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Miscellaneous.

SOME BIG SHIPS.—On the 29th of this month, if nothing goes wrong in the meantime, there will be launched at Portsmouth the most powerful iron-clad ship ever constructed. This is the ship Inflexible.

ABOUT IRON.—The oldest pieces of iron (wrought-iron) now known are probably the sickle blade found by Helzou under the base of a sphinx in Karnae, near Thebes.

A VERY DIGNIFIED MAN.—Mr. Kortright, her Britannic Majesty's consort in Philadelphia, is a great swell, and represents his Queen with all possible dignity.

THE KIND OF STAMPS OUR FATHERS HAD.—We were shown yesterday a two hundred and fifty dollar note, issued in 1779.

DEATH TO CONFESSION.—The reverse side of the bill is as follows: Two Hundred and Fifty DOLLARS.

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Piper's Confession—The Story of the Belfry Murderer.

The Boston papers bring full details of the confession of Piper, the murderer of little Mabel Young. Not only does he admit the murder of the little girl in the belfry, but also confesses to killing Bridget Landergan in the Dorchester district, a deed which until now has been shrouded in mystery.

White Piper was repeating nervously to his counsel the old story of Mabel's accidental death. Mr. Brown noted several contradictions. At the close of the story he said, sternly, "Now, Piper, you are not telling me the truth."

"How did you do it?" Mr. Brown then asked, and Piper replied: "I took the bat from the lower room, before about the remaining of the school, to kill someone. At that time I carried it up to the auditorium, but during the session of the Sunday-school took it from the auditorium and carried it to the belfry."

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"On the night of the affair I started out with two of my brothers to go to church. After we had got a little way I told them that I did not feel very well and that I would go back. Afterward I went into a place where they sold opium."

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JUDGE BUXTON.—Judge Ralph P. Buxton recently spent three Sabbaths in this city. On his way to hold Lincoln Court he spent a day with Judge Buxton, and on his way to Gaston Court he was the guest of J. F. Wilson, Esq. The Judge held the courts of Lincoln and Gaston, having exchanged with Judge Schenck in consequence of the latter's connection as an Attorney in many of the cases on the dockets of both counties.

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bloody Campaign Begun.—A War of Races in Louisiana.—Twenty Negroes Killed and Wounded—The White Liners Escape Unhurt—Sheriff of Feliciana Calls for Aid—Gov. Antoine Appeals to General Augur—New Orleans in a Blaze of Excitement.

NEW ORLEANS, May 15.—A Times special, dated Summit, Miss., May 15, says information was received there last night of a riot between negroes and whites at Laurel, West Feliciana parish, near the Mississippi line, on Friday night. About thirty negroes went to scare off a white man in that vicinity, and called him to the door and riddled him with bullets.

The Republican correspondent at Bayou Sara, Louisiana, May 15, telegraphs as follows: This is what I consider as reliable as to result of Saturday night's doings: Eight colored men have been shot down and four hanged. About twenty were wounded. No whites were killed. Persons just from the scene report sixty blacks killed, but this statement is considered as exaggerated.

Besides the regular elections, special polls have been had in the States of Arkansas, (October, 1874), California, (October, 1875), Connecticut, (October, 1875), Missouri, (November, 1875), and Colorado, (October, 1875). Of these only that of California was for the election of a State officer. It resulted in a Republican triumph.

It appears, therefore, that out of the fifty-one general and special elections held since that for President in 1872, twenty-seven were carried by the Democracy and twenty-four by the Republicans.

We regret that we have not the space to give the tabular statements of the Republic, but the conclusion is plain, that the nominees of the Cincinnati Convention will preside over the political destinies of this country for the next four years.

PECULIARITIES OF THE MONTH OF MAY.—In May, says the St. Louis Republic, people hunt for May flowers—and they don't find them.

In May the land is very scoured with strawberry festivals and other devices which empty pockets and disorder stomachs.

In May a man who can't afford his wife a hired girl can spend thirty cents a day for beer.

In May bananas skins cripple more people than cannon balls.

In May croquet works woe with youthful hearts and youthful coars.

In May people turn over a new leaf, and move to avoid back rent.

In May the tramp tramp after anything but a plover.

Political Calculations.

In view of the great interest which will attach to the political history of the present year, we give the following extracts from an editorial in the Washington Republic reviewing the situation:

"Of the twenty-two elections held since August, 1875, thirteen of them were triumphantly carried by the Republicans. Nine are recorded in the Democratic column. Of these, five, at least, California, Connecticut, New York, Oregon, and Mississippi, ought to be carried for the nominees presented by the National Republican Convention at Cincinnati.

"The Presidential election of 1872, forty-six regular elections have been held. Of these the Democracy have carried sixteen, the Republicans twenty-one. So it appears that in 1872 and '74, the opposition carried fifteen States and the R-republicans but eight; while in 1875, and up to April of the current year, (1876), the Republicans carried thirteen and the Democracy nine; a majority of the latter being fairly, as for the Presidential fight, to be classified among the 'doubtful' States, at least.

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North Carolina News.

Bad boys in Concord throw stones at old men.

The crop prospect of Edgecombe is excellent.

People are attacked by owls on the streets of New-Berne at night.

Salisbury has a Young Man's Christian Association.

Charlotte is to have a city hospital.

The Fayetteville Public Spirit is no more.

Charlotte is afflicted with Canada thistles.

Brandy peaches are in demand in Greensboro.

The crop prospects in the east are excellent.

A Universalist preacher is "holding forth" in the eastern towns.

A Stokes county cat is suckling two kittens and two squirrels.

The Greenville Tar River Beacon will be removed to Tarboro.

The Wilson Good Templar has suspended indefinitely.

Wilson court divorced a couple in fifteen minutes last week.

It is generally circulated that a change of schedule on the Richmond and Danville Railroad will take place at an early date.

During court week the ladies of Hillsboro gave two entertainments and realized some \$200, net for the University.

Rev. Sam'l C. Pharr, D. D., of Charlotte, has withdrawn from the Presbyterian church and joined the Methodist.

A mad dog was recently killed on the farm of Mr. Elvington, near Goldsboro, after biting two other dogs.

At one haul recently, at one of our eastern fisheries, 1,600 rock fish, weighing 31,525 pounds, were caught and 300 shad and herring at the same time.

The entertainment given by the Girls' Orphan Aid Society recently in Goldsboro was a success, and netted \$105 for the orphans at Oxford.

Hon. A. M. Waddell, of Wilmington, will deliver the address at the commencement exercises of the Thomasville Female College, on June 6th.

A gentleman in town, who is never known to exaggerate, says he has a horn of a cow measuring over five feet. We believe it—*in a horn*.—Beaufort Eagle.

Frank Owens, of Stokes county, blew into his gun one day last week to see if it was loaded. It was. Only one half of Frank's head remained stationary.

Polkton has an aged citizen, who says he has read the Bible through forty-three times since the war. This does not include the "scattering" reading he has done.

A man by the name of Henry Gray attempted to commit rape upon the person of a little girl 12 years old in Tarboro recently. He was caught and incarcerated.

A fish called the hering hawk, weighing one hundred and fifty pounds and with entrails like a hog's, has been caught at Wilmington.

Dr. Newball, of Milton, a highly respected citizen and a leading member of the Baptist church, was killed on the 15th, by being thrown from his buggy by a runaway horse.

A woman and her two children were burned to death in Chapel Hill last Sunday. The children's clothing caught fire, and the mother was burned in attempting to extinguish the flames.

General News.

Dr. Mary Walker's coat tails are still bobbing around Washington.

The New York World has been purchased by Wm. Henry Hurlbert.

An aligator supposed to be 150 years old has been sent to the Centennial.

Up to the 14th inst, \$1,224,000 in silver coin had been paid out under the recent regulations.

The Turks at Scatua had a celebration over the murder of the German and French consuls at Salonica.

An explosion occurred at a mine near Richmond yesterday, killing eight persons.

The widows of the murdered Consuls will each receive \$200,000 indemnity.

It seems that Piper had a pitiful, peculiar passion. Piper ought to be put permanently away.

Citizens of Danville, Va., are trying to shoot each other. Result of too many newspapers, probably.

One thousand more Chinamen arrived in San Francisco on the 17th.

A Jersey City paper asserts that the recent gunpowder explosion caused 100 premature births.

A coast steamer was sunk near Hong Kong on the 16th, and one hundred lives lost.

The Chinese steamer Pelican was seized by pirates and the captain and fourteen of the crew were murdered on the 16th.

The treasury has stopped paying out silver on currency checks, and silver has advanced to two and a half per cent. premium.