

The present membership of the G. A. R. is 367,639. It gained last year 33,040 members and lost by suspension, death and other causes 56,956. The deaths numbered 7,368.

The town of Carthage, Mo., has the "rocks." There are four quarries there which do an aggregate business of \$400,000 a year. They ship 1,600 car loads of stone.

A New York man thinks that with twenty-story buildings and a four-story fire department the town is not properly equipped in case of fire, rather short on the reach.

Pigtails is fashionable at this season of the year, and doubtless those who are partial to this dish can be supplied in Atlanta, as there are several thousand Chinamen there.

It is said that one of the features of the Paris Exposition of 1900 will be another World's Congress of Religions. Report has it that the chief Protestant and Jewish authorities of France have agreed to co-operate in the affair, while two French Cardinals and other Catholic dignitaries likewise favor the proposition.

For nearly a year work has been done towards the artistic improvement of Uncle Sam's paper money, and in the near future new one, two, five and ten dollar bills will be issued that the officials believe will be the most artistic notes ever issued and that will probably be in the hands of the public by the first of November.

It is said that the oldest actor in the world is Henry Howe, a member of Sir Henry Irving's company. Mr. Howe is at present eighty-four years of age and has been on the stage fifty-six years. For over forty years he has played at the Haymarket. He has boards with Irving for 13 years.

W. S. Stratton, the great mine owner, whose income is \$1,200,000 per year, walked from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek three years ago, in order to save the four dollars railroad fare. He is a carpenter by trade, and is described as "a modest, small-sized man, with iron gray hair and mustache, dressed in plain business suit, and wholly inconspicuous."

This astonishing statement is made by the Manufacturers Record: Some thousand million dollars a year would be the annual value of the cotton of the South if it were all manufactured at home, and the time is fast coming when the world's cotton mills must come to the world's chief cotton field—the South. This means a wonderful increase in the wealth of the South; it means a rate of progress and a degree of prosperity never seen before.

Experiments have been made in Austria to test the likelihood of a war balloon being hit when fired at. A captive balloon at an altitude of about 4265 feet was fired at from a distance of 4400 yards, and was struck nine times without being brought down. In a second trial a captive balloon, at a height of about 2625 feet, was fired at from 5500 yards distance. A violent wind, causing the balloon to plung a good deal, rendered the aim very difficult, and the balloon was not brought down until the fifty-sixth round.

A church in Lodi, New Jersey, was recently painted and varnished, and by Sunday the seats were, to all appearances, perfectly dry. But when the congregation had been seated a short while the warmth from their bodies softened the varnish. Then each member realized what it was to stick closer than a brother. The harm done to the various Sunday-school meetings outside was considerable, and the congregation are now trying to see where the funny part of the whole affair, which the outsiders seem to appreciate, comes in.

Elections take place this year in eleven States, one-quarter of the whole number, and but few are really important. The States voting are Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Pennsylvania. A Governor will be returned in Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey and Ohio, and four of the seven now have Democratic Governors. Besides these Utah will abandon the territorial stage and become a State, choosing a fall set of officers. The interesting contests are in Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey and Ohio.

A dairyman, living in Portsmouth, Ohio, had a somewhat unique experience the other day. He laid down to take a nap. He was waked up by a peculiar touch on the hand that was hanging down and looking downward saw a big copperhead snake rubbing its head up and down the hand as if enjoying the pastime. The man was scared, of course, and wished that he or the snake was in Kentucky or some other sovereignty. He was afraid to move lest the snake prove quicker than he and resent the move by drying its fangs into the hand. About the time he was beginning to get desperate his Scotch Terrier bounded into the room and shook it until no two joints stuck together.

The world is full of strang inconsistencies. There was never so much talk of hard times in North Carolina and there were never so many visitors in the mountains of the State as there were during the past summer; there were never so many excursions nor excursions so largely patronized. The colleges and high schools have opened this fall with a larger attendance than ever before and school attendance is universally accounted one of the best barometers of the prosperity of the people. Some people have money—there is no mistake about that; and when a street takir comes along with a patent medicine for sale, or a peddler with a pack on his back, or a range man, or a fellow selling a two-dollar clock for fifteen, there are those who cough up cash who would never be suspected of having a dollar in the world.—Statesville Landmark.

A remarkable incident is noted at Plainfield, Wis., by farmers who have raised a second crop of oats from only one sowing. The first crop of oats this season was very short, and the crop seemed to ripen very unevenly, especially on knolls and high ground, where drought affected the crop badly. After the harvest the oats came up or rather hunched out from the old roots, and in two weeks the fields were as green as in June and presented the usual appearance.

The discovery has recently been made that there are five engineers employed on one division of the New York Central Railroad that can neither read or write. All of them have worked for the company nearly 20 years, and managed to attend to business about as well as those who could read and write. The company has decided to send them to school to learn to read and write and keep their pay running.

A French medical authority advances the opinion that death by falling from great heights is absolutely painless. He says that the mind acts with great rapidity for a short time and their unconsciousness follows. It will be much better to accept this French physician's opinion than to try to disprove it by actual experience.

Beloit college in Wisconsin has just opened its doors to women. It is one of the oldest educational institutions in the Northwest, and has stood nearly alone for many years in that section in its opposition to co-education.

"What is the matter here?" asked a stranger of a small boy who has noticed a large wedding party coming out of a church on Fifth avenue. "Nawthin' but the tied gins' out."

The world owes every man a living but he has to work to prove his identity to the cashier.

Mr. Gladstone has a lead pencil which is so big that he employs it as a walking stick.

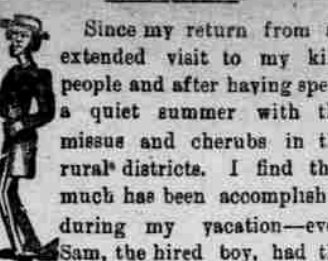
Flows Items. Wheat and oats planting has begun, but this work will doubtless be greatly retarded by the unusual amount of cotton which is now opening, owing to the extremely hot, dry weather.

The baseball team of this place, Will Flows, captain, is now in fine trim, and the boys say they are just itching for a match with Concord.

Gold mining has about gone to sleep on the green banks of Anderson's Creek. The Coloradoans have disappeared most mysteriously, and even John McAnulty, who can tell of all the curious capers of the stars and the weather, is unable to tell where the Western prospectors have gone.

Miss Kate Archibald, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. F. A. Archibald, of Concord, who has been visiting relatives at Flows for several days, has returned to her home, much to the regret of all who met her—and also those who didn't meet her, because they all wanted to meet her.

KORNER WRITES.



Since my return from an extended visit to my kins people and after having spent a quiet summer with the missus and cherubs in the rural districts. I find that much has been accomplished during my vacation—even Sam, the hired boy, had the latters dug. It was a relief to me when I learned that two of my fine Berkshire hogs had died suddenly. So much has been said about the hog pen nuisance, and the poor animals knowing that I was away and couldn't look after their interests, got it into their heads that they would rather die of their own accord than to have me kill them, which I would have done a little later on my return home. And then I learn that the town daddies made the bicyclists come down from the sidewalks and the Sunday merchants let up on retailing, which I heartily approve of; but unless they remove the goods boxes and stores off the sidewalks and compel all merchants to build sheds, under which the countryman can hitch his horse or team, thus leaving the street for the pedestrian and wheelmen, there is injustice. Those ornaments are very pretty and I know, as I was once a countryman, that all the sun-burnt, horny handed sons of tillers appreciate the consideration of the few who have provided sheds for them during the heated summer. My hogs having shaken off this mortal coil and gone to where all good hogs go—hog paradises—may great supply of apples came near spoiling, but they didn't. Sam squeaked and otherwise bruised them up, so that I can taste of them every morning during next winter, if there are not too many mornings and my taster does not grow with age. After the crops are all gathered and the cold, bleak winds of winter sets in, I'm going to have another luxury—locusts are ripening and the missus and Sam do love simmon beer made of them, the latter having his barrels all in trim when I reached home.

Your humble servant happened to strike Salisbury at the Populist-Republican rally. I saw Butler, Shafter and Pritchard, but outside of these three figures, it didn't look like, judging from the crowd in attendance, more than any ordinary good-trade Saturday in blessed Concord. There was little or no enthusiasm, and very little few who heard the great high concyages. Jeter and Guthrie, old boys, were not on the scene.

As the sun and moon have a tendency to rise and fall; so has the price of cotton; but the old man will rush to town one of these days with the courageous vim he usually does up things, when the dealers will come across with near onto 10 cents for the staple. I feel so good over the matter that I am thinking of breaking up housekeeping and taking in the Georgia show. If cotton brings 10 cents before November 15, half of the money paid for the Cabarrus crop will go to the Cotton States Exposition. Between me and Sam and the baby, we'll have a jubilee.

By the way, the baby has grown some and can sleep with both eyes and his mouth shut during the day for several hours at a time, and has got a hole row of teeth, with which it recently chewed off several inches of the missus' nose. It would have bit mine but it was too red, from recreation.

You have been severely criticized by some for exposing the bad sanitary condition of the town. I am heartily in sympathy with them in their opinion that such exposure will hurt the town, but when prompted as you were by complaints of citizens who have their own health and families to look after, it is well, no doubt, that you put our people to thinking. When I get my bicycle repaired and my hog pen moved to the farm I may come again.

KORNER.

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Mr. G. Caillouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep keep store or house without it." Get a free trial bottle at Fetzer's Drug Store.

Capital and Sunk.
ALPENA, Mich., Sept. 18.—The crew of the schooner Kitchen report that when crossing Saginaw Bay yesterday they saw a schooner capsized and sink within twenty minutes. A gale was blowing at the time and the Kitchen could not assist them.

A MISSING BALE OF COTTON.

And how it happened to be lost.—The Railroad Satisfied With the Explanation.

One of the railroads recently made claim for a lost bale of cotton, and the claim was returned with a letter of explanation from the depot agent that made it all right. The letter read: "DEAR SIR:—The day I received this cotton from the C. & L. Road my wife had twins, and in the excitement and bustling around, this bale got into another lot of cotton marked A. S. H. R., and that same night my watchman's wife had twins, and the next morning my clerk's wife had one only, and all our mother-in-laws was among us, and when we got done working with the children I could not find this bale of cotton to save my life. I do hope we will not have another storm of children any more during the cotton season. Please tell Mr. — not to be too hard on us, both of my children, was girls and I am afraid I am going to have a hard time supporting them. Tell him to take the bale of cotton; the price will go up in a few days, and he will make money on it, but if he don't want his wife to have twins get rid of the bale as soon as possible; but don't send it back this way any more. Yours, etc."

[The Charlotte News is responsible for the above item. It does not state where the agent is located that is experiencing this great trouble, but there is consolation in knowing that it can't be applied to our agent and his corps of assistants.]

UNITED LUTHERANS.

The Synod at Work—Ninety Delegates—Officers Elected with Rev. Scherer as Secretary.

The triennial meeting of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran churches of the South is in session at Staunton, Va., and will probably continue for another week. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Voight, D. D., Professor of the Theological Seminary at Newberry, S. C., after which the Holy Communion was administered. The Synod represented are those of Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Holston, South West Virginia, Virginia and Mississippi.

There are ninety delegates present, and an equal number of lay and clerical. A number of distinguished visitors are present. The election of officers resulted in the election of Rev. R. C. Holland, D. D., of Charleston, S. C., President; Rev. L. G. M. Miller, D. D., of Roanoke, Va., Vice President; Rev. M. G. Scherer, of Concord, N. C., Secretary; and Hon. C. H. Dals, Attorney, of Charlotte, N. C., Treasurer.

The chief matters of interest before this body is the Home and Foreign Mission work; the permanent establishment of a Theological Seminary for the United Synod; the establishment of a religious paper which shall be known as the Organ of the United Synod, and the consideration of the future places in regard to the South View Orphan Home.

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A "HANTED" HOUSE.

A Genuine Neat at Brief, Which Causes "Remorse of Conscience." Down in the little community, the center of which is the postoffice, Brief, on the Union and Cabarrus line, is a house which is now attracting a good deal of attention and which furnishes an interesting topic for conversation at the country church and "deestriet" school house. It is a "hanted" house—a sure enough "hanted" one, too. Mr. Key Biggers and family live there and the trouble have become so unearthly that they are preparing to leave the place forever.

The story runs thusly: Several years ago there stood a country store at the place where Brief now is. The store was owned by a man named Tucker who held a copartnership with Key Biggers. The store became noted for its meanness and shameless exhibitions of lawlessness and indecency. It was a rendezvous for all the thugs and toughs of the land, and their entertainments of the basest and lowest order.

On one dreary night two years ago, a whiskey wagon was at the place; and around the favorite haunt gathered the usual crowd of revelers. The sound of their dances and the hum of music blended with the curses of the crowd, all of which floated solemnly and dreadfully on the heavy night air.

But when the echoes were dying away and the night's devilry had been about completed, a strange flame was seen in the store, and it was soon discovered that fire had made such headway on the building that all human efforts to save it must prove failures. It burned down, and now a lawsuit is talked of between the former partners, for they each suspect the other.

After the conflagration, Mr. Biggers built a dwelling for himself nearly on the site of the store. When he moved into his new house he began to hear strange sounds, which would approach as the sound of a wagon coming. The noise drives up into the yard, rushes into the house, visits all the rooms, and, after shaking the house and thorough arousing the occupants, departs with its strange noise still clinging to it and finally dying away in the distance. Lately the racket has become unearthly and Mr. Biggers is going to move away, in the hope of leaving the devil behind.

Several parties have gone to see, or rather hear, the thing (for nothing has ever been seen) and they all report it as being beyond their understanding. It is no unnecessary fright, but, whether they ever learn the true cause of the trouble or not, there will for a long time be some timid people around Brief, who now intend to make their stay there as brief as possible.

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