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JOTTINGS.

Representative Bell, Populist member from Colorado, says that his State has not suffered from the repeal of the silver purchase act; but, on the contrary, has been largely benefited thereby, and that, thanks to the timely discovery of gold there is not an idle man in the State. Is the party to split the only plank in its platform?

In his Atlanta Exposition speech alluding to the man he made Governor of South Carolina, John Gary Evans, Senator Tillman said. "I did not come over here to brag. I will leave that to our young Governor. He is young and green, you know." The Senator is hasty in his words. Remember the proverb.

A Jersey City preacher, who his congregation valued at \$700 a year, has moved to Hoboken and opened a bar because he thinks there is more money in selling liquor than in preaching. Earthly rewards, in cash, are what most want and do their best to get

The Christian Endeavor Society of Cleveland, Ohio, offered fervent prayers on Thanksgiving day for the conversion of Robert G Ingersoll to Christianity. Another case of looking after foreign heathen, and neglecting those at the door.

United States Circuit Judge, Charles H. Simonton at Charleston, S. C., has given the State Dispensary another blow from the bench, deciding in favor of Columbia Club. But the Dispensary continues business at the same old stands.

A man at McArthur, O., who spoke disrespectfully of a woman, was ridden on a rail and then tarred and feathered for the improvement of his manners. Ohio is a very progressive State.

Dr Sampson Pope, a Tillmanite who failed to get the Gubernatorial plum in South Carolina last year has gone over to the Republicans. The way of the transgressor is hard.

Thomas B Reed, the man from Maine, is Speaker of the House of Representatives again. Look out Mr Crisp, the Czar has returned to power.

CONFEDERATE NAVAL EXPLOITS.

CRUISE OF THE CLARENCE, TACONY--ARCHER.

PART I.

[Richmond Dispatch].

On the 6th day May, 1863, the the American brig, Clarence, bound from Rio de Janeiro to Baltimore, with a cargo of coffee, was captured off the coast of Brazil by the Confederate States steamer Florida, Captain John John N Maffit, Confederate States navy, commanding. Lieutenant Charles W Read, Confederate States navy, an officer of the Florida, a young Mississippian of scarce 23 years, filled with a patriotic devotion to the cause of the Confederacy, immediately proposed to take the Clarence, with a crew of twenty men, and proceed to Hampton Roads, Va., and there cut out a gunboat or steamer, with which it was his intention to go on a raid against the Federal commerce. Captain maffit granted his request, gave him a howitzer, with ammunition and equipments, and the necessary small arms for a crew of twenty men, and bade him god-speed. Read was accompanied by Second-Assistant-Engineer E H Brown, so that, altogether, he had twenty-one men besides himself.

He immediately shaped his course for the capes of the Chesapeake bay, drilling his crew, and preparing them for the arduous service which was expected of them. He also kept the men busy making wooden guns, as he sailed northward, to supply in appearance what he lacked in reality.

Off the Windward Islands he chased them weeks, but failed to overhaul them, on account of the inferior sailing qualities of the Clarence. On the 6th of June, in latitude 33 degrees, 39 minutes, north; longitude 71 degrees, 29 minutes west, he captured and burned the bark Whistling Wind, of Philadelphia, bound to New Orleans with coal for Rear Admiral Farragut's squadron. This vessel had been insured by the United States Government for \$14,800. On the 7th of June he captured the schooner Alfred H Partridge, of New York, bound to Matamoros, Mex. As this vessel was loaded with arms and clothing for citizens of Texas, the captain's bond for \$5,000 was taken as a guarantee for the delivery of the cargo to loyal citizens of the Confederate States, and she was allowed to proceed on her journey. On the 9th of June the brig Mary Alvina, from Boston to New Orleans, loaded with commissary stores, was captured and burned.

From the prisoners and papers of the Whistling Wind and Mary Alvina Read he gained information which convinced him that it would be impossible for him to carry out his original intention, as no vessels were allowed to go into Hampton Roads unless they had supplies for the United States Government; and even then they were closely watched. The vessels lying at the wharf above Fortress Monroe were guard-

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BREVITIES.

A Flint, Mich., correspondent writes to the Chicago Tribune. Passengers on the Flint River division of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad who came to the city today report observing a strange phenomenon in large, level fields not far from the city. Hundreds of snowballs, some of them of colossal size, have been rolled together, it is thought, by the action of the wind. The fields are covered with them, and nature accomplished in one night what it would take a large force of several days to do.

The historic Yorkshire estate, the first battle-field of the late war, has been sold at auction, about 600 acres in all, situated on both sides of Bull Run, in Prince William and Fairfax counties, Va. The land lying on the Prince William side brought on an average six dollars an acre, the other about three dollars.

A graduate of Yale College, by name L W Perdue, aged 51 and a school teacher, was lynched by a mob in Montgomery county, Georgia, for ruining Miss Mattie Gray. He had been indicted and was in jail. He was married and leaves a wife and four children.

In round figures, the deficit for November will be \$1,000,000, the receipts pooling up to \$26,000,000, and the expenditures to \$25,000,000.

The postoffice at Suggsville, Ala., was broken open Saturday night and robbed of six registered packages, eight dollars in stamps and \$65 in money. One of the registered packages contained a fine watch and a lot of jewelry.

Mrs Ada B Hollon, ex postmistress at North Grand Rapids, Mich. has been sentenced in the United States Court to two years imprisonment at the Detroit House of Correction, for embezzling money order funds.

Governor Stone of Mississippi, has offered \$250 reward each for the perpetrators of the doomed whitecapper. Will Purvis, and \$500 a head for members of a lynching bee at Crystal Spring.

The Tribune, a weekly paper devoted to Judaism, has been issued at Atlanta. It is a handsome eight column paper edited by George A. Markens, and is reputed to have heavy backing.

H. H. Holmes the much tried murderer has been convicted of murder in the first degree for having caused the death in Philadelphia of Benjamin F. Petzel, and sentenced to be hung.

A K Ward, alleged embezzler from Memphis, Tenn., has been arrested on board a steamer at Livingston, Guatemala, by the chief of Memphis police force.

A boy of 14 and a girl of 11 were recently married in Johnson county Ga., with the full consent of their parents.

Six men are constantly on duty guarding the President of the United States.

FROM ROAN TO ROANOKE.

Miles Darden, probably the largest man on record, born in North Carolina, died in Henderson county, Tennessee, January 23, 1857. He was 7 feet 9 inches high, and in 1845 weighed 871 pounds. At his death his weight was a little over 1000 pounds. Until 1843 he was active and lively and able to labor, but from that time was obliged to stay at home, or be hauled around in a two horse wagon. In 1839 his coat was buttoned around three men, each of them weighing more than 200 pounds, who who walked together in it across the public square at Lexington in 1850 it required 13½ yards of cloth, one yard wide, to make him a coat. His coffin was 8 feet long, 38 inches deep, 32 inches across the breast, 18 inches across the head, and 14 across the feet, and 25 yards of black velvet was requisite to cover the sides and lid.

A short time after the administrator, had sold the personal effects of the late Mrs Cynthia McCauley, in Chapel Hill township, a bed was thrown out of a window, and Mrs Lloyd noticed a strange sound when the bed fell on the ground. She examined the bed and found a small bag containing \$140.71 in gold and silver.

The State superintendent of public instruction has approved 1000 among the colored normal schools at Fayetteville, Salisbury, Franklinton, Goldsboro, Plymouth and Elizabeth City so as to make the amount they receive from all sources equal, making the total sum each gets about \$1,800.

William Cobb, the champion chicken eater, died recently at King's Mountain at the age of 91 years. He was a clever old man. He frequently boasted of the gastronomic feat of eating a chicken every day for forty years, or a total of 14,600 chickens.

C C Smoot, Sons & Co., of Alexandria, Va., has closed a contract for the establishment of a \$100,000 tannery plant at North Wilkesboro, which will cover twenty acres of land, use six thousand cords of chestnut oak bark annually and employ a large force of hands.

North Carolina postmasters were appointed Monday as follows: East Lake, J B Pinner, vice T M Sanderlin resigned; Heilig, Tobias Miller, vice Paul Barringer resigned.

George W Blount, a lawyer and editor of the Wilson Mirror, is dead. He was past grand master of Masons and a trustee of Wake Forrest College.

Governor Carr has ordered a special term of Bertie Superior Court, for civil cases to begin January 20th next, Judge Boykin to preside.

Winston shipped 3,043,896 pounds of leaf tobacco during November, an increase of 1,880,389 pounds over the same month last year.

Rev E W Oakes is stirring up Winston with another religious revival.

The Plymouth military company has been added to the State Guard.