C. P. KRAUTH. The happy Christmas comes once more, The heavenly Guest is at the doors;
The blessed words the shepherds thrill—
The ioyous tidings: "Peace, good will!"

To David's city let us fly, Where angels sing beneath the sky; Through plain and village pressing near, And news from God which shepherds hear.

Oh! let us go with quiet mind, The gentle Babe with shepherds find, To gaze on Him Who gladdens them— The loveliest Flower of Jesse's stem. The lowly Saviour meekly lies, Laid off the splendor of the skies; No crown bedecks His forehead fair, No pearl nor gem nor silk is there.

No human glory, might, and gold, The lovely Infant's form enfold; The manger and the swaddlings poor Are His Whom angels' songs adore. O make our hearts in gladness sing And keep our Christmas with our King, Till living song, from living souls,

Like sound of mighty water rolls.

O holy Child! Thy manger streams, Till earth and heaven glow with beams, Till midnight noon's broad light has won, And Jacob's Star outskines the sun.

Thou patriarch's joy, Thou prophet's song, Thou heavenly Day-spring, looked for long, Thou Son of Man, Incarnate Word, Great David's Son, great David's Lord!

Come, Jesus, glorious heavenly Guest, Keep thine own Christmas in our breast! Then David's harp-strings, hushed so long, Shall swell our jubilee of song.

SIDNEY LANEIR'S POEMS.

Philadelphia American. Something in the work and in the life of Sidney Lanier calls up John Keats. Both, as poets, were most keenly sensitive to art; as men both struggled long and unsuccessfully against consumption, which carried them off just as they seemed ripe for productions more splendid than any they left behind. But, while in grace and delicacy of style Lanier and Keats resemble each other, Lanier's was the broader and saner character. In him we trace none of the morbidness which tinges Keats's verse. Illness and bodily weakness, to which were added poverty and untoward material surroundings, could not taint the crystal purity of Lanier's threshold, yet it is strong in hope, majestic in diction and fresh in spirit.

Lanier's career only too closely exemplifies that which from time immemorial has been looked upon as nius. He was born in Macon, Ga., army, served with distinction, and, had to support himself as best he might at first by undertaking the practice of law, which was soon given up for the less dry but equally precarious profession of literature. At the age of 25 he had already premonitory symptoms of the disease from which he was to die, and until his death in 1881 his life was a continuous struggle against illness and poverty-borne with what cheerfulness and courage those who read Mr. Ward's memorial of him will perceive. In 1874 he began to be known as a contributor to Northern magazines, his first poems winning recog-nition from J. F. Kirk, Bayard Taylor, and other persons of discernment. In 1876 he was chosen to write the Centennial cantata-a work much ridiculed at the time, but now seen by impartial critics to be admirably adapted to its purpose. It may be doubted whether there exists in English a better example of an ode written for an especial occasion; certainly none can compare with it in its admirable combining of poetry with music. This union may be said to symbolize the essence of Lanier's genius. At times his passion for his election to the Speakership. music was so great that we wonder he was not a composer instead of a poet, and we find on every page of his verse exquisite melody. Keats, a modern Greek, was statuesque in his methods of expression, but there is no music in his poetry equal to that in Lanier's. The latter presents himself as a true citizen of this later world, in which music holds a posi-tion similar to that held by sculpture tion similar to that held by sculpture and architecture at Athens. Tennyson is perhaps Lanier's only equal among later metrical masters; but it Washington, has sent to his paper an account of his Eastern trip. When at Albany, on his way to Chicago, Mr. Shuman ca led upon Gov. Clevemust not be supposed that Lanier, land, with whom he had a very plea-like the writers of honey-sweet verse sant interview, of which he speaks now in vogue, gives only metrical con- as follows: fectionery to his readers. You do not remark, after laying down the warmly and impressed me favorably. "Hymns of the Marshes" or "The His pictures do not do him justice. Symphony:" "Very pretty, and He is better looking than his photooften delightfully rythmic, but where is the substratum of thought?"—as and better shaped head, and is larger you are apt to ask after disentangling and solider in person. He is a mediyourself from many of Swinburne's sugary coils of verse; on the con-trary, you find at each reading some new meaning in Lanier's best poems; you find that, much as the music is light brown, and he is partially charmed you at the first perusal, the | bald on the top and centre. His imagery will charm even more at the second. And if, as consciously or formed, his light blue eyes have unconsciously all thoughtful readers do, you weigh the fitness of separate smiles give a peculiar twinkle that words or phrases, you will be struck seem to be peak a good soul within. by the richness of Lanier's vocabulary and by the happy terseness with which he often condenses a good the face, where his fat cheeks round thought. In his use of strong, ex- out to a thick neck and down to a pressive words, which occasionally double chin. He wears a short,

Sidney Lanier is a poet beneath whose song pure and noble teaching and the portion of his face and head ceaselessly flows. His conception of the poet's mission is broad and liberal, and is reiterated in many tones. is a Napoleonic head, in fact, except He is a critic of life in the true sense, as to the eyes, and those are more like the optics of a woman or a poet of his fellows the beauty of art and than of a rugged statesman or warthe sweetness of virtue that are to rior. His great head sits well poised most of us mere cant phrases signi- upon a short, full neck and broad, most of us mere cant phrases signifying nothing. In "Corn" he skilfully weaves an allegory of thrift and speculation; in "The Symphony" he sings, in quite original fashion, of the good which an age that is all for trade misses, and of the sins it perpetuates; in "Clover," in daring simile, he shows the glorious labor of the artist; in "The Crystal" he enumerates the master spirits of the world, crowned by "man's best Man," Christ; finally, in "Sunrise," is con-Christ; finally, in "Sunrise," is contrasted the night of doubt and despair with the dawn of belief in the deathlessness and goodness of the soul. This last poem deserves—and, we doubt not, will some time receive the despect study and liberal critical and feeling as is his tongue.

"So much as to the appearance and style of the man who is soon to fill the greatest office in America. I have already said that my interview with him was a pleasant one. It was a pleasant one. It was a pleasant one. —the deepest study and liberal criticism. We know of no American— confess that the recent campaign had

recall Shakespeare, he is again like

except Emerson-who has written any poem of similar length that ought to rank with this—although we yield to none in admiration of Mr. Lowell's "Commemoration Ode."

Interest Emerson—who has written judice regarding this man, and some misgivings regarding his capacity for the Presidency. This prejudice, I am now convinced, was in a great "Commemoration Ode,"

left on my mind an unfavorable pre-

measure unwarranted. Learning

from his friends before calling upon him that he had a mortal dread of

newspaper interviewers and gossip-

ers,"I took occasion at the very open-

ing of the conversation to assure him

that I did not come to interview him

pay my respects, not as a journalist, but as a citizen, to the Governor of

the Empire State and the President-

elect of the Republic. This remark, I

ical opponent into his confidence. I

mise, however, when I state that, as

the result of the conversation and of

his utterances, I am favorably im-

pressed with Grover Cleveland, his

good intentions and his courage. He

is inspired by better motives than

the party that nominated him for the Presidency. He looks and talks like

a thoroughly honest man and a true

American patriot, and I shall expect

that he will so prove when he gets to

Washington. I do not believe him

ANOTHER PRESENT DE-

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EXECUTIVE MANSION,

ALBANY, Dec. 16, 1884.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

capable of reckless partisanship.

THE NEXT SPEAKERSHIP. Reasons that Ought to Influence the

Legislature in the Selection. Cor. of the Goldsboro Messenge Never before in North Carolina have so many gentlemen been mentioned in connection with the Speakership as in the pending contest. So many, indeed, and such good and true men are those whose names have thus far been brought forward by their friends that one may well be perplexed to know to whom the honor should be accorded. I will say not one word in disparagement of any of them, but as the position can be awarded to only one, it becomes necessary to make a choice. After a careful survey of the field, and after honestly weighing the claims of each of the candidates, it seems to the writer that there are more reasons why Col. Thomas M. Holt, of Alamance, should be elected Speaker than any of the gentlemen who seek the position. Not in the last election only, but ever since the organization of our party he has stood in its foremost ranks, fighting its battles and giving liberally of his time and means to its cause. Under his leadership our majority in his county has steadily increased-an evidence of the confidence and esteem of his people. He has ever been a most zealous worker, serving cheerfully in any capacity to which he might be assigned. He has several times been a mem-

ber of the Legislature, and frequently served as a presiding officer the following letter to a resident of most acceptably to his fellow members, showing in every in-Binghamton: stance his entire fitness for the position. A good parliamentarian O. J. Coughlin, Esq.: DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 5th through long experience in pub-lic assemblies—the best teacher—full and the liquor therein referred to of energy, vim and life, quick in have been received. My objection thought and action, of strictest honor to the receipt of presents does not and integrity, earnest, faithful and rest entirely upon their "suggestiveconscientious in the discharge of his ness," as you term it, if you mean by duty in every trust confided to him, that a suggestion of obligation in and, above all, direct, manly, straightofficial conduct. I am averse to gifts forward and firm, he would make a naturally, and because if they are most excellent Speaker, and there is from a stranger I can see no reason not a man in North Carolina who why they should be bestowed. My does not know that Tom Holt would election to office merely obliges me be strictly just, fair and impartial in to perform the duties of such office the discharge of every duty incident for the compensation allowed. I intellect. His last poem was written to the position. North Carolina owes thought I made my desires on this literally while death stood on the the proud position which she has assubject very plain in the letter which sumed among her sister States to the development of her agricultural and was recently published, and I think must be permitted to have my way manufacturing interests. In these purin the matter. I thank you noue the suits are engaged the most of the peoless sincerely for your kindness while ple, and through them she has made I say I must decline your gift. I mighty strides in material progress. will return the same by express toset apart by destiny for men of ge- An opportunity is now presented to morrow. Yours, very truly, recognize the claims of these interests in 1842, and after having got what by the elevation of one of their repeducation he could from a Southern resentative men. There is no one in A NEW TELEGRAPH SYNDIcollege he entered the Confederate | the State who is better qualified in every particular for the position of being captured, was imprisoned at Speaker, or who is more thoroughly Port Lookout. Upon his release he identified with the agricultural and manufacturing interests of North Carolina than Col. Thomas M. Holt. His public record shows that he has advocated every measure that tended to the material advancement of his State. His career in the Legislature has been marked by ability, honesty and unselfish devotion to the public good. He will be the

AN EASTERN DEMOCRAT.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

An Illinois Republican Elector's Im-

pressions of Gov. Cleveland.

the Electoral vote of Illinois to

His pictures do not do him justice.

thinly covering a well-rounded head,

light brown mustache, his face being

otherwise clean shaven. His well

above the mouth and fat cheeks re-

mind one of Napoleon Bonaparte-it

Mr. Andrew Shuman, editor of the

CATE. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Local telegraph circles became agitated to-day by reports of the formation of a new and powerful telegraph syndicate, which, it is said, will enter during the early part of the new year actively into opposition to the Western Union. John W. Mackay, of the Postal Company; Robert Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio; James Gordon Bennett, and the bondholders of first farmer and manufacturer the Bankers and Merchants' Comthus honored since the days of pany are said to be the moving old Nat Macon. Alamance county, spirits in the enterprise. These comlike the unflinching Democrat, pure bined interests control over 200,000 and patriotic citizen, who is the submiles of wires now in operation, repject of this communication, has never resenting a plant valued at about \$30,000,000. The first move made received any recognition at the hands of our party within the recollection will be the payment of \$1,000,000 of of the writer, though she has ever interest due on contracts of the been among the most faithful to its Bankers and Merchants' and \$300,principles, and now some apprecia-tion of her fidelity and the merits of 000 more in filling up the gap be-tween Pittsburg and Steubenville, her favorite son would be most Ohio, and from Montgomery, Ala., grateful to her people and to the friends of Col. Holt throughout the to New Orleans. It is believed that this syndicate means business, and is State. In our hour of need, when preparing to secure all the lines not County Government was attacked, controlled by the Western Union. against his own interests he was our friend and stood for us as firm as a rock. Let us now stand firm for him, compel a sudden reduction of Westand ask that merit be rewarded by ern Union rates.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Raleigh News-Observer. Within the past two years the number of land grants issued was 1,329, covering 154,346 acres of va-cant public land, so called. In Cleve-Chicago Evening Journal, and the Presidential Elector chosen to carry land the smallest grant was made, for 31 acres, while in Burke county 81 grants, covering 24,223 acres, were ssued. The time for the redemption of land sold for taxes was extended to January 1, 1884, but only thirty delinquents availed themselves of the indulgence granted. There are now on file 3,175 deeds to the State for "He [the Governor] greeted me land sold for taxes, covering some 280,576 acres of land, and representing \$19,975.75 in delinquent taxes. The costs on these deeds, independent of those due this office, amount to at least \$10,000, which the State has already paid in settlements with the various sheriffs. The amount of um-sized man as to height, heavily built, almost corpulent, and weighs, I should think, about 240. His hair, costs due this office is \$4,996.25. The matter of the insurance department is referred to, the Secretary saying that there is a hardship in the practical operation of the existing statute, the State practically requiring her citizens to do business with compaa kindly expression, and when he nies that have license therefor. The receipts of the insurance department and paid into the treasury the top to about the middle of

hand.

The collections of the office were as follows: Insurance tax, \$22,925.11; insurance license and other fees, \$10,-895.94; purchase money for vacant lots, \$13,186.73; tax on seals, \$125.50; for laws, \$66.50; for Supreme Court reports, \$4,626.90; for the Code, \$1,-047.50; total, \$52,874.18. This was during the two fiscal years ending November 30, 1884.

— Goldsboro Messenger: Chief of Police, Mr. J. R. Hurst, on Monday received a telegram from Washington, D. C., stating that the man Taylor was wanted in that city for a like offense. Mr. Hurst also received an unsigned letter, in a lady's handwriting, frem Staunton, Va., stating that Taylor is insane, and that he has once been confined in an asylum. — Why don't our police ferret out and bring to justice those who carry on the detestable practice of gambling—especially Sunday bar-room gambling. We are sorry to state it, but it is fact that can be substantiated, that gambling on Sunday is no unfrequent occurrence in our city. - Goldsboro Messenger: Chief of

There are about 180,000 acres of vines in California, valued at some \$70,000,000. In 1875 California exported 1,000,000 gallons of wine. In 1879 this amount arose to 2,000,000 gallons, and in 1883 to 3,250,000 gallons. At present the cities of San Francisco and Oakland consume more than 1,500,000 gallons of wine annually, and the remainder of the State, Oregon and Nevada consume together about 3,000,000 gallons in nor to report anything he might say
—that the object of my visit was to addition. This gives altogether as a market at present nearly 8,000,000 gallons. But this year the product is fully 15,000,000 gallons, and the producers must exert every effort to find new and increased markets. observed, pleased him, and he spoke Especially does this necessity present itself under the fact that the next without apparent restraint, and at once took me into his confidence in a vintage will bring grapes sufficient to produce from 20,000,000 to 25,good-natured way as far as one in his peculiar position could be ex-000,000 gallons. The existing obpected to take a stranger and a politstacles to exporting are excessively high rates of transportation, which are so high as to make a good class will, of course, fulfil my promise not to report his words, or even the of ordinary wine prohibitory to the use of people of moderate means. thoughts and purposes he expressed. It will not be a violation of that pro-

SHOTS AT FOLLY AS IT FLIES.

Work of the Newspaper Wits and

A DRESSING GOWN MADE USEFUL. Philadelphia Call. Mrs. De Blank-What are you going to give your husband this Christmas?

Mrs. De Lank-A dressing gown. But you gave him one last year, and the year before, too, if I remember aright.

Yes, and the year before that. Dear me! I can't understand how they get worn out so fast. My husband does not put his on once a month.

Mine never wears his at all. He tries it on Christmas morning, looks pleased, walks around, sits down, takes it off and never thinks of it

But then, why give him so many? I don't. Men can't remember patters and colors. I give him the same one every Christmas. THE INEVITABLE THORN.

She had such pretty, bright blue eyes, And waving hair of golden sheen; A saucy nose and cherry lips, And stately manners of a queen.

But oh, there was one little fault, One blemish all these charms among; This lovely rosebud had one thorn, She had—alas! she had a tongue. BRAVERY IN PRIVATE LIFE.

Blizzard. "It doesn't take the din and smoke of battle, with the rattle of musketry, the roar of cannon, the charge and retreat, to bring out the true

bravery in a man's nature." "That's a fact." "In the humble walks of every day life may be found hosts of heroes braver than many who have led armies to victory." "Yes, I've made the same observa-

tion myself. But what inspires the "I was just reading in a paper about a woman who has just married her eighth husband."

ELOQUENCE INDEED Boston Courier. "I hear you are highly satisfied with your new minister, Brown?"
"Satisfied is a tame word to express our opinion of him. We are delighted with him."
"He is very eloquent, I under-

"Eloquent! Why, sir, when he is preaching he effects the congregation so powerfully that there is hardly any interest taken in the flirtes

tions of the choir." The Illinois Senatorship. Mr. T. E. Merritt, one of the Democratic members elect of the Illinois Legislature, is very confident of the election of a Democratic United States Senator from that State. He thinks the prospective Democratic Col. Clowry, of the latter company, says that such a syndicate would not in Illinois will bring the single vote necessary to secure the Democrats

the Senator.

Solidly Democratic. Codorus township, York county Pa., is as solid as the most pronounced Democrat in the staunch county could desire. At the special election for Congressman on Tuesday Codorus cast 325 votes for Dr.Swope, Democrat, and not a single one for his Republican opponent, Dr. Bressler. Manhelm township was but little behind, casting 176 Democratic votes and only one Republican.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES. The Chronicle holds that the office of Superintendent of Schools ought to be the most important office in the State. To thus dignify it we must raise the salary and make it so desirable that young men of talent and education and broad culture will go into the profession of teaching, and have before them an eminence in that profession which would be honorable to aspire to fill. In the last few years the Chronicle is pleased to know that many of the heat is pleased to know that many of the best educated and most talented young men in the State have adopted teaching as their profession. They are ambitious young men. They are not content to remain in a profession unless they see before them some chance of promotion. To make the the educational system what it should be we need—we must have—the services of the young men. To induce them to enter the profession—to prepare themselves to become practical and successful teachers—the State ought to hold out every possible inducement,—Raleigh Chronicle.

partment and paid into the treasury through this office were \$34,090.11.

The report refers to the purchase, from a private party, under authority conferred by the Legislature, of 3,432 volumes of old N. C. Reports. Of the Laws of the last session 4,621 volumes were printed, of which 4,092 were distributed. Ten thousand copies of the Code were received, of which 5,901 copies have been distributed, 229 sold and 3,870 remain on hand.

We recently heard of a man being refused insurance because he answered that he expected to be burned out, who applied to another company and got his insurance by answering that he had no such fears. He was burned out and the presumption was that he added moral perjury to his other crime of arson. Such cases are enough to drive sensible companies from the State and if they have not sense enough and renters in the destruction of other peoples property, the Legislature should make them leave.—Hickory Carolinian.

PERSONAL.

- For the last two days William M. Evarts has been prostrated in consequence of his successful effort to say "Yes" inside of half a column of a newspaper.—
Utica Observer.

- John B. Stetson, a Philadelphia hat manufacturer, is the largest policy holder in the world. He carries \$380,000 on his own life and pays premiums on \$360,000 for others. Hamilton Disston carries altogether \$510,000.

- The oration which Robert C. Winthrop was to deliver at the dedication of the Washington Monument is stated to be completed, and in case of his inability to deliver it it will, perhaps, be read by some gentleman selected for that purpose.

- There is an unpublished legend to the effect that on the one evening passed at Craigenputtock by Emerson in 1883, Carlyle gave him a pipe, and taking one himself, the two sat silent until midnight and then parted, shaking hands with congratulations on the pleasant evening they had passed,—Phil. Record.



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nov 25 D&Wim HE WILL COME.

There is a gentle stranger drawing high to every dwelling. We cannot hear his footsteps fall so softly on the snow;

And yet as he comes nearer,
And his smile shines out the clearer.
"Tis no more the face of stranger, but a
Friend whom well we know. He came at first an infant, and his rest wa

in the manger,

For the inn was full of pilgrims on that
wondrous Christmas night;

But he stayed for love and duty,

And to fill the world with beauty,

for for sorrow, turning Bringing perfect joy for sorrow, turning darkness into light.

How He loved the hearts He sought for is not told by bells or carols.

But in more pathetic pictures of the garden and the cross;

Yet He came to bring us pleasures,
And to make us rich with treasures,
And He did not shrink from sorrow, or

from poverty or loss. But He turns to some with yearnings, and they do not care to know Him, Though their hearts are faint with sorrow,

and their eyes with tears are dim,

He would chase away their sadness,

Till they sing for very gladness;

But they will not let Him heal them—they
can find no room for Him. RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

- Heaven is never deaf but when man's heart is dumb.

- The time will come when three words spoken in charity will be worth more than ten thousand words of disdainful scorn.—Bishop Hooker. -Mr. Wm. Bucknell has pre

sented to the Philadelphia Episcopal city mission his beautiful residence at Chesnut Hill, valued at \$75,000, for a home for con Whenever you commend, add your reasons for doing so; it is this which distinguishes the approbation of a man of sense from the flattery of sycophants and admiration of fools.

- Rev. W. Harrison, of England, states that "of twenty infidel lecturers and writers who have been prominent in the last thirty years, sixteen have abandoned their infidelity and openly professed their their infidelity and openly professed their faith in Christ and their joy in his salva-

Rev. W. H. Sloan, lately pastor at Albion, N. Y., has been appointed by the Baptist Board a missionary to the City of Mexico. He is remarkably adapted to this work, being a master of Spanish. He hopes shortly to publish a paper and a collection of hymnals in Spanish.

- It is time to insist on the Scripture meaning of the term "evangelist." He is not an evangelist who goes about to well-organized Churches, and with the cooperation of pastors and members holds revival services. No matter how great stir that man may make, or how great revival he may lead, he is not an evange st. - Southwestern Methodist. - That disciple who is entering

into giddy society and unholy amusements on the plea that Christianity need not be so strictly interpreted as it is by spirituallyminded persons, would do well to ponder with prayer this saying of a learned and ancient father: "We convict the mind of sin when we convict it of preferring the lower things, and forsaking the higher to enjoy them."—Zion's Herald. 'Full well I know I have mor

Brambles and flowers, dry stick and withered leaves, Wherefore I blush and weep, and at Thy feet
I kaeel down reverently and repeat:
Master, behold my sheaves!
I know these blossoms, clustering heavily.
With evening dew upon their folded leaves,

Can claim no value or utility;
Yet well I know thy patient love perceives
Not what I did, but what I strove to do:
And, though the full ripe ears be sadly

Thou wilt accept my sheaves."

— Every Other Saturday.

- True beauty is moral and spiritual. What is all material beauty com-pared with it? The song of birds, the starpared with it? The song of birds, the starlit firmament, the many-colored rainbow,
the expanses of evening sky, are beautiful.
Heaven's light, as it streams over castle,
tower and town—sunrise upon the Alps—
sunsets on the lake, are beautiful. Men
spend health, time and money in search of
the beautiful; but, after all, it chiefly consists in character. Material forms of beauty
are illusors but heavets of observer here are illusory, but beauty of character has a deathless life; it withers not with the bloom on the cheek; the grave-worm cannot eat into its loveliness; it is the spirit's covering, and, like the soul it adorss, is immortal. The beauties of holiness never fade. - Ex

- In the apostolic Church no surgery was necessary to secure what was needed. The money leaped out of the pocket with a spring of gladness. The poor seemed to emulate one another, and aspire to self-sacrifice as a matter of ambi-tion. We hear nothing of a difficulty in raising enough for the support of the minraising enough for the support of the ministers. It came forth spontaneously from loving hands and hearts. The Galatians would even have given Paul their eyes if the transfer had been possible. Our advantages now are ten-fold greater than those of the first disciples, and yet the slowness of the people to respond to the calls made upon them is becoming proverbial. The means of support are almost literally wrung out of the hands of many professors of reigion.—Richmond Advocate.

JOKES FROM THE NORTH POLE.

- A new opera is called "The Orange Girl." It is expected to provoke "peels" of laughter. - Powerful steel knives which

will cut cold iron have been invented. They will be useful in railway restaurants - An old pun states that Eve was created for Adams Express Company, but but an inspection of the business done at the express offices this week will warrant the opinion that the Eve referred to is Christmas Eve.—Pittsburg-Dispatch. -"How much do I owe you now?"

asked the customer of the milkman, as he emptied the lacteal fluid into the man's pail. "For twelve quarts," answered the pumphandle agitator with emotion. "Twelve quarts, eh! Well, just chalk this one, too." "Oh, no," replied the man of measures, forgetting himself; "it won't stand chalking any more."—Yonker's Gazette,

To speak the words her tongue did falter,
But all her tears and prayers were idle;
Her father forced her to the halter,
For he'd determined on the bridle.
She did not wish to stirrup strife,
And so her feelings she did smother;
But saddle be her married life—
She wedded one but loved another. - Poor tutor: "Know you what I

— Poor tutor: "Know you what I do when I hunger have? Then draw I at home on my slate with chalk a white sausage. When I right severe hunger have, draw I two. Then drink I once from my mug of beer, eat a piece of bread and rub from the sausage on the slate a piece away. Then drink I again, eat again a piece of bread and rub again from the slate a piece of sausage away, till the last morsel away is. So picture I myself in I have the sausage really eaten. Behold you, it is only sausage really eaten. Behold you, it is only imagination in the world,"—Fliengende Blatter.

> SOUTHERN ITEMS. - Sheriff-elect Showacre, of Mar-

shall county, West Virginia, has sued the Wheeling Intelligencer for libel, claiming \$25,000 damages. - "Richard Wintersmith, of Ken-

tucky," the Washington Republic thinks, "is Sam Ward's legitimate successor in the lobby, and possesses so many of the latter's agreeable and entertaining personal characteristics as to be already known to the best people as "Uncle Dick."

- Rev. Dr. W. F. Mallalien, lately elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who has been assigned to duty in the South, reached New Orleans last week, and will make his home in that city. He is a native of Massachusetts, and spent most of his life there, and this is his first visit to the South. His family, now in Boston, will join him in February.—Phal. Boston, will join him in February.—Phil.

State Gleanings,

— The Hickory Press is fourteen years old. Its first issue in January will be in new type. It affords us pleasure to note this evidence of success in a paper that was never better than under its present management. Mr. Bryan is one of the best equipped editors in the State.

- Oxord Orphans Friend: We are constantly receiving letters from parties in different sections of the State asking for information in regard to contributions in kind. We need now—boy's clothing, boy's ahoes, hats, &c. The girls are very well supplied for the present. —The Super-intendent will take a class of boys and girls to Henderson on Tuesday before Christ-mas to engage in a Sunday School Concert for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum.

- Asheville Citizen: We regret o learn of the total destruction by fire of the store and its contents of Mr. J. H. Woodward, on Ivy, Madison county. His insurance had just expired. Loss several thousand dollars.—A man named Taylor is going about the country selling, and setting out with his own hands, evergreens and other characters. and other shrubbery. We have seen a specimes of his handiwork and of his skill as a horticulturist. While setting out a half dozen or more arbor vitæ trees for a lady of this place, the top of the tree fell off just above the roots. She called his attention to the accident for which he gave an explanation. Not satisfied, she took the broken piece in her hand, when she discovered that the lower end or butt of the shrub was whittled down to form a peg, which peg was then inserted in the root of some common weed; the whole was nicely surrounded with moss to conceal the point of junction. The whole were fixed in the same way, — Rev. E. S. Gregory will be remembered as the gentleman who delivered the annual address be-fore the North Carolina Press Association

- Statesville Landmark: There

has been a recent revival of the old rumor

at Charlotte in 1875.

that there is to be a railroad con by which solid passenger trains will be run through from Augusta to Warm Springs, via Charlotte and Statesville, while the road from Salisbury to Statesville will become a branch road. — At Mt. Mourne, one day last week, a man named Hannon, with his two sons, dragged Hiram Holder off his horse, and belabored him with fence rails, the hind gate of a wagon, and such other handy things until it seemed as if there was not a sound spot on him. He was terribly beaten, bruised and gashed, and a bloodier man was probably never seen in south Iredell, though he had no bones broken. The fight was the renewal of a former difficulty, of the cause of which we are not at present advised. - Statesville has had no good cause to complain of the fortune which the year now nearing its end has brought her. The health of the place has been excellent. Business has been fairly good. It has been better in other seasons when crops were better, but still there has been no occasion for discouragement. There have been no failures among our business men and the most of them are upon a good basis. There have been great improvements in the town within the year—not in the construction of business houses but of dwellings. There have been many accessions to our population and our prospects are very flattering.

-Blaine asks that his friends "will do him the favor to discredit utterly all and any alleged expressions from him which are not made over his name." It is difficult to know how to take Mr. Blaine at all times. Not long ago he was asking his that were made over his own name. - Chicago Times, Rep.

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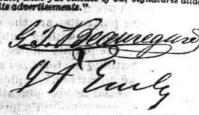
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