

**The Bravest Battle.**  
The bravest battle that was ever fought,  
Shall I tell you where and when?  
On the maps of the world you will find  
It not—  
'Twas fought by the mothers of men.  
Not with cannon or battle shot,  
With a sword or noble pen;  
Not with eloquent word or thought  
From mouths of wonderful men.  
But deep in a walled-up woman's heart,  
A woman that would not yield,  
But bravely, silently bore her part—  
Lo, there is that battlefield!  
No marshalling troops, no bivouac song,  
No banner to gleam and wave;  
But oh! these battles they last so long,  
From babyhood to the grave.  
Yet, faithful still as a bridge of stars,  
She fights in a walled-up town;  
Fights on and on in the endless wars,  
Then silent, unseen, goes down.  
O ye with banners and battle shot  
And soldiers to shout and praise,  
I tell you the kindest victories fought  
Are fought in these silent ways.  
O, spotless woman in a world of shame!  
With splendid and silent scorn,  
Go back to God as white as you came—  
The kindest warrior born.

Two weeks ago the safe in the railroad office at Beaver Dam, Union county, was robbed of \$420. The Monroe Enquirer says there was a great deal of talk about the affair and this must have worked on the thief's conscience, for a few days later the agent of the railroad found on his piazza a dirty package which on being examined was found to contain \$415—just \$5 less than the amount stolen.

The Alabama legislature has passed an election law that will disfranchise illiterate colored voters to the number of about forty thousand.

The Wyoming legislature has adjourned sine die without electing a United States Senator. It is expected that the Governor will appoint A. L. New, Democrat.

The committee on elections in the lower house of Congress last Saturday decided to report in favor of Elliott, Democrat, the sitting member, in the case of Miller vs. Elliott from the black district of South Carolina. Miller is a colored man.

A Louisiana man is hard at work on a flying machine. It is said that recently in experimenting with his machine, he succeeded in making it fly ten feet in the air for a distance of twenty-five yards. He expects to bring it to a climax by summer.

The disgraceful proceedings in Kansas between the Republicans and a Populist House of the Legislature, came to an end last Saturday by the Populist Governor signing a treaty of peace and the Populist legislators taking up quarters elsewhere, leaving the Republicans in possession of the State house and victorious on all points. The crowds attracted to the State capital by this unusual occurrence departed and peace reigns supreme. The only bloodshed during the whole affair was that of a Populist, who got his nose mashed for his zeal in trying to keep food from being passed to the Republicans while they were barricaded in the State house.—Statesville Landmark.

Mrs. Chas. Price, of Salisbury, whose unflagging interest and zeal in working up the North Carolina exhibit for the World's Fair has been the admiration alike of those who do, and do not, feel the pride in their State they should, has secured some fine specimens of china ware made in the State, and has delegated the honor of painting them for the World's Fair exhibit to Miss Cordie Phifer, of this city. The designs of decoration are exceedingly pretty, and the execution of the same reflects credit on the artistic talent of the State.—Charlotte Observer.

The Davie Times draws this moral from the failure of the Farmers' Alliance store in Mocksville: "Lawyers for law, doctors for medicine, merchants for merchandise and financiers for finance," and asks the Observer if it doesn't think Maryann Butler would run, on a large scale, the finances of the government about like those of the late unlamented Mocksville Alliance store were run. The Observer agrees in toto with the Times, which might have included in its motto, "Farmers for farming." The defunct Alliance store was established with the idea that it would exclude from any intercourse with the farmers those despised classes, the lawyers and merchants. It must, therefore, be a bitter dose for the promoters of the store to swallow when the lawyers step in to wind up the affairs of the concern and to hear the inevitable "I told you so," of the old established merchants as they watch the pieces of the thing come down after the burst.—Charlotte Observer.

Pneumatic mail service in America was inaugurated Saturday afternoon in Philadelphia. Postmaster General Wanamaker sent a carrier containing the Bible wrapped in the American flag through the tube connecting the sub-station with the central station. With the Bible and the Stars and Stripes the Postmaster General sent this message: "The first use of the first pneumatic postal tube in the United States is to send through it a copy of the Holy Scriptures—the greatest message ever given to the world. Carrying the Bible is the American flag—the emblem of the freedom of \$65,000,000 of happy people." In exactly one minute and three seconds from the time the carrier left the Postmaster General's hands the bell rang, announcing its safe arrival at the Chestnut street sub-station. The return trip was made in the same time, any as the carrier shot out of the receiver all present joined in three hearty cheers for the system that is to revolutionize the mail service of the country. Not the slightest hitch marred the exhibition.—C. Democrat.

**Successful Farming.**  
The successful farmer produces everything consumed on the farm. This can be proved by the past record of our State and county. Forty years ago our farmers raised all the bacon used in our State and meat for the market; also all the flour, corn, oats and everything consumed at home and some to sell. So when they sold their cotton it was a surplus and the money loaned to the merchants. But our country has gone through a revolution. Our farmers have tried to keep their meat houses and flouring mills in the Northwest, and their fertilizer is all brought from the phosphate beds of the coast, at a big cost, in place of making manure at home—costing comparatively nothing, and worth twice or three times as much. These are all facts worthy of note and all of our farmers admit it.

This is the time of year for our farmers to supply themselves with pigs to make meat for another year as it will pay any farmer to raise his own meat at any price, and especially at the present price. Bacon is worth 12 1/2 cents per pound. It is best to raise our own meat. This is a grass-growing country. Seed time will soon be on hand, and now is the time to supply yourselves with seeds. Red clover will pay a better dividend than cotton, yet you find numbers of our farmers who have not got an acre in clover, when they should have five acres to the horse. Any farmer can prepare and sow from two to five acres each season, both fall and spring. I think cotton land the best for clover, as the weed and grass seeds are not so apt to impede the young clover. Prepare your land well and manure liberally, and sow in rust proof oats in March, and sow your clover 15 pounds to the acre last and brush in lightly. Success in clover culture is to prepare the land well before sowing, and with a good season after the spring freezes are over you may expect a good stand. Clover hay is always in demand on our market at 75c per hundred. And a good crop on good land would amount to three tons per acre, and will cost less in harvesting than any other known crop and is always in demand. So I think our farmers had better give a thought to these facts, and change our tactics and see if we can't change the outlook somewhat. We can't lose anything by experimenting on this line. I have tried it and know it to be correct. Let us hear from our brother farmers on farming and stock raising.

**Selecting Cotton Seed.**  
Cantonian Gaze to

It has been to us a hard thing to understand why farmers should be so particular to get good garden seeds every year and so careful to select only the best corn for seed, and yet in planting cotton, their main money crop, they should be willing to take the run of seed from year to year. In planting gardens, they want every year the freshest seeds of the best varieties of vegetables—best in quality, earliest and most productive in bearing. When it comes to planting corn, the first, soundest, and fullest ears are first carefully selected. All the small and defective grains are shelled off from both ends of these ears and only the best grains of all are used for seed. Rarely, if ever, is such care exercised in selecting cotton seed for planting. The run of the farm and sometimes of the gin house is shoveled up and planted year after year. The only possible result of this lack of method is deterioration in the quality and productiveness of the cotton.

**A Tennessee Tragedy.**  
PULASKI, Tenn., Feb. 18.—News has reached here from a remote part of Lewis county, about 25 miles from Pulaski, that two Mormon preachers, who have been in that section for some time past preaching Mormonism, after being repeatedly warned to leave the country, while preaching to a small crowd, were assassinated by a masked band of men who rode up to a side window of the house in which the Mormons were holding a meeting, and firing through the window killed both instantly. No one else was injured.

**A Baby And a Row.**  
St. Louis, Feb. 16.—At a Christening the other night and about 10:30 all present became involved in a row. The trouble started because some one wanted to take the newly-christened infant outdoors. The father, Tom O'Rourke, objected, and the row immediately ensued.

Men, women and children participated and every conceivable weapon was used. In a few minutes the place looked like a slaughter-house, the walls, floor and even the ceiling was covered with blood.

A wagon-load of police finally succeeded in quelling the disturbance. Six of those involved were carried to the dispensary, and their injuries may prove fatal. Three of them are Tom O'Rourke, Pat Murphy and Pat Killigan. The names of the others are unknown. No further particulars are yet obtainable.

David McGilligan will also die, it is thought. Besides these four, twelve others are seriously cut or sustained fractured craniums and had bruises about the face.

**The Billville Banner.**  
All we ask of Mr. Cleveland is that he send us to some foreign country as quick as possible. The vigilance committee is after us.

While our family was away from home we celebrated our silver wedding and made \$3 clear, the mayor having remitted our fine.

A heathen from Africa, who has eaten three missionaries, will preach in the town hall tomorrow night. By mistake he swallowed a sermon and was converted on the spot.

There are people in this town who think the minister can live a year on one week's provisions, and look dressed in a black beaver and a coat of tar and feathers.

We got a letter from Mr. Cleveland the other day saying that he had never heard of us. This comes of getting up at daylight and voting six times for one man before the poll were open.

Our preacher said during prayer meeting that there was hope for the man who put water in the milk and sand in the sugar, but that the man who puts a tin tobacco tag in the collection basket was damned from the foundation of the world.

We are glad to see our friend Dave Allen out of jail. Dave was arrested for breaking his leg while trying to jump a barbed wire fence. There is more law in this country in a minute than you can catch up with in a mile.

**Stevenson's Trip to Washington.**  
All arrangements have been completed for the journey to Washington of the Stevenson Escort Club of this city who will attend the inauguration ceremonies at the national capital as the personal escort of Vice President-elect Stevenson. Fully one hundred elects will compose the party and they will have a complete train, which will go through unbroken from Bloomington to Washington, starting Monday, February 27th. It will consist of five cars and will go via the Chicago and Alton and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads. The train will be composed of sleeping cars and a dining car. Vice President-elect Stevenson and his family will occupy a private car of the train and the escort club will make their home in the train while at Washington.

**PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 18.**—Hugh O'Donnell was today acquitted of the murder of J. J. O'Connell, a Pinkerton detective, who lost his life in connection with the Homestead riot of July 6. O'Donnell must yet answer to the charges of murder, treason riot and conspiracy. He was taken back to jail pending an application for release on bail.

The Thirties of Granville have often declared that there was no such thing as "Gideon's Band," and that, too, in the face of the sworn testimony of the two reputable men who had been fooled into it, and in the face of the acknowledgment of its existence by S. Ohio Wilson, the head of it. Now comes the national organ of the Farmers Alliance and declares that there is a Gideon's Band and that Macune was the originator of it. And now what are the "brethren of our noble order" going to do about it?—Oxford Ledger.

A special to the Wilmington Star from Raleigh, under date of Feb. 18th, says: "There was an exciting scene in the Senate Chamber this morning just before that body was called to order. The cause of the flurry was a personal altercation between Senator W. H. Day, of Halifax, and Mr. Joseph Daniels, editor of the North Carolinian. The facts appear to be that Mr. Day seeing Mr. Daniels in the aisle of the Senate talking, called him up and told him that he had been misrepresenting him and his motives. He said that Daniels had been saying that he (Day) had bought him for public printer because he was the attorney of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. Mr. Day told Mr. Daniels that this was a lie and that he would so denounce it on the floor of the Senate. Mr. Daniels retorted that Mr. Day was representing the interests of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad in the Senate, whereupon Mr. Day struck him a staggering blow with clenched fist in the face. Mr. Daniels retreated backward and did not return the blow. Several bystanders ran in and taking hold of Mr. Day bodily carried him off to another part of the chamber. It is understood that Messrs. Day and Daniels met afterwards and adjusted the difference amicably."

The Legislative Railroad Committee and officials of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company Saturday arrived at a final settlement of the surrender of exemption and back tax question, and the last proposition made by the Committee to the Railroad Company has been agreed upon. The Committee modified the terms so as to make them acceptable to the Railroad Company, and they signified their acceptance Saturday. Representative F. S. Sprull, Chairman of the House branch of the Railroad Committee, authorizes the following statement of the settlement with the railroad: The Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company is to pay to the State three years back taxes on branch lines, and a sum equal to three years taxes on the main line and all other property—the years designated being 1890, 1891 and 1892—and is to pay to counties on branch lines, three years back taxes, and pay to counties and cities along the main line two years back taxes for 1891 and 1892. All immunities are to be surrendered, and all rate-fixing rights. The Railroad has accepted the proposition and the matter has now only to be ratified by the General Assembly, which will undoubtedly be done.—Wilmington Star.

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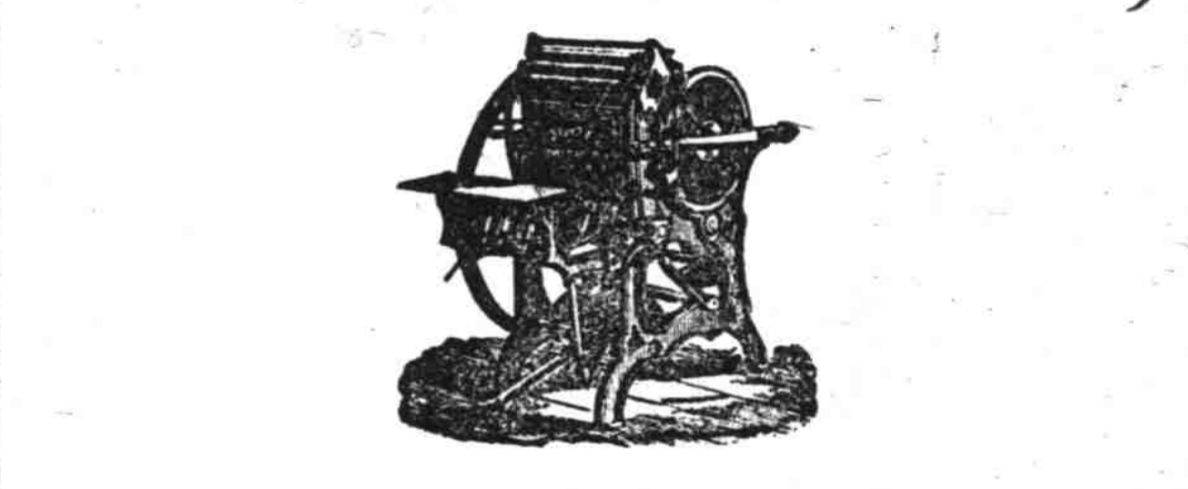
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