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uscious fruits and beautiful sce-

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### NEWS ITEMS.

Southern Pencil Pointers. In court at Winchester, Va., two lawyers had a dispute and one struck the other with an inkstand inflicting a dan-

gerous wound. Albert H. Heitz, a well-known phosphate miner at Charleston, acc dentally shot and killed himself.

The national association of Dental Examiners and representatives of the chief dental colleges met at Old Point,

Before the Tennessee Bar Association Justice Walter Clark, of North Carolina, delivered an address; he advocated many changes in the federal constitution, which he says is now undemocratic.

A cotton mill at Natchez, Miss., suspends work for want of raw cotton.

At Starke, Fla., Henry Crosby killed himself with poison; his wife also took poison, but her life was saved.

In Charlotte, N. C., during the past year 240 new \* buildings have been erected, and there are now being built 112. Besides this, two cotton factories, the Louise mill and the webbing factory of Mr. A. C. Summerville have been built, the fine new courthouse has been completed, and a large number of business buildings have been remoteled until they are practically new buildings. The News.

Goyernor Atkinson, of Georgia, has refused fo interfere in thecase of John Tyler Cooper, former Mayor of Atlanta, and later clerk of the county commissioners, convicted of embezzling funds of the county, and Cooper will have to serve three month's imprisonment, to which he was sentenced by the court.

A syndicate is about to close the purchase of most of the coal mines of East Tennessee: the price is about \$5,000,-000, and if successful over 3,000 miners will be given employment.

There is a rumor in Laurens, S. C., that Ex-Senator Irby is to draw out of the Congressional race and help Ex-Governor Evans.

convention, who met in this city. Beview of the Legislation of the bill authorizing the President to suspend discriminating duties on foreign FOUR APPROPRIATION BILLS. vessels and commerce.

Importance--Cost of Armor Plate--The Arbitration Treaty Defeated.

Session Just Closed.

The extraordinary session of Congress just closed was called by Presiant Makinley two days after he took the onth of office on the steps of the (apitol. It met in pursuance to his reclamation at noon March 15. The deal message transmitted by him to the Houses on the opening day was rief. It explained the deficiencies in here mades, reviewed the bond issues last administration and urged s promptly to correct the existshald supply ample revenues for appart of the government and the BUYING COTTON IN NEW YORK. late n of the public debt. No other hf legislation was mentioned ie message and the tariff bill was absorbing feature of the session. the Republican members of the ways had been at work throughout session, which ended March ghearings and preparing the th was to be submitted at the tra session. Three days after the on opened the tariff bill was reorted to the House by the ways and gans committee, and thirteen days . on March 31, it passed the House. and to the Senate, was referred to mittee on finance, and the Reliced members of that committee ent a month and three days in its leation and in preparing its adments, which were submitted to he Seinte on May 4. Its considera-

BILL ARP'S WEEKLY LETTER. The only extensive pieces of general legislation enacted by this Congress, except the tariff bill, were the laws to prevent collisions at sea and to place in force regulations to prevent collisions upon certain harbors, rivers and inland waters of the United States, and the

The Senate, not being confined as to the scope of its legislation, dealt with MRS. New Provisions Added of Interest and | a number of important subjects both in and out of executive session. One of these, which attracted world-wide attention, was the general arbitra-tion treaty negotiated by President

Cleveland with Great Britain. After exhaustive consideration, despite the eat pressure brought to bear upon the enate by religious and commercial odids throughout the country, the enate rejected the treaty. The Havailan treaty of annexation negotiated y President McKinley, was still uncted upon when Congress adjourned. open session, after much debate, o Senate passed the Cuban belligeracy resolution, a bankruptcy bill, inuding both voluntary and involuntay features, and the "free homes" bill. But none of these important questions Ition by passing a tariff bill received consideration in the House.

Cotton Sent From the South Being Shipped Back to Southern Mills. Mr. A. P. Rhyne, the Mt. Holly (N. means committee of the preceding [C.) cotton manufacturer, was in Char-

lotte last week and in an interview with a News reporter said his mill is working cotton that was shipped from Georgia to New York, and is now shipped from New York back to North Carolina. A great many of the North Carolina mills are now buying their cotton in the New York market, and the Goldsboro (N. C.) mill last week had shipped to nished and have new knobs. Do you them from New York cotton that was last fall sold on the Goldsboro market; it still had the Goldsboro tag on it after traveling to New York and back.

It costs now only ten cents to ship from Galveston to New York and ten



William Realizes That He Is Only Plain, Unrefined Specimen of the Genus Homo.

The last letter I had about the poem was anonymous. Of course it was, for it read-

"Man wants but little here below, So Young and Goldsmith say; But woman wants it all, you know And wants it right away."

Mrs. Arp was sewing on some infantile garment as I quietly laid the missive on her lap. She neither smiled nor frowned nor stopped the play of her needle as she remarked, "Maybe they do, but they don't get it nor expect."

"I reckon," said I, "that some stingy old benedict wrote that; some fellow who would .spend more money on his horse than on his wife."

"No," said Mrs. Arp, "it was some old bachelor whose rejected addresses have made him cynical and like Byron he vents his revenge in doggerel. When you go down town I wish you would see Mr. Hicks about that dining room chair. Maybe he can put a new cane bottom to it. We need it somatimes when we have company, and that old sideboard ought to be revarknow how old that sideboard is?"

in 1852. He was one of the best men and best workmen I ever knew. I paid him \$50 for the sideboard. He was a well-read, well-bred man, a good neighbor and a good citizen, and I the sideboard. Is there anything else in his line that you want?" "No," said she, "but you know we are obliged to have another extension table. We gave ours to Jesse when she was married, and have been using one that was left here three years ago, and now the owner has settled down and wants it. You had better attend to this right away." "Right away, right away," I mused. "But woman wants it all you know, And wants it right away.'

R.R. COMMISSION CIRCULARS nery and mountains and the great waters of the mighty sea. My wife and my daughte's can spend half a day in looking at the beautiful things in the show win lows in Atlanta, but I never stop to gaze or to admire, except, perhaps, to look at the photographer's display or the life-like models of lovely women that seem smiling at my three-score and ten. Reading and observation teach me that all good men have reverence for womankind and are conscious of her better nature, her better morals and emotions. Shakespeare and Scott write of women as ministering angels. Wadsworth says of her creation: "A perfect woman nobly planned,

To warn, to comfort and command." No great poet save such a rake as Byron would have w itten:

"As well believe a wor an, or an epitaph, Or any other thing that's false." Even Solomon in all his glory with

his wives and concubines said: "Young man, rejoice with the wife of thy youth, and be thou always ravished with her love."

Edward W. Bok says in The Ladies' Home Journal, "No economy is so

false and misguided as that which seeks to withhold one pleasure from the life of a good woman, a true wife or a loving mother. The best home a man can give her becomes tiresome if that woman's life is hard enough. She travels a path of endurance and suffering to which the average man is an entire stranger. Then let us make that path as pleasant, as easy and as bright as possible. Every dollar that a man spends on his home for the happiness and comfort of his wife will come back to him four-fold."

The death of a young mother in child-

Maternal love-maternal interest!

What is it that so inspires a woman to

bear her fate-to suffer and be strong?

TRADE AS VIEWED BY JOBBERS.

27 States Indicate an Increase in the

Volume of Business.

The Wholesale Grocer, of Chicago,

Ill., published answers from jobbers

all over the country, to questions re-

garding trade. The replies were from

fifty per cent. show an increase in the

volume of business for the first half of

Sent Prosperity Is Coming.

THE COMING ISSUE.

Senator Butler Says it is Government

-BILL ARP in Atlanta Constitution.

birth is the saddest of all nature's

"Yes," said I, "Jim Sumter made it That is true-all true. Better mend the broken pane or that sash cord or that gate latch and sometimes take an hour off from business and take her to ide. The Odd Fellows and Masons and Knights of Pythias are good instihave respect for the sideboard. It is tutions, but should not come in between like an epitaph on his tombstone and a man and his wife. The mother wants seems to read, 'Sacred to the memory help with the children, for I tell you, of -' Yes, I will see Mr. Hicks about my brethren, there is no care nor anxiety like nursing and caring for a little child, and nobody but a mother will do it willingly. A mother who has reared eight or ten children from infancy to maturity, and four years of the time during a pitiless war, when she had to flee from the foul invader with her little ones and hide them, half clad and always hungry, can say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course." Yes, Paul said that, but he was an old bachelor, and knew nothing of what a mother suffers. The most pathetic

calamities.

A Magistrate Convicted of Compounding a Felony.

Vienna, for the formation of an inde-OLD NORTH STATE CULLINGS. pendent Jewish State in Palestine. It is said that the Hebrews are organizing

in all parts of the world. Big Revenues -- Soldier Pays an Old The Doctor intends first to send an exploring expedition to thoroughly War Debt -- Making Money Out of overhaul the land from end to end, and Poultry. to establish telephones, telegraph and

The railroad commission on the 27th issued the following circular:

From and after the 1st day of Sepnor more than one cent for each addi-

Whenever a message is sent over two or more telegraph lines owned, controlled and operated by separate and distinct corporations or individuals, the joint rate shall not exceed 30 cents for each message of ten body words or less, exclusive of date, address and signashe is asked to live in it and stay in it | ture, between any two points within 365 days in a year. The Lord knows the limits of this State and one cent for each additiional word. Effective Sep tember 1st.

Telegraph companies other than the Western Union Telegraph Company shall be allowed to charge and collect 20 cents for a message of ten body words or under, exclusive of date, ad dress and signature, between any two points within the limits of this State. on their respective lines and not more than one cent for each additional word. Effective September 1, 1897.

The following figures give some idea

of the great volume of business done

other modern scientific conveniences before opening the territory to general settlement To obtain sovereignty over Palestine, he says, will be easy, as the Turks will be glad to let it go. He points to his decoration to the Turkish government

tember, 1897, the Western Union Telegraph Company shall not charge of collect more than 15 cents for transmitting any message of ten words or under, exclusive of date, address and signature, beween any two points within the limits of this State on its lines.

tional word.

will be held at Bastle on the 29th. The Doctor says there is no doubt that this congress will be the redeemer of the Hebrews. There is no intention to follow socialistic lines. He proposes a limited monarchy like that of Great Britain

gun in the Senate on May ily two months later, July is ed the Senate with 872 amend-

le bill then went to conference, re, after a ten days'struggle, on July a complete agreement was reached which the Senate preceeded from amondments and the House from The others (243 in number) were apromised. The conference report | One Nomination Made-Five Men to was adopted by the House July 19 at the conclusion of twelve hours of continuits debate. The report was taken up to the Senate July 20 and adopted on Faturday, the 24th.

Concress did not devote its attention atively to the tariff though it did subdinate evelything else to this one he four appropriation bills

which furled on March 4th last in themthis would have compelled President leading to call Congress in extra seson, even if the necessity of a revision of the traiff had not existed. Those apprintion bills were the sundry al, the agricultural, the Indian and ceneral deficiency. These bills were troduced and passed by the House in he identical form in which they existd at the time of their failure of enactaentinto law at the preceding Concress, but they were amended in some class particulars by the Senate, and when they finally became laws conamed more or less new legislation of aterest and importance.

The general deficiency carried a pro-100 accepting the invitation to take attn the Paris exposition in 1900, and opropriated \$25,000 to defray prelimiiv expenses and appropriated \$150, Fallew immigrant station at New replace the one destroyed by far the most important piece lation in the bill, however, limiting the cost of armor the three new battleships to ton. In case the Secretary vavy should find it impossible to contracts for armor within other fixed, he was authorized by sion to take steps to establish ment armor factory of suffiacity to make the armor. In this authority he must precription and plans and speci I the land, buildings and maintable for the factory, adverroposals and report to Cons next session.

Indian bill, after a severe in both Houses, the question nan schools was settled by the while declaration of the policy of mnient:

the Secretary of the Interior time contracts with contract apportioning as pear as may be ount so contracted for among various denominations, for ion of Indian pupils during war 1898, but shall only make acts at places where not. hools cannot be provided for an children and to an amount ing 40 per centum of the used for the fiscal year

on of opening to entry the ite deposit in the Uncomrvation in Utah was also d by opening such agriculas have not been allotted to try, but reserving to the

ents from New York to Norfolk. rate war between the ocean steamship ines has so demoralized rates that one an ship from Galveston to New York

via Norfolk to Charlotte for less than half the cost of shipping from Galveston to Charlotte direct.

#### THE VIRGINIA POPULISTS.

Fix Up the Balance of the Ticket.

At the Populist State convention assembled at Roanake, Va., Major Gaines withdrew from the race for the

nomination of Lieutenant Governor, and Capt. Edmund R. Cocke was nominated by acclamation.

Capt. Cocke accepted the honor and thanked the convention for conferring it upon him. It was decided to make no further nominations for the other two places on the State ticket, but to expedite matters a committee, consisting of General James G. Shield, of Fauquier, chairman; J. Haskin Hobson, Dr. T. W. Evans, of Campbell; Senator W. H. Hale, of Franklin, and W H. Graverly, of Henry, was appointed with full power to add or to take from as deemed best. In short their duties are to look after the interests of the party, in case the Democratic convention decides to endorse their candidate. There was a hot speech by General

Field. The convention adjourned sine die.

AMERICANS IN CUBAN PRISONS. Consul General Lee Gives State De-

Consul General Lee has informed the

oners, only the following:

Sagua La Giande; Julio Thomas Sainz and Frank Agramont, at Santiago. All of these prisoners are charged

are held subject to the ordinary milita-ry jurisdiction. The United States

has been captured by Spanish troops

Report of the Commissioner Shows Decrease From the Previous Year. The preliminary report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the year ended June 30, 1897, shows that

were \$146,619,508, a decrease as compared with the previous year of \$211, 106. The receipts for the several sources of revenue, with the increase or decrease, as compared with the aligne Indians on April 1, fiscal year 1896, are stated as follows: Spirits \$82,008,558, an ines title in all lands contain- crease of 31,303,487; tobacco \$3,710,297; a sphalt or other like sub- a decrease of \$1,831; fermented liquors

Mrs. Arp looked ot me and reline in all poetry is that of Fitz-Greene marked, "I want these things for you Halleck, where he apostrophizes death: and the children. It's precious little "Come to the mother when she feels that I want for myself now.' For the first time her first-born's breath."

I don't think she admires the song or the sentiment.

"I know it, I know it, my dear," said I. "There was a time when you wanted a good deal for yourself and i pleased me to gratify your every wish and more than you asked for. Nothing was too good for you when I had the money. Silks and sables, lawns and muslins, a carriage and horses, Wilton carpets and damask curtains, and so

stitching away so earnestly upon that

little garment, for now your love and

care have lapped over to another

generation. The little grandchildren

forth, and so on, et cetera, e pluribus unum. But anno domini kept rolling on and the war came and I discovered

that you were gradually losing your partment Their Names. concern for yourself, and all your care was for your children. I was rumi-

State Department at Washington that nating about this while you were in the event of the release of the American, Louis Smelian, now confined in jail at Havana, there will remain of American citizens imprisoned in Cuba in addition to the five Competitor pris-

Manuel Feenandez, confined in Fort Cabanas: Rafael Fernandez Y. Diaz, at

with rebellion with arms in hand and

consul at Manzaniilo has cabled the secretary of State a contradiction of the story that Albert Slusser, an American,

and taken to that place.

INTERNAL 'REVENUE RECEIPTS.

the total receipts during the period

have come in for a share of your ume about the same, and 20 per cent. note a decrease. The question of maternal love, and your personal wants have come down to a minimum. definite improvement in conditions was Of course you must be clothed as Sectionally, 64 per cent. of the jobbers becomes the maternal head of nuin the Southern States, 65 in the Eastmerous and lovely offspring, for if ern, 70 from the Western, and 95 per you are not a queen you have reigned cent. from the Central States, said in our home nearly as long as Queen "yes" to the question. Victoria has in England and-" "Well, that will do now," said my A PREACHER'S PROPHECY. wife. "You had better go to town. West Virginia Minister Says God-

Aunt Ann says the rice is out and the cowfeed too.' "I was ruminating," said I. "how

fortunate it was that your ambition surrendered about the time my money did. You ceased to crave as fine things as I used to get you. You adapted of this country prophesying that wheat your wants to our misfortunes. Why is soon to go to \$1 a bushel, and urges forty years ago I would not have let them to form a combination among you go about in that grizzly gray mus themselves, helping to tide each other lin. I had a contempt for cheap things over until this propesy is realized. He especially for you; didn't I, my dear?' says prosperity has come as a gift from "You certainly did," she said with

God, and not from any political party a kind of sad, reminiscent smile in or measure. He bases his prediction on the 75. her tone of voice, "but this muslin j good enough now. But you had bet-000,000 bushels supply and the apparent Eastern demand. He figures a ter go to town. There are four little profit to the United States of \$200,000,grandchildren here to dinner, and Aunt 000 on the crop. Ann wants the rice right away."

"And wants it right away," I hummed to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne." Somehow I can't get that refrain out of my mind-"And wants it right in the Asheville office of the internal revenue. The statement covers from July 1, 1896, to June 30, '97:

Lists.....\$ 29,853 43 Spirits ...... 581,251 44 visions of the new act, are subject to igars and cigarettes..... 4,848 30 Snuff..... 601 86 Fobacco..... 1,055,872 39 Special tax..... 15,059 01 The amounts by months follows: August, 1896..... 126,460 38

September, 1896 ..... 152, 414 83 October, 1896..... 147,283 83 November, 1896..... 135,668 01 December, 1896..... 161,211 25 January, 18.7.... 166,008 07 February, 1897.... 148,465 26 March, 1897..... 144.949 17 April, 1897..... 120,881 93 Jay, 1897..... 131.657 95 June, 1897..... 136,424 52

Total......\$1,687,592 45 The collections at the various offices for the year were: 

Statesville..... 469,330 91 Asheville..... 216,070 61 Mt. Airy..... 122,086 36

F. E. Hege, chief of the poultry department of the State Experiment Station, is arousing much interest in "fowl culture," in the State. He says the chickens and eggs produced are now worth more in cash than any agricultural product. The raising of chickens for the Northern markets is a profitable and growing industry. In one day recently 40,000 chickens were shipped from two points to the Northern markets. Several county poultry associations have lately been formed and the jobbers in twenty-seven States and Buncombe Association has just been incorporated. Poultry fairs are to be held at Shelby, Asheville and Charlotte.

1897, as compared with the same period last year; 30 per cent. report the vol-In the Superior Court at Concord, D. M. Widenhouse and M. M. Furr, both of No. 9 township, Cabarrus county, have been convicted of compounding a answered affirmatively by 10 per cent. | felony. Mr. Furr is one of the Populist magistrates. He has been deposed from office of justice of the peace and is to be deprived of any office of honor or public trust in the State of North Carolina and to pay a fine of \$50 and the costs. Mr. Widenhouse was fined \$20 and the costs. Both have been given notice of appeal. Never in the history of Cabarrus has such charges been brought against her officers. -Charlotte

> During the war Jesse Snatherly, Confederate soldier from Montgomery ounty, saved the life of a New York oldier who was wounded. The woods had caught fire and the Federal sol dier called for help. Snatherly took him to a safe distance and provided him with water. He has sent Snatherly \$800.

The railway commission increases the valuation of all the divisions of the Atlantic Coast Line, the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line; it decreases the valuation of the Atlantic and Danville: the others remain the same; the increase on inilways, steamboat and telegraph lines is about \$3,000.000.

While Deputy Revenue Collector Hill and a posse were making a raid on moonshiners in Lenoir county they

ariffact, or having such articles at tached or connected therewith, or advertising any promise or offer or gift,

JEWS IN PALESTINE.

Scheme for an Independent State is

Favored By Hebrews.

representatives of the Baron Hirsch

charities seem to take very seriously the

scheme of Dr. Theodore Hertzl, of

as evidence that he thinks favorably of

his scheme. If Turkey should refuse

to give Palestine up, he says the Otto-

man empire will disintegrate, and then

a Jewish company can. obtain Pales-

tine when the powers divide up Turkisk

If it proves impossible to get Pales

To confer on this point a congress

The capital of the Jewish company is

NO SEIZURES TO BE MADE.

The Order About Coupons or Articles

Cigarettes, Etc., Modified.

Attached to Smoking Tobacco,

A modification of the recent circular

of instructions to collectors of internal

revenue has been made. These in-

structions declare that all packages of

smoking tobacco, fine cut, chewing to-

bacco, or cigarettes, containing articles

prohibited by section 10 of the new

tine he will turn to Argentina.

o be \$250,000,000.

territory.

A cablegram from London says the

reward or prize, contrary to the proseizure. The new order directs that all viola-

tions of this section of the act be reported to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, but no seizure shall be made without specific instructions from him. Some question has arisen as to the nower of the department in the premises. The contention is made that Congress has no power to fix by law regulations governing the packing of articles subject to internal revenue, unless in some way the power or convenience of the government in the collection is affected;

also that this provision is in restraint of trade, and interferes with legitimate business. Until the department has determined the question no seizures will be made under this provision of the

RACE WAR IN TEXAS.

Two Negroes Killed and a Number o Others Shot at a Stone Quary.

A squad of negroes who had been working on' the Kansas City, Houston and Galveston railroad, near West

Lake, La., were recently transferred to the stone quary near Thornbeck Texas. Whites of the neighborhood objected to the negroes being employed in the quarry and a pitched battle occurred between the whites and negroes. Two of the negroes were mortally wounded, and several others were less seriously shot. Knives, guns and pistols were used in the melee.

TROUSER-MAKERS STRIKE.

Three Thousand Walk Out In New York.

In New York three thousand trouser makers have struck to enforce the increase of piece-work prices, so as to enable them to earn about \$10 weekly each. The week's work is fifty-nine hours. Nearly all the strikers are members of Pants-Makers' Union No. 1 Since last fall the prices for making trousers have been reduced so that the operators who work steadily every day make only about \$6 a week. They

claim that they cannot support themselves and families on this pittance.

BAD CROP NEWS.

The Kansas Corn Crop Blasted by Hot Winds-Not Over Half a Crop. A special to the Topeka (Kans.) Capi tol from every corn producing county in the State show that this year's Kan sas crop of corn will not be over 50 per cent. of last year's. Hot winds have withered the product in the southern hali of the State, and few fields will

average over fifteen bushels to the acre. In the southern portion, except in the far east, there will be no corn. In the northern belt, north of the Kansas river, though needing rain, corn has not shown the least sign of drought, and will make a full crop if relief comes within a week. No hot winds have blown there.

FOUGHT IN A CHURCH.

The Virginia, Populists may tender the nomination of Governor to Tyler.

Prof. P. H. Patterson, an educated and influential negro, was murdered in a church in Montgomery, Ala.

The Banister Baptist Association (colored) in session at Houston, Va., adopts resolutions denouncing criminal assaults on white women, and the class of negroes who commit them.

The attendance at the Tennesee Ceutennial Exposition last week numbered 45.398

Governor's Guards, of Austin, won the interstate drill at San Antonio, Tex. Neeley Zouaves won the Zouave prize.

Dr. Scott, brother-in-law of Governor Bradley, superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, has been declared unfit for the place by the grand jury, and his removal demanded.

An insurance company has withdrawn its business from Greenville, N. C., Pitt county, because it did not deem it safe to continue its business in a town controlled by negroes.

General Lafayette McLaws, the oldest surviving Confederate major general, died Sunday at Savannah, Ga., aged 76 years.

The stewards in the Methodist church at Albertsville, Ala., finding their church revenue insufficient, have levied an annual tax of \$10 on each tobaccochewing member of the congregation. The plan is said to work admirably and to bring in a goodly revenue.

It is reported that Florida will get some relief from the hated water hyacinth. A red spider is said to be rapidly destroying the plants.

The erection of a twenty-ton cotton seed oil mill will be commenced at Lavonia, Ga., at once.

Savannah's first new bale of cotton was sold at 10 cents, and classed at fuily middling.

Florian Bindewald, of the Augusta (Ga.) Brewing Company, was drowned while in bathing.

Charles Walsh was shot and killed by a policeman in Atlanta, Ga., while resisting arrest.

All About the North.

Schlatter, the "divine healder" found dead in Arizona, has "reappeared" in Canton, O.

In the 16 to 1 saloon, at Texarkana, Ark., J. W. Foster shot and instantly killed Riley Balthrop, a merchant.

The Democrats of Maryland held held their State convention; harmony prevailed and everything went as Gorman dictated; it declared for bimetallism without specifying any ratio.

At Yonkers, N. Y., fire destroys a factory in which were working 600 men and girls; there were no casualities.

William R. Valentine, a well-known Brooklyn newspaper man, who claimed to be the author of "Casey at the Bat." died at Oyster Bay, L. I., aged 35 years, of abscess of the brain.

The Brooklyn Jockey Club announces the Junior Champion Stake of \$15,000 for 2-year-olds, to be run in '98.

Observer. Rev. Chas. Ghiselin, a Presbyterian minister at Shepardstown, W. Va., has published an open letter to the farmers

