

AN ELECTION FOR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DELEGATES TO A CONVENTION TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF AUGUST, 1875. THE CONVENTION WILL MEET AT RALPHIGH ON THE 6TH OF THE FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER.

WHAT MOTIVE? Here is a contributor to the Savannah Morning News, to whom the News gives considerable prominence by editorial consideration, who feels quite sure he has discovered Mr. Keeley's secret. He assumes that the motor is generated by carbonic acid, which fact being granted the Philadelphian is entitled only to a recognition of merit for the discovery of a mode of, applying a well known principle.

A contributor to the Richmond Dispatch thinks he has solved the question by giving the opinion that the force is due to "the resolution of water gradually introduced into a vacuum." He says:

"As Nature abhors a vacuum," by sympathetic action (if we may be allowed the expression) a special cold vapor of water is evolved which fills and occupies the void produced by the exhaustion of air. This vapor, or resolved water, possesses its own very capillary power, and by mechanical contrivance propels the piston-rod, which would compress the air before it. As soon as atmospheric air is readmitted to the vacuum-chamber, the vapor returns to its former water condition and loses its capillary power. The compressed air regains its original status and equilibrium is again established. The great and almost insurmountable difficulty would be (in applying the invention on a large scale) to prevent the introduction of air along with the water. If this could be avoided there is no reason why the "Keeley motor" should not be the most economical, safest and quickest agent in producing motion, and would in all probability, to a great extent, if not entirely, supplant the use of steam.

Meantime other mechanical geniuses are at work not to explain, but to eclipse, Mr. Keeley. A Boston newspaper man (what is it a newspaper man will not attempt to do?) comes to the front of the platform with a little contrivance of his own, which is thus described:

It is an oxy-hydrogen motor—the simple use of the law of affinity between two particular gaseous bodies—the sudden production of heat and tremendous force by the addition of certain amounts of hydrogen to the common air. It is described as a compact little machine, made of cylinders, piston, injecting tubes, insulated copper wire, etc., and connected with reservoirs of oxygen and hydrogen gases, generated on the spot.

The wires are connected with a galvanic battery, and by a properly adjusted lever, operated by the machinery, the contact is made for each wire just at the proper moment. When, therefore, at one end the piston being in proper position the injectors are made to discharge the two gases into small spaces inside, which can be done by hand power to start the machine, the circuit or contact is made with the wire, which throws off an electric spark inside.

This at once explodes the gases and drives the piston to the other end of the cylinder, where the same operation is repeated, driving the piston back again with great force. It is believed by some of the best mechanics in Boston that this invention will work a revolution in ocean navigation, if nothing else.

Now let somebody invent wings to take brother Beecher, brother Sherman and the Plymouth flock out to Salt Lake when the trial is over.

This journal has always endeavored to treat the question of iron production in North Carolina with the earnest consideration its importance demands at the hands of the press. Iron abounds in portions of our State, and perhaps nowhere else in finer quality. The deposits are rich and well worth the best exertions of capitalists to utilize them.

We are not without hope that the mines of the upper region, not now accessible, will be opened and worked within a reasonably short time. The completion of the Carolina Central Railway and its important connections will do this particular service among many vast benefits it will confer. Meantime a study of figures concerning the iron trade in the country may be entertaining and profitable. A Baltimore contemporary has examined the report of Secretary Swank, of the American Iron and Steel Association, and gives the public the benefit of a condensation of the same. This report contradicts the prevalent opinion that the trade is at a low ebb. Mr. Swank shows a production almost as great as that of previous years. His statistics are made up from full reports from all the furnaces in the United States and must be accepted as conclusive. The total production of pig metal in 1874 was 2,680,413 net tons, against 2,668,278 net tons in 1873, and 2,634,018 net tons in 1872, showing a decrease of 478,825 tons as compared with 1873, and of only 105,154 tons as compared with the prosperous year of 1872. This year the general prospect is not so good, 308 out of 201 furnaces having been idle last February.

The next two Saturdays will witness the opening of the Convention.

HUMBURG IN GOLD BALANCES.

That eminent financial authority, the New York Bulletin, has in signs against the published statements of coin balances in the Treasury. There is no hazard in making the assertion that, in respect to these coin balances, "things are not what they seem." On the 21st inst. the "coin balance" was reported at only \$400,000, leaving \$28,400,000 as distributed among the various other depositories. The amount held outside the New York Sub-Treasury appears so large, especially considering that the New Orleans gold was transferred to this city during the late riotous demonstrations, that it seems very improbable that anything like that amount of gold is held at the other points of deposit; and the conclusion is suggested that in this sum of \$28,400,000 are included something which can be called gold only by a very wide stretch of nomenclature.

Grant's administration is one vast system of humbug, but it is the natural outgrowth of the Republican party and its Radical ideas and dishonest practices.

The present Constitution has perhaps no greater deficiency than that of its provisions concerning franchise. No man who has committed a crime and been disgraced by punishment therefor should vote. And no man who does not contribute to the common fund for support of government, which defends him and protects his interests, should have a voice in determining the affairs of State and nation—unless subject poverty combined with physical infirmity (disease or old age) shall honorably exempt him from his obligation.

The New York Sun has reported the exploded jest of the Cincinnati Commercial to run Charles Francis Adams as the candidate of an independent party for President. It suggests, however, that the Convention should be held at Cincinnati, on or about April 1.

STAR-DUST.

In France there were at the end of 1874 over 15,000 miles of railway in operation. The orchards of this country are estimated to contain over 20,000,000 fruit trees.

The orator at the Fort Moultrie Centennial on the 28th inst. will be Gen. J. B. Kershaw.

Ice to the thickness of half an inch formed in parts of Maine during the recent frost.

Chicago is discussing the propriety of having a milk inspection. The milk men are said to desire it.

Each ship of the English Arctic expedition was supplied with pigeons similar to those used in the Franco-Prussian war.

Three persons have died at Dublin from the effects of drinking whiskey at the Fire Friday night, and seventeen are in the hospital for the same cause.

How many people will go down from the North to the centennial celebration at Fort Moultrie, Charleston, on the 28th instant? asks the Richmond Dispatch.

Bonner is such a ten-story fraud with a tower on top and was recently such a lick-spittle, that we fail to take much comfort from his accession to the ranks of the anti-Grant party, remarks the Petersburg Index-Appal.

John M. Langston has accepted the Presidency of the Richmond Land and Financial Association—a company chartered by the Legislature of Virginia. This company is intended to purchase lands to be sold in small quantities to the colored people of Virginia.

Canadian Wool Prospects.

From our Canadian exchanges it appears that the Dominion wool growers are generally marketing their wool at current rates offered by dealers—mainly 35@37c higher—instead of holding it back for higher values, as American farmers are doing. In fact a financial necessity seems to compel such a course, and already the money put in circulation by the sales of wool have begun to relieve the monetary stringency, while it is looked to produce a very general and salutary remedy for the financial derangement in the Dominion.

Philadelphia Record.

It gives one a keen sense of the wide range and familiar service of the Atlantic cable to find it announcing the publication of Tennyson's new poem, and even quoting the London Times in its praise. There is more true fire in it, in anything which has appeared since Shakespeare's day. After all the new publications worthy of this and more international attention by telegraph, if it be true that instead of retreating and growing feeble in age, as so many famous poets in Tennyson has risen to the zenith of his powers in his latest production.

"Can't help it, sir," said a Boston hotel clerk to a distinguished Senator, who came in about midnight to get a room. "Can't help it, sir, if you're that 'Yankee President' himself. Why, we've gotten Governors of States sleeping on dining-room tables, thirty-odd Mayors lying around on the sidewalks, and the whole country editors snoring like bulls of Bashan on the back steps."

The ladies of Houston, Texas, have been holding a "social" for the purpose of buying a homestead for Jefferson Davis. The Houston Telegraph says Galveston, Marshall, Johnson, Dallas and Texas are all vying with one another to be the first on the list in this labor of love.

The Spun Slices on Sherman.

The Richmond Enquirer calls attention to the following statement respecting the fire which destroyed Columbia, South Carolina, when Gen. Sherman's army was in camp there on Feb. 17, 1865:

"Many of the people thought that this fire was deliberately planned and executed. This is not true. It was accidental, and in my judgment began with the cotton which Gen. Hampton's men had set fire to on leaving the city (whether by his order or not is not material), which fire was particularly subdued early in the day by our men; but when night came, the high wind fanned it again into full blaze, carried it against the frame houses, which caught like tinder, and soon spread beyond control."

In my official report of this conflagration I distinctly charged it to Gen. Wade Hampton, and confess I did so pointedly to shake the faith of his people in him, for he was in my opinion a braggart, and professed to be the special champion of South Carolina.

Can this be a true extract from Sherman's book? asks the New York Sun. Does he mean to have the world understand that he charged this conflagration upon Wade Hampton when he knew that Hampton was not in any manner or degree the author of it? Does Gen. Sherman intend to confess that he is a liar of such magnitude? It is not possible to believe that such is his purpose. Reckless as he is in his avowals, he cannot mean to proclaim that he deliberately, wilfully and purposely lied in this manner about Gen. Hampton. But he should at once explain this extract, and show that at the time he put in circulation the charge which he now withdraws, he really believed it to be true, and had some reason to believe it.

The Creation of Woman.

[Talmud Saulethim.] A prince once said to Rabbi Gamaliel: "Your God is a thief; he surprised Adam in his sleep and stole a rib from him."

The rabbi's daughter overheard this speech and whispered a word or two in her father's ear asking his permission to answer this singular opinion herself. He gave his consent. The girl stepped forward and, feigning terror and dismay, threw her arms aloft in supplication, and cried out: "My liege, my liege, justice! revenge!"

"What has happened?" asked the prince. "A wicked thief has taken place," she replied. "A robber has crept secretly into our house, carried away a silver goblet and left a golden one in its stead."

"What an upright thief!" exclaimed the prince. "Would that such robberies were of more frequent occurrence!"

"Behold then, sire, the kind of thief that our Creator was; he stole a rib from Adam, and gave him a beautiful wife instead."

"Well said!" avowed the prince.

"Arms of Patriotism."

The Tribune says: We act as if we fancied that an infectious aura of patriotism exhaled from the mail-bags, or the true school of statesmanship survived only among the loud-voiced politicians, who sit with their feet on the stove and spit tobacco all day in a sand box belonging to the United States. More than half the representatives in Congress are chosen from this base class, and the Senate itself seems to have been sinking by degrees to the same vulgar level. If a member of the Cabinet appears honest and vigorous, we point at him as a prodigy. It is thought much to say of any public official that he will not steal.

(Give a child a habit of sacredly regarding the truth, of carefully respecting the property of others, of scrupulously abstaining from all acts of improvidence which can involve him in distress, and he will just as likely think of rushing into an element in which he cannot breathe as of lying, cheating, and stealing.—Lord Brougham.)

A French dramatic author was remarkable for selfishness. Calling upon a friend, whose opinion he wished to have on a new comedy, he found him in his last moments, but notwithstanding, proposed to him to hear it read. "Consider," said the dying man, "I have but about an hour to live." "Ah," replied the author, "but this will occupy only half the time."

Office of County Commissioners.

New Hanover County, N. C. In PURSUANCE OF SECTION 16 OF AN ACT of the General Assembly, passed on the 17th day of February 1874, and Section 17 of an act known as the Act, ratifying the 21st day of March, 1875, the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover County, met today at the Court House, in the City of Wilmington, for the purpose named in said act, and had the following proceedings:

Monday, the 22nd day of June, 1875. At which time the Commissioners proceeded to revise their lists and valuations reported to them and complete the lists by comparing the tax payables by each person and adding the same to the lists of the Board of Commissioners for the space of the year 1875.

Three Working Days. The Board will hear all persons objecting to the valuation of their property, or to the amount of tax charged against them. The Board has a right to reduce valuations of property that may be unreasonably low, and for that purpose are empowered to summon and examine witnesses.

After the tax lists are made up and placed in the hands of the Sheriff it will be almost impossible to make corrections. All facts may be considered after the time expires except in accordance with the strict letter of the law.

W. A. CUMMINGS, Chairman. S. H. NORTHROP, Clerk.

Bargains in Summer Dress Goods, AT M. M. KATZ'S, 36 MARKET STREET.

AS USUAL AT THIS SEASON, THE SELL BALANCE OF SUMMER DRESS GOODS.

At very, very low prices. Will also open this week another lot of those desirable

Summer Dress Goods, Pacific Percales and Cambrics, and also, At unusually low prices, also, Marseilles, Pique, Victoria Lawns, WHITE GOODS.

LADIES' AND GENTS' GAUZE VESTS, GAUZE FLANNELS, Housekeepers' Goods, &c., &c.

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NOTICE. Carolina Central Railway, General Freight Department, WILMINGTON, MARCH 31st, 1875.

THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC IS RESPECTFULLY INVITED TO THE FACT THAT THE Carolina Central Railway being completed and fully equipped for business, offers with its connections at Wilmington, Boston, Direct Steamer Line and Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Providence—unparalleled facilities for handling shipments from

Wilmington and all Eastern Cities TO CHARLOTTE, STATESVILLE, SHELBY, Rutherfordton, Asheville, Greenville, Spartanburg, and all stations on the Atlantic, Tenn. & Ohio, Atlanta & Richmond Air Line, North Carolina and Western North Carolina Railroads as well as all points on the Eastern coast of the United States, and States always as low as the lowest. Notice to all points furnished, upon application to the undersigned. Office at Bank of New Hanover Building.

Business Cards. ADRIAN & VOLLERS, Wholesale Grocers, 109 N. 2nd St., Wilmington, N. C.

B. F. MITCHELL & SON, Commission Merchants, Grain, Flour, Hay, and also Fresh Groceries, 109 N. 2nd St., Wilmington, N. C.

LEGAL CARDS. N. A. STEDMAN, Jr., Attorney at Law, ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C.

Notice to Shippers. CLYDE LINE. New York and Wilmington Steamship Co.

Dog Ordinance for 1875. Office Treasurer & Collector, City of Wilmington, N. C.

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