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Pleuro-pneumonia is said to have been effectually stamped out of New Jersey.

The Black Hill country is making a name for itself as a horse-growing region, and it is predicted that within ten years it will be as famous for its horses as the Blue Grass district.

A writer in the Atlantic Monthly says: "America, next to Italy, is now acknowledged to possess the most favorable atmosphere for the production of good voices, and American singers are beginning to take the precedence of all others in the great musical centres of the world."

The late Professor Proctor was a literary Po. In his journal, Knowledge, he used to appear in half a dozen different roles at the same time.

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Little Dave Keller, aged seven, of Marshall, Ill., has been sent to the insane asylum. Dave was a very bright boy, and made such wonderful progress in his studies that his parents and teachers decided to push him forward.

We are not the only people, according to the New York Graphic, who are having trouble on account of Chinese immigration. In one of the Russian provinces, just north of the Amur River, the Mongolians within the last two years have swarmed into the country.

Capital in Europe is wonderfully plenty for almost everything, and its owners have a childlike confidence in almost anything labelled American.

Miss Kate Fretwell was arrested at Chattanooga on a charge of being the young lady who furnished fourteen prisoners in the county jail with two dozen saws to cut their way out.

A new census of the United States will be taken in 1890. It will surprise many of our readers to learn that the census of 1880 has only recently been completed.

The librarian of the Congressional Library, Mr. Spofford, is considered by experts to be the best book man in the United States.

NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

NORTH CAROLINA. Thursday a man jumped off a train in Duplin county. He is thought to have been crazy.

The next Legislature of North Carolina will have about 1,400 justices of the peace to elect.

The following important conventions were held in Raleigh during the past week: The synodical committee of the North Carolina Presbyterian synod met and elected state evangelists.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' assembly, which has two thousand members, met here, George T. Winston presiding.

A meeting of the South Carolina Poultry and Stock Association was held at Charleston Friday evening.

Barwell has organized a Melon Trust, with a membership of about 100 of the most prominent growers in the State.

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A Determined Mamma's Sensational Capture of an Eloping Daughter.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The rosiest dreams sometimes turn to unsympathetic nightmares, just as the best laid plans are likely to addle. And an odd thing occurred near Greenville in which a watchful mamma did much to stir things up and make a lively, picturesque performance while the process lasted.

The train had slowed up at a way station and a woman, without waiting to confer with the revolutionist, took a flying leap and landed in the coach containing the "spoons."

General Harrison announced Monday that he would hold no more receptions during the holiday season.

TO CONCILIATE THE SOUTH.

Governor Beaver's Aid to Include Many Ex-Confederates. In the Presidential inauguration parade Governor Beaver will not only have a large number of aids from the Northern States, but the Southern States will be represented.

Fatalities Attending a Ring.

The tenacity with which people still cling to superstitious notions is illustrated by a story from Madrid concerning the fatalities attending a ring.

THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Conference for Union or Co-operation. The arrangements are about completed for a conference relative to co-operation or union between the Southern and Northern assemblies of the Presbytery.

THE GREAT SEAL.

Presented to the State of South Carolina. The State of South Carolina was presented Thursday with the great seal of the Confederate States of America.

Dakota's Great Phenomenon.

There is now no doubt that the great phenomenon in Charles Mix county, Dakota, is not caused by burning coal alone.

A Notable Dinner.

About 250 persons from various parts of the State were invited to a dinner on Friday in the fair ground room.

A Wife Murderer Hanged.

At Winnipeg, Manitoba, Webb Brandon, the wife murderer, was hanged. He displayed great fortitude on the scaffold.

ITEMS OF INTEREST COLLED.

Blizzards are reported in the Northwest and railroads badly blocked.

Business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 276; Canada 23; total 299, as against 311 previous week, and 260 for the corresponding week of last year.

Rev. James Pettigrew Boyce, D.D., LL.D., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., died in France last week.

A southern baseball league was organized at New Orleans. J. W. Hearne, of Memphis, Birmingham and Mobile, voting by proxy, Dallas and Houston were present, but could not come to terms.

An Ink to Scribble With on Glass. A correspondent writes in and wants to know how to make an ink with which he can scribble or draw on glass.

In an article on the age of the orange tree the Rural Californian has the following: There is still flourishing in the porch of the convent of Santa Sabina, in Rome, an orange tree that is said to have been planted A. D. 320.

A Gentleman Who Has Known Him.

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Governor Hubbard, the United States Minister at Tokio, tells me that we buy more from Japan than any other foreign nation.

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The past year has been remarkable for the number and violence of electrical storms throughout the country, and when the damage caused by lightning in the various States is computed, it is believed the total will exceed that of any previous year for a decade or more.

Isaiah V. Williamson, who has given establish the Free School of Mechanical Trades in Philadelphia, and intends to double his gift if the money shall be needed, has been one of Philadelphia's most energetic capitalists and philanthropists for years.



ISAAH V. WILLIAMSON.

Mr. Williamson is of Quaker origin, and was born in Bucks County in 1803. His father was a hard-working farmer in that section, and the son in early life became imbued with those economical principles that in later years enabled him to roll up his immense fortune.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

Holy Night. O Holy Night, whose bliss approach Now touches heart and home with joy, Lifting from earth her old reproach, Dispensing shades night would employ To keep us still from seeking now The Star of Bethlehem's pure ray, That, falling soft on Israel's brow, But heralds a diviner day.

Good Books. Ruskin has written many a good thing on books and reading, but none better than the following: We eat food for the mind as of food for the body; now a good book contains such food inexhaustibly; it is a provision for life, and for the best part of it.

The Place Where Jesus' Name Is. All the missionary reports dwell on the wonderful results of women's work among the heathen. One of the most remarkable comes from Madura, in the Indian Archipelago, and is published in the Missionary Herald.

ONLY A WOMAN.

Only a woman, shriveled old! The prey of the winds and prey of the cold! Cheeks that are shrunken, Eyes that are sunken, Lips that were never e'er bolt!

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