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DARBY'S PROPHYLACTIC FLUID. It never fails to relieve pain of Burns, Scalds, Bruises, Wounds of any kind. Prevents inflammation and suppuration and rapidly heals.

GREAT BARGAINS AT WOOLCOTT & SONS, 14 East Martin Street. Ladies' handkerchiefs at 50c a dozen.

100 ladies' handkerchiefs at 50c a dozen. 10 pieces 36 inch black cashmere at 25c a yard.

100 pair gent's kid gloves, \$1.45, worth \$2.00. 50 doz. gent's all linen handkerchiefs, 12c; cheap at 25c.

White Goods. We are opening new lines of White Goods. Orders for Picture Frames, Birds, Beaks, Art No. 100s, Artist Materials, Window shades, all Paper, Cornice Poles, &c. will prompt attention.

NEWS OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Gladstone has returned to London. All is quiet in the Schuylkill Valley awaiting the attempt at arbitration.

At present there cannot be too many gorgeous stuffs, too many filthy laces, nor too abundant fancies in rich toilets for occasions.

I have just sold some young hogs. There is nothing remarkable about that, but the weight I think was good.

Tragic Death of Mr. A. A. McNeill. Our community was shocked this morning by the news of the death of Mr. Angus Archie McNeill, which occurred on his way from Lumberton last Monday afternoon.

Death of Dr. Thompson, of Bladen Co. The many friends of that well-known and popular physician, Dr. J. Thompson, of Bladen county, will be pained to learn that he died at his home on Wednesday morning last.

Comparative Cotton Statement. NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Feb. 10, 1888.

CONGRESS

PROCEEDINGS YESTERDAY IN SENATE AND HOUSE

THE SENATE NOT IN SESSION.—THE MATTER OF THE MAIL SERVICE IN THE WEST—OTHER NEWS BY WIRE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—SENATE.—There was no session of the Senate today.

Mr. Anderson, of Illinois, from the postoffice committee, reported favorably the resolution directing the Postmaster-General to inquire into and inform the House of the cause and foundation for the grievances complained of in a Kansas newspaper regarding the Western mail services.

Mr. Jones, of Ala., reported favorably from the committee on rivers and harbors the resolution calling on the Secretary of War for information relating to the alleged obstruction of the Wheeling river by the bridges of the Louisville and Evansville Railroad Company.

Two bills on the private calendar, which had been favorably reported from the committee of the whole, were then taken up, the first, for the relief of Nathaniel McKay and the executors of Donald McKay.

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Accident on the Petersburg & Richmond Road.

Special to the News and Observer. WELDON, N. C. Feb. 10.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock, Thursday night, two south-bound freight trains, Nos. 81 and 81 extra, collided near Swift Creek, between Richmond and Petersburg.

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VIOLENT EXPLOSION AT WILKESBARRE, PENNSYLVANIA.

FOUR MEN INSTANTLY KILLED BY THE EXPLOSION OF A POWDER MILL.

WILKESBARRE, Pa. Feb. 10.—At 10 o'clock this morning a severe shock was felt in this city. Shortly thereafter it was learned that a violent explosion had occurred at Dupont's powder works at Wapallop, twenty miles from here, and that four men were instantly killed.

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FARM ANIMALS

REPORT OF THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE THEREON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The February statistical report of the Department of Agriculture relates to the numbers and values of farm animals.

There is a smaller decline in the numbers of swine, less than one percent, leaving the aggregate over forty-three millions.

There seems to be no let-up in the popularity of the President's tariff message. One of the Democratic associations in this city last night ordered 250,000 copies printed for immediate circulation.

THE LIBBY-PRISON SALE. Plans for Removing the Building from Richmond. The Chicago Times, in its account of the purchase of Libby Prison, says:

THE EAST CLAIMS HIM. Does North Carolina want a man "every inch a man" for her next Governor? Then the East points with pride to one of her sons who, in every particular, would grace the position.

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REMARKABLE

Notice Inquirer and Express. Capt. James Robinson, who died at Matthews last Sunday, has been a notable miner, having been for many years in the gold mining business.

Secretary Fairchild has ordered that the mysterious yacht Maria, which has been cruising in the Caribbean Sea, be seized on arrival at New York.

Men are often heard saying that their aspirations are high, but every time they cough their noses go towards the earth, with indications that they will follow them soon, unless they are wise enough to take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in time.

A special from Philadelphia reports that three "tramp" steamers, which left English ports in December last have not since been heard of.

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President Carnot is credited with saying that any Frenchman who would declare war against Germany while Moltke and Bismarck are alive ought to be shot.

A Sound Legal Opinion. E. Bainbridge Munday, Esq., county attorney, Clay county, Tex., says: "I have used Electric Bitters with most happy results."

It is worth its weight in gold. A common expression. But, while the value of gold is easily affected, the worth of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, as a blood purifier, never depreciates.

The German military bill passed the Reichstag en bloc with no discussion.

DR. J. D. ROBERTS. For the past six years superintendent of the Eastern Insane Asylum at Goldsboro, has resided in the thriving town of Durham, where he has formed a partnership with Dr. L. T. Smith in the drug business.