiday, it is desirable that the people should enjoy a festival in the fall season; but more or less the occasion always brings with it ideas pertinent to the purpose of its institution, and even though thanksgivings find no formal expression, yet the sentiment pervades the day, and we feel better because of it.—Ex.

As time progresses the fearful havoc made by Confederate bullets upon the Federal armies becomes more and more apparent. Commissioner Raum has already granted about 700,000 claims for pensions and says has 900,000 more on file. Of these latter, he says fully half a million are original claims. Every man, woman and child capable of carrying a musket in the South during the war must have winged a Yankee.—Phil. Record.

The best sub-treasury ware house scheme that can be adopted is for each man to have a big barn well filled with the products of his own farm. What good would a sub-treasury and government barn do the man who has nothing to pawn there.—Carolinian.

BE KIND TO THE AGED—Deal very gently with those who are on the downhill of life. Your own time is coming to where they are now. You too are stepping westward. Soothe the restlessness of age by amusement, by consideration, by non-interference and by allowing plenty of occupation to fall into hands that long for it. But let it be of their own choosing, and cease to order their way from them as though they were children.—Ex.

The publication last week that the Alliance had carried Jerry Simpson's county in the recent Kansas election was an error. It went Republican as did also Peffer's county and the county of every other Alliance Congressman.—Landmark.