

OUR ROCKING STONE.

It is up in Bronx Park and is a curiosity. There is a rocking stone in Bronx Park which now claims a great deal of attention...

There is a study bowlder with a rough measurement of something like 10 feet by 8 in length and width, and a height that will average not far from six feet...

There are a few, it is said, in the White Mountains and on Long Island that beat it, but it is seldom that one finds a stone that stands on a point so nicely adjusted as this...

It must have come in the ice thousands of years ago. It is part of the drift of the vast glacial period which reached all of North America above us...

What kind of a country it was around here just before the ice got in, the geologists are trying to find out, but it is almost certain that there were men here...

The rocking stone may have come down from the Hudson Highlands, or the Adirondacks, of the almost obliterated Laurentians...

There is your rocking stone, a delight to the eyes of hundreds of thousands, and a source of amusement to many hundreds of thousands more...

Would Make a Straight River.

"A Southern Engineer," in the Engineering Magazine, says that the only solution of the Mississippi River problem is to give it a straight channel from Cairo to the Gulf...

He admits that in such a channel that the river would have nearly twice its present velocity, and if he had stopped to think a minute he would have seen that the demands of navigation could not be met by any such current...

Five miles an hour, which is somewhere near the present rate of the current, is a good strong tide for any ordinary steamboat to stem, and there are many places in the river now where a boat has to tug the shore to make any headway at all...

Furthermore, with such a current the corroding power of the stream would be enormously increased, and the slightest deflection of the current towards either bank would sweep it into it and restore the bends which had been gotten rid of...

Shell Money.

collections of the National Museum would be incomplete if they did not contain specimens of the shell which served as a substitute for money...

THE N. C. LEGISLATURE.

What They are Doing in the General Assembly.

Bills Upon Bills A/ Intended for the Good of North Carolina.

RALEIGH, N. C.—34th day.—Senate. Bills introduced: to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist State Convention; a bill in relation to the probate of wills...

RALEIGH, N. C.—34th day.—Senate. Bills introduced: to amend the act relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Shelby; to provide for an election when a petition of citizens is made...

RALEIGH, N. C.—35th day.—Senate. Bills introduced: to incorporate the town of Bostick in Rutherford county; a bill to establish a graded school at Rocky Mount; a bill to regulate the compensation of directors of local and charitable institutions...

RALEIGH, N. C.—35th day.—Senate. Bills introduced: to amend the act relating to the charter of the town of Littleton; to amend the charter of the Maxton and Northwestern Railroad; to incorporate the Wilkes County Bank...

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PANTOCRATIC BILLS.

Forty-Six Ludicrous Measures Introduced in the House.

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All of these bills were drawn by James S. Cowdon, of Virginia, and are socialistic in their character, and provide for the Government control of pretty much everything that can be controlled...

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SHOOT, THEN PRAY.

The Adventures of Two South Carolinians in New York.

They Mortally Wounded a Green Goods Sharper, Geo. Appo.

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DIXIE NEWS.

The Beloved South Gleaned and Epitomized.

All the News and Occurrences Printed Here in Condensed Form.

L. R. Mayo, of Aurora, N. C., killed 175 ducks in one day during the freeze. Winstonsalem is to have a fine new Hotel costing \$50,000.

John Hambric, Jr. was hung at Shelby, N. C., last Friday for killing Macobson, a railway employe, a year ago. A magnificent new hotel, to be called the Jefferson, is to be erected in Richmond, Va., at a cost of \$100,000.

John Garrison, residing near Fayetteville, N. C., slaughtered a hog last week which weighed eight hundred pounds. Ten tons of gold ore have been shipped to New Jersey from Tebe Sounders' gold mine in Montgomery county, N. C. It is worth from \$60 to \$100 per ton.

Congressman Bourke Cockran has been invited and will address the literary societies of the University of Virginia at their final joint celebration in June. Messrs. Hobbogood & Cannon, of Pitt county, Va., has a car of potatoes, together with a powerful spring, the outfit of which the net proceeds from their sales amounted to \$1,628.14.

There are 8 native Syrians in Winston, N. C. They are Catholics who fled from the persecutions of Mohammedans in their native country. They do a small mercantile business. The shipping of persimmon wood from Washington county, N. C., seems to be quite an enterprise. The wood is shipped to Philadelphia, where it is used for making shoe lasts. This wood is the hardest and most valuable of all native woods.

Mountain lake, a large elevated inland body of water in Giles county, Va., is reported to be rapidly disappearing. It is believed that a hole has burst through the bottom and that it is rapidly being drained. This lake was originally formed by a powerful spring, the outlet of which was dammed up by a cliff, and it is thought that this has been opened again, allowing the water to escape in the old way. It is one of the most popular resorts in Southwest Virginia.

Killed the Postmaster. BRUNSWICK, VA.—T. T. Kirk, Postmaster at Giles, Marion county, was shot and killed in a street duel at that place by "Dock" Sides. The killing was the result of an old feud. One of Sides' brothers was wounded in the fight. Kirk was one of the leading citizens of the place and respected by all.

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FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

In the Senate.

45th DAY.—A bill was discussed to appropriate the improvements made by actual settlers upon the public lands, holding in good faith under the United States, in the Desquena and Cosumnes rivers in California.—The Car Coupler bill was passed by a vote of thirty-nine to ten.

46th DAY.—The Senate refused to take up the bill to admit Nevada as a State, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Territories. The bill to amend the act relating to the charter of the State and to amend the act relating to the charter of the University was passed.

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Verdict of Manslaughter.

DANVILLE, VA.—The case of J. T. Clifton, indicted for the murder of R. T. Moffett, was concluded in the Hustings Court after a ten days' trial.

The jury, which was brought here from Lynchburg to try the case, rendered a verdict of manslaughter, fixing the punishment at five years in the penitentiary. Moffett, having been the filibuster leader and editor of a Prohibition paper, it has been charged in Church and Prohibition papers that his murder was the result of a conspiracy. Counsel was employed by the friends of the deceased to assist the prosecution. Counsel on both sides said in their speeches that nothing in the evidence showed any conspiracy and that it was merely a personal matter—only a fight between two men in which one was killed.

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He Will Have No Mystery.

LAKEWOOD, N. J.—Mr. Cleveland made his first official Cabinet announcement and here it is:

Secretary of State—Walter Q. Gresham of Illinois. Secretary of the Treasury—John G. Carlisle of Kentucky. Secretary of War—Daniel S. Lamont of New York.

Postmaster-General—Wilson S. Bissell of New York. Secretary of Interior—Hoke Smith of Georgia. Mr. Cleveland also said that he would announce the names of the members of his Cabinet as soon as he had selected them and received letters of acceptance and permission to make the names public.

He also said that he did not see any reason for making a mystery of the names of his Cabinet officers until he presented the list to the Senate.

Millions of Spindles Idle. LONDON, (Cablegram)—More of the master cotton spinners of Lancashire have given notice if they are willing to act in union with the Master Cotton Spinners' Federation, and cease work in order to prevent those of their employes who belong to the opera levee's union from aiding those who are on a strike against the 5 per cent. reduction in wages proposed by the Federation.

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