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N. C. COLLEGE

AND MT. PLEASANT FEMALE SEMINARY

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF BOTH INSTITUTIONS.

MR. PERASANT, June 4th, 1890.—This, a fine day! Everybody caught on to the day; the church was crowded to its fullest capacity by the citizens of the town and numerous visitors. The programme for the exercises of the day is as follows:

1. SEMINARY EXERCISES.

PRAYER.  
MUSIC.  
German Salutory.—Miss Lelia W. Cox.

MUSIC.  
"Oriental Discoveries"—Miss Amanda Winecoff.

MUSIC.  
"Triumph of Truth, or the Life and Progress of the German Reformation"—Miss Janie Winecoff.

II. COLLEGE EXERCISES.

MUSIC.  
Address—"Socrates"—J. M. Cox.  
Address—"Fidelity of Purpose"—B. H. W. Runge.

Miss Cook's paper, owing to its language, was a little hard for your correspondent to understand; but German scholars pronounced it very finely written and rendered.

Miss Amanda Winecoff's essay was highly entertaining, picturing as she did many oriental scenes and relics, one imagined that he could almost see them.

Miss Janie Winecoff did herself great credit in the paper she rendered. Her manner of reading was almost perfect, and her essay showed great thought and knowledge of history.

J. M. Cook, though young, shows evidence of considerable talent and ability in studying the character and life of men. His address was one of the finest graduating speeches ever delivered at N. C. College and a measure of delivery was earnest and full of life. He evidently has "ambitions" much thought.

B. H. W. Runge displayed considerable talent and thought in his "Fidelity of Purpose." He acquitted himself well.

Prizes were then awarded to the young lady graduates, by Prof. Linn and to the young gentlemen by President Shirey. The total degrees were then conferred.

Medals were presented as follows: J. A. Suther, medal for best declamation; W. J. Boger, medal for oratory from the Seminary; Miss Nettie Mischelner was given a beautiful gold medal for the best essay; and Miss Grace Heilig a medal for the greatest improvement in music.

President Shirey, in his remarks to the young men, spoke feelingly of their duty to themselves, their country and to all.

After several announcements, Prof. Shirey closed another session of these institutions, and all testify that it was the most successful one for years, there having been enrolled thirty-six boys. The prospects for next year are bright, indeed.

The Concord String Band was with us. The music was enjoyed and highly complimented by all. Of this band Concord has reasons to feel proud.

Recognized his Captor.

At first sight, after an interval of twenty-eight and ten months a Federal soldier recognized Hutz Kabash, who lives just on this side of Forest Hill. In the battle of Gettysburg on July 1st 1863, the Confederate, Hutz Kabash, captured a Federal Soldier, James Scott, and an apple tree. Mr. Scott and Hutz Kabash up to a drink of Pennsylvania dew. Several months ago Mr. Scott came on a visit to his brother, Jas. K. Deaton, of this place. Near the factory Scott saw Kabash and at once exclaimed "Hello, you are the little rebel that captured me!" Kabash sized him up and answered, "Yes, at Gettysburg under an apple tree, and you gave me a drink of mean whiskey." Without malice, without uniforms, with out guns, but in the best of humor they shook each other's hands warmly and affectionately.

The Colored Fair.

The colored people of this county propose to have a Colored Fair Aug. 13, 14 and 15, and with a view to that, have rented the C. C. A. & M. fair grounds here, and have procured an organization. Whit Shanks is president, Geo. Shankle, vice president, Nelson Cunigan, treasurer and Jones Montgomery secretary. They will take immediate steps to advertise the enterprise, and make it a success. The colored people of Cabarrus are generally in a prosperous condition, and ought to be able to get up a good display.

The C. F. A. Concert.

The concert, which terminated the closing exercises of the Concord Female Academy, took place last Friday and the spacious halls of that building were filled to the utmost capacity. The room was elaborately and tastefully decorated for the occasion; and when the pupils, dressed in pure white, marched in to the beautiful strains of the processional march as played by Miss Alma Williams, of Charlotte, the audience was captivated by the array of loveliness. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was of the highest order, and the manner in which it was rendered reflects great credit upon the young ladies, and Miss Young, under whose instruction they have accomplished so much. We regret very much that we are not able to give the program. By special request, Little Bessie Campbell repeated the beautiful old song, "Coming Thro' the Rye," which she sang so prettily at the primary exercises.

Following are the distinctions conferred:

ART DEPARTMENT.  
First distinction—Frances B. Young.

FREEHAND DRAWING CLASS.  
First distinction—Connie Cline, Lois W. Craven.

MUSIC.  
In music the following young ladies are distinguished as having attained an average of 90 per cent. and over, during the entire session.

First distinction—Grace Gibson and Ada Craven, 95.

Second distinction—Lizzie Post. The other young ladies are distinguished in the order named:

Misses Fannie Stricker, Jessie Page, Ella Ridenhour, Nettie Anderson, Juanita Coltrane, Fannie Lippard, Lucy Lore, Connie Cline. Of those who entered school at Christmas, Edie Barrier in instrumental music and Laura Leslie in vocal music.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.  
Exclusive of the Primary class there are three divisions of the Literary Department.

In estimating distinctions, Department and Regularity of attendance as well as scholarship, have been considered:

First division—Miss Laura Leslie and Nettie Anderson, 98; Misses Juanita Coltrane, Esther Ervin, Mary Johnston, Jessie Page, 95.

Second division—Lena Leslie, 97; Sara Harris, 95.

Third division—Connie Cline, 97; Charlie Phillips, 95. Of those who entered school at Christmas, Dora Hix, 98; Bessie Benson, 95.

Special distinction is awarded to Carrie McHaffey for regularity in attendance, punctuality and faithfulness in duties also; to Dora Hix in book-keeping.

The following were advanced from the Primary to the Intermediate department: Lucy Lore, Stuart Morrison, Henry Craven and Lois Craven.

One of the most attractive features of the occasion was the exhibit of the art department, which has already been mentioned. The exhibit was one of which any institution might be proud; the different pieces were too pretty to allow of adequate description in cold type. Following is a list of the more important paintings, crayons, etc., as space forbids our giving the whole list:

Fannie Young—Oil paintings: Winter Scene, Marguerites, Peaches. Crayon drawings: Horse's Head, Ideal Head, The Angelus.

Bettie Alexander—Crayon drawings: Portrait, Girl and Dogs, Ideal Head, Mandolinetta, Antique Studies. Oil paintings: Morning Glories, Red Roses.

Laura Smith—Oil paintings: A Woodland Reach, Water Lilies, Peonies, Swallows, Spring Scene, Child's Head.

Bessie Gibson—Oil paintings: Plains, The Old Barn, Water Lilies, The Wreck, Winter Scene, Peaches, Marguerites, plaque, Holychocks, banner. Crayon drawing: Storm at Sea.

Esther Ervin—Oil paintings: Percheron Horse, Dutch Boats, Strawberries, Daisies and Clover, Red Lily. Crayon drawings: Study of Cats, The Mad Dog, Landscape.

Annie Cannon—Pastel painting: Sunrise off Newport.

Maggie Cannon, Addie Cannon, Mary Feizer, Morrison Fetzer, Louis Smith—Collections of Charcoal Studies from Objects and Nature.

Connie Cline, Bessie Campbell, Lois Craven, Stuart Morrison, Lindy Ross—Freehand Drawings.

The Firemen.

The firemen met Monday. There was a full meeting and an enthusiastic one. A member said to us: "Tell the people we want more members." The following are the officers for next year: Jno. W. Fink, President of Hose and Reel Co.; D. L. Bost, Chief; J. W. Propst, Ass't. Foreman, M. L. Stuart, Secretary; W. L. Bell, Treasurer.

Sam Ervin and the Tramp.

We always thought Concord's public men were brave as well as efficient in the discharge of their duties, and now that belief is strengthened by the way Sam Ervin, the assistant Express agent, and ice-cream man, faced a "gentleman of the road" last night.

As usual Sam met the mid-night train, and received a considerable amount of money through the express. A suspicious looking character, bearing the resemblance of a tramp of experience was standing by "sizing up things." When Ervin arrived at the office he neglected to lock the door after him, as he intended to remain in the office some time. But his peace was soon disturbed, for the tramp haunted him there. He said a gallon of whiskey ought to be there for him, and impudently insisted on Sam's leaving the money at the desk, and looking for the jug. Sam told him the office was not open, that his presence was no longer desired, and he could either take the dog-route, or the bullet-route, and presented his pistol; the tramp bade Sam a reluctant "Good-night."

The following letter explains itself and gives us interesting information for which we express our thanks. Now how about the grave and home of Zachæus Wilson?

HARRISBURG, N. C., June 7.—Messrs. Editors: I see in your issue of the fifth inst that you wish to know where James Harris, one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is buried. I am glad to be able to inform you, he is buried at the Spears graveyard which is situated near the public road leading from Rocky River church to Pines Mills about midway between the two places.

He lived about a quarter of a mile south of where Rocky River church now stands, on the land now owned by S. W. Harris.

Yours respectfully,  
S. F. HARRIS.

Long Star News.

Mr. W. L. Bell heard a few days ago from his brother Lemley, and Mr. Jno. A. Sims from Southwood Sloan, both of whom left Cabarrus about 10 years ago, and are now in Narana County, Texas. They say corn is looking unusually well, but cotton is backward on account of the excessively wet spring. Some corn has been "blain'd by" while other corn and cotton is to be plaited yet. They say "politics is wasted deep" there, and candidates are "as thick as grass hoppers," which means more in Texas than it does here. There are fifteen candidates there for one county office.

Reed Mine Leads.

The Reed mine is booming. There is too much carelessness in the mails. Blackberries are ripening, and the people won't starve for a while.

Rev. Mr. Honeycutt will preach at Pine Bluff on the fifth Sunday.

There is some talk of a runaway match in this neighborhood. Old folks keep one eye on your gals.

Crops are looking fine in this section. Wheat and oats are being harvested and it won't be long till the buzzing of the thresher will be heard in the land.

We have not heard from the Cox Mine yet. The manager, J. S. Turner, will start it soon. There is gold on that mine, for S. A. Black found 80 dwt. of gold in three pans full. That gets there, don't it? But Mr. Black has not showed his gold yet.

Break for Cabarrus!

At Davidson College Mr. Gilson has just won the essayist medal, and now comes the good news we have been expecting for some time, that Mr. Thomas E. Winecoff is to deliver the valedictory. He stands first in his class and this is the case for the time of four years. Mr. Winecoff is to go next year to Vanderbilt University, Tenn., where he enters upon a theological course. While congratulating Cabarrus, we hope to chronicle the fact that a Cabarrus boy has won the orator's medal, to be delivered next Wednesday night.

LEAKSVILLE, N. C., June 7.—

A pall of sadness overspreads the community in the death of Johnnie King, a young man of the beetle-bee community. He and another young man went into the river washing. After swimming across the river several times, on the last trip Mr. King sank and was drowned. It is supposed he was taken with the cramp.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Weldon thinks the coming census will give it 1,500 people.

Mr. Jno. A. Blair, one of the oldest citizens of High Point, died Saturday morning.

The Hickory Press and Carolinian is advocating another railroad for the hustling little town.

Tomorrow Rev. Thos. Dixon will deliver the Literary Address at Wake Forest commencement.

Five hundred gallons of crooked whiskey was sold recently, at Greensboro, by revenue officials. And so it goes.

We see it is stated that Bishop Fitzgerald, that son of Carolina of whom her people are proud, will reside in California.

Hon. A. Leazer, of Mooreville, last week delivered the address at the closing exercises of Farmington Academy, Davie county.

Dr. Johns, of Leaksville, a staunch Democrat, has resigned the chairmanship of the Rockingham Democratic Executive Committee.

Senator Stafford owns the largest vineyard in the world. It is in Tehama county, Cal., and covers 3,825 acres.

In Wilmington, only forty-one dog collars have been bought. It seems the dog-law will not overflow the city treasury of revenue.

A well known physician of Greensboro it is learned, will give up his practice and will build a hospital there, of which he will take charge.

The Northern Methodist Bishops have passed resolutions condemning the people of North Carolina for driving the crank, Joiner, from its borders.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland presided at the flower stand of a charity fair in New York Thursday evening, and sold roses as fast as she could hand them out at \$25 each.

There were thirty-seven graduates at the Salem Female Academy this year. They could afford to lose so many, though, out of 250 pupils. There are 10,000 alumnæ.

A Raleigh man in his possession a copy of the Ulster County Gazette of the date of January 4, 1800, containing an account of the death of George Washington.

Mr. J. B. Lanier, of Salisbury, is preparing to start another big distillery at that place. It will have a capacity of about one hundred bushels per day, and will be running by August 1st.

State Confederate Veterans' Executive Committee met at Raleigh Saturday and definitely decided to begin an active campaign at once for the erection of a Confederate Soldiers' Home.—Twin-City Daily.

A correspondent of the Durham Sun proposes the name of Hon. W. D. Pruett for Chief Justice of his State, inasmuch as there seems to be a determination for a change. We snuff it in the breeze.

A. T. Abernethy, professor of modern languages in Lutterford College, North Carolina, is only eighteen years old. He is probably the youngest teacher to bear the title of professor in the State.

Chalbourne News: Mr. J. N. Dorsey anticipates ripe watermelons by the 15th inst. He has seven acres and thousands of little melons. He shipped them by the car load last year besides furnishing the country at large.

Rev. J. T. Bagwell is holding special services in Mecklenburg county in connection with his work, and great crowds are flocking to hear him. The people of Charlotte go out in full force to his country churches.—Twin-City Daily.

This, from the Salisbury Watchman, looks like business for Stanley: "150 convicts and sixty mules, under charge of Mr. Murry, went down to Stanley yesterday to begin work immediately on the Yadkin railroad. This force will work from the Stanley line in the direction of Norwood."

Raleigh News and Observer: Miss Etta May Troy, formerly of Fayetteville, and daughter of Hon. W. C. Troy, ex-State Senator from Cumberland and Harriet, was married at the Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C., yesterday, the 5th, to Mr. H. C. Alexander Wyche, of Waynesville.

Durham Sun: In some sections of Chatham county the farmers report the wheat crop as coming in better than once expected, but talking the county over it is a failure. Corn, cotton and tobacco are all very promising and the industrious farmer has good reasons to expect a bountiful crop.

Laurinburg Exchange: Mr. E. W. Manship, who lives in Wolf Pit township, says that during the thunder storm last Saturday night he looked out of a window and saw a ball of fire the size of his double fist go whirling by, whistling like a rifle ball and strike an oak tree, splintering it to pieces.

Some crank has been estimating the decline in the stature of the human race, and finds that at the present rate the race will disappear by the "stature of limitation," he might say, about the year 4000, A. D. In order to check this tendency let every one stand as high as possible.

Statesville Landmark: Dr. T. J. Corpening, who had been sick for a week at the residence of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. L. Laxton, in Mor-

ganton, died Monday night and was buried there Tuesday.

Cotton and corn are growing magnificently. Both are clean and there never was a finer prospect for either. Wheat harvest has commenced and by the last of next week the bulk of the crop will be cut. Wheat has improved greatly within the past four weeks but the crop will be short—not much over the half of a full crop, perhaps.

Wadesboro Messenger: The verdict is unanimous that cotton looks better in this section than it ever did before at this season. Corn is not so good, but there are chances for it yet. The prospect now is that the crops will be as good this year as they were sorry last.—We are informed by Messrs Marshall & Little, business agents for the Wadesboro Brown Stone Quarry, that the pay roll for labor of that quarry averages at least \$1,000 per month, during the dull season, and at times a much larger sum than that is expended monthly.

It seems like wonders never cease in Chatham county, at least as close as the Chatham Record is in existence. Here is the latest from that paper: "Did you ever hear of a cat hatching chickens? Well, such a strange event occurred in Chatham. A few weeks ago the wife of Mr. Matthew Seymour, of New Hope township, put some eggs in a basket, and soon afterwards noticed that the cat laid down on the eggs, and continued to lie there day after day, until at last a chicken was hatched from every egg, eleven in number."

The Louisiana Lottery Amendment.

BATON ROUGE, June 7.—The text of the proposed lottery amendment has been made public under the following caption: An act providing for submission to the electors of the State for the adoption or rejection of an amendment to the constitution of the State by inserting therein: "An article on leases, schools, charities, pensions and drainage."

The proposed amendment embraces a contract between the State and John A. Morris and associates under which for the privilege for twenty-five years from January 1st, 1894, Morris & Co. agree to pay the State \$25,000,000, or 1,000,000 per annum payable quarterly. Provision is also made for the expenditure of the money to be received by the State annually, as follows: For public schools \$350,000; for levees \$250,000; for charities and pensions \$200,000 to the city of New Orleans for drainage and sanitary purposes \$100,000. This measure will be introduced on Monday next.

Escape of a Desperado.

MARION, N. C., June 9.—This afternoon the hands on Burgins 3 C's works discovered that some one had stolen their clothes, provisions, etc., including a .38 calibre pistol, the property of Noah Briscoe. The men caught the thief who is a large black negro called "Big Jean" and brought him to the shanty. They then went after a warrant, leaving Noah Briscoe to guard the thief until the police arrived. After all had gone "Big Jean" drew the pistol he had stolen from Noah Briscoe and shot at him three times, striking him in the left hip and in the left side, below the heart. Briscoe was shot about 3 o'clock and lived about one hour. He told who shot him. "Big Jean" has not been captured.

Cannibalism in Egypt.

LONDON, June 9.—The most appalling accounts are received of the sufferings of the people in Upper Egypt and along the scene of the expedition for the relief of Gordon. It is said that the inhabitants, driven desperate by starvation, feed on each other, while all kinds of animals, however loathsome, are eagerly sought for food. The wretched people fight with each other for morsels, and hundreds are perishing daily. Failure of crops is said to cause this awful misery, though the war in which British ambition for territory has prominently figured have doubtless had their influence in causing the failure of the crops. Indeed, it is said that the slaughter of male population left the devastated region without sufficient man labor to raise crops.

A hater of tobacco asked an old negro woman, the fumes of whose pipe were annoying to him, if she thought she was a Christian. "Yes, brudder, 'speck I is." "Do you believe in the Bible?" "Yes, brudder." "Do you know there is a passage in the Scriptures which says that nothing unclean shall enter the kingdom of Heaven?" "Yes I've heard of it." "Well, Chloë, you smoke, and there is nothing so unclean as the breath of a smoker. What do you say to that?" "Why, I specks to leave my bruff behind when I go dar."

New York, June 9.—Warrants were issued this morning by U. S. Commissioner Shields for the arrest of about thirty people who refused to answer the questions propounded by census enumerators, and in some cases assaulted them.

Progress of the Alliance.

The most encouraging reports come from all parts the country in reference to the progress of the Alliance in membership and education. The increase in membership is not only in new States, but in those long organized and in which it was supposed that the territory was completely covered. Indiana has organized and West Virginia only waits for a convenient time. In New York two counties have the necessary number of subs to permit organization, and the work is started at other places. In California the first county has been organized, and the work will no doubt proceed with accelerated speed. Everywhere the necessity for organization is recognized, and the people are inquiring what shall we do? Not only in the Alliance, but in two great friendly orders, the Knights of Labor and the Colored Alliance and Co-operative Union, the same gratifying improvement is noted. The same principles underlie these three great organizations, and in all the educational progress is marked.—Economist.

A Terrible Explosion.

MANSFIELD, O., June 4.—At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, during a heavy storm, lightning struck Tracy & Avery's powder house, located about a mile east of the city. The house, it is said, had contained two tons of powder, which exploded, causing a tremendous report. Hundreds of windows in the city were broken, china and glassware were knocked from shelves and people thrown from their feet. Many buildings in the vicinity were badly wrecked. Two frame dwelling houses on the opposite side of the street from the magazine were leveled to the ground, scarcely anything remaining to show that they were dwellings. One of the houses was vacant; the other was occupied by Henry Root, his wife and two children. The husband was absent at the time of the explosion. A six month old baby was instantly killed, it being mutilated beyond recognition. The mother and other child, two years old, were blown over a hundred feet away and are thought to be fatally injured. Nothing remains of the powder house; the bricks are scattered in all directions, some being found a quarter of a mile distant. The explosion was heard ten miles distant. Fully three thousand people have enjoyed the scene.

Joy Killed Him.

JOLLET, Ill., June 4.—Bernard Haley, a life convict, who received a few days ago that his sentence had been commuted, and that he would be free next October, dropped dead yesterday while telling his good fortune to Neche, the Anarchist. His excessive joy undoubtedly produced heart disease. The dead man was an iron moulder at Rock Island. On his marriage day he and a number of companions were celebrating, and in an altercation with the police captain, the officer was killed.

The Great Lottery.

NEW YORK, June 4.—The Times' Bismarck (N. D.) special says that the efforts to secure a charter for the Louisiana lottery in North Dakota are being renewed with great energy. The State is swarming with agents of the lottery, and it is said \$5,000,000 will be expended with a view to securing the election of a Governor and legislature favorable to the scheme.

Resigned Because a Negro was Appointed.

NEW YORK, June 5.—The Sun's St. Louis special says that Sheppard Knapp, son of the former proprietor of the Republican, Col. Geo. Knapp has resigned his position in the money order department of the post office because a negro has been appointed to a clerkship in the office.

Cloud Burst in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 6.—A large section of Hampton County was deluged by a cloud burst on Wednesday. The crops have been greatly damaged. In many places, the fields are perfectly bare, and not more than a half crop can be made. It is impossible now to estimate the damage. Many of the public roads are blocked by fallen trees, and some bridges have been floated away.

Sixteen Children Killed.

St. PAUL, Minn., June 5.—A special from Sioux Falls, S. D., to the Dispatch says that during a storm yesterday, lightning struck the Blissman school house, 12 miles southeast of Elandene, S. D., killing sixteen children.

An Alliance in Davidson county has expelled their President upon the following charges: "First, for using language in open Alliance calculated to disorganize; second for denouncing our State Organ, the Progressive Farmer; third, for putting wrong constructions on the demands made by the Alliance for the purpose, as we think, of misleading the members."—Progressive Farmer.

A lady about thirty years of age, was heard to say: "Mama, I want you to tell the census enumerator I am twenty-two."

SUMMARY.

The people of Louisiana will be called upon to vote upon the Lottery question as an amendment to the constitution. The scale of wages for the Pennsylvania iron workers has been settled for the year.

The war vessels of the squadron of evolution sent for Brazil, except the Yorktown, which is ordered home on account of injury to her steering apparatus.—The Senate committee makes rapid progress on the tariff bill. It will probably be reported to the senate early next week.

Three freight trains are wrecked together on the Illinois Central road.—Three negroes are executed in Texas for the murder of a white man. All confessed their guilt.—General R. Lindsay Walker, of Columbia, Va., died Saturday.—The Richmond & Danville railroad will soon build a road to Bristol, Tenn., via Wilkesboro, N. C.—President Carnot has pardoned seventy-two convicted strikers and refused pardons to twenty other convicts, the latter mostly foreigners.

The House passes the silver bill. Many Republicans expressed themselves as opposed to it, but were compelled to support it. Mr. Connell, of Nebraska, Republican, warned Reed against carrying his tyranny too far.—The Senate passed Saturday one hundred and twenty private pension bills.—The steamer Captain from Liverpool was on Monday surrounded by hundreds of icebergs.—Several incubated rabbits have been stolen from a Chicago medical college.

The transatlantic steamer City of Rome came near being wrecked Sunday morning. In a dense fog she struck a rock, but was backed off it. She was so close to the perpendicular cliff that one passenger picked a flower from the before she backed off. She reached Liverpool safely yesterday.—Five men, officers and employes of the Laman line of steamers, have been arrested in New York for smuggling on a big scale.—The east bound mail train on the North Pacific road was held up and robbed in North Dakota by two masked men Saturday night. They rifled the mail sacks but were outwitted by the express messenger who locks his safe and leaves the car. The passengers are not troubled.—Bank-wrecker Pell of New York, has been sentenced to imprisonment for seven years and six months in the State prison.—Rev. Dr. James C. Merritt, professor emeritus of church history at Princeton College, died on Sunday.—Rev. J. D. Kniest died in his pew in Emanuel church, Philadelphia, Sunday night.—A buffalo escapes from the Smithsonian grounds and attacks postmen.—Seven men and fifteen horses were killed in a railroad disaster in Missouri yesterday.—The Mayor of Baltimore has signed the ordinance for the sale of the city's stock in the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.—The street car strikers in Cincinnati prevent the company running their cars. The police are powerless against the mob. Military protection is to be asked for.—The business portion of Colchester, Conn., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.—A band of Cheyenne Indians waylay and slay a ranchman and several of his men in Montana. The Indians are thoroughly armed and great excitement prevails among the settlers.—Senator Hoar proposes to provide, by amendment to the constitution, for the election of postmasters by the people.—The Senate discussed a bill prohibiting vessels bound for foreign ports refusing to receive cattle as cargo.—It is reported that Proctor Knott, a banker, Reilly and Huntress were among the horses killed in the railroad wreck yesterday.—At the Morris Park races yesterday Tony made his in 1:40.—The convention to nominate Senator Carlisle's successor is in session in Louisville. Every county in the district has one candidate, some more than one.

Illinois Democrats.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 6.—The delegates to the Democratic State Convention were yesterday polled as to their choice of candidates for President and Vice President for the Democratic party in 1892, with the following result:

Cleveland, 321; Palm 7, 67; Hill, 7; Abbott, 3; Whitney, 2. Vice-President: Gray, 381; Palmer, 112; Morrison, 76; Black, 30; Stroughton, 27.

An ancient and remarkable clock has been recently set up in the reading room of the municipal library at Rome, France. A single winding keeps it running fourteen years and some odd months. It was constructed in 1682, underwent alterations in 1816, was bought by the city of Rome in 1838 and has been recently repaired and set going.

A lot of men are at work cleaning the walls of the capitol on the west and north faces, removing the dark substance which forms upon the granite. This is due to the weather. On the north face the discoloration is great.—Raleigh Correspondent Wilmington Messenger.

Durham Globe.—Two colored barbers in town undertook to settle a difficulty with a bottle and a razor yesterday. One of them cut the other quite severely on the leg. Both were before the mayor this morning and were bound over to court in a justified bond of \$100 each.

WIT AND TRUTH ABOUT CONCORD'S BONE AND SINEW.

To bring things home to our readers we will now introduce the only reliable, original, Jesse F. Willeford. It is of no use to parade his character to the people for every body knows Jess. He is the friend of everybody and if you want to get the whole truth out of him, start him on some war story or about his fishing at Smithville.

The interest he manifests in things pertaining to the war is commended by all and he would walk 100 miles to do an old comrade in arms a favor. He is a combination man and it will take a smart man to unlock him. He is merchant, drummer, magistrate, tickle agent, Secretary to every known secret society in existence and is trying to raise (and will do it) funds to erect a monument to our Confederate dead. He chews up his own samples of tobacco, never fails in his attendance at church, marries people without fee and for the fun of it, and reads his decisions in a magistrates trial like he had greater authority for so doing than Rattle's Revival. His very looks indicate good living and any drink stronger thaniced tea nauseates him. He was barely old enough to join the Royal Arcanum and does not wear knee breeches.

N. D. Fetzer, the handsome drug-gist, is of right age to enjoy himself and in sporting circles, would not be considered a light weight. He visits Wilmington, and is fond of fishing—some say that he had other fish to fry in making these visits, on account of this, people are disposed to call him an Odd Fellow. He deals in drugs, paints, oils, fancy goods and milk shakes. In military parlance, he was a "Junior Reserve" and took first honor at Bentonville. Sherman presented the medal. He bore his honors with characteristic modesty but has not since aspired to higher military fame. He recommends billed beams to his customer, and takes "Officer Rakobsky" himself. He is a fancy gardener and believes millet, orchard grass, and timothy, with