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NEWS OBSERVATIONS

There are 4,000 theatres in the United States and \$1,000,000 a day is paid for amusements in this country.

The steamship agents report that the spring and summer exodus to Europe will be the largest in ten years.

John Ward and Joseph Murray, suspected of complicity in the Norfolk jewelry robbery, have been committed for hearing on the 21st instant.

Scotland Yard is about to pass into limbo. This year the London police will move into their new \$1,200,000 building on the Thames embankment.

The Kentucky West Virginia border war has assumed a legal phase. Habeas corpus proceedings for the return of the McCoy prisoners have been begun in the United States Circuit Court at Louisville.

A poor German woman in Saginaw, Mich., not long ago prepaid express charges amounting to \$6 on a package of medicine which she sent to the Crown Prince of Germany, fondly and loyally hoping that it might cure his diseased throat.

Hon. Roswell P. Flower, of New York, emphatically denies being an aspirant for the Presidential nomination, and says he would not accept the nomination for Governor. But he will give his hearty support to the Democratic nominees, whoever they be.

A Minnesota judge, in pronouncing the death sentence, tenderly observed: "If guilty, you deserve the fate which awaits you; if innocent, it will be a gratification for you to feel that you were hanged without such a crime on your conscience; in either case you will be delivered from a world of care."

In consequence of the change in the ample tournure, wraps that were adapted to the former ungainly and grotesque appearances are greatly modified, and bonnets whose grotesque heights were in a way rendered necessary to establish harmony in the tout ensemble are lowered considerably to conform to the strict law of proportion, which cannot be set at naught in one direction without exacting a counterpoise in another.

The British Parliament resumed its sittings and the Queen's speech was read. Mr. Gladstone arraigned the government in a strong speech in the Commons, and Lord Salisbury, in the Lords, took Mr. Gladstone to task for insincerity. Mr. Parnell will move an amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech, raising the question of the administration of the Crimes Act.

At a recent meeting of the Lynchburg (Va.) city council a material reduction of the salaries of the city officers, from the mayor down to the jail keeper, was made. The mayor's pay was reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000; the city engineer, from \$1,800 to \$1,350; the commissioner of the revenue, \$2,500 to \$1,100; treasurer, from \$1,500 to \$1,100; Commonwealth's attorney, from \$1,200 to \$1,000; superintendent of public schools, \$1,200 to \$1,000, and so on down to the lowest officer. The pay of the police was not touched, but it is understood that at the next meeting of the council reduction in that department will also take place, and the number of the force be reduced.

Paris in Anger. The morning after I lectured in Wilkesbarre there was a great colliery explosion. Hundreds of Cornish miners were killed and their corpses lay at the mouth of the coal mine for recognition. Wives were wringing their hands and children were crying and a wall of desolation filled the air.

Sitting at the mouth, by a pale corpse, was a young wife. She looked at her husband, but uttered no cry; her eyes were dry. She rocked her self to and fro, her face white with anguish.

"Oh, that I had spoke fair to him at the end!" she moaned. "Oh, that he would come to life one minute, that I could say, 'Jimmy, forgive me!' but nothing will help me now. Oh, I could bear it all if I had only spoke fair to him at the end!"

And then, at last, the story came. They had been married a year—and Jim—and they both "had tempers," but Jim was always the first to make up. And this very morning they had had trouble.

It began because breakfast wasn't ready, and the fire wood'd burnt, and they had said hard words, both of them. But at the very last, though breakfast had not been fit to eat, Jim had turned round at the door and said:

"Give me a kiss, lass. You know you love me, and we won't part in ill-blood."

"No, Jimmy, I don't love you," I said, petulantly.

"Give me a kiss, lass," pleaded Jimmy.

"No, not one! and now ————," and then the tears rushed to her eyes. With awful sob she flung her arms around the corpse.

"Darling Jimmy! Darling Jimmy, speak to me now!" she moaned.

"Say you forgive me!"

"Do not grieve so hopelessly," I said; "perhaps Jimmy knows what you feel now."

But the mourner's ears were deaf to all comfort, and the wailing cry came again:

"Oh, if I had only spoke to him fair at the last!"

It is not an uncommon story, this. We quarrel with those we love, and part, and meet and make up again; and death is merciful and waits till we are at peace. Yet how possible is just such an experience to any of us, who part with some dear one in anger, or who let the sun go down upon their wrath!

But it is always the noblest nature, the most loyal heart, which is the first to cry, "I was wrong; forgive me."

MELLET RICE—Mellet Rice in brine; very nice and in good shape. Mackerel, Mulllets, Ron herring, Cod fish, &c., &c.

A fresh lot of choice Breakfast Bacon strips.

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COTTON

THE MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK

AND SINCE SEPTEMBER 1ST—WITH COMPARISONS &c.—AS RETURNED TO THE NEW-YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE—OTHER TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

New York, Feb. 11.—The cotton movement for the week since September 1st, with comparisons with the same periods last year, according to returns to the Journal of Commerce, to February 10, were as follows: Receipts at interior towns 46,381, against 56,675 last year; ship ments 59,746, against 62,277 last year; stocks remaining 393,895 as compared with 345,820 at the same time in 1887, receipts at the ports 99,618 for the week, against 117,805 for the same week last year, deliveries from the plantations 86,723, against 101,863 last year, and total deliveries from the plantations since September 1st 5,037,151, against 4,864,031 for the same period last year, or an increase of 173,120, and a total crop, estimated to February 10th amounting to 6,104,561, against 5,702,868 for the same time last year, or an increase of 401,696 bales.

A Decision as to Schools. Chicago, Feb. 11.—Judge Richard Tullin in the Circuit Court of Chicago today rendered a decision in the case of the incorporators of the Chicago Industrial School. The incorporators are all Roman Catholics, and temporarily until they secure a building of their own, they contracted with the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to house and teach the girls committed.

There are other schools in the State, the incorporators of which are Protestants. By law the county has to pay for the support of such girls. The county resists payment on the ground that it would be the payment of public money for sectarian purposes. Judge Tullin decided it not sectarian, and ordered the county to pay the full amount, \$10,583.

Bad for \$50,000 Damages. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 11.—Andrew J. Carberry, the Pullman car conductor who was tried in the Criminal Court last week and acquitted on the charge of stealing the company's fares on his run between New Orleans and Chicago, has brought suits for \$50,000 damages in the Circuit Court against the Pullman Car Co. and the American Surety Co., his prosecutors.

Britain's Mobilization Scheme. London, Feb. 11.—The War office has issued an order directing that a statement be prepared at each military centre detailing the facilities for summoning reserves and strengthening the battalions from the depots within forty-eight hours in the event of mobilization of the army becoming necessary. The order is a precautionary step to enable the new mobilization scheme to work well if it should be necessary to put it in force.

Total Visible Supply of Cotton. New York, Feb. 11.—The total visible supply of cotton for the world is 2,969,628 bales, of which 2,497,828 bales are American, against 3,263,587 and 2,737,087 bales respectively last year; receipts at all interior towns are 42,704 bales; receipts at the plantations 88,690; crop in sight 6,059,982 bales.

Weekly Bank Statement. New York, Feb. 11.—The following is the weekly bank statement: Reserve decrease, \$2,451,000; loans increase, \$3,590,700; specie decrease, \$1,447,800; legal tenders increase, \$717,800; deposits increase, \$1,143,200; circulation decrease, \$11,300. The banks now hold \$20,133,295 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

A Demand for Higher Wages. SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 11.—A formal demand for a 15 per cent advance in miners' wages has been made by the executive board of district assembly No. 16, Knights of Labor, and forwarded by M. T. Burke, Carbonate member of the board, to all the operators in the Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys.

Hatfield-McCoy. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—Gov. Wilson today received a petition from Gov. Backler, of Kentucky, for 28 men, who are charged with having participated in the killing of Wm. D. Empey, in Logan county, this State, on the 19th of last month in a fight between the Hatfields and McCoy's.

A Terrible Snow Storm. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 11.—The weather is terrible today, with a very storm of sleet and snow. Owing to the situation of the city, has been almost paralyzed. It is found impossible to get vehicles up and down the hill.

Enormous Avalanches. VIENNA, Feb. 11.—Enormous avalanches along the line of the Arlberg railway have resulted in serious loss of life and traffic on the road has been stopped.

The Crown Prince as Well as Could be Expected. SAN RAMON, Feb. 11.—The Crown Prince of Germany is doing quite as well as could be expected after undergoing the operation of tracheotomy.

The Fish Fair. The New Borne Fish Fair is to be held on the 13th, 14th and 15th of March, 1888, and the Journal says: "It will be such an exhibit as was never held before in this section." Hurrah for that!

Fire in Pender. Wilmington Messenger. The store of J. H. Marshburn, at Angola, with its contents, was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock Friday morning. Loss estimated at \$40,000. No insurance.

The Man in the Moon. How does the sailor know there is a man in the moon? Because he has been to sea (a) and states that whenever he sees a cough or cold he takes Taylor's Cherry Cure Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein.

A WOMAN MURDERER.

CONVICTION OF THE WHOLESALE BOSTON POISONER.

Boston, Feb. 11.—The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah J. Robinson, the alleged wholesale poisoner, this morning rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. In this trial she was charged with the murder of Prince Arthur Freeman, her nephew. Mrs. Robinson had previously been tried on the charge of killing her son and daughter, but the jury disagreed. The incentive to all the crimes with which she is charged was alleged to be securing the life insurance of her victims.

A Desperate but Silly Boy. HE KILLS A PRETTY GIRL AND HIMSELF BECAUSE SHE REJECTED HIM.

Says a dispatch from Plattsburg, Mo., February 7: "An awful tragedy occurred two miles northwest of this city today. Neva Everett, a pretty girl of sixteen, was one of the belles of the neighborhood. One of her most persistent suitors was Wm. Ball, a youth of twenty. He made no attempt to conceal his affection for Miss Everett, and she received his addresses in a pleasant way at first, but when he began to assume so much persistence she began to discourage him. This maddened the boy, and he told her that he could not live without her, and if she refused to marry him something terrible would be the result. She told him that she did not desire to marry yet, and that he had better be thinking of some other subject. Today he called on her home and renewed his suit. There was no one at home but the girl and her mother. She still maintained that she did not desire to marry him. The rejected lover then pleaded with the mother and begged her to influence her daughter in his favor. Mrs. Everett said that she would not allow her daughter to marry for several years yet. No sooner were the words spoken than Ball stepped back and, drawing a pistol, shot the poor girl dead. He then placed the muzzle of the weapon to his own breast and fired, killing himself. Both were dead in five minutes, and the unfortunate mother is dejected.

A Letter from Cleveland. The Democrats of Brooklyn celebrated the birthday of John Tilden in fine style Thursday night. They had a big dinner and "they cheered for our Democratic President," they cheered for Gov. Hill and finally they cheered for themselves. A letter was read from Mr. Cleveland. The reader did not state who the writer was, but the company listened in perfect silence. When he came to the signature, "Grover Cleveland," a deafening roar of applause greeted it and was kept up for several minutes. The letter was as follows: EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 1888.

My Dear Sir: The birthday of Samuel J. Tilden is fitly celebrated by the Democrats of Kings county, for he found there in all his efforts to reform the public service and to reinstate his party in the confidence of the American people firm and staunch friends, never wavered in their willing and effective support. Let these friends now remind all their fellow citizens of his patriotic and useful career of their honored and trusted leader, and let every one professing his political faith proclaim the value of his teachings. He taught the limitation of Federal power under the Constitution; the absolute necessity of public economy, the safety of a sound currency, honesty in public place, the responsibility of public servants to the people, care for those who toil with their hands, a proper limitation of corporate privileges and a reform in the civil service. His was true Democracy. It led him to meet boldly every public issue as it arose. With his conception of political duty he thought it never too early and never too late to give battle to vicious doctrines and corrupt practices. He believed that pure and sound Democracy could be maintained in an open, bold and honest championship of the interests of the people, and that it but feebly lived upon deceit, false pretenses and fear. And he was right. His success proved him right, and proved, too, that the American people appreciate a courageous struggle in their defense.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The "Maturer Talent." Gen. of the News and Observer. A few days since there appeared in the News and Observer a notice of a ball to be given by the "older," not to say "old," young men of the city. Now I am sure that, as one of the "too susceptible" young men referred to in the notice, I will have the reputation of the "maturer talent" with great delight, and am confident that if the notice referred to is a specimen of said talent, they will be a great addition to society. With so much talent and hearts so entirely callous and so devoid of sympathy, the young ladies of Raleigh should be on their guard, and I shudder to think of the tremendous amount of damage that will be done to their "maturer talent" if they are allowed to entertain them, judging from the fact the entertainments would closely resemble the visitation of celestial inhabitants, as to my own knowledge, the "oldest" young men have not given an entertainment of any description in the past three years. I suppose they would entertain offenders of talent in the company that much time is required to put it in motion, and now that this tremendous mountain is in labor, let us hope that it will bring forth something larger than the proverbial mouse.

ONE OF THE SUSCEPTIBLES.

JUDGE M'CUÉ

TO BE ASSISTANT TREASURER AT NEW YORK.

HE DID NOT SEEK THE OFFICE—AND ACCEPTED IT ONLY ON THE SOLICITATION OF THE PRESIDENT—OTHER NEWS BY WIRE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Judge Alexander M'Cué, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who at present holds the office of Solicitor of the Treasurer, has been offered and has accepted the position of Assistant Treasurer at New York, vice Canada, resigned. Mr. M'Cué did not seek the office, and accepted it only upon the solicitation of the President. It was offered to him about three weeks ago and declined. It was then tendered to several other persons, but each of them declined on account of the vast responsibilities of the office. Early this week the President again urged Mr. M'Cué to accept the office, and after thinking it over for several days he concluded to do so. He called on the President this morning and informed him of his conclusion, adding that while the duties of the office were somewhat onerous to him at present, he would undertake to perform them, so as to reflect no discredit upon the President or himself. It is expected that his nomination as Assistant Treasurer will be sent to the Senate Monday.

The Union Pacific Railroad. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Chas. Francis Adams, president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, appeared before the House committee on the Pacific Railroads today and explained the attitude of that company towards the funding bills pending before the committee. Generally he favored the Outwater bill, with a few slight amendments intended to relieve it of restricting features.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR'S DAY. HOW IT IS CELEBRATED ON THE 12TH OF FEBRUARY.

A Washington Star reporter saw Mr. Ho Shen Chee, translator and attaché of the Chinese legation, concerning their New Year's Day ceremonies and celebration. "The first day of our new year," he said, "comes on a different day each year, and this year we have thirteen months, an intercalary month, that brings the New Year's Day on the 12th of this month, which is on Sunday; but we have no Christian Sabbath in China, so that we need not put off the celebration until Monday, as you do in this country in like event. The Chinese emperor holds a reception, not like your President's reception (with a laugh), but for his ministers and the gentlemen of the court. These ceremonies begin before dawn and continue through Saturday, the 11th, as the new year comes in by 11 o'clock Saturday night. The holidays continue from four to fifteen days, finishing when all the ceremonial calls have been made. The emperor holds audience for his ministers and high officials, and in every province the chief holds audience for his subordinates. There is a mistaken notion prevalent here," continued Mr. Ho, "that the Koreans are independent of China, when in fact, Corea is but a province of our nation."

The Coast of North Carolina. Far back in the interior, we know little and give little heed to the great ocean side that characterizes one section of the State. Uplifted in the west into a tumultuous billow of mountains, we look down with ignorance and perhaps indifference to the ocean tumult that sweeps our eastern base. Mighty contrasts they are. In the past, the great level of the equal earth has been the subject of convulsions in the musical world, including Mme. Stolla Levy, soprano; Miss Olive Torbett, violinist, who created such a furor in this city two seasons ago, when here with Clara Louise Kellogg; Mr. Gustave Thalberg, tenor soloist, of Trinity Church, New York; Mr. T. V. Downy, pianist and accompanist, and Miss Edith Pond, singing reader, who has achieved great success in all the larger eastern and western cities. It is said to be the finest musical organization that ever visited the south.

Rules for Gentlemen at a Leap-Year Party. At a leap year party in Cincinnati a newly printed card partner with a back of which were the following five rules of conduct: "Gentlemen are requested to conduct themselves with the most ladylike propriety. Therefore it is expected that no gentleman will promenade alone or leave his seat unless escorted by a lady. It is an especial request that the belles of the evening will not drop their fans and handkerchiefs any oftener than they may be absolutely necessary. Gentlemen are requested to entertain each other should the ladies retire to the dressing room to refresh their exhausted energies with a cigar at the conclusion of a dance or promenade. If any young gentleman desires to leave his partner, let him request her to assist him to a chair or escort him to his mother."

The Black Diamonds. Don't forget the Black Diamond Quartette. They appear Tuesday night in Metropolitan Hall. They are well worth hearing. They are very remarkable indeed, the basso profundo particularly.

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In advance of the unhealthy season regulate and strengthen your system. Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier will make you healthy, strong and vigorous.

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The Religious Argument for Creation.

Springfield, Mass., Republican. It seems strange that any one should justify the present practice of disposing of the dead by burial, on religious grounds. No custom surely could be more distinctly irreligious and unspiritual in its suggestions. All religions agree that men should be taught to distinguish between the spirit, which survives death, and the body, which perishes by it. The bereaved of all faiths are consoled by their ministers to turn away their thoughts from dwelling upon the dead form of their friend, and fix them upon his living spirit. What could be more out of accord with that counsel, or more calculated to neutralize its effect, than a mode of disposing of the body which aims by all the devices of the undertakers to secure the longest period of preservation consistent with natural laws? The entire implication of this practice is to suggest the idea of some shadowy sort of identity still continuing between the departed and his discarded tenement. The dreary superstition, powerfully encouraged by so general a custom, affects the minds even of those who reject it, and sorely hinders that spiritual view of death in which alone there is consolation and uplifting. On many a mourning heart the inanimate form in its grave is an incubus holding the thoughts to earth, and an anchor not of faith, but of unfaith. On the other hand, the swift and utter rendering back of the body by the pure ministry of fire to nature would be a striking object lesson of immortality, enforcing the preaching of priest and poet that we should think of the dead only as spirits. It would be a solemn and eloquent ceremony by which the bereaved renounced the bodily conception of the departed, and declared that thenceforth they would consider him spiritually only. What form of obsequies could so clearly express the sentiment of believers in immortality? Death teaches us the distinction between the perishable and imperishable parts in man, but our mode of burial confuses the meaning of the lesson. The sanitary and other arguments for cremation are conclusive in their way, but the spiritual and religious argument is weightier still.

Some Bible Facts. Verses in the Old Testament, 23,241. Verses in the New Testament, 7,959. The books of the Old Testament, 39. The books of the New Testament, 27. Words in the Old Testament, 592,430. Letters in the New Testament, 838,820. Words in the New Testament, 1,581,253. Chapters in the Old Testament, 929. Letters in the Old Testament, 2,728,100. Chapters in the New Testament, 260. The word "Jehovah" occurs 6,805 times. The middle book of the Old Testament is Proverbs. The middle chapter of the Old Testament is Job xxxii. The middle verse of the New Testament is Acts xxiii, 17. The shortest verse in the New Testament is John xi, 35. The longest verse in the Old Testament is Esther viii, 9. The middle book of the New Testament is second Thessalonians. The middle chapter and shortest in the Bible is Psalm cxvii.

The Great Levy Combination. The world renowned Levy, with his grand musical organization, will leave New York tomorrow (Monday) morning, en route for Mexico via the South, and will appear in Raleigh on Thursday evening, February 23d. The company consists of artists every one of whom is a person of high reputation in the musical world, including Mme. Stolla Levy, soprano; Miss Olive Torbett, violinist, who created such a furor in this city two seasons ago, when here with Clara Louise Kellogg; Mr. Gustave Thalberg, tenor soloist, of Trinity Church, New York; Mr. T. V. Downy, pianist and accompanist, and Miss Edith Pond, singing reader, who has achieved great success in all the larger eastern and western cities. It is said to be the finest musical organization that ever visited the south.

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A RAID.

ON ALL THE BUCKET SHOPS.

IN LOWER NEW YORK—THE TRIALS TO BE HELD TO BE REORGANIZED AS TESTS.

New York, Feb. 11.—A general raid was made today on all the bucket shops in New York. Broad street and lower Broadway. Among those raided by the police are Bumpkin & Co., 51 New street; Stockton & Co., 56 New street; Hart & Co., 57 New street; Manhattan Stock Co., 61 New street, and the Standard Stock Co., 38 New street. The proprietors, or the men conducting the business, were all turned off under arrest. It is generally believed that they will all resume business on Monday as usual. The Standard Stock Co. and Hart & Co. have an old indictment hanging over them for keeping a gambling house, and their trials are set down for next week, and will be regarded as a test. In the event of conviction, it is understood that all the bucket shops will change their present mode and do business under the system now in operation by Todd & Co.

Thirty eight men in all were captured in the raid on the bucket shops today. The charge against them is maintaining gambling houses in violation of section 343 of the penal code. Arrests were made, on complaints being sent to the police by prominent stock brokers in Wall street and the stock exchange, who retained DeLaney Nichol to press charges. Inspector Byrnes furnished the detectives permission to make arrests, and Judge White issued warrants. In the afternoon they were all bailed in \$500. Judge Oreilly having been summoned to open court at police headquarters.

Two young men who were hired by regular brokers to procure evidence against the bucket shop proprietors will appear at the trial as well as several victims of the alleged gambling dens. One of the latter is said to be a graduate of Princeton College, who has spent \$60,000 in "shops." Another willing witness is a man who has lost \$40,000 in the same manner.

Harnett Teachers' Council. The teachers of Harnett county held a meeting yesterday at the enterprising and growing little town of Dunn, and organized a Teachers' Council. Prof. D. L. Ellis, principal of the "Progressive Institute" a fine place, presided over the meeting, and an explanation of the objects aimed and scope of the work of the council in the State was given by Mr. Eugene G. Harnell, secretary of the Teachers' Assembly. The following officers were elected for this year: D. L. Ellis, president; Miss Kate S. McDonald, secretary; D. N. Farnall, editor of the Dunn Signal, corresponding secretary. The committee on programme comprises J. G. Johnson and Misses Kate McDonald and Florence Byrd.

The next meeting will be held on the second Saturday in March, and the following subjects will be discussed: "Bible history," by Mr. Eugene G. Harnell, secretary of the Teachers' Assembly; "How to interest the little ones," by Rev. J. A. Campbell, and "Mental Arithmetic," by H. T. Spears, the County Superintendent.

The council is in good hands and has every assurance of prosperity.

Shoppers' Notes. Messrs. W. H. & R. S. Tucker & Co. offer in this issue their new spring dress silks and invite all to inspect their elegant stock. All the new and desirable shades can now be secured. Larger purchases in this line have been made than ever before, and during the past week they have added several specialties in fine black silks.

To every one who wears shoes we suggest a careful perusal of Heller Bros' new advertisement, which appears in this issue. Their stock is full and varied and can meet the wants of different tastes and different pocket-books. It will pay purchasers to see them when anything in their line is wanted.

By the new advertisement of Messrs. W. C. & A. B. Strouach in this morning's issue you will see that they are full to overflowing with everything in the staple and fancy grocery line that the wants of the human family can demand. Their goods are always fresh and are of the very best.

Go and examine the stock of goods of Messrs. Norris & Co., advertised in today's issue. Their goods are of the latest and most stylish, and proprietors and salesmen are among the most courteous and polite of our business men.

Messrs. T. H. Briggs & Co. can furnish you with the best pair of sensors you can find, as you will see by reading their announcement in another column.

M. T. Norris & Bro. come to the front in a new announcement today of their large and select stock of groceries, fertilizers, farmers' supplies, seed stocks, &c. Their stock is always first-class.

A. W. Goodwin & Co. can furnish you anything in the line of fresh garden seed, drugs, soaps, cigars, tobacco, &c. Read their advertisement this morning.

Bennettsville, S. C. The Observer Printing Company has just published "A sketch of the advantages, climate and resources of Bennettsville and other places of interest in Marlboro County, S. C." It is a beauty. The sketch of Marlboro County is from the facile pen of Mr. W. M. Wilson. The town and county mentioned, which are among the most thriving in our sister State, are heartily to be congratulated on being written up and shown to the world in such fine style.

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