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Saturday, November 11, 1911.

BALFOUR.

There has been much dissatisfaction in unionist ranks during the past three or four years with Arthur J. Balfour, but his resignation as leader of the party in the house of commons is a blow his following can ill bear.

Mr. Balfour has often expressed a desire to quit public life, and the growing opposition to him among his own followers, it is said, has prompted him to act at this time.

The personality of the retiring leader is interesting and enigmatic. Since his boyhood he has been reputed indolent and a dilettante, yet those who know him inform us he is capable of terrible intellectual toil.

MERELY PRINTING NEWS.

A great newspaper's aims and standards are thus described, at the head of its editorial columns: An institution that should always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption.

Recently in that paper there was a story of a young stenographer, passing from a street car to her home, assaulted by a man; on the authority of an examining physician, the girl's skull was fractured, her jaw broken.

20 minutes later her mother found her, on the sidewalk, weeping hysterically, and able to remember only that she had been strangled.

Merely "printing the news" would not be such an ignoble task, or even such an easy one. Printing the news is describing human life; to describe is, in a sense, to interpret.

It is in such capacity that many humble newspapers are serving their day and generation. The spectacular crusades of papers that are admittedly engaged, and regularly, in bearing false witness doubtless accomplish much in behalf of humanity.

THE FITNESS OF THINGS FOR EATING.

The Statesville Landmark, discussing the comparative edibility of things, mentions the "possum in derogatory terms. Our simple assertion in the interest of truth anent the pumpkin having brought forth such a storm of conservative protest, we had decided not to mention the marauder.

"But what is there in raw food," argues the Landmark, "that does not have to be fixed up—disguised in a measure—before it tastes good?"

Horror adds to horror, in China. There are fewer darker chapters in the annals of humanity than those now being written there in blood. The partisans of the old order are wreaking an appalling vengeance where opportunity offers.

The Federal judges evidently credit the American Tobacco people with a willingness to comply with the spirit of the law's mandate of dissolution.

It would seem that more of the earnest men and women of Asheville would be attracted to membership in the Child's Welfare association. It is a live organization, accomplishing things; not merely a name.

The aldermen appear to have set themselves determinedly at the automobile peril. This peril can be removed, and at the same time the rights of automobilists protected, we

have never doubted. Safeguard for the people without hardship to the automobilist is the problem to be worked out.

If we had five cars of brick a day and if we had three weeks of dry weather we could finish paving Charlotte street in three weeks, says the contractor.

Confirmation: "The storm of August 27, 1911, was a mere puff, compared with the blow of Tuesday," says the Charleston Post.

Speaking of pumpkins, what does the bunch of you know about the candy roaster?

"The head might as well go with the queue," is the Manchu way of looking at it.

Today is 11-11, '11.

Statement from Mr. Wolfe.

In publishing in your yesterday's issue a history of the First National bank cases, which have left their slimy trail across more than 14 years of the dim distant past, you would have your readers believe that I was one of the bogus note signers.

W. O. WOLFE.

Asheville, Nov. 11, '11.

A "Back Home" Magazine.

The big industrial corporations are becoming interested in the "Back Home" movement. They see in it a "human interest" campaign to encourage southern immigration.

The largest of these companies, the Stonegrace and Coal company, whose main offices are here, with branch offices at Spartanburg, Atlanta and other points in the south, is shipping about a million and a half tons a year into North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

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THE MARKETS

New York, Nov. 11.—A reactionary tendency was apparent in early trading on the stock exchange today.

After the first rush to sell, the market became nervous and fitful but soon rose vigorously under the cooler leadership.

The market closed heavy. Observers declared the market acted well despite enormous profit-taking sales invited by the sustained rise in prices.

STOCKS.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Open, and Close. Includes Atchafalaya, Am. Locomotive, Am. Smelting, etc.

ate person or corporation can be heard to complain in court of a denial of the guarantee of a republican government.

Before Mr. Pillsbury, who was the principal assailant of the initiative and referendum, had proceeded very far in his argument he found himself the object of a fire of questions from the court, which indicated clearly that his line of argument was not adopted by the chief justice and his associates.

He finally took his stand on the proposition that the sole issue in the pending case turned upon a question of taxation. He declared that only a representative body could impose statutes. He cited a number of cases which he claimed upheld the view.

Mr. Pillsbury declared that his client had been denied the equal protection of the laws in that it was taxed under a law passed by popular vote, while other interests in the state were taxed by laws passed solely by the legislature.

While Mr. Pillsbury was arguing that the people had no right to legislate directly through the initiative and referendum, Justice Lurton inquired whether the people of a state had a right under the federal constitution to meet in popular assembly and adopt a state constitution.

"What is a state constitution but an organic act?" inquired Justice Lurton. "Is it not legislation by the people?"

The attorney replied that it was conceded that the people of a state had a right to legislate under certain limitations.

"What are those limitations?" inquired Chief Justice White. "Where in the United States constitution do you find the power of the people of a state to make their laws?"—Greensboro Record.

THE 'POSSUM IS ANOTHER ONE. The most overrated table product of the harvest-home season is the pumpkin. Pumpkin is good cow provender and makes acceptable pie if the taste is properly disguised.

IT IS VERY NOURISHING. The Asheville Gazette-News has passed the pumpkin up as a sorry food, fit only for cows.



NEW EYES

It is impossible to get new eyes, but you can get the next best thing—our Ce-Rite Toric Lenses with Shur-on mountings. Such a comfort and such relief. Quick repairs.

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HOT WATER BOTTLES

We are agents for the Kant-leek Water Bottles and Fountain Syringes. They are made of Para rubber and guaranteed for two years.

GRANT'S PHARMACY, Agency for Wood's Seeds.

Table with columns for Tennessee Copper, Union Pacific, U. S. Steel, etc.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Table with columns for November, December, January, etc.

Local Securities.

Table with columns for Asheville Water, Beaumont Furniture, Citizens Bank, etc.

Book-Keeping Students of Asheville Business College Engage in Money-Counting Contest and Make Good Time.

Yesterday the book-keeping students of the Asheville Business College engaged in a money-counting contest. A package of five hundred dollars was handed each student who was required to count the entire package to see if it was correct.

Graduates Miss Elenia Ball, Marshall; Miss Edna Brown, Lockhart, S. C.; will receive diplomas in the A. B. course in a few days.

Our All Winter Course: If you purpose to take a business course this winter, begin now. New students entered this week and a number will enter every week in this month.

HENRY S. SHOCKLEY, Principal.

WHO'S YOUR WASH WOMAN?

If you're having trouble getting your washing back, and are dissatisfied with the work the wash-woman is giving, why not try the NICHOLS WAY.

This week and see how much better it is, in every way—perfectly cleaned, perfectly ironed, perfectly dried, and all neatly folded. Phone 95.

Asheville Laundry, J. A. Nichols, Mgr.

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Wachovia Bank & Trust Company. Capital and Surplus \$1,610,000.00. Resources \$6,250,000.00. Trust Assets \$1,400,000.00.

BATTERY PARK BANK. ASHEVILLE, N. C. J. P. SAWYER, President. E. SLUDER, V-Pres. T. C. COXE, V-Pres. J. E. RANKIN, Cashier.

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