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Judge Robertson feels sanguine of the defeat of Conkling and Platt.

"Gath" says that Conkling is worth from \$200,000 to \$400,000; Platt \$200,000.

The Register is advocating the claims of Mobile as a winter resort for invalids.

Maj. John W. Daniel, of Va., delivered his lecture on the "Iron Horse" at Richmond Monday night.

Conkling's man Platt's initials are T.C. Thomas Conkling Platt would fit in pretty well.

The funeral of Thomas A. Scott was simple-no show, no display about it, in themselves lay down. The fight which accordance with his own request.

Fence or no fence is a subject now meeting with the attention of Georgia agricultural societies.

Clarkson W. Potter is mentioned as one of the Democratic candidates for adherents that gathered around Grant U. S. Senator in the election to take at Chicago will be solid for one of the place next Tuesday.

tre of population of the United States in Kenton county, Kentucky, a mile thy with and acceptable to him. They from the south bank of the Ohio river.

Dr. Geo. B. Loring, who succeeds Le-Duc as commissioner of agriculture, is a Massachusetts man. He promises well in the start; but they all do that.

from Boston and one from Providence, R. I., are on a visit to Richmond, and Richmond is giving them a royal time.

country, only three, and one independent, New York Herald, sustain Conkling, and the Herald seems to have dropped him.

The measure of Senator Lamar's am- | anti-Conkling, or rather Grant and antiinvitations from nine colleges in four | ready for the heavy work before them. States to deliver commencement ad- We shall look on with interest while dresses.

EXTENDING THE LINES. The trouble between Conkling and Garfield is not nor will not be confined Shocking Steamboat Catastropheses

with over six hundred excursionists

Princess Louise with bodies. The total

loss will aggregate 175. Mr. Matthews,

night editor of the Advertiser, lost his

wife and two children. Smart, of the

Free Press, lost his wife, two children

and sister-in-law, J. Siddons, of the customs service, lost one boy. Dr. Oronhyatekna, lost a boy aged 10.

Among the missing are Miss Bailey; Alice Deadman, of New Brighton;

Miss Griffith, of Bucks street, and Al-

fred Trimble, probably lost. A full

list cannot yet be obtained. All is in

the deepest confusion. The newspaper

staffs like all else are sadly demoraliz-

ed, all having friends involved in the

calamity. The whole city seems al-

most demented to-night.

Fearful Loss of Life.

to New York, but will extend to other States, and in time there will be fighting all along the line. The following paragraph from the St Louis Globe-Democrat, one of the Conkling organs, shows how the ball is opening in the

with the water's edge. All the passen-gers were instantly plunged into the stream, more than one half of them be-West worthy of their names or their calling if ing underneath the debris. The first they fail to beat Charlie Foster for news of the disaster which reached the city was brought by the survivors, who straggled through the streets wet and weary. The news fell like a thunder-Governor. The sneaks have thrown down the gauntlet, and the stalwarts must take it up. Let us have a little fun all round." bolt and a stampede took place for the spot. On arriving there a horrible

Conkling may or may not be re-electsight met their view. Fifty or sixty ed to the United States Senate, but bodies had already been recovered and were lying on the bank. Those arrivwhether he be or not the fight will go ing from the city from every direction on. The bridges are burned and neithcrowded around, anxious to see if any er party can retreat. And it will inrelatives were on board. About one crease in bitterness every hour. The thousand families were represented on the execursion and the wail of anguish stalwarts are down now; Garfield is on that arose at the sight of the victims top, but they can't stay down, for to do was heartrending. Fathers, mothers, so is to be trampled upon and crushed brothers and sisters rushed about panic out of existence. There is fight and grit stricken, endeavoring to identify friends. By 7 o'clock about 80 bodies in them, and they have no idea of truce were recovered from under the wreck, or compromise, unless on terms they almost every minute some victims being brought to the surface and conveyis going on now is but the initial to the ed to the bank. great battle which will come off four years hence in the contest for the Presidency, for which the stalwarts are now gathering their forces and placing them

in line. If any one imagines Grantism has died, he is much mistaken for the Grant tribe if it be not judicious to again bring the man on horseback be-The census authorities place the cen- fore the public as a candidate. Their candidate will be a man in full sympado not and will not forget the unchecked license they enjoyed in the eight years

of his administration when the Belknaps, Sheppards, etc., swayed with a sovereign sway in the "city of magnificent distances," and they pine for the return of those good old days when the A Commandery of Knights Templar plunderer prospered and waxed sleek and fat under executive protection, and

there was no one to call him to account nor make him afraid. For this they are girding themselves for the conflict, Of the Republican papers in the and they are going to make it an exceedingly warm one all along the line. The first trial of strength will take place at Albany next Tuesday, when the campaign for the Presidency will open in earnest, and the Conkling and

The accident was certainly due to gross carelessness. The boat was overbition ought to be full. He has received Grant men will fall into line, and get crowded to a disgraceful extent. Man ager Geo. Parish was expostulated with by several at Spring bank and urged not to let the boat go out in that overthe slaughter proceeds, and shall try to bear it with composure if the result be mutual appihilation Sam'l Stewart, a stove merchant, one of those who protested left the boat at Spring bank with his family. Several hundred more remained there unable to get passage and had to walk home, a distance of four miles to-night, no conveyance of any kind being available. The telephone was in constant use between the water works and this city by friendly inquiries. This disaster will put an end to the pleasure steamer business, as hereafter people will not venture. The river, which has been the subject of many jokes and puns on account of its supposed shallowness, is in reality in many places 20 or 30 feet deep. LATER-The work of recovering bodies at the scene of yesterday's disaster is still going on actively. Up to this time 170 have been found and most of them were brought to the city. All the undertakers' shops are beseiged and coffins are going out by scores. The crowds at the river bank and at the steamer landing have not diminish-ed. Among the bodies identified are those of the two daughters of James of the guilty parties by a rope would Burns. The excitement seems to increase as night advances. A large number of bodies remain on the grounds at Sulphur Springs bath awaiting claimants.

AMONG OUR STATE EXCHANGES.

The Centennial Graded School at LONDON, ONT., May 25.-This even-ing at 6 o'clock the steamer Victoria, Raleigh has 705 pupils. Complaints of the sanitary condition

on board was returning from Spring of Raleigh are loud and long. Bank and when near Cove railway Mr. John Spelman will revive the State Journal as an anti-prohibition bridge, one mile below the city, the boat suddenly collapsed like an egg organ.

shell and became a total wreck, level The first through freight train on the Elizabeth City and Norfolk Railroad arrived in Norfolk on Saturday.

> The new Catholic church at Laurinburg was dedicated last Sunday with imposing ceremonies.

Eliza Bullock, mother of the dead infant found some time ago near Wake Forest, has been arrested.

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The Patriot announces the death, vous debility and weakness of the generative func-tions. \$1 at druggists. Depot, J. H. McAden, Charlotte, N. C. last Sunday morning, of Mr. Joshua Lindley, of Guilford county, the pioneer nurseryman of the South. He was in his 78th year, and through his long life was a good citizen and a good man. cific for constipation, indigestion, and all disor ders of the stomach, liver and kidneys.

The Governor has re-appointed the following notaries public, who have renewed their commissions under the new law, which requires them to be renewed every two years: Omega H. Foster, Raleigh; W. L. Smith, Jr., Wil-mington; O. D. Davis, Salisbury; Geo. H. Roberts, Newbern.

Deliberate Suicide,

MASS.—The great tonic and alterative contains twice as much iron and fifty per cent. more alum-inum than any "alum and iron mass" known. Just the thing for the "spring weakness" now so general. Sold by all druggists of any standing. Prices reduced one half. The steamer Princes Louise was ear-Major George W. Murphy, a well-known real-estate dealer of Pittsburg, ly brought to the spot and the victims placed on the upper deck. Fires were walked into a drug store on Friday lighted on the bank overlooking the evening and informed the proprietor river; petroleum torches were brought that he had taken eight or nine grains and search was continued until night. of morphine, and that he desired him About 150 corpses have been secured. Among the dead are Jas. Robertson, manager of the bank of British North to witness his will. He was taken to a hospital and died on Saturday evening. The deceased was a soldier in the late America; J. C. Merideth, clerk of the war, and was at one time cashier of the dividend court; Wm. McBride, assessor and secretary of the Western Fair As-sociation; Mrs. Wm. Ashbury, Wm. Pittsburg Savings Bank. After he took the poison he telegraphed to his wife, announcing his own death. He told Millman, of the Montreal commercial those about him that the suicidal act agency and two sons; J. Rogers Plumwas not prompted by business or dober. All is confusion at the present moment, The landing at the foot of Dundas street is now crowded with mestic troubles. His life was insured for a considerable sum. people, all waiting in breathless expec-tation for the arrival of the steamer

The Cotton Seed Oil Business,

A conference of the cotton seed oil

manufacturers of the South was held

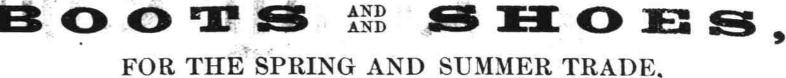
in Cincinnati during the week, and va-

the last ten years, however, their val-

ue as oil producers has led to the build-

ing of over fifty oil mills in the South-

Chapel Hill Commencement.



OUR STOCK OF----

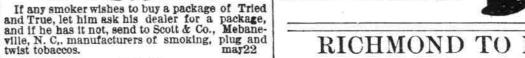
N OW being received, is very attractive, and embraces a great variety of goods of the best makes, all of which we warrant. For Ladies' Wear we have the choicest selections of beautiful and seasonable goods of various grades, styles and prices, special attention being called to our line of Ladies' Fine Hand-sewed Button Boots, which for beauty and elegance of style, superiority of workmanship and finish, and good quality of material used. cannot be surpassed. Gents' Machine and Hand-sewed goods, Boots, Button and Congress Gaiters, Navy Ties, Oxford and Strap Ties, Prince Alberts, &c., &c GOOD GOODS AND LOW PRICES. Boys, Misses and Children's Shoes in great variety and of the best quality, and of Heavy Goods a full and complete lines of the best grades. Phease give us a call.

A. E. RANKIN & BRO., Central Hotel Block, Trade Street.



FAMILY FLOUR.

Sugars, Molasses, and Everything in the Line of



GREETING

THE NATIONAL MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION has more members in the city of Louisville, its home, than any other Life insurance Company or Association in the United States, and among its members are the leading bankers and merchant [may24-tf of the State.

Skinny Men.

Wells' Health Renewer. Absolute cure for ner-

CONGRESS WATER.

Ninety years' popular use attests its purity, safe-ty and superiority to all waters of this class,

Avoid all coarse, irritating waters, foreign and do-mestic: they impair the digestive organs and kid-

BEDFORD ALUM AND IRON SPRINGS WATER AND

None genuine sold on draught. may1-d2mo,eod

Cathartic and alterative. Is a well known spe-

"I Don't Want That Stuff,"

Is what a lady of Boston said to her husband when he brought home some medicine to cure her sick headache and neuralgia, which had made her mis erable for fourteen years. At the first attack there-after it was administered to her with such good results that she continued its use until cured, and made so enthusiastic in its praise that she in-

duced twenty-two of the best families in her circle to adopt it as their regular family medicine. That "stuff" is Hop Bittera.—Standard.

rious matters connected with the business discussed. The transactions in this business now reach over \$10,-New Advertisements. 000,000, and the capital invested in it is over \$5,000,000. The business has been OPERA HOUSE. of rapid growth, and is assuming importance as another of the industries ONE NIGHT ONLY ONE NIGHT ONLY of the South. The cetton seed from the gin houses were formerly used as manure or left to rot in piles. Within



GOING SOUTH.



Archbishop Croke who has taken mutual annihilation. such an active interest in the cause of the peasantry is now the most popular man in Ireland. Everywhere he appears he is greeted with ovations.

west to Europe by way of the Missiscan be sent from the west to the Atlantic seaboard by rail.

The Chamber of Deputies in Mexico a few hours before bounded off full of has passed an amendment to the con- life and joy and hope. stitution making only native Mexicans eligible to either house of Congress.

It is now said that Gov. Cornell is in the race for Conkling's seat in the U. S. Senate. That would be rough on Conkling for he made Cornell governor.

The New York Herald's silence on Conkling for the past few days is ominous; not that the Herald is a leader of public opinion, but it is a remarkably close observer of passing events, this morning: and trims its sails to the wind.

Cyrus W. Field, who has just return- To Hon. Geo. A. Sharpe, chairman of ed from a cruise around the world, says the streets of New York are filthier than any he has seen in his travels, and he visited some of the dirtiest cities in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Geo. Clark, of Patrick county, Va., is good on the keep, He has some tallow from a deer which he killed forty-two years ago, and a pocket comb which he of the party. The resignation of our has carried since he was a boy, though Senators has left the Senate of the now over sixty years old. He ought to run a savings bank.

Leadville, Colorado, three years ago a mining camp, is simply now a prosperous and flourishing city. As an evidence of its progress a "high school" has just been completed at a cost of \$40,000, and equals in its appointments any school building in Philadelphia or Baltimore. These western people move therefore deem it wise to unite in a fast and live fast.

Here's the way the Goldsboro Star, the colored peoples' organ, figures it up: In this State we have 96,500 colored to 33,500 white Republican voters, but in the division of the offices of appointment 1934 out of every 20 are held by white men." The editor of the Star forgets that white Republicans have championed the cause of the colored men to control the vote and the spoils that vote would give. Giving office to their calculations.

the slaughter proceeds, and shall try to

SACRIFICING HUMAN LIFE.

That is a horrible story the telegraph brings us of the catastrophe on the excursion steamer Victoria. The loss of Grain is now being shipped from the over one hundred and seventy human lives is a shocking recital, even at this sippi and New Orleans, for less than it distance where none of the doomed victims are known, and no heartstrings are wrung over the sudden snatching away of loved ones, who but

There seems to have been criminal

negligence and indifference on the part of the managers of the excursion even after protests had been entered about the crowded condition of the steamer. When greed of gain causes such sacrifice of human life breaking the necks

be entirely too mild a retribution.

Opposed to Calling a Caucus. ALBANY, May 25.—The following let-ter was sent to Speaker Sharpe at 11.30

STATE OF NEW YORK, Senate Chamber, Albany, May 25, '81.

the Assembly Caucus Committee:

DEAR SIR-The Senate caucus committee have given the question of calling a caucus the earnest deliberation which the gravity of situation demands. The United States Senators from this State have resigned and thrust upon the Republican members of this Legislature the alternative of supporting or antagonizing the national administration. This issue involves the integrity United States in the control of the Democratic majority. The Republican party of the State cannot submit its relation to the party in the nation to the decision of a majority of a legislative caucus. No member ought to be excused by the caucus action from individual responsibility but in joint con-vention of the Legislature and in the solemn exercise of his duties as a legislator, each man should cast his vote according to his conscience and the wishes of his constituents. We do not call for a joint caucus. We remain, dear sir,

Yours truly, D. MCCARTHY, GEO. H. FORSTER.

While I do not fully concur in the above I deem it unwise and inexpedient at the present time to join in or recommend a call for a caucus. W. W. ROCKWELL,

Engineering for a Caucus. ALBANY, May 25.-Both sections of the Conkling and anti-Conkling mem-bers talk confidently to-day. The rethat vote would give. Giving office to fusal of the Senate caucus committee 20th of May. Comptroller Nolan, one the colored men never entered into to call a caucus was not unexpected. of the members of the funding board, tures of the Republican members, call-

Tennessee State Comptroller Enjoined-Bribery Charged Against Members of the Legislature.

NASHVILLE, May 25 .- A bill was served on the comptroller yesterday by the sheriff of this county, enjoining the funding board from carrying out the requirements of the par and 3 per cent. funding act. The bill alleges that mineral and home railroad bonds, and bonds issued for war interest and war purposes were illegally issued; that the funding act was procured by bribe-ry; that members of the Legislature were speculating in Tennessee bonds when the act passed, and that one member received \$10,000 and another \$15,000 for voting for the act. The bill further charges that the act is uncon-stitutional, because it appropriates a revenue for 99 years while the constitution prohibits appropriations for longer than two years; also, because it confers judicial powers on executive officers to pass upon the legality of the bonds; that by the coupon feature the school fund is diverted from its legitimate purpose; that it provides for funding bonds held by certain bond-holders but excepts bonds held by charitable and educational institutions; that the act fails to recite in its caption or otherwise the title or subreception of anything but treasury warrants, gold and silver, United States bank notes and old issue of the Bank of Tennessee for taxes, by making cou-

pons receivable for taxes. The bill further alleges that the act is ambiguous, and asks for a construction of the act by the court. The bill of injunc-tion was presented to Judge Williams Winchester and a fiat granted on the the injunction until the return of State | beer were destroyed.

to the Editor of The Observer. We are looking forward to the approaching commencement at the Uni-

ern States.

versity (June 1st and 2d) with much pleasure, and predict that it will be a brilliant success. Although the University Railroad is not yet finished, we will doubtless have a much larger crowd than we have ever before had, as there have been made, up to the present time, more engagements for board and sleeping quarters, than for many years previous to this. Through the kindness of the railroad officials, and in consequence of the untiring en-ergy of our very efficient and deserved-

esteemed chief marshal, Mr. D. E. McIver, greatly reduced rates have been secured on all the railroads of the State. No pains have been spared to secure an abundance of comfortable vehicles to convey visitors to Chapel Hill, and the roads are in excellent

condition. Once arrived, pleasures of the highest order await the visitor. It will be his privilege to hear that able divine and pulpit orator, Dr. William P. Harrison, of Washington City, who preaches the annual sermon. Dr. Harrison has a national reputation, and all we need say of him is, that he will certainly be here.

The address before the two literary societies will be delivered by our own peerless Senator, M. W. Ransom.

The graduating class consists of thirty members. Among them are many fine speakers. The gentlemen that have been chosen to speak are: Messrs. W J. Adams, Albertson, Avery, Joyner, Leach, Murphy, Pell, Rouse, Stewart, Thomas, L. W. Walker and Winborne.

A large portion of the students will give a magnificent ball in honor of the

graduating class. If there be a reader of your excellent paper who loves to mingle in the "giddy mazes" of the dance, let him come. I repeat it, let him come! In conclusion, Mr. Editor, above all

beg you to insist that she come, and many warm and constant hearts will greet her coming. A STUDE Chapel Hill, N. C., May 24, 1881. A STUDENT.

A Rosy Statement about Bonds.

WASHINGTON, May 25.-Treasury officials believe that if revenues continue at the present average the entire series of 5 per cents, amounting to about 70,000,000, not converted into 31/2 per cent. bonds, will be well in hand if not entirely covered by calls before the convening of the next Congress. If this prediction proves true, there will be no bonds other than recently converted 31/2 per cents to be cared for until 1891. -+0+

North Carolina Indians to be Removed.

WASHINGTON, May 25 .- Arrangements have been made at the Indian office to effect the removal of about 70 of the North Carolina Cherokee Indians stance of the law repealed, revived or to the Indian Territory. This, it is amended; that it repeals a section of thought at the interior department, is the act of March, 1873, prohibiting the the first step toward the removal of the entire tribe, numbering about two thousand, to that territory.

Seizure of Distilleries and a Wholesale Distruction of Mash Beer.

WASHINGTON, May 25.-The internal revenue collector clerk at Atlanta telegraphs to-day on reporting the seizure of ten illiicit distilleries: Three in Hebersham, four in Rabun, one in White and two in Cherokee connties. About A paper circulated yesterday for signa- | says no action will be taken to dissolve | thirteen thousand gallons of mash and

Univ. Penn. "Invaluable as a nervous tonic."-Hon. L C.

Fowler, Tenn.

These springs are 2 miles from Shelby, 54 miles west of Charlotte, and within 1 mile of the Carolina Central Rallway. Hacks will be at the springs station on the arrival of every train. At King's Mountain Station, on the Air Line Railroad, hacks can be obtained; distance 10 miles The trains from Charleston, S. C., connect at Wadesboro with the Carolina Central Ballway, and with the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge Ballroad at Lincolnton, both enabling passengers to arrive at the springs at 10 p. m. the same day. White and Red Sulphur and Chalybeate Waters. A good string band secured for the season. A Bowling Alley in good order. Livery accommodations attached to the hotel.

