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T. E RACKET WRIGHT.

To my many friends;

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W. J. RAMSEUR

Your Ear, Please !

I wish to say to my friends of Cald. well and adjoining counties that my connection with the New York Rack et during the year now coming to a close has fully confirmed my faith in a cash system. Our success is conclusive evidence that our people

Observer regrets that there is to be no ball It thinks there should be one and that all of Judge Russell's supporters and their wives and daughters should be invited to attend it. We think this is fair and just but it seems that right here is where the trouble lies A Republican tells the Raleigh News and Observer that Judge Russell and his friends are taking much undeserved credit to themselves over the fact that by having no inaugural ceremonies and no ball the tax payers will be put to no cost on account of the inauguration. This Republican, however, says they deserve no credit for their pretended patriotism; that they are anxious to have a display of pomp and ceremony but will not because they know he colored people will insist on being prominent in the affair. To get clear of the colored people, therefore, they have reluctantly put aside the pomp and ceremony. This is very unkind to the colored people, by whose votes Russell was elected, but it is the usual treatment accorded them by their white allies.

Speaking of inaugural balls, the Raleigh people say that the balls at Governor's inaugurations heretofore

will reside at Marion.

The marriage of Mr. Lemuel Coffey and Miss Cora Riddle was solemnized at the residence of the bride's uncle, sr, P. J. Simmens, in Morganton yesterday evening at 1.30 o'clock, Rev Kelley Fouck performing the ceremony. The happy pair left immediately for the groom's home at Hudson, Galdwell county. Both the bride and greom have been employed at the State Hospital for some time, The bride's parents live in Yancey county.

We are glad to announce that Mr. A. O, Avery, jr., who was seriously cut two weeks ago, is so far recovered that yesterday he was able to be removed from Dr. Lazton's, where he has been confined since he was wounded, to his hows. Mr. Avery has displayed wonderful nerve during his confinement. This, together with a strong constitution, has been greatly in his favor, and without which it is not believed he could have gotten slong so well.

Rev. J. W. Jones, the presiding elder of the Morganton district, filled the pulpit of the Methodist. church in Morganton last Sunday morning and evening and there

sentation on the beard of commissieners upon a proper petition being presented to the resident and presiding judge of the Suparior Court. The Landmark has no right to advise and does not attempt to advise the Democrats of other counties as to their action in the premises, but we think it would be better to go slow about it. The law was made by the fusionists, but where they have elected the commissioners we think they should, in most cases, be allowed to assume the full responsi bility and be held to account accordingly. Of course where it is known or believed that the commissioners elected are incompetent or corrupt, it may be necessary, for self-protection, to take adventage of the law. But if Democrate allow partisan feeling or other reasons to influence them to ask for additional commissioners the act will almost certainly redound to their political disadvantage hereafter, and it will also incite their political enemies to retaliate in counties where the Democrats have elected the commissioners. thus engendering bad feeling and making unnecessary expenses for the tax payer.

The Landmark not only believes in fair play, but believes it would be good politics in the counties where the fusionists have elected the commissioners to let them have full swing unless the interests of the coanty are considered in too great danger. This is our feeling about the matter and we should so. express it if Iredeli bad elected a fusica justead of a Domocratic beard.

"It is true," he replied.

"Poor fool !" they continued. "She was just baving fun with you." "Perhaps," he answered; "but you haven't noticed me weeping any very bitter tears, have you? I'm satisfied."

"You didn't want her, then."

"Well, I'm satified that she should win the bet."

"What does she win?" they inquired.

"Me " he answered, with considerable satisfaction. "I was to be her husband if McKinley won, and she was to be my wife if Bryan proved victorious. Perhaps some of you gentlemen can give me lessons in the art of betting, but I don't believe it."

And there was a general dispesi tion to agree with him.

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A RED LETTER YEAR FOR 1897.

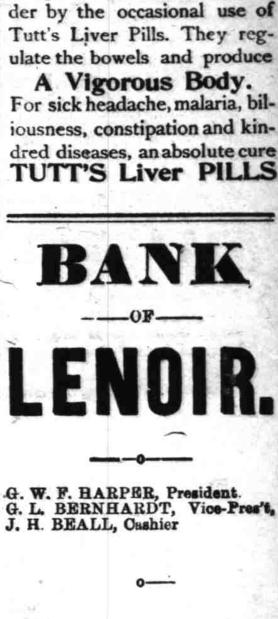
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The battleship Texas has come in

for a great deal of discusion in naval and shipbuilding circles lately. Most of the naval officers, and most of the shipbuilders, have expressed opinion that the big ship is comparatively worthless. There has been a strong suspicion, however, that the principal objection to the Texas lay in the fact that she was built in a southern ship-yard. Previous to the building of the Texas, all the naval vessels had been constucted in northern ship-yards. The Texas was built at Norfolk, Va. But now it would seem that the controversy should come to an end. Secretary Herbert, of the navy, has announced the result of a careful official investigation, and claims that the Texas is all right-as good, in every respect, as any other ship ever built in America. ----A DANDY THING TO SELL. I have been doing so well this summer sel-ling combination dippers that I think it is my duty to tell others about it. I have not made as much money as some I read about, but I never make less than \$3, and often \$5 Accom=: a day; the dipper can be used as a fruit jar filler; a plain dipper; a fine strainer; a funnel; a strainer funnel, a sick room warming pau. a strainer funnel, a sick room warming pan, and a pint measure, These eight different uses makes the dipper such a necessary article that it sells at nearly every house, as it is so cheap. You can get a samp e by sending, as I did, IS two cent stamps to pay postage, etc., to W H. Baird & Co., Station A. Pittsburg, Pa., and they will mail you a dip-per, and you can go right to work- Any one can make \$3 or \$4 a day anywhere. A Beader.



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Respectfully, GEO, W. COCHRANE

Being now engaged at the New York Racket, I will be pleased to have my friends and acquaintances to continue to allow me to deal out to them a hundred cents worth of goods for every dollar they pay me, and to those who have not given me a trial, I want to say that it will take me only a short time to convince them that it will be decidedly to their advantage to trade at the Racket forever in the future Come and see. I shall always give you faithful attention and be glad to help you secure the bargains that I know cannot fail to satisfy.

Yours to please, G. P. JONES.

I want my lady friends to remem ber that I am still at the New) ork Ricket store and as anxious to please then as ever. Trade with me; it will make me Smile and give you bergains. Men, you will always find me ready to do you (Wright.) Boys, old pards, come on, you know As ever yours, ine. GEO. WRIGHT.

Allow me to say to the numerous patrons of the New York Racket that if there is anything I can do for them in the way of selling good goods Chesp, I will be pleased to do so. We can save you money and you know it, who have tried us. We have bargains for you. Come and get them. Remember the store that buys and sells for spot cash always



We want to say right here, you know as well as we know that we have never been andersold in this place; and we know that we will not b. We will have now in a few

have never cost the people of the State a cent; that citizens of Raleigh have always paid for them. It is a pity the Raleigh people couldn't have mentioned this fact earlier. The Democratic Legislature of 1893 appropriated \$500 for the expenses incident to Gov. Carr's inauguration Notwithstanding some Republicans and Populists voted for this appropriation, in the cam aign of 1894 fusionist speakers and newspapers charged that the Democrats had spent \$500 of the people's mon-

ey for a ball, and the Landmark had a controversy with a couple of Populist newspapers over this very matter Of course everybody knew that all of the \$500 had not been spent fer the ball, but we could not prove that the expenses of the ball had not been paid out of it, and thus the charge that \$500 had been spent for a ball had some effect. All that time we never heard a word from the Raleigh people about their

paying for the ball. However, the Landmark will agree right now not to print a word of criticism about the expenditure if the next Legislature will appro priate \$500 for the expenses of Russell's inauguration. provided they will have a ball and will use no discrimination in issuing invitations to Russell's supporters.

The Georgia legislature is wrestling with an anti-trust bill, aimed principally at large manufacturers, who are in the habit of allowing larger commissions to dealers who will handle their products exclusively, than to dealers who also handle the products of rivals. The bill provides that any corporation which violates the terms, shall be

LUCAS COUNTY,

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was a large attendance at both sor mons. Mr. Jones is an able preacher and all who heard him Sunday were well pleased. He is no stranger, however, to many of our propla. having attended Rutherford College for several years and having preached in this county on several occasions afterwards. Capt. S. D. Dunavant returned

Tues lay night from West Virginia, where a contract was awarded him by the Chesapeake and Onio Rail road Company to build a branch road of five miles in length leading out from Deep Water, West Va. This new road is to be built for the purpose of gaining access to coal mines in that vicinity. Capt. Dunavant's contract will amount to about \$75,000, and he will commence the work the first of January. He will employ several everseers and probably other help from Burke.

Uncle John Ervin and his wife. Mandy, colored, who run a restau rant in the Pearson building on Sterling street, ate some "hoghead cheese" yesterday and immediately afterwards took violently sick. Dr. Anderson was called in and gave them all the attention possible. He prononnced their condition serious. A hack was sent for and Uncle John and Aunt Mandy were taken to their home, where they are still very sick,

It is believed that Uncle John and his wife were peisoned from esting the "hog head cheese" and that the poison came from the vessel in which the cheese was -made.

The residence of Mr. A. U. Gunter at Rutherford College, ten miles east of Morganten, was de-

The sultan of Turky a said to be considerably mifed at what President Claveland had to say in his message is regard to the treatment of the Armenians. Mastapha Ber. the Turkish minister at Washington, has called upon Secretary Olney about the matter. The complaint of the Tark is that the pres ident has referred to only one side of the matter. He dess not deny that the Armenians are receiving pretty harsh treatment: but he claims that they have themselves alone to blame, and he wants the president to explain the matter to the American people. "It is not customary, however, for the president to held himself responsible to any foreign government for anything he might say to congress.

Another Spielde Bees to His Brave.

At Rocky Valley, in adjoined county, there was buried last week a prominent man who might be yet an ornament to society, had he not neglected the advice of bis friends to such an extent, that he can be said to have died by his own wish. Mr. Jones had at first a slight cold, neglected, it became scrious His friends advised the great Cough Remedy, Symphyx He refused every appeal by his friends. As a natural result he grew worse and died. Ye that are suffering with coughs and colds beware that you do not lay yourself liable to the same charge and fill a premature grave, but take Symphyx at once and live.

Columbia State. The final tabulation of the popular vote by the United Associate Presses more than confirms the estimates we have from time to time published. The rote cast lacked only 75.000 of reaching the 14,000,000 mark, the increase over the last preceeding election be-McKinley's plurality, isstead of

nany of the plans for 1897 is noticeable. For instance, the series devoted to

"London as seen by Charles Dana Gibson." Mr Gibson has not before appeared as a writer. He vis ited London last summer for SCRIB. NER'S MAGAZINE, for the purpose of depicting with pen and pencil those scenes and types which the huge metropolis presents in endless variety.

Of like novelty is the first considerable Novel by Richard Harding Davis, "Soldiers of Fortune." The hero is one of the most vigorous men that Mr. Davis has drawn. Illustrated by C. D. Gibson.

"The Conduct of Great Businesses." A beautifully illustrated series of articles of which the following are already completed :

"The Great Department Store." "The Management of a Great Hotel."

"The Working of the Bank." "A Great Manufactory.

"Undergraduate Life in American Colleges." A series of articles teuching upon the life of our older universities as represented by the doings of the students themselves.

Judge Henry E. Howland writes on "Undergraduate Life at Yale." Mr. James Alexander on "Princeton," and Robert Grant and Edward S. Martin on "Harvard."

"Japan and China since the War" will be a most interesting group of articles richly illustrated. "The Unquiet Sex." Under the title of "The Unquiet Sex," Mrs. Helen Watterson Moody will write a series of articles:-"Woman and Reforms " "The College Bred Woman," "Woman's Clubs," and "The Oase of Maria" (a paper on domestic service.)

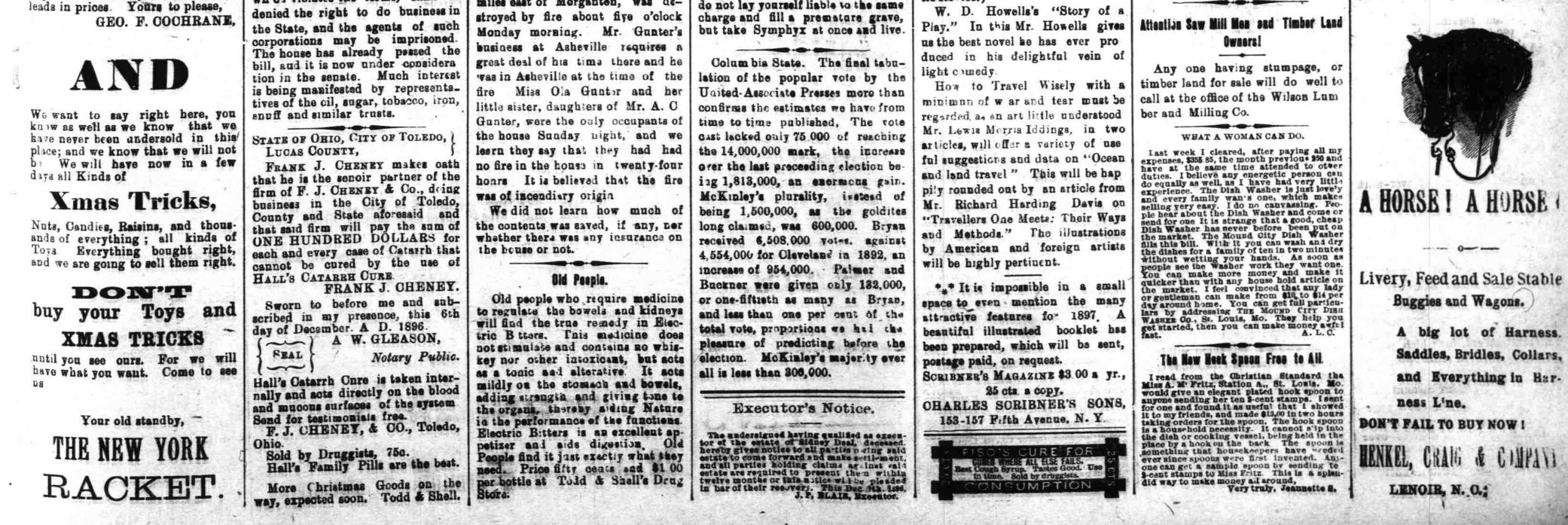
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A cablegram from Caracas indicates quite a serious state of affairs throughout Venezuela. Although President Crespo is inclined to accept the terms of the treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Great Britian, the people are not disposed to be so submissive. There is talk of revolution This talk has become so serious in fact, that the president has found it necessary to issue a decree ordering all private citizens owning arms and ammunition to deposit them with the ministry of the interior. The time set for the expiration of the decree is set on the day that

congress convenes. At present there seems to be every reason to believe that there is going to be some trouble.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY,

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEI, I read how one of your subscribers made money selling Dishwashers; I ordered one, and my lady friends were charmed, as they hats dish washing My brother and I commenced selling them, and have made gl.700 after paying all expenses. We don't canvass any. Our sales are all made at home. People come or send for them, The Mound City Dish Washer is the best Dish washer on the market Cur business is increasing, and we are going to keep right on, until we make ten thousand dollars We sell from 5 to 15 mschines every day, and some days more. The Dishwasher is lovely, every housekeeper wants one. There is no excuse to be poor when so much money can be made selling Dish Washers. For Full particulars, address the Mound City Dish Washer eo., St. Louis, Mo. They will start you on the road to success. A Beader.





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