A quiet stream Flowed through a level meadow—all day

Its voice was heard in murmurous melody That half a whisper seemed, and half Yet no one paused to hear its harmony, marked the brightness of its sunny gleam

But where its course
Was half arrested by the rugged stone
It swelled and bubbled till with new-born It leaped the barrier, all its weakness gone Its spray ascending in a silvery shower, Its onward way pursued with added force,

Its beauty then
The artist praised, the poet sang, until
Came many to admire the pretty scene,
Half marvelling at the strength of such a

A silver ribbon parting banks of green, Swift as an arrow, deeper than their ken.

Unconscious of our strength may pass along. Our silent efforts vain—our labor lost-Content to rest unnoticed by the throng, Whose paths in life our daily course have

crossed,
Till trouble comes to rouse us into strife,

Through labor, power-from pain and weariness We learn the fesson that will make us Endow us with capacity to bless-

The world will listen to the stirring song, Born of a soul replete with earnestness -Southern Bivouad

REPORT OF THE SECRE-TARY OF STATE.

Raleigh News-Observer

Secretary of State Saunders reports that within the last two fiscal years 990 grants have been issued, covering 142,342 acres of public land. and suggests a re-enactment of the provision repealed by the last Legislature by which questions of titles were required to be decided in the Courts and certified to the Secretary, so that he might know how to act in | more is needed? But, we are told, the premises. Not infrequently, he says, questions arise as to the validity of entries for land, and as there is no machinery provided for determining such questions, they are practically left to the decision of the Secretary. This, Col. Saunders thinks, should not be so. Another defect in the land law, pointed out, is, that no machinery is provided for the correction of errors in the records of grants, no matter how patent or how indisputable they may be. The suggestion is made that as the Council of State has a clerk, keeps minutes of its meetings, and can be called together without difficulty at any time, that body is a very suitable deposity for the power of making such corrections and should therefore be made such depository by act of assembly.

The Secretary, in giving the names of the insurance companies licensed to do business in the State, refers to the complaints made by companies who take out license and pay taxes on the business they do against the present law which permits parties in the State to obtain insurance from companies not licensed here. He thinks it a difficult thing for the State to justify itself in exacting taxes from-companies that take out license while it permits companies which do not take out license to come within its borders and do the same kind of business free of cost.

The only case in which he considers it proper that an unlicensed outside company ought to be permitted to do insurance business is where the amount of insurance on a single risk is greater than the amount the licensed companies can place upon a single risk. The Secretary suggests that the law be made to conform to this principle.

Another suggestion he makes is that the penalty for violation of the provisions of the insurance law be given to the sheriff, as in other cases of violation of the revenue law.

These suggestions and recommention to the State's interests. The Secretary reports the pur-

\$37,055 34.

## INSTRUCTION.

Raleigh News-Observer.

To show the progress which has been made in his department, Superintendent of Public Instruction Finger in his biennial report presents a comparative summary of statistics He proceeded hastily to doff his for the years 1884, '85 and '86. This every-day clothing and don his Sunshows that there was an increase in day garments, casting furtive glances the receipts from ordinary taxation | all the while at the black browded. in 1885 amounting to \$51,693 324 and that there was a corresponding doorway knitting. With trembling increase in the average length of haste he completed his preparations, school terms. In 1886 there was also | and was shambling out again when an increase in receipts over those of his wife, previously apparently obli-1885 amounting to \$38,767 41. This vious of his presence, shot a fierce increase has been attained, be it glance at him which made him jump noted, without any increase of valuation and without any in the rate of taxation. Out of 530,127 children between the ages of six and twenty. one, 298,166 attended the public schools in 1885. Out of 547,308 children the same ages 305,598 attended the public schools in 1886. Seventy eight county superintendents reported the private schools in their counties, of eight months' duration or more, showing an enrolment of 25,110, and estimating for the other eighteen counties, the su-perintendent concludes that there were about 30,000 pupils in private waitin' fur me now at the cross roads schools last year.

"One of the lamentable considera-

children to school." The Superintendent epitomizes the needs of the State in the matter of which he has control as follows: "1. Longer school terms, which

will require more money.

2. Active and competent superintendents in all the counties. 3. Permanent normal schools for the preparation of competent teach-

4. A better sentiment in favor of

5. A determined effort, not alone at intellectnal and practical school-work, but also at moral training, and religious training as well, so far as that can be done with propriety in the State schools." He arges the Assembly to meet these needs with appropriate legisla-

The Superintendent recommends the establishment of a regular Nor-mal school for white teachers, "in which, persons who have elsewhere acquired a fair knowledge of the branches usually taught in the public schools may get the best possible instruction in the science and history of education and in methods." He thinks it may be assumed that some community would furnish the build-ings, and this being so, he estimates that \$10,000 per annum would estab-lish and maintain the institution.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

Rockingham Rocket.

At each meeting of the Legislature there is a sharp contest between the Raleigh newspaper men for the position of State printer. Two years ago the fight was between Capt. S. A. Ashe, of the News and Observer, Mr. P. M. Hale, of the Register, Mr. W. H. Page, of the Chronicle, and possibly others. Mr. Hale was the successful competitor. This year the contestants are Mr. Hale, the News and Observer, (Capt. Ashe), and Mr. Josephus Daniels, of the Chronicle. Much has been said by the State press as to the merits and demerits of the different candidates, either of whom would doubtless do the work in a creditable and satisfactory manner. Mr. Hale's efficient services in that capacity for the past two years is an earnest of what may be expected of him in the future. He devotes his entire time to the work, and every document turned out from the office, is executed under his personal supervision. Mr. Hale is a practical printer. He is capable, competent, faithful and honest. What Mr. Hale is out of the newspaper bu siness now, and therefore could not render party service in exchange for the party's favors. Those who use this argument should remember that, after Mr. Hale was elected public printer two years ago, he gave up his newspaper in order to devote his entire time to the State printing; and they should remember also that Mr. Hale has fought the battles of Democracy through evil as well as good report for the last twenty-five years, and has never wavered nor turned

IT WILL NOT GO.

N. Y. Times, Rep Tariff Reform When some definite proposition is made public opinion will make itself felt, and it will not be in favor of repealing internal revenue taxes. Something may be permitted in that direction, but we venture to predict that neither the House nor the Senate will dare to reduce or repeal the internal revenue taxes and leave the tariff untouched. The last exploit of that sort, or with the same motive, was when tea and coffee were made free. Ever since the country rallied from the depression of 1878 the protectionists have been proposing to cut down the internal revenue in order to save the tariff. They have nibbled a little at it, but they have not done much. The last Republican House was prepared to do more, but the Senate hesitated. "Free rum and tobacco and taxed clothing won't do," was the comment of one of the stanchest high tariff men. It won't do now as well as it would have done then. Everybody who thinks at all on the subject knows that it is the tariff taxes that make the trouble, and that in some way or in some degree they must be abated.

JIM AKERS.

Southern Bivouse for January. Jim Akers was a tall, tow headed knock-kneed man, with irregular dations are the result of long experi- teeth, which made his mouth look ence in the service of the State, of like a steel trap twisted out of plumb. ripe wisdom and of patriotic devo- His wife was a large, raw-boned woman, fully a head taller and fifty pounds heavier than Jim. She had chase of \$13,947 52 worth of station- | the temper of a half famished wildery for the State during the last two | cit, and no darkey just "gittin' reyears, \$642 80 of the amount dis- ligion" was ever half as much afraid bursed having been repaid by the of the devil as Jim was of her; he counties for goods furnished them, had reason to be. When she was and gives the amount of money col- fairly on the warpath she breathed lected by his department and paid chain lightning and flung cyclones into the treasury during the two from the tip of her tongue. Nor did years ending November 10, 1886, as she content herself with words only, however butter and furious. She very often brushed the poor little fellow DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC with a hickory until be felt as if be had borrowed his back of a saint fresh from the gridiron.

One bright, golden, delicious af-ternoon in the latter part of May Jim left the patch where he had been hard at work all day, and "snuck een" to his cabin by the back way. terrible dame sitting in the front almost out of his shoes and brought

the perspiration out from every pore "Whar you boun' fur?" she asked. "I 'lowed I wuz gwine down to the fish fry fur a hour or two. Them

boys is a hevin'-" "Well, you 'lowed wrong. You jest histe off them close, and go back inter that patch and finish hoein' them pertaters. Don't you distress yerself 'bout no fish-fries." "But I done tole the boys I wuz

gwine to be thar." "Well, you tole 'em a lie."
"But Ed Sykes and Hank Evans u

and I'd ruther not disappint 'em."
"Well, I'd ruther you would. Shet tions," Maj. Finger observes, "is that so many of the poorest people do not avail themselves of the facilities afforded them." "If influential men in the respective neighborhoods," he included the tyranny under which he was crushed. His continues, "would encourage such people, by advice and otherwise, many could be induced to send their faint shadow, a dim endolon of spirit became suddenly aroused. He hesitated a moment, ventured even to return the gaze of those glowing, wrathful eyes, and then started, say-

ing: "Well, I'm a gwine." Great Jehosaphat! Houp-la! She swooped on him like an owl on a mouse. The air was filled and darkened with dust and sandy hair and agonizing shricks.

Ed Sykes and Hank Evans, at the Jim's cabin was on fire and that he was perishing in the flames. They ushed in all baste to his assistance; but as they neared the spot the clat-ter subsided, and they heard a stern, feminine voice, which caused them to halt and keep out of eight, say, "Now I reckon you'll do ez yer

Then they recognized Jim's piping voice, protesting betwixt convulsive

"I'd sorter gin out gwine befo' yet

spoke." The Best Tax Possible. Savannah News, Dem.

If Mr. Randall could have his way he would repeal both the whiskey and tobacco tax. While he will not admit it, he wants to tax the necessaries of life and make whiskey and tobacco free. The common sense of the country will not permit him to do that, even though he has the support of the Republican party. The whiskey and tobacco tax should be the very last tax repealed. Those who smoke and chew tobacco and drink whiskey are not complaining. Why then should Mr. Randall be so concerned about them? If the whiskey and tobacco tax were repealed it would still be impossible to get a drink of first class whiskey for a dime or a good cigar for a nickel. If Mr. Randall could have his way dime or a good eigar for a nickel. The Decline of Religion in High So

clety. Washington Post, In some hundred messages and let ers of condolence addressed to Mrs. ogan, which have been published in the papers, only two had any alluions whatever to the Supreme Being or to the consolations of religion. The two exceptions are by Stephen A. Douglas and Col. John Hay, both of who saidm: "May God comfort and sustain you."

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I reso ted to all kinds of medicine withou nefit. zeveral do tors treated my care, but none gave relief. I finally used B & B as an experiment, and to my utter astonishment all pain and suffering vanished after using three desea. To the present time I have used three but les and not a pale has ever returned. I do not know what was the matter, neither could they sold their products were all distant. my physician name the complaint. The B. B. B. cted finely and powerful'y upon my kidneys; my appetite has been splendid and my constitution built up rapidly. R. THOMAS.

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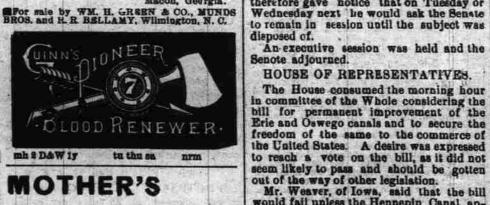
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FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

to draw a deplorable picture of the navy— too weak to fight and too slow to run away— and of navy yards—useless and worn out, and utterly incapable of constructing first-lass war vessels; and, in tracing the causes of this worthly and ions for Widows of Gens. Logar Hair-inter-State Commerceof this worthlesaness and decay to the cumbersome organization of the navy, he fortified his position with extracts from the expressed opinions of Secretaries Whitney and Chandler. Camale—Appropriation Heorganization, &c. (By Telegraph to the North BENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to incorporate the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua. Calendared. Mr. Warderson brought before the Senate the case of the claim against Mexico for the killing of Capt. Emmett Crawford, in command of U. S. troops in pursuit of Geronimo, by Mexican troops in Mexico in January, 1886, stating that a stronger and more urgent demand for indemnity should be made, and introducing a bill for the relief of Capt. Crawford's heirs. The bill was referred.

request the bill was immediately considered and passed On motion of Mr. Edmunds the bill to

carry iuto effect the treaty with China for the suppression of the oplum traffic was taken up and passed without division.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill, and Mr. of the Inter-State Commerce bill, and Mr. Platt continued his argument. He said it was not necessary to apologize for the time consumed, or to be consumed, by him in this discussion, because there never had been, probably, in the history of this government a bill under consideration that would inevitably affect either directly or templely such great financial and industrial remotely such great financial and industrial interests as this bill. It would reach every hamlet, every industry, every laboring man and every laboring man's family in the United States with its effects, either of evil or of good. He claimed that the bill was in the direction of foreign consolidation of railroad c mpanics, and said that some railroad men believed in that as the best outcome of the railroad problem. No truer sentence had ever been uttered than that where combination existed competition is impossible This bill left open and in-vited the worst kind of combination—a consolidation of railroad corporate cap

ital. What were the railroads to do if prohibited from making pooling arrangements? Experience taught that the old rate wars would begin sgain, and the end of it would be, as it always had been, consolidation Monopolies of this country had been built on the graves of weak competitors. The bill invited a grand monopoly of railroad capital in this country, which would be built on the graves of railroads that are not able to stand in competition. That railroad monopoly would e the master of the people. He believed it better to have the business kept in a great many hands than to have it consolidated he believed it better to let little country stores live than to build up great mercan tile establishmen s at their expense; he believed it better to let weak railroads live than to boild up one magnificent railroad corporation that would occupy to the rail-

their food supplies-Chicago, St Louis

ard Cincipusti-were also far distant from Alabams. The markets in which

They had a vast tract of country to cross

in getting tither to the market of purchase

or the market of sale. So that he thought

that any oill which forced railroad com-

panies to raise their charges on freights for

long hauls would be necessarily inimical to the best interests of his State. That prac-tical statement of reasons why be opposed the bill would be quite sufficient, he said, to justify him is the course he felt com-

pelled to take toward it; but he had other reasons He then proceeded to argue that the States were perfectly competent to deal

with this subject; and that the interference of the Federal Government would lead to

still further invasions, until the manage-ment of the railroads would eventually be-

come the most absorbing business of Con-

gress. He dreaded to enter on that field

and would not do so voluntarily. As a citizen he bowed to the decision of the Su-

preme Court; but as a Senator, he ques-

not permit him to adopt it. He could not sub-

scribe to the doctrine that inter-State com

merce could only be protected through the action of Congress The bill was based solely on that false premise; it opened the door to the interference of Congress with

every regulation of trade and commerce

It exposed the charter of every railroad

company given by the States to modifica

tions through acts of Congress For a hundred years the States had assisted and

protected inter State commerce. Congress, doubting the extent of its powers, had per-

mitted such assistance and protection on the part of the States, and in doing so had

blessed the country by its inaction. The principle of this bill would end in making

merchandise of politics, while it ruled and ruined business He admitted all that had

been said as to the sufferings and wrongs of the people through the greed of railroad companies; but in finding a remedy for the evil, he neither wished to find for the peo-

ple a new master (remote from them and

their influence) in Congress, nor to place in

the hands of that master power over their trade and traffic. More dangerous for them

than even the power of railroad companies. As he read this bill, (interpretation of which

was so uncertain that every one had to inter pret it for himself) it necessitated increase of rates on long hauls in all cases where roads could not sacrifice a large part of their income. He was convinced that

the roads to the coal and iron fields of Al-

abama could not do that, and the burden would fill heavily upon those new indus-tries of Alabama, and would probably de-

stroy them.
Mr. Cullom said he was very anxious to

have the bill disposed of as soon as possi-ble, consistent with fair discussion, and he

therefore gave notice that on Tuesday or Wednesday next he would ask the Senate

to remain in session until the subject was

An executive session was held and the

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House consumed the morning hour in committee of the Whole considering the bill for permanent improvement of the Eric and Oswego canals and to secure the

propriation was attached to it.

The House then went into committee of the Whole on the Pension Appropriations

isposed of.

lenote adjourned.

The first bill called up was that appropriating \$500,000 for the purchase of a site road business of the country the same posi and the erection of a public building at tion as the Western Union Telegraph Com-Charleston, S. C., and authorizing the sale pany bears to the telegraph business of the of the present postoffice building in that Country.

Mr Morgan stated the reason which Mr. Hepburn, of Iows, opposed the bill would influence bis vote against the bill. He was not content with it in respect of its of a terrible calamity which rendered it un practical effect on the people of his own wise that the Government should erect new State. Alabama was at the farther southern buildings at that place at a cost of half a million of dollars. There was no perma-nent structure there which had not been seriously injured, if not well-nigh destroyed. margin of the United States. The markets in which her people hought their dry goods and a large part of their grocer es were at the far North and East, and there was a The vibrations were continuing, and in the broad intervening area between them. ace of that fact, it did not seem wise to

make this appropriation at the present time, nor did he think that the business of the city justified it. Mr. Hepburn moved to reduce the appropriation to \$200,000. On metion by Mr. Dibble, of S. C., to limit debate, Mr. Repburn raised the point of no quorum, and the morning hour having expired in an unsuccessful attempt to secure a quorum, the committee rose and the bill went over without action. The House then—yeas 151, nays 33— went into committee of the Whole on the

Mr. Reed and Mr. Boutelle of Maine, in pointed speeches opposed the bill. Mr. McAdoo, of New Jersey, favored it as a purely business proposition. Pending de-bate, the committee rose and the House ad-

SENATE

Washington, Jan. 7.—Several petition were presented in favor of the Experiment Agricultural Stations bill. Also, a remostrance, eigned by many business men Dayton, Ohio, against, and petitions from the Business Men's Club of Kenosho, William Company.

and from the Wisconsin State Grange, favor of the Inter-State Commerce bill.

All of those passed were of a private or

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, of N. C., the

Mr. Ha'ch, of Mo., made an unsuccessful

7 30, the evening session to be for the con-sideration of pension bills.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senate not in

Mr. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, presented petition of citizens of Germantown,

Philadelphia, in favor of a reduction of in-

Mr. Cox, of North Carolina, from the Committee on Civil Service Reform, reported back Senate bill repealing the tenure

The House then, in the morning bour,

went into Committee of the Whole, (Mr. Cox, of New York, in the chair), for th:

consideration of bills reported from the Committee on Public Buildings and

f office act. House calendar.

oill consolidating certain bureaus of the Navy Department.
Mr. Boutelle, of Maine, opposed the bill and Mr Buck, of Connecticut, and Mr.
Thomas, of Illinois, advocated it,
Mr. Willis, of Kentucky, reported the
River and Harbor bill, and it was ordered printed and recommitted.

The House then, after the introduction and reference of various bills, at 4 20 ad-



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The House then went into committee of the Whole on the Pension Appropriations bill which appropriates \$78,247,590, being only \$5,000 below the estimates—the reduction being in the item for rent of offices for pension agencies. Without amendment or discussion the bill was read, reported and passed.

The House then—yeas 183, nays 77—went into committee of the Whole on the Naval Reorganization bill.

Mr. Sayers, of Texas, declared that there was no political object sought to be accomplished by the measure. It had for its object reform in the administration of naval affairs, in order to ensure harmony, promote efficiency, produce economy and secure responsibility. We had no fleet worthy of the name; our navy yards and stations, notwithstanding immense sums spent upon them were in a worthless and deplorable condition, and if this lamentable condition of affairs was due, as he thought it was, to the organization of the navy as it now existed, the imperative duty devolved upon Congress to give the relief which was ex-HALL & PEARSALL. de 4 D&Wtf

JANUARY.

BY SOPHIE L SCHENCK

A new year smiling comes. It seems that But yesterday the last one turned to gree wiftly the months passed by, and slient. We marked it fade and felt that some thing sweet Was drifting from us; and we softly sigher As the year, lately new, grew pale and died

January ! first of this new year, What scenes are hidden in thy coming We greet then with a mingled joy and fear, Koowing thou bast for us both thorus and flowers;

And as we blindly meet each new-born We ask for guidance o'er the untried way. Welcome, New Year! Faith bids each

heart be strong— For God will order all that comes with To Him we leave it, glad to march along, Feeling that what is best alone will be. And se we onward pass kind wishes fall, That this may prove a happy new year for

> -Brooklyn Magazine CURRENT COMMENT.

- This latest work of Crad-

local character.

Mr. Cullom, at 8.10 p. m., stated that while he would like to have a discussion of the Inter-State Commerce bill continued to day, he was informed by four Senators who desired to speak upon it, that they were not prepared to go on to day. He therefore proposed that the Senate would go to other business. He wished it understood, however, that immediately after the morning business on Monday he would ask the Senate to proceed with the Inter-State Commerce bill and would on Wednesday ask the Senate to remain in session until the bill was disposed of. dock's is, in our opinion, a distinct advance on anything the author has hitherto written. The progress is bill was disposed of.

Mr. Beck inquired of Mr. Evarts as to
the bill to prevent members of Congress
acting as attorneys for subsidized railroads
and suggested that it be taken up after the mostly seen in a better idea of literary perspective, and a more clearly sustained dramatic purpose. She still dwelling fondly around the Tennessee mountains-Thunderhead, Inter-State Commerce bill.

Mr. Evarts said that that would suit and the Grreat Smoky, and Chil-howee, and Piomingo Bald and the Mr. McPherson presented an amendment to the Inter-State Commerce bill which he said he would offer when it came up. It was ordered printed. rest of them. \* \* The plot, we may say in passing, of "In the Clouds" is probably the least able The Senate then at 3.80 p. m. went into feature in its connection; but the secret session and when the doors were re-opened, adjourned until Monday. characters taking part in the action, and the descriptions of scenery, are on a very high range of dramatic and literary art. Mink Lorey is one Senate bill was passed for the erection of a public building at Wilmington, N. C, with an amendment limiting the ultimate cost to of the most beautiful, rattle-pated creations of fiction; the two opposing lawyers and the judge are life-like limbs of the law under trying cireffort to have the private business dispensed with for the day, for the purpose of en-abling the House to resume the considera cumstances; while Alethea Sayles, Mre. Sayles, Mrs. Purvines and Elvira Crosby are as real females as tion of the bill for the creation of a Department of Agriculture and Labor, but ever arrayed themselves in petticoats. he House went into Committee of the Whole. Mr. McMillan, of Tenn., in the Chair, on the private calendar.

At 3 45 the committee rose and half a dozen private bills were passed by the House, which at 4 05 took a recess until

\* Columns might be filled with specimens of description from "In the Clouds," unsurpassed, if equalled, in any prose fiction of the present day; while hundreds of marvellously beautiful expressions might be culled from the tale to constitute, as it were, a "Craddock authology." But we have no space. No one should allow this tale to go unread. - New Orleans States.

-- We published yesterday morning a letter from Mr. J. S. Moore giving a succinct and definite plan by which to reduce the revenue from the tariff by some \$47,000,000. No reasonable man, as it seems to us, can deny, in a condition of national prosperity and foreign com merce in which the yield of customs duties is advancing steadily to an amount equal to more than one-half of this proposed reduction, that the country is entitled to a revision of some kind. And if there is to be a revision, if customs duties, which are in intent and necessarily taxes on trade -that is, taxes on the exchanges by which the industry and enterprise of the country must make their profit if they are to make any and if these taxes not only take more and more money from the resources of the country directly, but indirectly impose far greater taxes than those that go into the Treasury, then such measure as Mr. Moore proposes is a very moderate one. Of the \$47,-000,000 he proposes to take from taxation, less than \$19,000,000, or, say, 40 per cent., is involved in the free list .- New York Times, Rep.

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

-- "I don't think. I just keep doing. That's my part. Folks who think too much of what's coming most likely won't attend to what there is."—A. D. T. Whitney.

- Impenitent men are never exhorted in the Scriptures to anything but repentance. Impenitent prayer is blas-phemy. It is never named in the Bible but as an object of God's abhorence.

- But at His second coming, which we confidently expect, there will be no further concealing of His divinity, because the day of grace will be gone, the day of probation ended, and the awful day of retribution at hand. It will be a glorious day for the faithful. All their labors and sorrows and trials will end in everlasting joy and speace and rest. The brightness of his coming shall consume all the dross and imperfections of His people, and leave only those elements which partake of the nature of Delty, and these themselves shall live forever in the presence and favor of God. - Charlotte Church Messenger. -- The reports of the various reli-

gious denominations of the United States for the year just closed indicate a marked change in one respect. While 1886 has been one of the most prosperous years in the history of the country from a business point of view, the various Protestant churches report a corresponding prosperity. The Congregational churches report 27,150 additions on profession, or more than twice the number received in 1881 than twice the number received in 1881, The Presbyterian Church (North) received 51,177 new members on examination, or more than twice the number received in 1881. The additions to the two bodies above named were greater than for any previous year. The Methodist and Luthe-ran Churches also report unusually large accessions, while each of these religious bodies, with the exception of the Congregational, report their receipts for mission-ary and other purposes the largest ever known.— Phil. Times.

ARROWS AND SLINGS

- A tug is the only thing that has its toes behind, -St. Paul Herald. -- You would not, perhaps, expect it, but it is a fact that well water will some-times make people sick.—Boston Post. -- Homer Greene is writing a se-

-Tid Bits. -A man named Leizkyshomsquatkinzyski was found dead in a Michigan town the other day. It is supposed that he was choked to death by his name.—Boston

quel to his story, "What My Lover Said." It will be entitled "Is the Dog Tied Up?"

Coldtea, "'the biscuit are light' or 'the biscuits are light?' "Neither," replied the first floor front. "'The biscuits are heavy'

-- The some of Anglomonia; "Barker!" "Yes, sir." "Bring me some chopped ice, a bottle of soda and some bromide." 'Yes, sir; but I beg pardon, sir, you weren't drinking last night." "No; but the Prince of Wales attended a big dinner and I feel awfully rocky this morning."—Judge ing."-Judge

— Goldsboro Argus: For the first time, we believe, in its history, the receipts of the Goldsboro postoffice last month were of the Goldaboro postoffice last month were sufficient to pay every demand made upon it for the month, including the pay of mail agents who draw their salaries at this end of their routes, and yet when his balance sheet was made up the postmaster found that he still had on hand nearly two hundred dollars. Whereas, heretofore the office has had to draw on the department for aid in paying off mail affents. So that it seems the business of Goldaboro is greatly increasing, notwithstanding the chronic cry of duli times. PERSONAL.

- Secretary Lamar is the best - The Prince of Wales amuse

himself by playing on the banjo. - Farjeon, the novelist, is a son in-law of Joseph Jefferson, the actor. - Thomas A. Edison is now re orted to be beyond all dauger from his

- Archdeacon Farrar is reported to have said "in India the English have made 100 drunkards to one Christian."

The reported injury to Mr. George W. Childs, yesterday, followed by the grateful announcement of his escape from harm, was made the occasion of a spontaneous outburst, of general public sympathy and concern that indicates in some degree how closely the great heart of the city cherishes the great soul and valuable life of its foremost citizen.—Phil

POLITICAL POINTS.

- Mr. Blaine's triends, having succeeded in burying Mr. Logan, Mr. Logan's friends are talking of returning the compliment.—Milwaukee Journal.

- The proposition before Congress to create a Department of Agriculture has not a particle of justification in sense or use. It would be quite as appropriate to create a Department of Blacksmithing. If Congress desire to do the farmers a favor it will cut down the taxes on the necessaries of living, which they mainly pay.—Phil. Record, Dem.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

Do away with the crop lien law, preserve the present system of county government, pass an act providing for convict labor on the public roads, pass Mr. T. H. Sutton's mechanic's lien law—do these things, legis lators, and we believe your fellow-citizens will rise up and call you blessed .- Fay-

To attempt to drag the church down into the flith of party politics is despicable. Such attempts, whether the instruments be editors of religious newspapers, or preachers, to say nothing of unofficial church members, is absolutely detestable. The instigator of such work is the devil and the world knows it. Let all lovers of the church and the State unite to keep both pure and separate, as God has ordered in His word, by overwhelmingly rebuking any man or men who may dare attempt to ride a "church horse" merely for the pur-pose of reaching Washington, Raleigh or elsewhere — Monroe Enquirer-Express.

- Elizabeth City Economist: Senator George F. Edmunds, with his wife and daughter, was in our town on the day after Christmas and was called on socially by his brethren of the bar and other citizens. He came through the Dismal Swamp canst in a steam yacht and was en route for the goose honk country. He made a pleasant impression upon the callers. No



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