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NOTHING WONDERFUL BY THE WIRES. The House Talks About Cattle Dis-ease-Necretary of the Navy on Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 1879. After a long debate upon an amendment increasing appropriations for without was stricken from the bill, and a proposition was agreed to recommend to the House that it refer the whole matter to the Committee on Agneulture, with instructions to report promptly thereon. On motion, Huskell, of Kansas, was ap cointed for investigating habits of the cotton-worm and other injurious insects, was placed under control of the United States Eutomotogical Commission. The political portion of the bill having been reached was passed over for the present.

Young, of Tenn., offered an amendment providing that the investigating agents under the Southern Claims Commission, shall give notice to the claims whose claims it is proposed to investi-gate, of place and time of taking testimony, who shall have the right to cross examine witnesses. The agent is also to examine any witnesses who may be presented by claimants.

Hauk, of Tennessee, stated that he had acted as investigating agent, and knew of instances where he had been misled by ex parte statements, and had reported against claims which should have been allowed.

Bragg, of Wisconsin, moved to strike out all provisions for Southern Claims Commission, and to insert a clause repealing the law creating that Commis-

Consideration of the amendment was persponed until Tuesday, The Committee arose, and the Chairman reported back the recommendation to refer the paragraph in relation to plearo pneumonia in cattle to the Committee on Agriculture, with instructions to report forthwith. Which was agreed to, and the House adjourned until Monday.

Death of General Taylor.

NEW YORK, April 12th.-General Richard Taylor of Louisiana, only son of the late President Taylor, died this morning at the residence of S. L. M. Barlow of this city. Cause of death,

National Capital. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12th. House is in committee of the whole on legislative appropriation bill. The amendment under consideration being that increasing to 250,000 dollars appropriation for controlling and eradicating contagious discuses among domesticated animals.

Investigate John Sherman.

Washington Post. John Sherman's reputation as a states man rests wholly upon his supposed financial ability, yet it would not be dif figuit to show that if he had been doing business for himself instead of the Government he would long since have joined the great army of bankrupts. Mr. Sherman's dealings with favorite banks have already cost the Government over a million dollars, which an abler and more honest financier would have saved. And now there comes to light another of his peculiar 'blunders.' whereby the Government is subjected

to still further loss. Last January Mr. Sherman made a contract with the London syndicate, which gave them an option to subscribe for \$5,000,000 of five-twenties for May and June. Then, in violation of this contract, he received subscriptions on April I for the entire balance of fivetwenties from other sources, and deciared the account closed. Not so the syndicate, who now demand their rights. In order to satisfy this demand and atone for his + blunuer, John has been compelled to begin the refunding of the ten-forties and to give the syndicate better terms on them than the state | Wash Post. of the market calls for. The loss, of

course, falls on the Government. Just how long Mr. Sherman imagines the country is going to sit unmoved and witness these expensive experiments we are not informed. It is, however, becoming more and more evident to our mind with each successive day's developments that a Congressional investigation into the affairs of the Treasury is imperatively demanded. Not one after the Glover order, but a thorough overhauling of the whole concern by competent and reliable men. John Sherman's well-known character and general method of managing things furnishes sufficient reason for the belief that the wrong doings which, from time to time, crop out of his department, are only a small portion of those which actually exist. Like a floating iceberg, whose bulk is under water, the worst of John Sherman's abuses of power probably appear only under the surface. And that is just where a Congressional committee should seek them, and prosecute the search until the truth is known.

A Creditable Spring Dress. Franklin Times.

The Raleigh News has come out in a very beautiful and creditable spring dress. It presents a fine appearance, and contains a large amount of valuable and interesting reading. Mesers. Hussey and Jordan have greatly improved the paper, and we wish them abundant success.

An Inspired Orator.

On a certain occasion Prentisa visited Boston and addressed its citizens at Fanueil Hall. A Gentleman who heard him, then a venerable judge, told the anecdote illustrating the orator spower. Unable to procurea seat, he s ood jammed watch to time him. As he was replacing it in his fob something in the orator's manner and word attracted his attention. He found it impossible to take away his eyes or ears. He forgot the presence of the crowd, his own fatigue, the passage of time, everything but the speaker. Mr. Prentise seemed fatigued. So intense was the sympathy of the venerable man with him, that he found himself breathing rapidly and painfully. At last the orator, exclaiming, "My powers fail!" sank exhausted into a chair. Not till then did the aged listener discover that his hands were still holding his watch at the opening of his pocket. He looked at it. He had stood in that crowd listening for three hours and fifteen minutes. Near him stood an aged minister, who, tremulous and excited, exclaimed, "Will any one ever doubt again that God inspires man;"

As Senator Vance Puts It. Washington correspondenc of the Cincin

supplies. I know they tell us that the

Republican orators on the stump will

show the people that it is Congress who

stop the supplies, and not the Presi-

nati Enquirer. "The common sense of the people will teach them that the man who stops the wheels of Government is the man who stops the wheels of Government. In other words, if Congress votes the necessary supplies and the President vetoes the bill furnishing the supplies, the people are going to say that the President is the man who stops these

can't show the people that it is the President who stops the wheels of Government, and not Congress, we had better put up the shutters, go home, and let some one run the party who knows how." "You think, then, Senator, that the people will be made to see that the President and not Congress is responsible?" "They will see it without making them. Their good sense will show it to them. All that will be necessary will be to state the case. As I said before, the man who stops the wheels of Government is the man who stops them, and not somebody else who does something which he does not like."

CURRENT OPINION.

A Stiffener for Hayes' Backbone. New Orleans Dem. 9th. Hayes' backbone was a little stiffer yesterday. Jacobs managed to pull through in Cincinnati. It was a close shave, though.

Enough of the Bayonet Rule.

Courier Journal Everybody understands what "keeping the peace at the polls" by bayonets means. It is an easy step from that have been intimate. Shortly before 7 practice to bayonet interference anywhere. We have had enough of this her house was discovered to be on fire. bayonet party in American politics and in '80 it must go, or the republic will

We Don't Believe it is New. Louisvill Courier Journal.

The Republicans tell us that the bayonet is essential to the "protection of the ballot in this country. If the taneously with this the floor fell. The country has really fallen into such a body was fished out from the ruins. deplorable condition the Republicans are solely responsible for it, for the bayonet was never a necessary appendage of elections when the Democratic party | told how death had been brought about. was in power. We do not believe it is A horrible murder had been commit-

Three Weeks of the Rebellion. Courter Journal.

Three weeks of the new "Democratic rebellion" have passed and the Republie has not gone to pieces. John Sherman has sold more bonds since the 'rebellion' commenced than were ever sold in the same period.

Philanthropy for the Negro.

Atlanta Constitution. The philanthropy of the leading republicans is shown by the fact that they have organized themselves into an association for "aiding" the negro to emigrate to sections where his poverty will be increased an hundred fold.

What the Chicago Election Meant. As soon as Carter Harrison is formal

vinaugurated the Confederate brigadiers will take possession of Chicago, paper as city ergan. It will be terrible. but that's what the election meant.

Their Next Tribulation. Nashville American.

One hundred thousand copies of Garbeen ordered. Government officials may prepare for voluntary contributions on the involuntary plan.

A Correction. Cleveland Herald.

It is not only the bloody shirt that is now waving, butit is an entire suit of bloody underclothing. Was He?

Cincinnati Gazette. Think of the governor of the great

state of Ohio standing at the polls on viection day peddling tickets! No Affection Wasted Either.

Nearly ten thousand ladies hugged and kissed nearly one thousand dogs at Gilmore's Garden vesterday, and there was no affection wasted either.

When the Camp Meetings are Over. His Fraudulency is now making engagements for the coming season.

When the camp meetings are over he will attend any kind of a fair except a fair count.

Almost as Tricky.

Atlanta Constitution. Mr. Garneld's attempt to prove the Radicals the special friends and champions of the soldiers was almost as ludicrous and wholly as insincere and tricky as any of the efforts in the "revolutionary" line last week.

N. Y. Star, loth

Pity They Can't be Accommodated. Phila, Times. There are so many headlong people anxious to get up another war, who didn't fight when there was real fighting to do, that it seems too bad they

can't be accommated.

COLONIZING THE NEGROES. The Author of a Bold Political.

Scheme Announces Himself.

The Post was introduced, at Willards hotel last night, to Col. Hooker, the origina or of the scheme to import into Ohio, New York and Indiana negro faded away when Drowning again came votes enough to carry those states for the Republicans in 1880. "Do you mean to try the plan?" asked

The Post. "It is possible," he replied, "and is economical. It would cost less to take that many negroes into these states than would be pent in the campaign on the old plan. Then it would be dead sure; there's no doubt about t, while the old plan of canvassing

might lose. "But would'nt more white voters desert your party than you got negroes?" "But guess not; I don't see why they should. The Republican party claims by the crowd. As Mr. Prentiss began to have given the negro his freedom, to speak the gentleman took out his and I hold it ought to take care of him to see that he enjoys his freedom and his ballot. All the money necessary to carry out my plan could be raised without any trouble. We could send men into South and let them advertise for negro voters to go North, and agree to pay their expenses and keep them till they could get work, I would do the thing openingly and boldly; make no secret about it. Let an immigration society, composed of leading Republicans, be organized in all the towns of the states named, and they could receive the negroes and parcel them out among the farmers and others, where they could get work. I believe they could make a living this summer. Zach Chandler says he would take a

> "Has your plan been endorsed by the leading Republicans here?" "I have nt formally submitted it to them yet. I was explaining it to some gentlemen here at the hotel other night and I suppose some newspaperman was standing near, as it came out in the papers next day. "Is that the business you are here

hundred negroes on his place."

apon, colonel?" "Oh, no. I am in busisness in New York. But I believe the plan could be successfully carried out, and elect the Republican ticket in 1850 beyond a doubt. It would have to be hurried up though, as you know the negroes must be located this fall, in order to have the right to vote next year. The time is short.

Ex-Secretary Belknap is in Washingdent. But if our orators on the stump | ton as agent for a letter-stamp.

HANGED AT LAST.

A MAN WHO WAS THRICE RE-PRIEVED.

Saved While on the Way to the Gallows, Only to be Executed at Last ... One of the Most Remarkable Cases in the Criminal History of the Country.

prison yard at Win Isor, Vermont, on Friday, for the marder of Mrs. Ann Frieze, in June 1874. This case is a most singular one. For nearly five years has Joan P. Phair times has he been respited, twice when Frieze; a woman of questionable repute, residing alone in the outskirts of Rut-The front door was broken in and the fireman, upon going up stairs, found the chamber doors locked. Before they could break into Mrs. Frieze's room the smoke drove them below. A ladder was procured and the men, looking into her window, discovered the woman lying upon a bed. Almost simul-The arms and lower limbs were burned to a crisp, but the throat had been cut from ear to ear and several deep stabs ted and the house set on fire to cover up all traces. Phair was immediately suspected as the murderer. Mrs. Frieze always kept considerable money about her and robbery was fixed upon as the motive. The officers began to look around for the suspected man, but on the morning of the fire he had taken the 4 o'clock train for Boston, Two days later he was discovered retracing his steps to Rutland, and, while on the train, was arrested. He stoutly denied the charges, and told the officers that he had been to Boston, and

ment, but was unsuccessful. COMPLETE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. An investigation at Boston was instituted. A man answering to Phair's de- sure enough. It promises to be very cription had registered at the Adams House as "E. F. Smith, St. Albans, Vt." of June 2 and 10. A shawl which had been worn by the murdered woman was found in this man's room, and at and the Ohio man who edits the Okolo- the pawn shops the same name as apna Howler will start a branch of the peared on the hotel register, and in the erty in the neighborhood of Query's same handwriting, was discovered on Station .- New iron is being laid on the books. Various articles belonging to the murdered woman had been reals ized on by Smith, whoever he was. At the trial these points were brought out, and Phair was identified by the pawnfield's great speech about nothing have | brokers as the man who gave the name of Smith. The chain of circumstantial evidence seems to be complete, and he was sentenced to be hanged April 6th, 1877. Every effort to save him was made, but to no purpose. Phair gave up all hope and a few days before the date fixed for executive began to prepare a dying statement. In it he reviewed the case thoroughly and closed

then to Providence, to seek employ-

in this manner. And to Almighty God, the maker of heaven and earth, who knoweth the secrets of all hearts, do I now most solemnly appeal in this the hour of my extremity to hear me and bear witness to the truth that I am innocent of the crime which I stand convicted: and as I am innocent or guilty, so may He deal with my soul in the day of judgment and eternity.

NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON. Phair insisted on that this should not be published until after his death, he said, "if it is published now people will only say I did it to create sympathy. After much coaxing he consented to allow its publication in Boston the morning set for the execution, having been assured that the statement could not possibly reach Windsor until after his death. It was this decision that saved his life.

The Governor consented to reprieve him for a week.

MORE REPRIEVES. With Phair's reprieve petitions began pouring in for a new trial. The Governor was impressed with the nature of the evidence, and before the fixed for April 4, 1879, or Friday of last | deal of bad blood. week. The prisoner having been convicted and sentenced and ordered to be executed, the Court could not grant a new trial. The Legislature gave a hearing in the case, but the result was not favorable to Phair, as the evidence for the government appeared more positive than it was at the time of trial. best to get around the death sentence. They even attacked the legality of the death warrant and applied for an injunction. It was overruled, however, to the rescue. He visited Phair in his prison cell and positively identified nim. This was on Wednesday of last week. The following day he went before Governor Proctor and asked for a reprieve. The request was granted and again Phair was on the very eve of execution he was respited. The petion Tuesday and vesterday. As careful a hearing as possible in two days was given, and yesterday afternoon the petition was denied, and the decree went forth that Phair must hang.

nor denied the petition.

Phair's counsel were again before Gov-

ernor Proctor and asked for further re-

prieve so as to allow a session of the

Legislature to intervene before the ex-

ecution, but at half-past 12 the Gover-

No Better Paper. Lenoir Topic. The Raleigh News has been steadily antil now there is no better paper in the perity.

The Army Bill.

Lenoir Topic. The people generally will rejoice at the passage of a measure that will prevent so much intimidation and unpreasantness at elections.

THE NEGRO STAMPEDE.

Gotham's Advice to the Colored Men

to Flee from Bondage. large meeting of colored men held in closed last week. -Oxford has real the Bleecker Street Colored Church estate property to the amount of \$219,-Friday night, and that was the best 309: The personal property is estimatinterests of the colored man of the 6d at about \$100,000. -Thursday of South called for his emigration to last week will be remembered as most Kansas or the West. Several colored uncommonly windy and disagreeable. movemement, not only addressed the currence of several destructive fires in meeting, but talked with the persons different sections of the County on that

Garnett, who was absent, lecturing, was read, in which he said he was heart and soul in the movement and wished to do all in his power to help it along. He considered it the most important step the colored man had taken for many a year. His advice to the men in the South was to free themselves from bondage by going to the West. The Rev. W. F. Dickerson made a passionate speech denouncing the whites "The bloodhounds are after you," he shouted. "Once more the negroes are called to work against slavery." His speech was an appeal to colored men to John P. Phair was hangel in the and their Southern brethren to escape

RALEIGH, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 13, 1879.

to the West. STATE NEWS.

New Hanover.

Wilmington Star: We have heard been in jail, and there is not a man from several sources that it was in conwoman or child in New England who | templation to reduce the present small is not familiar with his story. Three pay of the police force. Enquiry of times has he been respited, twice when those who should know of such a purupon the brink of the grave. He was charged with the murder of Mrs. Ann there is no foundation for the rumor. Sun: Two car loads of returning Florida tourists, passed through the city land, with whom he was known to last night, bound North .- Next week will be fruitful with amusements. The o'clock on the morning of June 9, 1874, Thatian's "Last Loaf," on Tuesday her house was discovered to be on fire. night, followed during the week by balls, and on Friday night, "Aladdin," by Prof. Agostini's scholars. - The floating dock, now almost completed, is attracting many visitors.—The Wil-mington and Weldon Railroad Company are encroaching on the river, at their depot, and are extending their tracks. In a few months freights will

> Cabarrus. Concord Register: Rev. K. P. Julian will open a graded school at Poplar Tent. Grange Hall building, on the first of July, Mr. Julian is an accomplished scholar and successful teacher. - The revival at the Presbyterian church continues with unabated fervor. Up to this time about forty persons have sought spiritual conference with the pastor and his co-adjutors .- There was a swarm of revenue officials in town on Wednesday. They were contomplating a raid somewhere.

Mecklenburg.

Gharlotte Observer: Only the schools and churches observed Good Friday in Charlotte .- And now the canvass for the mayorality has opened interesting. —The young men will introduce the festive season after Lent and remained there during the nights with a german to be given at the assembly rooms next Tuesday night .--Messrs. Dawson & Co. have recently settled three families from the North in this county. They have brought propthe curves and bridges of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta. The iron used, by the way, is from the rolling mills in Atlanta.

> Iredell. Statesville American: Peaches, cherries, pears, if not apples, in this region, have been very effectually killed by the late cold weather. - It is learned that the position of assistant physician to the State Insane Asylum of Illinois, has been offered to Dr. Thos. E. Anderson, a talented young physician of Statesville, and a native of that town. - Mayor Sharpe the past few weeks has had done much work upon the streets and sidewalks of the Town,

the Summer months. Burke. Morganton Blade: Not a single prisoner is now confined in our jail. In fact the business of keeping jail is so unprofitable that the Jailer has moved out and quit the business. - There was a big revenue raid in the South

putting things in apple-pie ofder for

Mountains last week, with much grief to the revenue people. Forsythe. Winston Repubulican: The mountains in Wilkes county were covered with snow last week; hence the cold weather here on Friday and Saturday. -Revs. Kurees and Streater, of the Christian Church, are holding a series of meetings in Tise's Hall. They have good audiences .- Mr. R. F. Linville, an extensive fruit grower of this section, thinks that all the improved varieties of peaches are killed, and also the strawberries. - The wheat crop in the upper counties is looking remarkably well. In Iredel, Catawba and adjacent counties, the prospects for a good crop were never better. There is much week had expired a new reprieve was discussion on the proposed consolidagranted. The date for execution was tion of Salem and Winston, and a good

Warren. Warrenton News: A military company, named the "Cox Rifles," was organized Saturday last, and F. M. Fitts elected. The company will be at the State Fair. - Mrs. Andrew Conn, while at dinner last Friday, dropped from The prisoner's counsel did the very her chair a corpse. Her husband died several years ago. She leaves some helpless children .- It is proposed by the members of the Baptist Church to move their house of worship nearer and the very last hope seemed to have the centre of the town. - There are conflicting reports as to the fruit crop. Peaches, pears, plums, etc., have undoubtedly been seriously, if not fatally, injured. Apples seems to have escaped.

Caldwell. Lenoir Topic: The thermometer was 6 degrees below freezing point on Friday morning. - Ice three quarters of an inch has been plentiful during the this evidence of Downing's was heard past few days. — It is generally admitted that the late cool weather has killed all the peaches and apples in this sec-

Pasquotank. Elizabeth City North Carolinian: The West India trade from and to this place is gradually re-opening. Within the past ten days two more large cargoes of shingles left our port for that lestination. — The security of our pub lic records is very properly claiming the attention of the County Commis-

Louisburg Times: Judge Buxton will preside at Franklin court, which improving for the past two months, convenes on the 28th instant. - The members of the Executive Committee, State. Last week it appeared in an en- of the Centennial Association of Franktire new suit of type, and presents as lin county are requested to meet in the handsome an appearance as anybody's Court House at Louisburg on the 21st paper. We wish it continued pros- of April. -On Wednesday, the 15th inst., a Fancy Fair and Concert will be held at the College in Kittrell Springs.

Oxford Free Lance: The Spring Term

f Granville Superior Court will begin

Stovall presiding.—It is prebable that a Lodge of Odd Fellows will soon be instituted in the town of Henderson.

That place has fine material for a good

working Lodge.-There were about

30 conversions during the revival in the

-Reports have reached us of the oc-

on Monday next, Judge R. P. Buxton presiding.—The April Term of Gran-ville Inferior Court began on Monday last, Justices Capehart, Cannady and

There was one sentiment only in the Methodist Church at Henderson, which dergymen, actively engaged in the piesent. A letter from Henry Highland day.

A NOTABLE WOMAN.

A TALK WITH MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The Impression She made upon a Boston Reporter --- Mrs. Davis' Opinion upon Many Questions Set Forth--- A Lady of Royal Mind and Noble Impulses, Etc.

Your correspondent closed his account of an interview with Mr. Jefferson Davis, published in the Herald last Sunday, with the statement that Mr. Davis, with a cordial grasp of the hand, bade him good-night, and returned to the ladies' saloon, where his wife awaited his coming. In a few minutes Mr. Davis returned and said: "Mr. G., I have been speaking with Mrs. Davis of our interview, and as you know many old friends of ners, she desires an introduction." Accordingly I walked with him to the ladies' cabin, and was there introduced to the wife of the ex-president of the confederate states. I should jugde that Mrs. D. is some years the junior of her husband, and that intellectually she is a very superior woman. She was dressed in plain black, without any display of jeweiry, and had a most preposessing, matronly appearance. After being introduced to her Mr. Davis retired and your correspondent was favored with an interview of an hour and a half duration, much of which was occupied in conversation about her old friends and acquaintances in the north who were well known to me. Mrs. Davis appears to be be drawn along where now there is noa woman of refinement, having thing but water .- Good Friday was many accomplishmets and a correct observed by the closing of banks and literary taste, which enables her to-discuss with ease and fluency all the stores and general suspension of busiscientific belies-letters topics of the day. She seemed to have a thorough knowledge of the French language, and to be quite familiar with French books and authors, from Mane. De Stael to the last volume of Victor Hugo. After indulging in some reminiscen-

ces of her life in Washington prior to the rebellion, and reviving pleasant memories of her old friends in the northern states, who were friends of mine. Mrs. Davis discussed with me the political and social topics of the time. Upon the negro question she had very decided opinions, and spoke far more hopefully of the present situation than did her nusband. She cordially believes in the education of the black race, and though the increased signs of intelligence and self-reliance among them as the result of what little schooling they had obtained. She thought education was absolutely indispensable to them in order to protect themselves from the imposition of the whites, who were now no longer, as in times past, their natural protectors, but were so placed as to be constantly tempted to take advantage of their innocence and credulity. Sne related in illustration of her views, several anecdotes to show what apt scholars they had become even with the small advantages they possessed, and among others the forlowing: Prefacing the story with a statement that she nerself was destitute of the mathematical faculty, and never could learn the multiplication table or do a sum in simple fractions, she said it happened not long since, in the absence of her husband, that she had occasion to settle with a negro for some wood which Mr. Davis had purchased. The wood was measured and the presumption that there were eight cords, but it fell short of that amount, and she in vain attempted to find the value with pen and paper of the fractional part of a cord. She covered nearly a sheet with figures, but was not satisfied with the result. At last the negro teamster, with great humility, remarked: "missis, your figures are not correct. Let me do dat sum for you." "But do you you know how to cipher. Jimmy?" "Yes, Mississ, I does." said Jimmy. She gave him the pen and paper, and Jimmy figured it out in an instant, and at once received his money. "But where did you learn to cipher?" said Mrs. Davis to him. "O, missis," said Jimmy, "Ise a graduate of the high school." Mrs. Davis entertains the opinions of her husband in regard to free labor as being more advantageous than the labor of slaves, and said she would not like for any consideration to return to the old system. Under that system the house servants were a burden upon the housekeeper, and the cost of their maintenance far exceeded in amount the wages paid at present, for a large number required, and the work was not done so well as now. In her religious views and opinions your correspondent believes that the wife of the ex-president of the confederacy is the most orthodox woman that he has ever conversed with. She believes the Bible is the work of God, and there is not a line in the sacred volume from Genesis to Revelation that is not literally true. She has been a reader of Darwin, Tindall, Huxley and other eminent scientists and scholars, but said nothing could shake her faith in every fact and circumstance recorded in the Bible. She never entertained a doubt that the world was made in six days, that the whale swallowed Jonah, and that the sun stood still for the accommodation of Joshua. In discussing this last miracle Mrs. Davis said, in reply to some suggestion of your correspondent: "I can see no difficulty about it at all. If a miracle was to be performed, what mattered it if it did affect the whole solar system as well as this planet which we call earth?" In discussing social topics Mrs. Davis seemed to be impressed with the most intense ideas of caste. When informed by me that one of her old friends, the widow of an ex-senator who was formerly on the most intimate terms with her husband, was living the life of a quiet self-denial, and devoting the whole income of property left by her husband to lift the fallen and encourage the lowly among the young females of this city, Mrs. Davis said it must be a thankless task. She believed that it

A Shot.

connected with "the lost cause.

was of no advantage to try to help such

people—that providentially one class of

people were placed above another-that

one is the complement of the other-and

that blood only would tell. Nothwith-

standing these aristocratic notions, the

whole tenor of our conversation left

with me the impression that Mrs. Jef-

ferson Davis is a charming, sensible,

Christian woman-that she under-

stands the social and political questions

of the times far better than the average

of the male sex; and that, like her hus-

pand, she has no hopes or aspirations

Quoth a wise man to a youth one day: "Tell me your aim in life, I pray." 'A mighty general I'd be, Replied the youth, ambitiously.

Then quoth the stripling to the sage "Tell me your aim in your old age." Then said the sage, a little tired: 'Aim? Oh! I have no aim; I've fired. -Harvard Crimson.

Some Rare Definitions.

A candidate for a teachers position in San Francisco, sent in the other day a remarkable examination paper. She was asked to spell the following words and give their definitions: Vacillation, hieroglyphics, antideluvian, aphorism, bivouac, codicil, hallucination, inviegle, periphery. She spelled and defined them as follows: Vassilation—the act of being a vassil; hyeroghphics [cor- ness. All members are specially rerect definition; antediluvian-the art quested to be present.

of loosening down before, as it were; ahprorism—a rising beforehand; biv-ouac [was unable to define]; codissel—

relating to a code, law or rule; hallusenation—a strange loosening or sepa-ration, as it were; inveigle—somewhat strange, unnatural." Several others who were examined spelled and defined some of the words as follows: "Super-anuated—the state of being over exerted; hiviouc—excitement, gayety; coidicile [couldn't define]; perriflery [couldn't define]; hallucination—act of rejoicing

ing." One young lady who received 721 per cent. defines hallucination as 'the condition of being made clear."

or blessing; bivouac-American fight-

Congressional Committees. WASHINGTON, April 11,-The following are the chairmen of all the committees of the House announced by the Speaker this afternoon, together with all the members of the most important

committees: Elections-Mr. Springer, of Illinois. Ways and Means-Mr. Fernando Wood, of New York. The other members of this committee are Messrs. Tucker, Gibson, Phelps, Morrison, Mills, Carlisle, Felton, Garfield, Kelley, Conger, Frye and Dunnell.

Appropriations—Mr. Atkins, of Tennessee. The other members are Messrs Blount, Singleton, of Mississippi, Clymer, Blackburn, Wells, Cobb, Forney, McMahon, Baker, Monroe, Hawley, Hubbell, Cannon and Hiscock. Banking and Currency-Mr. Buckner, of Missouri. The other members

are Messrs. Ewin, Davis, of North Carolina, Young, of Tennessee, Lewis, Launsberry, Ladd, Chittenden, Fort, ri can'i Crapo. Pacific Railroads-Mr. McLane, of Maryland.

Claims-Mr. Baight, of Tennessee. Commerce-Mr. Reagan, of Texas. Public Lands-Mr. Converse, or Post Offices-Mr. Money, of Missis

District of Columbia-Mr. Hanton, o irginia. Judiciary-Mr. Knott of Kentucky War Claims -Mr. Bragg, of Wisconsin. Public Expenditures-Mr. Finly, of

Private Land Claims-Mr. Gunther. of Arkansas. Manufactures-Mr. Wise, of Penn-

Agriculture-Mr. Covent, of New Indian Affairs-Mr. Scales, of North Carolina. Military Affairs-Mr. Sparks, of Illi-Militia-Mr. Ross, of New Jersey.

Naval Affairs-Mr. Whitthorne, of Tennessee. Foreign Affairs-Mr. Cox, of New Territories-Mr. Muldrow, of Missis-Revolutionary Pensions-Mr. Whitaker, of Oregon.

Invalid Pensions-Mr. Coffroth, o.

Pennsylvania. Railways and Canals-Mr. Cabell, of Mines and Mining-Mr. Stevenson, of Illinois. Education and Labor-Mr. Goode, of Virginia. Coinage-Mr. Stephens, of Georgia.

Patents-Mr. Vance, of N. Carolina. Public Buildings-Mr. Cook, of Geor-Accounts-Mr. Henry, of Maryland. Mileage-Mr. Cobb, of Indiana. Expenditures in State Department-Mr. Clymer, of Pennsylvania. Expenditures in Treasury Department-Mr. Morrison, of Illinois.

Expenditures in War Department-Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky. Expenditures in Navy Department-Mr. Townsend, of Illinois. Expenditures in Postoffice Depart-

ment-Mr. Ladd, of Missouri. Expenditures in Interior Department -Mr. Muller, of New York. Expenditures in Public Buildings-Mr. Denster, of Wisconsin. Expenditures in Department of Justice-Mr. Blount, of Georgia.

Mississippi Levees-Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana. Rules—The Speaker. Reform in Civil Service-Mr. Hostetler, of Indiana. Law as to Presidential Elections-Mr.

Bicknell, of Indiana. Ventilation of Hall-Mr. Kimmell, of Maryland. Depression of Labor-Mr. Wright, of Pennsylvania. Epidemic Diseases-Mr. Young, of

Tennessee. Printing-Mr. Singleton, of Missis-Enrolled Bills-Mr. Kenna, of West Virginia. Library-Mr. Geddes, of Ohio.

Census .- Mr. Cox, of New York.

Ah! do it kindly 'tis a bad thing, This gentle ministry to the haunts of And Youth no higher mission ere should ask. Than this to light some lone one's

pilgrimage. Think of the weariness which they must feel. After so many years-and strive to Jentle with them, so some young hearts shall deal,

In thy old age, as tenderly with thee. Frinedship.

Friendship is but a silken thread, Yet so very strong the clasp, It binds us close to each other In an enduring grasp, It makes our lives worth the living. In this bleak desert here, And leads us on to realms above;

Fair Heaven! so very near.

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean is at last happy. It has canvassed the county jai of Cook County (Chicago) and finds grass? that it contains 103 Democrats and 27 Republicans. If we could only get a political census of our convicts in this Great Being permits the sun to shine, State, we think we could satisfy the Inter-Ocean that the Republican party of this State furnishes nineteen-twentieths of our criminals.

Too Much Reform. RALEIGH, N. C., April 11, 1879.

Correspondence of the News. I really think that the matter of reform is going ahead of produce. I saw vesterday Mr. McDonald, the keeper of that beautiful building, the new and elegant postotlice, in our large book-store, making some purchases in his shirtsleeves. Tais great government ought not to compel this staff-officer to walk the streets in their official capacity without furnishing at least a cheap black alpaca coat. I learn that Mr. Turner through his counsel has given Mr. McDonald a homestead in the postoffice in the basement, but Mr. White will not agree to it under any circumstances. There ought to be some improvement in front of the postoffice to prevent both white and black from blockading the front steps and, especially, that desk in front of the ger eral delivery office. CITIZEN.

The Y. K. of T. will meet at their Lodge room on Monday night April 14. for the transaction of important busi-

SABBATH READNIG.

Easter Morning.

Sad on my couch I lay, Weary with woe and pain, Longing to see the outer world And blessed sun again.

Trembling with untold cares, Weeping with unshed tears, Counting with hot and quivering

lips, My helpless, hopeless years. The chime of the Easter bells

Rang on the Winter air, "There are burdened wretched souls," I said, "And sad hearts everywhere." Soft on my heated brow,

Came lips like silken floss,

A white hand laid on my coverlet A picture of the cross. The cross-but oh, how change !, Where his dear form had hung, The fairest flowers of fairest climes,

So will I strive dear Lord, To hang my cross with flowers, And bear their fragrance in my soul, Through all the weary hours.

Their buds and blossoms hung.

Thiuk Again.

Queen Victoria was not twenty years of age when she ascended the throne. Coming into possession of power, with a neart tresh, tenger and pure, and with all her instructs inclined to mercy, we may be sure that she found many things that tried her strength of resolution to the utmost. On a bright, beautiful morning, the young queen was waited on at her palace of Windsor by the Duke of Weilington, who had brought from London various papers requiring her signature to render them operative. One of them was a sentence of courtmartial, pronounced against a soldier of the line -inat he be shot dead! The queen looked upon the paper, and then looked upon the wondrous beauties that nature had spread to her view. "What has this man done?" she

The Duke looked at the paper, and replied, "Ah, my royal mistress, that man, I fear is incorrigible. He has deserted three times." "And can you not say something in his behalf, my ford?"

Wellington shook his head. "On, think again, I pray you!" Seeing that her majesty was so deeply moved, and feeling sure she would not have the man shot in any event, he finally confessed that the man was brave, gallant, and really a good soi-

"But," he added, "think of the influence! "Influence?" cried Victoria, her eyes

fiasning, and her bosom heaving with strong emotion. "Let it be ours to wield influence. I will try mercy in this man's case; and I charge you, your grace to let me know the result. A good soldier, you said. Oh, I thank you for that! And you may tell him that your good word saved him." Then she took the paper, and wrote, with a bold firm hand, across the dark

page, the bright, saving word-"Par-Denor. The duke was fond of telling the story, and he was willing also to confess that the giving of that paper to the pardoned somer gave him far more joy than he could have experienced

from the taking of a city. Jefferson's Ten Rules.

Take things always by the smooth handle. We seldom repent of having eaten too little. Pride gosts more than nunger thirst, and cold. Nothing is trouplesome that we do willingly. Never spend your money before you have it. Never buy what you don't want because it is cheap. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself. Never put off till to-morrow what you can uo to-day. How much pain the evils have cost us that hever have happened. When angry count ten before you speak; if very angry count a nun-

A little blind boy was asked what was the meaning of lorgiveness. 11e replied, "The odor which nowers breatne when trampted upon.

A Beautiful Story.

Coleridge relates a story to this ef-Alexander, during his march in Africa, came to a people a weiling in peaceful huts, who knew neither war nor conquests. Gold being offered him, he refused it, saying that his sole object was to learn the manners and customs of the inhabitants.

"Stay with us," said the chief "as long as it pleaseth thee." During this interview with the African chief, two of his subjects brought a case before him for judgment. The dispute was thus: The one nad bought a piece of ground, which after the purchase was found to contain a treasure, for which he felt himself bound to pay. The other refused to receive anything, stating that he had sold the ground with what it might be found to contain, apparent or concealed. Said the chief, looking at the one,

"You have a son;" and to the other. You have a daughter; let them be married, and the treasure given them as a dowry, Alexander was astonished.

"And what," said the chief, "would have been the decision in your coun-"We should have dismissed the parties and seized the treasure for the

king's use. "And does the sun shine in your country?" said the chief; "does the rain fall there? Are there any cattle there which feed upon herbs and green

"Certainly," said Alexander. "Ah," said the chief, "it is for the ake of those innocent cattle that the the rain to fall and the grass to grow in your country."

The Blessed Task.

I said, "Sweet Master, hear me pray; For love of Thee the boon I ask; Give me to do for Thee each day Some simple, lowly, blessed task." And listening long, with hopeelate, I only heard Him whisper, "wait."

The days went by, but nothing brought Beyond the wonted round of care, And I was vexed with anxious thought. And found the waiting hard to bear; But when I said, "In vain I pray!" heard him answer gently, "Nay."

So praying still and waiting on, And pondering what the waiting

meant. This knowledge sweet at last I won-And oh the depth of my content! Iv blessed task for every day Is humbly, gladly to obey.

And though I daily, hourly fail

To bring my task to Him complete, And must with constant tears bewail My failures at my Master's feet, No other service would I ask Than this my blessed, blessed task, -Youth's Companion.

The shadow creeps and creeps, and is always looking over the shoulder of the sunbeam.