

LITERARY GOSPEL. Miss Murfree, the Tennessee woman of genius, receives \$250, for any single story she may write.

NOT SUSTAINED. The Southern condition of politics is a more or less friendly center for the possession of the emoluments of office.

Senator Sherman's plan of arbitration between capital and labor is sharply criticized even by his own party.

Mr. Reagan of Texas is right, as we believe, in opposing this deceptive arbitration scheme as wholly unconstitutional.

Considering that the South fought the Republican party for more than twenty years, and often when the odds were immense and the chances of success most remote, it cannot be said with truth that the only inducement to fight are the "emoluments of office."

The Democratic party lives because it has principles. It would have died long ago if it had been dependent for vitality and vigor upon "emoluments of office."

We note that Arbor Day is being observed in many States in the North. Pennsylvania has just observed it.

The STAR has expressed its views relative to bogus butter and other frauds upon the people. It has urged upon the States the duty and necessity of protecting the people against food adulteration.

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J. R. R. writes from Washington to the Augusta Chronicle as follows: "Gladstone's speech is a prominent topic. What a miserable old man! Was there ever a noble effort, in any public assembly, than that oration, which displays the patient morals as well as the most majestic intellect?"

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WASHINGTON. A Congressional Committee to Investigate the Labor Troubles in the West... Favorable Report on the Bill to Ameliorate the Harshness of Interest.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Speaker to-day appointed the following committee for the investigation of the labor troubles in the West: Curtis of Pa., Crain of Tex., Outhout of Ohio, Stewart of N. Y., Parker of N. Y., and Buchanan of N. Y.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The confirmation is announced of the additional internal revenue collectors—11 in the West and North. Also, of Col. Potter and Roger Marston, collectors of customs at St. Mary's, Ga., and a large number of postmasters and minor civil and military officials.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Senate Judiciary Committee voted by Mr. Jackson's majority to report to the Senate Bishoprick's chances for the Methodist.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Board of County Commissioners have made a contract with Mr. John D. Fred, of Macon, Ga., for a complete set of specifications and plans for a new jail building.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The U. S. Consul General at Rome has telegraphed the Secretary of State that the Italian Government has declined to extradite the anarchist, Giovanni D'Amico.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—All of the members of the select committee on labor troubles except Stewart of Vermont, who is on leave of absence, were present at the afternoon's meeting.

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TERIBLE CYCLONE. Three Towns in Minnesota Nearly Destroyed by a Storm and Wounded Men—Large Numbers of People Killed and Several Hundred Swung Entirely Around by the Wind.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 15.—A late hour last night Governor Hubbard received a message from State Senator Buckman, at Sauk Rapids, stating that the town was nearly destroyed by a cyclone.

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