

NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

It is only a step from the tug to the ludicrous. All you want is a space and an apostrophe to turn manslaughter into a laugh.

Hunters came suddenly a few days ago upon a herd of wild deer benumbed with cold in a Georgia swamp and captured ten of the animals.

The Shah of Persia devotes his leisure to writing poetry. This vice, however, is atoned for by a conspicuous virtue. He does not publish it.

The hostile Apache chief Geronimo has at last been "run down," and has surrendered unconditionally. The Indian wars are drawing to an end.

At swell dinners out West they serve four kinds of water—Congress, Bethesda, Apollinaris and Bitter water—and top it off with a mug of good sizer, or something stronger.

France contemplates the sale of the crown jewels to establish a fund for aged women, and the radicals want to expel from the Republic all princes or former reigning families. And the work goes on.

The next Senatorial race in Texas gives abundant promise of life. Keagin, Throckmorton, Terrell, Ireland, and perhaps Mills, Culberson, Welch and Shepherd are probably contestants with Senator Maxey.

Editor Morgan of the Chase county (Kan.) Leader, having received a note from an ardent subscriber saying: "Stop your paper and send reasonable bill, and I will pay it," sent a bill for \$5000, saying that he could not afford to suspend publication for less.

Gen. David Hunter, who sat upon the commission that condemned Mrs. Surratt to death, died recently. He was 84 years old, and was one of the few persons connected with the Surratt tragedy who lived long, prospered and ended his life serenely.

The Secretary of War has engaged Prof. King, the Philadelphia astronomer, to prepare an article, for the benefit of the army, of his experience in making balloon ascensions. Constructing and inflating balloons and making ascensions will be the subjects treated.

Chief signal officer Hazen has written a letter to the Secretary of War in explanation of the accounts of the signal service recently criticized by the second comptroller of the treasury. Gen. Hazen says that most of the expenditures in question were made by his predecessor in office, and that those during his administration were made in conformity with law, so far as his knowledge extends.

The Senate yesterday received a communication from the secretary of the treasury in reply to their resolution, stating that the conscientious fund derived its name from the popular belief that the money was sent to the treasury because it was supposed the soldiers owed it to the government and their consciences forced them into doing it. The first payment was made in 1847, and the fund now amounts to \$220,747.26.

A New York referee has decided that it is not an "act of cruelty" in a husband, awakened by his wife for morning, to threaten to "kick her out of bed" if she repeated the operation. But a man who would resent in that fashion interference with his nasal tromboning, ought to have a clothes pin fastened to his nose, a little melted lead poured into his ear, or something of a similar "humorous" character done to him.

Many plush peleries are worn this winter by ladies who adopt the warm servicable chamois jacket as an under-waist. With a good deal of wadding these capes are made nearly as warm as those of fur. There is now added a very deep rolling collar, and often the fronts are out in "stole" fashion, which lends added protection. In color the pelerie usually matches the costume worn with them or otherwise to correspond to that of the dress trimmings. The new thick, heavy plush, closely imitating natural beaver, is much used for both short coats and pelisses. Jockey caps and mufflers are shown to match for skating uses.

As to underdraining, a practical farmer gives his experience in the Home and Farm. He begins with the ditch, as that makes the best drain, with a properly laid and burned. This tile must be laid, as a few soft ones might destroy the whole ditch. For a forty-foot ditch in a field where there is no water except what falls on it, the first fifteen rods for the lower end should be four-inch tiles; for the next fifteen rods, three-inch tiles may be used, and for the last ten rods two-inch tiles will do. Small tiles should never be used for a ditch over ten rods long. A field was drained having a slight hollow through the center, in which was laid four inch tile for a main, then three-inch tiles for the branches on either side. The drains should be two and one-half or three feet deep. Now, if the soil is heavy clay, the water will get to the file, but very slowly if at all, unless some means are used to keep the clay loosened. In the ditches, where there is a sag in the surface, ground, swamp muck or bogs should be used to mix in when filling the ditch; that keeps the soil loose, so the water will pass readily to the file.

Week lungs, pitting of blood, consumption and kindred affections, cured without pay. Address for treatise, with 10 cents in stamps, World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Preserves, etc.—Preserved peaches and cherries, fresh stock just received; 15c per pound. Special prices in twenty pound cans. Also a very choice lot of preserved White Heath peaches in quart jars; put up by a lady of the city, and of superlative quality. E. J. Hardin.

A SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK HAS A NARROW ESCAPE FROM TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

The sacred scrolls in the Ark abandoned to their fate.

New York, February 6.—The new synagogue of the congregation B'Nai Jeschurun, on Madison avenue, near 65th street, caught fire from an overheated furnace in the cellar at 9 o'clock this morning, the hour when the doors were opened to admit the congregation for Sabbath services. Rabbi Jacobs, while putting on his robes, discovered the fire and so quick was its progress that the sacred scrolls in the ark had to be abandoned to their fate. A general alarm summoned the entire available force of firemen and the fire was put out as quickly as it had started. It did \$35,000 damage to the building and furniture. Some of the valuable records of the congregation, which is the second oldest in New York and only last spring moved from its old temple in West 34th street, were lost. Had the fire occurred half an hour later than it did, a disastrous loss of life must have resulted, as the church was filled with dense smoke in an instant.

Eminent Counsel in the B. H. Telephone Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Solicitor-general Goode, who has been specially designated to conduct the suit against the Bell telephone company to test the validity of their patent, has secured the services of the following gentlemen as special counsel to assist in the prosecution of the suit: A. G. Thurman, Ohio; Grosvenor B. Lowery, New York; (who is a specialist in electrical matters); Epps Hutton and Jeff Chandler, Washington, D. C.; C. S. Whitman, patent attorney, Washington. The suit will be filed as soon as the solicitor-general shall have had an opportunity to consult with his assistant in regard to a bill, which is now in course of preparation at the department of justice. The place where the suit shall be instituted will not be decided upon until all the papers in the case are ready. The attorney-general has positively declined to have anything whatever to do with the case. Judge Goode says the case will be promptly and vigorously prosecuted and with fairness to all parties concerned.

Total Visible Supply of Cotton.

New York, February 6.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 3,030,085 bales, of which 2,655,685 are American, against 2,981,849 and 2,523,749 respectively last year; receipts at all interior towns 55,821; receipts from the plantations 115,089; crop in sight 5,412,026 bales.

Garfield's Remains Placed in a Synagogue.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 6.—The casket containing the remains of President Garfield has become damaged by the action of the air and moisture and accordingly it was today placed without being opened in a large, handsome sarcophagus. The latter was hermetically sealed and returned to the vault in which the casket has lain since the funeral. The change was made without the knowledge of anybody except the family, those who did the work and four newspaper men who had been invited to witness the transfer.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, February 6.—The following is the weekly statement of the associated national banks: Loans increase, \$1,457,000; specie decrease, \$1,065,500; legal tenders increase, \$75,200; deposits increase, \$610,000; circulation decrease, \$755,300; reserve decrease, \$1,142,850. The banks now hold \$35,809,568 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

New York Cotton Futures.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Post says: The market for futures is dragging along in its uninteresting, sluggish course. The total sales of today were only 31,000 bales and price fluctuations 3-100. The closing shows a decline of 1 point from yesterday's closing quotations and an easy tone.

Death of a Congressman's Wife.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Barbour, wife of Congressman John S. Barbour, of Virginia, died today from the effects of a severe fall some days ago.

An Oregon Factory Destroyed by Fire.

HARRISBURG, Va., Feb. 6.—The Dayton organ factory, at Dayton, in this county, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is \$20,000. There is no insurance.

They Neither Forget Nor Forgive.

PARIS, France, Feb. 6.—The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 347 to 116, has rejected the proposition of the radicals to extend amnesty to political offenders.

The Old Go out, the New Come in.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The members of the late ministry left London for Osborne at 9:30 o'clock this morning, to deliver the seals of office to the Queen, and the members of Mr. Gladstone's government proceeded to Osborne at 11:30 o'clock, to receive the seals from her majesty.

SETTLED BY ARBITRATION.

The Ohio Nonfatal Muddle Referred to Judges Thurman and Harrison.

A Columbus (Ohio) special says: Peace has finally been restored about the contested Hamilton county seats in the senate by the passage of a resolution to add two Republicans to the privilege and election committee, making it stand four Republicans and five Democrats. From this sub-committee of three from each party it to be selected, to take, classify and report the testimony to the senate through the entire committee. All questions concerning the relevancy, admissibility and classification of testimony upon which the sub-committee cannot agree are to be submitted to Hon. A. G. Thurman and Judge R. A. Harrison, the latter a conservative liberal Republican, whose decision shall be final and binding upon the committee and the Senate. This virtually constitutes Thurman and Harrison as judges to decide the case upon the testimony produced. Both gentlemen have consented to act, and no one doubts the excellence of the selection, and their judgments will be acquiesced in by all.

Having disposed of this, the Senate went to work upon the large amount of business that had accumulated, finally adjourning until Tuesday evening. Friday's proceedings completely overruled all of Lieut. Gov. Kennedy's arbitrary acts of usurpation and leave him in a humiliating situation. They fully vindicate the Democratic Senators. There was no change made or suggested in the Senate rules, and they can only be changed, if changed at all, in the regular way and by a majority of the Senate. The Republican Senators, seeing the fix they were in, were glad enough to get out with any semblance of honor, and left Kennedy to take care of himself. He feels his humiliation keenly.

A Cincinnati Muddle.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 6.—Mayor Smith has sent a communication to Edwin Hudson, superintendent of police, saying that for his insubordination in refusing to report yesterday for orders, as directed, he was suspended from office. The mayor has appointed Arthur G. Moore superintendent of police. This brings to a crisis the conflict between the mayor and police commissioners, as the latter refuse to recognize the validity of the Governor's action in removing them from office.

Curse on Why She Hides Her Eye.

Why dost thou hide that lovely eye, And shade its sunlight gleam? Ah, why not let its glances fly Like those of its sweet twin below?

Hast thou some fear of unknown pain To cease these on the morrow? Or dost thou see on life's dark main The wreck of some dead sorrow?

Oh, tell me, maiden, why so shy, Dost thou thus cover pass one eye?

"Well sir," she said, "I hide my eye Because it is a glass one."

"You have a natural ability for acting, Green. What ever kept you off the stage?" "The stage manager."

Tid Bits.

Teacher of Bible class—"In what book of the Bible is the expression found, 'All flesh is grass'?" Student—"E-Timothy."—Harper's Bazar.

"Love in a cottage"—blissful thought! When man and maid are willing; But after marriage poverty Turns wedding into billing.

"What's going on tonight?" asked a countryman at the box office. "Pantomime," replied the ticket seller.

"All right. Give me a seat as near the stage as you kin, as I am a leetle deaf."

—New York Times.

A SIMILARITY OF CONDITION.

She (on board the yacht Brezina): "How gloriously the fresh breeze fills the sails, Mr. De Salt!"

He: "Ya-as, the sails are full."

She: "And how resplendent the moon is, Mr. De Salt!"

He: "Ya-as, the moon's full."

She (getting a little tired): "Ah—do you know where the captain is, Mr. De Salt?"

He: "Er—ya-as, below. He's full, too."

Mr. Nicholas for February, 1886.

Has a richly varied table of contents. Among those articles which may be classed as timely are "Fish-spearing through the Ice," and "Bainbridge, C. L. Norton; Sophie Sweet has an amusing 'coasting' story called 'The Girl Who Lost Her Pocket'; and there are bright Valentine verses by Elizabeth Cummings and others.

Then appropriate to February 23d is the second installment of Horace E. Scudder's "George Washington"; and the comparison between the governments of England and America, in "Among the Lawmakers," will interest all patriotic boys and girls.

Of a somewhat more practical nature is the "Bully for Business" paper on electrical engineering; while Helen Jackson (H. H.) gives a few useful hints in her "New Bits of Talk for Young Folks"; and Frank Bellow, in a clever little story, explains how the brain receives, stores, and uses all its impressions.

Mrs. Burnett continues her entertaining story of "Little Lord Fauntleroy"; Frank R. Stockton "Personally Conducted" us into many queer places "Around the Bay of Naples"; and there is a great deal of else that is good.

There are two interesting letters on the subject of "Curved-pitching," in the "Editorial Notes"; and in the "Agassiz Association" Prof. W. O. Crosby, of the Boston Society of Natural History, begins a free course of instruction in mineralogy, with practical experiments, open to all readers of the magazine.

HOOTED AT.

THE RETIRING BRITISH MINISTERS KICKED AFTER THEY ARE DOWN.

The People Manifest Plainly Their Dislike for Them.

LONDON, February 6.—Lord Salisbury and other members of the retiring ministry were hooted at at Portsmouth while returning from Osborne, whether they had gone to deliver their seals of office to the Queen.

Objects of Operations of the Newspaper Editors.

From Advance Sheets of Attorney General T. P. Davidson's 1885 N. C. Reports. State vs Lewis.

1. Even if counsel make improper arguments to the jury, it cannot be assigned as error, unless the attention of the judge was called to it at the time.

2. In every indictment the facts and circumstances must be stated with such certainty that the defendant may judge whether they constitute an indictable offense or not.

3. Where an indictment for perjury charged that the false oath was taken at one term of a court in a trial between A and B, and the records of that court showed that at that term there was no trial between those parties, but the records alleged that at a term other than the one alleged in the indictment there was such a trial, and the judge allowed this record to be introduced; it was held, to be an error, and that the variance was fatal.

State vs Johnston.

1. An appeal will be dismissed when the transcript fails to show that a court was held by a judge at the place allowed by law, or that a grand jury was drawn and charged.

2. A certiorari will not be issued to bring up a perfect transcript when it appears from the case on appeal that the questions intended to be raised are without merit.

State vs Broadnax.

1. Several assignments of perjury may be contained in one count of the indictment, and all the several particulars in which the prisoner swore falsely may be embraced in one count, and proof of the falsity of any one will sustain the count.

2. Objections to a record for alleged defects can only be taken by a motion to quash, a plea in abatement, a demurrer, or a motion in arrest of judgment. Whenever the objection requires proof to support it, it must be taken by a motion to quash or a plea in abatement, which must be filed upon the arraignment, and before pleading in bar.

3. If the defect appears on the face of the record, it must be taken by demurrer, or motion in arrest of judgment. If by demurrer, it must be filed before the plea in bar.

4. A motion in arrest of judgment lies for some matter appearing on the record, or for some matter which ought to be, but does not appear on the record.

5. The court has the power to amend a record so as to make it speak the truth, even after a motion in arrest of judgment, even if such alteration removes the grounds for the motion.

6. Where a record states that the grand jury returned a bill into open court, it is not competent, on a motion to arrest in judgment, to contradict the record by evidence aliunde.

7. When the record recites the selection of a grand jury and that an indictment is "presented in manner and form following," &c., it sufficiently shows that the grand jury were present in court when the presentment was made.

8. The grand jury should be present in open court when indictments are returned.

Unanswerable Logic.

Shelby Aurora.

The editors of the Aurora received this week on a postal card the following request: "Please stop C. M.'s paper, as he is dead, and oblige." This is like the man who wrote to a prominent physician in this town some years ago: "Dear Doctor, I gave my wife one of the pills you left and she is dead. I send you back the other two pills, as I don't need them now."

Young mothers should be told by more experienced matrons, that Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is the only safe medicine to give the little ones. Try it.

Farmers claim that Day's Horse Powder is invaluable for horses and cows in winter.

Nervousness and indigestion are both relieved by a few doses of Dr. Bull's Baltimore Pills.

There is one thing that is always pretty sound about a church, and that is the bell.

Advice to Mothers. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste, soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea or other rising from teething or other causes. Beware of cheap imitations.

Dr. J. G. Rose has been elected superintendent of public health for Johnston county.

Of Interest to Athletes.

James Robinson, trainer of Athletes at Harvard and Princeton Colleges, writes from Princeton, Jan. 24, 1885: "For cuts, bruises, strains, rheumatism and colds, I always use Allcock's Porous Plasters for myself and pupils. Never have known them to fail in over one hundred cases. They strengthen the muscles and give instant relief. They are the only external remedy used by our athletes."

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength and wholesomeness. More economical than ordinary kinds and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low cost, short weight, alum or phosphate powders. Sold only in cans. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 108 Wall Street, New York.

RACKET STORE. To my friends of Raleigh and the surrounding country: I came here to do you good. In the first place, keep out of debt. I come to you with a cash system, based upon quick sales and small profits. For the last two years I have done much to develop the advantages at places where we have been. Thus we are able to give you two years' development. The fact is that RACKET store-values have mastered the field and placed themselves in the lead of the trade wherever they go. A two years' test has decided the fact that it pays to have our buyers always in the market, gathering bargains from the slaughter-pens of credit, and two years of experience has made plain the fact that our efforts to supply the people with goods, the greatest value for the least money, have met their approval. We know fully the determination of the masses to free themselves from the bondage of the credit system and that henceforth they will use the ready dollar instead of paying double prices for these goods. I am selling greater bargains than have ever been sold at the Racket.

VOLNEY PURSELL & CO. MARKET SQUARE. Before you buy your LIQUORS For family or other use call and sample our stock of PURE BRANDIES.

G. T. STRONAGE. Whiskies, Port and Sherry Wines, Black-berry Brandy, &c., &c. We guarantee them pure and will sell for below the price asked in this market. We sell these goods at Wholesale and are compelled to keep samples of all kinds on tap and consequently to keep from waste retail them at Wholesale prices.

G. T. STRONAGE. 100 lbs Sugar, all grades 25 cts of 100 lbs Apples. 25 cts 100 lbs Government Java, 20c. 25 cts Prime Laguyra, 13c. 25 cts No. 1 Fine Rio 25 cts Serravallo Coffee. 25 cts No. 1 Mixed Laguyra, Java and Rio 84c. 100 cts Brandy Peaches. 80c boxes Cigars at \$1.00. 25c boxes Apples, one gallon can 25c. 100 boxes Winter and Beauty Tea, 20c. 25c boxes Smoking Tobacco. 3000 Magnolia Tins, 12c. Navy Beans, 10c, 10c. 25c boxes Superfine, and Orange Grove Flour. Tea and coffee at retail. 100 cts 50c. 1000 lbs 20c. All kinds Groceries.

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Captain Blitzer.

Atlanta Constitution. If there ever was a man who was all dazzle and dash, with a bewildering affluence of glare, that man was Captain Blitzer. When the gallant Captain bore down upon Atlanta in the earlier reconstruction days, everybody stood aside to give him elbow room.

Blitzer suddenly bobbed up at my desk one morning and introduced himself as a retired army officer from Pennsylvania, who had decided to settle here, invest his capital, and grow up with the place.

"Here are a few testimonials," he said with a grand air. I glanced at the documents. They weighed about five pounds. Blitzer spread them out on my desk, and I saw letters from clergymen, teachers, editors, Governors, Congressmen, generals, capitalists, and the Lord knows who. It was the most astonishing array of recommendations and letters of introduction that any one man was ever burdened with