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The Value of Constancy.  
The constant drop of water,  
Wears away the hardest stone;  
The constant gnaw of lowlier  
Masticates the toughest bone;  
The constant cooling liver  
Carries off the blushing maid;  
And the constant advertiser  
Is the one who gets the trade.

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**FOR SALE**—There are no finer Black Minorcas in America than mine. Will set a few eggs at \$1.50 for 14. I stock alone cost 2.50 per doz from southern son of "orthly's "bandy," the great prize winner. Hens Northern strain.—D. Baxter Henderson. 13 11

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## THE Merchants and Farmers National Bank, OF CHARLOTTE.

Accounts both large and small solicited  
Interest paid on time deposits.

We want your patronage.

J. H. McADEN, President.

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## Great Southern Detective Agency,

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All legitimate detective work done  
well at reasonable rates. Best of refer-  
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## The Model Restaurant

is the place to get a good hot dinner for 25c Fresh fish and oysters always on hand.

**Hamilton & Link**  
No. 221 West Trade Street.

## Topics Talked of Around the Town.

The Four C's company have moved into their handsome new offices over Fitzsimons' drug store. Mr. Frank P. Milburn, the architect, has moved into the offices just vacated by the Four C's, which have been improved, and the front has been repainted.

The greenhouses at Dilworth are very attractive these fine days when it seems that the flowers growing under glass should be blooming in the open.

Mr. Bush, by the way, will soon have ripe bananas grown on his own trees, and will treat his friends to a taste of the fruit. He will not raise bananas for market, however.

The clang of the auctioneer's bell is a familiar sound about the square, and sonorous voice of the auctioneer, as he alternately coaxes and "coaxes" the crowd of bidders mixes with the hum of the street cars and carriages. The bidding is not usually very spirited, and it takes all the force of the auctioneer's lungs to stir up the crowd.

Manager Nicholson, who has been with Talmage fifteen years, says the greatest crowd that ever greeted the noted pulpit orator filled the vast auditorium at Chicago when he opened his course of lectures there the 21st of January. 6,182 reserved seats were sold, and then the box office had to be closed with hundreds still in line, clamoring for tickets.

The Raleigh News and Observer's account of Talmage's lecture there this week is finely written, a really exceptional piece of work. It is in the striking style of Mr. W. E. Christian, one of the ablest writers in the State, and though it is unsigned bears his stamp unmistakably.

The "bird-law" has expired in most of the near by counties, and the hunter must go to Lincoln to indulge in the sport of shooting partridges. Quail on toast is not yet entirely prohibited, though it is becoming something of a rarity. The bird-law expired in Mecklenburg some time ago. A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to prohibit hunting in this county without the consent of the owners of the land. The land owners have heretofore been compelled to post their land to prevent the encroachments of hunters.

## TIE IN THE SENATE. PROHIBIT CIGARETTES

### ON THE N. C. RAILROAD LEASE BILL THIS AFTERNOON.

**Special Order for Next Friday.**—To increase State Grand Appropriation.—To prohibit Sale of Liquor Outside of Towns.

Special to The News.  
**RALEIGH, Feb. 19.**—In the House today a bill was introduced to prohibit the sale of liquor outside of incorporated towns.

Mr. Hancock today introduced a bill to increase the appropriation to the State Guard from \$6,000 to \$17,000 per annum, and the appropriation to individual companies from \$100 to \$200. The appropriation to the Guard was cut down by the former legislature.

### LOCAL TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS.

The bill introduced at the request of leading educators to stimulate local taxation for public schools was passed today. It is on the order of the local taxation bill passed by the last General Assembly, and allows communities to tax themselves for the maintenance of public schools.

The bill to take Vance county out of the Eastern Criminal circuit was passed today.

The bill to repeal the appropriation to the State University was unfavorably reported by the committee today.

### LEASE BILL IN THE SENATE.

In the Senate bills were introduced by Senator Grant to amend the election law; and to protect newspapers from libel suits if proper apology is made. The bill taking possession of the Atlantic and N. C. railroad was passed. The lease bill came over from the House today. A motion to refer it to the committee prevailed; ayes, 26; noes, 24. Opponents of the bill tried to make it a special order for Monday week; this was lost. The advocates of the bill moved to make it a special order for next Monday. The vote was a tie. Governor Reynolds voted against the motion. The bill was made a special order for next Friday. Opponents of the lease bill happily claim the victory and think it will be defeated. Earnhardt and Baker, Populists, voted to postpone action.

### SPELLING SCHOOL IN CONCORD.

**Toe the Mark on the Good Old Plan— Webster's "Blue-Back."**

Correspondence of The News.

**CONCORD, Feb. 23.**—In your issue of 22nd I notice article, "The Spelling Match," which strikes me as timely, sensible, and alas! too true. But there are bright exceptions! For your encouragement let me state that in the Concord high school the dear, old, time honored "blue-back" is in daily use, the last exercise of each afternoon being a lesson from its classic pages. And every student in the school, from those who are already beginning to plume their wings for a flight to collegiate halls the coming autumn to the youngest, is required to "toe the mark" and stand or fall on the good old plan.

We are proud of our "New South Club," but never more so than when they celebrated the occasion of the formal opening of their beautiful new rooms to the ladies of the town, by a general "spelling match," participated in by young and old—but it must be admitted that on that occasion, the wisdom of the high school teachers, in their present course, was most clearly demonstrated. Now let Charlotte no longer claim precedence in every good thing, but fall into line behind Concord in the use of the "blue-back."

### DUKE ON THE GRID-IRON.

**Admits That Four-Fifths of Tobacco Trust Stock is Water.**

By Telegram to The News.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 24.**—President Duke of the American Tobacco Company was before the trust investigators today. He admitted that the trust had control of the field, and said that was its object. Also stated that it was more arbitrary than other trusts. He admitted that the trust had control of tobacco dealers. Tomorrow the coal trust will be up. Mr. Duke admitted that four-fifths of the tobacco trust's stock was water.

## THE BILL PASSED THE HOUSE TODAY.

**Ransom May Succeed Judge Seymour**—Charter for Charlotte's New Bank—Another Arrington Investigating Committee.

Special to The News.  
**RALEIGH, Feb. 20.**—A bill was introduced in the House today to provide for a dispensary at Asheville.

The bill making it unlawful to sell or give away cigarettes in this State elicited a lively discussion today. The clause in the bill prohibiting the manufacture of cigarettes in the State was withdrawn.

Mr. Lusk, of Buncombe, offered an amendment to make the act apply only to minors. The vote on the amendment was: Yeas, 46; noes, 34.

The cigarette bill, as amended, passed its third reading.

### MRS. P. D. B.'S. COMMITTEE.

A "climber" put on the protest signed by the Democratic members of the House against the ruling of the Speaker last night was presented today.

The bill to give Mrs. P. D. B. Arrington a committee to investigate her wrongs; with McCaskey as chairman, passed the Senate by a close vote, ayes, 20; noes, 19.

### RANSOM FOR JUDGE.

It is reported here today on excellent authority that President Cleveland will at once appoint Hon. Matt. W. Ransom, minister to Mexico to succeed the late Judge A. W. Seymour as Judge of the Eastern District. Republicans here say the Senate will confirm the appointment.

The "Fellow Servants" bill was passed by the Senate unanimously today.

### CHARLOTTE'S NEW BANK.

The bill to incorporate the American Trust and Savings bank, to be located at Charlotte was passed by the Senate today.

### WILL IT BE HENRY?

The Press Visitor says: "Mr. W. R. Henry of Charlotte was last night nominated for the office of Judge of the eastern criminal court by the minority caucus. There was no opposition to Mr. Henry. Governor Russell may announce Mr. Henry's appointment tomorrow. It will be given out in a few days. The office is vacant, as Judge Meares' term expired when the legislature assembled."

### WAS JOHNSON'S BODY STOLEN?

**Croft Negroes Think So—News Notes and Personals.**

Correspondence of The News.

**CROFT, Feb. 23.**—The young ladies of Lantersville high school gave a concert last night in honor of Washington's birthday.

Tonight Mr. Wideman lectures in behalf of same charitable cause. A treat is anticipated, for Huntersville had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Wideman several years ago. Doubtless he will be greeted by a large audience.

Mr. Alex McAuley has been very sick for the past week.

Mr. Burwell Cashion is suffering from an attack of grippe. Mr. Cashion and Mr. McAuley are two of our oldest citizens, having resided in this community for more than a quarter of a century.

It is rumored among the colored people here that Monroe Johnson's body has been exhumed and stolen.

## HOUSER'S BILL

### TO MAKE A RADICAL CHANGE IN RAILROAD LAWS.

**Rolling Exposition Appropriation Cut Off \$5,000 Appropriation to the University Passed This Afternoon.**

Special to The News.  
**RALEIGH, Feb. 25.**—Representative Houser this morning introduced a bill to elect State Railroad Commissioners by popular vote, as other State officers are elected. The bill also gives the railway commissioners the right to prevent a reduction in the salaries of railway employes in this State. The bill fixes the railroad passenger rates at two cents a mile for second class fare and two and a half cents for first class fare. This is a radical reduction from the present rate.

### THE "ROLLING EXPOSITION" BILL.

The bill to appropriate \$2,500 to the "North Carolina Rolling Exposition," the special car being built by Ramsey and Moore, came up this morning. It was amended so that the appropriation is entirely cut off. The bill in commendation of the enterprise then passed all its readings.

### THE UNIVERSITY BILL.

The bill appropriating \$5,000 in addition to the regular appropriation to the State University provoked quite a little debate today. It was taken up in the House this afternoon. Representative Claude Dockery, of Richmond, spoke in favor of the bill, and Representative Bryan, of Chatham, is now speaking against it.

The University appropriation bill passed this afternoon.

### ARRESTED FOR HORSE-STEALING.

C. C. Campbell was liberated from the penitentiary today and at once arrested on a warrant charging him with horse stealing in Mecklenburg county.

### WORK TO BE BEGUN.

**At Once on Elizabeth College.— Committee Met Today.**

Mr. Nicholas Ittner, of Atlanta, the contractor who is to build Elizabeth College, is here today. He met here the architect, Mr. J. A. Dempwolf, of York, Pa., and the building committee, Rev. C. B. King, of Asheville, and Rev. C. L. T. Fisher, of Mount Pleasant.

They have been in conference at the Central most of the day, finally determining all the details of the building.

Mr. Ittner will begin work on the foundations at once, and the work will be rapidly prosecuted until the building is finished. The contract calls for its completion by September 20th, in time for the opening of the autumn session.

The contract between Mr. Ittner and the company was signed this morning.

Mr. Ittner is already here with his superintendent, and will this afternoon engage his engineer. The engineer begins work tomorrow morning; his work will be done under the supervision of Architect Dempwolf.

The committee and contractor drove out to the site this afternoon.

### CHARLOTTE CONVICT CAUGHT!

**He Escapes From Prison But Is Captured in Spartanburg.**

Yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock Chief of Police Vernon and Private McAbee arrested an escaped convict from Charlotte in Spartanburg. He is a negro and his name is Smith, says today's Herald.

Smith had just begun twelve months sentence on the chain gang for house breaking, when he succeeded in effecting his escape from prison, about two weeks ago. Yesterday about two hours before the arrest Chief Vernon received a communication from the North Carolina authorities giving an account of the escape and a full description of Smith. The chief and McAbee set out in quest of the convict and caught him near the Main street railroad crossing, ready to depart for Columbia. The Charlotte officers have been notified of Smith's apprehension, and it is probable that he will be brought back today.

### CLEVELAND TO VISIT HAVANA.

**GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 25.**—It is reported today that President Cleveland will visit Havana on Mr. Benedict's yacht, the "Oneida," early in April.

## SLAP AT RUSSELL.

### HIS WILMINGTON BILL DEFEATED TODAY.

**An Exciting Session—Bolting Populists See the Governor Regarding Appointments—Thirty Vacancies in University Trustees.**

Special to The News.  
**RALEIGH, Feb. 23.**—Today witnessed the most exciting scene of the session. The bill to change the charter of Wilmington was defeated amid the most intense excitement.

The bill was Russell's own measure, and its defeat is taken as a direct slap at the Governor. A number of Western Republicans voted against the bill. This shows the bitterness of the opposition to Russell.

A bill was introduced in the house today to establish another criminal court for the western part of the State.

It has been decided that no bills shall be introduced after March 1st. A bill was introduced today to reduce the bonds of sheriffs fifty per cent.

Governor Russell today sent a message to the Legislature announcing thirty vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the State University.

A committee of bolters, headed by Senator Cannon, called on Governor Russell at noon. They conferred with him regarding appointments.

The Governor said he would be pleased to appoint Theo. White, State Fish Commissioner. Mr. Walter Henry's name was not mentioned.

### HENRY MAY BE LEFT.

The bill providing for the regular appropriation, with an additional \$5,000, to the University passed all its readings today. The bill increasing the appropriation to the State Normal school to \$12,500 passed unanimously.

It is learned authoritatively that Russell has promised the eastern judgeship to Sutton, of Cumberland. Unless Henry is appointed, the bolters will break faith with the Republicans.

### DEATH OF CAPT. S. E. BELK

**The End Came Peacefully at 10 O'clock Last Night.**

The News Friday prepared its readers for the death of Capt. S. E. Belk, which was momentarily expected at the time the paper went to press. His death occurred a few minutes after 10 o'clock. He never regained consciousness. The body was prepared for burial that night and was removed from the deceased room in the Carr building to the A. R. P. church, where it remained until the time of burial.

Capt. Belk left an estate that is valued at about \$30,000. He left no will and his property will revert to his sister and brother, who live in Lancaster county. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the A. R. P. church. Rev. Dr. Chalmers officiated. The interment was in Elmwood.

The pallbearers were: Honorary—Judge A. Burwell, Sheriff Z. T. Smith, Capt. G. T. Bason, Mr. J. M. Morrow, Capt. W. E. Ardrey and Col. R. M. Oates.

Active—Messrs. L. Leon and W. R. Cochrane, Capt. T. L. Vail, Capt. J. R. Erwin, Capt. W. M. Stitt and Mr. W. R. Burwell.

The weather being so inclement it was impossible for many of the Confederate veterans from the county to attend the funeral. Those that were here met at the city hall at 3 o'clock and marched to the church in a body.

### ROAD BILL PASSED TODAY.

**To Take Possession of Mecklenburg's Road System.—Negroes Rebel.**

Special to The News.

**RALEIGH, Feb. 24.**—The bill creating a board of control to have charge of the convicts and roads of Mecklenburg county passed today.

### NEGROES IN REVOLT.

The negro Senators, Person and Henderson, have held up all the bills to change the management of State institutions. They announce that the negro must be recognized or the Democrats will be left in control. They say all legislation concerning patronage is blocked until this is settled.

## IS LEE'S SECRETARY

### THE CORRESPONDENT WHO SAID LEE WOULD RESIGN.

**Serious Breach of Diplomatic Custom—May Lead to Unpleasant Complications.**

By Telegram to The News.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.**—Considerable comment of an adverse character has been caused by the development of the fact that Stephen Bonsal, the Havana correspondent of the New York Herald, is private secretary of Consul General Lee. Mr. Bonsal, it will be remembered, has been cabling the Herald announcements of General Lee's resignation and assertion that he had asked for warships in Cuban waters and had been refused by the state department. The government officials regard Bonsal's conduct as highly incalculable and if it becomes known that Lee has been cognizant of the former, he will be criticised most severely.

Senator Hale, of Maine, and Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, are speaking against the resolution demanding Sanguilly's release. They are trying to prove that Sanguilly is not an American citizen.

### W. W. Clark to Succeed Seymour?

A telegram from Washington at four o'clock says: President Cleveland this afternoon sent to the Senate the nomination of W. W. Clark, of Newbern, to be Judge of the Eastern Federal District to succeed Judge A. S. Seymour, deceased.

### FEELING AGAINST SPAIN INTENSE.

**Allen Wants to Send War-Ships to Cuba at Once.—In the Senate Today, By Telegram to The News.**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.**—At a meeting of the foreign relations committee of the Senate today they resolved not to rescind their action on Cuban affairs but to insist upon Jose Sanguilly being freed.

Senator Morgan tried to push the resolution in the Senate this morning.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, spoke vigorously in favor of the adoption of his resolution to send warships to Cuba at once.

Then Senator Morgan brought up the Sanguilly case.

Secretary Olney's efforts to induce the foreign relations committee to rescind its report on the Sanguilly case shows how intense is the feeling against Spain in the Senate.

### FOR COURT HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

**Committee Met Today to Let the Contract—Decision Not Announced.**

A contest for the furnishings of the new court house is being waged today. Mr. D. P. Reamer, representing the Brunswick Balke Calendar Co., has his samples at the Central, and Mr. J. E. Reiley, of Charlotte, who represents the Grand Rapids Furniture Co., is displaying his at the Buford. The furnishings will consist of about 700 opera chairs, 200 plain chairs, 50 revolving chairs, judge's stand sofas, lounges, desks, bookcases, counters, settees. The building committee, which consists of Dr. J. H. McAden, Col. R. M. Oates, Capt. John R. Erwin and Mr. H. D. Stowe, will decide the contest.

The committee first examined Mr. E. M. Andrews' offer for such articles as chairs and tables and then went to the Buford to examine the display of the Grand Rapids Furniture Company. They then looked at the Brunswick Balke people's display at the Central. The committee's decision will not be known for several days yet.

### THREW OVER A \$50,000

**CITY OF MEXICO.**—The States Minister was selected some time ago in the Guatemala dispute. Owing to his wife and the many things he was staying much longer. The resignation of the States Minister was announced at an early date. I a fee of \$50,000 labor.

### SIX KILLED BY

By Telegram to The News.  
**LONDON, Feb. 25.**—In the extensive wo manufacture of the in Ayrshire, this persons employed i