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CHARLOTTE seems to be in earnest about building a railroad to Weldon via Durham and Raleigh, and we hope may be as successful in this as in every other enterprise undertaken by its public-spirited citizens.

States and Territories and the District of Columbia, in proportion to illiteracy—compulsion to be made according to the census of 1880, and afterwards, 1890.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17th, 1888. During the present session of Congress, which has been in session a little over two months, more than 6250 bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives.

The life of a Congressional bill is rather interesting. To give you some idea of the red tape that a bill must encounter, it is only necessary to say that a full-grown bill must be printed six times, and must pass through the hands of at least twenty-five persons before it can be numbered with the laws of the land.

There seems to be a growing disposition on the part of Congress to regulate, or rather to restrict the publication of certain matter in the press—such as lotteries and gift enterprises.

The House Judiciary Committee has ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill to refund the direct taxes collected during the late civil war, with an amendment providing that money so collected shall be restored to the rightful owner.

The Ways and Means Committee has reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to invest the surplus in the purchase of United States bonds.

The Republican Senators have but two subjects to discuss when they wish to talk for political effect. When weary of assaulting the President's message they are reduced to the necessity of attacking the mail service in the West.

Blaine's letter is variously viewed both by Democrats and Republicans. The former place little faith in his sincerity, while those of the latter who are unfriendly to the aspirations of the man from Maine are more than willing to take him at his word.

As a result of the retirement of Blaine, there are a number of Presidential booms, among which may be mentioned Senators Hawley, Sherman, Allison, as well as Gresham and General Sheridan.

At last the so-called "everlasting Blair bill" has again passed the Senate this time by a vote of 39 to 29. It has been in three Congresses now, and has occupied much valuable time, which its enemies say will be to no purpose.

The Fisheries Commission having concluded its labors and signed a treaty, the same will be submitted to the Senate today. It only includes the disputes on the Atlantic coast.

The bill appropriates annually, for eight years, the following sums, to be expended to secure the benefits of common school education to all children of school age living in the United States: First year—seventy-seven million dollars; second year—ten million dollars; third year—fifteen million dollars; fourth year—thirteen million dollars; fifth year—eleven million dollars; sixth year—nine million dollars; seventh year—seven million dollars; eighth year—five million dollars.

James Taylor, a lad of thirteen, was put into the Covington, Ky., jail Thursday, with his mother, charged with the murder of the boy's father at Independence on Monday last.

Mrs. Mathner of Texarkana, Ark., hid \$500 in the stove to prevent the burglars getting it, and next morning built a fire without taking out the money. Her husband is excused by all the neighbors for his swearing.

The City Council of Atlanta has passed an ordinance making drunkenness a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of \$5 and costs for the first offence, \$20 and costs for the second offence, and for the third, 30 days on the rock pile without alternative.

A Destructive Cyclone.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A cyclone struck Mount Vernon, Ill., today, which virtually destroyed the town and killed over one hundred persons.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—A special to the Daily News from Centralia, Ill., says the firemen sent to Mt. Vernon returned this morning, and report thirty-six found dead up to five o'clock this morning, and a great many more wounded.

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Cleveland Visits Florida.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Presidential party left Washington at 11:45 o'clock this morning by the Pennsylvania & Atlantic Coast line, for a short visit to the Sub-Tropical Exposition at Jacksonville, Fla.

The train will make its first stop at Savannah, Ga., where it will arrive at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. The party will remain there one hour, and will take a drive over the principal thoroughfares.

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State News.

Mocksville Times: One of our citizens came to town on Friday and found the roads so bad that he concluded when he started home to try another road.

Elizabeth City Falcon: About 10 o'clock last Friday night a large meteor fell into Pamlico Sound, about six miles south of Chathamacocon, near Gull Shoal.

Charlotte Democrat: The killing of the young Jew, Levi, at Gastonia, is a warning against the firing of pistols and guns promiscuously and at anything.

Winston Sentinel: The conductor on a passenger train put off a woman and her eight-year-old child between Reidsville and Ruffin one night last week because she had not purchased a ticket for the child.

Newton Enterprise: About eight o'clock Sunday night two white men, painted black, with pistols in hand, went into the house of old man David Smith, father of Rev. John Smith, living about four miles west of Catawba, and demanded money.

Wadesboro Intelligencer: Tuesday last, the seven months' old baby of Captain J. M. Paylor, met with a most shocking accident.

Wilmington Star: A correspondent of the Star, at Rocky Mount, referring to the removal of the remains of persons interred in the Methodist Church yard to the new cemetery at that place, makes the following remarkable statement:

Raleigh Visitor: This morning about day break a colored woman discovered a man lying dead on the sidewalk just beyond the corporate limits of the city, on Hargett street, on the site of the Old Fair Grounds.

Mount Airy has decided to have a grand railway celebration sometime in May next at which time prominent railroad men will be on hand to make speeches.

A. L. Stipe, chairman of the Republican executive committee of Forsyth county, was sentenced by Judge Clark to imprisonment in the county jail for thirty days, and to be hired out by the county commissioners to work on the public road for non-payment of fines and cost.

Rev. J. C. Price, colored, president of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., has received a letter from Secretary Bayard, informing him that the President has appointed him Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States in Liberia.

I am one of the oldest horse-shoers in the town, and I have used your Salvation Oil for cracked heels, mange, and sand cracks with horses; it gives perfect satisfaction.

A Methodist preacher hinted that it would be nice to go to Europe, as his throat trouble was getting worse, but the good deacons sent for a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and consequently now enjoy a good season.

First National Bank of Durham.

CHARTERED NOV. 9th, 1887. CAPITAL \$100,000.

OFFICERS: J. S. CARR, President; LEO D. HEARTT, Cashier; C. S. BRYAN, Vice-President; CHAS. A. JORDAN, Teller.

DIRECTORS: J. S. CARR, H. N. SNOW, G. W. WATTS, A. H. STOKES, W. W. FULLER, E. J. PARRISH, R. D. JONES, J. W. WALKER, JAS. A. BRYAN, C. S. BRYAN.

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Feb. 9, 1888. 6ms.

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IN BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR THE BEST RESOLUTION YOU CAN MAKE IS THAT YOU WILL BUY GOOD GOODS, AND WHERE YOU CAN GET THEM AT BOTTOM PRICES!

W. L. LONDON'S IS THE PLACE!

"Lowest Prices Consistent with Good Quality and Honest Goods." He will continue to keep the largest and best assortment of goods in the county and will sell them as LOW AS THE LOWEST!

Pittsboro, N. C., Jan 5, 1888.

PARRISH'S WAREHOUSE,

Durham, N. C., WILL BE READY FOR YOUR TOBACCO AFTER JANUARY 16TH WHERE YOU WILL GET THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICES.

HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL GRADES!

Best Warehouse, Best Light, BEST ACCOMMODATIONS, FOR MAN AND BEAST IN N. C. OR VIRGINIA.

Stable Holds 200 Horses!

Business transacted with promptness and accuracy, and the highest prices always guaranteed. A hearty welcome awaits all who may come.

J. I. NISSEN ROUND HOUND WAGON,

MANUFACTURED BY C. F. NISSEN & CO., SALEM, N. C. We use best Steel Thimble Skein made, and will not break. They are the sole manufacturers of the Improved Round Hound and Straight Hind Hound, made of perfectly straight grain timber.

TOBACCO SEED! 25 VARIETIES, COMPRISING EVERY TYPE, 15 for Bright Yellow, including all the good ones, new and old. Farmers wanting the best should send for my Descriptive List, FREE, and make their own choice. Price 25 cents per ounce—5 ounces for \$1.25, per B. B. 2.00. B. L. RAGLAND, Jan. 5, 1888. Hico, Va.

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