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It now seems that there are to be 5,000 roll of honor free coinage speakers distributed over the United States that are not to let the cause cool off much. They are to stand a sort of civil service examination and speak only proper things. It is to be hoped they will be excused from saying that to have an international agreement on a ratio of coinage would be bowing the knee to foreign nations and would be asking them how we might make our laws. It is to be hoped, too, that they will not say that the poverty and degradation in the slums of the cities is due to the act of '73. If they will give us good sound reasoning it will be a welcome treat, but it is to be hoped that the speeches will be an improvement on many of the late campaign harangues.

On the strength of the encomiums of the bar in Concord, we were anxious to see Judge Boykin advance to higher honors and a broader field of legal usefulness. It is to our disappointment and our regret that he has seen fit to retire from the bench. His successor, Hon. O. H. Allen is well spoken of and it is to be hoped that justice will not be sacrificed by the change.

It seems that Granville, Caswell, Vance, Franklin, Nash, Wilson and Warren counties have applied in regular legal order for the two extra county commissioners. We hope it will not be necessary in Cabarrus and that the county fathers will go straight.

Contented and Happy.

The easy contentment of the old time country press is thus happily described by the editor of the Lawrenceville, Pa., Herald, who says:

"This paper will soon be sixteen years old. It is fairly prosperous as country papers go. The editor has been living on a minimum down to a science, the devil has long ago solved the problem of living without either food or raiment, while the business manager has joined the church and is so sure of his future that he doesn't care whether he lives at all.

"We've come out on our old hand press week after week without money and without price. We print a good newsy paper, hold our old subscribers and get a new one occasionally. We are happy and contented. We may not had much to live for, but, owing to the uncertainty of the future, we have nothing whatever to die for. We believe that our cheerfulness is reflected in the columns of our paper. If you want to participate in this carnival of cheerfulness we are now having it

will only cost you a dollar a year. Just think of it; fifty cheerfulnesses for a dollar—joy is frightfully cheap these hard times."—Press and Printer.

In Norway.

It is said that in Norway a bucket of water is always placed within reach of a horse when he is taking his allowance of hay.

"It is interesting," says the writer of the incident, "to see with what relish they take a sip of one and a mouthful of the other alternately, sometimes only moistening their mouths, as any rational being would do when eating a dinner of such dry food. A broken-winded horse is scarcely ever seen in Norway, and the question is whether this mode of feeding has not a beneficial effect in preserving the respiratory organs."—Dumb Animals.

NO RECRUITS NEEDED.

Arms and Ammunition is What the Cubans Want.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Senor Gonzalo De Quesada, in charge of the Cuban legation at Washington, in an interview to-day, said he had no doubt concerning Maceo's death, and did not care to speak on the subject in a critical sense until he heard more news.

"I wish you would announce again" he said, "that no recruits are wanted for Cuba. We are being overwhelmed now, owing to the reported death of General Maceo, with offers from brave and reliable men, who want to devote themselves in our behalf, but we need no more men, nor leaders. What we need is arms and ammunition and medicine stores for the sick and needy. There will be no difficulty in sending such supplies to Cuba, whereas the transportation of armed men would be in violation of the neutrality laws, which the Cubans have not cared to cure for Cuba, by all lawful, peaceful and honorable means, the political independence which her patriots are now endeavoring by tremendous sacrifice of treasure and life to gain, to encourage them with our sympathy and moral support and to arouse the whole nation to demand an end of the campaign of murder and destruction in that island.

"Mindful of the help which our fathers received in a similar struggle, we are constrained by a sense of gratitude to return to Cuba the kindness which was so effectively given to us.

"It is apparent to all thoughtful observers that Spain has not the power to crush the Cuban patriots, and, therefore, the continuance of the cruel struggle in Cuba can only serve to prolong a sense of abasement and humiliation in the minds of all men who are confident that this republic has the power to end the horror and call upon it to do so."

SHORT NEWS NOTES.

The sixteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor met in Cincinnati yesterday.

There are nearly 400 cases on the docket of the Mecklenburg criminal court.

J. Collins & Son, members of the New York Cotton Exchange, have assigned.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Consul-General to Cuba, accompanied by his wife and daughter, will leave for the island next Thursday.

Fire in Richmond, Va., Monday destroyed twenty buildings, entailing a loss of \$40,000.

President Cleveland is in Georgetown, S. C., shooting ducks.

NOTICE.

I want every man and woman in the United States interested in the Opium and Whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga., Box 122, and one will be sent you free.

Speaking of the trouble of raising sheep on account of sheep killing dogs, an exchange says that the owner of a flock of 500, on a farm near Charleston, has a very practical and inexpensive way of protecting his sheep from dogs and wild cats that hide in the swamp. The shepherd watches closely every day and when he finds a sheep slain he loads the carcass with strychnine. The work is done and the flock is rarely disturbed. It is said that it beats a poorly executed law all hollow.



Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim
As the swift years steal away.
Beautiful, willowy forms so slim
Lose fairness with every day.
But she still is queen and hath charms to spare
Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful hair.

Preserve Your Hair

and you preserve your youth. "A woman is as old as she looks," says the world. No woman looks as old as she is if her hair has preserved its normal beauty. You can keep hair from falling out, restoring its normal color, or restore the normal color to gray or faded hair, by the use of

Ayer's Hair Vigor.

A Strong Home Institution.

The Southern Stock Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Greensboro, N. C., is backed by many of the wealthiest and best financiers of North Carolina. It paid last season a dividend of 20 per cent to its policy holders and is in better shape than ever before.

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Concord agency in Lore building on West Depot street.

G. G. RICHMOND,
THOS. W. SMITH.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 1, 1896.
The Southern Express Company will sell, at public auction, at D. P. Dayvault's store for charges, about three hundred freight packages, being on hand six months and over, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. unless called for, charges paid or otherwise disposed of before day of sale.
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Very Respectfully,

B. J. Boston.