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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Senator Cockrell in a speech yesterday said that the surplus in the Treasury had been swindled by speculators and gamblers in order to save themselves and their imaginary profits. He said that the surplus had been swindled by speculation and gambling. Eighty-five million dollars had been swindled in the Treasury. Democrats by absenting themselves from a House prevented a quorum, and that body was thus forced to an early adjournment. Cumberland County Republican convention held and two sets of delegates were appointed to the Congressional convention. Capt. J. C. Blocker, a prominent Republican of Cumberland county, is dead. The Winston (N. C.) base ball club beat the Roanoke (Va.) club yesterday by a score of four to three. Information has reached San Francisco that French naval and land forces to the number of 600 have landed and subdued the natives of the Society Islands. On only one of them was resistance made, where upwards of 100 of the natives were killed and a number of marines were injured. Five thousand operatives have been locked out in the textile manufactures of Calais, France, for demanding higher wages. The latest reports from the late accident on the Reading railroad shows that twenty persons were killed and fifty others injured. The tariff conferees disposed of the paper, hemp, flax and jute schedules. An explosion of gas in a shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company resulted in the death of four persons and the fatal injuring of another. In a desperate encounter between Italian laborers and a sheriff's posse near Wayne Court House, Va., several of the former were killed and wounded, and about twenty others arrested. The remainder escaped to the woods. The Emperor of Austria and King of Saxony after witnessing the maneuvers of the German army have returned to their respective monarchies. The McKinley bill still continues to cause an uneasy feeling in foreign countries and reprisals are talked of.

PISTOL-GRAHS.

The Rads carried Wyoming—a clean sweep.
"How are the mighty fallen?"
—H. Samuel, 1888.
Peanuts are not plentiful in the Norfolk market, and sell high.
The Louisiana cotton crop is reported 15 per cent. short of last year's crop.
Gen. Fremont left a family in poverty and want. The path-finder failed to find the path to wealth.

Rev. Dr. C. G. Adams, of Lockport, N. Y., formerly rector of Christ Church there, is to be tried for embezzlement.

Some of Uncle Sam's new war vessels will equal the best. They will cost the trifling sum of \$4,000,000 each.

Ex-Senator Norwood is stumping Georgia, and, we suppose, to defeat Governor Gordon if he can for the United States Senate.

The Oxford Day, a bright, newsy, useful small daily, has completed its first year. It has proved a financial success we have heard.

The night is long, but the day will break. When the light of eternity streams down on the cross we wear for the Master's sake. Will guide our steps to the promised crown. A little while and the gate is passed. Home and heaven and rest last.
—F. L. Stanton.

The potato crop on the west coast of Ireland is now reported to be a total failure. It is thought America will have to send \$5,000,000 of food to the Irish before the winter ends.

When Fat Tom told the people in his Boston talk that the present House had reduced taxation \$50,000,000 he was indeed mightily cavorting and as far away from facts as he could go.

Here is an announcement in the Memphis Appeal:
"A gentleman in Cincinnati wanted a 'correction' from a reporter, and he got it. He was a society man and his funeral was largely attended."

Governor Gordon says of the 332 members of the Federal House only one favors the sub-Treasury bill. In the Senate of eighty-four members not one favored it. A bad showing for the bill.

For the South an important successful experiment was recently made at Chattanooga. Steel was cast. It had been thought that to accomplish this was impossible, because of the appearance of too much phosphorous in the metal used.

Ex-Senator Norwood challenges Governor Gordon to a canvass. Governor Gordon says he will accept if Mr. Norwood will announce himself as a candidate for the Senate. That looks right. It would prove a very able, a very spirited and a very interesting canvass.

When the Rads gerrymandered Indiana in 1872, they gave nine members of the House to 204,561 votes, but to 218,288 Democratic votes they gave but four members. This they regarded as fair and just. But how they do squeal under the application of something similar under Democratic gerrymandering.

FOREIGN MATTERS.

GRAND PARADE OF THE GERMAN TROOPS

Witnessed by the German and Austrian Emperors and the King of Saxony—Commercial Reprisals Threatened—The French take Possession of the Society Islands.

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—[COPYRIGHT]—A grand parade of the troops engaged in the army manoeuvres was held this morning near Elyhofs, in presence of Emperor William and Francis Joseph, the King of Saxony, Chancellor von Caprivi and Count Kalnoky. At the conclusion of the parade Emperor William gathered the officers in a group and addressed them, commending their efforts in the field. He thanked Emperor Francis Joseph and the King of Saxony for attending the manoeuvres, and said he hoped that they had seen had convinced them that the army remained as efficient under his leadership as it was under that of Emperor William I, thus furnishing a guarantee of the continued solidity and strength of the brotherhood of arms. He then called for cheers for the Austrian Emperor which were enthusiastically given by the officers. Emperor Francis Joseph in his response said he especially effective towards the command of such troops. The whole operation had given him special gratification.

On leaving the field the Royal party drove to Liegnitz. The route was lined with local associations and the populace in festal dress. After taking luncheon at the castle, the party proceeded to the railway station where Emperor William bade his guests farewell. There was much embracing and kissing. Emperor Francis Joseph being especially effective towards Chancellor von Caprivi, shaking hands with him repeatedly and waving goodbyes. As the train departed Emperor William led the cheering for Emperor Francis Joseph, Chancellor von Caprivi on his way back to the castle received a perpetual ovation. Emperor William, accompanied by Count von Waldersee, went by train to Kresau to visit Count von Moltke with whom they dined.

The prolonged conferences between von Caprivi and Kalnoky, which have been held daily, have been largely devoted to a discussion of a project of the Austrian premier for closer commercial relations between Germany and Austria. Van Caprivi has been in constant communication with Miguel, the Prussian Minister of Finance.

Semi-official information has been obtained to the effect that Austria has taken the initiative in proposing concerted European action against the McKinley bill. The reports in Paris newspapers that France has been invited to join the Dreibund, do not mean a political league, but a league whose object will be to take commercial reprisals against America. The reports, however, were entirely premature. Chancellor von Caprivi evidently feeling himself incapable of deciding the complicated questions involved in a tariff war, declined to commit Germany to any other action before consulting his colleagues. It is probable that Kalnoky and Ribot, French minister of foreign affairs, exchanged views on the matter. Officials of the foreign office here deny that there have been any communications with the French Government on the subject since overtures of Ribot thereon were allowed to drop. Miguel is opposed to any measure tending to increase the cost of necessary articles of food.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The barkentine Tropic Bird arrived from Paapeete, Tahiti, yesterday with news that the French forces have subdued the natives of the Society Islands and established protectorates over them. The warships Dubouard, Champlaine and the gunboat Vireaud are at Paapeete with a combined naval and land force of 3,000 men. At Raiatea Island the only serious trouble occurred. The natives there hauled the French flag down and the marines fired upon them. Upwards of 100 natives were killed and a number of marines were injured. Natives were finally beaten off and the island was occupied by the French.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—Eighty tulle manufacturers at Calais, have locked out 5,000 of their employes for demanding higher wages.

Yesterday's Games.

- St. Louis—St. Louis 5, Rochester 3.
- Chicago—Chicago 0, Brooklyn 9.
- Cincinnati—Cincinnati 9, Philadelphia 1.
- Buffalo—Buffalo 5, Philadelphia 13.
- Pittsburg—New York 9, Alleghany 5.
- Pittsburg—Pittsburg 7, New York 5.
- Chicago—Chicago 3, Boston 5.
- Cleveland—First game—Cleveland 2, Boston 1. Second game—Cleveland 4, Boston 0.
- Louisville—First game—Louisville 22, Athletic 0. Second game—Louisville 10, Athletic 0.
- Columbus—First game—Columbus 3, Baltimore 5. Second game—Columbus 3, Baltimore 2.
- Toledo—Toledo 7, Syracuse 3.
- Cleveland—First game—Cleveland 5, Brooklyn 10. Second game—Cleveland 4, Brooklyn 3.

The Tar Heels Win.

WINSTON, N. C., Sept. 20.—[SPECIAL]—It is admitted that the finest game of ball ever played in the South took place here to-day. It was the deciding game between the Roanoke, Va., and Winston clubs and was witnessed by a tremendous crowd. The game was for the championship of the South and resulted, after ten innings, in favor of Winston by 4 to 3, every run being earned.

FURTHER PARTICULARS

Of the Terrible Railroad Disaster at Shoemakersville—Twenty Persons Killed and Fifty Injured.

READING, Pa., Sept. 20.—The horror of last night's wreck on the Reading railroad seemed even worse when daylight dawned, the scene being simply frightful. Up to 10 o'clock twenty bodies of the dead had been taken from the wreck. The injured will number fifty. The body of George R. Koercher, general counsel of the Reading, was taken out badly disfigured. He was drowned in five feet of water, in a Pullman car. He was regarded as a very able lawyer.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—According to advices received at the main office in regard to the cause of the calamity, it appears that two coal trains left Perry further up the road, twelve minutes apart, and south bound. After proceeding some distance the first train of cars parted in the middle and as the rear half stopped, the second train plunged into it and threw a heap of debris upon the passenger track. It was a minute and a half after this collision and almost before the freight crew could turn around, that the express train came thundering along, plunged into the obstructions and went into the river. A melancholy coincidence is presented in the fact that the ill-fated train, the Pottsville express, is the same which was wrecked at Tuckerton on the down trip on the 23d of June last, and Engineer White and Fireman Temping who were killed in yesterday's disaster, filled places of the Heller brothers, Lewis and George, engineer and fireman who lost their lives in the first mentioned accident.

READING, Sept. 20.—The body of an unknown man who was among victims of the disaster at Shoemakersville, and who was among the last to be taken out of the wreck, was identified as George Lambert, of Tamaqua. This places the number of fatalities at twenty-one. All the wrecked cars were taken out of the river to-night. It is now believed that there are no more bodies in the water and that this ends the death list.

The coroner subpoenaed a jury to-day and will hold an inquest early next week. The tracks have been repaired and trains are now running as usual.

Railroad officials here say that they will make a most searching investigation as to the cause of the wreck. A number of the least injured who were in the Reading hospital, were sent to their homes to-day.

Republican Convention in Cumberland. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 20.—[SPECIAL]—A convention of the Republicans of Cumberland county to select delegates to the Congressional convention of the Third District, to be held at Warsaw next Wednesday, met here to-day. After a stormy session of about two hours in which the friends of John S. Leary, colored, struggled in opposition to the well matured plans laid by the supporters of George C. Scurlock, colored, to capture a list of delegates who would support the latter in the Congressional Convention, about one-half the delegates withdrew and held a little convention of their own, nominating a list of delegates. The result is two sets of delegates will go from Cumberland, one in favor of Leary, the other for Scurlock. The convention was disgracefully inharmonious so much so that the white radicals retired in disgust.

Captain J. C. Blocker, a prominent Republican politician of Cumberland county, died at Cedar Creek yesterday and was buried here to-day. He was killed by overwork in taking the census.

Supreme Lodge of Odd Fellows. TOPEKA, Kansas, Sept. 20.—The first annual convention of the order of Rebekah will be its last. When the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows met yesterday morning the petition of Rebekah for continuance was given a special hearing and by a practically unanimous vote a substitute was agreed upon which will do away with national conventions.

The Grand Lodge began its evening session at 8 o'clock and did not adjourn until 1:30 o'clock this morning. The amendment to the constitution in regard to the eligibility of saloon keepers was voted down by an overwhelming majority. All of the amendments proposed to the constitution were voted down. It is not likely that any changes whatever will be made.

Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Senator Blair to-day presented the following telegram which was signed by about fifty names: The undersigned, delegates to the State Republican convention of South Carolina, respectfully request you to protect the interests of the colored farmers and laborers of the South by using your influence to defeat the Conger Land bill.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The tariff conferees to-day disposed of the paper, hemp, flax, and jute schedules. The next formal conference will probably be Monday, the intervening time to be devoted to private consultations among the Republican conferees.

Embraced the Jewish Faith.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Vere V. Hunt, a lawyer and politician of this city, has embraced the Jewish religion. The ceremony was performed last Sunday, and henceforth he will be known among the children of Judah as Israel Isaac Osterheimer. He was educated for the Episcopal ministry and his Hebrew studies in that connection finally led to his conversion. Hunt is the man who, during the Anarchist excitement in 1884 and 1885, attempted to get out a writ of habeas corpus for Louis Lingg, after he had blown his head off in his cell at the county jail. He is to marry a Jewess.

TRIUMPHANT MINORITY.

DEMOCRATIC TACTICS COMPEL AN EARLY ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate Passes Eighty-Five Pension Bills in Fifty Minutes—The House Left Without a Quorum, and the Speaker Powerless to Count One—Colloquy Between Speaker and Members.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—[SENATE]—The Senate to-day resumed consideration of the bill to relieve National banks. Senator Sherman expressed a willingness that the only provision of the bill should be one to allow National banks to issue notes to the full value of the bonds deposited to secure circulation. On Senator Cockrell's objection the bill was laid aside without action.

Senator Cockrell favored the withdrawal of National bank notes and the substitution of greenbacks. In the course of his speech he said, that what had been seen within a few weeks had not been creditable to the country. The Secretary of the Treasury had been seen drawn on by speculators in stock and grain and New York, to pay every dollar of surplus in the Treasury, in order to save them and to save their imaginary profits in speculation and gambling.

The following bills unobjectioned to on the calendar were, among others, passed: Senate bill extending the privileges of free delivery of mails to towns having a population of 5,000 or a gross postal revenue of \$5,000. The hour assigned to the calendar having expired, the Senate resumed consideration of the House bill to define and regulate the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States, and of substitutes therefor, reported by Senator Everts from the Judiciary committee.

An amendment offered by Senator Ingalls was adopted. It provides that appeals and writs of error may be taken out and prosecuted from decisions of the United States court in the Indian Territory to the Supreme court of the United States, on to the Circuit court of appeals in the Eighth circuit, in the same manner and under the same regulations as from circuit or district courts of the United States.

Senator Dolph offered an amendment providing that the Circuit Court of Appeals, in cases in which judgment is made final; all have same appellate jurisdiction by writ of error or appeal, to review judgments, orders and decrees of District and Circuit courts and for that purpose the several territories shall, by orders of the Supreme court to be made from time to time, be assigned to a particular circuit.

After much discussion the amendment was agreed to. Senator Daniel offered an amendment extending right of appeals to the Supreme court to all cases of conviction of felony and to all cases where the matter in dispute is the right to personal liberty or right to the custody of a child.

Without action on Senator Daniel's amendment the bill was laid aside informally and the Private Pension bills on the calendar were taken up and passed eighty-five of them in fifty minutes. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House to-day Mr. O'Ferrall objected to the approval of the journal. The Speaker counted only thirty-seven Democrats, not enough to order the yeas and nays on the question presented. Tellers were demanded and the Speaker then counted forty-eight Democrats.

Mr. Breckinridge—You only counted thirty-seven before.
The Speaker—This is not the first time gentlemen on this side have appeared and disappeared.
Mr. Breckinridge—And this is not the first time the count of the Chair has turned out to be incorrect.

The Speaker—The Chair desires to say that yesterday the count by tellers showed two less than the count by the Chair, and that was because of two members disappearing after the Speaker's count.
Mr. Crisp—There was a difference of six.
The Speaker—The gentleman is mistaken.

Mr. Breckinridge—The counting will ascertain the facts.
The yeas and nays having been ordered, there was a Democratic exodus and in a moment the Democratic seats were well nigh deserted.
The vote resulted: Yeas, 151; nays, 0. No quorum, and the House at 1 o'clock, adjourned.

Bound to Have Their Show.

SPOKANE FALLS, Wash., Sept. 20.—Two hundred Union carpenters struck work on the new Exposition building yesterday because the contractor found it necessary to buy some boycotted lumber. The citizens were indignant; consequently bankers, merchants, lawyers, councilmen and others pulled off their coats, and hammer in hand, went to the building and began laying shingles on the immense roof.

The example has become contagious and scores of other leading citizens joined in the work to-day, including A. M. Cannon, the "Father of the City," J. J. Brown, a millionaire banker and capitalist; W. H. Taylor, President of the Board of Trade; Mayor Clough and many others. A large force of non-union men was also placed at work this morning and the building will surely be completed in time for the opening on October 1st.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The weekly bank statement shows: Reserve increase, \$5,212,125; loans decrease, \$528,400; specie increase, \$5,574,900; legal tenders decrease, \$1,699,800; deposits increase, \$6,731,900; circulation decrease, \$114,400. The banks now hold \$1,918,200 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

DESPERATE ITALIANS.

Swindled by a Contractor They Refuse to Allow Others to Work and Resist a Sheriff's Posse with Fatal Results.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Sept. 20.—A report comes from Louisa, Ky., that on Twelve Fall creek near Wayne Court House, Va., Friday, a terrible fight occurred between the sheriff's posse and a gang of Italian railroad laborers, in which several Italians were killed and a number wounded. Some weeks ago a contractor on the Norfolk and Western railroad named Keogh went away leaving numerous creditors, among the number being several Italians.

Several days ago a new contractor took possession of the abandoned works and put a number of laborers to work in the cut formerly worked by the Italians. The Italians refused to allow any one to work until they had received their pay for the work done under Keogh, and proceeded to oust the new laborers. Three times the new laborers were run out of the cut by the Italians, who used stones, clubs, knives and pistols. The contractor then applied to the court for protection and was furnished a posse of about a dozen men headed by the sheriff of Wayne Court House. On Friday the sheriff made an attempt to arrest the Italians who fiercely resisted.

A combat resulted with forty or more Italians on one side armed with stones, knives and revolvers, and the sheriff's men on the other. The Italians fought from behind trees, stones and whatever would shield a man's body. The firing between the two parties lasted some minutes. When the smoke of the battle cleared away several Italians were found in the last throes of death and several more were wounded. The sheriff's men escaped with a few severe bruises. About twenty Italians were arrested and taken to jail at Wayne Court House. The remainder escaped in the woods. The scene of the fight is forty or fifty miles from here and remote from railroad and telegraph communication.

Wilson Notes.

The mystery of the double murder of S. H. Whitley and son, which recently caused such a shock to this community, remains yet unsolved. No evidence has been discovered connecting any particular person or persons with the perpetration of that cowardly crime. It is known that Whitley had many enemies, and had himself committed great wrongs to many persons, and that he was a violent, lawless person, whose sudden "taking off" was not unexpected. But the cowardly manner in which the deed was perpetrated was startling, shocking, paralyzing to the whole community. And it is earnestly hoped that, for the sake of the reputation of the citizens of Wilson county abroad, as law-abiding people, every effort will be made to ferret out the assassins, and bring them to punishment.

This has been a busy week in Wilson, and cotton and tobacco have about equally divided the attention of producers and buyers. Both have been coming in daily, in large quantities, and have brought good prices. Without intending to "put on airs" Wilson is claiming to be the best market for these leading staples. It is easily accessible, and every facility needed for handling and working the weed will soon be afforded. Another large warehouse, and several prize houses are under contract to be built, and will soon be completed. Wilson is on a "boom," some of our oldest and most conservative citizens say, and they are beginning to talk about water works and electric lights.

A great many strangers have been in Wilson during the last week, many of them tobacco buyers and persons looking out for tobacco lands, cotton speculators, and the "festive drummer," who we "have always with us."

The political outlook in this county is satisfactory at present, so far as the election of the nominee of the convention is concerned. Some dissatisfaction, it is said, exists as to the manner of their selection, and there are rumors of opposing candidates for some of the offices, but whether independent or Republican candidates will be in the field, remains to be seen.

Our schools were never in a more flourishing condition, and richly merit the large patronage which they are receiving. The educational facilities of Wilson are unsurpassed by any town in Eastern North Carolina, and in point of health its claims are too well known to need repetition.

The MESSENGER continues to gain friends here rapidly—all who take it are delighted with it, and take pleasure in recommending it to their friends as the best of our State papers, and not behind any of our Southern dailies. All wish it the unbought success, which it richly merits.

Gravesend Races.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Weather fine and track first-class.
First race—3 year old sweepstakes, \$1,000 added, six furlongs—Bobby Beach won, Ballyhour second, Worth third; time 1:15.
Second race—Handicap sweepstakes, \$1,000 added, mile and a furlong—Drizzle won, Budhist second, Castaway third; time 1:56.
Third race—Clinton stakes for 3 year old fillies, \$1,250 added, mile and sixteenth—Sinaloa won, Druides second, English Lady third; time 1:49.
Fourth race—First special for 3 year olds and upwards, \$5,000 added, dividend, mile and a quarter—Kingston won, Tournament second, Los Angeles third; time 2:09. Tenny did not start.
Fifth race—2 year old sweepstakes, \$1,000 added, six furlongs—Nellie Bly won, Equity second, L'Intriguante third; time 1:12.
Sixth race—Selling sweepstakes for 3 year old and upwards, \$1,000 added, six furlongs—Rambler won, Punster, Jr., second, Syracuse third; time 1:14.

A GHASTLY SIGHT.

AN OLD MAN, PARTIALLY DEAF, KILLED NEAR CARY.

Arrangements Making to Receive the Democratic Clubs—A Large Attendance Anticipated—Coffin Factory Destroyed by Fire at Burlington—Raleigh's Cotton Receipts.

MESSSENGER BUREAU, RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 20.—To-night's crop bulletin says: The week has been unfavorable for crops and farm work of all kinds. The first four days continued very damp with frequent rains, and the injury done to cotton is considerable. The excessive warmth and moisture caused cotton to rot or sprout in bolls, while that which had already opened, has been stained and otherwise considerably damaged. The latter part of the week has been cooler and clear, and altogether more favorable, permitting the farmers to resume picking where it had been interrupted.

In many places tobacco is nearly all housed. In the western part of the State light frost in low places occurred on the 18th.

Near Cary, at a place where the public road to Pittsboro crosses the North Carolina railway, the last train on the railway from Richmond via Kaysville to Raleigh last evening killed Solomon Carpenter, a white man some 65 years of age, who lived in that section. The old man was feeble and partially deaf and attempted to cross directly in front of the engine. His head was split open and his body mangled. Last night his body was brought here and laid out in the baggage room at the Central depot, and it was a ghastly sight.

Two hundred and fifty-six convicts have been sent to the Yadkin railway, near Salisbury. Of these 150 were sent direct from the penitentiary.

Thirty Young Men's Democratic clubs will be here on the 24th and 25th. Such is the information obtained from Mr. Hal W. Ayer, president of the Raleigh club, which will make things so pleasant for the visiting club men. Governor Fowle will make the address of welcome on the 24th. On the 25th there will be speeches, and stirring ones, by Senators Ransom and Vance, Congressmen Henderson and Bunn and Capt. Baldy Williams, of the good old Fifth district. Clubs from Asheville to New Bern will be here. Strange to say, Goldsboro, it appears, will not be represented. That will never do. It is a pleasure to know that Wilmington will be represented on this occasion. It will really be the opening of the Democratic campaign, and all who hear the speeches will go away full of new ideas and purpose to beat the Republicans by an overwhelmingly majority. Barbecue for 5,000 people will be served on the 25th. It was at first decided to have the speech-making at the fair grounds, but it is considered that Brookside park will be more convenient, so it will be the place.

News was received last evening of a fire at Burlington early yesterday morning which burned the warehouse of the Burlington Coffin company and its contents, 4,000 coffins. The loss, it is said is \$20,000. The owners of the factory are said to be members of the Holt family.

Another cotton mill, of over 5,000 spindles, is going up at Burlington. That lively little town already has six cotton mills, owned by E. M. Holt & Son (2), L. S. Holt, J. H. Holt, W. E. A. J. E. Holt, and W. L. & E. C. Holt. The Hols own twelve cotton mills in Alamance county.

As rapidly as Hillsboro street is macadamized the street railway is re-laid. It will be three weeks before the work is done.

There are good reasons for believing that the Soldier's Home will be established by the end of the year.

The cotton receipts for the past week were 1,988 bales, and this despite unfavorable weather which stopped the picking for two or three days. The receipts from September 1st to date are 3,466, against only 383 last year.

Col. A. B. Andrews will return next Wednesday from Chicago. He is deeply interested in the Columbian exposition, and wants North Carolina to be handsomely represented there. The Legislature at its approaching session should see that such representation is amply provided for. The press of the State should take the matter in hand. The State had a miserable display at Philadelphia in 1876. No provision was made for it and the late Prof. W. C. Kerr, who had charge, did the best he could with the means at hand.

Improvements at Pullen park continue, and by next spring, when the shrubs and grass get a good growth, the appearance of the place will be quite attractive. That part of the park near the fountain is already very pretty.

The number of pupils at St. Mary's school is now 150.

The Agricultural Department will make a display of minerals and woods at the State fair. It has just presented a collection of minerals to the Agricultural college.

Maj. R. S. Tucker is building near his residence here one of the finest stables in the county—really quite like a villa.

The theatrical season opened last evening, and with a very poor play. There will be some good companies here later on. The truth is an Opera House is badly needed. It appears that it will take a regular boycott to secure the building of one. Metropolitan hall is very good for public meetings, but very poor for theatrical purposes. As yet there is no sign of anything better.

Yesterday a prominent Republican was heard on the street attempting to argue in favor of a high protective tariff. He was asked why a sewing machine, sold in the United States for \$50, was sold in South America for \$25.

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