

A large Roman Catholic cathedral has been dedicated at Hong Kong, China.

The Emperor of Austria has been granting numerous pardons in all parts of his Empire.

In a recent talk with a delegation of clergymen...

It is said by the New York Star that a majority of the suicides belong to clubs.

The United States has been discussing the question of what should be done to increase the trade between this country and Mexico.

A newspaper in Ohio recently brought suit against forty-three men who would not pay their subscriptions.

The Chicago Herald thinks some philosopher should explain why the plug that prospers.

Beauty shows having become stale, baby shows flat and complexion shows unprofitable.

Many extravagant stories are in circulation, said George W. Allen to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Commissioner Tanner has discharged twenty traveling pension examiners because the appropriation for their pay was exhausted.

A British expedition has destroyed the chief town of the Welsh tribe, on the Sulym River, Africa.

The agitation in favor of a legitimate exhibit of pure dairy products has crystallized in a new corporation.

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NORTH AND WEST.

NEWSY ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Being A Condensation of the Principal Happenings in Different States.

A FREIGHT train ran into a burning bridge at Catawissa, Penn., and broke through into the ravine.

A GUISSE oil well was discovered at Le-groville, Penn. It threw oil 115 feet into the air.

The plant of the Harlem (N. Y.) Electric Lighting Company was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of nearly \$150,000.

OLIVER PERRY LEWIS, aged twenty-one years, of New York city, drowned himself while in his dress suit in Central Park reservoir.

JAMES CONNER and James Harris were killed near Homer, Mich., by a premature explosion of dynamite while blasting stumps.

A COLLISION occurred between two freight trains a mile south of Glen Mary, Tenn.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Daniel A. Grosvenor, of Ohio, to be chief of a division of the First Comptroller's office.

CHARLES W. DURANT, of New York, who managed Estelle Clayton's theatrical tours and who three years ago inherited \$300,000, claimed in court the other day that his sole possession of his wife's hand and ring given to him by Miss Clayton, and valued at \$450.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

HON. S. S. COX is lecturing on West. THE CAR is learning to play the cornet. J. D. DANA, the geologist, is seventy-five.

JOHN W. BRIDGES, ex-Postmaster of Mount Carmel, Penn., has been arrested on the charge of issuing about \$4000 of fraudulent money orders.

JOHN WADSWORTH and wife, an aged couple, living at Appleton, Md., and John M. Linderman, a boy of Wilmington, Del., were instantly killed by an express train at Newport, Del. They were in a carriage, and were driving across the railroad track when struck by the train.

The wife of ex-President Cleveland has leased the cottage of Rev. Perry Brown, at Marion, Mass., for the coming season.

The Simpson dry dock at Newport News, Va., the largest in the United States, was formally opened in the presence of a party of distinguished visitors.

GRIGBY'S Predict, W. Va., during an election on the liquor license question, a difficulty occurred between William Porter and Svin Howell. Porter was shot three times, and expired in a few minutes.

A TREMENDOUS storm of rain and hail broke over Atlanta, Ga. The walls of the Jackson building, which was gutted by fire last, killing two firemen and injuring several others.

The Secretary of State is informed that Russia will send delegates to the Marine Conference, which meets at Washington on the 11th of the present month.

The Postmaster-General made the following important appointments: W. B. Cooley, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief of the Money Order Department; Frank M. Smith, of Maryland, and S. G. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Superintendent of Mails at Baltimore and Cincinnati, respectively; John A. Chapman, of Illinois, to be Chief of the Inspection Division; Edward G. Carlin, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service.

W. F. DULMAGE, Crown Timber Inspector at St. Fortage, Manitoba, left town suddenly a few days ago, \$80,000 short in his accounts.

An explosion has occurred in the Branceport Colliery at Durham, England. Five persons were killed.

A BRITISH expedition has destroyed the chief town of the Welsh tribe, on the Sulym River, Africa, and released 3000 slaves.

A BRIDGE on the Arroya Railroad, in Peru, valued at \$500,000, has been swept away by a cloud-burst.

GENERAL BOULANGER, Henri Rochefort and other members of the General's party left Belgium for England, and arrived in London after an extremely rough passage across the channel and established headquarters at the Bristol Hotel.

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SOUTHERN ITEMS.

NEWS FROM EACH STATE.

The world's visible supply of cotton is 2,381,454 bales.

The West Tennessee Hospital at Bolivar is about completed.

Information has reached Asheville, N. C., the death of Mrs. S. B. Steele, of Kentucky, mother of Mrs. Senator Vance.

The Westmoreland Calisaya Tonic Company has been organized at Greenville, S. C.

The date for the Cabarrus county (N. C.) fair has been set for October 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th.

Robert S. Houston, newly appointed postmaster at Birmingham, Ala., is a native of Ireland county, N. C.

Robert P. Willis and Samuel Halford were sent to jail on \$2500 bail for burglary.

Armour & Co., the great meat packers of Chicago, will build a branch packing factory at Knoxville, Tenn.

The Congaree Construction Company has contracted to build the Columbus, Newberry & Laurens railroad from its present terminus near Little Mountain to Newberry, a distance of 20 miles.

Pat Hunt, under sentence of death at Paris, Ky., for killing James Abney, put on a most brilliant appearance during the trial and smiled when the verdict was read.

A Texas railroad has sent its agents to Oklahoma to induce those who cannot get land there to come to Texas.

EMORY COLQUHOUN, son of Win H. Colquhoun of Atlanta, Ga., died in Utica, N. Y. Tuesday, where he had been taken to a hospital for treatment.

DR. MCGILVERIN will spend the coming summer in a lecture tour through Great Britain and Ireland.

The King of Greece buys his clothes in London, while the Queen sends to Paris for her costumes.

MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND is frequently seen on New York thoroughfares, usually with her mother.

JOHN D. JENNINGS, the Chicago real estate millionaire, who died a few days ago, was called the father of the ninety-nine-year lease system.

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PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

THE MARVELLOUS STORY AS TOLD BY BANKERS IN THE VARIOUS STATES.

The Manufacturers Record published special reports from leading bankers all over the South as to the condition of business in their vicinity.

In the North there is complaint of dullness. In the South an activity never before equaled is seen in every line of industry.

The character of the reports from bankers is shown in the following from a few of them.

The First National Bank of Florence, Ala., reports: "Business is on a sound basis and activity unprecedented in this section."

The First National Bank of Athens, Tenn., says that section was never before half so prosperous nor the outlook half so flattering.

The First National Bank of Danville, Va., reports: "The prospects are more promising than ever before."

The First National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, reports: "An era of unprecedented prosperity."

The First National Bank of Salisbury, N. C., speaking for all the States, says: "A better outlook than for twenty years and the people are united and enthusiastic."

The First National Bank of Rome, Ga., reports: "Business very active and increasing and people full of hope and enthusiasm."

The First National Bank of Rock Hill, S. C., reports: "Brighter than for ten years."

The First National Bank of Vicksburg, Miss., reports: "Going ahead with marked rapidity."

The First National Bank of South Pittsburg, Tenn., reports: "Satisfactory to the most sanguine."

His Beloved Charlotte. Mr. G. W. Cramer, of Abbeville county, S. C., publishes the following unique advertisement in the Asheville Mediam.

On Feb. 5 my beloved wife Charlotte, after an absence of eight months, returned to her home and conjugal duties.

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FARMS AND FARMERS.

A TALK WITH NATURE'S NOBLEMEN.

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RELIGIOUS READING.

GOOD FOR EVIL.

When on a fragrant sunlit tree The woodman's axe descends And she who bloomed so beautifully...

How hardy man this lesson learns To smile and bear the blows that sparrows To see the low, to feel the pain...

It is said that Mr. Spurgeon is in the habit of testing the abilities of the more prominent students of his college by obliging them to go up into the pulpit with a sermon...

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? What must I do to be saved? "Neglect is great a sin."

THE HOMELESS SINGER. On a cold, dark night when the wind was blowing hard...

Conrad opened the door, and saw a ragged child who, said "Charity, good sir, for Christ's sake."

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Domestication of the Buffalo. Regarding, then, the buffalo as an animal well worthy conserving...

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