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NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

Venus was found to be enveloped in an atmosphere. - Louis Blanc, the French statesman, died at Cannes Wednesday.

A cloudy sky and a snow storm rendered the transit of Venus invisible at the Greenwich observatory. - Mrs. Langtry's pathetic eye and eloquent seek have brought the literati of Boston to her substantial feet.

Nearly the whole of the surplus in the United States Treasury has been anticipated by the bond calls of Secretary Folger. - Edwin Booth, while in Manchester, England, sent his check for \$200 to a matinee given in aid of the Italian flood sufferers.

The Greenback candidates in Iowa received 27,000 votes at the late election, which is a good many, but the seed has evidently lost its sprouting quality. - The recumbent statue of General R. E. Lee, at Lexington, Va., is to be unveiled in June next, and Mr. Jefferson Davis has been invited to deliver the address.

It is reported that England has offered France the permanent presidency of the Egyptian Debt Commission, and that France has refused the offer. - The Greenback candidates in Iowa received 27,000 votes at the late election, which is a good many, but the seed has evidently lost its sprouting quality.

The three squadrons of the Queen's household cavalry, on their return from Egypt, were presented by the Duchess of Cambridge with two hundred pounds of tobacco, and each man among them feels as much a hero as Sir Garnet Wolseley. - The son of the crown prince of Sweden and new heir to the Swedish throne, has been handicapped at the start with the name of Oscar Frederick William Olaf Gustavus Adolphus, duke of Sjoehorn.

Miss Anna Dickinson rises to remark that she has been badly misrepresented. Retirement is something she has never contemplated. On the contrary she is now under engagements, both on the rostrum and the stage, the latter covering "A wide scope of western territory." - Bibulous Belgium leads the world in tipping. The 5,000,000 inhabitants of that little country annually consume about 60,000,000 quarts of alcoholic liquors.

The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph Company has adopted resolutions denying the imputation that telegraphic messages passing over the company's wires are inspected, and announcing that any employee who shall divulge the contents of telegrams will be promptly dismissed and criminally prosecuted. - Lord Douglas Gordon, who has been hunting in Texas, has returned to New York, and is enthusiastic over the attractions of that State and its promising future.

Why will you continue to suffer with neuralgia when St. Jacobs Oil can be had?

CONGRESS.

THE PENNIN BILL.

Political Assessments Discussed - Naval Affairs. WASHINGTON, December 8. - SENATE. - Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the position of the tobacco manufacturers of Chicago, asking that immediate action be taken on the tax question, as the continuing agitation is depriving the operatives of subsistence. Referred.

Mr. Mazy, from the committee on military affairs, reported a bill to rectify and establish the title of the United States of the military post at El Paso, Texas. Passed. The President laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, received just before the adjournment of the last session, transmitting information as to the basis upon which the government settled with certain railroad companies in Tennessee about the year 1865.

Mr. Beck stated that after conferring with the committee on pensions, he desired to modify his amendment to the resolution asking for a list of the pensioners, so as not to require the names of the persons claiming pensions. At the close of the morning hour Mr. Beck called up his resolution for an inquiry into the political assessments upon the government employees, and criticized the substitute offered by Mr. Hale yesterday.

Mr. Hale said he had modified his substitute so as to call for the names of all employees dismissed since the election, for any cause. The Democratic party had placed wealthy men upon their committee in order to induce them to contribute money for a political purpose, and had levied large assessments upon the Liquor Dealers' Associations, and the investigation, if entered upon at all, ought to extend to both sides. Mr. Beck again insisted that the substitute was designed to defeat the proposed investigation.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. Bayard, Hale and Beck until 3 o'clock, when the unfinished business, the bankruptcy bill, was taken up. Mr. Jones, of Florida, offered an amendment, which was agreed to, giving the party sought to be thrown into involuntary bankruptcy the right to demand a jury trial as to the grounds of bankruptcy. Mr. Morgan offered an amendment making it an act of bankruptcy to deal in "futures" in certain articles of prime necessity, such as corn, sugar, cotton, rice, etc. Agreed to.

Mr. Hear addressed the Senate at length in advocacy of the "Lowell bill," introduced by him, and had not finished his argument when the Senate adjourned. HOUSE. Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, from committee on appropriations, reported the oceanic and diplomatic appropriation bill. Referred to committee of the whole. (It appropriates \$1,258,255, being \$76,000 less than the appropriations for the current year, and \$132,500 less than the estimates.) Mr. Burr gave notice that he would ask action on the bill to-morrow.

The committee on naval affairs reported back the resolution introduced by Mr. Hewitt of New York, on Monday last, calling on the Secretary of the Navy for copies of all the orders issued between the 1st of August and the 4th of December by virtue of which work has been done or discontinued, or workmen have been employed or discharged in any of the navy yards, besides other information relative to casualties to United States ships during 1882. The House then went into committee of the whole on the private calendar. The first bill was one to extend a patent on wagons, and its enacting clause was stricken out.

The next bill was that for the relief of the officers and crew of the United States Monitor, who participated in the action with the rebel iron clad, Merrimack, on the 9th of March, 1862. After a long debate on the enacting clause of this bill it was also stricken out. The committee rose but no action on the report was taken by the House. Mr. Bingham, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on postoffice and postroads, reported a bill reducing letter postage to two cents, and it was referred to committee of the whole. The House then adjourned until to-morrow.

The New York Stock Market. NEW YORK, December 8. - The stock market opened 1 1/2 per cent. higher than it closed yesterday for Northwesters preferred, 2 1/2 per cent. lower for St. Louis, and irregular for the remainder of the list. During the greater part of the first hour of business the market, although dull, was strong and recorded an advance of 1 1/2 per cent., in which Northern Pacific preferred and common, Oregon and Transcontinental, Northern Pacific preferred, Louisville and Nashville and Denver and Rio Grande were the greatest sufferers in the reaction. Subsequently a rally of 1 1/2 per cent. took place, led by St. Paul and Denver and Rio Grande, but the market afterwards recorded a decline of 1 1/2 per cent. in Northern Pacific common, 1 1/2 in preferred, and 1 1/2 in the remainder of the list. During the last hour it fell shortly before the close the market was strong and sold up 1 1/2 per cent., led by St. Paul, but in the final dealing the list receded a fraction and the market closed dull, but generally heavy, at a fractional reaction from the highest point of the day's closing prices.

Officers of the Western Lumber Ayrline.

(Special to THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.) MORRANTON, N. C., December 8. Dr. P. L. Murphy, of Sampson, was elected superintendent, and Dr. W. D. Hilliard, of Buncombe, assistant superintendent.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, December 8. - The business failures for last week, as reported to Dun & Co.'s Mercantile Agency, number 190. This is the largest number reported during the year 1882 in any one week. The Eastern States had 19; Western 62; Southern 42; Middle 31; Pacific States and Territories 11; Canada 15, and New York city 10.

For Speaker.

(Cor. of THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.) MECKLENBURG CO., N. C., Dec. 6. Soon the Legislature will convene; the Democrats are in the majority, hence have at their disposal a very high and honorable office, that of the Speakership of the House. We have just emerged from the heat and dust of a great battle, one that involved the honor and prosperity of our loved State, and in which, upon one side, were arrayed the elements of negro ignorance, internal revenue corruption and a stream of gold flowing unceasingly from Washington City; on the other, intelligence, integrity, wealth; in fact, the true manhood and honor of North Carolina. The latter proved triumphant and the State is saved. In accordance with the rule observed by all conquerors, both ancient and modern, it is now incumbent upon the representatives of the people to look around them and see who engaged in the late contest is most entitled to recognition.

Several names have appeared in your paper, Geo. M. Rose, of Cumberland, and Thos. M. Holt, of Alamance, being the most prominent. We fully concur in the opinion that the first named gentleman would honor the position, being an excellent parliamentarian, as shown by the ability, clearness, decision and firmness with which he many times guided the deliberations of the House during last session. Nor do we wish to detract one iota from the well known character of Col. Holt. We think, however, neither of these gentlemen should be elected; first, because they are both from the East, and she has already enjoyed the honor in the person of her worthy son, C. M. Cooke; and secondly, because, when but recently eastern Carolinians sounded the shibboleth of county government, western men rallied to their aid and helped to save that threatened section from a condition of dire want and suffering, it is clear, then, that the West is entitled to the office. Now, who is the man?

We wish to suggest the name of one who has worked faithfully for the Democratic party; who has torn down the black flag of Republicanism and erected the white standard of Democracy by a large majority. A man who by his genial manners and solid worth has all who approach him; who being familiar with all parliamentary rules, will conduct to successful and happy termination all business that will come before the House, and his name is W. H. Bailey, of Mecklenburg county. DEMOCRATIC VOTER.

Shall North Carolina Advise?

(Cor. of THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.) THE NEWS AND OBSERVER of November 30th, bears an excellent editorial with the above query. We agree with every word of it, but it occurs to us that there might be a more impressive and successful method of advertising the resources and capabilities of our State than any yet suggested. "What constitutes a State?" The men and women, of course. Send abroad some of our best bred and best educated young people as a sample of what North Carolina is and can do. Let it be seen what impression they make, and what stand they take among their young contemporaries of other States. We believe such comparisons would not fail to reflect honor and credit upon us all, showing not only that we have good raw material here, but that we know how to work it up. We need not be afraid at least for our North Carolina girls. They are safe to make us proud of them.

We have been very much delighted to hear of the high position accorded to one of them in that very city of Boston, which is so anxious to have North Carolina represented at the Mechanics' fair. Miss Linda Rumble, of Salisbury, who received her musical education under Professor Bauman at Peace Institute, went to Boston this fall to continue her studies at the Boston Conservatory of Music. We learn that she at once entered the fifth, or highest grade, with many compliments on her extraordinary proficiency as a pianist. At a public concert lately held in the same conservatory, she was the prima donna of the occasion, and her performances were repeatedly and enthusiastically encored. All this need not surprise any one who has ever heard Miss Rumble play, but it is not a little gratifying to find her superiority so promptly and so readily recognized abroad. Such a debut in critical Boston is a number one advertisement of the kind of girls we raise in North Carolina, and also of the kind of training afforded them here. We honestly believe that our schools for girls are not surpassed in any State in the South, and we believe, too, that no school surpasses Peace Institute in the advantages it offers. Now as the greater includes the less, of course if we make our girls polished corner-stones, it must be inferred that we do not neglect our boys. Educational advantages for them also must be number one. And if North Carolina is found so wide awake in a matter of such supreme importance as education, it must be granted that she is also to be trusted in smaller concerns, and therefore she is in all respects a number one State, and presents a number one inducement and attractions to number one immigrants. Q. E. D.

Every one has a will and a mind to think for himself, yet many will go about seeking and depending until a friend recommends Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for that cough.

A GREAT FIRE.

BURNS ACRES OF LONDON, C. USING \$15,000,000 LOSS.

Reduction of Postage - Fixing the Rate at 10 Cents. LONDON, December 8. - The fire which broke out last night on the premises of Foster, Porter & Co., wholesale hosiers, on Wood street, was the greatest that has occurred in London since the celebrated Tooley street fire. The loss is estimated at upwards of £2,000,000. The whole block between London Wall, Philip Lane, Adde street and Wood street, except the warehouses on the corner of London Wall, has been destroyed. The fire is now subdued, but the remainder of the block is still in danger. It is believed that eight persons were injured, some of them seriously. Foster, Porter & Co., it is stated, had a stock of silk goods alone estimated to be worth £600,000. The burned area covers over two acres. The whole fire department was called out. LATER. - The total loss by the fire is now estimated at £3,000,000.

Report of Committee.

WASHINGTON, December 8. - The House committee on postoffice and postroads to day unanimously agreed to report favorably on the House, Representative Anderson's bill fixing the rate of letter postage at two instead of three cents as the postal rate. New York Cotton Futures. NEW YORK, December 8. - The Post's cotton report says: Future deliveries opened at a slight advance gain of 2 to 3-100 more and then gradually declined 10 to 11-100. Before and at the third call 2 to 3-100 of the loss were recovered, January selling at 10.33; February 10.44; March 10.55; April 10.67; May 10.79.

Comparative Cotton Statements.

NEW YORK, December 8. - The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 7. Net receipts at all U. S. ports. 245,672 231,186 Total receipts to date. 2,698,106 2,447,649 Exports for the week. 175,017 125,548 Total exports to date. 1,541,270 1,174,947 Stock at all U. S. ports. 815,128 1,026,497 Stock at all interior towns. 155,476 190,053 Stock at Liverpool. 518,000 506,000 Stock at American ports. 290,000 141,000

Fire in Columbia, S. C., destroyed Wiley Block. Loss \$60,000.

This week's circular of the Liverpool cotton brokers says the demand was moderate and the supply abundant. In Dakota the temperature yesterday was 37 below zero. The Chambers of Commerce of Germany protest against the exclusion of American pork. A Richmond yesterday indictments were found against Munford for conspiracy. S. Brown Allen, Auditor of Public Accounts, was indicted.

Gen. J. M. Leach Assailed.

From passengers on the Charlotte train this morning we learn that Gen. Leach was assailed on the streets in Lexington yesterday by Mr. Heitman, a lawyer living in that town. Leach and Heitman met on the street, when angry words passed between them about the compromise of the case of Garrett vs. the Richmond and Danville Railroad, mentioned a few days ago in the Patriot. It seems that Gen. Leach was not an attorney of record for Garrett, and the clerk of the court refused to accept the costs in the case when tendered by him. Heitman, who was Garrett's regular attorney, hearing of the transaction, was looking for Leach, when they met on the streets. In the course of a quarrel that ensued insulting words passed, when Heitman drew a pistol and was only prevented from using it by the interference of bystanders. Parties from Lexington in town to-day think the affair has not ended, and that bloody results may be looked for.

Don't condemn a good thing because you have been deceived by worthless nostrums.

Dr. Pierce's Kidney and Bladder Cure has cured many in this section of nervous disorders, and we recommend it heartily to such sufferers. - News. Pullman car conductors get \$75 a month. With Diamond Dyes any lady can get as good results as the best of professional dyers. Every dye warranted true to name and sample. Christmas Cards at Fred A. Watson's from 25 cents to \$2.50. Elegant gold, gilt and picture frames; wooden painted and enameled; also all kinds of toilet sets and vases. Bottom prices. In every respect a beautiful and attractive place. Go to see him by all means. The new pointed toe, ladies' and gents' button and lace boots, just received, at Heller Bros. shoes and leather house. Allen's Brain Food positively cures Nervousness, Nervous Debility, and Weakness of Generative Organs; \$5 for \$6. All druggists. Send for circular to Allen's Pharmacy, 355 First Ave., N. Y. Sold in Raleigh, by Peaslee, Lee & Co. Christmas Cards, toilet sets, vases, gold and gilt picture frames and handsome \$1.25 oil bromides, \$4.50, at F. A. WATSON'S, No. 10 Fayetteville street. Just Received, Prince Charles ULSTER BOTTLES also Reversible Croquet and Ullsteron in large variety and of latest design, at L. Rosenthal & Co's. Sole leather, calf and kip skins, lasts and shoe findings, full assortment, at lowest prices, at Heller Bros. shoe and leather house. Full line of misses, boys and children's boots and shoes, also spring heel button and lace boots, at Heller Bros. shoe and leather house. Ladies' Cloaks and Shawls, Blankets and Comfortables, selling at very low prices, at L. Rosenthal & Co's.

DASHES.

The Senate is at work on the bankruptcy bill. - The most graphic description of the transit is this of Prof. Phillips, of Philadelphia: "Venus struck the southwestern edge of the sun, and after sailing across the solar disc in a semi-circular direction, left at the southeastern edge." - The report of the much maligned Tariff Commission is generally approved. Four gees is a very "foolish fellow." He has been lecturing at Cleveland about "A Family of Fools." - The first cotton mill erected in Charleston since the war is completed. It has fifteen thousand spindles and will begin spinning next week. - The public will probably not find out what the little trouble between Messdames Langtry and Labouche is all about, but it will go on guessing that it is about a thousand things, and every one of these things, strangely enough, will have a man in it. - They have found a sweetheart for New York's bachelor governor at last. He paid his respects, they say, as long ago as 1876 and the lady will become mistress of the executive mansion after the inauguration. - The German observers of the transit at Aiken, S. C., were tolerably successful. - The missing rich Mr. Rich, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in New York Monday evening, has not yet turned up. - King Kalakaua of Hawaii confers upon Madame Patti the Royal Order of Kapiolani. - Governor McKerny very properly gives the certificate to Kellogg. - Both Gen. Logan and Gen. Fitz John Porter are in Washington. But then Washington is a city of magnificent distances. - On the whole, Venus seems to have had a fairly enjoyable transit. - Charleston is now lighted by electricity and is very proud. - More chickens are said to have been brought to Raleigh during this week than for six weeks past. What bearing, if any, this fact has on the North Carolina Conference now in session here, we are not prepared say.

Herford's Acid Phosphate as a Brain Food.

Dr. S. F. Newcomer, M. D., Greenfield, Ohio, says: "In cases of general debility, and torpor of mind and body, does exceedingly well. New Yorkers paid nearly \$20,000 for amendments on Thanksgiving day. A Varied Performance. Many wonder how Parker's Ginger Tonic can perform such varied cures, thinking it essence of ginger, when in fact it is made from many valuable medicines which act beneficially on every diseased organ. A St. Louis letter carrier has a ten thousand dollar collection of postage stamps. If you feel dull, droopy, debilitated, have sallow color of skin, or yellowish-brown spots on your face or body, frequent headaches or dizziness, that come in months, in internal heat or chills alternated with hot flashes, low spirits and gloomy forebodings, irregular appetite, you are suffering from torpid liver, or biliousness. In many cases of liver complaint only part of these symptoms are experienced. As a remedy for all such cases Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" is the only reliable and perfect and radical cure. At all drug stores. Indianapolis is excited over a marked scarcity of hogs for its packers. Gray hairs often cause annoyance, which Parker's Hair Balsam prevents by restoring the youthful color. One county in Arkansas has raised 2,500,000 bushels of apples this year. Bad temper often proceeds from those painful disorders to which women are subject. In female complaints Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" is a certain cure for all druggists. California grape growers get \$20 a ton. We are persuaded that the ancient Hermes with all his subtle art and natural resources of the Achemens, was a very poor doctor compared with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass. Her medicines may be seen after all, only a clever practitioner of the Black Art; but we know there is no humbug in the pharmaceutical chemistry of Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Oscar Wilde's brother wants to come to come to this country to see us. Mrs. Langtry says she thinks American women are beautiful indeed. Young or middle aged men suffering from nervous debility, loss of memory, premature old age, as the result of bad habits, should send three stamps for Part V of Dr. Dime Series pamphlet, Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. In stock and still arriving, the largest and best assorted line of hardware and house furnishing goods. Majolica ware for the holidays; glassware, for the holidays; Gums and Pistols, for the holidays; Wood and Willow ware for the holidays; Boys' tools for the holidays; Tinware, for the holidays; and in fact everything in or about the house, that you may need, J. C. Brewster & Co. have it, and will sell cheaper than the other dealers. A Card. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Reading Clerk of the lower House of the next General Assembly. References: Hon. Oct. Cook, Chief Justice W. N. H. Smith, Hon. C. M. Cook, Louisville, N. C.; Hon. J. C. Scarborough, Superintendent Public Instruction; Rev. Dr. T. E. Skinner, Rev. C. T. Bailey. Now-d-w-lme N. L. SKAW. Dress Goods, Prints, Domestic, Flannels, Napkins and Towels at reduced prices, in order to reduce stock, at L. Rosenthal & Co's. Ladies' Marine Union Suits at Yeagan, Pettie & Co's 27 1/2 - 28 1/2. Notice. - Several offices and bed rooms for rent. Terms to suit the times. Apply at W. H. Snow's office. Jan-1-83.

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FOR THANKSGIVING DAY. Gordon & Dilworth's Mince Meat - the finest in the world. A choice Mince Meat, 12 1/2 cents per lb. Fresh Nuts of all descriptions. Choice Canned Goods. California Len on Olive Peaches. White Healed King Peaches. White wax Cherries, Apricots, Peas, Pine Apples, &c., &c.

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