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HALIFAX. HOMICIDE AT PALMYRA—STRIKE ON THE SCOTLAND NECK RAILROAD. SCOTLAND NECK, Jan. 31. Special to the News and Observer.

OXFORD. ELECTRIC LIGHTS—THE INCENDIARY CASE MOVED—RUN-AWAY CARR. OXFORD, N. C., Jan. 31, 1888.

FACTORY JUNCTION, N. C., Jan. 31. The residence of Mr. G. H. Bradshaw, clerk of the Superior Court, at Asheboro, N. C., was destroyed by fire last night.

LOUISBURG NEWS. JAIL-BREAKING PLAN—ENGLISH SETTLEES. LOUISBURG, N. C., Jan. 31, 1888.

Terrible Shooting Affray at Knoxville. Knoxville, Tenn., dispatch says: A shooting affray occurred here Sunday morning in front of St. John's Episcopal church which resulted in the wounding of three men, one of them fatally.

As James F. Rule, city editor of the Knoxville Journal, was entering the church, accompanied by his wife, he was accosted by three men who wanted to speak with him.

Both New York and Brooklyn had a winter carnival, Sunday. The lakes in Central and Prospect parks were crowded with skaters, and the jingle of sleigh bells made merry music on the roads.

CONGRESS. PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

ASHVILLE'S PUBLIC BUILDINGS—THE READING STRIKE—OTHER TELEGRAPHIC NEWS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—SENATE.

Among the petitions and memorials presented in the Senate were the following: Against the repeal of the internal revenue taxes on tobacco and cigars.

Mr. Edmunds objected on the ground that the resolution was one to be considered in executive session.

Mr. Mitchell offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the committee on commerce to consider the advisability of inserting a provision in the river and harbor bill, requiring all work to be done by contract.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Plumb instructing the postoffice committee to make a thorough inquiry into the cause of the inefficient mail service, especially in the West and South, was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Kenna gave notice that he would, next Thursday, submit some observations on the President's message, and on Mr. Sherman's reply thereto.

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A TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT. BY THE SOUTHERN ROUTE, RECENTLY OPENED—A PLEASANT LETTER OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE FROM BISHOP LYMAN.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 17. MR. EDITOR: I reached here last evening, and found the city so crowded that I found difficulty in securing a room.

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VIRGINIA. THE STATE PENITENTIARY BURNED.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 31.—Soon after 5 o'clock this morning the buildings of the Virginia penitentiary, leased by the Davis Shoe Co., of Boston, and operated as a shoe factory, were discovered to be on fire.

The amount of insurance is not yet ascertained. Soon after the fire broke out the bells of the city sounded the military call and in ten minutes about two hundred soldiers were on the ground to guard against any emeute of the prisoners.

The insurance on the Davis Company's machinery, stock and fixtures, valued at \$136,598, divided among seventy-five companies, home and foreign, the buildings, which were owned by the State, were not insured and are a total loss.

The General Assembly today adopted resolutions providing for an investigation and report of the cause of the fire, the extent of the damages done, the loss to the State and to recommend the proper action to be taken.

In the Senate a resolution was adopted instructing the finance committee to inquire into the expediency of selling the penitentiary grounds and buildings now owned by the State with a view to locating the institution at some other more suitable place.

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Notice of Reduction in Wages. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 31.—The National Tube Works Company, of McKeesport, Pa., employing 4,000 men, have pooled a notice ordering a reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of all employees.

Who is Your Best Friend? Be careful if it is out of order you are one of the most miserable creatures living. Give it a fair, honorable chance and see if it is not the best friend you have in the end.

By a systematic reorganization the Democrats hope to carry Michigan in 1888.

POND'S EXTRACT.—During severe and changeable weather no one subject to rheumatic pains should be one day without Pond's Extract.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer almost, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes bright and contented.

LAND FOR SALE.—Two miles west of Raleigh; next to Dr. Lewis. 161. ISABELLA STUNKEL.

MOLASSES.—Very choice "Ponce" Porto Rico Molasses; New Orleans Molasses; fine Syrup, Maple Syrup, &c., &c. E. J. HARDIN.

Mr. Thobe's memorial asking a re-opening of his contest for Speaker Carlisle's seat is not so weighty a document in point of signatures as it was claimed it would be.

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