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MR. GLADSTONE is ill and the announcement of his Irish scheme which was to have been made Thursday night has been postponed two weeks in consequence.

THE paper elsewhere printed of Prot. Atkinson, of the University, on the "bugs" which fell here Friday night, will be found interesting by our readers.

BELGIUM is in a turmoil. Riotous strikers are terrorizing the people and the strong arm of the military has had to be called into service. The spirit of anarchy is rife in the world.

Wm have been asked what the Fourth of July claims are. They are claims for commissary supplies furnished the Federal army by "loyal citizens in loyal States," and are designated "Fourth of July" claims because the bill providing for their payment was passed on the day of the month mentioned.

THE governors of Missouri, Kansas Arkansas and Texas have now all issued proclamations declaring their intention to invoke the whole power of their States to protect the resumption of railroad traffic, and punish those who seek unlawfully to prevent it. The military in the four States mentioned may there fore be considered practically under arms. We earnestly hope the last resort may not become necessary.

A BOMBSHELL has been thrown into the ranks of the Knights of Labor by Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in the shape of an order the Knights if they are members of that body and forbidding them to join if they are not. This edict if obeyed will eripple the Knights no little. There is no more intelligent or influential body of workingmen in the country than the locomotive engineers.

made an effort through representatives to reach some sort of settlement of the difficulties in the southwest with Jay Gould but the latter declined to treat with the committee on the ground that the strikes upon his roads had been unjustly ordered-in violation of stipulated agreement. He insisted that nothing would be done until the men returned to work. Unless a willingness to arbitrate shall animate both sides we fear the troubles so far had will prove but a beginning. Mr. Gould might be under ordinary circumstances right in the position he assumes but in the present grave condition of affairs he should be willing to concede something for the for the sake of one. It would have sake of the peace and prosperity of the been far better to continue at work and country as a whole.

Mr. Manning is reported better today, but we fear now that he will never be able to resume the duties of his of fice. It seems that his entire right side is paralyzed and that this paralysis has affected his speech and his hearing. He retary of the treasury, and in case he does, his choice will probably fall upon assistant secretary Fairchilda man of decided talent and ability in the line of finance. Mr. Manning has been a faithful and efficient officer. He has applied himself with diligence to the work of mastering his fore the world any longer. department and has proven himself already a most valuable public servant. The country can ill afford to lose his inspect to financial affairs.

PORTRAITS OF THE GOVERNORS.

It has long been a reproach to the State that there exist no public memorials of her great men in marble or on canvass. North Carolina has no Valhalla. The nishes left in the capitol for busts of noble sons remain vacant, and there is not a painting of a governor of the State so far as we know in the State's possession. There is a bronze statue of Washington in capitol square and a damaged portrait of the same great man in the hall of the house of representatives. There is also a neglected bust of chamber. With this feeble beginning in the way of an effort to honor the memory of the sountry's heroes the State seems to have been content. Heown heroic sons, her chief magistrates, her statesmen, her soldiers and her sailors she has ignored. and the fact, as we have said. has been and is still a reproach. A people who e are proud of the deeds of their ancestors will seek to commemorate those ble a memory of the lineaments and, of the workingman. figures of those who perform them. The stranger therefore coming into our borders and finding no such memorials is naturally disposed to ask if no deeds have been done of which we are proudif the State has never borne sons whose memory it is proud to recall, and glad to present to the generations as they come. We have never been able to answer such questions if asked satisfactorily to ourselves. No State has had nobler, more illustrious sons than North Carolina. No brighter record has been

manship, oratory, patriotism and heroic devotion to duty on land and on the sea, and every North Carolinian is proud of that record. We have never however realized the importance of setting it in stone or fixing it on canvas. In the spirit which leads North Carolinians to say little of their own deeds they have been content to rest in the knowledge of the great deeds of their ancestors and have taken little pains to blazon them to the world or to hand them down to future generations This has been a mistake and no man realizes the fact more fully than our present most worthy executive, Governor Scales. This gentleman has undertaken to make up, in some measure at least, the deficiency of the State in the respect to which we have referred, and it is gratifying to note that he has thus far succeeded in his patriotic work beyond his expectations. His effort is to secure, without cost to the State, portraits of some sort or other the more permanent in character and the handsomer the better, of course-of all the governors of the State. So far, he has been promised paintings in oil of several of the most distinguished of our departed chief magistrates, and has been so much encouraged generally in his work that he is led to hope that eventually portraits may be had of all those who have held the office of governor. His work is most laudable and we are satisfied that the people of the State have only to be made aware of it to appreciate it and to do what they can to forward it. It is a labor of love with Governor Scales, but he needs the active support of North Carolinians in its prosecution, notwithstanding that fact. We hope such support will be given him. Perhaps the legislature might be induced to provide a small fund for the purpose of securing such portraits as it may be mpossible to get without cost. .

A SENSIBLE ADDRESS.

Master-workman Powderly, the head of the Knights of Labor, has issued a circular to the members of that order which bears a conservative tone we are glad to note. It goes far to prove that Mr. Powderly is worthy the responsible position he holds. He says to his brethren : "Your scales of prices must stand as they are for the present if you cannot raise them by any other process than by strikes. You must submit to injustice at the hands of the employer in patience for a while longer. Bide issued by the latter requesting his well your time. Find out how much brethren to withdraw from the order of you are justly entitled to, and the tribunal of arbitration will settle the

As to the eight hour movement he says : "Assemblies of the Knights of of these prolongations are recurved in Labor must not strike for the eight hour the form of hooks. These are very system on May 1st on the impression characteristic of the genus. The head, that they are obeying orders from head- viewed from above, is triangular in will not be given. Out of the sixty fully two-thirds of it. The beak is about THE Knights of Labor, it appears, millions of people in the United States one-fourth inch long, is three-jointed, and Canada our order has possibly three horny, sharp, and situated at the "inmillions. Can we mould the sentiments ferior and anterior" part of the head. of the millions in favor of the short The ends of the raptorial legs are prohour plan before May 1st? It is non- vided with a single, curved, sharp claw. sense to think of it.

> Knights should possess, expressing the for walking. hope that bonest men of even temperament (meaning men not violent in any at the basal half, and membranous at way, we suppose) may be chosen as such the extremity. At this point they over-officers, and continues: "While I write, lap while at rest. The posterior pair of a dispatch is handed to me in which I read these words:

> we struck, for you know our motto is : of the wing-covers and the insertion of An injury to one is the concern of all ' "Yes, an injury to one is the concern of all. But it is not wise to injure all it before the ever known tribunals, than to strike.'

interfere with us so long as we maintain until the adult stage is reached. the law. If the law is wrong it is our cott or strike.

Finally, Mr Powderly says: "I write this circular to lay before the order the exact condition of things. be asked to maintain a false position be-

"One of two things must take placeeither local and district assemblies of the order must obey its laws, or I must be telligent execution of its will with re- permitted to resign from a vocation which obliges me to play one part before the public and another to our members. I say to the world that the Knights of Laber do not approve or encourage strikes, and in one day dispatches come to me from Troy, New York, Manchester, N. H , Chicago, Cincinnati, Lynchburg, Va., Springfield, Ohio, add Montreal announcing strikes.

"It is impossible for human nature to stand the strain any longer. I must have the assistance of the order or my most earnest efforts will fail. Will I bave it? If so, strikes must be avoided, boycotts must be avoided. Those who boast must be checked by their assemblies. No move must be made until the court or last resort has been appealed Calhoun on a mantle-piece in the senate to. Threats of violence must not be from pond to pond, as necessity requires.

These are wise words, and we are glad to see them emanating from the head of the order, some of whose members have already, by their acts, aroused other nocturnal insects, they are powerthe gravest apprenension and done much fully attracted by lights. The electric irreparable damage. We trust they light being so brilliant and far-reachwill be heeded by the order generally. ing, they may be attracted from quite a and acted upon in good faith. So only distance. Since the use of electric can the Knights gain public sympathy, lights entomologists have been without which they can accomplish ne deeds and to preserve as long as possi- permanent amelioration of the condition rare and beautiful insects, especi-

app are that if . Willis succeeded yes- come so dazed that they fall, helpless, to terd y in securing a reference of his the ground and are easily caught. educational bill, a measure identical with the Blair bill, to a committee of the House in sympathy with its pur- attracted by the light, became dazed by poses and from which therefore a report its brightness and fell to the ground. may be expected within a reasonable time. A motion to defeat this laudable plan was defeated by the decided vote made by any State in the fields of states- of 133 to 110, which we hope is an in-

dication of the favor with which the measure will meet when it comes ultimately to be voted on. It is a matter of pressing importance to the educational interests of the country and that an effort has been made to smother it in committee is little short of an outrage upon the demand of the age for the enlightenment of all classes.

Migration of Water Scorpions and Water Tigers. Cor. NEWS AND OBSERVER.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, March 29, 1886.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. B. Battle I received by the Saturday evening mail two kinds of the insects that were said to fall in a "shower of bugs' which took place at Raleigh, near midnight, March 26. The insects were still alive and inspired me with fear in their efforts to escape from their prison while I was carrying them from the postoffice o my room. I transferred them to a glass jar where I could watch their curious motions without fear. Their huge eyes and anterior pair of arm-like legs, together with their awkward attempts at walking, are very striking indeed.

The insects are not locusts, as the News AND OBSERVER of Saturday states many thought them to be. The larger ones, which I understand were the more numerous, average 21 inches in length by inches broad; the bodies are elliptical and flattened. These are popularly known as "water scorpions" They beong to the genus Belostoma, (according to some, Nepa), family Nepidæ, of the order of insects known as Hemiptera.

They have six legs, instead of four, as stated by some. The anterior pair. which are incorrectly called antennæ ("feelers") by many, are developed into raptorial organs for seizing and holding their prey. A very familar example of this adaptation of the anterior pair of legs for grasping, among predatory insects, is seen in the so-called "Devil" Race Horse," or "Praying Mantis" (Mantis Carolina.) In the case of the water scorpion it is not to be wondered at that these should be mistaken for the antennæ, as the head is so very small in comparison with the size of the body. and the antennæ are not to be seen without very close observation. They are about 1-16 inch long and situated in a groove on the under side of the compound eye. By cutting off the insect's head, and using a needle, the antenna may be lifted from the groove, which lies close to the narrow part of the head. separating the large compound eyes. The antennae ("feelers") will be found to consist of four joints, each of which has a prolongation on one side. Some quarters, for such an order was not and | form, the large compound eyes forming The posterior pair of legs are broadened, He then speaks of the qualities which furnished with hairs, and articulated so officers, of the local assemblies of that they serve well as oars, but poorly

The large wing-covers are thickened wings is used in flying. The water-scorpion can be readily distinguished "They discharged our brother and from the locust (cicada) by the character

the beak. The life-history of the water-scorpion is as follows: The eggs are deposited sometimes in the water and sometimes on the back of the parent. In their deproperly investigate the matter bringing | velopment after hatching from the egg | they exhibit what entomologists call an 'incomplete metamorphosis.'' That is, Speaking of the relations between the the young resembles the parent, but is church and the Knights, he says: "I smaller and lacks wings. At each castwarn our members against hasty, ill- ing of the skin the insect becomes larger considered action. The church will not and the wings more fully developed

As soon as the young water-scorpion may be in no immediate danger of duty to change it. I am ashamed to is hatched it begins a war of extermideath, but his condition is most meet with clergymen and others, to tell nation on all other aquatic insects serious It is probable that the Pres- them our order is composed of law- and small aquatic animals. With the ident will have to find a new sec- abiding, intelligent men, while the next aid of its oar-like posterior pair of legs dispatch brings news of some petty boy- it is enabled to swim very rapidly. Seiz- of San Salvador, tells the story of the daily ing its victim with its raptorial legs it carthquakes of Central America, the plunges the sharp, horny beak into the most shaken-up region on the globe; body of the helpless creature and sucks its juices. It is a veritable ruffian, for I am willing to do my part, but not to not being satisfied with killing sufficient for its food, it wantonly murders whatever it can overpower.

Mr. Battle writes: "The most remarkable thing about the whole shower is that several sparrows have been found of the seventeenth century. "The Ediin the city dead, with the larger bug on tor's Table' is marked by an article prothe breast." It would not be very strange with so large a number of these 'water bugs' flying even at night for a few to come in contact with a bird. In this case it would be a very easy matter for the water-scorpion to grasp firmly the sparrow and plunge its beak into the breast, causing instant death.

CAUSES OF THE MIGRATION. In ponds where these insects are very numerous, because of their predatory and tyrannical habits, they would soon produce a famine in their waters. Being possessed of powerful wings and large air-sacs, which, filled, lighten the body, they fly with ease. This they do in the night time or just at dusk. In quest of food, therefore, they migrate Sometimes the drying up of one pond

forces them to seek more favored places. CAUSES OF THE "SHOWER. Flying in the night-time, like many able to secure in abundance many ally of the L pidoptera, which it was difficult to take by other means. Many From our Washington telegrams it of these on approaching the light be these water-scorpions, probably in search of a pond with food, were passing Raleigh on their migration; they were Their legs being ill-adapted for walking they exhibited the clumsy and awkward

movements noticed by so many. WATER TIGERS. The smaller insects received, I under-

stand were few in number. Mr. Battle states that he found only three in the capitol square They are 1 5-16 inch ong by a inch broad, elliptical and flattened into a biconvex form. The whole body is enclosed in a very hard horny exoskeleton which affords them protection. They are black, with a reddish tinge below; margin of head, prothorax and anterior portion of wingcovers yellowish. The posterior pair of legs are large, broad and articulated to function as oars With the aid of these the beetles swim very rapidly. They are beetles, and belong to the

known as Coleoptera, (Beetles.) This beetle is prombly Dy'iscus marginalis. The members of this genus are popularly known as "water tiger," because of the babits of their young. The wing-covers differ from those of the 'water-scorpions' in being of even thickness throughout, and in meeting in a straight line down the middle of the back when in a state of rest. The posterior wings are adapted for flying.

genus Dytiscus, of the order of insects

In its life-history the water-tiger differs from the water-scorpion the nature of its metamorphosis. exhibits what is called 'complete metamorphosis." From the egg is hatched the larva, which is worm-like It lives and breathes in the water. It is provided with a powerful pair of forcipated aws with which it seizes and holds its prey while it sucks the juices from its victim. It seems to be lower in the companion, the water-scorpion, for not only does it feed on the larvæ of other aquatic insects, snip off the tails of tad- Are sold by all druggists. Price: Cuticura, poles and eat the young of fishes, but it 50 cents; Resolvent. \$1; Soap 26 cents. even makes a meal out of its brother or sister without any "sting of conscience. When the larval stage is completed, it crawls upon the land, forms a cell in the earth and transforms into a pupa. In about two weeks, if in summer, or the following spring, if in late autumn, it transforms into the adult beetle, such

as fell in the "shower of bugs." As the food and migratory habits of the water-tiger are similar to those of the water-scorpion, the causes of their migration and of their fall in the 'shower'' would be similar also. Care should be used in bandling the adult water-tiger, as it has a sharp, horny projection on the pro-thorax, with which it inflicts wounds upon the hands of its captor in its struggles to escape. PROF. GEO. M. ATKINSON.

Does Mistletoe Kill?

Cor. of the News and OBSERVER. KINSTON, N. C., March 27th. You copied, in your issue of Friday, the 26th, an article from the Wilmington Review, in regard to the killing of oak trees by mistletoe. I have seen it stated somewhere (I forget where), by a naturalist, that the presence of mistletoe on any tree was the consequence and not the ause of the decay. Since then I have frequently noticed that trees which bear this parasite seem already undergoing general decay. We know that fungoid growths result from decay; then why he mistletoe?

ARACHEL.

The Popular Science Monthly for April. 1886. The "Popular Science Monthly" for April contains the first of a series of articles by the Hon. David A. Wells on "An Economic Study of Mexico " Another important original article is contributed by Mr. Herbert Spencer on the limits and interpretation of the doctrine of natural selection, and the position of Mr. Charles Darwin in respect to the theory of evolution. Professor Robert Hartmann is drawn upon for an interesting article, liberally illustrated, on the "External Form of the Man-like Apes." The discussion between Mr. Gladstone and Professor Huxley on the scientific accuracy of Genesis is fully brought up to date; the argument against the restoration of the whipping post, which has been determined upon in Maryland, is presented by Lewis Hochheimer; Miss E. F. Andrews reccommends "Botany as a Recreation for Invalids;" a report is furnished by Mrs. Rebecca D. Rickoff on "The Handwork of School-Children;" M. de Montessus, of the meteorological observatory Professor Oscar Schmidt forecasts what 'The Teeth of the Coming Man' will be; Mr. George F. Kunz describes the gems of the collection in the National Museum at Washington, and a portrait and sketch are given of Huygens, the famous Dutch astronomer and physicist testing against the intrusion of politics into educational matters. New York D. Appleton & Company. Fifty cents a number, \$5 a year.

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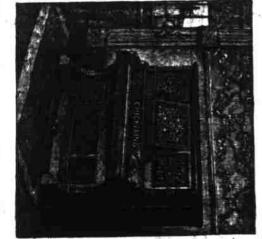
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