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This Date in History—March 3,

1583—Thomas Orway, poet, born at Trotton, Sussex; died 1658.
1756—William Godwin, English novelist, born; died 1836.
1768—William Charles Macready, tragedian, born in London; died 1837.
1847—Claude Perrin Victor, duke of Belluno, created marquis of France by Napoleon on the field of Friedland, died; born 1784.
1861—Emancipation of Russian serfs by imperial decree of Czar Alexander II. Serfdom was introduced into Russia at the close of the sixteenth century, and in a few years all rural populations were subjected to it, excepting persons in the free communes or the crown domains. By grants of crown lands myriads of peasants became serfs of the lowest grade. Alexander I and Nicholas favored liberation of the peasants. Alexander II accomplished it in two years.

1867—Dr. W. P. Palmer, antiquarian and writer, died in Richmond.

1897—Nelson Wheatcroft, well known actor and dramatic teacher, died in New York City.

There are a very large number of visitors in the city at present. The daily arrivals have been steadily increasing for the last week.

"Intervention of the United States in Cuba," in the March number of the North American Review by John H. Latane, is an article, which, of course, was written and in print before recent events made this topic of such immediate and absorbing interest. It, therefore, is free from suspicion of being dictated in the heat of passion or revenge. "Should the government of the United States," asserts Mr. Latane, "ever consider it its high mission to intervene in the affairs of Cuba, whether in the cause of civilization, or of humanity, or of American interests, it must be armed intervention carried to fulfillment without regard to Spanish promises of reform."

Between 1872 and the end of 1896 the exports of Germany increased by \$398,400,000, an increase of over 68 per cent. In an article on "Technical Schools in Germany," the Tradesman says of the little Kingdom of Saxony that it is "the leader of the industrial world." Nowhere else is technical skill so highly developed; and "nowhere else does manufacturing approach so nearly to the rank of a learned profession." And small as the Kingdom is, it "has no less than 111 technical schools, including ten of agriculture and forty of commerce." Baden, which has about the same population as North Carolina, spends \$280,000 a year on its technical schools, and other German principalities make a similar showing. "The whole German people," remarks the Tradesman, "are being educated scientifically in the arts of industrial production," and undoubtedly this education is what is giving Germany the lead in the industrial world.

"Patriotism: Its Defects, Its Dangers, and Its Duties," is the title of a timely article in the North American Review for March, by Bishop Doane of Albany. The bishop contends that hatred of other countries is, not only not the only sign, but it is no sign at all, of the love of our own. Our own national pride and affection ought to lead to respect for all other patriotism. He says: "Woe and best of all the marks of a true patriot is the pos-

session and the practice of an intelligent interest in the public affairs of his country. Hopeless in the face of the overwhelming majorities of selfish and self-seeking masses of men, blindly following a leader to whom they hand over the exercise of what is supposed to be their will as expressed by votes, too many men of influence and character have withdrawn from all concern in the administration of government. And it is the attitude of cowardice and immorality. Conspicuous instances of failure in the attempt to bring about a better condition of political management are no doubt most discouraging; but ultimate and not immediate success is the wise expectation of thoughtful men. And, meanwhile, no forgotten hope was ever held by the kind of men who lose heart in the face of or in the fear of failure. And more than that, personal duty is not measured by this rule. A man owes to his country even his life, if the sacrifice is demanded; and he owes the service of his participation in high public affairs."

TOPICS OF TODAY.

There is still some talk here and there about establishing postal savings banks, but it is all talk and nothing more. The banks will not be founded until it is shown how they can be conducted without having to tax the people who have no deposits to pay interest to those who have.—Mail and Express.

There are 7,638,360 negroes in the United States, according to the census of 1890. Of these less than 7,000,000 are in the south, or, to be particular, the number is 6,795,722. Here are the states in order, according to the numbers: Georgia, 893,996; Mississippi, 744,799; South Carolina, 689,141; Alabama, 679,399; Virginia, 635,838; North Carolina, 562,565; Louisiana, 560,192; Texas, 489,588; Tennessee, 430,831; Arkansas, 399,427; Kentucky, 268,173; Maryland, 215,197; Florida, 166,473; Missouri, 150,726; and West Virginia, 32,717.

The raising of 5,000 ft. by the passengers of the French liner Champagne for the brave life boat crew that went in search of assistance shows that human nature deeply appreciates heroism. Sometimes bravery is not properly rewarded, but in the present instance it seems as if Third Officers Unsworth and his companions will reap substantial laurels, which they earned so justly.—New York Herald.

Another instance of the influence the destruction of forests has upon forests, is shown by the decision of the fish commissioners to stock the majority of suitable streams in New Jersey with rainbow trout. These are said to be of a poorer quality than the native wild trout, but they thrive in water warmer than that in which wild trout can exist. The destruction of forests strange as it may seem, has tended to warm the water of the streams to such a high degree that wild trout can no longer live in it. The officials are now going to try the rainbow variety.

This is how the chaplains of the Illinois house of representatives prayed the other day: "And if it be Thy will that a barbarous, bloodthirsty nation be wiped from the map of the world, we will submissively say: 'Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of Saints.' Amen."

With the murder of the Lake City (S. C.) negro postmaster as a text, the New York Evening Post says: "This hostility to the black official is but one manifestation of a hostility to the race which affects the whites in all of their relations as citizens. They will not submit to the rule of the blacks, no matter what the numerical supremacy of the blacks. There are tens of thousands more blacks than whites in Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana. The two former states have within the last few years adopted constitutions which practically disfranchise most of the blacks, and a convention now sitting in Louisiana will undoubtedly follow these examples. A pretence is made of reaching this end through the establishment of educational or property tests which affect impartially the ignorant and shiftless of both races, but the unconcealed object, which is accomplished in most cases, is to keep nearly all of the blacks from voting without reference to such qualifications, while not disfranchising any whites. If all of the colored men in such states could read and were owners of property, the whites would not allow them to govern. . . . We do not think that the feeling in this respect is greatly different in the north. Lynching is less prevalent here than there, and we should hope that South Carolina is the only southern state where the respect of human life is so low that such an outrage as that at Lake City is possible. But our people would resent bitterly the appointment of negro officials, and no republican administration ever named a black man as postmaster in the north."

POSTSCRIPTS.

—The war department has decided to abandon its expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike country because the conclusion has been reached that no necessity exists for it.

—At a largely attended mass-meeting at Mt. Vernon \$20,000 was raised by popular subscription to keep the public school of the city open for the entire school year, the appropriation having been exhausted.

—The death of Mr. Singery of Philadelphia, with somewhat simplicity the settlement of the affairs of the Chestnut Street Bank in that city, because it will remove

the element of sympathy from the transaction.

—Thomas A. Edison confirms the statement recently made that he has discovered a new process for extracting gold from the mines in the Orizaba grant in New Mexico, and if the system works, as he claims, he will receive \$1,150,000 for his invention.

—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, which sailed from Bremen for New York Tuesday, had among her passengers Prince Albert of Belgium, nephew of King Leopold, and her apparent to the throne who is to make an extensive tour of the United States.

—Mrs. Victoria Woodhull-Martin, editor of The Humanitarian, has arrived in New York from London, where she has been living for years, and is at the Waldorf-Astoria. She will be here for several weeks, and will travel across the continent and through the south, visiting many colleges and scientific institutions. She has in mind the establishment of a "Temple of Science."

—A special despatch from Shanghai says: "The United States squadron is concentrated at Hong Fong with a view of active operations against Hainan, Pailip-pei islands, in the event of an outbreak of war between the United States and Spain. The squadron, which is powerful, includes the cruisers Olympia, Boston, Raleigh, Concord and Petrel."

—The house committee on naval affairs has agreed on a vote of \$1,900,000 for the purchase of smokeless powder; \$902,000 for the erection of buildings on government ground for the manufacture of smokeless powder, with the necessary machinery and equipment and \$60,000 for arming and equipping the naval militia.

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STATE POLITICS.

The News and Observer says: "Keep your eye on William Thompson Crawford, of the county of Haywood. He is destined to receive the mantle of Vance."

Kope Elias tells the News and Observer if there is no fusion between the democrats and populists the former will carry the state next November like a cyclone.

The chain gang scandal in Buncombe has gotten into Judge Swart's criminal court. This is a day of scandals from top to bottom, and every day proves the truth of the Bible maxim, that when the wicked rule the righteous mourn.—News and Observer.

"The Press is of the opinion that Crawford is the strongest man in the district to make the race against Pearson or any other republican, and he is the man for the atrocious party to put up to bury Pearson under a mountain of votes next fall.—Franklin Press.

It is generally conceded here that ex-congressman Crawford will be selected by the Democratic convention at Richmond Pearson's opponent this fall. Mr. Crawford is true and tried, he is stronger now than ever before.—Hendersonville special to News and Observer.

Certain republicans, it is said, are in their hunger for office, casting "invidious glances at the little place held by Sergant 'Pie,' the faithful old keeper of the arsenal. Baffled by the civil strife, there seems to be no place too small to escape the hungry horde.—News and Observer.

Let the democracy of North Carolina make their fight next election for a site for, and the government of the party by 'Pie,' the faithful old keeper of the arsenal. Victorious and an era of peace, good will and prosperity will be ushered in, and the old North State will lift up her head



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Racket Store News. 30 South Main Street. It requires a great deal of excitement to satisfy our cravings for something new; in fact, to some people there is no thing new; the whole world has grown old; everything in sight has been seen so often here is no beauty in them. They look as if they were trying to look away from behind the moon and stars or five miles deep in the earth. They turn loose all that is near them except their own lobby; and when I meet one of these fellows I always think of Thompson's coat which it was said was the biggest foot in the world because he swam the river, he kept out of a shower of rain. They ought to go together.

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