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## Our Washington Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

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"Lots of senseless twaddle is being indulged in about Cuba, by men who ought to know better," remarked a gentleman prominently connected with the administration. "One might suppose from the contents of the newspapers that it was merely a question of sympathy as to the position maintained by the administration. As a matter of fact sympathy is not a factor. The government is controlled by international law and prudence. For this government to recognize the government which the Cuban revolutionists have established on paper, but which has no real location nor habitation, would be equivalent to declaring war against Spain for the purpose of aiding Cuba to gain its independence, or to opening our Treasury to demands for indemnity which Spain could and would make upon us if we kept our hands off and the revolt was put down. If we assumed the right to openly assist Cuba we should probably find ourselves involved in a war with more powerful opponents than Spain. When Cuba sets up and maintains an independent government, as did the Central American colonies of Spain, at the time the famous Monroe doctrine was promulgated, will be time enough for this government to recognize her independence. It is simply nonsense to talk of recognizing what does not exist, just because we sympathize with what is sought, to be established. Governments cannot be run on that basis. England had much better grounds for recognizing the belligerency of the Southern Confederacy, which had arms, a navy and an established government, and an international court of arbitration made England pay reparations for that recognition, in the hard cash that went to pay the Alabama claims. Had the Southern Confederacy succeeded those claims would not have had to be paid."

Hon. D. I. Murphy, Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, whose taking part in the Maryland campaign has knocked the last plank from the bottom of the silly lie about President Cleveland not wishing the democratic party to carry that state this year, takes a very sensible view of that campaign. After expressing the opinion that the state would go democratic, Mr. Murphy said: "I cannot understand how the disaffected democrats can reconcile themselves to the position they have taken. They seem to think that if they let the republicans win this year they can oust them next year. They cannot do anything of the kind. A republican victory this fall means that the state will be in the hands of that party for years. If the regular democracy is defeated this year does any one believe that next year the tail will wag the dog and the regulars, who are in a large majority, will go to work to help the bolters? It is hardly common sense to rely upon such a situation. No, sir; the democrats if they want to control Maryland, must not let it go out of their grasp this year."

The attempt to start a Lincoln boom, by giving it out that ex-President Harrison was in favor of the nomination of ex-Secretary Lincoln fell very flat in Washington. Mr. Lincoln is too well known here. His abilities were thoroughly sized up when he was Secretary of War, and the verdict was unanimous that it was away below the Presidential grade. "Had Bob Lincoln been a man of one-tenth of the ability of his father, instead of the well-dressed, well-fed, nonentity he is," said a republican who has helped to make and unmake candidates for his party for more than a generation. "His name would long ago have made him the Presidential candidate of his party."

Senator Blackburn came to Washington to attend the marriage of his daughter, Miss Lucile, to Mr. Thomas F. Lane, of N. J., which occurred Tuesday, but he returned to Kentucky the same night to re-

sume his campaign. He said the democrats were going to elect the state ticket and the legislature, and that his return to the Senate was assured.

Secretary Carlisle told Ex-Representative Wilkerson, of La., now Collector of Customs at New Orleans, who called to see him in behalf of the sugar planters, that he could do nothing except to expedite a hearing of their claims for bounty by the Court of Claims, in accordance with the decision of the Comptroller, which he had no power to overrule. For some reason none of the claimants want to get before the Court of Claims. While nobody seems to know just what will be done, it is probable that nothing will be done until after Congress meets and it shall have been ascertained whether Congress will act.

## Feeding For Butter.

The Maine Experiment Station has proved by a series of careful experiments that the quantity of butter fat in the milk of a given cow cannot be increased by feeding. That is, that a gallon of such a cow's milk will have only so much butter fat in it, and no more, no matter what she is fed. The quantity of milk may be increased by proper feeding and the number of pounds of butter made from the cow may be increased in this way, but if a cow gives what is called "poor" milk, no feeding can make it richer.

This matter is well understood by those who pay attention to these things, but there are numbers of farms where cows are kept that are kept at a loss. A cow may give a large mass of milk and it may not make as much butter as the milk of one giving half as much milk.

On most of farms the milk of all the cows is strained together and attempt is made to determine which cow pays the best to keep, or which one is kept at a loss. As soon as this method prevails, there will not be very much improvement in the quality of the cows kept on the farms of this country. In the old countries, every pains is taken to determine these matters and the cow that does not pay for keeping is speedily disposed of and as a consequence a race of cows has grown up that pay a good profit for the cost of them, and the cost of their keeping. It is a rule in Europe that is without exception that the dairies are stocked with cows that return a profit, and the characteristic is not confined to any particular breed. In every country, the dairies are stocked with cows whose milk is rich in butter fat, and this because the best have been selected for many generations.

If the same plan were followed in this country it would not be many years until the dairies of this country would be worth millions of dollars more than they are now, and we would not hear so much of the excellence of one breed over the other.

## Capt. Bassett Won't Tell.

New Orleans Picayune.

One of the guides at the Capital, Washington, the other day said that "before Capt. Bassett, the watchdog of the Senate" dies I hope he will tell somebody which one of the desks there it was which Jefferson Davis occupied when he was a member of the Senate. Bassett is the only one that knows, and he will not tell for fear visitors will clip off splinters for souvenirs. During the war a lot of soldiers got into the chamber and stuck their bayonets into the desk and I reckon they thought they would make kindling wood of it. But old Capt. Bassett goes to work and patches it all up with screws and putty and varnish, till it looks like any other old desk in the chamber. I know for certain that some mighty influential Senators have tried to get the secret out of the old man, but might as well talk to the fiddler of Liberty on top of the dome as to try to get him to tell which is Jeff Davis' seat!

You should have a county paper. Subscribe to THE GLEANER.

## Poultry Notes.

From Farm News.

The diet of fowls must be frequently changed, or they will take on an over fat condition and stop laying. While during cold, weather heating foods should be given, they should be as studiously avoided when the warm season comes on.

Egg shells are good for the fowls but they should be crushed very fine before feeding them. Otherwise you may introduce the egg eating vice into the poultry yard.

When a hen becomes broody, due preparations for the event should be made. A setting hen is an ideal breeding place for lice, and the invitation is most readily accepted if war is not made against their advance. Be sure to give them places for dust baths, and add a little sulphur low and then.

Though it may be upon a small scale a few dollars spent in good poultry, and a few more in providing comfortable accommodations, will return about the largest interest of all your investments. It adds to the income in a substantial and constant way which is most gratifying.

Sharp grit, meat scraps and green food must be included in the diet of all poultry confined to runs. Without these articles hens cannot make eggs. Feed all scraps to the fowls while they are strictly fresh; nothing will more quickly cause disease than decomposing food.

What further proof do we need that poultry raising is a profitable industry than we find great numbers, both in town and country, engaged in it? We are certainly within bounds when we say that this business is followed more universally than any other in this country.

Feather pulling is largely due to idleness. It is most liable to occur in active breeds that are kept confined and have little exercise. Disease and disaster are reasonably sure to follow when foods, particularly soft stuffs, are thrown down among the dirt and filth of the floor. It soon sours, and it absorbs a portion of the surrounding filth; on general principles it is a bad practice.

A well bred fowl will lay more eggs and grow to marketable size sooner. Therefore, there is more profit from it, and it is the fowl for you to have. Grade up your stock with good males, at least, and have a better lot of chickens in the next generation.

## Carelessness.

An old farmer said to us not long ago, that carelessness was the worst disease that infects live stock, and we think this is especially true of poultry. Other kinds of stock can be neglected, and live and be profitable afterwards, and the effects of the carelessness of its owner is not so observable as to attract attention to it, but in keeping poultry, the question of profits rests entirely on its care. During the summer months, poultry will manage pretty well with but little care as it will do as well sleeping in a tree, as in a house, and much better, if the house is infested with lice. In winter, however, if the care is lacking, the profits cease at once and the hens make no return at all for what they eat. It has been proven many times that if proper conditions are furnished, hens will lay in winter enough to return more profit than in summer, but this has not caused a great many people to furnish these conditions though any one who takes a farm paper has seen column after column devoted to the subject, and very few can be found to dispute the fact that care is everything with poultry in winter. Now is the time when there is not great press of work that cannot be delayed. It is pretty safe to say that the man who lets winter come without having made proper preparations for poultry, will harden his heart and let them do the best they can for another year. It does not matter whether the poultry house is a thing of beauty or not, just so it is comfortable, and no farmer who has access to straw,

cornfodder or a pile of boards, has any valid excuse for not having a warm and comfortable place for his fowls to sleep.—Exchange.

## Scientific Jots.

In portions of Northern Siberia the ground is not merely frozen but consists in part of layers of ice alternating with layers of sand and these ice-masses must be many thousands of years old. In such regions ice is as much a rock as sandstone is.

A remarkable invention for killing the weeds along railroad tracks is now in use. Electricity, as is known, will destroy vegetable tissue if strong enough. A car is provided with an engine, an alternating dynamo and induction coil. The electrical current passes down to a metal strip which is dragged over the track, the strip having many fine wires projecting from it into the weeds on each side. Every weed is touched and instantly killed.

Prof. Crooks thinks that if the electric lights were universal to-day, the candle, if suddenly introduced, would be thought a wonderful invention, as it enables a person to obtain light in its simplest and most portable form and without the use of cumbersome machinery or the necessity of attaching the lamp to any fixed point by means of wires before it can be lighted.

It is a fact well known to gold miners, but to few others, that in the same river channels, the smaller pieces of water-worn gold are purer than the larger ones. It is also true that the exterior layer of the water-worn nugget is purer than the inside. This is easily explained. Native gold always contains silver and, on the average about one-tenth of a nugget consists of the white metal. This is much more easily corroded than gold and is attacked, for example, by sulphuretted hydrogen and by common salt, both ordinary ingredients of surface waters. Such substances act on the silver close to the surface of a nugget and dissolve it away or convert it into brittle compounds which wear away as the nugget is rolled forward beneath the heavy stones at the bottom of a stream.

## North Carolina News.

Stanly Enterprise: We recently heard of a case similar to the one in the old blueback spelling book about the lawyer's bull goring the farmer's ox. A dog broke into Mr. G. T. Simpson's kitchen. One of Simpson's neighbors told him he would lend him his gun to shoot the dog, thinking the dog belonged to one of their neighbors; and when the dog returned the second night Simpson shot and on examination he found he had killed the dog belonging to the neighbor who had loaned him the gun, we hear and the neighbor is very indignant over the matter.

Asheboro Courier: Several weeks ago the little daughter of Mr. Thornburg, of this county, while eating watermelon swallowed a seed which lodged in the windpipe. The child suffered intensely and the father was told that she was likely to die at any time. On the 8th of this month he brought her to Randolph, and after being examined by Dr. J. W. Long it was found that nothing but an operation could save the child's life. The operation known in surgery as tracheotomy was performed by Dr. Long, resulting in the removal of the seed and the saving of the life of the child. The operation, of course, was dangerous, but there was no other chance.

Fifty-one applicants were licensed Monday by the Supreme court to practice law.

Dispatches from different points in this State and Virginia say that frost Tuesday morning ruined the tobacco in the fields.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

## Salt For Poultry.

We lately read in an exchange, an account of a flock of poultry, that ate salt until a number of them died, and this was followed by a warning to keep salt entirely away from poultry. This was wrong advice, for poultry needs salt as much as any other sort of live stock does, and the flock in question was injured, no doubt, because it had been deprived of salt until when it got access to it enough was eaten to produce injurious effects. All the soft food given to poultry should be salted about as much as ordinary food used on the table, and enough soft food should be given to meet the demand for salt that nature makes on every animal. If a flock of poultry is given salt in their food regularly, there is no danger of their eating an over supply than there is in eating any other wholesome and necessary food. We always salt the soft food of our poultry and have never been at all careful about throwing out brine or waste salt and have the first time to see our fowls pick up more than a few grains which perhaps their appetites called for. We have no doubt that poultry often suffer in health and productiveness, because the owners keep salt away from them, under the impression that it is poison to poultry of all kinds.—Exchange.

## A True Bill.

Greensboro Record.

Whenever you hear a man finding fault with a paper, open it, and ten to one he has no advertisement in it; five to one he never gives it a job of printing to do; three to one he does not take the paper; two to one he is delinquent if a subscriber; even odds that he never does anything that will assist the publisher to run the paper and four to one he has never succeeded at anything.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses; Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeny, Ring-bones, Stiffness, Strains, all Throats, Coughs, etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by T. A. Albright, Graham, N. C. Dec 13/95.

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REDUCED RATES. Co-ten Rates and International Exposition ATLANTA, GA. September 15—December 31, 1895.

For the above season the Southern Railway will sell low-rate round-trip tickets to ATLANTA, GA., and return on the following basis:

FROM—	A	B	C	D	E
Alexandria, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Asheville, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Burlington, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Burkeville, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Chapel Hill, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Chattanooga, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Charleston, S. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Charlotte, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Columbia, S. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Greensboro, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Hickory, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
High Point, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Hot Springs, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Homer, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Lincolnton, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Marion, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Monticello, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Orange, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Roanoke, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Richmond, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Roanoke, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
South Boston, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Steuersburg, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Stokesville, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Tarboro, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Tarboro, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Waynesville, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
West Point, Va.	25.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Winston, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Wilmington, N. C.	15.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00
Winston-Salem, N. C.	10.00	10.00	14.00	18.00	22.00

EXPLANATION. Column A: Tickets will be sold September 15 and daily from September 15 to December 31, 1895, inclusive, with final limit January 1, 1896. Column B: Tickets will be sold daily from September 15 to December 31, 1895, inclusive, with final limit twenty (20) days from date of sale. Column C: Tickets will be sold daily from September 15 to December 31, 1895, inclusive, with final limit seven (7) days from date of sale. Column D: Tickets will be sold on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from September 17 until December 24, 1895, inclusive, with final limit ten (10) days from date of sale. Column E: Tickets will be sold daily from September 15 to December 31, 1895, inclusive, with final limit seven (7) days from date of sale.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY. The only line entering the Exposition grounds, leaving a double-track, standard-gauge railway from the center of the city of Atlanta to the Exposition grounds of the city.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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Southern Railway. (PIEDMONT DIVISION) FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS.

West Bound	N. E. Daily	N. H. Mixed Daily
Ar Greensboro	7:30 am	8:25 am
High Point	8:00 am	8:55 am
Burlington	8:30 am	9:25 am
Greensboro	9:00 am	9:55 am
University	9:30 am	10:25 am
Durham	10:00 am	10:55 am
Ar Raleigh	11:00 am	11:55 am

West Bound	N. E. Daily	N. H. Mixed Daily
Ar Greensboro	7:30 pm	8:25 pm
High Point	8:00 pm	8:55 pm
Burlington	8:30 pm	9:25 pm
Greensboro	9:00 pm	9:55 pm
University	9:30 pm	10:25 pm
Durham	10:00 pm	10:55 pm
Ar Raleigh	11:00 pm	11:55 pm

South	N. E. Daily	N. H. Mixed Daily
Ar Washington	11:15 am	10:45 am
Charlottesville	11:45 am	11:15 am
Richmond	12:15 pm	11:45 am
Lynchburg	12:45 pm	12:15 pm
Jennings	1:15 pm	12:45 pm
Ar Greensboro	1:45 pm	1:15 pm
Winston-Salem	2:15 pm	1:45 pm
Raleigh	2:45 pm	2:15 pm
Hot Springs	3:15 pm	2:45 pm
Knock Springs	3:45 pm	3:15 pm
Chattanooga	4:15 pm	3:45 pm
Charlotte	4:45 pm	4:15 pm
Columbia	5:15 pm	4:45 pm
Augusta	5:45 pm	5:15 pm
Savannah	6:15 pm	5:45 pm
(Central Time)		
Jacksonville	6:45 pm	6:15 pm
St. Augustine	7:15 pm	6:45 pm
Atlanta	7:45 pm	7:15 pm
Birmingham	8:15 pm	7:45 pm
Memphis	8:45 pm	8:15 pm
N. Orleans	9:15 pm	8:45 pm

North	N. E. Daily	N. H. Mixed Daily
Ar Washington	7:30 pm	6:45 pm
Charlottesville	8:00 pm	7:15 pm
Richmond	8:30 pm	7:45 pm
Lynchburg	9:00 pm	8:15 pm
Jennings	9:30 pm	8:45 pm
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Charlotte	1:00 pm	12:15 pm
Columbia	1:30 pm	12:45 pm
Augusta	2:00 pm	1:15 pm
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St. Augustine	3:30 pm	2:45 pm
Atlanta	4:00 pm	3:15 pm
Birmingham	4:30 pm	3:45 pm
Memphis	5:00 pm	4:15 pm
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