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Communications containing items of local or general interest respectfully solicited. Manuscripts intended for publication must be written on oneside of the paper, and accompanied by the name of the writer, as a guarantee of good faith.

WHO says that a Confederate soldier is not as good as his Federal opport nept when they both apply for office under the Federal Government? Keifer's Rump Republican Congress.

WE regret to learn from the Wilmington papers of the death of Rev. Edmund Schulken, a young Metho dist minister, who has some warm friends in Lenoir and in the mountain country. He died of malaria! fever.

THE Republicans may well how! for the redemption of the trade dollar by a Democratic Congress. They saddled the absurdity upon our finan. cial system and now call for it to be done away with. The speculators who are in central of this conventions. having bought in large quantities of the trade dollars at a big discount, now are, anxious' for their redemption in standard dollars. It is probable that the Democrats will remedy this blunder of the Republicans in the cheapest way possible-enact that they be redeemable in fractional currency.

Scnator Lovill who said in substance that it was time enough to legislate against Railroad monopolies when we have Railroads enough to mozopo lize-in a word, when these mountains are honey combed.

CONCERNING THE CODE.

WITH a charming inconsistency we rail against the duelling code, call it relic of barbarism and an instrument of murder and at the same time, in our heart of hearts, we entertain certain admiration for the bravery of two men who can stand up in front of each other, only a few paces apart, and unflinchingly shoot at each other. We ackdowledge the accuracy of the logic which proves that ethically he who kills another according to the code is not a whit better than one who lies in wait for his enemy and foully assasinates him. The chivalry, it is true, all belongs to the man who gives his adversary a chance, bat. before God, murder is murder. We can only account for this on the hypothesis that public opinion was once not only tolerant of the code but actually favorable to it and looked upon a man who refused to be governed by its provisions as little better than disgraced. So this old cherished "institution," in becoming obsolete because it is an anachronism, leaves behind it a charming flavor which attaches to all things of an antique nature and, while we laugh at Don Quixote, our amusement turns to admiration when we contemplate a Chevalier Bayard.

Now, however, in these days of telegraphs and railroads and tele phones and prosaic basiness generally when men have no inclination to waste powder by shooting at one another, a gentleman who refuses a challenge is considered sensible while fools enjoy a reputation of monopolizing the code as a means of settling their disputes. All this in face of the fact that "gentlemen of the old school," represented by Cockney Hops, that delightful creation of Capt. James Barron Hope in his "Passages from the Life of a Distin guished Virginian," contend that the only fair and gentlemanly method to adjust a difficulty between gentlemen, when their friends are unable to effect a reconciliation, is to go out "in the early morn, when the dew is on the ground, and settle it in peace and quiet." And, indeed, the gallant old fogy may not have been altogether wrong, for we are told by Major Burke, of New Orleans, who is an authority upon such matters that the code which was in use in the South before the war contemplated a recourse to the field only as a last resort. In the earlier days, even in the mod erately recent ante bellum days as some of our readers may well remem ber, our code of ethics was not such as it is now. The laws were more loosely administered. greater latitude was given to individual self-assertion and our babits were more conviival, especially in the matter of drinking, than at present. You can draw a picture from this material furnished. A party of Southern gentlemen en gage in a banquet, the bottle passes freely around, one of them becomes fuddled and, while "in his cups," says or does something derogatory of his neighbor, who is perhaps also boozy and understands it to be much worse than it was meant to be. -Shall s brawl or a deadly encounter ensue on the spot? The code steps in and interferes. "Gentlemen settle no disputes after that fashion." On the next day mutual friends settle the difficulty according to the code. Mu tual apologies are made, both were drunk, one did not mean one half he said, the other beard more than was said, they make it up and are ever "field of honor" and fight it out when men went to the field they meant business. Bad and unchristian as it

NEWS OF THE WEEK The President will start on his trin to the Yellowstone valley about Auast 1.

Great forest fires are raging south of Kalama, Washington Territory The luses so far are estimated a \$200,000.

The number of deaths on Sunday from cholera was 88 at Damietta, 64 at Monsurah, 9 at Samanoud, 7 a Shirbin and 1 at Alexandria.

CAIRO, July 9 .- It is reported here that a yacht is being prepared and will be held in readiness to take the Khedive to Naples in the event of the spread of cholera making his departs ure necessary.

ALEXANDRIA, July 9.-Provisions have given out at Damietta and the people are starving. A number of European residents made an attempt to break the condor around the town and several of them were wounded.

Guiteau's sister, Mrs. Scoville, has brought suit against her divorced husband asking that he be restrained from visiting her place of abode and defranding her of her property, and that he be compelled to contribute to her support and to give to her Gui teau's effects.

Some of the Judges on the United State Supreme Court are pretty well fixed financialy. Judge Blatchford is said to be worth \$15,000,000; Field, \$750,000 ; Bradly,\$500,000 ; Mathwes \$300,000; Waite, 250,000, Gray,150, 000 Wood, 100,000. Harlan and Mil. ler have nothing only their salaries.

At a public meeting of the New York produce trade yesterday resolu tions were adopted opposing any leg islation by Congress looking toward the redemption of trade dollars at par as being in the interest of a ring of speculators, who have purchased the coin in large quantities at its bullion value.

most difficult one in which to secure ficient evidence to justify conviction, and it is doubtful if such a result will be reached.

Sr. Louis, Mo., July 9 .- Sam Cook, colored, who shot Emma Shores. colored girl, at Patosi, Mo., last Thurs. day evening, and then shot himself, was captured yesterday. In his atempt to kill himself he fired two bullets into his head one of which pene trated both hemispheres of the brain the other passed through one hemisphere and both bullets are now in his skull. Notwithstanding these wounds from both of which his brain oozed in considerable quanity, he roamed the woods from Thursday evening till Sunday morning, when he ate a very hearty meal, taiked rationly and walked three miles from the place where he was captured. The physic claus say he cannot live.

HARDSHIPS IN AUSTRIA.

Gen. W. R. Cox, in News and Observer.

The soldier here is seen everywhere. for on a peace hasis the army numbers 800, 000, To defray the enormous expenses the government has many and peculiar monopolies, such as lotteries, tobacco, etc. Everything and every body are taxed except those most able to bear its burdens. The stranger on entering the city must pay for the privilege and when he de parts he must pay a tax for registering his baggage. Amid such surroundings what is the condition of the laboring man? The story is briefly told. We have seen him toiling on Sunday as if there was no day of rest. Women are employed in heav. ing coal, mowing hay, car ying mortar on high buildings, grinding handorgans, knitting and sewing on the Sabbath and working in carts with dogs. In the markets there are offered for sale for food things which in our country are thrown among the garbage, while in the morgue are daily found the bolies of those no longer able to bear "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" seek oblivion in a watery grave. You may enquire why these things are suffered to exist. We answer: The press is muzzled. The masses have never breathed the air of freedom, but are taught rather to fear foreign invasi a than to enquire into their own con dition

the two old soldiers. We were gratified to observe the excellent bodily condition of Mr. Davis, especially after the severe brouchial sttack of a month or so ago. As for his mental condition, that has always been superior to all physical ailments. More than thirty years ago, we saw him led into the Senate by his devoted wife, in an apparently hopeless condition of physical debilis ty, his eyes concealed behind green goggles and his head enveloped in a silk handkerchief. And yet, when a debate arose, or any duty of his position had to be discharged, there was no member of the body who was more prompt or be ter prepared to fill it than the then Senator from Mississippi. Now 75 years of age, his physical condition is superior in all respects to that in which we recogniz ed him 35 years ago, as the stalwart Senator, the fearless and inflexible chieftan of the South, among the conscript fathers of the Republic. May he be spared many more years, to encourage and inspire with worthy sentiments, the youth of our section, as the Chevalier Bayard of the South : Sans, peur et sans reproche.

LAND SALE.

The undersigned will, as Administratrix of R. R. McCall, deceased, en Monday, the 3rd day of Sept. 1883, at Lenoir in the county of Caldwell, proceed to sell the following described land, formerly be-longing to the said R. R. McCall: One hundred and eighty-four acres, lying on the waters of Lower Creek adjoining lands of John Stallings, Philip Largent and others, under a decree of the Superior Court of said county.

TERMS-One fourth cash, balance in six months. M. E. McCALL, Adm'x. Lenoir, N. C., July 18, 1883. 6t

YADKIN VALLEY LAND FOR

SALE!

1 OFFER for sale my Farm of 330 acres, more less, on the Yadkin River in Wilkes county, N. C. THERE are about 60 acres of good River Bottom

THIS Valuable Property will be sold at private

APPLY to JAMES C. HOBTON, either at Patter

sen, Caldwell County, N, C., or at Eikville, Wilkes County, N. C.

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6th day of August, 1883, at Lenoir in said

NORTH CAROLINA,) SUPFRIOR COURT.

Ashe County.

10 acres of which is fine Timothy and Red Top Mea-

BALANCE in Heavy Timber.

sentiments of brotherhood between

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Only requires ONE HOUR to dry apples, pcaches, pears, black. berries, corn and all other fruits and vegetables ready for market. Can be used either in or out of doors, and is so simple any one can manage it. We offer

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on this Machine, and ask you to call and see us before buying any other.

Respectfully,

J. T. BELL, J. A. BOLCH, J. A. SEABOCH.



BEES! BEES

THE Pennsylvaria Republican Convention approves of the act of the late Republican Congress giving preference for positions under the government to soldiers of the late warin other words the Pennsylvanians believe in making Southern soldiers ineligible for office. The war is over, the bloody chasm has been filled. up and we are all brethren now, knowing no section in preference to another. The Republicans deprecate a sectional fight. And yet they make it impossisible for a confederate soldier to get an office under the General Govern. ment when opposed by a Federal Soldier.

THE Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania met at Harrisburg July 11. Wm. Linsey was nominated for State Treasurer and Jerone B. Niles for Auditor General. The plat form approves of the system of protection to home industry and advises the distribution of any surplus in the national treasury, after paying the national debt, among the States; calls upon Congress to redeem the depreciated trade do'lar in good muney; a protest 15 made against pauper emigration ; President Arthur's administration is endorsed and approved expressed of the action of Congress in giving preference for positions under the government to the soldiers of the late war.

dered his resignation as chief engineer ON THE fourth page of this paper encountered an erect, graceful, easyon the East river bridge, between we publish a significant article taken bearing, elderly gentleman, who was after sworn friends. Or, if no expla ever patented. For simplicity and New York and Brooklyn. It was from the columns of the Norfolk engaged in a spirited conversation nations can be made, they go to the accepted, and he was appointed con Landmark, a journal conducted by one with an excellent septuagenarian DR. A. F. HOUCK, capacity they sulting engineer without salery. His of the most clear headed and asga citizen. Offers his services to the public, Will do Office and General Practice. May be found at Office, Clover Hill, 2 miles East Particular when not preference with a grant Major Burke says that under this chief assistant, Mr. Martin, was ap cious editors in the South. The We paused until the interchange of code not one meeting ever resulted f Patterson, when not professionally engaged. Calls, both night and day, promptly attended to. pointed chief engineer and superinpoints made are certainly worthy to cordial recognition and reminispences out of twenty resorts to the code, for tendent of the bridge. The total be carefully weighed and considered has been indulged between the elderly amount of money received for the by the audience to which he reads the Caldwell Nurseries. friends and companions of Ould building of the bridge up to the first lecture. There is no doubt of the Lang Syne' before delivering our Have was it was certainly a more respecta-Equal, no of this month was \$14,999,350 and fact that the Soath, with its almost salutation to the first named veteran bls code than the ridiculous caricature UNDERDOWN & BOLCH, PRO'S. the expenditures were \$14,941,538. illimitable resources, is an alluring and receiving his dignified and comilal which prevails in Virginia. field for the investment of Northern DES MOINES, Is. July 8 .--- Yesterday We have been led to these remarks eturn of the same Encourage Home Enterprise. and European capital, and there is, before Judge McHenry. was begun by noting in ourself symptoms of this He proved to be Jefferson Davisfurther, no doubt of the additional y inconsistency mentioned at the trial of the case of prepared to furnish fruit trees of the best qualities and proved by experiment to do well and flourish in this best on of the country. Address UNDERDOWN & BOLCH, fact that the holders of this capital against John Duncan, indicted for outset. One account of the Elamof the Confederate States in the and will be sold at from can be frightened away from us by manslaughter. This is an unusual Beirne duel states that when Elam noblest struggle ever made by Je 13-1y upprogressive laws. If we make it so Lenoir N. C. was shot he said to his surgeon, case, it being alleged that the defenpeople in behalf of what they believed Wise people are always on the lookout for chances to increase their earnings, and in powerty. We oder a great chance to make money. We want many men, women, boys and girls to work for up right in their own localities. Any one can do the work properly from the first start. The business will pay more than ten times ordinary wages. Ex-pensive outfit furnished free. No one who engages whole time to the work, or only your square mo-ments. Eull insormation and all that is needed sent free. Address STINSON & Co., Portland, Maine. that these men can plant their money dant caused the death of his wife by "Damn it. I'm hit." And we won to be their rights and their princiin a more sterile and less attractive starvation, cruel treatment and negdered how the man could stand there ples. field and realize a better profit there lect. It attracted a large crowd to probably on the brink of his grave TO \$100. Just returned from his plantation than they can here, it is very certain the court room, a dozen of the specand talk in that way, oblivious of the in Mississippi, Mr. Davis was the that they will not invest among us. fact that in being there at all he was tators being ladies subpoened as witpicture of a well preserved old age, The cry against the "monopolist" is nessess for one side or the other. voluntarily breaking the command his spirite as vivacious and his facula very tempting slogan but it is better The line of defence set up is ment against murder. ties as clear and vigorous as they were that to have the monoplist to cry out You will hear from me again. Duncan is very poor; that last Rest before you dia, something might and before you dia, something might and sublime leave behind to conbuer time." Set a week in your own town. \$5 outfit free. No risk. Everything new. Capital not re-quired. We will furmish you overything. Many are making fortunes. Lattice make as much as men, and boys and girls make great pay. Reader, if yant business at which you can make great pay all the time, write for particulars to H. HALLETT & Co., Portland, Maine. fall 40 years ago. He had just concluded against than to have nothing to mo The Illinois State entomologist his wife was taken down with pneuan interview with an old sepuagena nopulize. Those members of the last reports that vast numbers of the monia, and that he cared for her as rian classmate of 44 years ago at Legislature who were so anzious to Hessian fly are now in a dormant best he could. The evidence before West Point, Maj. Theodore Lewis, the pass a Railroad Commission bill for condition so low down in the stalk the grand jury showed that Dancan vounger brother of that remarkable F. WIESENFELD. North Carolina, giving the members that they are left behind in the stub repeatedly refused to, let other perveteras, General John L. Lewis. sons aid or care for his wife, and that of the Commission almost arbitrary ble when the wheat is cut. This is Both were veterans of the old army, LACKS AND HORSES TO HIRE. true of the entire winter wheat region visitorial powor over the railroads, were one offered to take bar to a comfortaand had fought in Mexico side by Ma. JULION JUNCTION desires to 2 of Illinois. He advises that the ble place and provide material aid he side. It was exhilarating. indeed happily defeated in their attempt by t he is prepared to carry passions. a relived and to go on excursions. JULIUS JUSTICE, LEFOIR, N. C. Laapir, N. C., June 20. words of wisdom from such men as | stubble be burned. threatened to shoot. The case is a 'to witness the oordial and carnest

The Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okeechobee Land and Drainage Company, composed mainly of Phil adelphia capitalists, yesterday receiv. ed from the State of Florida an award of 835,385 acres of land, located in the southern portion of the peninsula for their reclamation operations in that State.

During the third quarter of the last fiscal year the receipts of the Post office Department were \$11,911.376. and the expenditures \$10 092,499, leaving a surplus of \$1,119,877. For the nine months of the fiscal year ended March 31 1883, the receipts of the Postoffice Department were \$33,646,356, and the expenditures \$31,436 914, leaving a surplus of \$2,506,442.

RICHMOND, VA., July 10,-The State, which is owned and edited by Mr. Richard F. Bairne, one of the principals in the recent Beirne. Elam duel, in an editorial this afternoou deprecates the attempt made by some of the Northern press to secure the removal of United States District Attorney Sheffey Lewis, Mr. Elam's second on that occasion, on account of his participation in that affair.

NEW YORK, July 8 .- While Mrs. Mary Derby was crossing the railroad track at Houses Falls last Thursday she dropped an infant from her arms, which was struc. and killed. The mother sould not obtain the remains of her child until some fifteen cars had passed over it, when she caught up the body, streaming with blood. and pressed it to her bosom . It was taken from her, and the mother was carried home in an insensible condition

Col. G. W. Roebling yester day ten

Agricultural Report.

WASHINGTON, July 10 .- The July report of the Department of Agricul ture indicates very general improvcment in the condition of cotton. The general average of condition has advanced from 86 to 92. The July State everage are: Virginia 83 North Carolina 91, South Carolins, 91, Georgia 93, Florida 95, Alabama 87, Mississippi 89, Louisana 91, Texas g3, Arkansas 84. Tennessee 88 Picking will commence in southwestorn Texas about the 20th of July. The general average of winter wheat has advanced from 75 to 79, and of spring wheat from 98 to 100. The indications of July point to a winter wheat crop of fully 300,000,000 bushels, about 125,000,000 of spring whea'. The aggregate area of the corn crop is 68,000,000 acres. The average for corn is 88, against 85 last July,90 in 1881, and 103 in 1880. In the South averag ranges from 90 in Tennessee 103 in Lonisians. The average of oats is 99 against 103 last July, and barley 97. The area of tobacco appears to have diminished 7 per cent, condition 95.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

New Orleans Times-Democrat

Yesterday on Carondelet street we



