

## DAILY OBSERVER.

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### THE VIENNA EXPOSITION.

We publish to-day an interesting communication regarding the Emperor of Austria, Francis Joseph I. Special attention will be directed to his empire this year on account of the grand International Exhibition which is to be held at Vienna, the Capital of Austria, in May. It opens in May and will continue many days.

It is to be the largest, most comprehensive and most magnificent World's Fair ever held. The arts and industries of every country the sun shines upon, will be exhibited. The wealth of Nature, and the ingenuity of Man, will be represented by the best specimens which can be had, from all quarters of the globe; from the East and from the West, from the North and South; from the tropical climes and from the arctic regions; from continents and from islands; from land and sea, and from everywhere. Specimens of every art and industry in the world will be exhibited; every branch of learning, and every department of human activity, will be fully represented.

To-morrow's issue we will publish a circular letter from the U. S. Commissioner to the International Exposition, in which the whole subject is fully explained.

The importance of this Exhibition of the arts and industries of the world to our people, is great. It would be of inestimable value to North Carolina if her mineral wealth and splendid advantages of soil and climate could be well known in foreign countries. It would attract the attention of the world to our wonderful resources; the rich marl beds of the eastern portion of the State, the coal-fields of the middle section; the gold, silver, copper and iron ore of the west. Were a knowledge of the vast treasures locked up in the bosom of our Mountains unfolded to the world and they made acquainted with the fertile valleys of western North Carolina, this "Switzerland of America" would soon teem with population, which is all that is necessary to make this a great and prosperous country.

Every effort we think then should be made to have the agricultural and mineral wealth of North Carolina fairly and fully represented at Vienna.

A letter to us, from Hon. Sien H. Rogers, upon this subject, concludes with these words, which we commend to the consideration of all citizens who feel an interest in the welfare and prosperity of North Carolina:

"It occurs to me that every effort should be made to have, especially the minerals of North Carolina fairly represented. Our State seems to be so slow to get before the world her real and undeveloped wealth that I feel at times greatly discouraged. The young men of the State, especially those connected with the press must be active in this matter. I will, when I go home for the holidays endeavor to stir up our Raleigh friends. No true son of North Carolina can be engaged in a more praiseworthy or patriotic engagement than bringing in a fair and true light to public view the undeveloped resources of our good old State."

### MURDER BY BRITTLE CAR WHEELS.

The coroner's jury in the case of the Cross-Cut Railroad disaster have agreed that the officers and employees of the road were not to blame for the accident, and that the breaking of the tender wheel was an unforeseen and unavoidable occurrence. This is the gist of the verdict. Probably the most important evidence bearing on the case is that of Flynn, foreman of the machine shop from which the broken wheel was furnished. This man put the wheel in its place, and he examined it after the disaster. His practical view of the business was that, though he did not consider it dangerous, he would "prefer to ride after a better wheel." Furthermore, he was of the opinion that such wheels are more brittle in cold weather than at any other time. It may be considered settled, then, as far as a coroner's jury can settle anything—that the Prospect disaster was caused by a train being risked with a dangerously ill car wheel in its make-up, and that nobody was to blame. This seems a lame and impotent conclusion; the public, which wants an object on which to expend its passing indignation, will not be satisfied. Neither will it be satisfied with the admission of the railroad company. It is too late to tell the company that more vigilance is needed. If there had been more vigilance before Dec. 24, we should not now be lamenting the loss of twenty-one valuable lives by the Prospect disaster.

N. Y. Tribune.

CATCHING GAMBLERS.—Among the persons arrested in the recent raid on the leading gambling houses of Boston on Christmas eve were a number of prominent merchants, manufacturers, one prominent bank president of Boston, and a clergyman of a neighboring city.

### A Fearful Explosion.

[From the San Francisco Enquirer, December 23rd.]

On Saturday afternoon, just before our forms went to press, a terrific explosion startled the dwellers in the southwestern part of the city, causing fears that some great accident had happened. It was not the shock of an earthquake, but the dull thud and subsequent quiver which accompanies the firing of heavy ordnance. Our reporter soon ascertained that an explosion had taken place at the Hercules Powder Works located on the Central road, one mile west of the Golden Gate Park. It appears that on Friday afternoon the workmen, who, fortunately, are principally Chinamen, put about 300 pounds of nitro-glycerine into one of the large tanks preparatory to its being used in the manufacture of the powder. Friday night, it will be collected, was excessively cold, and, as a consequence, the glycerine froze up hard. The Chinamen, who were in a hurry, to work it all off by Saturday evening, did not handle it with proper caution. It is even said that one of them ran a crowbar into the rat, and that this was the cause of the explosion. The building, a large one-story frame, was torn to atoms, two Chinamen killed instantly, and two others were badly injured. A young man named Cook, about eighteen years of age, was some distance away from the explosion when it occurred, hastened to the place to turn off some of the acids that were running, and was seriously burned on both legs. Pieces of the lumber were scattered for a mile around the hills. The body of one Chinaman was hurled six hundred feet from where the house stood, and torn to pieces, only a piece of one leg, part of his skull and small pieces of the body being picked up in different places. Another dead Chinaman was found about sixty feet off, with a cut behind his ear and on his back. Two Chinamen injured were found alive a short distance off. A liquor saloon in the vicinity sustained considerable damage, the bottles and glasses on the counter being thrown to the floor. The powder magazine, containing 10,000 pounds of powder, about an eighth of a mile from the works, escaped damaged. The three other buildings belonging to the company, which were wisely separated from each other at considerable distance, were but slightly damaged. It is said that the loss will be several thousand dollars. In the month of June last another explosion occurred at the works, which, though not so fatal in its consequences, was perhaps of greater damage to the property than the last. The coroner will hold an inquest to-night in the case of the Chinamen, who were blown into eternity.

### Forecast of Radical Changes in the Cabinet.

The President has positively designated Mr. William M. Evarts as Mr. Fish's successor. Mr. Evarts is now negotiating for the purchase of a large house in this city, where he intends to entertain after Mr. Fish's large and generous manner. About a week ago the President pressed our Premier to reconsider his determination to leave the Cabinet on March 4, telling him that the country could not dispense with the services of so good a statesman, who had contributed more than any other person to the peaceful and honorable settlement of our differences with foreign Powers and had represented the State Department with so much dignity to himself and to the country. Mr. Fish replied that but for his affection for the President he would have left the Cabinet long ago, but he could not remain after March 4; his duties to his home and to his family required his presence in New York. Now that he had seen out the settlement of the Treaty of Washington his task was fulfilled, and he thought he had well earned the right to retire from public life. At the same time he suggested that Mr. Evarts would in every way make a good Secretary of State. Seeing that nothing could change Mr. Fish's resolve, the President had a conversation with Mr. Evarts when the latter was last in Washington on the subject of the Secretarship. After expressing his appreciations of Mr. Evarts' services in the Geneva Conference the President remarked that he knew of no one better fitted to succeed Mr. Fish. Mr. Evarts did not decline. Since then the President has confidentially informed him that he would be appointed Secretary of State on March 4, and Mr. Evarts is now making preparations to fill his new dignity, so as to leave no repining after Mr. Fish's hospitality.

Secretary Boutwell declares that he will resign whenever Wilson announces his departure from the Senate, and there are whispers of other complications about the politics of the Southern States, &c., which may lead to a general breaking up in the Cabinet.—*Washington Correspondence New York Herald*, Jan. 3d.

FIVE HUNDRED COUNTERFEITERS ON TRIAL.—In Russia they administer justice or injustice by wholesale. Recently they have had a trial at Moscow of five hundred persons, charged with counterfeiting the coin or currency of the imperial Government, over two hundred of whom were convicted and condemned to labor in the gold mines of the Ural mountains for life. Sentence of death was passed upon six French printers who executed the counterfeits. A number of delicate women were embraced in the sentence, and a number of men, as well as women, were convicted from the best classes of Russian society.

Lerdo de Tejada, the new President of Mexico, is a lawyer forty-five years of age, and possesses great energy and courage, and is also notably eloquent as an orator.

### STATE NEWS.

Statesville is to have a book store soon.

The young people of Statesville are now enjoying themselves by having social parties.

Wilmington asketh for chimney sweeps.

Farm labor in Edgecombe commands from ten to fifteen dollars per month.

Stephen Lowrey was seen in the edge of the Burnt Swamp, a few miles above Lumberton, on Friday last.

Maj. Robbins, member of Congress elected from this district, arrived in Statesville this week from Salisbury, and will, in future, be one of us. So says the *Intelligencer*.

Two negroes named Richardson murdered a negro named Ned Moore on the road leading from Ringwood, Halifax county, during Christmas, and are now in jail to await their trial.

A little daughter of Peter Powell, colored, living on the lands of Rev. J. Johnston, near Nashville, was burned so badly last Friday, in the absence of her parents, that she died in a few hours. Aged 5 years. So we learn from the *Advance*.

The Salisbury *Watchman* urges that application be made to the General Assembly for the establishment of a special court for that town. As the law now stands ordinary municipal governments are powerless, the Mayors have no power unless they happen to be magistrates, and even then merely as township magistrates.

The Statesville *Intelligencer* says:—On Thursday last, a little son of the foreman of this office, while hunting for some chickens, in the barn of a neighbor, came in contact with a vicious sow, and she went for him. He was badly bitten, but his wounds, though painful, have been pronounced by the physicians not of a serious character. The little fellow says he is "done fighting with hogs."

The *North Carolinian* thus: Elizabeth City now contains a population of about four thousand. Two years ago it was less than fifteen hundred. Then we were without a paper, without a bank, without a good school or hotel—in short everything looked blue and everybody was dispirited, discouraged and disheartened. Today we have a thriving newspaper, two banks, the largest and best hotel in the State and four good schools, in addition to quite as many of the appliances and surroundings of comfort and progress as could be expected. This is but the beginning. There is now a more hopeful feeling among the people here—genial and healthy popular sentiment and a liberal spirit manifested by all far beyond what has yet existed. All this is encouraging—is auspicious for the future.

A PASTOR'S REWARD.—That good, faithful pastoral work is appreciated in the State of Ohio, as illustrated by the following incident that occurred in Ironton. A revival preacher, who had won fame by his power in the pulpit, came to Ironton for a week's work. He was very zealous, preached every night, excited considerable interest, and was vehement in his exhortations to the unrenewed generation of the congregation to come forward. On the last evening his labors, he outdid himself, but not a person rose to come forward. Discouraged, he sat down; whereupon a grave-faced, anxious-looking man got up, and said that the elder had been working hard and laboring faithfully among them, and, as a token of their appreciation, he moved that the congregation give him three cheers! It was done right heartily, and that contrite congregation went quietly out and silently home, satisfied that they had fully and faithfully performed their duty.

DANVILLE, VA., AND FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—The Hillsboro *Recorder* mentions a proposition for a railroad from Danville to Fayetteville, narrow gauge, via Leasburg, Pea Ridge, Prospect Hill, Hillsboro and Pittsboro. The proposition originated in the Danville *Register*. The counties of Caswell, Person, Orange and Chatham would be much benefited by such a road. The scheme seems to have something real in it, being favored by the Baltimore and Ohio interest, and the proposed road being an extension of the road now reaching completion between Lynchburg and Danville. The movements of the Pennsylvania Central are closely watched by the Baltimore and Ohio folks.

A FEMALE BANKER.—\$5,000,000 nearly cover the liabilities of Fraulein Spitzer, a woman banker at Munich, in Bavaria, who recently died, utterly ruining hundreds of small depositors, seriously crippling the resources of the middle classes and carrying consternation to the wealthy. Her bank had enjoyed the highest popularity and public confidence. Judicious advertising and carefully bestowed presents and pecuniary favors had contributed to its success. After the failure it was discovered that its enormous dividends to depositors in the way of interest had been made from the capital stock, or in other words, from the deposits.

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### LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

#### Fire in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—Five stores on Magazine street, known as Auch's row, have been burned—loss \$75,000; insurance \$50,000 in home companies.

#### Deplorable Suicide.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—L. Moulier, tobacco merchant, shot himself dead this morning in a city railroad car. The reported cause is pecuniary loss. He leaves a wife and three children.

#### Extensive Chloroform Robbery.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—D. Jones, jeweller, 279 Barron street, has been chloroformed and robbed of \$22,000 in jewelry and money.

#### Ohio Floods Threatened.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The rivers above emptying into the Ohio are flooding. The people here are moving their goods from the low places in anticipation of a flood.

#### The Modoc Indian War.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—The latest advices from the Modoc war are that the Federal troops were awaiting transportation for the howitzers. Meanwhile Captain Jack's forces were increasing.

#### Conservative Legislature.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 4.—The Conservative Legislature is expected to reassemble on Monday. General Emory's troops still hold the Mechanic's Institute.

#### Railroad Accident.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 4.—Yesterday afternoon a train was thrown from the track by a broken rail, near New Castle, and two of its coaches burned. Twenty passengers were hurt, two seriously.

#### A "Louisiana" Row in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 4.—Two State governments are proposed for Arkansas, to compel Congress to take some action.

#### Suicide of an Editor.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.—F. Kupp, editor of the *Belle Vue Zeitung*, committed suicide.

#### From New York—Weather, &c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Weather mild and clear, the obstacles to travel disappearing.

Several accidents from snow slides from roofs—boy killed.

Many persons were in the bay all night on boats lost in the fog.

The counsel for the Erie road expresses their confidence in recovering three and a half million dollars from Vanderbilt.

#### Heavy London Failure, &c.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—John F. Dawson & Co., of this city, dealers in Manchester goods, have failed. Liabilities reported at \$15,000,000. It is reported other failures will follow.

#### Reported Important Action of the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A private telegram from New Orleans says:—"All the custom house employees who are members of the Legislature have resigned, been removed or suspended." This is the end of the quota.

The above related proceedings are anticipatory of the President's order, soon to be issued, notifying all persons holding United States Commissions that the acceptance or holding of office under any State authority is inconsistent with the scope of their official duty and an improper interference with State concerns.

There is authority for saying that the President had not, (contrary to recent publication) ever mentioned Win. M. Evarts, as Fish's successor for Secretary of State.

THE GEORGIA SENATORSHIP.—General Lucius J. Gartrell, of Atlanta, publishes a card declining to be a candidate for United States Senator from Georgia, because Congress failed to pass the bill removing his political disabilities, and requests his friends to vote for Hon. Alexander H. Stephens. This declination reduces the number of candidates, but there are still enough aspirants to render it exceedingly difficult for the Legislature to make a choice. Those now in the field who have announced themselves, or been announced by friends, are Mr. Stephens, Gen. John B. Gordon, General Henry N. Benning, Hon. Joshua Hill, Judge J. W. Underwood, Hon. Hebert Fielder and Hon. B. H. Hill. Gov. H. V. Johnson is not participating in the canvass, but will accept if elected. As the day of battle approaches the canvass grows warmer, and a lively struggle may be expected when the General Assembly convenes.

At the Vienna exhibition—world's Fair—will be shown specimens of every news paper and periodical published in the United States, and will be classified under the head of States and cities, and a catalogue made out showing the age, date of issue and circulation of each publication. This will go far to show the progress and stability of this country.

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