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A Missouri Train Robbery.

A dispatch of last Wednesday from St. Louis, Mo., says: The 'Frisco fast express, from the West, which left Lebanon, Mo., 182 miles west of St. Louis, a little before 1 o'clock this morning, was held up by three masked men, near Richland, 22 miles east of Lebanon, about 3 o'clock this morning.

The annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Carolina will meet in Raleigh on June 5th.

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

STATE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE GATHERED FROM OUR MANY WIDE-AWAKE EXCHANGES.

The great revival meeting at Fayetteville has ended, with over 300 conversions.

Moses Pender, a colored laborer of Edgecombe county, who killed Mrs. Ruffin, a white man, in March, 1895, was arrested a few days ago and is in jail.

The tobacco men of Statesville will erect a monument to the memory of the late Hal Fetter, a popular tobacco auctioneer of that place and son of the late Prof. M. Fetter.

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The store of R. L. Swiggood, at Tyeo Shops, Davidson county, was burned Sunday night. It is supposed that the store was robbed and then set on fire.

There is a man in the city to-day who says he is walking around the world getting autographs of prominent business men in each place he visits.

Another murderer has been acquitted in Madison county about the four hundredth, more or less. His name was Balding and the Hendersonville Times says of the acquittal: There was an unusual scene in the court room when the verdict of 'not guilty' was returned.

Bro. J. H. Mills, is writing a very interesting story entitled 'Captain Benajah.' The foundation is laid on parts of the Bible, and from this he builds a splendid structure.

Superior court is in session in Caldwell and Albert Franklin and wife are to be tried for the murder of Foy Greene, Franklin's wife's first husband.

In looking through the old vault in the State Treasurer's office Thursday, the clerk found the last warrant issued by Z. B. Vance as war Governor. He also found forty-three thousand three hundred dollars in old bonds in denominations of one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars.

PETER'S CONFESSION.

Synopsis of a Sermon by Rev. D. H. Bradenburgh.

The pages of history are adorned with many sayings of great men. Socrates said "know thyself," and enunciated a great principle for right living; Shakespeare said "This above all, to thine own self be true," and forcibly portrayed our duty to others and ourselves.

These words were not the result of sudden inspiration to Peter, but a gradual disclosure, which the divinity of Jesus had made to the impulsive apostle.

We have not seen the miracles that Peter saw, but we learn of Christ's nature in much the same way. We have seen the power that has opened the eyes of those groping in darkness and sin, and now the soul that has succeeded by drinking the poison of sin, has been raised and quickened to new life.

The power of Christ upon the human soul, is to that soul the positive evidence that He is the divine Christ, and under His tuition and influence, the soul rises to its sublimest hopes, attains its sweetest purity, and learns its holiest love.

The speaker then very clearly showed this to be a model confession, certainly it pleased Christ, for it was upon this confession that Christ built His church. It was our all-sufficient faith and creed.

The Wilson Acetylene Works, located at Spray, Rockingham county, were entirely destroyed by fire last Sunday morning. The plant was owned by Mr. S. L. Wilson, of New York, and operated by Maj. J. T. Morehead.

The Aluminum works was the pride of the people of Spray, this being the birth place of acetylene gas, which has of late attracted so much attention in the scientific world.

Spontaneous combustion was the probable cause of the fire. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, and there was no insurance on the property.

Would give us perfect health. Because men and women are not perfectly wise, they must take medicines to keep themselves perfectly healthy. Pure, rich blood is the basis of good health.

News was received here yesterday that John W. Markham, a prominent merchant of Chapel Hill, had been arrested at that place and taken to Hillsboro and placed in jail.

Those who are struggling to keep out of the poor house will find comfort in the information that the Duke of York's annual live comfortably on \$700.00 a year.

A SICKENING SIGHT.

THE BRUTAL BUTCHERY OF FIVE CUBAN PATRIOTS BY SPANISH GARROTTERS.

The Execution Was Horrible and Revolting. All Five of the Victims Strangled to Death.

A dispatch from Havana, Cuba, states that never in modern times has there been a more sickening spectacle than the one which attended the public execution of five Cubans.

Troops were drawn up in hollow square and in the middle were placed the chair and post. Ruiz, the public executioner, had deputized an assistant to conduct the affair.

The first man to die took his seat in the chair calmly; the iron collar was fixed about his neck and cap drawn over his face.

The fourth victim of bungling garroters was likewise tormented and Ruiz literally fled from his post, leaving his assistants to put to death the fifth unfortunate Cuban, who escaped none of the agonizing experiences that had attended the execution of his fellows.

It rumors from abroad are correct the fashionable woman of the spring of '96 will be wonderful to behold. For the past five years fashion has been subjected to but few radical changes.

Marie Antoinette curls dangling from the back of the coiffure. Such is the array of horrors which the fashionable woman must contemplate before planning her spring wardrobe.

Mr. Monroe Davidson, of Greenville, Ga., says, May 21st, 1895: "I have used Royal Germetuer for Kidney Troubles from which I have suffered from boyhood. It gave me relief in a few days, and is the only medicine that has ever given me any permanent relief."

The conduct of the present Congress has been worse than that of the one which preceded it. Instead of laboring for the interests of the people and endeavoring by their influence to give permanence to the renewal of general prosperity, they have yielded to a spirit of jingoism and have kept the country constantly excited by pretended foreign complications and threats of war.

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A Romantic Marriage.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

The Winston Salem correspondent of the Charlotte Observer telegraphs from the Twin City as follows under date of March 27th: "A rather remarkable marriage was celebrated in Winston yesterday. Mr. James H. Portis, of this city, and Mrs. Maggie T. Davenport, of Rocky Mount, N. C., being the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed at the home of the groom's father by Rev. H. A. Brown, of the First Baptist church.

The bride first came to Winston several months ago upon hearing of the critical illness of her lover. She came here again a few days since and was told by a physician that his recovery was very improbable and that if she desired to marry him it would be advisable for her to do so at once.

"Mrs. Portis is a very handsome brunette, and is also quite wealthy. Mr. Portis was formerly manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in Asheville, which position he resigned to accept one in Birmingham, Ala., and upon the death of his wife in that city he went to Richmond, Va., being employed there in the main office, where he remained until a few weeks ago, when his failing health compelled him to come home. He has two children."

A careful canvass made by correspondents of the New York Herald in every State and Territory in the Union to determine the Presidential preferences of the delegates to the Republican National Convention, which will be held in St. Louis on June 16th, shows that on the first ballot McKinley will poll more than double the vote of any other candidate, and that he will tell only 62 votes short of the nomination.

According to the Herald, the total number of delegates will be 908, and 455 will be required to nominate. McKinley will probably go into the convention with 393 votes on the first ballot. Reed will be second in point of strength, with 152 votes, including solid New England. Morton will stand third, with 68, and Allison will have only 35.

That the impurities which have accumulated in your blood during the winter shall be promptly and thoroughly expelled if good health is expected. When the warmer weather comes these impurities are liable to manifest themselves in various ways and often lead to serious illness.

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We may not omit mentioning the battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, fought 27th February 1776, between the militia under Colonel Lillington and Caswell and the Tories under Gen. McDonald. Thirty of the latter were killed or mortally wounded, including Captains McCloud and Campbell killed, and but two only were wounded on the side of the patriots.—Wilmington Messenger.

A Brooklyn, N. Y., despatch of Wednesday says eleven lives were lost by fire in an Italian colony near Hamilton Ferry. The fire occurred in a three story tenement house, occupied by Italians, seventy-five people being in the house. The men, women and children slept on mattresses on the floor in the various rooms. The tenants were mostly laborers. Those who lost their lives were overcome by the smoke before thoroughly awakened. The fire started in the lower hallway.

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Years ago we published a list of some fourteen events in history in which North Carolina was first. Like nearly all we have written in fifty years but little is in our possession. We are unable, therefore, to reproduce the list and it would require some research to gather it again.

But we meant now to refer to three or four historic matters in which the old State led off. The first pamphlet published in this country protesting against taxing the Colonies against their consent, was printed in Wilmington by Andrew Stuart in 1766.

The first protest in print, condemning the grievous burdens put upon the people of the upper counties by the Colonial Government and its officials in the courts, was signed "Nobush," and was written by a citizen of Granville county. It is extant and may be found in Wheeler. It was published in 1768.

The first blood shed in resistance of oppression was by the Regulators in the battle of Alamance, on 16th May, 1771, Gen. Tryon defeating them.

It was nearly four years later when the battles of Concord and Lexington in Massachusetts were fought 19th April, 1775. The first declaration of Independence of the British Crown was at Charlotetown, Mecklenburg county, on 20th May, 1775.

The Regulators of Granville started the trouble in 1771—were ahead of the others. The Regulators of Anson county were ahead of those of Orange, says Governor Swain.

The first Provincial Convention met at Newbern on 25th August, 1774. It was this Convention that appointed William Hooper, Joseph Hews and Richard Caswell delegates to the First Continental Congress.

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