

NEWS AND COMMENT.

The Weather.

Indications for North Carolina—Rain; stationary temperature; northerly gales. The new American Cabinet is spoken of with unfeigned regret by all the English Liberal papers.

The United States pays \$900,000 a year for its weather service, Great Britain \$80,000, Germany \$6,000, Russia \$65,000, Austria \$10,000, Switzerland \$6,000 and France \$60,000. And though no European nation attempts to do as much as we do, or takes general observations more than once a day, the percentage of verification of predictions is rising there, which is hardly the case in this country.

It is once more reported from Washington that the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, of the New York Tribune, is to be appointed minister to England; field marshal Murrat Halsted, of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, to France, and Col. Jno. C. New, of the Indianapolis Journal, to Austria.

The excitement on the Pacific coast over the discovery of new gold fields is simply intense. Old miners say that the new mines equal in richness the discoveries of 1849. One miner panned 2,000 in two days. A Mexican took \$1,500 in two days from a space eight feet square. Rich quartz is daily being discovered and expert miners expect to find very rich leads when the snow disappears.

Two thousand more weavers were added to the four thousand already on a strike at Fall River yesterday. The State Board of Arbitration have thus far failed to conciliate with the strikers. Everything is peaceful, and indications favor the strikers at present.

The Southern Atlantic Telegraph Company, of Baltimore, has been incorporated by Jos. R. Poard, J. Glenn Pitts, Edward C. Platt and Hiram Smith, of New York. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000, divided into 500 shares of \$100 each, and the incorporators are named as directors for the first year.

Joe Howard has good horse sense. He says: "Of all professions that of a writer most compels men to rely upon themselves. No rich father can make a man a successful writer. No circle of influential friends can impart to a man suggestive brains, felicitous phrases or facile hands. These things are born, not bought."

One hundred and thirty out of one hundred and forty of Gen. Harrison's old Indiana regiment have applied for offices. What the other ten are doing is not stated, but it is supposed that they either hold office now, or are mad because the General did not give them a place in his Cabinet.

Magruder Fletcher, a negro who assaulted a Mrs. Macready at Tasley, Virginia, was taken from the jail by a body of masked men numbering upwards of seventy-five and hanged to a tree. His body was also pierced with bullets. The public upholds the act.

Mrs. Langtry is now Mrs. Frederick Gebhard. At least that is the whisper that got abroad in New York on Monday, and it is also stated that the marriage ceremony was performed in New York city on Tuesday, March 5.

The supreme court of West Virginia has decided that Carr, the Senate president, has no just claim for the governorship. Gov. Wilson will hold over until the courts decide the issue between Goff and Fleming.

Indiana boasts that it produces more hogs than any other State. No one would deny that statement after seeing the number of Indiana politicians at Washington.

Ex-President Cleveland, in company with ex-secretaries Bayard, Dickinson and Vilas and their wives, will soon start on a short pleasure trip to Cuba.

The reduction in the wages of the employees in the Schuylkill Valley rolling mills still continues. Most of the men have accepted the reduction.

Queen Victoria has approved the appointment of Sir Julian Pauncefote as British Minister to the United States.

Ex-President Cleveland has been elected a member of the New York Bar Association. The vote was unanimous.

Virgil Jackson was hanged at Utica, N. Y., yesterday morning for the murder of Norton Metcalf last January.

The majority against the prohibition amendment in New Hampshire will exceed 5,000.

Ex-secretary Endicott and wife will spend the winter in Europe.

LAI'D TO REST.

AMID THE LIVE OAKS OF ST. LAURENCE CEMETERY.

The Very Heavens Wept When the Body of Francis Warrington Dawson Was Consigned to Its Last Earthly Abode.

From the Charleston News and Courier of yesterday we take the following excerpts relating to the last act in a bitter tragedy that has brought to South Carolina the loss of its greatest and best friend—Francis W. Dawson, soldier, scholar and statesman:

The death of Capt. F. W. Dawson, soldier, scholar and patriot, was one of the events which rise eminently above the common plane of the history of Charleston and South Carolina, his beloved city, his beloved State. Born of a glorious nation, a self-made exile from his native soil, he, through that indomitable energy and spirit and evident affection for the land of his new love, became a son of its sons, a Carolinian, yielding to none in reverence for the mother in his adoption, and brooking no rivalry in the intensity and beauty in which that love was so oft expressed.

The casket was borne into the Cathedral by the pall-bearers and deposited immediately in front of the chancel, in which were Bishop Northrop, who conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Quigley, the Rev. P. L. Duffy, the Rev. Father Schachte, the Rev. Father Kelly, the Rev. Father Shaver, the Rev. Father Wendenlof, the Rev. Father Hooman, the Catholic churches of the city being fully represented at the services. Bishop John Moore, of Florida, was present in the sanctuary.

The journey to the grave at St. Laurence cemetery was slow and the laudation of the "illustrious man," as Capt Dawson has been well termed, was eventually laid to rest in his family burying ground.

With the solemn thoughts produced by the recent scenes at the Pro-Cathedral and the ever present feelings of profound sorrow as the procession passed under the dripping trees, the beautiful idea came almost unbidden that these grand old trees "were dewy with nature's tear drops."

The shades of the evening were fast thickening as the attendants disposed the lovely garlands and emblems upon the grave of Capt Dawson. One tribute alone was taken away by Mrs. Dawson—the crown of immortelles—the gift of his old army comrades who fought with him and would have died for him.

And so the earth has closed above one who was laid upon his mother's bosom in the fulness of the autumn of his life, beloved, admired, respected and idolized at home, in his native State, and rich in the virtues of a name highly prized and honored wherever it was known—Capt Francis Warrington Dawson.

Hold him tenderly in your heart, where he has been laid, South Carolina, that he served so well, and loved so truly. It is an honored charge that has been committed to your keeping. You owe him much that can never be repaid. The praises that are now everywhere linked with his name reach not his ears to quicken the pulses they would have thrilled into glorious life only a few hours ago. Remember him always as you remember him to-day. And let the legend be inscribed where it will be read of all men, for all time, that in the darkest years of her history, in the most troubled and dangerous period of the life of the State, South Carolina had no son from whom she demanded more or received more without stint or thought of recompense than from the brave, patient, Christian soldier and citizen who sleeps in St. Laurence—Captain Francis Warrington Dawson.

THE MURDERER. Dr. Thomas Ballard McDow was born in Camden, Kershaw county, thirty-six years ago. He was primarily educated in his native county, and at a matriculating age entered the Cumberland university, at Lebanon, Tennessee. There he pursued a course of medical study, and graduated with the first honor of his class in 1874.

Subsequently he came to Charleston and became a student at the medical college of the State of South Carolina, in which he was graduated with considerable merit, being the valedictorian of his class, composed of bright material. His standing in the college entitled him on graduation to a position as one of the physicians of the city hospital, and there he served until his term expired. Afterwards he established himself in this city, and has been practicing here ever since, and was getting into professional business. Some years ago he married the only daughter of Mr. C. D. Ahrens, the well-to-do retired grocery merchant on King street. One child is the result of the marriage.

He is about five feet seven inches in height, and weighs probably 130 pounds. He is a brunette and has features somewhat strongly marked—the nose being slightly inclined to Roman. He wears a deep brown moustache, cut close to his lip. His manner is decided, and not without the graces of good origin and good culture.

He is a son of Dr. R. S. McDow, who is a practicing physician of Lancaster, in this State. His attire is in keeping with taste and professional requirements.

THE EXAMINATION AND THE VERDICT.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 14.—The inquest in Capt. Dawson's case began and concluded this morning, solicitor Jervey, of the judicial circuit, assisting at the examination proceedings. Notwithstanding a dreaching rain the examination attracted a great crowd of spectators. Four witnesses were examined. Policeman Gordon, to whom Dr. McDow, the prisoner, surrendered, testified to that fact, and related a conversation with the prisoner while en route to the station house. The only material statement is that the prisoner admitted the killing of Dawson. G. W. Harper, a colored hackman, testified that he was on the opposite side of the street when Dawson entered McDow's office; that after the shooting he heard the words, "You said you would take my life; now, I have taken yours." Harper testifies that a colored woman, a vender of peanuts, was peeping through the window and that McDow's cook, Emma Drayton, came to the gate and ordered her away. Moses Johnson, McDow's coachman, testified and denied all knowledge of the killing. He heard a shot in the Doctor's

office and was ordered by Dr. McDow's wife to investigate the cause, but swore he did not go. Emma Drayton, the cook, also denied any knowledge of the affair, except as to hearing a pistol shot. She denied a great deal of Moses Johnson's testimony; also the testimony of policeman Gordon and the hack driver Harper. A woman named Jane Mitchell was arrested on suspicion of being the pennant vendor seen at McDow's office window. She was not identified by Harper.

The testimony developed nothing new. Dr. McDow having declined to make a statement before the jury a verdict was rendered as follows: "That the deceased, Capt. F. W. Dawson, came to his death from gun-shot wounds inflicted by a gun in the hands of Dr. T. B. McDow, and that Moses Johnson, colored, is an accessory before the fact."

Taken From Jail by a Masked Mob and Hanged.

TASLEY, Va., March 14.—The negro, Magruder Fletcher, who criminally assaulted Mrs. Obadiah Macready several days ago was lynched about 3 o'clock to-day by a party of about seventy-five men. Jailer Samuel Metzow was aroused about 1 o'clock by a party of men who demanded the keys of the jail. Metzow refused to give them up. He was told that if he did not his house would be burned, but still he refused. Deputy sheriff Benj. L. Metzow, who had been awakened by the commotion came to the scene and told the jailer that he had better hand over the keys, which he did. The lynchers went to the cell of Fletcher and told him he was wanted. He was at once released and was carried out. He made no demur whatever. The doors of the jail were fastened by the lynchers and the keys turned over to the jailer. The negro was then hurried off and hung to the limb of a pine tree on the edge of the road about one and a half miles from here. He was cut down about 9 o'clock by magistrate Higgins and a coroner's inquest was held. A verdict was rendered that Fletcher came to his death by being strangled and shot by persons unknown to the jury. Fletcher had four bullet holes in him. His neck was not broken. It is supposed that this was done prior to the hanging. Fletcher was a stout man of about twenty-five years of age and very black. The public approves of the lynching. Mrs. Macready's husband came home yesterday. She is in a very bad condition and is almost crazed.

Speculation Yesterday Among the Bulls and Bears of Wall Street.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The stock market to-day was weak. It turned entirely upon the course of St. Paul. The unusual strength shown in that stock, rallied the list, when the bears seemed to have everything in their hands. The street knows now, if it did not before, that there is a powerful pool behind St. Paul, and a sensation was made by the simultaneous use of St. Paul, which ran up as high as 1/8 per cent. per day, with 1/4 asked. The operation was extremely exasperating to the bears, and threats of boycotting the stock were heard on all hands, which, however, may be taken for what they are worth. At the opening this morning, the feeling was very bearish among traders, and some selling by London encouraged further drives against the list, with grangers and coal stocks as special objective points. In St. Paul and Reading the aggregate transactions ran up to large figures, but in neither, was the impression made equal to the efforts put forth, and shortly before noon a squeeze was begun which resulted in rallying the entire list. Although covering was believed to be entirely from covering shorts, the pressure however, was sufficient to advance St. Paul 1/4, and others in proportion. When the bears thought they detected inland selling, and when the pressure was lifted somewhat, selling prices went back. Vanderbilt stocks were weak features in the afternoon, and Lake Shore steadily sagged off, and at the close was materially lower than last evening. Louisville and Nashville on foreign selling was specially weak. There was less movement among specialties than usual of late, but Pullman and Perry coal were lower, and Denver, Texas and Ft. Worth and Denver and Rio Grande were higher. The news of the day was entirely of a negative character, and had little influence one way or the other. Among final changes Chattanooga rose, but others are, with few exceptions, fractionally lower, while Lake Shore yielded 1/8, and Louisville and Nashville 1/8. Sales aggregated 231,000 shares.

A Victim in His Own Folly.

ATLANTA, March 14.—A Mason special to the Constitution says: "Jno. L. Adams, the faster, died last night in his sleep. He had been sleeping peacefully when the watchers by his bedside noticed a cessation of breathing, and on examination Adams was found to be dead. He had been conscious to-day, but spoke but little, and then in a whisper so faint that it could scarcely be heard. He had entered upon his twenty-seventh day of fasting, and, but for the great mental pressure upon him, might have lasted several days longer. He was greatly emaciated."

Gov. Wilson Holds Over.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 14.—The supreme court met this afternoon and in the gubernatorial question between Carr, president of the State Senate, and Governor Wilson, decided that Carr had no ground upon which to take the office of Governor. This gives Wilson the chair until the contest will have been settled between Goff and Fleming.

MORE FRENCH DUELS.

Lively Proceedings in the Chamber of Deputies Yesterday.

PARIS, March 14.—In the Senate to-day M. Nauquet said that he would not defend himself from the charges that had been brought against him in connection with the Patriotic League. First, because he knew that the Chamber had condemned him beforehand, and second, because the party to which he belonged never appealed except to universal suffrage. He dilated upon his services in the Republican cause and expressed confidence in the integrity of the judges who are to try him. The Senate by a vote of 213 to 58 sanctioned the prosecution of Nauquet.

In the Chamber of Deputies M. Arens amid noisy interruptions from the members of the Right, read the report of the commission which was appointed to consider the charges against Laguerre, Loisons and Tarquet. The report favored the prosecution of the accused deputies. Sevaistre declared that the proposal showed the imbecility of its authors. For this remark Sevaistre was severely censured by the President of the Chamber. Laguerre then addressed the Chamber. He averred that his party intended to prosecute its campaign pacifically and legally. He would not appeal to the Chamber, whose verdict was immaterial, but to the country which supported the Patriotic League. He denied that the League was a secret society. The real conspirators were those who rebelled against universal suffrage. This clique had seized the government but universal suffrage would have the last word. Persecution and violence would only hasten the hour when the country disgusted and indignant would expect redress from the Chamber. (Applause from the Right.) The report of the committee maintained that the Patriotic League was a secret society. Referring to the fact that Boulanger recently dined with the Duchess Duze he expressed surprise that men calling themselves Republicans should form a part of the Pretorian guard of the Faubourg St. Germain. Boulanger rose and crossing his arms, declared during which Thiess was censured for apostrophizing the President. Paul DeCassagnac defied the Chamber to prosecute Boulanger. The debate was closed—316 to 214. The Chamber then by a vote of 334 to 227, authorized the government to prosecute the accused deputies. The sitting was then adjourned. As a result of the heated debate duels are imminent between Arens and Provost Delaunay, Bordeaux and DeCassagnac, and Pichou and Laguerre.

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ASHEVILLE SEWERS.

Nearly Eight Miles of the Line Completed—Delay in Receiving Pipe, Etc.

A CITIZEN reporter saw contractor Jacoby of the Asheville sewerage system last evening, and in reply to the query, "How are you getting on with the work?" that gentleman said: "Fairly well, considering the numerous delays we have met with regarding the shipment of the smaller sizes of pipe to be used in the line. These delays have caused us no little trouble, and we have not been able to employ that number of hands sufficient to push operations ahead as fast as we had desired to do. The pipe we are now using is that of the twenty-inch measurement, and can only be laid in certain places; whereas, if the other sizes were on hand all the work could be going forward at the same time. The South Main, Haywood and Depot street lines have been completed with the exception of about half a day's work on the latter street. This will be finished the moment the city authorities obtain the right of way through certain premises which they have heretofore been unable to secure.

"We are now at work on the North Main street section, which was commenced at the outflow, nearly two miles from the city. Pipe has been laid on this line to within a short distance of the city limits, except at one place where the rock deposit is very hard and in immense quantities. We would also have been much farther advanced on this section had the smaller pipe been on hand ready to work in. If we even had this pipe now we could get along much faster than we are doing.

"At the branch twenty-inch vitrified pipe to the amount of seven hundred feet has been laid, and about one hundred feet of cast-iron pipe has been placed where the vitrified article, if used, would prove insufficient to the demands made upon it. Iron pipe has also been laid in locations naturally shallow and where the other article would be of no service.

"About eight miles of sewer pipe has been laid up to the present time, and every length of pipe, every elbow, every 'Y,' and every joint has been critically examined and passed upon by inspectors Murray and Troy. These gentlemen have pronounced the work to have been executed in a thorough workmanlike and satisfactory manner. The system we have laid in Asheville will compare most favorably with that of larger cities, and I am satisfied that no trouble will ever be experienced as to its thorough safety and operation."

The work is indeed excellent, and from present prospects the system will be completed about the tenth of May. Mr. Jacoby, the contractor, is a gentleman of long and varied experience in sewerage work, having put down systems in some of the largest cities of the North, each one giving entire satisfaction in every particular. He predicts that the Asheville sewerage will be almost as perfect as can be, when he completes the work, and from what we see and hear, we believe that it will be just as he says.

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A Curious Philosophical Puzzle.

We have seen what is to us, a very remarkable and puzzling arrangement, which will interest any small boy or girl, who will follow our directions.

Take a good sized cork, and stick into its sides, opposite to each other, two forks so that the handle of each will hang down in the same direction. Then insert a common pin into the end of the cork, about half of the pin's length. Then take an empty bottle, get another cork to fit it, and pass a No. 5 needle through it, so that the point and about half of the length of the needle will protrude. Put the last cork into the bottle, with the needle point upward; then see if you can balance the pin, supporting the other cork and the two forks, on top of the needle's point.

You will be surprised, as we were, to see how easily this can be done. The bottle can be carried from place to place without disturbing the forks, which will spin around on their fine pivot without danger of falling.

Wide Awake.

Is the title of an excellent magazine issued monthly for boys and girls. The sample copy, which has been kindly furnished us, is full of good, beautiful reading, just such as our little folks should be encouraged to use. None of our sensational, trashy, blood and thunder dime novel about it.

It is well named, too, if we may judge from Mr. D. Lothrop, one of its publishers. He is certainly not dozing by any means. His house, D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, we know to be prominent in the business, but yet we were amazed at his statement, that they issued ten thousand volumes per day, or three million annually. This seems incredible, but we will accept Mr. Lothrop's invitation to visit him, and on our return, tell you whether or not he is humbugging us. In the meantime, young friends, take Wide Awake.

Visitors in Asheville.

Never before in the history of the city, at the same season of the year, has the number of visitors been so large. They are here from almost every State in the Union while not a few are from Canada and other lands foreign to our own. Every hotel in the city is packed and jammed, and the private boarding houses are liberally patronized. The visitors come singly and in families, old and young, rich and poor; all eager to breathe that air which means to them renewed vigor, health and strength—aye, life itself. The gates of Asheville stand wide ajar, and a welcome, warm and true, awaits every pilgrim to the shrine of health, fanned by gentle zephyrs from the balsam-tipped peaks of a thousand mountains, and bathed in the sunlight from the bluest skies above.

Attention, Young Men.

All young men interested in the proposed Young Men's Christian Association are earnestly requested to attend the meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the French Broad Baptist church, as delegates are to be chosen to represent the proposed association at the State convention to be held at Wilmington, N. C., March 21 to 24. A full attendance is desired.

The New Passenger Depot.

We understand that the authorities of the Western North Carolina Railroad will open to the public their new passenger depot this week. This is, indeed, most gratifying intelligence, and will do much to promote the comfort of travelers, and give them a favorable first impression of Asheville.

The Dime Sociable.

Given by the Ladies' Aid Society, of the French Broad Baptist church, at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Fagg, this evening, should be liberally patronized, as the objects for which it was gotten up are of the worthiest character. Attend the sociable.

Postoffice Changes.

By the resignation of Mr. B. M. Jones, Mr. Frank Saunders takes charge of the registered letter and money order department, and Mr. W. R. Patterson succeeds Mr. Saunders as general delivery clerk. Mr. Jones has accepted a position with the electric street railway company as book-keeper.

Sun's Cotton Report.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The Sun's cotton article says: "Futures opened dull and soon declined slightly from the absence of demand, although Liverpool was reported dearer, but receipts at ports were pretty full, discouraging speculation for a rise. After the second call, however, when an advance in spot cotton was quoted, the early decline was recovered. Stocks in this market are much depressed by free exports. Speculation was slow at recovery, and there were hardly any dealings except in June and August. The close was dull."

Ten or Twelve Killed.

PITTSBURG,