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H. W. G. in Atlanta Constitution. New York, March 13.—The night that the funding bill passed the House in amended shape General Grant was beseiged by his friends to write to Hayes and urge him to veto it. He replied that he would have no communication with Hayes about the matter, but agreed to write to Garfield, and ask him to impress upon Mr. Hayes the importance of vetoing the bill. His relations with Garfield are close, but he has little use for Hayes. He says the point for Garfield to turn his attention to is the establishing of close relations with Mexico and China and Japan.

GIRARD'S FAILURE.

The example of Mr. Girard, who left his fortune for the establishment of Girard College, and made the condition that no clergyman should ever enter its grounds, is imitated by Charles Edward Forbes, who has just left Northampton. Mass., \$300,000 for the establishment of a library. He provides that no clergy-man shall ever have any connection with it, and that no sectarian book shall ever be admitted to its shelves. I suppose the spirit of his bequest will be flanked as Mr. Girard's was. While no clergyman has ever entered Girard College grounds, certain earnest lay-men have seen to it that the young col-legians have had the best of religious advice and attention. In this connection, Judge Dwinelle, of California, who died last month, prescribed that no clergyman should attend or participate in his funeral, and that no religious services should be held over his body. The Rev. Mr. Collyer, discussing the fate of George Eliot's soul last Sunday, said: "It has gone to heaven, because it was too grand a soul to go anywhere else!"

JAY GOULD, CABINET MAKER.

It is said that Jay Gould is the se-cret power that made up the cabinet and indeed that nominated Garfield. The story goes that Blaine was originally Gould's candidate, which accounts for the furious support he received from the New York Tribune, and that when it was found Blaine could not be nominated, a trade was hatched up by which the corporations were to be protected in the administration, and the ransfer was made. There is no doubt that the New York Tribuue's influence is great with Garfield, and that Blaine is the friend of subsidies. It is even said that Windom, the anti-monopoly member of the cabinet, owes his place to Dorsey, who is a jobber and the friend of jobbers. I see little reason to credit the story that Gould having sus-tained Blaine's preliminary campaign has secured a cabinet that is under his special influence, but there is just as little reason to doubt that corporations will be nursed and new enterprises fos-tered by the present administration. Garfield may be amiable enough to let the jobbers run over him and establish themselves in the treasury crib, but he is hardly accounted a dishonest man. The fact that he is worth less than \$15,-000, is proof that he has not profited by his public service.

G. W. WILLIAMS'S LATE PARTNER. At Delmonico's, the other day, I saw youngish-looking man, careless in his dress, and with an air of discouragement and recklessness, come in and take a seat alone at a table. It was Birnie, the ill fated partner of George W. Williams, whose failure a year or so ago, was discussed all over the country. There is said to be little cause for the partail seediness of his appearance, as he is reputed to have enough money to live comfortably on. He was worth about \$300,000, I believe, when he failed. Had he been able to have covered his contracts for three or four days longer than he did, he would have leared nearly a million dollars, as the tide against which he had staked everything, turned just after he went under. I find that he has many friends here, who extenuate the circumstances under which he failed. I do not think he is doing much at present, but he is a bold and daring operator, and may come to the front if, as his appearance

seemed to indicate, he has not attempt-

ed to lose his troubles in drink. RAYMOND'S GHOST. I had a talk with Jno. T Raymond the other day. He is looking badly and seems unable to comprehend and enjoy the success that has come to him. There is a far away, plaintive look in his face that suggests the pathetic side of the character of Sellers. He had a hard struggle with the world, and when some one congratulated him on the success of "Sellers," he replied sad-ly: "Yes, old fellow, but it has come too late." There is something inexpressibly touching in the old, childish face,

that it always seemed to me Twain must have studied when he created the shabby but glorious Don Quixote of fi-nance, and that Irving must have dreamed of when he gave shape and substance to Ichabod Crane, the vague and uncertain schoolmaster. I saw it once looking out of Delmonico's windows at a procession, and it had the seeming even then, of Sellers in a depression or the pedagogue in a melan-choly dream of plenty. Raymond is to be married this month to a charming actress, and is nightly filling the Park with delighted audiences. He must be a rich man now, and yet love nor money seems to be able to lift the shadow that lies in his honest eyes, and clouds his lovable face. How seldom it is that all the felicities find home at once in the same human

Railroad from Fayetteville to Bennettsville. Laurinburg Enterprise.

heart!

We learn from the Hamlet Argus that the requisite \$50,000 for the organzation of a company to build a railroad from Bennettsville to Hamlet, was subscribed at a mass meeting held in Bennettsville Monday of last week. We are persuaded that our South Carolina friends would much prefer to have a road from Bennettsville to Laurinburg, if the Fayetteville & Florence Railroad Company would meet them at this place instead of tapping the Carolina Central at Shoe Heel. To do this, the latter road could very easily turn from Floral College, four miles from Shoe Heel and seven miles from Laurinburg. What say the F. and F. company?

Spring Races in Wilmington.

Wilmington Review. The old race track at the Hopkins place, about four miles from this city, is being put in thorough order and a trotting club has been formed in this city. In a very short time the antebellum spring races will be indulged in and efforts are being made to get noted horses to trot on the Hopkins track. There are several very fast horses in this city and even if horses from other places cannot be induced to come here there can and will be some fine racing between horses owned in the city. WAIFS ABOUT WOMEN.

Women love always; when earth slips from them they take refuge in

A pen portrait of Isabella II of Spain says that she is fat, fair, fifty and also We meet in society many beautiful and attractive women whom we think

would make excellent wives-for our It is not easy to be a widow; one must reassume all the modesty of girl-hood without being allowed to feign its ignorance.—Madame de Giradin.

It has been suggested that farmers should pay their daughters for labor as they do their sons, and allow them some social freedom, in order to prevent them from longing for city life

and seeking it. One of the most beautiful models in Paris is a young woman who comes from the blue-grass region of Kentucky. She was deserted by her husband abroad, and she now supports herself

by posing. "Makepeace," the Washington correspondent of the Troy Times, says that during Mrs. Garfield's visit there in November she told a woman with whom she was breakfasting that she had no intention of interfering with the use of wine on state occasions at the White

A curious story comes from Coshocton, Ohio, of a young man, giving the name of Frank Evans, who drove a stage for a year, voted for Hancock last fall, did all that a beardless youth might be expected to do, and, on being arrested on a charge of theft the other day, turned out to be a woman. Who she is or what her history is she refused

North Carolina's Special Tax Bonds in Court.

Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic.

In the New York Supreme Court last week, the case of the Receiver of the People's Savings Bank against H. H. Van Dyke, C. H. Loutrel, and R. McMurray, former trustees of the bank, was decided against the latter. The charge was that in October and November, 1868, they purchased \$40,000 worth of North Carolina bonds; buying them from some of the rogues then ruling and running our State. Next year the bank saw that there would be no chance to force the State to pay the fraudulent bonds; so they sold threefourths of the amount at a big loss. They still hold \$10,000 of the bonds; but they are pronounced worthless."

Judge Barrett's decision is good reading even though delivered in a New York court. He held that "under the

charter of the People's Savings Bank and of the general laws relating to such institutions, the purchase of the North Carolina State bonds at less than par was illegal, and the defendants are all iable for the damages resulting from such illegal purchases. As to McMurray, who claimed he was not liable because he had not acted as trustee for six months, Judge Barrett says: "His position in the eye of the law, looking simply at his acts, is that of a trustee who abandoned his duty. He should bear the consequences of this inherent negligence. Ordinary and reasonable attention to his duties would have enabled him to discover and check these purchases. In the present instance he had especial reason to be on his guard because of what he had heard respecting the purchase of Tennessee bonds. It is said that so strict a rule of liability will be apt to prevent men of wealth and standing from accepting such an office. It is to be hoped that, where there is no intention to fulfill the duties, it may have just that effect. There is certainly no particular severity in requiring him to be something more than

a mere figurehead to attract and mis-lead the public." The Watson Forgery Case.

Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic. The House of Representatives atempted some investigation of the Watson-Newell forgery case; based on a motion to expel Watson, Republican negro from Edgecombe, made by Hon. John Manning. Messrs. Newell, Wat-son, and others, with the page, White-head, were examined under oath. The result proved complex. Some members who had set down Watson as guilty became satisfied of his innocence; while others, who had thought him innocent, became convinced of his guilt. Others doubted if Newell told a straight tale. Others laid the blame on Solomon Geer, a negro fire-tender. Finally, the presumption of innocence was given to Watson, and the presumption of guilt was fixed on Geer; for the former was not expelled, and the latter was, on motion, discharged from any further attendance on the House.

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