

The Crotons of Richmond and Robeson county are said to be 3,000 in number.

Senator Vance thinks there is no occasion for the people of the South to fear Harrison.

Gen. Franz Seigel's son has been sent to the penitentiary for six years for forging pension papers.

Mr. Whitkowsky says that the Knitting Mill in Charlotte is turning out better work at a lower price than northern mills.

"M Quad's" first letter on North Carolina, published in the Detroit Free Press, is very good and shall appear in our next.

A citizen of Belfast has written the whole of President Cleveland's annual message (15,000) words on one side of a postal card.

Those wanting copies of the State analyses of fertilizers on the market, should address, "Experiment Station, Raleigh, N. C."

The negroes of Topeka, Kansas, always vote with the party in favor of heavy expenses, and have piled up a heavy burden on the city.

A nutmeg swindler struck Detroit, a few days ago, and worked the market with doctored pecan nuts, and got away before the swindle was discovered.

J. B. Hogeland and W. F. Gilmer, postal clerks on the route between Washington and Charlotte, have been dismissed and Republicans put in their places.

The agent of the Farmers' Alliance in Davidson county has succeeded in getting around the merchants and procuring guano from first hands—so they say.

The combinations of capital (trust) have wedged in between farmers and binding twine and run the price up from 9 cents per lb. last year, to 25 cents now.

Cross and White are to be tried on a charge of false pretences, for representing the bank as solvent, by which six new directors were brought into the concern before its failure.

The Charlotte Chronicle says Miss Lizzie Alexander, of Mecklenburg, made two cuts with a razor on her throat and is in a precarious condition. She has been mentally diseased for some time.

A French chemist claims to have discovered a method for producing the fadeless blue color employed in decorating walls in ancient times. It is seen on the walls in the ruins of ancient Pompeii as bright to-day as it was 2,000 years ago.

Asa C. Brown, of Oregon, has patented a revolving harrow which cleans itself of rubbish and conforms to inequalities of the ground. The teeth are set in two wheels which lie horizontally and are so geared as to revolve when drawn forward.

The municipal election in Wilmington, last Thursday, resulted in the choice of seven Democrats and three Republicans, two of the latter negroes. The Legislative Act giving the city the right to pay a bonus to encourage factories was ratified by a large majority.

Two young girls, daughters of Jim Henry Keziah, of Chesterfield county, S. C., ran away from home in March, since which time their father has been searching for them in Charlotte, Salisbury, Greensboro, Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro and Wilmington. He found them in Wilmington got possession of and perhaps got home with them. But they were resisting and trying to escape at every station, and declared they would rather die than submit to the cruelty of their father, who had also caused their mother and four other children to leave home.

J. B. Connelly, formerly clerk of the Superior Court of Iredell, and who took his departure from Statesville rather sudden and unexpectedly last fall, and of whom it was said he was a defaulter in a large sum, has published a letter in which he says his return to North Carolina is voluntary, and that before he left he arranged for the payment of his debts to the extent of his means—that he is conscious of errors, and intends to do what he can to make amends for them, and hopes the public will suspend their judgment of him until he has had an opportunity to make a defense.

Mr. Wm. R. Pool, aged 94, and from his birth a citizen of Wake county, died April 21. He has, says the News-Observer, filled many places of trust in that county, and retired from the board of county commissioners in his 89th year. He was never married.

Think of a birthday cake for Mr. Elison, the great inventor and electrician, two feet in diameter and one foot thick, his name wrought on it in frost work of various colors, and around the edges 42 tiny incandescent electric lights, supplied from a battery in the center of the cake.

While boring for natural gas at Hutchinson, Kansas, says Prof. M. Swenson, the machine passed through a vein of salt about 400 feet thick. Surveys and borings over a large extent of country indicate that the vein is 400 feet thick, over 300 miles long and 25 miles wide. Steps are being taken to utilize this vast deposit.

Mr. Chas. L. Torrence, postal clerk on the railroad route between Charlotte and Taylorsville, has been notified that his resignation has been kindly accepted, when the fact is Mr. Torrence has not sent in any resignation and does not propose to do so. It is all the same at Washington, however; his dismissal is expected, and a negro, J. W. Gordon, who has been working for the place, it is thought, will get the appointment.

The coolest and most daring bank robbery on record is reported from Denver, Col. The whole thing was done in broad day light and in the presence of half a dozen clerks. The robber entered the bank and desired to see the president of the bank in his private office. He had called to tell that officer that the bank was about to be robbed of a large sum of money; and to show him how it was to be done, called for a blank check, and laying it on the desk drew a revolver and pointed it at the head of the president and told him to fill it up for \$21,000 or die on the spot. He also took out a bottle of nitro glycerine, with threats to blow up the building. He was a desperado in a desperate endeavor. The president, seeing that there was no escape, filled and signed the check; and by following up the business close, the robber got the money before leaving the bank, and lifting his hat to the president at the front door departed, and actually escaped.

Hon. Simon Wolf.

This distinguished gentleman, a Jew, lectured in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, in Charlotte the night of April 1st, to a large audience of the most intelligent people of the city. A Jew lecturing in a Christian edifice to a Christian people is not very common, but Mr. Wolf claims to be unbiased by creed differences when an opportunity is offered to speak a word for the benefit of mankind, or for the advancement of this, the land of the free, his adopted country. His lecture, says the Chronicle, was highly pleasing to the large assembly who heard it.

Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondent.) WASHINGTON, April 1st, 1889.

Have Harrison and Blaine any influence with the Republican Senate? If so, how much? Since the Senate, by the very decisive vote of 25 to 10, rejected the nomination of Murat Halstead, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, to Germany, these questions have been asked on every hand and many answers have been given. It is well known here that Harrison and Blaine took occasion to inform every Republican Senator that they were very deeply interested in Halstead's confirmation, and yet the Senate voted against his confirmation, only nineteen favoring it, and two of them were Democrats—Messrs Blackburn and Call.

Therefore the inference is that Harrison and Blaine have no very great amount of influence with the Senators of their party. This rejection of Halstead by Republican votes is a very queer thing, and is likely to make trouble for some of the parties for a long time to come. That the Democrats should have voted against his confirmation was to be expected, but what puzzled people hereabouts is why such a rampant bloody shirt waver as Ingalls should have joined them. Halstead's opinion of those Republicans who voted against him will make mighty interesting reading.

The surprise created by the nomination of Robert Lincoln to be Minister to England has not yet died out, and Republican applicants for the big appointments still open are anxiously inquiring if the Garfield boys want anything, because if they do there is no reason after the Fred Grant and Lincoln appointments why they should not get it.

It looks very much as though that Senatorial boycott was begging to get in its work.

The Senate will adjourn this week, and President Harrison will be very glad to see them go away as he has a few more appointments of the Hal-

stead order to make, and does not harbor other rejections at the present.

Some very bad news was officially received here on Saturday afternoon. On the 15th of March a hurricane completely destroyed the United States war vessels Trenton and Vandalia and drove the Nipsic upon a coral reef in the harbor of Apia, one of the Samoan islands. Captain Schoonmaker, was in command of the Vandalia. Two German war ships were lost with one hundred men at the same time. The Trenton and Vandalia were among the best wooden ships in our little Navy and their loss will be severely felt. The Cablegram from Admiral Kimberly says they have hopes of being able to save the Nipsic.

Interstate-Commerce Commissioner Walker has resigned to take effect today. He has accepted the management of an association of railroads at an annual salary of \$25,000.

The pleasure trip of the Senate committee which was to have started from Chicago on the 6th inst. for a six weeks inspection and investigation of the various Pacific railroads and branches have postponed the junket until next fall.

"Corporal" Tanner says no clerks will be removed in the Pension office except for cause. We shall see.

"If Whitelaw Reid does not return to this country in disgrace I shall be greatly surprised," said a well known Republican to me to-day. Upon my asking his reason for thinking so, he said: "Reid is heavily interested in a corporation that is nothing more nor less than a business fake. One end of it rests in Washington where it is looked after by one of the shrewdest as well as most unscrupulous men in the country. Both Reid and this man, who by the way is not in Europe, were roped into this scheme and have now got many thousands of dollars tied up in it. They have long ago agreed that the best thing to do was to unload the whole thing on European capitalists, and for that purpose the Washington member of the affair went to Europe about ten days ago, and is now awaiting Reid's arrival. Of course Reid will endorse the Washington man, and his official position as U. S. Minister to France will cause his endorsement to have great weight with European financiers, and the probabilities are that the unloading of the fake will be a success. It will not take long for the purchasers to discover that they have been robbed, and that Reid's endorsement did it. Then?"

General Black, ex-Commissioner of Pensions, has gone to Chicago, where he will resume the practice of law.

It is said that Gen. Joseph E. Johnson, Commissioner of Railroads, will not be removed by the new administration, owing to the request from Gen. Sherman asking for his retention.

Two Fleets Wrecked.

A hurricane occurred at Apia, Samoa, on March 15. Every vessel in the harbor was driven on the shore except the English man-of-war Calliope, which got to sea. The United States war ships Trenton and Vandalia are total losses. The Nipsic was beached and her rudder is gone. She may be towed, but the chances are against it. She will be sent to Annapolis if possible.

LONDON, March 31.—Further particulars of the disastrous storm at Apia have just been received. The hurricane burst upon the harbor suddenly. The German man-of-war Eber was the first vessel to drag her anchor. She became unmanageable and was driven helplessly on the reef which runs around the harbor. She struck broadside on at 6 o'clock in the morning. The shock caused her to lurch and to stagger back, and she sank in a moment in deep water. Most of her men were under hatches, and scarcely a soul of them escaped.

The German war ship Adler was the next to succumb. She was lifted bodily by a gigantic wave and cast on her beam ends on the reef. A terrible struggle for life ensued among the officers and sailors. Many plunged into the raging surf and struck out, some reached the shore in safety. Others clung to the rigging until the masts fell. Of those in the rigging only two gained the shore. The captain of the Adler and several other officers were saved.

Meantime the U. S. steamer Nipsic had been dragging her anchors and drifted toward the shore. The Captain, however, managed to keep control, and ran her on a sand bank. Boats were immediately lowered, and the whole company were saved with the exception of six men. These were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

The United States steamer Vandalia was carried before the gale right upon the reef. She struck with a terrible shock, hurling Capt. Schoonmaker against a Gatling gun and he fell stunned. Before he could recover a great wave swept the deck and he was washed away with others into the sea. The vessel sank fifty yards from the Nipsic. Several of the officers were washed overboard and drowned. Others perished while making desperate efforts to swim to the shore. Some remained for hours in the rigging, but heavy and swift-succeeding waves washing over them carried off one by one.

By this time night had set in. Many natives and Europeans had gathered on the shore, all anxious to render assistance to the unfortunate crews; but owing to the darkness they were wholly unable to do so. Soon after the Vandalia had sunk, the American war ship Trenton broke from her anchorage and was driven upon the wreck of the Vandalia, whence she drifted to the shore. The bottom of the Trenton was completely stove and her hold was half full of water.

As morning broke the German man-of-war Olga, which had hitherto withstood the gale, although much battered by the heavy seas that constantly broke upon her, became unmanageable and she was driven upon the beach, where she lay in a tolerably fair position. The following is a record of the officers and men lost.

Eber—The captain and all other officers except one and seventy-six men. Vandalia—The captain, four officers and forty men. Nipsic—Seven men. Adler—Altogether fifteen persons. Mataafa sent a number of men to the assistance of the ships. They rendered splendid aid in trying to float the Olga.

For the Watchman. The Arm-Clutch.

"I would some power the gift give us To see ourselves as others see us." A few evenings ago, on leaving the church after service, it was my misfortune to fall in line just behind a couple who have adopted the disgusting custom of the so-called "arm-clutch."

I must say that on this special occasion, as the lady was big and the man was little, it did not look so dreadfully inappropriate, but decidedly unnatural, nevertheless. To me it seems the most unbecoming, the most unnatural and decidedly the most immodest custom our girls have taken up.

I look at our young men in astonishment! It is beyond my comprehension how a man with any manhood (even if he is little) can hang on a lady's arm as if he were looking to her for protection. When I was young a gentleman escorted a lady as her protector; he offered his arm as an act of gallantry, and always with that proud, manly look which proclaimed more emphatically than words, "I am strong; lean upon me." Now, things seem to be entirely reversed, and it appears that all the gallantry and chivalry which ought to be innate in man has passed away and has degenerated to such an extent that the ladies have to protect and support him in walking out.

Now, girls, if these "dudes" look to you for protection and support, why not don their beaver hats, twirl their walking canes, and give these weak, helpless men your ribbons and gloves? Why not transfer to them your big, becoming hats and long waving plumes to shade those handsome eyes, which turn to you with that pleading (for protection) look? Bah! what utter degeneracy of the "genus homo!" And this custom is certainly the most unbecoming and the most unwarranted trespass upon the modesty and true refinement of any practice that has been adopted by the genus—"girl-o."

Now, laying aside all jesting, I wish to say to you girls that this attempt to play "the gallant" you are resigning your modesty.

It is natural to woman's heart to desire and to enjoy admiration, and the girl who receives much attention often mistakes this for admiration. The beaux fall into your "fast ways" to have what they term "fast wives." "A jolly good time!" do not flatter yourself that their attention means admiration, for by your lack of modesty you lower yourself in the estimation of all men; the girls who receive the most attention are often those who are least admired.

The very men who "carry on" with forward young girls, say very ugly things about them when they are together and the girls are not present. I really pity girls who have no grown-up brothers to tell them how untrustworthy most men are, how they ridicule and condemn the forward girls, while the truly modest girl is always highly spoken of, admired and almost revered even by the "fast" young men.

No matter how beautiful, how accomplished or how talented a woman may be if she lacks modesty she fails to command due respect from the opposite sex. Modesty is said to be "woman's most precious jewel;" she ought to learn its worth, then value it, and guard it with the utmost vigilance.

There is a great lack of modesty now-a-days, and I sometimes wonder if the mothers are no as much to blame as the girls. If they were taught from their infancy that modesty is a woman's only safe-guard, they would value it more highly, and could not cast it aside so easily.

Now, my dear girls, take warning and not offense give up this abominable custom, practice, fashion or whatever else you may choose to call it, and let men, if you have any manhood left, obey the Bible injunction, "Quit ye like men; be strong." MORE ANON. B. B.

Sunday School Convention.

The State Sunday School Convention has been in session this week in Charlotte. It has been an occasion of earnest interest to those who attended the meetings, and the attendance has been large. The Chronicle reports yesterday's proceedings, from which we copy the following:

President Parrish then called for the report of the committee on permanent organization. The report was submitted by W. H. Reisner, of Salisbury, as follows: President, Rev. T. H. Pritchard, D. D., of Wilmington.

Vice-Presidents: 1st, Rev. E. A. Yates, D. D., Durham; 2d, Rev. F. W. E. Feschau, Wilmington; 3d, W. S. Ransom, Newton; 4th, S. W. Reid, Steel Creek; 5th, Capt. A. G. Brenizer, Charlotte; 6th, W. E. Swain, Winston; 7th, D. H. Albright, Sandy Grove; 8th, W. A. Blair, Winston.

Secretary, Prof. J. W. Gore, Chapel Hill. Assistant Sec., W. S. Robertson, Chapel Hill. Statistical Sec., H. N. Snow, Durham. The report of the committee was unanimously received and adopted.

Death of Gen. John A. Young. We publish on the fourth page of this paper a notice of the death of this gentleman, who was well known here by the older residents of the town as one of the best men of his day. May the memory of him ever be cherished.

State News. An amendment to the charter of the town of New Bern concerning the fire department and streets passed at the last General Assembly, and we are credibly informed, was ratified and enrolled, but has never found its way into the office of the Secretary of the State—New Bern Journal.

The first radishes of the season that we know of were grown in the garden of Mrs. Geo. Rountree, who had them for dinner Tuesday. Mrs. Rountree has a very fine garden for which she deserves all credit as Mr. Rountree's knowledge about gardening "is not worth a continental."—Kinston Free Press.

On Friday Lee Lyon, a negro of much notoriety in this county, was shot and killed by Officer Porter and posse near Franklinton. After a fit and thorough examination the Coroner's jury found that it was justifiable homicide. Lyon was an ex-convict and had been a terror to the neighborhood for a number of years.—Louisburg Times.

The Richmond and Danville railroad has just completed the grading of the Randleman branch from High Point to Asheboro. Contract for the track laying has been let, and will be finished and will be open for operation by May 15th. This road is to be extended to Winston-Salem.—Winston Republican.

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