ALL KINDS.

The Mississippi flood's still con-One of the Quickest Courtships and We tinue, and gloomy forecasts from the Weather Bureau fill the hearts of the sufferers with sorrow The Delta ever heard of," remarked the charmof the Mississippi River, the richest ing and accomplished New York land in the world, that none but the drummer, to a crowd of ordinary wealthy can own and where it pays drummers, "took place on a Baltito raise cotton at 5 cents a pound, more and Ohio train in the state of is under water and the inhabitants fly- West Virginia about three years ing for their lives, abandoning their ago, and I was a witness to it. I was property. Helena where many emi coming through from the west, and grated to from North Carolina is somewhere in the neighborhood of threatened by the flood.

be one of the complications of ap- about 40 years old and had every pointment politics. First we hear appearance of thrift and widowhood that Fitz Lee is about to resign and in a long established condition. She come home. Then that President had with her a boy of about 14, who McKinley wants him to continue in was her son. She was garrulous and the Diplomatic service, then that friendly as some women sometimes Judge William S. Day, of Ohio is to are, and it wasn't long until she was take the place of Gen. Fitz Lae as asking me all manner of questions. Gonsul General to Havana, then She was talking along at 40 miles an that he is appointed as legal adviser hour, and at one of the stations about to General Lee to conduct the Dr. 20 miles west of Cumberland a man, Ruiz investigation, and the latest is who would have been considered an that Colonel John S. Mosbey, the excellent match for the woman, famous Confederate Guerilla is to came in and sat down across the be appointed in place of Lee, so its aisle from the lady and myself. I all mystery yet.

The town of Lumberton, in Robeson county was visited by a destructive fire last week, the loss esti- speaking out of the clouds. mated at \$90,000, insurance \$30,-000. It wipes out nearly the whole of the business part of the town We sympathize with Lumberton, and altho it has always been a terra incognita to us, we long felt an in- though she was apparently still erners visited was the cyclorama of terest in it as the home of McDiar- talking to me. Just as the whistle the battle of Gettysburg. The old mid, our personal friend, the editor sounded for Cumberland the man soldier did not make any comment of the Robesonian, and one of the arose and came over to us, stopping, on it. When the two came out of most useful citizens in that part of with his hands resting on the back the building and were on their way the State, who added to the sum of of the seat the woman occupied and down town, the lawyer inquired: human happiness by his extraordin on the back of mine. ary hilarity, now alas! gone to the "'Excuse me, ma'am,' he said, think of it?" "happy hunting grounds" where he loud enough to be heard above the "What did I think of it?" said the will be welcomed for the health and noise of the train, so there might be general, coming to a standstill and happiness which he so abunbantly no mistake, 'but what might your striking a defiant attitude. "Let bestowed upon men.

Richmond Pearson the M. C., of the Bumcombe District of North Caro lina, and a son of the "old Chief" who to the lustre of legal learning your'n, I reckon, but I s'pose it added the eccentricity of genius, is happy. He increased the duty on Mica in the late tariff bill, by his strenuous efforts, and as he says in his speech, had "given the means had ever witnessed, and the dead of livelihood to more than 100,000 men and women in his State." The ner of both the strangers impressed Hon. M.C. is a gentleman and a me so that I turned fully around to scholar, and has inherited some of hear what the woman would reply his father's force and genius, but he to this apparently irrelevant, not to is a bitter hater and hates the Dem- say silly, question. ocratic party with the bitterness of 'Indeed I'm sure I don't know, an anos'tate and a deserter. Had he she said, looking him square in the the patience to wait, he would have eyes, 'but I reckon it ain't 'cause amounted to much, but with his you never asked me to.' present incongruous political associations he never can.

The leading question in politics now is-who'll get the pie, varied occasionally by a congratulation of the lucky dog that got the pie. North Carolina is very conspicuous at the pie counter and the death of Judge Seymour has demoralized the whole Republican bench of North Carolina from Governor Russel and Cheif Justice Faircloth to the tail end of the circuit bench, the Irish Judge Robinson and the fool Judge Timberleg, and they are all supplicants at the footstool of the well when inditing or preserving soon found that she had a real blood smallest United States Senator that these missives to remember the remedy at last. She says: "After takever represented North Carolina, but moral of an incident which happenwho, in the upheaval of politics, has ed a week or two ago. A youthful perfectly well, my skin is clear been put in to a white apren and philatelist received permission from been made chief butler at the pie his father to sell or exchange a num- dollars. Instead of drying up the poison counter, and who, if he were a true ber of old postage stamps he had in my system, like the potash and man and not an ingrate would give discovered in a lumber room. The arsenic, S.S.S. drove the disease out Harry Skinner the judicial pie.

attractive, distinguished and intel- get a better price for them. The lectual bill of fare at her next Com- boy adhered so strictly to this rule Eczema, Rheumatism Contagious Blood mencement exercises. If it cannot that he gave the letters he found in overhaul the University in the pres- some of the old envelopes into the tige of age and distinguished sons, bargain. Two days afterward a lady real blood remedy. and if each new assault only streng informed the papa that the whole thens the popular hold upon, the town was reading, with intense invenerable center of education, it terest, some letters he had written holds it an even hand in the multi- before his marriage to his present tude and accomplishments of its wife. Notwithstanding the frantic speakers at the commencement ban- efforts made by the composer of the quet. Mat. Ransom, one of the most love lyrics, they were not returned, graceful and acomplished prators in and there is no knowing but what the whole country, will address the they may turn up some of these Literary Societies. Mr. Justice days in a neat "Guide to the Writing Clark, who wears the laurel wreath of Love Letters." — Westminster of historical learning, speaks to the Budget. Law Department. Rev. Mr. Savage addresses the Alumnic, and Dr. F. C. McConnill addresses the Gradua- is stated, 200,000 machinists, 10,000 ting Class. So the University had toolmakers, 25,000 boiler makers, better crack its whip or it will get 10,000 pattern makers, 750,000 car-

Three Cheers for old Gates county! We always thought it was a great bld county and that its soil was peculiarly adapted to the growth of distinguished men, but we never motive engineers and firemen, 50,thought it would reach the distinction of giving birth to the oldest man in the United States. But here he is-Noah Raby- and we found him in our exchanges last week. He is only 125 years old. We reckon he is the oldest Gates county man alive. Raby is a Gates name to this day, and Whit Lane of this town, who was born near the Gates line 70 years ago, says there were Rabys living near the "Honey Pots," in Gates County when he was a boy Here he is. Let our Gates friends real it and follow Noah's example:

"Noah Raby will celebrate his one hu: dred and twenty-fifth birthday to day at the Piscataway township poorhouse, near New Brunswick, N. J. People from all of the surrounding country will call to pay him a visit. He claims to have been born in Gates county North Carolina, April 1, 1772. His father was an Indian. He says he once heard Washington speak and remembers well the war of the Revolution."

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"The quickest marriage tie up Deer Park a very comely and wholesome looking mountain woman got The Havana Consulship seems to aboard. She was, I should judge, thought at first he was going to. Already some sensible people keep mingle in the conversation, but he did not, though he listened to the woman as if she were an angel

"Naturally the woman doesn't live who could stand that sort of eral John B. Gordon, the ex-Confedsilent adoration business, and it was erate, was entertained by a well not long until she was really talking known lawyer, who showed him the across the aisle to the newcomer, sights. One of the places the south-

name be?

" 'Well,' she responded pertly and with a blush of some inner consciousness of what was in the mind of the man, 'it might be the same as

"'Why ain't it?' he inquired nerv-

"It was the oddest performance I earnestness in the voices and man-

"Thereupon he asked her to, plump and without any circumlocutien, and she accepted him, even before she knew what her name was to be and before he knew what name she was giving up for his. Before the preliminaries were concluded the train had stopped at the station, and with a short goodby to me they hurried away up town to find a preacher to tie the knot thus strangely and quickly tangled on the train."-Washington Star.

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Gordon's Comment.

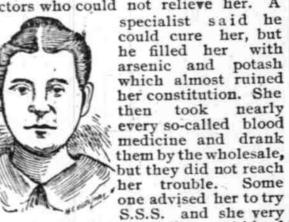
On a recent visit to Boston, Gen--"Well, general, what did you

them paint Bull Run!"

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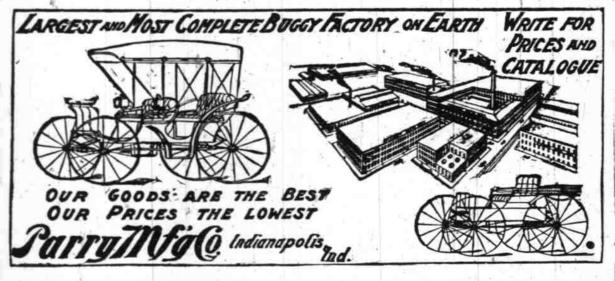
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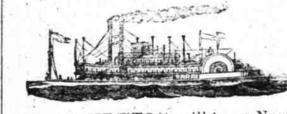
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