

Good Times Ahead.
A director in the Bank of England expresses the opinion that not less than £10,000,000 of gold will be shipped from Europe to America between this time and December.

"Much of the gold which has come from America during the past six months," he says, "has come as a sort of insurance investment."

"The money which has been sent from America," he continues, "has not been needed in actual business transactions. It has been brought here as a sort of guarantee fund, a wherewithal to guard against any possible contingencies. Nervousness—an unreasoning apprehension of disaster to come—necessitated the presence here of gold, and the money loaned by America for this purpose has succeeded, as it was intended to, in allaying all fears for the future. Catastrophes believed to be near at hand have, owing to the presence of gold in such quantities, been prevented and have failed to materialize, and now that the gold has done its work, it is to be returned to its owners."

This means simply that the panic is passed and that confidence is fast returning. Restore confidence and money will be plentiful.—Danville Register

He Was a Stranger and He Took Them In.

The Danville Register says: The case of Lawyer Mudge of Norfolk, who suddenly jumped into prominence in that city in spite of a previous checkered career, serves to show how prone are the people of the South to take a stranger by the hand and to repose confidence in him without knowing anything of his antecedents. For this reason a slick-tongued stranger can often accomplish more in a Southern town than an old citizen in the same line of business. A drummer remarked to us some time ago, in talking on this line, that he never attempted to sell goods in his native town, simply because he was too well known, and not unfavorably known either. His people, he remarked, preferred to buy from strangers, and for the same reason he could always do better in strange towns. And so it goes. A land agent from a distant town came, or rather could come to Danville when the boom was on, and sell large blocks of stock, where a man at home attempting the same thing would starve to death, so prone are the people of the South to patronize a slick-tongued stranger.

This is not only true of the business world, but it is in a great measure the rule in the social circle. Question the Danville girls on this subject and you will find that it often happens that the strange man or the strange lassie who comes to town, if they have good manners and a pleasing address, will eclipse the home folks, all things else being equal.

Lawyer Mudge and his wife were both very clever and very engaging people and they were cordially received in Norfolk. The fact is, says a Norfolk special, Mr. Mudge was a bigamist and a notorious swindler, and these facts could easily have been ascertained, if anybody had taken the trouble to inquire, but Mr. Mudge was so clever and so engaging that nobody seemed to care about his antecedents. Everybody liked the eloquent young lawyer and his charming wife and for that reason everybody presumed that they were all right. Many people would rather be pleasantly humbugged than to be unpleasantly disillusioned.

The great question is, Shall we treat a stranger as a rascal until we know him to be a gentleman, or shall we treat him as a gentleman until we know to be a rascal? But the path of safety and of justice lies in the middle ground of these extremes. The best rule is to politely treat a stranger as a stranger until you know who and what he is.

She Wanted the Sky.
I saw such a beautiful sky this afternoon," he said, dreamily, as they sat and made love together.

"Was it blue?" she inquired, eagerly.

"Yes, love, with a delicate white fleecy."

"And oh, Harry, did it have soulful, languishing eyes a cute little tail?"

"I am talking of a heavenly blue sky," he replied, gravely. "That's the kind, dear! Oh, won't you try to get it for me? I'm just dying to have a blue sky! They are such sweet pets."—Buffalo Courier.

Rev. H. A. Trexler, of Rowan county, has received a call as missionary to Japan.

Pennsylvania Democracy.
The Democrats of Pennsylvania held their State Convention on Thursday and nominated candidates for certain State offices that will be voted for in November.

From all reports the party is in good trim and will make a very aggressive fight.

The President of the convention, who represented a county which gave a Democratic majority of thirty thousand last November, stated that the contest would be conducted on local issues alone, and as these are sufficiently prominent for all necessary purposes it is highly probable that the Democratic ticket will be successful. The new Treasurer of the city of Philadelphia, who was appointed by Governor Patterson to fill the unexpired term of the defunct Bardsley, has recently been calling the attention of the people to the dishonest practices which have prevailed in high places, and the disclosures which he has made will no doubt serve to increase the indignation of the people against the unworthy officials who have corruptly used their positions. The G. O. P. will have a difficult time in the Keystone State during the next two months.

Highest Railroad in the World.
The Pike's Peak (Col.) railway is now in successful operation. The first passenger train reached the summit at 5:25 on a recent afternoon. The train consisted of an engine and one car, occupied by sixty five people mostly Denver excursionists.

The lower terminus of the line is 6400 feet above the sea level, and the upper 14,147. The distance is nine miles, and the steepest grade twenty five per cent., or a rise of one foot in four.

On the way up a slight snow squall was encountered, and on the summit the air was unpleasantly cool, even with heavy overcoats. The engine used on the train weighed forty tons. It operates by cogwheels alone. The rear of the locomotive is elevated so that the boiler is notably level on the heaviest grades. The passenger coaches do not differ materially from ordinary Pullman coaches.

MANY a man who reaches fame and wins success in this world owes it more to luck and the encouragement of friends than to his own ability and energy. When it once becomes the style to speak well of a man we all do it, and there is nothing too good for him; while others equally as deserving are ignored or driven to the wall.

If it is wrong in the French Government to increase the price of bread to the poor of that country, by a tariff duty upon wheat—as wrong it assuredly is—then it is wrong in the Government of this country to increase the price of a single necessary of life in like manner.

Lawyers and Juries.

The American Bar Association has listened to the usual attack on the jury system, and it has been urged before that body that juries should be abolished in civil cases. While lawyers are talking in this way, the Western States, which perhaps voice progressive Americanism more clearly than the East, are enlarging the province of juries and making the judge merely an instrument to explain the law.

The fact is that nine laymen out of ten think that lawyers have power and privilege enough, and, whatever the legal profession may believe or suggest, there is no popular desire or purpose to enlarge that power and privilege, on or off the bench.

The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin, issued by the North Carolina Experiment Station and State Weather Service, for the week ending Friday, September 4th, 1891, show that although slightly better weather has prevailed no improvement in crops has taken place. The early part of the week was decidedly too cool, the temperature reaching the normal only during the last few days. The excessive rains have ceased, but light showers, which were quite unnecessary, have fallen. The rain-fall was heaviest in the Eastern District and least in the Western, otherwise the same conditions have prevailed generally over the State. Cotton continues to shed and is affected by rust. Opening very slowly. Corn was not much damaged, but saving of fodder and hay not progressing very well. Tobacco-curing progressing rapidly, the yield not promising to be quite as good as expected. The prospects are now for a few days of rainy weather and lower temperature.

Why Become Excited?
A great deal is heard nowadays about the Alliance and its platform. With the exception of the sub-Treasury scheme and the proposition, under any circumstances, of government ownership of railroads and telegraphs, we see nothing in the platform to startle any good Democrat; at least as to everything else there is room for a debate and compromise.

As to the sub-Treasury, the platform demands that, or "something better or as good" The Democratic party can easily give them "something better," and it would be hard to give them anything not as good. As to the government ownership of the lines of communication and transportation, the platform only demands this in the event that we cannot have a "most rigid, honest and just state and National governmental control and supervision" of such lines. We think the Alliance may trust the Democratic party, once in power, to establish such "rigid, honest and just control and supervision" as they demand. In any event it is useless to quarrel over the government ownership of railroads and telegraphs until the Democratic party has been tried and found wanting.

Upon the silver question the Democratic party will be apt to harken to the sober, deliberate voice of the people.

Upon the whole we see nothing in the deliberations and platform of the Alliance to make it impossible or even difficult for that organization to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Democracy. The aims and objects of both organizations are the same, viz., the deliverance of the masses from the greed and oppression of the classes, and by friendly discussion and mutual concessions they will surely find honorable means to that great and beneficent end.

In skirmishing around for subjects to write about we run amuck of some curious things. Many times they are not as curious as they are singular. Here is a singular fact that we ran against the other day. It is a fact that many rich men make a merchant wait for his pay much longer than that merchant would trust a poor man. Well, now, you stop to wonder whether this is a real for sure fact or not. We can assure you that this is a fact and any merchant will testify to the truth of the assertion. They are men who are worth from twenty to sixty thousand dollars who make merchants wait on their pay from two to five years without any other excuse only that they are wealthy and are therefore good. Another singular fact about the matter is that the merchants let them play that game on them. They think they dare not ask them to settle for fear of losing their patronage. They would not trust a poor man that way, although he was known to be honest.

Three Mummies for the World's Fair.

An interesting exhibit which will be carefully removed intact to the World's Fair will be three mummies recently found in an ancient Inca tomb near Aucon, Peru, by the exploring party under the direction of Lieut. Safford and George A. Dusey, of Harvard College. In a room at a depth of ten feet below the surface the three mummies were found together. One was that of a woman apparently about forty years of age seated upon a dias in the act of spinning, with yarn and distaff in her hands. At one side was a pile of yarn and in front were dishes heaped with beans, corn and food of various kinds, including fish and crab. The other mummies were those of a baby and a little girl about ten years old.

It is learned from the current dispatches of the day that a gentleman in Georgia accused his nephew of having appropriated five cents. The nephew resented the imputation and emphasized this denial by striking his uncle over the head with an iron bar. Thereupon the old man drew a knife and imbedded the blade in his nephew's heart. The old man is now barred from association with the outer world and his next appearance may be when he is led forth with a hempen halter. Thus it will be seen again that circumstances halter cases.

The Latest Bang.

The latest hair bang is called the Bernhardt bang, and was originated by a countryman of the celebrated actress. Its effect is entirely novel. All the heaviness that false hair usually brings to the face is banished by the Bernhardt, which has a light part in the middle of the brow, where a light fluff falls nearly to the eyes on each side

and forms a softly curled wave of hair, but waved with the old pervading air of lightness.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Well Provided For.

Billy West, the engineer killed in the recent wreck on the Western road, carried \$7,000 of life insurance. In one of the companies he had just lately joined and had been called upon, up to that time, for only one assessment. His family is left in good circumstances.—Concord Standard.

Sage Sayings.

I find the doing of the will of God leaves no time for disputing about his plans.—George MacDonald.

Everybody has been wrong in his guesses except good women, who never despair of an ideal right.—Emerson to Carlyle.

When men grow virtuous in their old age they are merely making a sacrifice to God of the Devil's leavings.—Dean Swift.

A wise physician once said that the opinion that a good woman should stay closely at home had killed more women than any other one cause.—Mrs. A. A. Claffin.

Equal pay for equal labor, equal hours, equal conditions all round for both sexes, would be the sure fruit of their equality before the law and at the polls.—Hildreth.

Chief Marshal at the State Fair.

We are pleased to learn that Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person, has accepted the chief marshaling of the approaching State Fair. This insures the management of everything that comes under the direction of the marshal, with the aid of such young men as he will select as his assistants. Col. Cunningham is an extensive farmer, is one of the successful young men of the State, and he will reflect additional honor on the name which his distinguished father, the late Hon. John W. Cunningham, rendered illustrious for all that makes a good citizen and a pure and patriotic public servant.—Raleigh News-Observer.

THE HARRIS MONUMENT.

A Beautiful Work, Both in Design and Finish.
In the peaceful and well arranged Carr plot, in the cemetery, a new monument has been erected. It is to the memory of Rev. J. T. Harris. The monument proper is in the shape of a square pulpit stand, with an open Bible upon a cushion, and around the lower edge of the cushion is very graceful draping. On the front is this inscription:

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NOV. 19, 1890.

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Left side of the base this: "When so near the Holy City. Even at its Pearly gates; While its songs are wafted to me, Would you have me longer wait? Love cannot be quenched by dying, but will stronger, purer grow. Seek no longer to detain me, Loose the cable, let me go."
On the fourth side is an artistic and beautifully carved cross with an anchor prominently brought out, surmounting the word Harris, in large block letters.

There is also an inscription on each page of the open Bible; on one: "I lie down and die in hope of the resurrection of the just." On the other: "Unto Him that loved me and washed me from my sins in His own blood, be honor and glory forever."

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