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They have a peculiarly wild and free way of settling county seat disputes in the West.

A NEW trotter, in San Francisco, Harry Wilkos, has made the extraordinary time of 2 1/2.

CLUBBING is to make a final appeal to the Governor in which his friends say he will after all prove that he was elsewhere than at the reservoir the night of the crime.

While New Orleans and Charleston are complaining heavily of a decline in their cotton business, we are glad to see that the cotton trade of our own port, Wilmington, is picking up considerably.

LOSSER best Schaefer in the first of the cushion beam games of billiards at St. Louis.

AMERICAN opera has failed to pay in Cincinnati as it did in Philadelphia and New York.

THE NEWS AND OBSERVER under the existing railroad schedules reaches Wilson about 11 o'clock in the morning, that is to say ahead of any other daily newspaper.

HERBY M. STANLEY, the famous explorer, is back again in New York from the Congo, and has a good deal to tell of kinky heads and big rivers which he proposes to tell in a series of lectures to be delivered throughout the country.

THE new management of the Richmond & Danville system seems disposed to retain North Carolinians in the direction of its lines in North Carolina.

Of course such extremely partisan republican papers as the New York Tribune criticize adversely the refusal of President Cleveland to re-instate in office "perniciously active" District Attorney Stone, of Pennsylvania.

A NEW YORK Times Paris correspondent says "the consecration of the splendid Trinity (Episcopal) church on Thanksgiving day by Bishop Lyman, of North Carolina, and Bishop Potter, of New York, drew together the trans-Atlantic ocean to be found between the Are de Triomphe and the Gynasee.

TOMORROW the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in North Carolina, will meet in Raleighville, and the gathering of so important a body cannot fail to be of general interest.

From recent publications it appears that at the date of the last report the conference included 189 pastoral charges and 18 presiding elders' districts.

THE church is widely extending its influence annually and is remarkable for its activity in all fields of Christian endeavor.

THANKSGIVING LETTER.

From the Greensboro North State to Governor To His Excellency, A. M. SCOVILLE, Governor of North Carolina:

Sir: In returning thanks this day to the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, for the manifold blessings which He has showered upon the residents of North Carolina, let us not be unmindful of the fact that the voice of the people, speaking through the ballot box recently, sounded their dissonant and disapprobation of the policy pursued by the party which placed your Excellency in the capitol at Raleigh.

[This might be paraphrased thus: O Thou Great Creator, now when all the world are rendering thanks for blessings, help me to construct a letter that will contain many innuendoes, and no direct charges; that will muddy the waters and cast suspicion where the facts do not warrant any open and direct attack upon my political opponents.]

It behooves you as a conscientious man to give heed to the mutterings of a dissatisfied people. Nothing but the one-sided election machinery prevented an entire change in all the offices to be filled this year.

The time is not far distant when you will be called upon to communicate your views to the general assembly.

The times are hard, money is scarce among the people. The State treasury is said to be groaning with a surplus taken from the people.

[You see, I put it that "it is reported" "it is reported by," indeed if it is not already reported—I will now report it myself.]

Your excellency will do a great service by devoting much of your message to State finances. It is reported that the State is buying up its own bonds after they have gone to par and would not buy them as they were 85 for fear of hurting the State credit.

[You see, I put it that "it is reported" "it is reported by," indeed if it is not already reported—I will now report it myself. The treasurer was directed by the legislature to buy bonds with surplus money, and the bonds have risen gradually ever since. It is true that the treasurer has never purchased a bond at par, and notwithstanding the constant rise in prices paid by him he has not averaged 91; yet I can imagine a want of wisdom, a want of judgment, and I don't see how anybody can disprove such an intimation. For however well a transaction turns out, it might have been managed differently.]

It would be a good idea to tell when, where, and from whom the bonds were bought. There is some talk about what was done with the \$300,000 paid by the Richmond & Danville which might be quieted by a full explanation about that.

[I think, that that is a pretty lucky hit. It is true that I know from the report of the treasurer that this \$300,000 was received in May, 1884; that no land tax was collected that year; that the money taking its place; and that the auditor's report published nearly a year ago, shows that this money was spent to pay the State expenses of 1885. I know that very well—but then on the whole, I deem this a very lucky hit.]

Probably it would please the people if you would advise the legislature to make a special and full investigation of all the financial management during the past six years.

[To be sure, I know very well how these millions have been disposed of. In the first place, the expenses of the company have been paid; then the interest on the debt has been largely reduced, and then a dividend of 6 per cent has been declared each year, three-fourths of which has passed into the hands of Hon. S. F. Phillips, receiver under the decree of the Federal court. I know that the reports are published every year in pamphlet form, showing every item in detail; but then, the people who read this will think there is something rotten in Denmark, and I shall take care that they will never learn any better through the North State.]

If you will look at the report of Maj. Wm. A. Smith made in 1872 you will see that the company then owed only \$366,972 63.

Regarding the Functions of an Important Organ. THE PUBLIC KNOWS BUT LITTLE OF THE FUNCTIONS OF AN IMPORTANT ORGAN. WORTHY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Will you permit us to make known to the public the facts which we have learned during the past eight years, concerning disorders of the human kidneys and the organs which diseased kidneys so easily break down?

That we may emphasize and clearly explain the relation the kidneys sustain to the general health, and how much is dependent upon them, we propose, metaphorically speaking, to take one from the human body, place it in the wash bowl before us, and examine it for the public benefit.

We slice this delicate organ open lengthwise with our knife, and will roughly describe its interior.

Doing the vast amount of work which they are obliged to, from the slightest irregularity in our habits, from cold, from high living, from stimulants or a thousand and one other causes which occur every day, they become somewhat weakened in their nerve force.

What is the result? Congestion or stoppage of the currents of the blood in the small blood vessels surrounding them, which becomes blocked; these delicate membranes are irritated; inflammation is set up, then pus is formed, which collects in the pelvis or sac; the tubes are at first partially, and soon are totally unable to do their work.

[Yes, indeed, Governor, I hope they will, for this is a matter I am entirely truthful in saying I knew nothing about; but I think if they got \$10,000 in cash for the stock, they probably made a good trade.]

How would the new Prince Battenberg, Victoria's grandson, do for ruler of Bulgaria? He would not be likely to give offense to any party, at least for some time to come.

A typical Southern Town. MONTGOMERY Ala. Nov. 25. On our way to this city we promised our Mr. Battle to write an occasional letter to the "Observer," and shall endeavor to keep our word.

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The agitation in New Orleans in favor of reduced charges in handling cotton has stimulated both Memphis and Charleston to make similar attempts.

What True Merit will do. The unprejudiced sale of Boschee's German Syrup within a few years has astonished the world.

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