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AT PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES, AT THE

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Noon Dispatches.

FOREIGN.

News and Views from Across the Waters.

HAVANA, March 18.—Several plantations have been burned in the district of Colon. Troops have been sent to the insurgent incendiaries.

VIENNA, March 18.—Serbia has determined to raise a compulsory loan for military purposes, and proceed immediately with the utmost vigor.

MADRID, March 18.—In the Cortes on Thursday, Senor Castellar read a four hours speech, criticising the policy of the ministry in general, but chiefly in its course on the religious question. He declared that Ultramontanism had created the civil war. The house was crowded; all the ministers were present, but remained silent. The spectators in the galleries several times applauded the speaker. Canovas de Castillo and Parvia, will reply to Castellar.

King Alfonso has arrived at Valladolid.

VIENNA, March 18.—The Serbian ministers seem in favor of immediate war. The situation is aggravated by the continued rains. The Austrian representatives at Belgrade had another interview with Prince Milan on Thursday, and urged him to make binding the declaration in favor of peace. The Prince asked for a few days' delay, because he could not trust the pacific assurances of Montenegro. He said that if Montenegro entered into a war, he could not remain behind, as the Turks were again concentrated on the Serbian frontiers. Long cabinet councils are held daily.

PARIS, March 18.—M. Louis Blanc has decided to take a seat in the Chamber of Deputies for the 13th arrondissement of Paris.

*An arch of the railway bridge over the River Ill, gave away to-day under pressure of the flood. A crossing passenger train was precipitated into the river. The carriages were dashed to pieces. The passengers were all crushed to death or are dying. Thirty corpses have been already received.

The programme of the ministers is as follows: 10 or 12 of the most objectionable prefects, and a sub-prefect, are to be removed in a few days, and eight of these replaced by men thoroughly resolved to serve the republic, carefully selected and particularly calculated to attract the support of the middle class. The remaining officials will be carefully examined. Those who have interfered in elections through political passion, will be dismissed, and others who acted under orders or through error removed to other departments. After these changes, assurances will be given to the officials that they have nothing more to fear. The bill on municipal reforms will not be introduced till the end of the year, as the excitement of another election is immediate during the present year. They will, however, endeavor to choose officers from the Municipal Councils, and arrange for the election of a new municipal council to replace the one which has been appointed by the Prefects.

A bill has been introduced restoring to the States the sole power of granting University degrees.

Mid-Night Dispatches.

WEATHER, PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, March 18.
For the South Atlantic States, north-west to northeast winds, clear or fair weather, rising barometer and stationary or slight change in temperature.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Discharge of Gen. Cox—The Case Against the Commissioners Restricted to Tuesday.

WILMINGTON, March 18.—Gen. W. R. Cox, the Chairman of the Democratic Conservative State Executive Committee, who was brought here from Raleigh in charge of a Deputy United States Marshal, yesterday, was arraigned to-day before United States Commissioner Cassidy, charged with conspiring to defeat the election of two Republican candidates in the election for the Constitutional Convention last August. Before the case had made much progress, District Attorney Badger stated to the Commissioner that he did not think there was any evidence sufficient to justify the detention of Gen. Cox, whereupon he was discharged. Four of the County Commissioners of Robeson county are also before the United States Commissioner on the same charge. These cases have been adjourned to next Tuesday, in order to secure the attendance of additional witnesses. The County Commissioners on trial are all Democrats.

NEW YORK.

The Whole State Endorsing Conkling
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—A telegram from the Chairman of the New York Republican State Central Committee, says that every assembly district in the city, last night, elected delegates to the Republican State Convention in favor of Conkling for President. The delegates from the rest of the State, are almost unanimously for Conkling, it is stated.

WASHINGTON.

Investigation of the Treasury Soon to Begin—Marsh to Return Next Week—Damaging Evidence to Spencer.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department, convened this afternoon, and decided to go into an extensive examination of the expenditures of the Treasury Department, with especial reference to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Numerous witnesses have been requested to appear, including Bristow.

Marsh will return here next week, a pardon having been issued for him as well as immunity for his wife. He consented to come on these conditions.

The Spencer investigation was renewed to-day. Robert Barber, Clerk of the House of Delegates of the so-called Court House Legislature, testified that Spencer promised him the appointment of Marshal when Healy's term expired. The promise was made a long time after he had begun to labor for Spencer. The night before the election, witness kept guard over two colored Republicans who were feared to be disqualified. In the morning he told them in the presence of Spencer, that Spencer had made up his mind to get them offices. Spencer said he could not make a direct promise, but there was a route agency vacant on the Western Railroad, they subsequently voted for Spencer. The question was asked if Spencer furnished any money to take a journey to Lowndes county, and to this ex-Senator Carpenter, counsel for Spencer, objected, taking the grounds that no proof can be given before the committee, showing that any one had been bribed; that bribery was punishable by the State. The witness was directed to answer the question, and did so by stating that Spencer furnished one of the party \$300 for his expenses. The reason they went there was to defeat a man named Stanwood, who was an enemy of Spencer's. Moore, the colored man, who was elected in his place, was also entrusted to go into other counties and induce persons to run as independent candidates, the expenses of the canvass to be paid by Spencer, or the State Committee, he forgets which. Several letters were introduced and read, one from Spencer, dated November 24th, no year, saying: "Healy's time soon expires, and you shall have the place," and that the office would be worth \$5,000 a year. The letter adds that in case the United States government has a war with Spain, Alabama will come in for a good share of the patronage as he (Spencer) is on the military committee of the Senate, and can thus get many offices, telling Barber that he could get him a good place in the army if he wanted one. The witness said he was appointed as Inspector of Customs of Mobile, at a salary of \$2.50 per day, although he never applied for it; he thinks Spencer got the appointment for him. He never went to Mobile, and never rendered any services but drew his pay, and held the position three months.

FLASHES.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—Washington Rockwell was to-day shot and killed by R. Desposito.

PROVIDENCE, March 18.—Gen. Geo. Lewis Cooke, declines the Democratic nomination for Governor.

BLAINE IN THE WRONG CHARACTER.—The New York Tribune thus sketches Blaine as he is in the "Erebus vein" on the floor of the House:
"But right into the midst of this serious constitutional discussion came Mr. Blaine, brandishing cudgels and roaring hard names. What had made him mad, we should like to know. He belittled insult and defiance in that bold and violent manner which he has apparently adopted under the impression that it indicates a vigorous mind. He stood in the centre of a crowd, and exploded denunciations, and swang the lash of invective until he had converted the House of representatives into a howling mob. He dared the democrats to withhold the committee's testimony from the grand jury. He hurled at them an accusation whose as urance staggers belief, of combining to black the wheels of justice, and Belknap might escape. He bore down remonstrance by strength of lungs, until after two hours of excitement Mr. Lrmar succeeded in beating him and restoring quiet."

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—AT THE—
RISING SUN,
C. S. HOLTON & CO.
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ALL parties who have subscribed for A Shares in the New Building & Loan Association or who wish to take stock in the same, are required to meet at the Insurance Company of E. Cochran, on Tryon Street for election of officers, and permanent organization, on to-morrow (Monday) night at 7 1/2 o'clock. mar19 1t

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INQUEST HELD!
VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE!
THANKS OF THE PUBLIC
TENDERED TO THE WIDE AWAKE!

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THE PUBLIC AS JURY OF INQUEST.
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Everybody
IS bragging on their 5 cent Cigars—only try them—we have now a full line of five Cigars and Tobacco.
T. COLEMAN & SON,
At the Wide Awake.
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Our Coffee Roaster
HAS arrived and we are now prepared to furnish best Rio and old Gov. Java Coffee, roasted fresh every day, at
THE WIDE AWAKE.
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HAMS! HAMS!
500 Pounds Country Hams, weighing from 6 to 25 lbs.
200 Chickens, Ducks and Turkeys.
500 Dozen Eggs.
100 Pounds Nice Honey.
100 Pounds Apple Butter.
100 FRESH Country Butter.
LARGE Onions.
GRITS, Hominy, Rice, Meal.
BEST Leaf Lard.
ALL grades of Charlotte City Mills Flour, at Mill prices.
KEROSENE OIL by the gallon, only 25 cents, at
B. N. SMITH'S.
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Just Opened,
A New Meat House on Tryon Street, opposite the Commercial National Bank. We propose to keep first-class Meat, Beef, Pork, Mutton and Sausage, and propose to pay the highest market price in cash for Beef, Mutton and Pork, and will sell as cheap as the cheapest, for cash only.
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Carbolic Soap.
SAPOLIO Bath Brick, Jovins' Kid Glove Cleaner, Lubin's Extracts, Cherry Tooth Paste, German Cologne, just received.
W. R. BURWELL & CO.
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WINDOW GLASS,
Putty, Linseed Oil, Lubricating Oil, and Tanners Oil, at
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Drug Store.
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Bring 40 Cents
AND buy a gallon of Pratt's Astral Oil—the best lamp oil in use.
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FRESH FRUIT
CRANBERRIES,
FINE BALDWIN APPLES, FLORIDA HAVANA ORANGES, LEMONS, FRENCH PRUNES, DATES, FIGS, CHEAP PICKLES, "SEVEN UP" CIGARS ONLY 10 CENTS, FRESH FRENCH CANDIES.
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Everybody
EVERYWHERE should have a good light and use a safe Lamp Oil—Pratt's Astral Oil meets the case—40 cents a gallon.
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Silken Gloss
STARCH for Laundry purposes—the best in the market.
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Our Trade In
FIVE Cent Cigars is increasing daily—our stock is ample—some of the best in the city at the price.
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Sixteen Hundred
AND twenty-seven and a half gallons of Astral Oil just received and offered to the trade at 40 cents a gallon—special discount to the wholesale trade.
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Sole Agents for Charles Pratt & Co.
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Hay! Hay! Hay!
ONE Car Load Timothy Hay, for sale by STITT, WALSH & CO.
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