

The Milton Chronicle.



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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1897.

Alex. H. Stephens has almost recovered.

E. J. Chamberlaine is practicing law in New York.

The Mormons are preparing for war against the U. States.

Gen. Grant is now doing his smoking and drinking in England.

Some sharp-shooting going on between the Turks and Russians.

A gold mine has been discovered in Georgia which pans out \$3000 per ton.

The Hon. A. S. Merrimon will please accept our thanks for valuable public documents.

We have nothing worth writing about this week, even if we felt in a writing mood.

A Russian colonel gets \$400 a year, about as much as a section man on a railroad.

Col. W. W. Forbes has been appointed Postmaster of Richmond. Miss Van Lew steps down and out.

There is now the strongest probability that England and Austria will come to the help of Turkey.

The Hanover, Va., 'Lion' has been killed and turns out to be a big mastiff dog belonging to a railroad employee.

The ships "Cuele Toby," "Geneva" and "Shamook" have been lost on the coast of Peru. No particulars.

Gen. Grant, it is stated, is to have a special audience with Queen Victoria, and is to be the guest of Disraeli Beacham field.

Hon. Ben. H. Hill, of Georgia, has declined an offer of \$2,500 and expenses to lecture in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit.

The Commencement of Kittrell Institute will take place on the 21st of June. R. O. Burton, Jr., Esq., will deliver the literary address on that occasion.

A prominent mineralogist estimates the gold, silver and nickel contained in the mines of Montgomery county, N. C., sufficient to pay the National Debt.

A Cincinnati telegram announces that Morfield's Bank at Circleville, Ohio, has suspended, with liabilities eighty thousand; assets claimed to be a hundred thousand.

Governor Hendrick's has lost says a correspondent of the Troy Times, \$65,000 in a Western gold mine, and may be under the necessity of sending more good money after it.

The three great granddaughters of Daniel Debe, the author of "Robinson Crusoe," are living in England, and in destitute circumstances. They are each over fifty years of age, and their only maintenance is derived from the exertions of the youngest, who earns seven shillings a week at buttonhole making. The charity organization society propose to purchase an annuity for them.—Ex.

Gen. James Madison Leach is out in a long letter noticing the charge that he is trying to organize a third or Hayes party out of old-line Whigs and moderate Republicans. He indignantly denies the charge and proceeds to give his views of the situation, which, we think, have the ring of the right mettle, and we endorse them. Sum'ed up, they accord with the views of Gov. Hampton, of South Carolina, and are the basis of the Virginia Conservative platform.

This letter is creditable to the head and heart of its author, and we feel to-day that we can excuse the political short-comings of the writer in the past.

NONSENSE—The fashion some papers have of heralding party victories in cross-road municipal elections. It isn't worth a pinch of snuff. In nine cases out of ten politics have nothing to do with these elections.

The Wilmington Star says it is a significant fact that Democratic New York paid President Hayes far more respect than Radical Philadelphia. The reason is plain: New York is wise and just, and likes the President's Southern policy, whilst Philadelphia, always hating the South, is disgruntled like the New York Srx.

MAIL FACILITIES.

[Charlotte Observer.]

The Postal Commission, composed of Hon. S. S. Hubbard, chairman, D. M. Fox, Hon. Geo. Bassett, appointed by the President under an act of Congress, to make inquiry regarding the want of additional mail facilities in the South, will leave Washington Monday evening, the 21st, making short stops at Richmond, Greensboro, Charlotte, Atlanta, Knoxville, Bristol, Lynchburg, &c. Postmaster General Key, and General Superintendent Vail and Marshal will accompany the Commission unless some unforeseen occurrence prevents.

It is understood that the object of the visit, briefly stated is to enquire first, whether a faster mail schedule between New York and New Orleans is necessary; second, whether the railroads can afford to put on such a schedule; and third, whether the business is sufficient to warrant the Post Office Department in making such change.

Should they be convinced, as is probable they will, that faster mails are a necessity in the South, a question will arise as to what line of railroad shall be used as the fast mail route. The choice will have to be made between the three established lines from the Northern cities to New Orleans, viz: the Kennesaw line, via Lynchburg, Bristol, Knoxville, &c., the Atlantic Coast Line, via Richmond, Petersburg, Wilmington, Augusta, &c., and the Piedmont Air Line, via Richmond, Charlotte, Atlanta, &c. The Commission made a trip over the Atlantic Coast Line about three weeks ago stopping at the principle cities and conferring with the business men of each; as will be seen by the outline of the trip given above, they will come down by the Piedmont Air Line and return by the Kennesaw line.

The North Carolina Press Fifty-Four Years Ago.

[Raleigh News.]
The meeting of the representatives of the State Press at Charlotte, last Tuesday, suggests a comparison between the publishing news and fifty-four years ago in this State. The North Carolina REGISTER, to which allusion has already been made in these columns, gives a list of the newspapers published in the State in 1823, which is as follows:

- REGISTER, Raleigh, J. Gales & Son, STAR, Raleigh, Thomas Henderson, STAR, Elizabeth City, Wm. Albertson,
- CAROLINA SENTINEL, Newbern, Pas-tour & Watson,
- WESTERN CAROLINIAN, Salisbury, Bingham & White,
- HALIFAX COMPILER, Halifax, J. Wright,
- AMERICAN RECORDER, Washington, John McWilliams,
- CAPE FEAR RECORDER, Wilmington, Day & Smith, Jr.,
- RECORDER, Hillsboro, Dennis Heartf,
- MILTON GAZETTE, Milton, Benj. Co-ry, Jr.,
- EDENTON GAZETTE, Edenton, James Willis.

Twelve in all; now Raleigh has three-fourths that number, and there are six or eight times that number in the State; quite a contrast between now and then in this as well as in many other enterprises.

Adventures in the Dark.

From the Virginia City Nev. Chronicle.

Last night just after Blinks and his wife were snugly stowed away in bed, Mrs. B. thought she heard the front door slam.

'Hubbie, dear, I locked it just before I wound up the clock.'

'I didn't see you go out in the hall.'

'But I did, love.'

'I think you must be mistaken.'

'Well, I know when I locked the door, dammit.'

'Now, you shan't swear at me. That door is open, and I know it. S'posin' the burglars go in and carry off all the silver, we'd be in a nice fix.'

'They'd be worse off with the old plated stuff. Besides, who ever heard of a burglary above A street?'

'If you don't get up and lock that door I'll rush out and scream for the police. I'll rouse the neighborhood if it is the last act of my life.'

Blinks somewhat alarmed at the threat, rose up and began to fumble round for a match.

'The matches are at the end of the washstand, love.'

Blinks paused at the place designated, and broke a soap-dish.

'I never saw such an awkward man since I was born,' quoth Mrs. B. from the bed, just as he stumbled back over a spittoon and sat down in it so forcibly, that it smashed into forty pieces.

O-Lord, ejaculated Mrs. B.

Blinks next struck his toe against a towel rack, and an oath dissolved itself in the darkness. Then he stepped on the baby's rattle, and ran one of the points into his foot half an inch. Jumping aside, he upset the centre-table, and began to flounder on toward the hall.

His young hopeful's carriage was there, and he fell over it six different ways before he reached the door.

'Was it open?' queried a voice from the bed.

'No.'

'Oh! it must have been something else I heard.'

A COLORED MINISTER PREACHES TO A WHITE EPISCOPAL CONGREGATION.—Chattanooga, Tenn., May 18.—The Episcopal Diocesan Convention is in session here. Rev. John B. McConnell, colored, of the Emmanuel church at Memphis, delivered an impressive sermon last night, it being the first instance in the United States of a colored clergyman preaching to a white congregation in an Episcopal church. This is the more significant from the fact that Bishop Quintard, who presided over the convention was a chaplain in the Confederate army.

STATE NEWS.

The cash receipts for freight's at the Wilmington depot for the past four months were \$28,000.

Very disagreeable weather on the 15th. Snow fell on the Blue Ridge to the depth of about an inch.—Wilkesboro Witness.

The Randolph Regulator says that a little child of John Cooper, in Ewharrie, while in its mother's arms, was stricken by lightning during a recent storm.

It is reported that Ike Young, our Revenue Collector, has had a fortune left him by some of his relatives. We hope it is true, for Ike is better fitted to spend a fortune than any one we know of.—Wilmington Post.

Winston and Salem contain over fifty business stands, all having a good patronage. A Baltimore drummer tells us that he sometimes sells to Pphol & Stockton, of Winston, one hundred and fifty sacks of coffee a week,—the largest purchase made in the State.

Capt. Chas. McDonald has a tame, twenty pound trout in his fish pond, which answers to his call and follows him around the pond at his bidding. It is the wonder of the day, and many take little evening strolls to McDonald's fish pond to see this big fish.—Concord Sun.

A NORTH CAROLINA NOBLEMAN.—General Joseph R. Hawley, a native of Wilmington, N. C., and President of the Centennial Commission, has been created by the King of Holland a Knight, and will hereafter be known as Sir Joseph R. Hawley, Ahem! Carolinians get ready your courdresses.—Newbernian.

Horrible affair took place in Hot House Township, this county, May 4th, at the residence of Sarah F. Shelton, Thomas Shelton was shot in the forehead and instantly killed by his brother Terrell Shelton, who was arrested and lodged in jail at this place to await an investigation before the proper authorities.—Cerrooke Herald.

If A. E. Graves is living he is requested to write to his mother. When last heard from, about eight months ago, he was at Norfolk. Any person knowing of him, whether he is living or dead, is asked to write to Mrs. M. A. Copeland at Elizabeth City, N. C. He is a printer and is about 25 years of age. Exchanges will confer a favor by copying this notice.—North Carolinian.

GENERAL NEWS.

An oil painting of Gov. Hampton has been sent to Germany to be lithographed. More than five thousand copies have been already ordered.

The Atlanta Constitution asserts that there are men in the upper counties of Georgia who have never heard that the war has ceased, and are still hiding through fear of capture.

A bill has passed the Illinois Legislature authorizing railroad conductors to stop trains and put off everybody playing cards for money or using obscene language.

A number of railroad men are soon to leave Binghamton, N. Y., for Brazil. Work is offered to 600 skilled men of this class for three years, at a handsome salary.

Massachusetts has 4,312 paupers one-half of whom have had no industrial preparation to gain a livelihood. Forty-six per cent. are or have been married. Twenty-six per cent. are children under fifteen years of age.

If Turkey wants to beat Russia, let her import a few hogsheads of the Colorado beetles and Rocky Mountain locusts, hatch them near the northern and eastern boundaries, and allow the young insects to follow the course of nature and go East.—Chicago Times.

One thousand million postal cards are annually sold by the Post-office Department. The contract for their manufacture for the next four years has been given to the American Phototype Company of New York, at a saving of \$2,800,000 as compared with the last four years.

The forest fires in New York are still raging and spreading rapidly. Several villages and many mills have been destroyed already. The people have been forced to flee for their lives, and many are now in a sadly destitute condition, having neither shelter, food nor clothing.

Mysterious Disappearance.

A PROMINENT LAWYER OF CINCINNATI CREATING A STIR.

Special Dispatch to the New York World.

CINCINNATI, O., May 17.—Much excitement exists here to-day over the disappearance of M. J. C. H. Blackburn, a prominent member of the bar and the most noted criminal lawyer of the State. He left the city on Wednesday, and has not since been heard from, except at Hamilton, O., where he was to argue a case in the court. He had been the subject of many rumors of late, alleging embezzlements of numerous sums of money obtained from clients and the sale of diamonds rings and other articles borrowed from friends. Rumor says that he was financially embarrassed from gaming and the buying of too many friends among women of the town. There were reports to-day to the effect, that he had suicided, but these are probably unfounded. His wife states that he had arranged to leave, and that she was to follow him, but that having intercepted a letter from one of his female associates, making an appointment to meet him in his flight, she decided not to remain here but, it is said, also to apply for a divorce. The whole affair is a profound mystery, and creates much excitement.

Singular Flight of Birds.

Boston, May 17.—Capt. Bearer, of the steamer Glacina, relates a curious incident of his last trip from New York. While passing through Long Island Sound, on Tuesday night, the sky being thick with smoke from the forest fires to the southward, it was observed, after 9 o'clock, that the air was full of birds, apparently bewildered and in search of a resting place. Attracted by the glare of the ship's lights they started their flight toward the vessel, and striking against the masts or the house, fell dead upon the deck. A few of them were found to be alive. About 200 in all were picked up on the deck, representing thirteen different kinds of forest birds. During five hours they continued to drop on the vessel, she going at the time full twelve knots per hour, and multitudes of the poor creatures must have perished in the water. It is probable that the birds were driven from Long Island by the extensive forest fires and were flying over the sound for shelter.

A Well Posted Lad.

History never jumps over Detroit. There are too many old battle-grounds around here for the historian to get past without at least a few paragraphs.

The fight at bloody Run, has been widely read of, and strangers often ask to have the locality pointed out. One day a man, who dropped off a street car at the Jefferson avenue bridge to look around and let memory carry him back to Indian days, felt anxious to know how the fight came to be called Bloody Run.

'By-and-by a boy came slaming along, and the stranger beckoned to him and asked,

'Sonny, is this Bloody Run?'

'You are bloody right it is,' was the rejoinder.

'Right around here is where the British troops were, is it?'

'Yes, sir; and down in the gully there were the bloody Injuns.'

'And they fought?'

'Bloody sure. They didn't come here to play, you bet!'

'Was there much loss?'

'A bloody big one.'

'Can you tell me,' continued the stranger, looking around, 'why they call it Bloody Run?'

'Yes, sir; 'cos when them soldiers found there were ten Injuns to one white man, they run so bloody fast that you can find 'old boot-heels around here yet!'

—Detroit Free Press.

CHICKEN FIGHT.

A main of cocks will be fought in Norfolk, beginning June 12th next, and continuing four days. The main will be between Virginia and North Carolina, and each side will enter about thirty-one birds.—Petersmouth ESTEPAISS, 20th.

Raleigh Observer: The news from this and the adjacent counties from the cotton crop continues bad and very discouraging. It is now positively ascertained that all the cotton planted since May 1st is a failure two-thirds of it having rotted in the ground. Seed is distressingly scarce and not half of the farmers can replant. The consequence is they are compelled to plant corn or let the lands remain idle.