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going through the formality of giv-HARGRAVES & ALEXANDER. ing the slightest return.

New York Herald: Mr. Tilden never was that man physically who caused the belief that he was strong of constitution. Ten years ago he was as feeble in appearance as he is now. Chief Justice Taney always had the same style. When the latter was a young lawyer a man visited him with the idea of becoming a client, but retreated with the belief that Mr. Taney would not live long enough to see the case through. Afterwards Mr. Taney saw the burial of the grandchildren of the gentleman.

The citizens of Riedsville are dis-Latest Style SILK HATS, SILK, MOHAIR and GINGHAM UMBRELLAS, Gents' hand-made and cus ing the construction of a narrow gauge railroad from that stirring town to Madison, by which they can easily make connection with the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road, White Goods ! RONTE S CHALS which will run not far from Madison.

JUDGE BENNETT DELIVERS A POWERFUL SPEECH.

nue Question and a Programme Agreed Upon---Dowd Takes the

Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.

WASHINGTON, April 23 .- The Democratic members of Congress from North Carolina, including the Senators, met for consultation with the friends of internal revenue reform, this morning, at the room of the House committee on elections. The chief purpose of the conference was the appointment of a committee to prepare a bill to be submitted to the ways and means committee. The result was the choice on such committee of the following gentlemen: Judge Bennett, chairman; Mr. Candler, (Georgia), Mr. Dibble (S. C.), Gen. Dibrell, (Tennes see), and Col. Cabell (Va.) It is expected that this committee will very soon have a measure ready which will secure the co-operation of the committee on ways and means and pass the House. It is understood that the Speaker and the Western revenue reformers do not desire the passage of a bill previous to action on the tariff bill, and that they will oppose any such legislation if the tariff bill fails in the House.

The telegraph informs you that Judge Bennett, Represenative at large, spoke to-day on the Wood-Peters contested election case. It is not likely that it does more than state the bare outlines of his minority report in favor of Wood, who was beat en by 16,000 votes, or at most the leading points in his supporting speech. The argument was strictly technical, and the learned speaker 'meow.' thoroughly serious. Yet, notwithstanding the House had been bored by a monotonous harangue, badly read, from Wood in his own behalf and another harangue somewhat better by Peters, the Republican sitting member, it was in a particularly good humor when Judge Bennett began. It was in a still more pleasant mood as he proceeded hour by bour, trumpet tongued, and with his sleeves rolled up. He did not exactly take Mr. Cobb's head in the line of his demonstration, but he showed what he could do if he were disposed. After consuming his hour, the House extended his time. He spoke at some length further, and complaining of fatigue, asked that he be "indulged in a breathing spell" while Mr. Springer should address the House. At the conclusion of Springer's remarks the Judge resumed with renewed powers. Again the sands of his hour glass ran out, and Mr. Hall, of the elections committee, generous It is said that the charges preferred ly "yielded to the gentleman from North Carolina all the time he re-I have not undertaken to quired." follow Judge Bennett in his great argument, so remarkable for its law, logic and literary contents, manner of delivery and effect on his audience. I have been content to play on the surface of general statement. The Record will show what was in it; I am not able to describe the mode of its delivery, or the manner of its acceptance. In his pronunciation Judge Bennett follows the English mode, both as to proper names and ordinary words. For instance, he says clark, Lord Cook (Coke); and he is more of a precisian, if possible, than either Senator Bayard or Gov. Long, in giving the correct sounds to the vowels. This afternoon when the Judge was speaking, Lyman, of Massachusetts, interrupted him with a critical re mark. Judge Bennett alluded to his interlocutor in reply as "a walking encyclopœdia of the dead languages." Maj Dowd's joint resolution au thorizing the Secretary of War to lend to the city of Charlotte for the 109th celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, two hundred flags of the United States was introduced early in io-day's session of the House, and passed without objection from any quarter. So far it is understood that three North Carolina members desire to be heard on the tariff bill: Messrs Bennett, Cox and Green. Miss Lyman, sister of the wife of Gen. W. R. Cox, 18 here on a visit. +----A WOMAN'S SAD STORY. ----Mrs. Miller, Once Wealthy and Refined, Convicted of Petty Thieving. Philadelphia Times. A middle-aged woman, poorly dressed and dissipated-looking, but still showing traces of high breeding and great beauty, sat in the Quarter Sessions dock yesterday, charged with the larceny of some trifling wearing apparel. Her plain black dress was faded and bedraggled. A bit of frayed lace was tied round her neck. Her head was covered with an old summer hat of black straw, trimmed with a bit of brown ribbon.

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THE LANGUAGE OF CATS. Though Limited as to Words It is Copious in Expression. New York Times

A little learning is a particularly dangerous thing in connection with a comparative philology. This was il-lustrated the other day by an article A Conference upon the Internal Reve-

in the London News on the language of cats. In that article it was assert ed that "the cat has a speech in which all the vowels of the dog are, with six consonants into the bargain -they being m, n, g, h, y and f." This assertion, made as it is of cats generally, is absurdly untrue. It is true, in part, of the tortoise shell dialecta dialect which is confined to perhaps one-ninth of the entire cat familybut even the tortoise-shell cat does not make use of "f," and it is doubtful if the tortoise shell dialect, except in regions where it is seriously corrupted by the brindle patois, the vowel "u" exists.

The purest of all cat dialects is the black cat dialect, which bears to other cat dialects the same relation that the Tuscan bears to the provincial dialects of Italy. There is practically only one dog language, and although some differences of pronounciation distinguish the speech of Scotch terriers from that of the Newfoundland dogs, these differences cannot be regarded a dialects. Now, the dog does not make use of "e." and inasmuch as all cats, except the tortoise shell variety, make use of all

the vowels, it is erroneous to say that the speech of the cat has "all the vowels of the dog." The vowel "e," which no dog can pronounce, is the them." most prominent vowel in the feline word "meow"-pronounced "mow" in tortoise-shell. The writer in the

London News may be confidently challenged to produce a single dog capable of being taught to say Cats use the six consonants above

mentioned, but they also use others. The word "pzzmenow," meaning "Here I am," ce tainly contains the consonants "p" and "z," even if we class the final 'w" as a vowel sound. Again, the conso nant "s" appears in the familiar expression "the part of the second the familiar expression "sha," which is u. ed by all cats in moments of excitement, but which is too profane to be translated in these columns. "Meaowl," meaning "Let me in." is not to be confounded with "meow," the second person plural of the verb

meaning "to give dinner," and it un-mistakably contains the letter "1." The word "æk," which is usually pronounced so indistinctly as to be requently misunderstood, and means 'I am exhausted with heat," contains nants f, g, h, k, l, m, n, p, z, and s all exist in the best cat dialect, and in no dialect except that of the tor-

The Future of Texas. Ex-Governor Hubbard, of Texas, is quoted as saying: "Our State is entering upon an era of unexampled prosperity. Galveston invites the grain tonnage of the entire West to be brought to her gates for foreign shipment. The export trade is just waking up to the fact that Galveston is 800 miles nearer Kansas City than New York is. We raise now one-quarter of the cotton crop of the United States. In a few years we shall double our present production. Manufacturers are springing up on every side. We shall get the cream of the rich trade now beginning to flow between our country and Mexico. We used to spend \$200,000 a year in protecting our frontier. That money now goes toward the endowment of free schools."

High License and Beer vs. Prohibi tion.

The Bangor (Me.) Commercial says that ex-Chief Justice John Appleton, of the Supreme Court of Maine, has frequently declared that while the prohibitory law may have worked well in the country towns, he was in-clined to believe that a high-license law would work better in the cities. He also said that he regarded the inclusion of lager beer in the prohibitory statute as a great mistake. 'The opinions of Judge Appleton,' says the Commercial, "are well understood here, and we do not understand that he has manifested the slightest disposition to qualify or retract



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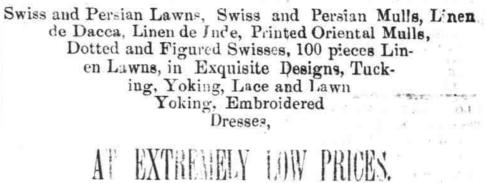
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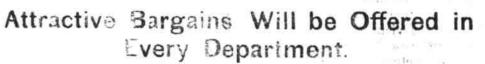
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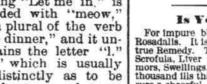
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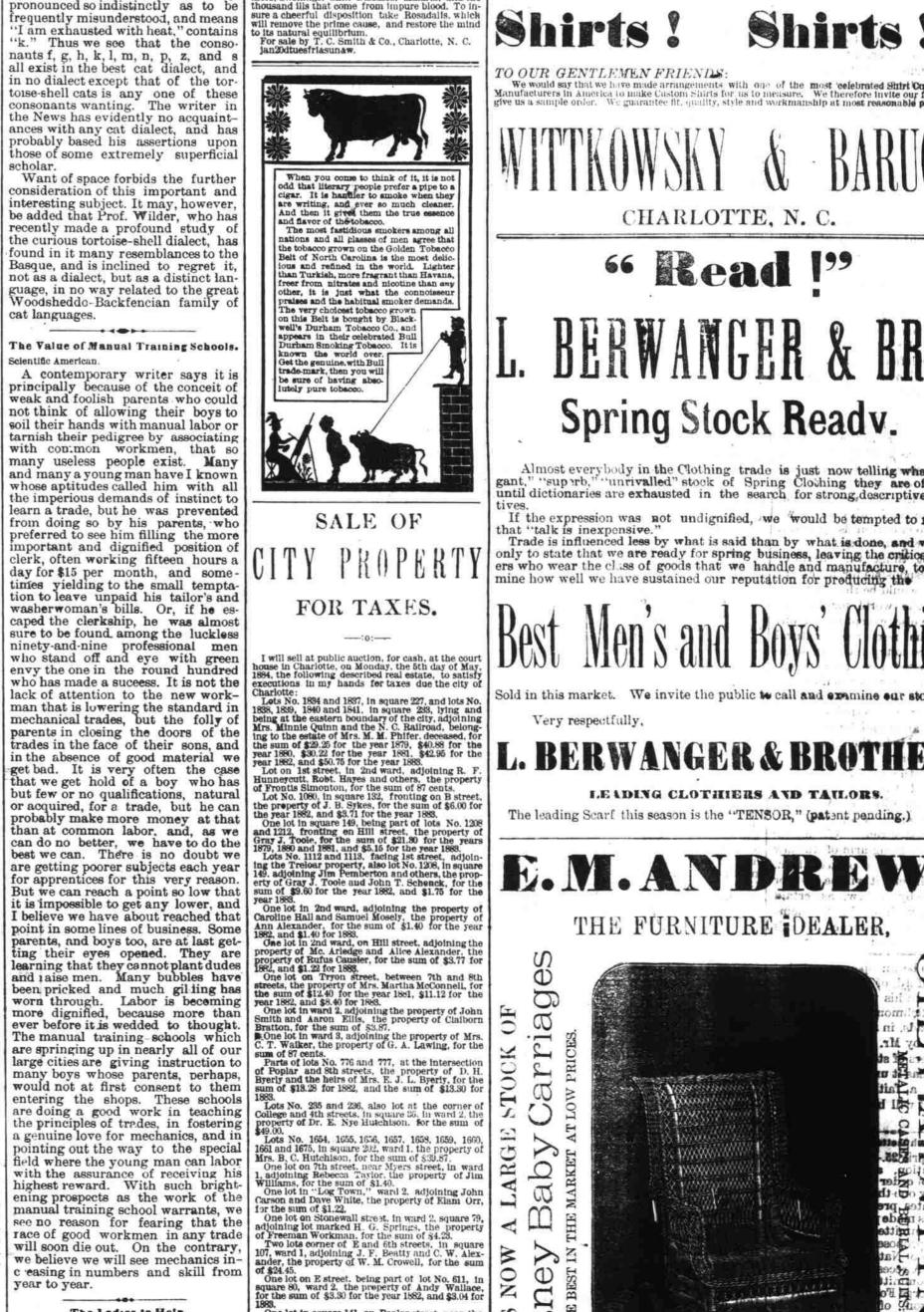
the remark. "'Cause I haven't said

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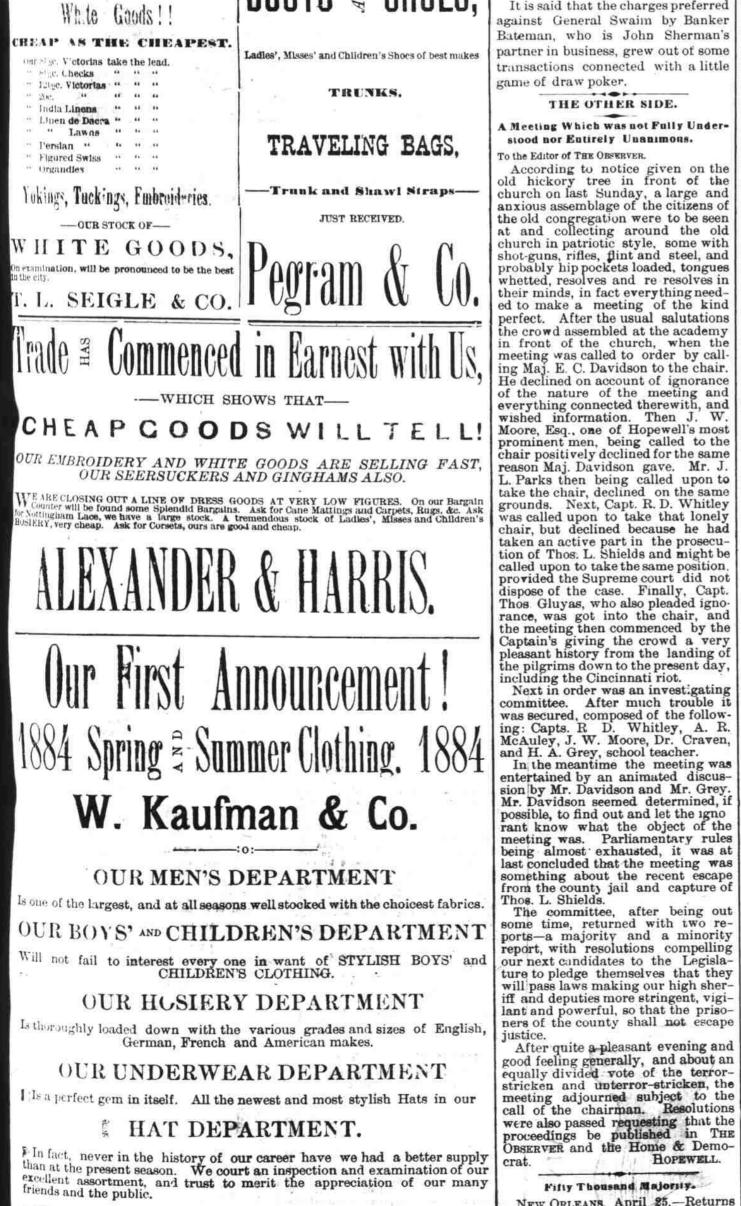
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A litle 4-year old said to his mother last week. "Mother, I believe God thinks I'm dead." "Why?" asked the mother somewhat astonished at

my prayers for a week.'



The writer in consonants wanting. the News has evidently no acquaintances with any cat dialect, and has probably based his assertions upon those of some extremely superficial scholar. Want of space forbids the further

consideration of this important and interesting subject. It may, however, be added that Prof. Wilder, who has recently made a profound study of the curious tortoise-shell dialect, has found in it many resemblances to the Basque, and is inclined to regret it,

not as a dialect, but as a distinct language, in no way related to the great Woodsheddo-Backfencian family of cat languages.

The Value of Manual Training Schools. cientific American

A contemporary writer says it is principally because of the conceit of weak and foolish parents who could not think of allowing their boys to soil their hands with manual labor or tarnish their pedigree by associating with con:mon workmen, that so many useless people exist. Many and many a young man have I known whose aptitudes called him with all the imperious demands of instinct to learn a trade, but he was prevented from doing so by his parents, who preferred to see him filling the more important and dignified position of

clerk, often working fifteen hours a day for \$15 per month, and sometimes yielding to the small temptation to leave unpaid his tailor's and washerwoman's bills. Or, if he escaped the clerkship, he was almost sure to be found among the luckless

ninety-and-nine professional men

Her manner was very quiet. Her hands, clasped together, rested in her it is impossible to get any lower, and lap. Tears chased one another rapidly I believe we have about reached that down her cheeks. She was indicted point in some lines of business. Some under the name of Margaret Miller. parents, and boys too, are at last get-She said that the clothes, tied up in ting their eyes opened. They are a bundle, had been given her to carry learning that they cannot plant dudes and taise men. Many bubbles have by a woman whom she became acquainted with while she was in prison been pricked and much gilling has for intoxication and that she did not worn through. Labor is becoming more dignified, because more than ever before it is wedded to thought. know where they had come from. The jury, nevertheless, returned a verdict of guilty, and the woman The manual training-schools which was sent to the county jail by Judge are springing up in nearly all of our large cities are giving instruction to The name of Margaret Miller was an assumed one. The woman once many boys whose parents, perhaps, would not at first consent to them lived on Arch street and moved in entering the shops. These schools the most exclusive society. Her husare doing a good work in teaching band, now dead, was widely known. the principles of trades, in fostering She has two sons, one of whom is an a genuine love for mechanics, and in officer of a national bank; the other pointing out the way to the special has an extensive medical practice. field where the young man can labor The woman has fallen into habits of with the assurance of receiving his intemperance and run through her highest reward. With such brightestate. She dreaded that her name

ening prospects as the work of the might become known and her shame manual training school warrants, we fall upon her children. No one came see no reason for fearing that the near her in court. She was, howrace of good workmen in any trade ever, provided with a lawyer. The will soon die out. On the contrary, lawyer's fee was paid by a well-known and elegantly dressed society

we believe we will see mechanics inc easing in numbers and skill from year to year.

