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DOMESTIC.
In the ballot for senator in the Florida legislature yesterday Chipley was in the lead.—The National Association of Railway Surgeons, in session at Chicago, changes its name to International Association of Railway Surgeons and decides to meet in Toronto next year.—The gunboat Nashville will have her speed trial on the 12th inst.—Mr. Calhoun will probably leave Washington Saturday for Cuba; where he goes to investigate the Ruiz murder case.—Senator Earle is critically ill at his home in Greenville, S. C.—Warrants are issued for S. W. Scuggs, chief clerk, and Colonel J. T. Gaston, ex-commissioner of the South Carolina dispensary, charging the taking of cigars and canned goods from a trunk seized by dispensary constables.—Burglars open the safe of a Charleston (S. C.) firm and secure \$600.—The postal congress was not in session yesterday; the committees were at work on the matters referred to them.—Some of the railroads are holding off from joining the Western Association.—Dr. Talmage returns to Washington and reports to the secretary of the treasury that his tour in the west to secure contributions of food for the starving people of India, was most successful; a vessel loaded with grain will soon be sent from San Francisco.—Near Christiansburg, Va., a 17-year-old boy named Edward Collins, accidentally shoots and kills his 14-year-old brother.—A discharged convict of the Kentucky penitentiary testifies before a legislative committee as to barbarous treatment of the convicts of both sexes and all ages.—Canada will place an export duty on pulp wood.—The W. D. Howland is found in the dock at New Bedford, Mass.; he committed suicide April 22nd; he was treasurer of several corporations which have gone into the hands of receivers.—Professor Barnard, of Nashville, Tenn., makes a short, but successful trip in an airship constructed by himself.—The miners at Jellico, Ky., are idle, waiting for their big conference on the 10th.—Louis Phell, convicted of murder and confined in the lunatic asylum at Trenton, N. J., makes his escape.—New York had two fatal fires yesterday.—Dr. R. L. Griffin, surgeon general of the Nebraska state militia, returns to Greece to join the army.

FOREIGN.
Havana dispatches tell of Cubans defeated, efforts to dynamite train frustrated and landing of filibusters prevented.—The fighting near Pharsalos continued for fifteen hours, when the Greeks retreated and the Turks now occupy the town.—Great orders are created in the Austrian reichsrath on the introduction of a resolution to impeach several of the ministry.—In an engagement in Epirus the Greeks had to retire because their ammunition gave out; there is much dissatisfaction on the part of the soldiers toward the staff officers.—The correspondent of the London Daily Mail gives a graphic account of the fighting at Pharsalos; the fighting on both sides was heroic; the Turks advanced steadily and the Greeks were stubborn in their resistance, but were finally driven back.—The volstead of the Transvaal repeals the immigration, not on England's demand, but because law distasteful to neighboring states.—Austria and Germany join the other powers in proposing mediation between Greece and Turkey.—The powers will land troops at Athens to protect the dynasty.—It is rumored that the few wounded Greek soldiers left at Volo have been butchered by the Turks.—The powers hand a collective note to the Greek and Turkish government, calling on them to cease hostilities on assurance that the powers will settle the pending difficulties.—The triple alliance was renewed yesterday for six years.

Another Convict Pardoned.
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Raleigh, N. C., May 6.—Governor Russell pardons Ester McGuire, a white man of Watauga county, who was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to twenty years. It was proved that he shot a man by mistake, thinking he was a turkey.

Reception to School Children.
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Raleigh, N. C., May 6.—Governor and Mrs. Russell this afternoon at the executive mansion gave a special reception to 250 pupils of Murphy public school.



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THE CATTLE QUARANTINE.
PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE LINE IN THIS STATE.

Application for License for a South Carolina Insurance Company—The Land Grant for a Mormon Church—Portraits of George Peabody and Miss Dorotha Dix—Don Cameron Sues the Roanoke Water Power Company—Rutherfordton Votes for a Dispensary.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., May 6.
The secretary of the United States agricultural department writes the state commissioner of agriculture that he will at once make an investigation to determine as to the proposed modification of the cattle quarantine line in this state. He says it is best to have the boundaries follow the county boundaries. But the commissioner says the disease does not go according to county boundaries. The disease is splenic fever and it is in some way due to "ticks." There is a great deal of the disease within the infected districts.

An application is made to the secretary of state for license for an insurance company chartered in South Carolina, all the incorporators of which are Raleigh men.

The secretary of state is advised that the land grant desired by Mormons in Columbus is for a church. He says if the papers are regular he cannot refuse to issue it, not even if it were for a site for a Buddhist temple.

Three convicts arrived at the penitentiary today from Watauga county. The finance committee of the insane asylum board was in session today in the state treasurer's office, examining vouchers. John R. Smith, superintendent of the penitentiary, continues a member of the board.

The state treasurer discovered today a great many certificates of stock which the state took in various plank roads, of course all are worthless.

W. G. Randall, the artist, has completed portraits of George Peabody and Miss Dorotha L. Dix and these go to the Normal and Industrial college at Greensboro, where they will be unveiled during commencement. Miss Dix was the sister of Governor Dix, of New York, and was the founder of the insane asylum here.

It is a current rumor here that Governor Russell has endorsed James H. Young for postmaster of Raleigh.

Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, has instituted two suits in the federal court here against the Roanoke Navigation and Water Power Company. The papers in one of these came in today.

A very remarkable accident is reported in the Ducktown branch of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where a washout and a passenger train fell into it so violently that the rails were thrown in all directions. One of the passenger coaches was overturned and narrowly missed the route agent.

The replies to the inquiries as to the crops for the special May bulletin of the agricultural department are coming in. This is the first of the series of monthly bulletins.

Under the new revenue act persons who make a business of "swapping" or "trading" horses are taxed \$25 annually. This is raising quite a row among the traders.

The North Carolina classes of the German Reformed church is in session near Greensboro.

The weather turned much warmer today. Yesterday the farmers were very despondent. They say the crops are not growing and that both cotton and corn look sick.

It is rumored that Claude Bernard wants to be United States attorney for the Eastern district.

The majority of the people of Rutherfordton voted in favor of a dispensary.

It is rumored that Governor Russell will present a copy of the constitution to each graduate at the Normal and Industrial college commencement.

News From Cuba.
Havana, May 6.—The Spanish cruiser Maria Christina has captured at the mouth of the Mosquito river four lighters of American construction. They had apparently been used in the landing of a filibustering expedition. Troops also captured sixty-three boxes of cartridges belonging to the filibusters.

The escort of a railroad train running between Tunas and Sancti Spiritus, province of Santa Clara on Monday last, discovered another dynamite bomb with the rails with electric wires to it. Confirmation has been received in official circles of the death of Charles Aguirre, the insurgent leader. He was killed in a recent engagement with the Spanish troops. Important details about the rails with electric wires, among other things that General Maximiliano Gomez is in bad health.

The Spanish gunboat Satalite, at Ganey, near Tunas, saw a suspicious looking steamer, making signals. The gunboat fired fifteen shots at the steamer, which eventually disappeared. Later the Satalite returned and reconnoitered the coast in the vicinity of Guasinas, Paso Banao and harbor of Palo Alto. While so doing the gunboat sighted a detachment of insurgent cavalry, evidently awaiting the landing of a filibustering expedition. Fifteen shells were fired at the insurgent force, which thereupon dispersed.

Captain General Weyer, with his adjutants and an escort, left Cienfuegos province of Santa Clara, yesterday by special train and arrived unexpectedly at San Juan de las Yeras.

Jose Copero, the insurgent cavalry leader who was released on April 30th, the case against him having been dismissed, visited Consul General Lee today and will sail from Cuba on Wednesday next. Copero is an American citizen and was captured on board a steamer at Batabano, January 12, 1896.

Senator Earle Critically Ill.
Greenville, S. C., May 6.—Judge H. S. Earle, junior United States senator from South Carolina, is critically ill at his home in this city. Grave apprehensions are entertained as to his condition.

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London, May 7.—The Daily Mail's correspondent with the Turkish forces at Pharsalos, telegraphing yesterday morning says:
Yesterday's (Wednesday) battle was most sublime, as a spectacle and the most decisive of the entire war. It was not intended at the beginning that the fight should be a regular pitched engagement, but on the arrival of Edhem Pasha at the outposts, a furious firing began. The weather was cool and the sky somewhat cloudy, after a thunder storm.

The village of Pharsalos could be seen, huddled, as it were, under a line of low-peaked hills. Higher and round about were black hills rising behind the others, while between us and the village ran the small stream known to the ancients as the Rapius, crossed by a bridge at the railway. Between the stream and the village were the Greeks in an excellent position, well defended by earthworks. Their advance line consisted of two brigades and their reserves of two half brigades, altogether about 20,000 men. Against these were 50,000 Turks.

The artillery began the engagement, the Greek practice being much better than usual; but after about two hours they began to retire across the river. This was a great mistake, as they were thus enclosed between the river and the mountains with no room to deploy.

The night was superb. In many cases the Greeks fought with the courage of desperation. They were not only brave, but they were so brave that they cared to die. They were determined to fill their orders during the summer.

At Coal Creek contracts have been signed up and no reduction was made. The miners at this place are deeply in sympathy with those of the Jellico district and should a strike be ordered all would go out.

Settlement was reached today in the Laurel district, fifty miles north of Jellico, in Kentucky.

The South and West Commercial Congress
Kansas City, Mo., May 6.—The South and West Commercial Congress today heard reports of committees and addresses by Breedlove Smith, James A. Smith, Thomas Richardson, Governor and Leedy of Kansas, Patrick Walsh, and E. L. Martin, vice president of the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad.

Samuel Lapham, of Charleston, S. C., was made chairman of the congress. Breedlove Smith, of New Orleans, was made permanent chairman between sessions. Permanent vice presidents, appointed at Charleston, were chosen with the exception of W. C. Davidson, from South Carolina, in whose place Charles Stanton was named. The name of the congress was changed to The South and West Commercial Congress. The next session will be at Tampa, Fla. in February 1898.

Cruelty in the Kentucky Penitentiary
Frankfort, Ky., May 6.—The state prison investigating committee heard testimony today about inhuman treatment of prisoners and other things. John Doe, a two year convict, released yesterday, related dozens of cases of brutal flogging of men, women and children, of the rack, thumb stall, etc., giving names, dates and every detail.

President Albine, of the Louisville Albine Company, a turned down bidder, when the prison chair contract was let to A. D. Martin, et al of Chicago and Cincinnati, charged that Attorney General Taylor had become the attorney for A. D. Martin, individually and for the contractors as a firm, while a member of the prison board and attorney for the state.

A Distressing Accident.
Christiansburg, Va., May 6.—A most distressing accident occurred near here this afternoon by which Robert Collins, the 14-year-old son of Mr. H. R. Collins, lost his life. Robert and his brother Edward, who is 17 years old, were sent to the woods to do some shopping, and had been gone but a short time when Edward came running back crying frantically that he had shot his brother. Neighbors gathered immediately and it was found that Robert had been shot in the right eye. The ball lodged in the brain, causing instant death. Edward is so much overcome with grief that he has not been able to give an intelligent account of the accident.

The Triple Alliance Renewed
London, May 7.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Rome says that the pact of the powers constituting the triple alliance was renewed for a period of six years. The right to withdraw, under the terms of the original agreement, expired on May 6th, and Germany has succeeded in persuading Italy not to exercise the right of withdrawal.

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Mr. Barnard returned with his airship tonight. He says he has perfected a machine which will fly under ordinary conditions. He stated tonight that it was not perfect nor could it be perfectly controlled, but he believed that he could perfect it so that its course could be controlled.

After disappearing from view this morning, the ship circled around, the navigator hoping to meet with a favorable current. At last the ship began to sail to the west. When it reached Watkins, a village fifteen miles west of the city it turned. When four miles from Nashville, the gas in the balloon attachment began to give out. Mr. Barnard then sought a safe place to descend and came down easily. While aloft a sudden gust broke one of the spans of the ship. No other damage was done. He was aloft one and a half hours.

Jellico Coal Miners Idle.
Knoxville, Tenn., May 6.—The coal miners of the Jellico district are all idle, awaiting their big conference on May 10th, when it will be decided whether or not the reduction of wages will be accepted for the next year. The miners are not in position to stay out of work any great length of time, as some are now in destitute circumstances. The operators say they will not accept a contract for another year unless the reduction is accepted and they don't care to have any work done in the summer, as they have enough coal mined to fill their orders during the summer.

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