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which are beyond comparison and monopoly prices, that will teach you to buy as soon as you get the goods. Who can tell the waste of money when you get your goods from houses that buy and sell on long time? Just opening, some Great Bargains caught from the slaughter-pens in New York, such as Cottonades, Calicoes, Shoes, Laces and Hamburgs, Dress Goods, Notions of all descriptions; good bargains in Men's and Boys' Straw Hats. Come at once, before these goods are picked over. We have also opened one of the finest stocks of Millinery Goods ever brought to this city, and will sell over than such goods were ever before offered. The ladies running this department are first-class and of great experience. We particularly invite ladies wishing such goods to call before purchasing.

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NEWS OBSERVATIONS.

The marriage and death rates in London last year were the lowest on record, and the birth rate the lowest since 1850.

The flood in Cincinnati rose as far as Sausage Alley, and then receded. Cincinnati sausage will turn bigger things than the Ohio river.

An interesting bit of news is that which comes by way of Scotland to the effect that Mr. Gladstone intends to become a Roman Catholic. No time is fixed for the transformation.

Alabama would like to have a slice of Florida—that part known as west Florida—and the Alabama papers are discussing the matter as if she would have no difficulty in getting what she wants if she should make the right kind of an effort.

English juries have been distinguishing themselves of late. One at Hereford rendered a verdict that "it looks very suspicious, but we are uncertain," and one in Exeter decided that a man was "guilty" of stealing some hay, but that "there was no real evidence that he had stolen it."

The House committee on foreign affairs have agreed to report favorably, with a few unimportant amendments, representative Belmont's consular reform bill. This bill provides for a rearrangement of the salaries of consular officers, a limitation of the invoice and other consular fees, and other minor changes in the existing consular system, with a view to increasing efficiency.

It is estimated that at least two hundred thousand dollars will be expended in this country this year as a result of the interest aroused in yachting by the race between the Puritan and Gemesta. Four new yachts are being built to go to England to continue the contest this summer. It is an expensive business, but helps to distribute to workingmen the money of the rich who get excited about it.

The Harvard conference committee has for a long time been debating the subject of "cribbing" at examinations, including the penalty which should be attached. This committee has now voted, nine to one, that the offender should be tried by a jury, in which there should be student or undergraduate representation. Heretofore the members caught "cribbing" have been dealt with by the faculty alone, the usual penalty having been suspension for three, six or twelve months. The method in which this jury shall be drawn has not yet been decided.

The refusal of Congress to set aside a day for the consideration of naval affairs," says secretary Whitney, "was partly based on the alleged slowness of the navy department in beginning the construction of the four vessels authorized by the act of March 3, 1885. One very important fact was lost sight of in the discussion. The act mentioned contained no provision for armament. As the guns and carriages will take so long to build as the ships themselves, Congress will practically fix the earliest possible date for the actual commissioning of the vessels when it appropriates money for their batteries. In the meantime the department is utilizing the enforced delay by perfecting the hull and engine plans that both may be successful. For this delay in getting these ships into the service, Congress is wholly responsible—not the navy department."

—No new bonnet trimmings the successful blending of shades to harmonize a variety of colors is a noticeable feature. The trimmings of beads and lace have in many instances a beige foundation, interlaced with threads of gold or silver, mingled with fine colors of every imaginable hue. The galleons of gold edged with large gold and cashmere beads are outlined with any ones representing gems of every sort, and the gauze and tulle ribbons show Persian, Egyptian and Roman designs on rich dark backgrounds. One elegant Easter bonnet has the centre of the crown overlaid with a triangular-shaped piece of pearl-embroidered velvet, the edges of the piece outlined with the same beads. This triangle holds the upper edges of a ruffle of rich lace which is slightly gathered to fall toward the front over a semi-wreath of pale roses and foliage, set above the coronet front, which is covered with pink satin veiled with a pearl network. This idea is repeated in another Paris-made bonnet of mauve and jet. Mexican crapes is a new very beautiful material for summer bonnets, decorations for these being mostly pink, opal, pearl, and turquoise tinted laces, outlined with beads of the same exquisite color, these mingled with aigrettes of the same, and masses of crepe roses and other blooms, too delicate and lovely in texture and coloring to admit of any description which would in any degree portray their ethereal beauty and charming effect.

Expert cultivators say that their earliest tomatoes come from self-sown plants, whose tomatoes have grown the previous year and some of the fruit rotted to the ground. At the New York experimental station experiments have been made in growing tomatoes without transplanting with good success. Plants grown entirely in the open ground matured fruit in twenty-five days shorter time than those which were cared for in the hotbed the first two or three months of their existence. The result according to the report is certainly striking and suggests that the check given to plants at the time of transplanting may have been nearly sufficient to overbalance all the time gained by forcing.

Washington News.
WASHINGTON, April 27.—The Senate committee on public lands has unanimously voted to report adversely upon the nomination of D. S. Deament to be surveyor general of Utah.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THE HOUSE IN COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE RIVER AND MARSHES BILL.

Mr. Hewitt Thinks the Government is Becoming a Dumping-ground of Unprofitable Enterprises.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—SENATE.—The chair laid before the Senate a communication from the clerk of the house of representatives of the State of Ohio, transmitting a transcript of the testimony taken by a committee of that house, and the report of the same committee, on the subject of the charges against the official integrity of certain members of that house in connection with the election of Hon. Henry B. Payne as United States Senator.

Mr. Payne at once rose and said: "Mr. President, no formal motion is required, I believe, to send these papers to the committee on privileges and elections. I desire to be considered as making such motion if it is required, and to couple with it a request that the minority report may take the same course, a copy of which I submit. With this formal disposition of the matter I am at present content, but desire to make a short statement to accompany the papers into the hands of the committee."

Mr. Payne made a short speech charging the majority of the committee with unfairness in refusing to notify him of the testimony prejudicial to him and in omitting to call on him for his private papers, he having in advance notified the chairman of the committee that he would be prepared to meet every charge made against him. He entered a most emphatic denial of the charges and invited a most exhaustive scrutiny of all his acts and of his private correspondence. The whole thing, he said, was an attempt to circulate baseless gossip and scandal, everything substantial in the way of charges having been discredited and disproved by testimony. He was entirely willing to leave the matter with the committee on privileges and elections in the judgment of the Senate, to which committee it was referred.

Mr. Whitthorne was appointed a member of the following committees: claims, pensions, and tenth census; also on military affairs during the temporary absence of Jones, of Florida.

A bill providing for an extension of the executive mansion was passed. It appropriates \$300,000 for the purpose.

Mr. Edmunds offered a resolution authorizing the judiciary committee to employ an assistant clerk for the residue of this session only. Mr. Edmunds said some 150 or more bills had at this session been referred to the judiciary committee and the condition of business was such that the public interests required the appointment of the clerk referred to for the remainder of the session. The resolution was referred to the committee on contingent expenses, under the rule. A number of bills were passed authorizing the construction of bridges across navigable streams, all affecting western localities. A dozen similar bills on the calendar were, at 2 o'clock, cut off by the limitation of time. They will probably be taken up tomorrow. The inter-State commerce bill was then taken up. The pending question was on Mr. Camden's proposed amendment to strike out the words "from the same point of departure" from the long and short haul clause of the bill.

More than a dozen Senators participated in the debate, which occupied all of the remainder of the day's session and did not get to a point of action upon Mr. Camden's amendment. In its course Mr. Miller and Mr. Conger exchanged sharp speeches over what Mr. Miller regarded as a personal reference to himself as a representative of a railroad and of monopolies.

Mr. Camden's amendment was still pending when the Senate at 5:30 went into executive session. At 5:55 the doors were reopened and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.
On motion of Mr. Collins, of Massachusetts, the Senate bill was passed extending for two months from 30th April, 1886, the duties of the clerk of the late court commissioners of Alabama claims.

On motion of Mr. Steele, of Indiana, a resolution was adopted setting apart the 4th and 5th of May for the consideration of business reported from the committee on military affairs.

Mr. Bennett, of North Carolina, from the committee on judiciary, reported adversely the bill to prohibit aliens from acquiring titles to or owning lands within the United States. House calendar.

The House was then kept amused for nearly an hour by a serio-comic personal explanation by Mr. Foran, of Ohio, followed by a similar explanation by Mr. O'Neill, of Missouri; Mr. O'Neill's being on a remark attributed by the latter gentleman to the former, that the labor troubles should be settled by blood.

Mr. Crain, of Texas, reported from the committee on labor a bill to provide for the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of public lands and of all fees received at the general and district land offices for educational purposes. Referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Buchanan, of New Jersey, submitted a minority, and on the request of Mr. Reid, of North Carolina, the Willis bill was placed on the calendar with an adverse recommendation.

The House in committee of the whole again took up the river and harbor bill. The paragraph accepting from the State of Ohio the Muskingum river improvement, gave rise to much opposition and Mr. Reagan, of Texas, moved to strike it from the bill. In supporting this

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THIRTY RATHER TOO INGENIOUS ONES ARRESTED IN NEW YORK.

They Seek to Obstruct the Business of a Firm, but Are Put out of the Way.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Inspector Byrnes' men arrested thirty boycotters this morning for interfering with the business of Cavanaugh, Sanford & Co., manufacturing clothiers at 23 West 23d street. The warrants were issued by recorder Smythe. The men adopted a novel plan of boycotting. They hired negroes to go into the firm's store and parade in front of it on the sidewalk with banners on which were painted in conspicuous colors various notices and warnings.

The New York Strikers.
THEIR BACKBONE QUITE BROKEN AT LAST.
NEW YORK, April 27.—The Third avenue surface cars began running at 7:30 o'clock this morning, and at 10 a. m. it was reported that fifty cars were running from 65th street, ten on 15th street and six on the cable roads. The fast falling rain this morning damped the ardor of the strikers. Their pickets in many cases deserted their posts. It has been decided by the company to fix a day after which none of the strikers will be taken back under any circumstances. It has also been decided to run night cars, starting tomorrow night. Police inspector Steers said if the company ran night cars the police would do their best to preserve the peace, but that if any trouble did come it would be at night. The cars at noon today were running regularly.

PLUCKY PURDON.
Died Game and Killed Four Moonshiners.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 26.—A special from Manchester, Tenn., gives the details of a bloody tragedy enacted there shortly after midnight, in which U. S. deputy marshals Webb and Purdon, of Manchester, and a "moonshiner" named Clark were killed and three other moonshiners fatally wounded. About ten days ago Purdon accompanied deputy marshal Hughes on a raid among the illicit distilleries of Grundy county, Tenn., and captured and destroyed several stills. Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning fifteen moonshiners rode into Manchester, determined to have Purdon's life. Seven broke into his house and the balance surrounded it. Purdon met them as they entered, with a loaded revolver, and a terrible battle ensued. Two moonshiners fell to the floor mortally wounded and the gang retreated, but they had succeeded in fatally wounding Purdon. Disabled as he was he jumped from bed, seized a double-barreled shot gun and fired into the retreating gang and two of the mob fell mortally wounded. Purdon fell dead beside the body of one of his victims. The gang carried off three of their wounded companions. A large posse is now in pursuit of them.

The American Historical Association.
WASHINGTON, April 27.—The American historical association began its third annual meeting at Columbian university, this city, today. The president, George Bancroft, called the association to order and delivered an address of welcome. Many distinguished men were present. A letter was read from Leopold Von Ranke, the venerable historian of Berlin, in reply to a letter asking him to consent to become an honorary member of the association, gratefully accepting the invitation.

Confessions.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—A long list of Senatorial confessions was made public today. Among them are R. P. Waring, assistant and member, at the mint at Charlotte, N. C.; C. W. West, Governor of Utah.

Raising the Rate of Composition.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—Columbia Typographical Union, No. 101, has resolved to raise the rate of composition on newspapers from forty cents to fifty cents, to take effect May 3.

Headlines News.
COR. OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.
HENDERSON, N. C., April 26.
Easter Monday is being celebrated with great enthusiasm. Many of the more quietly disposed have gone fishing, but crowds line the streets, witnessing a parade of colored citizens behind a brass band, a kettle-drum and fife.

"Some in rags, some in tags,
And some in velvet gown."

Last Thursday R. M. Powell, who had stocks of general merchandise at Henderson and Dabney, was assigned to Thomas Gooch; liabilities, \$5,000 or \$6,000; assets about \$3,000. Today A. E. Rosenbush, grocer and liquor dealer, assigned to A. R. Wortham.

There were special services yesterday at the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches quarterly meeting at the first, and preaching by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, D. D. A revival meeting is in progress at the latter, in which the pastor is assisted by Rev. Mr. Tagg, of Baltimore, and Rev. Mr. Caldwell, of Atlanta.

The Methodist Episcopal church is preparing to build a new house of worship, and its committee has advertised for 300,000 brick. The building will doubtless be a handsome one, and in every respect creditable to the town and the enterprising congregation that will occupy it.

Ministers Come and Ministers go.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The retiring Chinese minister took leave of the President today. The new minister will be presented Thursday.

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THE RESULT OF TWO PUBLICATIONS ON THE FENCE LAW MATTER.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO NEWS AND OBSERVER.

ASHVILLE, N. C., April 27.

Yesterday Richmond Pearson, Esq., challenged Gen. Johnstone Jones for a duel. The last legislature passed a stock law bill for this county. These two gentlemen, representing this county, disagreed in their views of the measure, and Mr. Pearson wrote an open letter to his constituents on the subject, criticizing Gen. Jones' record. The latter replied in a card, published Sunday, reflecting on the courage of the former. No response has yet been sent.

W. W. VANDIVER.

THE WAKE CATTLE CLUB.
The Final Arrangements for the Cattle Show May 6.

Yesterday at noon there was a meeting of gentlemen interested in the cattle show here; Mr. W. G. Upchurch, president, Mr. F. A. Olds acting as secretary. The meeting was held in Mr. W. Stronach's warehouse. All the committees made reports.

Thursday, May 6, was chosen as the date of holding the show, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee. It was reported that both Mr. W. C. McMackin and Mr. E. H. Lee had tendered the free use of their stables. It was decided to hold the show at McMackin's, as there all the stalls could be used and a large lot opposite.

The committee on prize to be given the cow yielding the largest amount of butter in seven days, reported. It was decided to give as a premium a piece of silver, to be selected by the committee. There will be no restriction as to the quantity of food to be given each cow in making the test, but all competitors are required to report on the amount and kind of food given. This will be of interest and real value.

The committee on transportation reported that a rate of two cents a mile for the round trip had been secured on the North Carolina railroad, and of one and a half cents a mile, round trip, on the Raleigh & Gaston, Raleigh & Augusta and Carolina Central railways.

Mr. R. B. Raney and Mr. James Boylan were appointed a committee to solicit contribution from business men and others interested in the show. The committee decided to begin that work today. Funds will be needed for various purposes; for music, prize, lumber and labor and some incidentals. The preparations will have to be made for a very large number of visitors, as people from many points in the State and particularly from all this section will be present to see the notable show of cattle.

Mr. W. C. Stronach and Mr. Henry Briggs were appointed as a committee on all the arrangements at the fair; of stalls for cattle, labor, &c. They will act in concert with Messrs. Raney and Boylan, to arrange and control all these matters.

On motion of Mr. Olds the club resolved itself into a permanent organization, under the name and style of the "Wake Cattle Club," to hold annual exhibitions of cattle and to foster the breeding and care of fine cattle.

Mr. Henry Briggs was appointed a committee to ascertain the number of registered cattle, their pedigrees, &c. This will be published in the News and Observer the next day after the show.

A committee of five, composed of Messrs. J. M. Heck, W. C. Stronach, B. H. Lewis, J. B. Burwell and Henry Briggs, was appointed to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the club and submit it at a special meeting to be held next Monday morning at 11 o'clock at Mr. Stronach's office. That meeting will elect officers and adopt a constitution and by-laws.

The committee of arrangements will consider and report at Monday's meeting upon the sale of cattle to follow the show. Last year cattle to be sold were marked with a red ribbon. It is the custom at most cattle shows to have a sale at auction. An easy arrangement is to have an "upset" or starting price. For instance, a calf is put up, the auctioneer starting it at \$25, the "upset" price fixed by the owner as the lowest figure.

Mr. Henry Briggs made a report as chairman of the committee on the number of cattle entered for exhibition. The names of the exhibitors have all been published in the News and Observer heretofore. He reported that the entries are as follows: Jerseys 115, Guernseys 9, Holsteins 10, Devons 6, Ayrshire 1, Alderney 1, grades 46; total 188. There are other cattle yet to be put on the list, and the number which will be shown the 6th will run over 200.

The meeting adjourned until next Monday at 11 o'clock.

The Raging Mississippi.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 27.—Fifty miles south of here, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. This means the inundation of Tunica and Coahoma counties, Mississippi.

Death of Capt. Thigpen.
COR. OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.
April 27, 1886.
Capt. James R. Thigpen, a prominent farmer of Edgecombe county, and one of the best known agriculturists in the State, died near Baltimore yesterday morning. Capt. Thigpen had for years been prominent as a farmer and a leading member of the State agricultural society.

D. R. WALKER.

Charlotte will have the electric light.

The local option campaign is in full blast.

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With a Serval in it for Women.
From the Jersey City Journal.

At a recent theatrical entertainment a young lady with a three-story hat sat immediately in front of a newspaper man. Noticing that her headgear obstructed the journalist's view of the stage she took it off and placed it in her lap. The newspaper man was profuse in his thanks. The next day he caught a severe cold, contracted pneumonia and died a week later. When his will was read it was discovered that he had added a codicil, giving the young lady who sat in front of him in the theatre \$2,047,468.

Even a United States Senator has troubles. Hon. Daniel W. Voorhees, of Indiana, writes that he suffered severely with rheumatism, but was fully cured by St. Jacobs Oil.

New York judges are sentencing anarchists to long terms in the penitentiary.

What Locality is Exempt
From malaria? In city and suburb, village and hamlet, in the mining districts of the West, the bottom lands of the South, in regions teeming with the fruits of husbandry, in trackless wastes inhabited by half naked savages, it exists. But travelers, sojourners, old settlers, all who are liable to it, can protect themselves from its attacks to which it gives birth, or prevent them, with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Chills and fever, bilious remittent, dumb ague and ague cakes, are each and all overcome by this potent and searching specific. It is not less efficacious for liver complaint, dyspepsia and costiveness, ailments not unfrequently complicated with malarial attacks. Rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles, and a want of vital strength, are also remediable by its persistent use. Appetite and sleep, always seriously impaired by the nervous disturbances and illnesses consequent upon fever and ague, are invariably restored by the Bitters.

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Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher uses and gives away over three hundred Alcock's Porous Plasters every year. She writes that she has found them a "genuine relief for most of the aches, and pains which flesh is heir to." Hon. Samuel J. Randall said they cured him of inflammation of a severe cold that threatened to run into pneumonia. Hon. James W. Husted writes that they cured his son of chronic rheumatism and relieved him of serious pulmonary troubles.

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