Remunerative Chimney Sweeping.

A new tenant, designing to fire his chimney and save the expense of a sweep, hoisted a bundle of burning straw at the end of a pole. A moment later he was startled by a golden tinkling, and glancing down, saw that the old-fashioned hearth was literally covered with gold pieces. Further examination revealed the charred fragments of a leathern bag suspended by a hook in the chimney, while the windfall itself totalled up to nearly $1,500.—Tit-Bits.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

The first order for railway postal cars for South America has just been placed with a manufacturing firm at Springfield, Mass. So. 32

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

In the cottonseed industry last year not less than 4,000,000 bales of cottonseed were consumed, the total value of the resultant products aggregating $120,000,000.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed to cure tobacco habit, make weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, $1. All druggists.

Of the 16,000 citizens of the United States now in Germany, 2,000 are matriculated students.

Lyon & Co.'s "Pick Leaf" Smoking Tobacco does not make every mouthful as good as a rose, but comes "mighty nigh" when give every one a most delightful smoke. Try it.

The Danish flag is the oldest flag in existence, dating back to 1219 or thereabouts.

More babies lives have been saved by DR. MOFFETT'S TEETHINA TEETHING POWDERS than by all other remedies combined. TEETHINA Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels and makes teething easy.

In France there are 2,270,000 milch cows, which produce annually 1,750,000,000 gallons of milk.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Police court statistics show that Cornwall is the least litigious county in England.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reducing inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

When Hot

Don't sweat and fret, but keep cool and take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This is good advice, as you will find if you follow it. Hood's Sarsaparilla is a delicious summer medicine, because it is so good for the blood, so helpful to the whole body. Make no mistake, but get it today.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

A Wonderful Clock.

In one of the town halls in a Japanese treaty port there is a remarkable timepiece. It is contained in a handsome frame, three feet wide and five feet long, it represents a roundabout landscape with waterfalls carried out. In the foreground plum and cherry trees appear in bloom, while in the rear a hill is to be seen, from which flows a pretty cascade, imitated in crystal. From the crystal flows a tiny stream, which winds its way between rocks and finally loses itself in a stretch of woodland. In a miniature sheltered cove swan turns on a silver wire, marking the hours on a silver gong as it passes. Each hour is marked by a different incident. A bird of rich plumage warbles in the close of the hour, and as the warbling ceases a mouse suddenly makes its appearance, and scampering over the hill to the garden, is soon lost to view. Altogether it is certainly a wonderful piece of mechanism.—San Francisco Chronicle.

MRS. PINKHAM'S ADVICE.

What Mrs. Nell Hurst has to Say About It.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: When I wrote to you I had been sick for five years, had doctored all the time but got no better. I had womb trouble very bad. My womb pressed backward, causing piles. I was in such misery I could scarcely walk across the floor. Menstruation was irregular and too profuse, was also troubled with leucorrhœa. I had given up all hopes of getting well, everybody thought I had consumption. After taking five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I felt very much better and was able to do nearly all my own work. I continued the use of your medicine, and feel that I owe my recovery to you. I cannot thank you enough for your advice and your wonderful medicine. Any one doubting my statement may write to me and I will gladly answer all inquiries.—MRS. NELL HURST, Deep Water, Mo.

Letters like the foregoing, constantly being received, contribute not a little to the confidence felt by Mrs. Pinkham that in medicine and counsel she is assisting women to lighter their heavy burdens.

Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass. All suffering women are invited to write to her for advice, which will be given without charge. It is an experienced woman's advice to women.

New Religion.—We do not need a new religion as much as we do an application of the principles of the old to every strata of the social, business and political world.—Rev. T. E. Cramblet, Christian, Pittsburg, Pa.

DON'T BE FOOLED

ROCK HILL BUGGY CO., Rock Hill, S. C.

THE ASSESSMENTS REDUCED.

But the 2 1-2 and 2 Cent Passenger Rate Maintained.

ONE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY

Celebrated. The Hero of the Merrimac Given a Great Ovation in Statesville. The O. R. & C. Railroad Sold.

The railroad commission has reduced the assessment of the Pullman Car Company from $270,000, which it recently named, to $96,000. The company's attorneys plainly informed the commission that while it had no right to assess the company's cars passing through the State, it could only legally assess the car which runs between Wilmington and Weldon, yet the company would make no contest on $96,000 valuation, but would pay this, as it had before done. The commission gives the express company, at the latter's request, three weeks to prepare its case and show cause why it should not pay for war revenue tax stamps on receipts. The railroad commission, July 1st, assessed the Western Union Telegraph Company at $1,000,000. It has reduced the assessment to $751,000, which the Western Union accepts. It had assessed the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad at $775,000, but has reduced this to $551,000, which was last year's assessment. It reduced the Postal Telegraph Company's assessment to $50,000. It overruled the exceptions and decided to maintain the 2½ and 2 cents per mile passenger rates it recently ordered on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. It has not yet decided as to whether it will or will not reduce passenger rates on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad. It orders the maintenance of an up-town ticket office at Mt. Airy and of an up-town express office at Lexington.

Cheered at Statesville.

Quite a crowd of hero-worshippers gathered at the Southern depot to see the hero of the Merrimac, who recently visited relatives in Statesville. Lieutenant Hobson was quickly recognized, and the large crowd which had gathered at Hotel Iredell, broke into cheers as Lieutenant Hobson drove by. Feeling that Statesville and that section of the State have a special interest in Lieutenant Hobson, the Old North State Band, in a transfer, decorated with flags and streamers bearing the significant legend: "Remember the Merrimac," accompanied by a convoy of old and young people, went out to Mt Sterling and serenaded the hero of the Merrimac. The demonstration was a spontaneous and notable one.

Celebrated Her One Hundredth Birthday.

Aunt Sally Hendren, of Alexander county, celebrated her 100th birthday July 25th. Rev. J. O. Shelley, of Statesville, was present. Mr. Shelley saw the Bible in which the aged lady's birth is recorded and there is no doubt as to her age. She was born on July 25, 1798. The Bible in which the record is kept is 184 years old, having been published in 1714. Statesville Landmark.

The O. R. & C. Railway Sold.

A new company, composed of the bondholders of the Finance Company of Pennsylvania, bought the ohio River & Charleston Railroad, at Marion, for $850,000. The purchasing committee was composed of Messrs. Sam Hunt, of Cincinnati, O., Simon A. Stern and John G. Vogler, of Philadelphia. From good authority it is said the road will be finished to the Tennessee line, as soon as possible.

August Weather.

An examination of weather bureau records shows that the temperature has reached 100 degrees on two occasions in 1897 and again in 1898. The lowest temperature in August, 35 degrees, was recorded in 1887. The average temperature for the month is 77 degrees. An average of 11 rainy days is on record, and of clear days there are eleven; partly cloudy, twelve; cloudy, eight. The average rainfall is 4.62 inches; the greatest amount during any month, 10.97 inches, in 1893; the least, 1.07 inches, in 1881. The winds have blown equally from northeast and southwest.

Large Attendance on the Institute.

There was an attendance of 4,000 at the Elders and Deacons' institute at Red Springs on Sunday, July 31st. The services were very impressive, and the scope of the subjects discussed very wide.

Capt. Sparrell Shot.

Capt. Dick Sparrell, yard conductor at Salisbury, was shot and badly wounded by Bob Moore, a flagman.

Shot and Killed by a Bar keeper.

A negro named Harrison Blalock was shot and killed by Will Ware, a bar keeper, at King's Mountain. The bad took effect in the back of the negro's head. He died almost instantly.

Hunting Counterfeiters.

Detective Shaw, of Charlotte, with four men, has gone to point in western North Carolina to round up a gang of counterfeiters who have been putting out a large quantity of spurious coin.

A New Charter Granted.

The State charters the North Carolina Coal and Coke Company, of Chatham county. Stockholders: Samuel P. Laugdon and others; capital $100,000.

300 Tons a Day Output.

The output of coal at the Cumnock mine is 300 tons a day. By the end of the year it will be 500 tons a day. All this coal will be sold in North Carolina. None will be sold commercially outside this State.

A New kind of Purse.

A young man was arrested in a Charlotte store recently, charged with stealing money. He had a good pocket book in his mouth. He was made to cough up several silver pieces and a dollar in greenback.

Found Dead.

Mr. David W. Campbell, of Mt. Holly, was found dead in his room. He was subject to epileptic fits, and passed away in one. When found he was lying across the bed with his head hanging over the railing.

Gored by an Ox.

Mr. Elias Stancil, an aged citizen of Union was cut in the field when he was attacked by an ox that belonged to Mr. Frank Hannah, a neighbor. The animal gored him in the stomach and head. His recovery is doubtful.

TAR HEEL NOTES.

FATAL RUNAWAY AT CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Saunders Thrown from the Buggy, Receiving Injuries Which Resulted in His Death.

Mr. Saunders and Miss Cochrane, a lady friend, were out for a buggy ride in Charlotte recently, and just as the horse was turning a corner a negro riding a wheel ran into the horse. The horse made a lunge forward and began to run at a terrific speed. Mr. Saunders pulled on the reins and turned the horse toward the sidewalk when he lost the reins and he and Miss Cochrane were left powerless. The buggy struck the curbing and Mr. Saunders was thrown violently against a stone step on the curbing. He was thrown with such force that when his head struck the stone he bounded back the full length of his body, and when picked up his head was lying in the opposite direction from the sidewalk. His feet were lying against the curbing. Examination showed that his skull was fractured from ear to ear. The unfortunate man never spoke after his head struck the curbing. Miss Cochrane was thrown from the buggy, but was not seriously hurt. She received several scratches about the neck and face and was terribly frightened. After being carried home she was told of the serious condition of Mr. Saunders, and was almost prostrated with grief.

Carolina Central Railroad.

A plan for the readjustment of the debt of the Carolina Central Railroad, in which Baltimore capitalists are interested, has been recommended by a special committee named for the purpose and supported by a large majority of the bondholders. The plan provides for an issue of $25,000,000 of 4 per cent. fifty year first mortgage gold bonds, $50,000,000 of preferred stock and $25,000,000 of common stock. Principal and interest of the new mortgage is guaranteed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad Company.

Elizabeth College Improvements.

Elizabeth College, Charlotte, has secured the services of a trained nurse from Philadelphia as matron, a skilled housekeeper and German women who will act as home maids and cooks. A new piano has been added to the college chapel, and a large reference library. The college authorities are sparing no efforts to make Elizabeth College one of the foremost institutions in the country.

Improvements at Brevard.

There is a large force of hands at work on the new Brevard Roanoke turnpike. Many miles of the road have been built and travel from Texas was and it will be quite rapidly in completion. A telephone line has recently been completed from Brevard, via Cedar Mountain to Caesar's Head; also a line from Brevard to Davidson River and Orange to Shuford's Bridge.

Was Its Own Horse.

A novel sight was seen on the streets of Asheville recently. It was a man who said he was from Asheville and was moving himself, his wife and three children to Marietta. The man was working himself to a cart, pushing one of the children and what seemed to be their baggage, the woman and other children were walking. He had pulled his cart all the way from Asheville.

Increase in Assessment.

The railroad Commission has decided to make the minimum assessment of bicycles $25. In the reports from the counties there is a wide range of difference in the valuation of bicycles. Some counties report an average of $10.00 and others an average of $25.00. The Commission was of the opinion that a bicycle was worth $10.00 if anything.

Pearson Renominated.

The Ninth District Republican convention, which recently met in Asheville renominated Hiram ad Pearson by acclamation. The resolutions adopted endorse the administration, Pritchard and Pearson, and insist that the civil service be changed so as to "conform to the laws of common sense and common justice."

Horse Dies With Rabies.

A horse belonging to Mr. C. A. Black, of Charlotte died recently from the effects of hydrophobia. A few days before its death it would chase any one that came inside the lot and would foam at the mouth just as a dog with the rabies.

Bond Issue Defeated.

The proposition to issue bonds by the city of Durham was defeated by thirteen votes.

Pension Applications Numerous.

A great number of applications for pensions are being received at the Auditor's office. The first class pensioners only get about $60 a year from the State. Despite the strict regulations governing the granting of State pensions an occasional fraudulent pensioner gets on the rolls.

Twenty-five Per Cent. Dividend.

Crowder's Mountain cotton mill at King's Mountain paid a dividend of 25 per cent. last year. The capital of the mill is $50,000.

A Large Consignment of Tobacco.

The American Tobacco Company recently shipped 150,000 pounds of tobacco from Danville to Durham.

Opening Sale a Success.

The opening sale at the tobacco warehouse at Lumberton was quite a success. There was about 80,000 pounds sold and brought very satisfactory prices. There was a number of buyers representing the largest tobacco institutions in the world.

Store and Stock Destroyed by Fire.

The storehouse and stock of Mr. W. E. Collins, of Marshville, was destroyed by fire recently. The loss amounts to $4,000 to $4,500. Insurance $2,000.

Shamed by Lightning.

During a severe storm which visited Lincolnton and surrounding country recently, lightning struck the home of Mr. Thornberg, entering the room in which the family were sitting. There were some pictures in the room hung with wire. The lightning followed the wire and nearly dug a hole in the wall. Mr. Thornberg and the child were badly stunned.

Tax Secretary Report of Charlotte.

The tax secretary report of Charlotte for July shows the following deaths rate: White, 26, colored, 27. Total, 53.

CONQUEST OF PORTO RICO.

Rough Riders and Gen. Shafter's Cavalry Will Leave Santiago.

CARLIST UPRISING IN SPAIN.

The Fever Situation at Santiago—Gen. Wade's Division—The Nebraska Ticket—The Texas in Dry Dock.

A DISPATCH from Ponce says: Nine additional cities have yielded to General Miles' advance besides Juan Diaz. They include Arroyo, Patillas, Yabucoa, Cael, Salinas, Santa Isabel, Adjuntas, Peuuelas, Guayabal and Guanyama. Spanish troops were captured in most of the cities. All the cities were taken without fighting, the American troops being enthusiastically welcomed by the citizens.

The Texas Democrats.

The Democratic State Convention, which recently met in Galveston, endorsed the Chicago platform, affirmed its allegiance to W. J. Bryan, denounced the war revenue bill, favored the construction and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States, favored the independence of Cuba; but in the event that the people of that island should hereafter desire to be annexed to this country and the terms of the annexation be satisfactorily arranged between the two governments, favored the annexation of Cuba as a part of the territory of the United States, favored the acquisition of Porto Rico and all the Spanish possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The Nebraska Ticket.

The following is the ticket nominated by the fusion conventions which recently met in Lincoln: W. A. Poynter, Populist, for Governor; E. A. Gilbert, silver Republican, for Lieutenant Governor; John P. Cornell, Populist, for Auditor; W. F. Porter, Populist, for Secretary of State; C. J. Smythe, Democrat, for Attorney General; Jacob Wolfe, Populist, for Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings; W. R. Jackson, Populist, for Superintendent of Public Instruction. All excepting Poynter and Cornell are the present incumbents.

Ordered Away From Santiago.

All the troops of cavalry with Shafter and the eight companies of Roosevelt's rough riders, have been ordered to proceed to Montauk Point, L. I. General Shafter has been directed to use all the transport facilities he can command, and to send the troops north as rapidly as possible. The regular cavalry with Shafter comprises eight companies each of the First, Third, Sixth, Ninth and Tenth Cavalry, all dismounted, and four mounted troops of the Second Cavalry.

General Wade's Division.

The following regiments have been designated to constitute General Wade's provisional division for service in Porto Rico. First Rhode Island, First North Carolina, First New Hampshire, First New Jersey, Second Texas, First Maine, Fourth Missouri, First Alabama, First Vermont, First West Virginia, First Kentucky, Third Tennessee, Twenty-second New York, First Arkansas, Fifty second Iowa, Third Virginia, First Delaware and First Maryland.

Attack on Precioso Plantation.

It is announced from the palace at Havana that the plantation of Precioso, Matanzas, was attacked by a force of infantry and cavalry under the American flag. It is added that a squadron of Spanish cavalry, from the plantation of Don Rosas, "assisted in routing the Americans," who are said to have left ten men killed on the field. The Spaniards, according to the report, had two men badly wounded.

A Carlist Uprising.

A special dispatch from Barcelona says a formidable rising of Carlists has taken place near Lerida, Catalonia.

No Extra Session of Congress.

There will be no extra session of Congress, though the Senate will have to be called together for the prompt ratification of the treaty of peace, if the present plans of the President prevail. It is stated at the White House, that unless there should be some extraordinary development, the House will not meet until it convenes in regular session next December.

The Texas in the Dry Dock.

The battleship Texas has been placed in dry dock at the navy yard. An examination of her shows that except for a slight dent in her keel made by striking a coral reef off Dry Tortugas, she is in very fair condition.

Military Governor of Santiago.

The Columbia State says that General Fitzhugh Lee has been made military governor of Havana. Just when this was done is not known, but that it is a fact remains a doubt no longer, as the information comes from a source the reliability of which is beyond question.

Cyclone and Flood in Spain.

The village of Medina has been wrecked by a cyclone which killed many persons. Several houses at Hornillos have been engulfed by the floods and a number of the people have perished.

May Be Added to Our Navy.

A special to the San Francisco Chronicle from Cavite, says: "It is probable that two of the vessels sunk by Dewey's fleet may yet be raised and rendered serviceable."

A Queer Railroad in Japan.

The simplest public railroad now operated is thought to be one between Atami and Odawara, in Japan. It is a narrow-gauge road, and is run by man power. Every car has seats for four persons, who sit back to back. A tram consists of two or three cars, and is drawn uphill by half a dozen coolies; at the top of the incline the coolies jump on the platforms, and the train runs down the formidable by gravity, with the speed of an express. It is said that there has never been an accident on this road.

Some persons say they are never influenced by an advertisement.

It is not expected that any one will buy Ivory Soap solely because it is suggested by an advertisement.

If you have never used Ivory Soap, you may be induced to ask some friend about it; should you find—as you probably will—that she is enthusiastic in its praise, then you may try it.

Millions of people use Ivory Soap; they use it because they like it. You too will like it. There is a difference in soaps.

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MEDALS FOR DEWEY'S MEN.

Honorable Decoration Which Means a Whole Lot to the Wearer.

The medals of honor which Congress voted to give to the officers and men who fought under Dewey at Manila are not especially artistic. The medal itself is not a thing of beauty, but it means a lot to the man who has the right to wear it.

The medal is a five pointed star, each point ending in a trefoil. On the star is a circle of thirty four stars (there were only thirty four States when, in 1862, the medal was designed). Within this circle is a representation of America, "Goddess of Liberty" is left hand on the fasces, her right hand holding a shield and repelling discord. A trophy of four cannons, one sword, several cannon balls and an eagle fastens the star to a ribbon resembling the flag, which forms it to the clasp.

This medal of honor corresponds to the Victoria cross and the Iron Cross of Germany and Prussia, but it is a fact that either of the latter is better known to Americans than the medal which is the highest honor our country confers upon its soldiers. Perhaps one reason for this is that we are not in the habit of paying much attention to medals and decorations in this country. Another may be that we have sometimes questioned the manner in which these medals have been awarded in times past. Occasionally there has been a suspicion of the presence of a political pull in these awards.

Yet in spite of the drawbacks to its popularity, which are the delay in awarding it and the way in which some of its wearers have required it, rather the medal of honor is an honorable decoration and has been won honorably by most of those who have it. Most of them won it for such feats as capturing battleships; though one soldier got it because he was on the guard of honor over Lincoln's coffin. The Twenty-seventh Maine Regiment received the medal as a whole. Its time was up, and it volunteered to remain and take part in the battle of Gettysburg. For this and its bravery at the fight every survivor received the medal.

Modern Longevity.

In the seventeenth century the average duration of life was only thirteen years; in the eighteenth, twenty; in the beginning of century it is thirty-six. This great increase in the average length of human life is not, however, due to the growth of an increase in the vigor and vitality of the race, but it is rather due to the fact that cholera, the Black plague and other devastating pestilences which formerly overspread whole countries at frequent intervals, sometimes several times during a century, have been brought more and more under control by improved public sanitation and quarantine. The real test of the vitality of the race is not the average length of human life but the proportion of centenarians. The proportion of persons who have attained great age is without doubt at the present time much less than ever before in the history of the world.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

The school children in Germany are being taught inflation from the rudiments.

Tutt's Liver Pills are for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Biliousness, Malaria, Fever and Ague, Blood Poisons, Dizziness, Costiveness, Piles, Loss of Appetite, Nervous Prostration, Female Weakness, Wasting Diseases, Kidney Complaints, Dropsy, Gravel, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Headache, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Constipation