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MICHIGAN has come to the front with a gigantic panther story. To be more explicit, both panther and story appear very large.

This country can show up pretty well with her industries. There are 17,900,000 of them enrolled in the schools, an increase of 500,000 in a year.

Eighty automobile companies, with a capital of \$430,000,000 have already been formed. This ought to give the public cheap horseless vehicles.

Claims of American citizens for damages in the late war with Spain aggregating \$25,000,000 have been filed. Congress is to be asked to create a commission to adjudicate these claims.

Numerous railroads have petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for a further extension of time for one year in which to equip their cars with the automatic couplers and train brakes.

It is not an encouraging fact that out of a little over three thousand immigrants to the United States during the year ending June 30, 1899, about one-fifth of them were unable to read or write.

It is barely possible that Theodore Roosevelt may be the republican candidate for the vice presidency next year, but he is not likely to be a willing one. Theodore always prefers to be at the head of the procession.

The French minister of public works has issued a circular to the railway companies of France, informing them that unless their trains shall keep better time the government will enforce the full penalties obtained by law for mismanagement.

At the recent convention of the Brethren of St. Andrew, held in Columbus, O., the time and place of the next convention was referred to the executive committee, and that body has just decided on Richmond, Va., October 10th to the 14th, 1900.

A commission, appointed by the Planters and Farmers Association of Cuba, called on the President this week, and asked that he provide for the establishment of an agricultural bank at Havana, with branches in the principal cities of the island, so that money could be obtained easily by the planters on crop and land security. Later, the commission conferred with Secretary Gage of the Treasury Department.

Over ten thousand women have registered in Boston who will thus equip themselves with the rights to vote at the next municipal election for members of the school committees. This registry indicates that not more than one woman out of ten votes, a fact which is worth while to influence the choice of commissionmen. The strongest argument against woman suffrage has always been indifference of the sex.

A Washington dispatch calls attention to the fact that during the past year 21,870 protests have been lodged against the rulings of the government in construing the provisions of the Dingley tariff act. There are altogether 41,514 undecided cases pending in the courts. The delay of the courts in deciding tariff cases works great injury to business, and the number of unsettled suits furnishes a proof of careless legislation.

The Philadelphia Times, discussing the finance bill prepared by the House Republican caucus, says that "First there should be no tax whatever imposed on national bank circulation by the government, and second, the national bank should be required to issue and maintain circulation to the full amount authorized by law." The tax on circulation is replaced by a tax on the bank's franchise. As to the second proposition, that the national banks should be required to issue and maintain circulation to the par value of the bonds deposited to secure their notes, this is unquestionably right.

GLORIOUS NEWS Comes from Dr. B. D. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help, but her cure is complete and her health is excellent. This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, skin eruptions, itching and itching sores, it cures, restores, and restores the blood up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by W. M. Cohen, Druggist Guaranteed."

56TH CONGRESS.

With surprising smoothness and apparently with party unity, the organization of the Fifty-sixth Congress was perfected Monday. There was only one slight hitch in the days' proceedings, over Robert's Utah polyanth.

In the Senate the most conspicuous figure was Senator Frye, who will be acting Vice President, and subsequently President of the Senate.

The opening of the House presented the usual scene—crowded galleries and bustle and activity on the floor.

The call of the roll showed 349 members present.

The selection of speaker was next in order. The nominations were unequalled for brevity. Mr. Governor, of Ohio, in presenting the name of General Henderson, said:

"Mr. Clerk—I present the name of David Brewster Henderson, representative from Iowa, for speaker."

Mr. Hay, of Virginia, named James D. Richardson, of Tennessee; Mr. Ridgeley, of Kansas, presented the name of John C. Bell, of Colorado; and Representative Wilson, of Idaho, the name of Newlands, of Nevada.

The ballot resulted, Henderson, 177; Richardson, 153; Bell, 4; Newlands, 2. The defeated Democratic candidate for speaker, Mr. Richardson, is of course recognized as Democratic leader of the House.

GRATIFICATION is found in the fact that a number of the business men of Richmond, Va., have formed a commission for the purpose of bringing before the Supreme Court of the United States the question of the constitutionality of the tax of 10 per cent. upon the issues of State banks.

HON. JOHN M. PALMER, of Illinois, who headed the Palmer and Buckner ticket in 1896, is quoted by the Washington Post as saying that Bryan will be the Democratic nominee next year and will be elected president in spite of his radical views on silver.

DR. RICHARD H. LEWIS, secretary of the State board of health, has received a telegram from Dr. Anderson, one of the bacteriologists of the board, stating that the water in the wells at the Tague house, a tested dormitory, and at that of the central well which was used by all the students of the State Normal and Industrial College, recently afflicted with a serious outbreak of typhoid fever, is bad.

A special from Columbus, S. C., dated December 1st, says: Colonel Caldwell Jones, a colonel in the Confederate army and once a prominent politician, died here today, aged 86. He married Isabella, daughter of Governor Isdell, of North Carolina. Graduated in 1832 at the University of North Carolina. Two of his sons were colonels in the Spanish-American war.

The Methodist at Concord had a hard problem to wrestle with when they came to consider the case of a preacher who declined to go to his appointment last year because it paid only \$175 a year, says the Raleigh Observer. He said he could not take his wife and three children to a circuit that did not pay to support them.

It appears that people generally are greatly mistaken in their notion that there is a enormous surplus of unmarried women in this country, thinks the Cincinnati Enquirer. The truth is that no such excess of spinsters exist in fact, it is quite the other way, the bachelors outnumber the maidens.

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NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

News Notes as Collected from Our State Exchanges

Tarboro has given the contract for sewerage.

Union, N. C., will have a \$200,000 cotton mill.

The model of the Vance statue will be ready in January.

Judge Simonton will grant a rehearing of the railway tax assessment.

Rev. F. H. Johnson, D. D., has resigned as Presbyterian pastor at Elizabeth City.

Holiday & Cave's laundry, at Charlotte, was wrecked by fire Monday night.

Rev. W. D. Martin will be installed as Presbyterian pastor at Rocky Mount today.

Rocky Mount has a fine opera house, and is liberally supporting a daily newspaper.

A young man named John Lovin was killed by jumping from a train at Rockingham.

Greensboro has quarantined against Pomona, Guilford county, an amount of small-pox.

Secretary White gives out some interesting facts regarding the approaching state Baptist convention.

The post office at Newton will be advanced January 1st from fourth to third class, with a salary of \$1,000.

B. A. Harvey, printer known to the drafts as "A. P. Harvey," died at four o'clock Thursday morning.

The telephone exchange at Stone and those who handle the golden-rod meet in conversation at Raleigh yesterday.

Capt. B. A. Newton, formerly of the railroad service, is a member of the Mountain Park Hotel at Hot Springs.

Rev. A. C. Thomas has received as pastor of the Episcopal Baptist church and will commence preaching representative of the Episcopal University.

Harry Fox, an old colored man who was founded in the 18th year, Winston Thursday night. The coroner's jury found that he had been killed by runaway team.

A 12-year-old boy has been sent from Rockford county to the penitentiary for four years. He drew balls from a rained track for the purpose of wrecking a train.

While making some blackboard diagrams in the room of the fourth grade of the Union school of Wilmington, Tuesday, Miss Lou B. Cameron, the teacher, dropped dead.

Dr. B. H. Lewis, the eminent authority says that he fears the smaller pox will give a great deal of trouble in North Carolina this winter. It has already broken out and caused great alarm and suffering at two or three places, notably Salisbury, Southern Neck and Barbours.

The Free Press says that Dr. Norman Robinson, of the experimental farm near Southern Pines, raised a sweet potato this year which weighed 16 pounds; that one twentieth of an acre where it was grown, produced 1,743 pounds and 4 cases of potatoes, equal to 214 bushels. This is at the rate of 642 bushels to the acre. It seems that the soil at Southern Pines is well adapted to the culture of sweet potatoes as well as to that of grapes and other fruit.

A LIFE AND DEATH FIGHT. Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, N. C., writing of his almost a casual escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced severe lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must die. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it if it cost \$500 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and say it never fails to cure Throat, Cough and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. M. Cohen's Drug Store.

As a judge says General Henderson, the new speaker of the House, owed a great deal of his success to the debating society, and even in his youthful days he was a leader among youthful debaters, who assembled to discuss the questions of the day.

HE FOOLED THE SURGEONS. All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Ectopic Foetus, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Backen's Arnica Salve, the most Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by W. M. Cohen, Druggist.

HON. JAMES D. RICHARDSON, of Tennessee, who was chosen as the minority leader of the House, is easily the best parliamentarian in that body. He has been in the House fourteen years and a presiding officer has no superior in America. He is a safe man, holding to the tenets of true Democracy.

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For the first time in many years two brothers, from different States, are members of the same House. They are representatives Chapman, of Ala., and Representative Clanton, of New York, members of the Senate Park, and both demonstrators of the tried and true brand.

It is surprising that, says Prof. Houston, that in my travels in all parts of the world for the last ten years, I have not met a single person who has used Ayer's Peppermint Cure, though it is the best remedy for colds, coughs, bronchitis, sore throat, and all other ailments of the throat and lungs. I had for years an assistant in my private office, and he was a sufferer from colds, coughs, and other ailments of the throat and lungs. He used Ayer's Peppermint Cure, and he was cured. I had for years an assistant in my private office, and he was a sufferer from colds, coughs, and other ailments of the throat and lungs. He used Ayer's Peppermint Cure, and he was cured.

Dr. Ledbetter, former county physician has brought suit against Raleigh for \$2,400 for services rendered during the small-pox epidemic there last spring.

Don't tell me you won't, said an east side citizen to his five-year-old daughter. Will, papa, what must I say when I won't?

Johnny—Here's a note from my father to excuse me for not coming yesterday. Teacher—Your father writes and spells too much like you, Johnny.

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