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The House Committee on Territories has reported favorably on the admission of Arizona and New Mexico to Statehood.

Dr. Nansen, a Norwegian explorer, is said to have discovered the North Pole, and the matter is creating a good deal of talk.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

It appears from the best information which can be gathered that the views of Col. Julian S. Carr as to a "straight ticket and no concessions," meet with the approval of his party.

If the principles of the Democratic party are right—and all true Democrats believe they are right, it is supreme folly to attempt to catch the vote of this or that one by making concessions, which may bring temporary success.

The towel mill at Salisbury will be doubled in capacity.

The sale of second-hand clothing is prohibited in Reidsville.

A proposition to vote bonds for water works at Gastonia failed.

All the stock for building a knitting mill at Edenton has been taken.

The cotton platform and 57 bales of cotton were burned at Laurinburg Thursday.

A \$15,000 chair company has been organized at High Point says the enterprise.

The Biblical Recorder has donated a handsome new dress and is much improved in appearance.

A Mt. Airy merchant thinks \$60,000 a low estimate for the apple crop marketed in that town this year.

Elkin Times: Houston Day, of Yadkin county, killed eight wild turkeys in 80 minutes one day last week.

A storm blew down part of a cotton mill in course of erection at Elizabeth City. But its completion will be only slightly delayed.

The fusion bosses met in Newton last Saturday and divided out the spoils which they expect to reap in the fall election, says the Newton Enterprise.

A fatal boiler explosion occurred Tuesday last week at the saw mill of J. R. Plummer, ten miles southwest of Asheboro. Three were killed and three seriously wounded.

A. H. Critcher and H. J. Hoyle were in a boat fishing near Greenville one evening last week when the boat capsized and Hoyle was drowned.

Theo. F. Davidson, Mayor of Asheville, has resigned. Professional and private business takes him away from the city a great deal.

Mrs. Sarah Williams, wife of the late Alfred Williams, died at her residence in Raleigh Saturday morning. She was in the 86th year of her age.

It is rumored that high officials of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company have recently bought an extensive tract of iron ore lands in Ashe county, upon which there are heavy deposits of rich magnetic iron ore.

The Winston Republican says fusion ought not to be abandoned this year.

But the Republicans of North Carolina will not desert the National Republican party and its principles to vote for free silver electors, says Editor Goslen.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7, '96.

The Quay-Platt-Reed combine put a new comedy on the political boards this week by announcing the candidacy of Senator Quay for the Presidential nomination. It was expected to make a political sensation but it didn't.

Quay's candidacy, although followed by a qualified denial from him, may be accepted by the gullible republicans of Pennsylvania as a thing of life, just as many New York republicans have accepted the candidacy of Governor Morton, launched by the same combine, but, bless your soul, that does not make it so.

There isn't the slightest doubt among politicians that this combine wants Reed nominated, not that this alleged Quay boom is being used to let Senator Cameron, who has already been forced by Quay to announce that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate, understand that the money he has put into his literary bureau, established to boom him as a republican silver candidate for the Presidential nomination, has all been wasted and that his political aspirations may now be pigeonholed for good and all.

Quay wants to control the Pennsylvania delegation, just as Platt does that of New York. They will at the proper time throw them to Reed, unless it becomes apparent before that time that Reed can't be nominated. In that case they will throw them to the man they can make the most advantageous deal with. They are out to win. They would prefer doing it with Reed, but will not hesitate to throw him overboard if it becomes necessary to win with some other man.

The republican Senators are still very much in doubt about their future program. They are trying to make some sort of a deal with the populists to get the House tariff bill through the Senate without amendment. They have not yet attempted to elect the Senate officers nominated by their caucus with the exception of the Assistant Doorkeeper who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain Bassett.

The papers covering the Waller case were this week sent to Congress by President Cleveland, in answer to a resolution asking for them. And if they do not make certain republicans, who have been using this case to make political capital, feel like fools, they must be queerly constituted. Instead of having neglected Waller, because he was a negro, as these republicans have so loudly asserted, the administration has, because he is an American citizen, succeeded in getting the French government to release him from prison, although the papers sent to Congress prove beyond a doubt that he was guilty of the offense for which he was sentenced—treasonable correspondence concerning the movements of the French in Madagascar.

The papers sent to Congress also show that Waller's alleged valuable concessions from the government of Madagascar are not believed in by anybody but himself, and have nothing official upon which to stand. The French Government agrees to release Waller, as a courtesy to this government, merely stipulating that he shall make no claim for damages except through the French courts. Thus ends the disagreeable chapter.

The Senate this week adopted a resolution directing the Secretary of Agriculture to resume the free distribution of seeds. If Speaker Reed has counted upon the support of any silver republicans in his fight for the Presidential nomination he would better scratch them for his calculations. They know him now for their enemy. Not because of the vote by which the house refused to agree to the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill, which was passed by the Senate, because they knew all the time that a large majority of the House was opposed to silver, and that Mr. Reed himself would vote against free coinage, as he had done before. It is for the unexpected knock-down blow which has been administered to silver by the action of the House committee on Territories, which this week voted against reporting a bill for the admission of Arizona to statehood, and which will do the same for New Mexico and Oklahoma, that the silver men are blaming Speaker Reed. It is no secret that the action of the committee was taken solely because it was known that Arizona would have sent two silver Senators, and it is regarded as certain that the same reason will cause the committee to take the same action on the bills for the admission of New Mexico and Oklahoma. The silver men charge that Speaker Reed selected the members of the committee with the special view of having them block the admission of these territories, and they will not fail to make use of that charge against him, particularly in the northwest.

The Senate has passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the preliminary surveys for the erection of a memorial bridge across the Potomac from Washington to Arlington.

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Bo that as it may, however, the practiced card player, individually and collectively, believes that luck will desert him if he essays to play with cards whose illuminated backs are designed other than the peculiar pattern to which he has become accustomed.

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A Queer Story.

A city merchant once caused his friends much sorrow by disappearing in a strange fashion. He was last heard of at his banker's, where he deposited nearly \$2,000 to his bank account. His subsequent whereabouts were enveloped in mystery, and years elapsed without any explanation being forthcoming.

Ten years later his wife was driving through a west end district when she recognized in the figure of a crossing sweeper some semblance to that of her husband. She immediately stopped her carriage and found that the sweeper was indeed her missing husband. He was inclined to resent her persuasion to return to his home, but eventually succumbed. He afterward explained that he had amassed sufficient money to keep his family in comfort, and, tempted by the fear that he might be induced to speculate and lose the whole, he determined to disappear and leave them to its enjoyment.

He had lived in common lodging houses, and was content in his adopted business of a crossing sweeper. Often he had seen his wife pass him, and he had received many copers and small pieces of silver from his family.—London Letter.

Confidential Information. The overworked bank cashier who was in need of a vacation had written to the agent of a steamship line to this effect: "I am thinking of taking a trip to Central or South America. Please acquaint me with particulars relative to rates of fare, etc., to and from the various ports usually visited by tourists at this season of the year." The answer came by telegraph: "(Private and confidential.) One of our steamships will leave for Honduras next Wednesday. Shortest and quickest way out of the country."—Chicago Tribune.

One Thing That May Wisely Be Put Off. "It seems to me," said Mr. Gratebar, "that there is one thing that we might wisely put off until tomorrow or later, and that is our worrying, but our work we should take by the neck daily."—New York Sun.

Lemon Juice For Nose Bleeding. Dr. E. T. Burton speaks highly of the use of lemon juice as a hemostatic. In a severe case of epistaxis, in a plethoric young man with copious hemorrhage from both nostrils, after injection of a solution of lemon juice and water (one-fourth into the nose with an ordinary glass syringe) the hemorrhage ceased. In a case of hematemesis in a woman of 30 years, in whom all the usual remedies had failed, the hemorrhage ceased at once after employment of pure lemon juice. It returned, however, the next day, but was readily controlled by the use of this simple remedy, so that she rapidly convalesced. In a case of intestinal hemorrhage in typhoid it was also given with equally favorable results, for it ceased as if by magic. The patient died, however, from exhaustion. In the last two cases there was violent vomiting, and everything except the lemon juice was ejected.—Nursing World.

A dispatch from Winston, dated 17th, says: Some twenty gambling cases are to be tried at the term of court which opened to-day. Among the offenders is Marshall L. Mott, Republican Solicitor of this district, who was elected on the Fusion ticket at the last election. He says he will submit and make an explanatory speech regarding himself when the case is called. In commenting on the indictment, the Sentinel this afternoon says: "If the Solicitor is guilty, and does not intend to quit violating the law, he ought to resign."

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Greenville Fire-Stricken.

A fire broke out in the town of Greenville, Pitt county, last Sunday morning at 2 o'clock and burned fourteen brick stores, the opera house, and number of frame buildings—twenty-three buildings in all. The loss is about \$150,000, insurance perhaps less than \$50,000.

The fire originated in the barber shop of Herbert Edmunds next to the corner in the Opera House block. Julius Fleming, one of the barbers and the brush boy were preparing to close up and leave the shop about one o'clock. As they went to put out one of the large lamps it fell, scattering burning oil over the floor. They threw the lamp in the street, smothered out the flames on the floor, and thinking everything was safe went on home. Passing down the street they met night Policeman Murphy, told him what had happened and asked him to notice the shop as he passed by on his rounds.

The first time the officer passed he saw nothing wrong, but going by again about a quarter to two o'clock he noticed the room full of smoke, and before he could give an alarm, flames had burst through the front of the shop. It is supposed that some of the burning oil went through the cracks of the floor without being extinguished, or that the stove caused the oil on the floor to ignite—the former most likely.

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Newt, Mass., who murdered Deputy Marshal Whitt in Madison last August and escaped from jail in Marshall in September, was arrested Thursday five miles from Marion.

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