

The population of North Carolina is a million and a half.

A Mr. Teeter sold one hundred rabbits in Charlotte one day last week.

It was Artemus Ward who said of all the blessings, ladies are the southernst.

Fayetteville had a fire last week in which a crockery and shoe store were burned.

In some parts of Pennsylvania school teachers are paid only eighteen dollars a month.

A man named Plimmons, in Madison county, has just lost five children out of seven from diphtheria.

The Durham Blackwell Tobacco Company cleared last year two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

5,000,000 pounds of tobacco was manufactured by the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company during the past year.

A new-married Texan shot his bride while she was making her first batch of biscuits. His plea in court, in all probability, will be self-defense.

"One Who Remembers," writes to the Raleigh "Chronicle" that the boys of this generation are better behaved than their fathers. He is doubtless right.

The man who is continually borrowing his neighbor's paper and never subscribes for one of his own, will pasture a goat on the grave of his grandfather.

Arabi Pasha says that his greatest ambition is to speak English correctly. What a pity it is that he cannot inspire John A. Logan with a like ambition.

A shock of an earthquake was felt in Wilmington, Beaufort and Fort Monroe, on the 18th inst.

The good wife of Mr. Monroe Lancaster, of Wayne county, gave birth to three children—two girls and a boy, on New Year's day.

C. S. Kemp, convicted of f. and c. at the fall term of 1881 of Nash Superior Court, and sentenced to the county jail for twelve months, was pardoned by Governor Jarvis.

The Raleigh "Chronicle" has the right kind of enterprise. It published a double-sized paper last week, devoted to Raleigh and its business and circulated 10,000 copies.

Senators take their whiskey from a cup and saucer. This is called in Congressional circles "taking tea."

The law is "a great institution." Because an Illinois woman has done no work since her recent conversion, the husband has sued the revivalist who was instrumental in destroying her household usefulness.

The tax-payer, whose pocket-book has just passed through Christmas and New Year's looks strangely out of his eyes when he reads that there are \$142,000,000 surplus in the United States Treasury.

A man in Liverpool has been sentenced to a week for having bought another man's wife with a glass of beer. The punishment was merited. If a wife isn't worth two glasses of beer, she isn't worth anything.

The Franklin "Weekly" says:—"We hear that a move was on foot in a very quiet way to build the railroad from Henderson to Long."

A colored preacher of Norwich, who gave out the following announcement:—"Brothers and sisters, next Sunday, the Lord willing, there will be baptizing in four places and candidates being four adults and three addresses."

James town has a beautiful young lady named Ploy, and the young men of that town who have always borne a hatred to farm work are now every one of them eager and anxious to spend a portion of their time holding the plow.

A prominent Episcopal clergyman in New York received as a Christmas present a musical box set to play nearly all the familiar hymns of the church hymnal, with chime accompaniment. It was made in Switzerland and is valued at \$75,000.

The Board of Agriculture, while not committing itself to making an exhibit at the New Orleans Exposition, has taken steps to ascertain the probable cost of such an exhibit, and if circumstances admit the State will be represented there.

An analysis of matrimonial advertisements in Germany shows that three times as many women as men present a book to be published. Investigation would show that the American women are equally unstable, though advertising outside of the newspapers.

A poem has been written by Ella Wheeler entitled, "You Kissed Me." She doesn't say who kissed her, but she says she was the leader in a most uncomfortable fashion as if he were the one referred to. Ella Wheeler will some day get herself into trouble.

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THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL IS PREPARING A BILL, WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS, TO EXCLUDE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHING LOTTERY ADVERTISEMENTS FROM POUND RATES.

IN ITALY IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THREE OR FOUR MARRIED WOMEN TO DRAG A BRIDE TO HER WEDDING, TO WHICH SHE PRETENDS TO STRUGGLE DESPERATELY TO GET AWAY. IN AMERICA IT WOULD TAKE ALL THE MARRIED WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY TO HOLD BACK A GIRL WHO HAD CONCLUDED TO ENTER THE CONJUGAL STATE.

MR. J. H. MILLS HAS DECLINED THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE TAXATION, TO WHICH HE WAS RECENTLY RE-ELECTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M.—BUT HIS RESIGNATION MEANS SIMPLY THAT HE WILL NOT SERVE, UNLESS PRESSED TO DO SO. HE WILL BE PRESSED AND WILL SERVE.

A LETTER FROM DENNIS KEARNEY, READ AT A LABOR CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA ON SATURDAY, ANNOUNCED AS THE PLATFORM DEAR TO HIS HEART, "BIG PAY AND SHORT BUSINESS HOURS."

THE 49th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BAZELIAN AND PHILADELPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETIES OF WALKER COLLEGE TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1884. WE ARE IN RECEIPT OF INVITATIONS, WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE MARCHISTS, GOTTEN UP IN THE HIGHEST STYLE OF ART, FOR WHICH WE TENDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE DEATH OF A YOUNG GIRL IN BRITAIN, MASS., FILED IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE, GIVES THE CAUSE OF DEATH, "PRIMA-DUE TO THE BOSTON SYSTEM OF TRAINING," TOO MUCH STUDY AND BRAIN WORK, DURATION SIX MONTHS; SECONDARY—CONGESTION OF THE BRAIN, RESULTING IN COMA, DURATION 15 DAYS.

G. W. CHALK WAS CONVICTED IN CHARLOTTE, JANUARY 19th, 1884, FOR THE BIRTH OF A LETTER CHALK WROTE TO THE GASTONIAN "Gazette," MAKING GRAVE INSULTS AGAINST BART WHEN HE WAS CASHIER OF THE TRADER'S NATIONAL BANK. BUT WAS FREETED \$50.00 AND CHALK WAS BOUND BY A BOND OF \$200 TO ANSWER A CHARGE OF LIBEL.

RALEIGH "NEWS-OBSERVER." Mr. Patrick, commissioner of Immigration, says the "refusers" from the Scotch island of Skye are to sail for North Carolina next Monday.

Section 2015 of the code requires the road supervisor of each township to meet on the 1st Saturday in February and August of each year for the purpose of consulting on the subject of the condition of the public roads in their township, and at the meeting on the 1st Saturday in February they are to elect a chairman of the Board.

CONKING'S LAW PRACTICE TO-DAY YIELDS HIM AN INCOME THAT IS STATED BY MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION TO BE OVER \$100,000 YEARLY. HE HAS AT PRESENT IN HIS TOWNSHIP, AND AT IMPORTANT SUITS ON HIS DOCKET, WHICH, IT IS STATED, WILL YIELD HIM ENORMOUS FEES. HE HAS ALSO BEEN RETAINED AS GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY AT A LARGE YEARLY SALARY.

CULPEPPER AUSTIN AND MAEK CHAPMAN, WHILE DIGGING A WELL, JANUARY 27th, ON THE FARM OF MARK AUSTIN, GRAND ARMY; CHARLES H. ROBINSON, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN; SAMUEL H. SMITH, JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN; WM. E. ANDERSON, GRAND TREASURER; DONALD W. BAIN, GRAND SECRETARY, AND JOHN H. MILLS, SECRETARY OF THE OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE WHICH WAS IN SESSION AT RALEIGH LAST WEEK ELECTED THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS FOR THE ensuing year: Grand Master, G. W. Robinson; Grand Warden, Samuel H. Smith; Senior Grand Warden, Samuel H. Smith, Junior Grand Warden, Wm. E. Anderson, Grand Treasurer, Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary, and John H. Mills, Grand Secretary of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

MR. S. S. COX WILL SOON BEGIN WORK UPON A BOOK TO BE PUBLISHED BY A PUBLISHING HOUSE AT NORWICH, CONN., WHICH HE HAS CONTRACTED TO FINISH BY JULY, AND FOR WHICH HE IS TO BE PAID ABOUT \$75,000. IT IS TO BE A POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE COUNTRY, AND BELIEVES THAT ALL DUTIES OF A MANAGER, AND THE PUBLICATION OF IT, IS EXPECTED, WILL IN A MEASURE SERVE AS A CONTRAST OF POLITICAL VIEWS WITH THE FORTHCOMING WORK BY MR. BLAINE, COVERING THE SAME PERIOD.

ONE OF THE SENSATIONS OF THE HOUR IS THE STATEMENT THAT STEPS ARE TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE GOVERNOR CRITTENDEN OF MISSOURI, FOR RIDING ON A RAILROAD ON HIS WIFE'S FREE PASS.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE FORBIDS ANY OFFICER FROM ACCEPTING A FREE PASS, AND A VIOLATION OF THE LAW WILL BE A FORFEITURE OF THE OFFICE.

THE STORY GOES THAT THE GOVERNOR RIDES ON A PASS MADE OUT TO MRS. CRITTENDEN AND FAMILY, WHICH HE PASSED TO THE CONDUCTOR WITH THE MARK THAT HE IS ONE OF THE FAMILY.

POLITICAL POINTS

WHAT THE POLITICIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT.

THE POLITICAL CALDRON.

Glimer will be North Carolina's next Governor.

Senator Anthony declined the honor of presiding over the Senate, and Senator Edmonds was elected.

Judge E. K. Wilson, Democrat, elected U. S. Senator by the Maryland Legislature on the sixth ballot.

Mrs. Abigail Dunaway is strongly urged, by prominent Republicans, for Governor of Washington Territory.

J. B. Hussey, editor of the Greensboro "Star," has been appointed clerk to Gen. Seales' committee.

Vance's term in the United States Senate expires on the 4th of March, 1885. Send him back if ye will.

Mr. F. H. Busbee, of Raleigh, has assumed the duties of clerk to the Senate committee on the Potomac flats, which Senator Ransom is chairman.

Free whiskey is not a winning card. It would sink into eternal perdition any party which could be brought to support it.—Louisville "Courier-Journal."

The reception tendered to Speaker Carlisle by the Commonwealth Club, of Philadelphia, was held on Saturday night. He was met by about one thousand Pennsylvania Democrats.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte "Observer" writes that Skinner's chances are not only first rate, but he is almost certain to keep his seat. Mr. Fab. Bosbee, who is Mr. Skinner's attorney, says he is confident that the committee will render a report sustaining that side of the case.

Gen. W. R. Cox is to be commended for introducing a resolution to inquire whether there be not an unnecessary number of employees on the pay-roll of the House of Representatives. We center our eyes on any recent administration quite a number of employees could be dispensed with, and at considerable saving to the country. On the other hand, we suspect that the Congress has a number of employees who work hard and are insufficiently paid.—Greensboro "Workman."

This is very sad; but how about the great Republican statesmen? Mr. Blaine is suffering from sunstroke and overwork; Senator Anthony is in feeble health; Mr. Arthur has had to seek the pure air of New Mexico; Senator Edmunds is afraid to draw on his own boots lest he fracture a blood vessel, and Bill Chandler is almost reduced to a skeleton by ship-fever and insomnia brought on by party anxiety for the welfare of the nation.—New York "World."

The Monroe Enquirer says: "A correspondent of the Raleigh Chronicle nominates Captain Octavius Cole as the Democratic, and Patrick E. Winston as the Republican candidate for Governor. We have no objection to the Republicans taking up Winston, but we think the Democrats can do better than to nominate Cole. He is not well enough known, and is young enough to wait. We have heard but few expressions of opinion upon the subject, but believe that the nomination of Judge Gilmer would give great satisfaction to our people."

The accomplished Washington correspondent of the "Constitutionalist" writes to that paper as follows:—"Judge Bennett, the Congressman-at-large from North Carolina, is said to be a long way the ablest man of his delegation. He has a Websterian head and a bushel of brains. He is a modest man and needs a great occasion to raise him to a full display of his remarkable intellectual powers. I shall be much mistaken if he does not become one of the most conspicuous statesmen of the future. North Carolina has honored herself in honoring him."

It is truly a pity for the Democratic party that ill health overtakes its champions with such continuity. Mr. Eldred was hardly a candidate for the Presidency before he became a total invalid. Judge Hoodley was so ill during the campaign that his election to be Governor of Ohio was hardly a comfort to him. Mr. Carlisle had all his blood drained to his head in the contest, and has been suffering from cold feet.—Cincinnati "Commercial Gazette."

FACTS ABOUT THE TARIFF.

Mr. Altberger, of Pittsburgh, Penn., is a leading glass manufacturer. He says the tariff has very greatly injured him. He asks the Congress to take hands off and let business a chance to adjust itself to the natural laws of trade. Mr. Amidon lives in New Hampshire. He is a manufacturer also. He believes that all duties on raw materials should be repealed. Do this and he asserts that our manufacturers can compete with the world. Mr. H. W. Peace lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is President of the Yulean Saw Works. His establishment is the third largest in the country. There are forty-five factories in all. He asks that raw materials shall come in duty free. He says that he is willing to take hands off and perfectly willing to compete with the world, with no tariff on either steel or saws. When intelligent men like these, and like Mr. Hewitt, who are largely engaged in manufacturing in the North, insist upon some radical changes and reduce

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A correspondent of the Kennesaw "News" writes the following from Pine Bluff, Ark.: "The celebrated Warner Trial that has created so much excitement throughout Arkansas has just ended. It was my privilege to be present and hear a part of the trial. It is truly fully said to be one of the most cold-blooded brutal and torturous murders ever committed in America. The particulars are shown by the evidence as follows: A young man by the name of Sharp, aged 17 years, son of a widow lady of Illinois, a mechanic by trade, came to Arkansas, working journey work. Early in July last he boarded with a widow lady, Mrs. King. On being ready to leave her house, he asked her to give him some money to pay her board. She said she believed him to be honest and to go and when he left this money she carried with her in her pocket. The arrangement he left her home in search of work. At this time there was a county convict farm near by, upon which were worked men imprisoned for a short time to work on the roads. Sharp was taken to the farm, and any Sheriff or Constable would arrest, convict and bring to that farm, the sheriff or constable would receive for same \$5.00.

THE MOTHER HUBBARD.

The secret is out at last. A correspondent writes to the Fond du Lac "Journal" and gives the whole snap away. He or she says:—"Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bit of bread, and there the cupboard was bare and so the poor dog had none. She was in a great stew to know what to do, for of money she had not a cent, so she sold her last suit to buy meat for the dog, and she got there the next day. All the ladies who saw it and the string to draw it, declared it the nicest thing out, so now on the street, looking ever so sweet, in their gowns they go racing about."

AN ALLEGED GOOD STORY BY VANCE.

Senator Vance, of this State, tells a good story concerning an old colored preacher in Raleigh, who collects his salary from the devout of his own race without the aid of deacons. Meeting one of his congregation recently