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Congress did not adjourn on the 17th, and its exit from the Capitol is uncertain—well, sometime.

Thus far 2,335 bills have been introduced this session of Congress, and very few of that number have been acted upon.

It seems that the nomination of Ewing for Governor by the Ohio Democrats was done in the hope of attaining support from a portion of the Greenbackers. The National Year, the greenback organ published at Washington, etc., etc.

The Democratic journals of the State are engaged in a warm discussion of political issues pertaining to the forthcoming Presidential canvass, and in which they are considerably at sea with regard to the tactics of the Republicans and who will be the nominee of this party to be "counted in" in 1881.

What Shall Be Done? The increase of crime is appalling, in all portions of the country, not excepting our own immediate county, which was once thought to be almost without exception law-abiding and God-fearing.

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Convicts Shot Down. A large number of prisoners are employed in the work of constructing the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway, on that portion of the line between the Gulf in Chatham county and Greensboro. These convicts are for convenience divided into gangs and are all guarded by men well armed with the best Springfield breech loading rifles, furnished by the State. At the conclusion of each day's labor the prisoners are marched to some place near by, where they are put in sheds or camps and guarded.

The guards suspected the attempt at escape, and a full supply of the best arms and ammunition was sent up to this road not long since. The convicts seem to have had an idea, despite the numerous terrible experiences to the contrary, that by making a bold rush they could get away from the guards. These last were unusually vigilant, and were prepared at all times to give good account of any prisoner who should make an attempt at escape. One of these gangs is now stationed at a point about where the railway crosses the Moore county line. Among the prisoners composing it was a desperate character by the name of Huntly. This man last year committed the crime of horse-stealing at Wadesboro, and fled to

Greensboro, where he was captured. He was immediately taken back to Wadesboro, and, Court being then in session was speedily tried for the offense, convicted and sent to the Penitentiary. He was considered a desperate man, and since he has been in the gang of prisoners has been the master spirit in the plans for escape.

The gang each night had to march some distance along a road to their camp. On Tuesday evening, at the close of work, they were being carried there, and when a farm house was reached, ten men of the gang, led by Huntly, made a sharp dash right through the yard. The guards were not taken by surprise, and in an instant ten leveled rifles vomited leaden death among the flying men. Eight dropped at the flash. Two escaped, not being touched by a second fire which instantly followed the first. Dashing forward, the guards found four of the men stone dead and the other four badly wounded. Among the latter was the desperate Huntly. As the convicts rushed through the yard the people of the farm house were at their vocations. A woman was stooping, milking a cow. One of the gang ran toward her, and just as he reached a point only a few feet away, a bullet pierced his brain and he fell dead at her feet. She almost fainted from fright, but was not harmed. The other convicts of the gang made no attempt to fly, and it was only the ill-fated ten who took part in the foolish plan.—Bal. Obs. 14th.

Edison's Detroit Rival. Saturday evening a reporter of the Free Press spent a couple of hours in the old church on Pine Street, where several months ago he discovered Charles J. Vandepole, his enthusiastic electrician. A flood of light, beautiful in its soft brilliancy, fell upon the tools and patterns scattered everywhere and cast inky silhouettes on the floor. Pendant from the center of the ceiling hung the marvelous cause of it all—the coming light, produced by electricity. The plucky Mr. Vandepole, although working at great disadvantage, has made notable improvements in the light which he first exhibited to a reporter of this paper some months ago. The light which was shown Saturday night was a clear white ray, having a steady glow, flickering only occasionally, when the air between the carbon points was changed by the current. Sixty feet away from the light the finest print was easily read, and still its brilliancy did not dazzle nor pain the eyes, as it came from near the ceiling. When the light was lowered to the table, however, it was much too strong, but easily regulated by the force of the current.

Mr. Vandepole was particularly jubilant, and spoke of the coming exhibition which he proposed to make in the streets of the city. He had hoped to get his new and large dynamo-electric machine ready to make the practical exhibition on the evening of the Fourth of July, but will hardly be able to. He expects, however, to exhibit one light in front of the city hall on that evening and will illuminate the whole Campus Martius. The first which Mr. Vandepole proposes to make within the next few months must satisfy the city authorities, whether they will invest in the electric light or not. He will place twelve or fourteen lights at different points in the city, focusing several on the Campus Martius, on near the river, and others wherever the authorities may wish.—Detroit Free Press, 9th.

A VALUABLE ARTIST.—The Smithsonian Institution has received thro' Consul-General Haas, now representing the United States at Constantinople, and formerly commissioner for Tunis at the Centennial Exhibition, the most valuable mosaic Tunis had in its exhibit. It is known as the "Mosaic Lion," is estimated to be two thousand years old, and formerly formed part of the floor of the temple of Diana at Carthage, near the site of the Byrsa. The floor was of immense size, and represented the various animals of a class, drawn to life size. In this particular a curious drawing by some artist of very great beauty, but which was entirely destroyed by a fall of masonry when being removed by Arabs. The fragment which has been obtained by the Smithsonian Institution is 24 by 7 1/2 feet, and is all that is left of this once magnificent floor.

Durham Tobacco Plants. On last Friday James A. Stagg was taken sick while working in the field and died in a short time. On Thursday morning while eating supper Riley Stagg was taken sick and died in a few moments. He had been quite healthy for some time, but was much weaker on the day of his death.

Snakes—A Man who has 'Em Bad, But Don't Mind It. A curious exhibition was given in Dr. Duncan Eves' rear office yesterday morning. Dr. H. Shacklett and M. G. Collins, of Centerville, appeared there with the understanding that Collins was to permit a rattlesnake to bite him, and then cure himself by a concoction manufactured out of the mosses which grow on white oak and hickory-nut trees. This moss had been put in three and a half pints of water, they said, and boiled down to half a pint. The physicians chose a rattlesnake in preference to a copperhead or cottonmouth snake, by either of which Collins proposed to make the test. He was bitten on the wrist by the rattlesnake, and the wound bled. He at once applied the remedy to the wound and took it internally. His pulse had beat at 84, temperature 99. At the end of 15 minutes from the bite, the pulse had risen to 91 and the temperature to 101 1/2 degrees; 15 minutes more his pulse was 93 and temperature 100; in one hour from the time of the bite, the pulse beat at 90, while the temperature marked 98 1/2. At this point of the proceedings, Collins suffered with nauseated stomach, and remarked that he had tried the same experiment with a rattlesnake at Centerville last Monday; that the

snakes, together, and they would not catch him making experiments without a greater lapse of time between them. The snake that bit Collins was taken until it struck a dog, which died from the bite one hour and thirty-five minutes after. Collins claims to have got his antidote from the Blackfoot and Cherokee Indians when a youth.—Nashville American.

A SEA SERPENT AS THICK AS A JUNE'S MART.—Captain Davison, master of the Mitsa Bishi steamship Kiushia Maru, gives the following relation of what passed before his eyes on his voyage from Kiu Kiu to Kobe in the early part of this month. The statement is duly signed by himself and countersigned by Mr. John McKechnie, the chief officer, and its authenticity appears to be beyond question.

Saturday, April 5th, at 11:30 a. m., Cape Satano distant about nine miles, the chief officer and myself saw a whole jump clear out of the sea about a quarter of a mile away. Shortly after it leaped out again, when I saw there was a thing attached to it. Got glasses, and on the next leap distinctly saw something like an oil to the belly of the whale. The latter gave one spring clear of the water, and myself and the chief officer then observed what appeared to be a large creature of the snake species rear itself about thirty feet out of the water. It appeared to be about the thickness of a junk's mast, and, after standing for about ten seconds in an erect position, it descended into the water, the upper end going first. With my glasses I made out the color of the beast to resemble that of the pilot fish.—Tokio Times.

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KILLED BY A SNAKE BITE.—George Griggs, who lived with his mother at Mrs. Margaret Haynes', a few miles from this place, was bitten on the hand by a moccasin snake on Friday, May 30th, and died early on Tuesday morning following. A physician was summoned immediately and rendered all necessary aid, and the young man would have entirely recovered had he been more cautious. On Sunday he went to church, and in so doing was up his blood. He became worse immediately and continued so until his death, as above stated. This is, indeed, a sad occurrence, and should be a warning to all to be very careful about snakes. Mr. Griggs was about 18 years of age, well-connected and bore a good character.—Mt. Airy Visitor.

Between Leesburg and Sumterville, Florida, is a rich strip of hammock land, about four miles long and a half wide. In this strip is a large basin which suddenly went dry a few days ago, leaving myriads of fish in the bottom. Many loads of fish were hauled away, but the remainder being exposed to the sun, there arose a stench which was offensive for miles around. It is supposed, by the Leesburg Advertiser, that a subterranean river flows under the strip of hammock and that the lack of rain caused the basin to lose its contents.

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BOSTON May 30.—An Island Pond despatch states that there have been nine deaths, so far, of children who drank from a poisoned brook, viz: Edward Morse lost two of his children, John Aldrich three, Frederick Simpson one, L. Wilson one, Mr. Park one, and John Cole one. The others cannot live. Potatoes were also thrown into the brook, causing the belief that the latter is the prime cause more than the carcasses of dead animals. There is terrible distress; work is suspended, and there is great excitement. Another despatch states that 27 children were poisoned by drinking from the brook, and that the farmer who allowed the carcasses to be thrown into it will be arrested. The bodies of the dead children soon decomposed, and had to be buried forthwith.

KIDNAPPING CHILDREN IN PARIS.—In Paris people lament over the numerous disappearances of infants, and this is a mystery upon which no light can be thrown. It is certain that about six months ago the police arrested a woman known as the "Ogresse des Lilas," who is supposed to have stolen several children and to have made away with them in some mysterious manner. The "Ogresse" is still in prison; she is a highly educated woman, and moved in first-class society, but the police cannot catch her making experiments without a greater lapse of time between them.

Struck by Lightning.—The residence of Mr. James Reeves on "Bunker Hill" in Pee Dee village, was struck by lightning on Thursday evening last during the prevalence of a slight rain-storm. Mrs. Reeves and a small colored boy were the only occupants of the building at the time. Mr. H. was engaged cooking at a stove, the piping of which enters the chimney which was struck, the funnel demolished, and Mrs. Reeves and the little boy knocked down and severely stunned. Besides demolishing the chimney a considerable rent was made in the floor and the stove was tossed around. No other damage was sustained by the building. It was certainly a narrow escape for Mrs. Reeves and the little darkey.—Rockingham South.

A party went out from Raleigh last Friday morning, to fish at Watson's mill-pond in Johnston county. That night they slept in the third story of the mill. Dr. J. H. Kirkham, who was of the party, came behind the others, and they heard a noise below. Dr. K. not following them, a light was made and those up stairs went below to investigate. The Raleigh Observer says they found that Dr. Kirkham had been thrown through an open hatchway, and striking his head against a piece of timber, had been instantly killed.

INVENTORS.—There are few places of the size which can lay claim to more inventive genius than Greensboro. There are no less than twelve inventors living here each one of whom has invented and patented one or more practical, useful things. Among them we might mention at a hasty glance a more important the Allen brick machine, the Kendall shingle machine, and the Segent's mill block for saw mills. There are all labor-saving machines of recognizing merit.—Greensboro Patriot.

At the last session of the Westmoreland county, Va., Court the will of the late Judge George W. Lewis was admitted to probate. It is a characteristic document. Among other things it contains the following clause, "I confirm the gift of the sword to my brother Henry Gen. Washington to my grandfather, Major George Lewis, given by him to my father, and bequeathed by my father to me. It is the same sword (or cutlery) mentioned in Gen. Washington's will."

Senator Hampton says he is opposed to the Warner silver bill, and will vote against it should it come to a vote in the Senate. He claims to be a consistent hard-money man, and perfectly willing to have a bimetallic currency whenever a proper ratio between gold and silver can be established.

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