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OURNALISM AS A PROFESSION. Mr. James Parton is not only one he most distinguished American arnalists, but he is one of the most successful American authors. He is well qualified to give an opinion as to journalism as a profession for young men. In a conversation not long since we said that if we had a dozen sons and all were gifted and thoroughly educated, not one of them should become a journalist with our conseat. We meant in all seriousness just what we said. A few editors have wielded great influence in the past'-Joseph Gales. Horace Greeley, J. Watson Webb. George D. Prentice, John Forsyth, Thomas Ritchie, Samuel Bowles and perhaps others. But who to-day is specially known as a great, and inflantial journalist?

Some few are well known, like Charles Dana, Henry Watterson, and Murat Halstead, but their utterances are not regarded as oracular er final in any sense, or as particularly important. But our objection chiefly lies in

snother direction. It offers a poor field for promotion - for a living in fact. It is a profession that creates other men, but does not particularly help the creator. The editorial room is not a good stepping stone to high er position. That is our observation through forty years. You will be upon constantly to aid other m win obtaining office, who are perhaps unfit for the preferment and manumeasurably below one self in all that constitutes an enlightened, qualified, well-furnished citizen. We have never been acquainted with an editor of superior qualities who was not poor. He is forced through life work like a pack-horse or like the galley-slave, and then drop into the grave unappreciated, uneared for, "unwept, unhonored and unsung." If you should aspire to some high place according to the standard of men of the world you are regarded with suspicion and as an interioper. Gov. Holden was a man of great influence in North Carolina up to the time he began to think of the Governorship and opposed Eths. What editor in North Carolina in 1888 is generally thought of for any place? They are one and all expected to blow the trum jet for office seekers, but they must but have a crumb of the good things. Electors at large, delegates to the National Convention, nominees for Congress or on the State ticket-how many of the Fourth Estate will be honored or thought of? This writer can say this as he has no itching for office himself and would not have one if laid at his feet. He has no bee in his bonnet and he never had

The field is very limited. If you should be a man of admirable parts, with rare style and fine culture you will be foolish to work in the treadmill when you can write books and make a name in literature and perhaps put money in your pocket for "a rainy day." If you are only an ordinary mortal with but few gifts and less cultivation, you will do nothing in the profession and perhaps

half starve. Then there are drawbacks otherwise. Journalism is not a good school for the cultivation of a high morale, for a profound conscientiousness. You see so much insincerity and lying for effect in the newspapers that you are either driven into a huge a line he does not in his heart believe to be true is a jewel of the first water and should be cherished by all honest, virtnous, God-fearing men. "Dare to be true. Nothing can need a lie. The fault that needs it most grows two

thereby." But our purpose was not to write a dozen lines when we took up our pencil, but to copy what Mr. Parton said. He answers the question, "Do I consider journalism a desirable profession for young men to choose," with a very emphatic, a "very huge No." He says "that stupendous 'No' hangs over me, and my impulse still is to cry to the young men aforesaid : 'Oh, don't.' " He says, and it is true as Holy Writ:

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"One thing, I fear, must always place journalism at a disadvantage, compared with other professions, such as law, art, medicine, teaching and engineering. By the very nature of the case the writers for the daily press can have little iddependent action. Speaking roughly, and speaking of the press as we find it now in New York, and the other large cities of the United States, the publisher is everything; the writer is nothing. The most gifted and the most enlightened journalist must of necessity write to order, and in very many netances the man who gives the order the person whom an enlighteded and patriotic spirit would least willingly obey.

This appears to be unavoidable."

If we could retrace our life for thirty years and more we would not enter a newspaper office for any consideration short of saving life. We feel sometimes like we would almost rather "be a dog and bay the moon." In the South gentlemen will not write "to order," but they are nevertheless severely-handicapped and restrained. You must not advocate a measure in opposition to the known policy of the paper you are connected with. This of course necessitates the avoidance of topics often and cuts off variety.

Mr. Parton says: "This is the age of business; the business man is king, and over no kind of industry does he exercise a sway so absolute as over the industry of the mind. Nor can this materially change until education concerntself most with those faculties and powers which fit men for leadership, and the educated Man of necessity controls the unedu

There is one view that is more hopeful. Dickens, Thackeray, Thiers and lesser lights in the firmament of letters once earned their bread in the newspaper offices. But of course no such office could confine men of such genius and power. They got out into the free air and under the open sky and made themselves immortal and the world glad.

MOST REMARKABLE SPEECH. We have been reading the full report of the speech of Mr. Samuel S. Cox ("Sunset") in the House of . Representatives on that curse of American humanity - the War Tariff. In all this land there is but one Cox. He is sui generis. He is almost, per haps altogether, as brilliant as his Irish kinsman, R. B. Sheridan, the Wonderful; as classical almost as his other Irish kinsmun, Edmund Burke, the Superb; as sarcastic almost as his other famous Irish kinsman, Dean Swift, the Terrible; as true to conviction and principle as another great Irish kinsman, Grattan, the Eloquent. In fact "Sunset" Cox is prodigiously clever intellectually, and, as we have heard, personally. He is one of the few men whose wit is stained by malice and whose common-sense

equals his brilliancy.

His speech on the Tariff is really remarkable. It is needless to say it is altogether unlike all the other able speeches made. It is the production of a man of rare good sense, of uncommon cultivation, of splendor of parts. The speech is really one of the very best made during the long protracted discussion. Because it is uncommon and teems with wit and humor and out of the way learning and fairly scintillates, it is none the less pointed, argumentative and forceful. It is full of the best sense, of learning, of reading, of wisdom, of wit and even of beauty. It is very charming reading. It fairly flashes and laughs and argues. Mr Cox has done a most wonderful thing: he has talked political economic science in such au engaging way as to make it all truth and yet it is as pleasant as one of Thackeray's letters or one of Robert Louis Stevenson's best narratives.

FOR PRACE SAKE.

The advocates of free whiskey are

active. They are bent on forcing thousands of the best and most intelligent of Democrats to accept the dose or be silent. They are playing with a very dangerous weapon. While nine-tenths of the Democrats of the Union are opposed to the abolition of the internal tax-the tax on whiskey, beer, wine, cheroots, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, &c .- there is a majority of Democrats in North Carolina that favors it and mean to drive the distasteful doctrine down the throats of tens of thousands of voters who turn with disgust from the noxlous and repulsive dose. If it were not that we are on the eve of a most important canvass, we would meet Church and State, and would_discuss the question from the beginning. It will not surprise us if that issue disgust or you become demoralized | does not silence this year many a and learn to lie easily in turn. The conscientious voter. We have every conscientious man who will not write reason to believe that in a dozen party are against the cry for repeal of the whiskey, beer and cigar tax.

There are tens of thousands of Democrats who do not believe in abolishing taxes on needless, hurtful luxuries and in keeping up the great grinding taxes on the plain, everyday, inevitable house-hold necessaries. There are tens of thousands who stand squarely, determinedly, earnestly, honestly, by the President, Secretary Manning, Secretary Fairchild, the Democratic Cabinet, and nine tenths of the Democratic mem-

bers of the Congress.

out five hundred letters asking-"Do | Mechanics and Laborers. you favor wiping out \$125,000,000 tax on whiskey, beer, wine, cheroots, cigars, cigarettes, &c., and retaining a tax of full 36 per cent .- Mr. Cox says 40 per cent. -on the blankets. wool hats, alpacas, shoes, cotton ties, hardware, crockery and a thou-

sand other articles of prime necessity,"we would expect 475 out of these Democrats to answer with an indignant and resolved NO. If they did not they would be very queer Dem-

Almost all Jackson, Miss., turned out to receive Miss Winnie Davis. See was escorted by a committee sent for the purpose, and she was escorted to the Governor's Mansion by the Winona Rifles, Maiden Videttes, and Capital Light Guards, and citizens. Her distinguished and venerable father, ex-President Davis, was too feeble to attend the laying of the corner-stone of the Confederate monument.

Rev. Ellison Capers, of South Carolina, has again declined the office of Bishop. We believe he was a Brigadier General in the war. He is now an Episcopal clergyman, and is a son of the eminent Bishop Capers, of cherished memory of the Methodist E. Church.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL. ixth Annual Council of the Diocese

of East North Carolina. The Convention assembled in St. John's Church in Fayetteville, on Wednesday the 23d inst., at 10 a.m. Divine service was read, and a very able sermon was delivered by Rev. Edward M. Forbes, of St. Paul's, Beaufort. The Holy Communion was then celebrated, the Right Reverend the Bishop being celebrant.

Following the services the Convention organized for business. Rev. N. Harding, of Washington, was re-elected secretary, and Dr. DeRosset, of office of treasurer of the Diocese, an | den, died some years ago. office he has so long and so efficiently filled for many years past. Routine business, such as the appointment of committees, was then proceeded with. The attendance was not large and very little of importance appeared to be before the Convention. A recess was taken until 4 o'clock.

Nothing of public interest was done t that session, but the interchange views upon the concerns of the men present. This session was also brief. Evening prayer was read at 8.30 p. m., and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Nathaniel Harding, of St. Peters' church, Washington. The Convention assembled again

at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The most important business of this session was receiving the elaborate and carefully tabulated report of the Diocesan treasurer. This report shows very healthy and encouraging condition of the financial affairs of the The Bishop then read his address,

giving in detail the events in the Diocese during the past year. He spoke n terms of praise of the work being lone by Rev. Robt. Strange as rector of St. James', Wilmington, and especially commended the work accomplished by Rev. C. L. Arnold at St. Paul's. The Bishop paid a feeling and manly tribute to the memory of the late Hon. Duncan K. McRae, speaking of him as an accomplished cholar and eloquent orator, and as devoted churchman. He also made touching allusion to the death of the Rev. Mr. Hilton, one of the most active of the clergy of this Diocese up to the time of his death. Such portions of the Bishop's address as referred to these gentlemen were re-

After hearing the Bishop's address the Convention took a recess until p. m. During the afternoon session eports of committees were received and accepted without much debate At the evening service Rev. C. L. Arnold, of Wilmington, delivered sermon of which all speak very highly Friday at 9:30 a. m. the committee made their reports and action was taken upon them. Morning prayer was said at 12 o'clock, and Dr. Carmichael preached a strong sermon. Upon reassembling at 1 p. m., the question of diocesan finance was taken up and discussed, and after considerale debate the question went over to the final session at 4 p. m., when i was disposed of by reference to committee of five laymen, to report to the next annual Council

The Council adjourned to meet at St. James' Church, Wilmington, on the 4th Wednesday in May, 1889. So far as business to be transacted was concerned, this Council was not an important one, but its influence must be felt in the quickened interest in Church matters here in Favetteville and throughout the Diocese The cordial hospitality of the people of this little city made the sojourn of the delegates most pleasant.

Steamer D. Murchison.

The crank pin of the steamer I Murchison broke Friday morning while the boat was on the way down the river, causing the cylinder-head of one of the engines to blow out. The accident occurred near Prospect Hall, in the upper part of the river. these free whiskey advocates, in The Murchison returned to Fayetteville, where her machinery will be re paired. She is expected to resume her trips to this city next Tuesday.

> Cotton Movement. The receipts of the "fleecy staple" at this port the past week were 246 bales, as against 23 bales received the corresponding week last year. The receipts for the crop year amount to 167,406 bales, as against 183,336 the same time last year—an increase of 34,070 bales. The stock at this port is 2,644 bales; same time last year, 1,724 bales.

For the Pen.

Judge Meares yesterday sentenced the colored man Robert Williams, who submitted to a charge of larceny, to two years in the State penitentiary, Also, Henry Jones, colored for forgery, to twelve months' im-

prisonment. The above, with the two colored boys sentenced to three years' imprisonment for breaking into Dan-But we waive the discussion until after November. If, we were to send lel's clothing store, comprise the delegation that will go up to: Raleigh this week for the State penitentiary. WASHINGTON.

Gen. Sheridan Sick-The National

Bank at Sumter, S. C .- Internal

The last Legislature passed an act for the better protection of mechanics and laborers the provisions of which are notgenerally known. The act provides that "whenever any contractor, architect or other person shall make a contract for building, altering or repairing any building or vessel with the owner thereof, he shall furnish to the owner or his agent, before receiving any part of the contract price, as it may become due, an itemized statement of the amount owing to any laborer, or mechanic employed by such contractor, or to any person for materials furnished, and it shall be the duty of the owner to retain from the money a sum sufficient to pay such laborer or mechanic, which the owner shall pay directly to the laborer, mechanic or person furnishing material. Also, the sums due to the laborer, mechanic or person furnishing material, as shown in the itemized statement rendered to the owner, shall be a lien on the building or vessel, built, altered or repaired, without any lien being filed before a justice of the

The concluding section of the act says that any contractor failing to furnish an itemized statement as above, of the sums due to any one of the laborers, mechanics or artisans employed by him or the amount due for material, before receiving any part of the contract price, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Death of Capt. J. N. Bowden.

Capt. Joseph N. Bowden died suddenly at his mother's residence on Fourth and Princess streets yesterday evening. He was seated at the supper table with the family and being suddenly attacked with dizziness, exclaimed that he had vertigo, fell back in his chair and expired.

Capt. Bowden had suffered from Brights disease for two years past and for the last five months had been an invalid. He was the only son of his widowed mother, Mrs. Sarah C. Bowden, who with his two sisters survive Wilmington, was again chosen to the | him. His father, the late Jesse Bow-

Capt. Bowden was aged about 45 years. At seventeen he entered the Confederate service as a member of the Wilmington Rifle Guards, Eighteenth N. C. Regiment, and participated in a number of engagements. At the battle of Hanover Court House he was severely wounded, and upon his recovery was transferred to the Heavy Artillery, stationed at Fort Fisher. At the fall of that place, with other of his companions who were taken prisoners he was sent to Fort Elmira, where he remained until the close of the war. Since 1866, Capt. Bowden had been in the service of the W., C. & A. Railroad Company, as passenger conductor, and was highly esteemed as a capable and efficient employe. He was a man of generous impulses and kindly nature, and had many warm friends who will hear of his death with sorrow. He was a member of Grace M. E. Church, and during his long sickness, although always cheerful and hopeful of recovery, ever expressed himself with a trusting faith as resigned to the will of God.

Capt. Doscher's new purchase-the Bessie-a handsome steam yacht which will run as the mail boat between Wilmington and Southport this summer, came up to the city yesterday. The Bessie measures 72 feet over all, 13.05 feet beam, and 5.01 feet deep. She is fitted with two steeple-compound engines, and is good for a speed of fourteen miles an hour. She has good cabin accommodations and has been licensed to carry seventy-five passengers. The Bessie has been used as a pleasure yacht in New York harbor. Her present owner intends to have the boat fitted up with awnings and accommodations on deck for passengers, and as soon as these arrangements are made she will begin her regular daily schedule between this city and Southport. For the Conventions.

The Democratic State Convention and the District Convention to elect delegates to the National Convention, will meet in Raleigh next Wednesday. The Carolina Central and the Atlantic Coast Line roads will sell tickets to persons attending at reduced rates, from points along the lines of the roads. The fare from Wilmington to Raleigh and return is \$6.45 by either route.

Died in the Penitentiary. Napoleon Bonaparte Taylor, otherwise known as Bone Taylor, the Pender county moonshiner, died in Albany penitentiary a few days ago, and his body was sent to his old home in Pender for interment. Tayor was convicted at the last fall term of the U. S. District Court in this city and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y.

Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son cleared the Norwegian barque Albatross yesterday, for London, Eng., with 3,902 rels of rosin, valued at \$6,000. Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co.

cleared the German barque Jacob Arndt, for Antwerp, with 4,873 barrels of rosin, valued at \$4,605.

The Bessie. Capt. Doscher's new steamer, to run between Wilmington and Southport this Summer, will be under the command of Mr. Geo. M. Crapon as master, Mr. George Pinner first mate, and Mr. A. K. Reynolds engineer. It is thought the boat will be in readiness by the 10th of June to begin her regular schedule,

A telegram received here yesterday states that Davidson County Democratic Convention instructed for Major Stedman for Governor. Information was also received that

Political.

Revenue Collections - The Secret Nominations, etc.

Session of the Senate. WASHINGTON, May 24.—General Sheridan has been confined to his house for a few days from indisposition caused by continuous travel recently, and from cold. Exaggerated reports concerning his condi-tion have been published, in some of which paralysis and pneumonia are sug-gested. His family, friends and physicians deny all these rumors, and say the General will be at his business by Monday, all he needs being rest.

The Comptroller of the Currency has leclared a second dividend of 12 per cent. n favor of creditors of the National Bank of Sumter, S. C. This makes in all 62 per cent. on claims proved, amounting to \$75,389. The bank failed August 22, 1887. WASHINGTON, May 24.—Internal reveue collections for the first ten months o the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888 amount to \$100,406,452; being an increase

of \$5,153,385 over collections during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The receipts were as follows: from spirits, \$56,079,354, increase \$310,114 tobacco, \$25,063,017, increase \$785,010 fermented liquors, \$18,451,171, increase \$1,302,823; cleomargarine, \$666,067, increase, \$86,575; banks, bankers, etc., \$1. 14, decrease \$3,174; miscellaneous, \$145, 728 decrease \$69,963. The aggregate receipts or April, 1888, were \$699,367 being less than those for April, 1887; there being decrease in collections on every object of

The President returned to Washington t 2 o'clock this afternoon, and later in the day he attended the ceremonias of laying the corner stone of the Catholic University. He was accompanied by Secretaries Bay ard, Whitney, Endicott and Vilas, Post master General Dickinson and Marshal Wilson.

The secret session of the Senate to-day was without result. The motion of Mr Sherman to proceed to consider the Fisheries Treaty with open doors, which was the pending question, was debated for two hours, but without developing anything of interest. Neither party was in positio to have its way regardless of the other The Democrats left no doubt of their purpose to delay action, though fillibustering in the accepted sense of the term was not under taken. Late in the day Mr. Jones, of Arhanses, moved to adjourn over till Monday and the yeas and nays were ordered. The livision was upon strict party lines, and the motion was lost by a tie vote. Mr. Morgan then took the floor and announced his inttention to talk till Saturday night. whereupon the Senate adjourned till to

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The Senate spent several hours again to-day in secret ession, ostensibly discussing a motion of Senator Sherman to proceed to the consideration of the fisheries treaty with open doors, but in reality debating the merits of the treaty itself. Senator Morgan was the principal speaker.

been remarkably dull, as a general thing but it is said that a colloquy between Mr Edmunds and Mr. Morgan, in regard to things the President is likely to do if the Senate does not ratify the treaty, would be read with interest if made public. No ac ion was taken, and the treaty, though under discussion, has not yet been formally WASHINGTON, May 25.-The Treasur

o-day accepted \$10,500 registered four and half per cent, bonds at 108. Gen. Sheridan is undoubtedly a very sick men and has been very near death's door. and is even now in a critical condition His disease is said to be a valvular affection of the heart Members of his staff and family, from whom the information regarding him during the current week, has been given to the public, have not at any time before to-day admitted that his case was serious, but have on the contrary given resesuring statements in regard to has become known, however, that several consultations of physicians have been held over him and that he is constantly attended

Attorney General Garland has asked for deficiency appropriation of \$110,000 for the payment of witnesses and juror fees in the United States Courts for the current

WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The caucus of the Republican members of the House this afternoon lasted four hours. The conclusions reached are expressed in the follow-

Resolved. That it is the sense of this caucus that the House should make a special order for the consideration of general pension legislation at the earliest day practica ble during this session, and that the Committee on Rules be requested to report a re solution to that end. Said order to be the continuing order from day to day, until all general pension legislation on the calendar

Resolved, That it is the sense of this caucus that the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives should report a resolution making it in order, as a matter o privilege to move to discharge the Commitee on Education from the further considerport it to the House for consideration at the arliest practicable day during this session. Resolved. That it is the sense of this caucus that the pending tariff bill be taken up and considered in committee of the whole under the five minute rule in the usual way, section by section, and paragraph by paragraph

Washington, May 26 -Gen. Sheridan's condition is extremely critical to-night and his death at any moment would not be unexpected. He had a recurrence of the heart trouble about 5 o'clock this afternoon, accompanied by a serious sinking spell which gave great alarm to his and from which his ing was very slow. A bulletin from medical attendants had promised at 8.80 to-night, but at that nour Gen. Sheridan's condition was such that the bulletin was delayed until 10 p. m.

It is as follows: "Gen. Sheridan passed a comfortable day, took freely of nourishment, spoke cheerfully and hopefully, and generally did well until ten minutes before 5 o'clock this afternoon, when the action of the heart became very feeble, from which condition it has reacted imperfectly at this time. He s suffering neither pain nor distress. horoughly understands, as he and all his family have done from the beginning, the gravity of the situation, but is now and has been quite tranquil, undismayed and hopeful for the best.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Democratic Convention in Eighth Congressional District - President Cleveland Endorsed. RALEIGH, May 25.- The Democratic Convention of the 8th Congressional District, at Lenoir, yesterday, renominated unanimously W. H. H. Cowles, present

representative. It endorsed President Cleveland and tariff reform enthusiastically, and demanded a repeal of the internal revenue laws. T. M. Vance, son of Senator Vance, was selected for elector-at-large, and W. F. Harper, of Lenoir, and R. W. Sandifer, of Gastonia, for delegates to the St. Louis Convention.

HAYTI.

Fears of Another Revolutionary Outbreak. WASHINGTON, May 26 .- The Secretary of State has been informed by the United

States Consul at Port au Prince, Hayti, that fears are entertained of another revolutionary outbreak on that island. The report is of such a character that it was deemed advisable to send a naval ves-sel to the island for the protection of the lives of American citizens there, and a telegram was sent to Rear Admiral Luce, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, now anchored of Port Royal, S. C., to dispatch one of the vessels of his squadron on that mission.

MAt Gen. Sheridan's home, in Washington, this morning, he was reported to be

N. C. REPUBLICANS.

Synopels of the Platform Adopted by the State Convention at Raleigh-

Special Star Telegram

RALEIGH. May 24 -The Convention re assembled at 10 o'clock this morning, J. B. Mason, of Orange was nominated for Superintendent of Public Instruction, For Superior Court Judges-Dan'l L. Ruesell.

D. M. Furches and R. P. Buxton. The following is a synopsis of the plat-A total repeal of the internal revenue

laws; in favor of the Blair educational bill; opposition to the present system of county government; equality of wages between laborers and office holders; election of all officers by the people; a more equitable system of working the public roads of the various counties; opposition to the system of hiring out convict labor, and against putting such labor in competition with the honest labor of the country. A proposition to abolish the poll tax was laid on the

The following resolution was offered and voted down:

Resolved. That in favoring the repeal of the internal revenue, the Republican party is not in favor of free whiskey, but are in favor of relieving it of Federal taxation in order that it may become a subject of State taxation for educational purposes.

The Electors at Large are J. E. Boyd, Guilford; Augustus Moore, Pitt. Jno. B. Eves, of Rutherford county, Chairman of State Executive Committee.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.-The State Republican Convention remained in session till 1 o'clock this morning, when a recess was taken till 10 o'clock, when the nvention was reassembled.

C. F. McKesson, of Burke county, was nominated for Auditor; G. A. Bingham, of Rowan county, for Treasurer; Thomas P. Devereux, of Wake county, for Attor-ney General; James B. Mason, of Orange county, for Superintendent of Public Instruction; D. L. Russell, of New Hanover, R. P. Buxton, of Cumberland, and D. M. Furches, of Iredell, were nominated for Supreme Court Judges. The report of the Platform committee

favored an equitable adjustment of the wages of laborers, and recognition of rights of the farming classes; total repeal of the internal revenue system, and an equitable adjustment of taxation; reduction of the surplus by the passage of the Blair bill; opposes the present system of county government and favored the election of officers by the people, and that American industries should be protected by the collection of customs duties.

The platform was of a general character hroughout, and was voted on in sections. Col. James E. Boyd, chairman of the Convention, and Augustus Moore, of

Rutherford county, were nominated for Electors at Large. Both are pronounced Blaine men. The Convention went into a long debate n revision of the plan of organization.

The Convention spent five hours on the election of four delegates at large to Chicage. E A. White of Perquimans, James H. Harriss (col) of Wake, and John Dancy (col) of Rowan, were elected on the first ballot. A dispute arose between the secretary and the tellers concerning the election of the fourth delegate. The election was claimed for W. P. Canaday, Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate. T. N. Cooper and John S. Leary, colored The question was flercely contested by

the delegates, and the chair was for a long time unable to maintain order. The question was a very complicated one. Many delegates had left the Convention and gone home after the vote was taken. Those remaining stubbornly refused to abide by new ballot. The Convention engaged in a furious debate. Another ballot was finally taken at 10 o'clock and Cooper was elected The delegates all favor Blaine.

THE POPE'S RESCRIPT. all for a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Nationa League in America.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, May 26.-A dispatch from incoln, Neb., says President Fitzgerald and Secretary Sutton, of the Irish National League in America, have telegraphed to he different members of the Executive Committees, a call for a meeting of the Committee at Cleveland, Ohio, June 12. The object of the meeting is not given, but t is undoubtedly in regard to the action necessary in the face of the Pope's rescript, which has created so much discussion in League circles in this city, the head-quarters of the League. Bishop Bonacum, the resident Bishop, has inaugurated system of boycott against the officers f the League, refusing Secretary Sutton, Mr. Eagan and others admission to his presence, on account of the resolutions passed at the recent League meeting at the instance of President Fitzgerald. These resolutions declared that the Pope had no right to dictate politics to the National League, or to interfere with its plans, and further promsed to the Irish Parliament members the continued support of the National League n America to the plan of campaign as folowed by Irish leaders. These facts point to a highly interesting session of the League Executive Committee at Cleveland. The membership of the Committee comprises the general officers of the League, nber for each State and Terri

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tory and the Canadian Provinces.

Emperor Frederick-The League and the Pope's Rescript. [By Cable to the Morning Star.] London, May 26.-The Star, Thomas

ower O'Connor's paper, commenting or Limerick, in which he gave warning that Catholies who attended the League meeting on Sunday would be guilty of a grievous sin, in view of the Pope's rescript. "Bishop O'Dwyer has rendered the 88V8: Nationalists a service by forcing a fight. ovement. An overwhelming majority of Irishmen will support their representatives against both the inquisition and the only Irish Bishop who is a friend ynd supporter of the Tory Coercionists. Berlin, May 26 .- The Emperor passe

a good night and felt refreshed this morn-ing. He went out in the park shortly after arising. London, May 26 .- The sculling match

etween George Bubear and Charles Carr, or \$500 a side, took place over the Tyne Championship course to-day. Bubear won by two lengths. (Convright by the N. Y. Associated Press.) BERLIN, May 26.—The progress of the disease in the throat and traches of Em-

peror Frederick, though slow, is certain. Without announcing the fact in a bulletin the physicians permit it to be known that the throat has become so contracted as to necessitate a change in the shape of the canula, with more frequent cleansing aper-The Emperor retired to rest at 8.30. The rumor that he had had a relapse caused an increase of inquiries at the Schloss, tele-

grams coming from all parts of the continent. Late to-night it was officially announced that the rumor was unfounded that there were no fresh inflammations of the wound.

At the opening of the Peak murder trial this morning, at Mt. Holly N. J., all were surprised when Peak pleaded guilty to the indictment. Judge Garrison instructed the jury that they could sign a verdict or murder in the second degree and the Court would be responsible.

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THE PRESBYTERIANS. Exciting Scene in the Northern Gen eral Assembly - Reunion of the Northern and Southern Churches Seemingly Near at Hand.

by relegraph to the Morning Star. PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—The question of reunion of the two great bodies of the resbyterian Church, which was the occaion of such an exciting episode at yester day afternoon's session of the General As sembly, again came up unexpectedly this morning, and in the twinkling of an eye almost it passed out of the range of conroversy and debate, as far as this Assem bly is concerned, and a long step was mad in the direction of organic union. The result was received with a perfect whirlwin of applause and congratulation among the ioners, and spectators who crowded he galleries and who were apparently taken completely by surprise by the sud

tenness of turn in the proceedings. The second order of the morning, the report of the Standing Committee on Temperance, had just been reached, and Rev. W. C. Campbell, D. D., had mounted the platform to speak to its adoption, when Rev. Dr. Smith, of Baltimore, the vene-rable ex-Moderator of the Assembly, stepped forward and announced that the pecial Committee of Conference, to which and been referred yesterday all matters reating to treating with the Southern Assembly, was ready to report. A hush fell upon the assembly as Rev. William C. Young, D. D., read the report. Substan-

tially it was as follows: "That this General Assembly commend the fidelity and efficiency of the committee appointed last year to confer with the committee from the Southern Assembly, as expressed in the report yesterday submitted and that while it would be premature and improper to accept that report as a definite form of union, this Assembly declares its hearty approval of all the answers in the committee's report touching the various questions submitted to it by the Committee of the Southern Assembly. Furthermore, this General Assembly expressed the hope that the fraternizing spirit that had been manifested in these centennial days might prove the beginning of an era of more corlial fellowship and co-operation between the two Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church. It was recommended that the Committee of Conference, appointed last year, be continued, with the addition of five members, to confer with any similar

committee that might be appointed by the outhern Assembly respecting the co-opeation of the two branches of the Church The report concluded by declaring that this cooperation in its fullest sense could be accomplished only by an organic union, and expressed the fullest confidence in the rethren of the Southern Assembly. The report recommended the addition he following members to the Committee of

Conference: Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., of Clinton, N. Y.; Rev. Charles S. Pomeroy. D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Wm. Young, of Louisville, Ky.; Hon. S M. Breckinridge, of St. Louis, Mo ; Hon, S. M. Kuox, of Minneapolis, Minn. Dr. Young had scarcely finished eading of the report than a score of voices

moved its adoption, and there was visible excitement among the commissioners and auditors A single member was seen struggling for recognition in the body of the hall, but he was unable to make himself heard, and a mighty volume of "ayes" answered the Moderator's question. That settled it, and the Stated Clerk, Rev. Wm. H. Roberts, D.D., immediately telegraphed the action to the Southern General Assembly at Baltimore. As soon as the excitement had subsided the regular order was quietly resumed.

MISSISSIPPI.

opfederate Monument at Jackson-Letter from Ex-President Davis to the Ladies' Memorial Association. By Telegraph to the Morning Star Jackson, May 26.—During the ceremo

of the corner-stone of the Confederate nonument here, the following letter of reret from Jefferson Davis was read by Col. "BEAUVOIR, MISS., May 21, 1888.

Ladies of the Confederate Monument As-"I duly received your gratifying invitaion to my family and myself to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the monument to commemorate the dead of Mississippi who died for the State. This acknowledgement has been delayed, under the hope that my health would so improve as to enable me to participate in the ceremony. The earnest desire to be with you

on that occasion led me to hope against the

better judgment of others, that I might be

physically able to join in the work, which

s very near to my heart.

"The monument will be the first reared by Mississippi to her sons, who at the call of their mother forgot all selfish cares and went forth, if need be to die for her cause. This omission cannot be ascribed to the absence of meritorious claims to such consideration, for Mississippians have neither been of the war party in peace nor of the peace party in war. In the terinfancy of our State, the population was mainly confined to a few river counties, the Indian war, with its characteristic ferocity, was ravaging the helpless the Mississippians rushed to arms, though few and illy prepared for war. Among the earliest of my memories was the grief of our people, because of the massacre at Fort Mimms, where many of our neighbors died in the fulfilment of that noblest motive of human action, which causes one to give his life that others may live. No monument for the instruction of the rising generation commemorates the event, and the commonly used school books are not devoted to Southern history. At Pensacola, or Fort Bowie, and in the battle of New Orleans, Mississippi bore an honorable part. Your monument will stand in the county of Hinds, the name of the leader of the Mississippi Desgoons, whose conduct in the battle of New Orleans was commended in general orders for the admiration of one army and the won-

der of the other. "At a later day, when Mississippi was sent a requisition for troops to serve in the war between the United States and Mexico. the difficulty was not to get the requisite number of companies, but to discriminate among those offering in excess of the number which would be received. An attempt was made to build a monument to those who bled and died in a foreign land, but it failed. If asked why, the resson is on the surface-it was not woman's work. "Daughters of Mississippi! you have la bored in a cause, the righteousness of which only he can deny whose soul is so devoid of patriotism that in his country's strife he could give aid and comfort to the enemy. I would have been a great gratification to me standing among the survivors of the Missis

sippi army and in laying the corner-stone of the monument to their deceased comrades, o recall their virtues, the mingled attributes of the hero and the saint. Please be assured that in spirit I shall be with you, and for the zeal with which you have faced all discouragement and the devotion you have shown to the purpose which had only its merits for its reward, I pray you to accept, from the inmost fibre of his heart, the thanks of an old Mississippian.

Faithfully, JEFFERSON DAVIS Rev. Sydney Riser, pastor of Staunton

Va., Lutheran church, died last night. He was from South Carolina. Rockwell & Kinne, dealers in hardware and sporting goods, Jacksonville, Fla., have assigned to C. B. Benedict. Liabili-

ties \$36,000; assets \$38,000. Emory Ryder, of Elizabeth, N. J., who was looking at the Cash tin mines in Rockbridge county, Va., for himself and others, dropped dead Thursday, while preparing to return home.

The published statement that the Old Dominion Line of steamships were to abandon their Norfolk terminus and run direct from New York to Charleston, is

Spirits Turpentine.

- Monroe Enquirer-Express: The closing exercises of Albemarle Academy will take place on May 81st and June 1st. Rev. J. C. Rowe will deliver the literary

- Charlotte Chronicle: Work on the extension of the Seaboard Air Line (known as the Georgia, Carolina & Northern) is still progressing, and the track has been laid from Monroe to the Catawba river. A fine iron bridge is now being con-structed over that stream.

- Washington Gazette: The pistol which Paul Lincke was shot was found in a well. — There is a petition being largely signed for commuting Wm. A. Potts's, sentence to imprisonment for life. We hear that a counter petition will be circulated in other parts of the county.

-Raleigh Chronicle: Mr. Joe. Caldwellsays he don't want to be Lieutenant Governor or to hold any other office -The Durham Tobacco Plant les reseived an addition to its staff in the person of Mr. J. B. Whitaker, Jr., of Goldshoro. We understand that the Plant is to become a daily soon.

-Asheville Sun: We learned by pecial telegram from Sylva, last evening, that Mr. Logan Bumgardner, who was wounded in the shooting affray near that place Tuesday evening, a full account of which appeared in yesterday's Sun was still living, but there was realy no hopes of

-- Carthage Blade: In the last few days a most deadly, ravaging, virulent and contagious disease has broken out in our town. From here it has spread, until almost every portion of our county has been infected. It has baffied all science, learning and medical skill. The disease is what generally known by the medical profession as the "office fever."

- We see the following going the rounds of the papers: "Oxford has 2,500 or more inhabitants, and in March there was not a single death." Oxford has over 8,500 inhabitants, and they are still coming — Oxford Torchlight. [The STAR gave the above. The 2,500 was based upon a statenent in the Torchlight of a few weeks ago. We were surprised at the low guess, but hought that the home paper knew better than we did .- STAR. 1

- Concord Times: Concord has never improved more during any other two years of its history than it has in the past two. Besides numerous elegant brick stores and private dwellings, we have had factory built, with a capital stock of \$75,000, a bank with a capital of \$50,000, hotel company organized, to cost about \$25,000-but the catalogue is too long, and we grow weary in enumerating. Concord now one of the most progressive busiess towns in North Carolina.

-Elizabethtown Home Enterprise: The Sunday School Conference of Bladen ircuit will be held at Antioch Church on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in July. -A cyclone struck the woods near Mr. Archie McMillan's the 12th nst. It was about two hundred yards wide, and carried all the fences in its way. Large trees were broken down and many of them were torn up by the roots. Fortunately no houses were in its path, or serious damage would have been done.

- Goldsboro Argus: Hon. E. E. Smith, of this city, U. S. Minister to Liberia, accompanied by his wife and child, will leave to-day for New York, thence to sail for his far away post of duty.

Twenty-one car loads of freight left this city over the R. & D. Railroad yesterday, for different points along the line of that far-reaching road. This item alone speaks volumes for Goldsboro's shipping trade. - At the meeting of the Board of Direc tors of the Eastern Insane Asylum held at that institution near this city vesterday it was determined to yet further enlarge the capacity of the building by the addition of

another wing. - Charlotte Chronicle : We are again called upon to extend the hand of sympathy to our friend, Mr. Thomas H. shadows have fallen so heavily. Three little voices have been silenced, and three little forms have vanished from his family circle, within the past four weeks. The material of the old Observer office is beng moved into the Eddins building, corner of College and Fifth streets. We learn that Col. Charles R. Jones and Mr. J. K. P. Neathery will revive the paper again next week as an evening paper. Mr. Neathery was one of the owners of the Hornet, and les vesterday connected with the laving was local editor of the Observer during its

existence as an evening paper. - Henderson Gold Leaf: There money in a good article of tobacco, but none in the sorry grades. — The fruit crop promises to be very good this year. Farmers have certainly been favored with propitious seasons for planting tobacco this spring. From all the information we can gather we do not believe an extra large crop will be planted. — We had the pleasure of a call from Mr. W. B. Jordan, epresenting the Wilmington STAR, one of the best papers published in the South. It is so far ahead of any North Carolina daily that our people have been heretofore getting, that there is no comparison whatever. Secure a copy from Mr. Jordan and judge

for yourself

- Raleigh Advocate: Rev. J. Kendall writes: "Sixty conversions at l'arboro. Meeting still going on. Interest deep. Our people and the whole town stirred." — We all regret that Bishop Galloway cannot fill his appointment at Greensboro Female College Commencement next week. - A new Methodist Church at Manteo, N. C., was dedicated on the second Sabbath in May, the dedicatory sermon being preached by the Rev. J. G. Lennon, of Elizabeth City. —— Bishop Key was at Weldon at the Warrenton District Conference last Sabbath. He will be at Washington, N. C., this week, he will be at Beaufort, N. U, at he District Conference next week, and at Rockingham, N. C., the week after next. This will close his present visit to the State.

- Asheville Citizen: We notice

several fine specimens of North Carolina marble on exhibition at Messrs. Atkinson & Son's real estate office yesterday. They are very fine. - Capt. Alden Howell, member of the construction company which has the contract for building the Carolina, Knoxville and Western Railroad, eassed through yesterday en route to Aurusta to attend a meeting of the company. He informs us that ten miles of the road, from Greenville, S. C., towards North Carolina are now ready for the iron, and will soon be laid - In 1841 Lieut, Col. Fagg was elected a member to the House of Common- from the county of Buncombe, and again, we believe, in 1846, and served with such credit and developed such valuable qualities as attracted the eye of Gov. Graham when selecting officers for the North Carolina regiment then being raised for service in the Mexican war. John A. Fagg was commissioned as Lieutenant-Colonel of the regiment, with which he soon afterwards embarked, being or-dered to the line of the Rio Gravde, under the command of Gen. Taylor. There he served until the close of the war, withou being called upon to engage in battle, displaying good military qualities and also great civil talent, in recognition of which e was made Governor of the Mexican city of Camargo.

- Raleigh News Observer: The farmers of the ten cotton States will hold an inter-States Convention in this city during the month of August next which will be one of the most gigantic affairs ever seen in Raleigh. — Miss Jessie Kenan, daugh-ter of Mr. W. R. Kenan, of Wilmington, has been passing the winter in Brooklyn, studying music under eminent teachers. On the evening of May 22d, at a soirce musicale given at the Greene Collegiate Institute, LaFayette Avenue, Brooklyn, Miss Kenan made her first public appearance before a large and fashionable audience.

— CHAPEL HILL, May 22, 1888.—A me-morial service was held at the Methodist Church last Sunday night in honor of the late Dr. N. H. D. Wilson. The speakers were Rev. R. C. Beaman, Dr. A. W. Mangum, Dr. K. P. Battle and Dr. C. F. Deems, of New York city. During the course of his talk Dr. Deems made some remarks about the study of State biography and the honor due the memory of our dead great men. — Weldon, May 24 — The Convention of the Second Congressional district met here to-day. No nomination for Congressman was made. The matter was postponed to a later date. A. Zolli-coffer, Vance county, and W. C. Bowen were nominated as delegates to St. Louis. They favor Cleveland. Congressmen Simmons addressed the Convention. His speech was most favorably received and

loudly applauded.