

**Wonderful Presidential Coincidence.**  
Coincidence, which is simply a mysterious law of series which works in an undiscovered groove, is most wondrously interwoven with the lives, administrations and deaths of our first half-century Presidents. Washington, we are told, "died on the last day of the week, the last hour of the day, the last month of the year, and in the last year of the century." All that this series of coincident facts needs to make doubly marvelous is for the day of death to have occurred on the thirteenth day of December instead of in fourteenth.

The "coincidence of eight" which flows in the lives of the next five Presidents is even more remarkable:

Born	Retired
John Adams 1735	1801
Thomas Jefferson 1743	1800
James Madison 1751	1817
James Monroe 1759	1825
J. Q. Adams 1767	1829

From this table it will be seen that four of these distinguished Americans were born eight years after his predecessor, and that each (with the exception of J. Q. Adams) went out of office eight years after his predecessor. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe each retired in the sixty-sixth year of their ages, and three out of the four died on the Fourth of July, our anniversary of Independence!

The story of a fiendish outrage with its horrifying details comes to us through the columns of the Shelby Review. The atrocious crime was committed on Sunday afternoon near Polkville, the alleged criminal being Charles Sisk, a youth of 17, and the sufferer Zerazep Sisk, a child of nine years. The criminal escaped into Lincoln county, but the officers are still in pursuit and his arrest is certain.

Sam Neely, colored, attempted to assassinate Mr. William Allen in his home, in Gaston county, near the South Carolina line, last Friday night. Mr. Allen recently had occasion to rebuke Neely for shooting at his chickens with a bow and arrow, and the negro sought revenge through assassination. The negro is an ex-convict.

The Gastonia Gazette of 8th says a negro boy who lived on the place of a farmer had entered the house of Mr. Williams Allen, near Begonia, last Friday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, took a pistol from the mantle, walked behind the bed on which Mr. Allen and his wife slept, carefully placed the pistol against the sleeping man's head and fired. The boy fled immediately.

Mr. Allen locked his front door as usual before retiring and left the key in the door. The family, startled by the report of a pistol in the house, jumped from bed at once. They discovered that the front door stood open and that Mr. Allen had been shot in the head. Mrs. Allen called for help. The nearest neighbor gathered in to minister to the wounded man and Dr. Geo. Patrick was called in. He found that the bullet entered near the top of the head and ranging forward and downward had lodged in the forehead. He pushed it back and took it out at the point of entrance. The wound was dressed and at last accounts the patient was up and going about.

Suspicious rested on Sam Neel, a 15-year-old colored boy employed on the farm, who had been rather impudent and insolent for several days. He was arrested next day five miles away and on being brought back acknowledged his guilt and was put in jail. Although so young he had already served a short term in the South Carolina penitentiary. The boy used all the skill of a professional burglar in entering Mr. Allen's house. The pistol used was Mr. Allen's own. The boy found it on the mantle piece in the bedroom, where he did the shooting.

A special to the Chronicle from Millen, Ga., says: Deputy Marshall E. N. Parnell killed Henry Johnson, a negro desperado and outlaw. Johnson was looking for the deputy with a Winchester, having threatened to kill him, but Parnell got the drop and put fifteen buckshot in the negro's breast within a space the size of a silver dollar.

A country paper thus falls foul of its hated rival: "A man living about 25 miles from here died from poisoning last week. It seems he ate a lynch that had been wrapped in a copy of our hated and disgusting contemporary and it killed him. Others should take warning."

Near Westfield last Thursday the eleven-year-old boy of Harris Henderson Kane was thrown from the male which he was riding. The boy's foot caught in the harness and the male dragged him nearly a quarter of a mile. When found an hour afterwards the boy was dead, says the Sentinel.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

President Cleveland is deeply interested in the efforts that are being made to ascertain if the carelessness of any person was responsible for the horrible tragedy in Ford's old theatre, which killed 21 and injured sixty-odd clerks in the Records and Pensions office of the War Department, although he has wisely refrained from taking any action that might be considered as interfering with the properly constituted authorities now engaged in that task. Great pleasure is being brought to bear on him to suspend or remove Col. Ainsworth, the army officer who is at the head of that office, and upon whom a great many people are disposed to place the blame, but Mr. Cleveland's idea of fair play is such that it is not probable that he will take any action until there is more tangible evidence of Col. Ainsworth's guilt than public clamor for making him a scapegoat. If he be guilty surely that fact can hardly escape the coroner's jury now investigating and the army court of inquiry which will take the matter up at the close of the inquest.

The improvement in the financial situation has been very marked during the last few days, and Treasury officials and others who keep close watch on financial affairs believe that the turn has come in the flow of gold abroad and that the situation will continue to improve. It is a certain that the gold in the Treasury is again increasing at a gratifying rate and that there is at present no demand for gold for shipment abroad. Secretary Morton expresses the opinion that from now on our cereals will take the place of the gold which we have been shipping to Europe, and the fact that the large amount of gold which the Rothschilds contracted to furnish Austria has all been delivered is also thought to have been a factor in causing a cessation in the European demand for gold.

The Government has lost in actual cash, according to Secretary Carlisle's figures, in carrying out the provisions of the Sherman silver law, nearly \$11,000,000, representing the difference between the amount paid for the silver now stored in the Treasury vaults and its present selling price. If it really had to be sold at once the loss would probably be much greater because of the further depreciation in price that would follow such a large quantity of silver on the market.

Among the consular appointments made this week was that of Bennington R. Belle, of New Jersey, to be Consul at Sheffield, England, in place of Benjamin Folsom, resigned. Mr. Folsom, who held the position since his appointment early in the Cleveland administration, is a cousin of Mrs. Cleveland's and as "Cousin Ben," he figured in all the Republican papers as proof that President Cleveland was not in earnest when he declared himself opposed to nepotism. Wonder what those same fellows will say now that Mr. Folsom has voluntarily resigned? The chances are that they will ignore it entirely and say nothing.

Secretary Carlisle has, in one respect, a long lead of all the other heads of departments. Since taking charge of the Treasury he has replaced more than 200 Republican officials, outside the classified service, with good Democrats.

Democratic Congressmen, after a hard and stubborn fight, have succeeded in convincing Postmaster General Bissell that his rule against the removal of Republican fourth-class postmasters who have served four years or more, unless charges are filed against them, is a bad one, and it will be recalled and all Republicans who have been in office four years or more will be replaced by Democrats just as fast as they can be got at in Mr. Maxwell's office.

A letter received by Mr. Cleveland this week furnishes conclusive proof, if proof were needed, of the wisdom of the establishment in the Pension Bureau of a Board of Revision, the sole duty of which is to go over all the pensions that have been granted under the law of 1890 and determine whether they were granted in accordance with a proper construction of that law. The writer of this letter, Mr. J. M. Burnett, is an ex-employee of the office, who voluntarily resigned during the last administration because he could not conscientiously take part in carrying out Raur's methods. He tells the President of a large number of pensions illegally granted and gives names, dates, and the numbers of the applications, so that his statements may be easily verified. He says that thousands of pensions have been illegally granted, and that they are not confined to cases in which the law was wrongfully construed, but include an enormous number granted in direct violation of law. Mr. Burnett concludes by expressing the belief that at least \$50,000,000 a year can be saved by a thorough and rigid purging and revision of the pension rolls.

**STATE NEWS.**

Albemarle scored another victory for prohibition on Monday of last week, the vote standing 44 to 26.

The town of Beaufort, which has been dry for five or six years held a local option election on Monday of last week and went wet.

McDowell county voted on the prohibition question and went wet.

Pittsboro Record: There is a colored youth in this county, named Frank Alston, who is 6 feet 8 inches tall. He was too young to vote at the last election.

The Charlotte Observer says that King's Mountain will soon have a new cotton mill. There will be 5,000 spindles, and enough looms to weave the product.

The News says that Stanly county will have to build a new jail or make an addition to the old one very soon, on account of increase of criminals in that county.

Robert W. Sharp, a popular young merchant of Graham Station, N. C., was thrown from his delivery wagon in a run-away last Thursday, and died in a few hours.

The Statesville Landmark says that Newt Robinson and his son Melvin, about 21 years old, engaged in a fight near Sherrill's Ford, and when they were separated it was found that Melvin had cut his father in about a dozen places. The attending physician thinks the old man will get well unless blood poisoning sets in. Young Robinson is in jail at Newton.

Ramsey Williams and Will Blackmon, two negroes working at the Snow Lumber Company shops, got into a difficulty at High Point, last week over a dump. Blackmon struck Williams on the head with a piece of scantling, which caused death within a few hours. Blackmon escaped but officers are in hot pursuit.

The Newton Enterprise says: Dynamite was thrown into the upper pond of Mrs. M. M. Rowe, Saturday night and about all the fish destroyed. After the offenders had carried off all they wanted, it is said that carp could be seen floating about almost a yard long. The two young men suspected of the crime have left the country.

The trustees of the University, at a recent meeting created a chair of history and education. They have placed at the head of this department, by a unanimous vote, Prof. E. A. Alderman, recently of the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro. The new professor of Greek, taking place occupied by Dr. Ebon Alexander, minister to Greece, is Dr. Herbert C. Tolman, of the University of Wisconsin.

Statesville Landmark: Emanuel Stikeleather, aged about 20 years, met with an accident at Gilbert's saw mill, near Acory, in Chambersburg township, last Friday afternoon, that caused his death about six hours afterward. His foot slipped or caught on the carriage of the mill and he was pulled up against the saw, which struck his left leg just above the knee cutting clear through the bone and leaving the leg dangling by a strip of flesh and muscle. The flesh was also torn loose four or five inches up his thigh and the bone exposed.

Greensboro Record: Many of our readers will remember Geo. W. Arnold, a colored man by nativity but as white as any one, who was here for some time in 1872-3. He was killed by jumping from Ford's old theatre the other day in Washington, where he had been employed for a number of years in the business bureau. Arnold was an educated man, a stalwart Republican and something of an orator. The writer remembers asking him one day why he didn't pass as a white man, as he would never be taken for a negro. His reply was characteristic of the man. He said, "As a white man I would be a poor shoat, but I'm a thundering big nigger."

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LV Durham	2:45 PM	.....	2:30 AM	.....	.....	.....	.....
LV Winston-Salem	3:27 PM	.....	3:15 AM	.....	.....	.....	.....
LV Salisbury	4:09 PM	.....	3:55 AM	.....	.....	.....	.....
LV High Point	4:51 PM	.....	4:40 AM	.....	.....	.....	.....
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LV Raleigh	6:15 PM	.....	6:00 AM	.....	.....	.....	.....
LV Durham	6:57 PM	.....	6:45 AM	.....	.....	.....	.....
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