

STANDARDISM. In casually looking over the papers we notice that there was a resolution introduced on the Conference floor at Winston favoring a reformatory for youthful criminals. We have had something to say on this line before, and we honestly think it a matter that the present Legislature should look into. That the State needs one is foregone conclusion. Young criminals should not be classed with the hardened reprobates. A reformatory would act on the principle that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."—Davidson Dispatch.

This is what The Standard has been preaching all the while. Senator Vance says "the horse that does the ploughing ought to have the fodder." This is a homely metaphor illustrating the great truth that he who has borne the heat and burden of the day should have the reward of his labor.

Mrs. Lease thinks the office should seek the woman as well as the man. We sincerely hope in this case the office won't come around.

It is stated that the Legislature will do what the solicitors and grand juries have thus far failed to do—that is, investigate the "Gideon's Band" business.

Elias Carr led the State ticket for the Democrats, J. M. Moody that of the Republicans, W. H. Worth that of the Populists.

There will be several revenue positions to be let after the 4th day of March. Applicants will apply to Grover Cleveland.

It is estimated at the Treasury Department that it will take \$9,775,000 to pay the bounty on cane sugar produced this year.

Governor Holt, Judge S. Carr and ex-Lieutenant-Governor Steadman are spoken of for a cabinet position. It looks as if the Tar Heel State would be in it.

Tom Watson, the defeated hero of the famous tenth district of Georgia, is up in Washington City fighting mad, as the following showed: "My district was gerrymandered for the purpose of keeping me out, but I carried every one of my old counties even by Democratic returns. I could make out a clear case, but it is doubtful if I could get a fair jury."

Representative Chapman, of Michigan, presented to the House a bill to bar alien labor from the United States.

Tobacco is not good for a cow to chew. This is evidenced by the fact that D. F. Parrish, of Chatham county, who lost a fine cow from this cause. She was noticed standing with her head and fore feet in one of his barns, and not long after was found dead, not far away, having vomited the tobacco before she died.

Congress was in session last week but nothing of importance was done. They will perhaps get down to work just after they enthusiastically celebrated the New Year.

The Michigan Supreme Court has decided that a man is entitled to all his wife's earnings. Most men get them whether they are entitled to them or not.

It is said that Mrs. Diaz, wife of the President of Mexico, is friendly to this country, but she doesn't give proof of it by sending a brass band of forty-five Mexican women to the World's Fair, as she intends doing. There are brass bands enough in this country now.

One of the reasons why there are not more than four or five thousand aspirants to Cabinet positions in this country, is because the salaries of Cabinet officers are only \$8,000 a year, when it costs them \$12,000 or more to keep up style.

Although Jay Gould couldn't take a cent of all his millions with him, he didn't leave a penny to any church, charitable or benevolent institution.

Suicide Under Aberration of Mind Charleston, S. C., Dec. 13.—Dr. Jos. M. Meggette, committed suicide here this morning by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He was 55 years old, and was an antebellum graduate of the South Carolina College. He served during the war as an army surgeon. Dr. Meggette came originally from Edisto Island. The verdict of the jury of inquest was that he killed himself during a temporary aberration of mind.

The Tables Turn. It used to be that when Salisbury people wanted to see a show they had to come to Charlotte; but the tables are turned—its just the other way now. When Charlotte people want to see a show they must go to Salisbury. The Wilford Clarke Company is soon to appear on the Salisbury boards, and Mr. Faysoux, ticket agent at the Richmond & Danville station says a reduction will be made parties of ten or more if any desire to go over. The rate will be 4 cents a mile, round trip.—Charlotte Observer.

A Serenade. Mr. Charlie A. Sides, of Cannonville, and Miss Hettie Howell, of Forest Hill, were married on Thursday night. About 9 o'clock last night the happy couple were serenaded by a "gang" of boys, with instruments reminding us of the school-day "squeak-dunk," cow bells, tin pans, and many other such melodious things. The serenade was enjoyed not only by the contracting parties, but all the neighbors.

A Quiet Winter at the White House. Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—It is officially announced that there will be no social events of any kind at the Executive Mansion during the present winter. Appropr to this is ex-Speaker Reed's remark when he walked to the chair, during the reading of the President's message, and said: "Mr. Speaker, when this is finished, are you going to follow the usual custom and adjourn in memory of the dear departed?"

HON. W. T. CRAWFORD MARRIES. The Fair Bride Was Miss Inez Coman. Congressman W. T. Crawford, representative of the ninth district, was on Wednesday married to Miss Inez Coman, a Haywood county lady. The marriage occurred near Waynesville and the groom and bride left immediately for Washington.

Miss Coman is the daughter of James R. Coman, one of the most progressive and intelligent farmers in Western North Carolina. She is 22 years of age, a beautiful brunette, with large black eyes, rosy cheeks and symmetrical form, cultured and attractive. As the Citizen says, Congressman Crawford's sound sense and excellent judgment, which have been the leading characteristics of his private and public life did not desert him in his choice of a wife.

Johnston is the Banner County. The canvass of the official returns shows that Johnston gets the honor as the banner county of the State for the biggest Democratic majority beating Halifax in the contest by twenty-four votes. Johnston gave Carr a plurality of 2,238 and a majority of 1,671. Halifax gave him a plurality of 2,204 and a majority of 1,611. Halifax gave Johnston a close shave and declares that she will not get left next time.

Confusion on the Silver Question in London. London, Dec. 7.—Under fear of a suspension by the American government of the Sherman act and a sudden change in the financial policy of British India, forward business in the silver market here has virtually ceased. The dealings are confined to spot silver. Leading Eastern bankers do not believe that any precipitate action will be taken by either America or India, but they are fortifying themselves against surprise.

The Financial News suggests that a compromise on the silver question in the United States will take the form of a return to the Bland act. The silver market is so unsettled that dealers refuse to give quotations. All silver securities are down. Rupee paper has declined 14; Mexican sixes 24; Mexican railway 1sts, 14, and second preferred 4.

No Political Developments of Interest, Mr. Murray Says. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7.—National Chairman Murray was at his office today where he was visited by a number of Democratic politicians. When asked about the trouble between the committees at Washington over the arrangements for the inauguration of President Cleveland, he said: "Since my return from Washington I have been too unwell to give it any consideration. I was not out of the house yesterday and came down town today against the directions of my physicians." He stated that there have been no political developments of public interest and that nothing could be said at this time about Mr. Cleveland's cabinet. This afternoon he went to Harrisburg where he will discharge his duties as Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Best Thing Out. "Don't you believe Christmas cards are very appropriate as presents?" "I do. They are the best things out. Those you receive one year you can give away the next."

More Porkers. W. A. Troutman is the hog killer of Concord. Yesterday evening he butchered two 14 months old hogs for W. P. Shealy, which weighed respectively 351 and 381 pounds. He also killed two 11 months old hogs for Will Fisher, which netted 216 and 364 pounds.

A Prominent Visitor. A Walter Starr, D. D. S., of Philadelphia, is the guest of Dr. Herring. Dr. Starr is comparatively a young man, but he is one of the most prominent dentists in the country, and has the reputation of being the finest crown and bridge worker in the profession. His written works are in the libraries of nearly every dentist.

A Big Fire at Statesville. A big fire occurred at Statesville Saturday night, and a considerable portion of the business part of the town burned. It was discovered about 1:20 a. m., and it was some time before it was gotten under control. About half dozen business houses were consumed, including Hall's drug store, Brawley's store, Marshall's store, Humphrey's store and others. There are several rumors regarding the fire. One says a whole block was reduced to ashes, another contradicts this. The fire originated in the store of Mr. Humphrey and was thought to be incendiary. A report says Mr. Humphrey insured his stock Saturday for \$3,000 and it (the store) was burned that night. Humphrey and a man by the name of Taylor have been arrested on suspicion of setting fire to the store.

They are behind the bars. An application for a writ of habeas corpus will be made to Judge Armfield. Gov. Russell, the youthful chief magistrate of Massachusetts, is left handed. Two farmers of Putnam county, Indiana, have spent \$300 in litigation over a \$3 hog. A negro preacher down in Arkansas swindled some of his congregation. He now carries a load of shot in his carcass. A Washington dispatch says that talk of opposition to the re-election of Mr. Crisp as speaker of the House of Representatives does not seem to grow.

The Governor of New York has pardoned Polly Firsch, thirty-three years in the penitentiary for poisoning her husband and two children. She is seventy-five years old.

Homestead, Pa., appeals to the country to succor its starving. Nearly 1,000 persons embraced in 218 families are destitute. They are victims of the great and stubbornly fought strike just ended.

"Better roads and better public schools" is a good shibboleth for North Carolina Democracy.—The North Carolinian. Especially roads and particularly schools.

If the President displays any sense of feeling hurt in his message it may be asked how would any man feel who suddenly had the chair he expected to sit down on pulled from under him.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—The lower house of the Georgia Legislature has appropriated \$600,000 to the public schools of the State. Half of the rental of the State road receipts from poll taxes and liquor license also goes to the public school fund.

A flea can jump straight upwards and vault over a barrier 500 times its own height. If a man could display as much agility, he could clear a wall a mile high at a single bound. If he could jump forward according to his weight as a flea can he could make two and a half trips around the world at one leap.

The election took place on the 8th of November and the State canvassing board completed its work on the 6th of December. But there were four counties the officers of which had not had time, during the interval, to get the election returns to Raleigh. There should be a law under which such delinquents could be fined and put to jail. A pretty thing we would have had if it had been a close election.—Charlotte Observer.

The Baptists are sometimes spoken of as a slow set of Chastains but it would seem from their history that they have not been wanting in enterprise in North Carolina. They were the first to establish a denomination at college, at Wake Forest; the first to originate a State organ in the Biblical Recorder, the first to send out a foreign missionary, Dr. M. T. Yates and wife to China in 1847, and the first to organize a church orphanage at Thomasville, and they constitute by many thousands the largest Christian denomination in the State. This body represents 1,700 different churches and not less than 140,000 white communicants, with 100,000 colored members.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Fred Leslie, the well-known burlesque actor, died in London on the 7th. Five thousand people witnessed the hanging of John Wright, a negro, at Meridian, Miss., Wednesday. The Spanish cabinet is at a crisis and the irreconcilability of the conservatives will force a resignation of its members. The Postoffice Department has reduced the fee for registering mail matter from 10 to 8 cents—to take effect the first of next month. Capt. B. F. Miller and wife, of Newport, Penn., were found dead in bed, having been suffocated by coal gas. The firm of L. & N. Wilczaiski, of Greenville, Miss., collapsed yesterday with liabilities of \$500,000. They have for over ten years done the largest banking business in all the Mississippi Valley.

Agricultural Hints. A farm without a tool-house is like pants without pockets. Make the farm a home—the pleasantest place in the world. Best breeds do not insure most profit without proper treatment. Knowledge was never before so cheap and easy to get as now. Dependence on a single crop may prove a disappointment. No one yet knows the capacity of soil or how to best treat it. When his stock is not improving, the farmer is falling behind. Be punctual and save your own time as well as that of others. Trust to tested breeds; let others experiment with the untried. Skimmed milk and flaxseed gruel mixed make good calf feed. A judicious combination pays better than trusting to one thing.—Exchange.

An Unusual Circumstance. Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The rather unusual circumstance of hearing a Jewish Rabbi offer up prayer in the Senate chamber of the United States was witnessed today. Dr. Joseph Silverman, of the Temple Emanuel of New York, was introduced to the Vice-President by Chaplain Butler and invoked divine benediction—in the English tongue, however, not in Hebrew. Another Rabbi performed a similar office in the House of Representatives.

The Crisis of the English Cotton Trade Still On. London, Dec. 8.—Secretary Mawdsley, of the Lancashire operative spinners, said today that in his opinion, the crisis in the cotton trade would not be reached before the end of January. The accumulated stocks would be exhausted, orders for the spring trade would raise prices and the master spinners would find it necessary to reconsider their present decision.

The House Takes the Initiative in the Difficult Problem. The House committee on appropriations has taken the initiative in the difficult financial problem that confronts it, by calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for all estimates of probable deficiencies under the government, so that the committee may be able to ascertain the true condition of the Treasury and be guided accordingly in making its appropriations for the coming fiscal year. These estimates are also desired that the committee may begin at once the preparation of its urgent deficiency bill and it is probable that the bill will be submitted to the House next week.

A few weeks ago the Winston alderman passed a rigid ordinance forbidding the erection or repairing of wooden buildings within one thousand feet of the court house square. Today R. J. Reynolds tested the legality of the ordinance in that it forbade him repairing a large tobacco warehouse. The case came up before Judge McIver, who decided the ordinance void on the ground that it gave the alderman too much authority. The city took an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Cutter Bear's Return. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12.—The United States revenue cutter Bear, Capt. Eealey, arrived today eleven days from Unalaska. She had a very stormy trip, passing through five gales. She reported that Behring Sea was free from poachers and that the Adams, the last to leave the Seal Islands, might be expected here to-morrow. The Bear made four visits to Port Clarence, Alaska, and landed 175 reindeer from northeast Siberia. Only three animals died on the way. Four Siberian keepers were left in charge of the herd. The Bear also visited the cave dwellers on King Island, whom Capt. Healey saved from starvation two years ago. It was found that the seals had returned there, so they had plenty of food, but Capt. Healey left a supply.

THE BAZAAR.

Here is a Hint of the What is to Be. The Bazaar will be open at 5 o'clock on Thursday. The admission is only ten cents. Supper will be served from 5 to 10. Following is the cast of characters: Greece—Misses Mand Robbins, Rose Harris, Willie Bays, Jeanette Erwin, Agnes Moss, and Mr. Quint Smith. Italy—Mrs. Dr. Fitzgerald, Misses Juanita Coltrane, Willie Richmond, Corinne Harris Mary Montgomery, Janie Ervin, Mr. R. L. Keesler. Egypt—Mrs. R. S. Young, Misses Ettie Gibson, Nannie Cannon, Jennie Brown, Mary Skinner, and Dr. Fitzgerald. Turkey—Misses Mary Reed, Helen Johnston, Addie Alexander, Claude Fisher, Mary Archey, Laura Oglesby and Messrs. Sam Ervin and Arthur Faggart. France—Misses Fannie Young, Page Collins, Hattie Mehaffey, Isabelle Richmond, Mr. W. M. Stuart and Master Willie Fetzer. Austria—Misses Maggie Neal, Maggie Brown, Edie Barrier, C. Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Lula Patterson. North America—Misses Maggie Johnston, Annie Burkhead, Lillie Willeford, Mary Young, Clara Gilson, Bessie Sims, Pearl Morrison, and Masters Lindsay Ross and Robert Fetzer. South America—Misses Lillie Patterson, Ada Rogers, Lucy Richmond, Lottie Boyd, Pearl Brown, Jennie Patterson, and Master Morrison Fetzer. Japan—Mrs. Ed. Hall, Misses Berta Caldwell, Fannie Hill, Emily Gibson, Mary Lore, Kate Morrison. Wigwam—Misses Jennie Smith, Fannie Stafford, Cora Lentz, and Messrs. Giles Crowell and Tom White. Russia—Misses Esther Ervin, Laura Smith, Fannie Rogers, Sallie Erwin, Lucy Lore, Fay Brown, Grace Brown, Annie Hoover, and Messrs. Ball and Pamplin. Scotland—Misses Janie Richmond, Amanda May Montgomery, Mand Brown, Mary Fetzer, Connie Cline, and Masters Fred Odell and Bernard Fetzer. Gipsy Tent—Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, Misses Lillie Hill, Lida White, and Mr. Mangum.

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