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MAXTON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.

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Bibles and Testaments can be purchased of **Wm. Black**, Depository, Maxton, N. C., at cost.

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MASONIC.
MAXTON LODGE A. F. & A. M. meets 1st Friday night in each month at 8 P. M.
GENERAL DIRECTORY OF ROBESON COUNTY.

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The New York Herald has discovered that English ladies take a great deal more interest in politics than the wives and daughters of American candidates do.

How many trade secrets have died with their possessor? One such case has just occurred at Findlay, Ohio, in the death of Frederick J. Seymour, the Superintendent of the American Aluminum Company. He was the inventor of processes by which aluminum could be extracted from common clay.

In secret he added some chemical to a fluid mass of the clay, which enabled his fellow-workmen to wrest the valuable metal from the earth. He died of a paralytic stroke and had no opportunity to reveal his secret. The stockholders of the company, among whom are General Russell A. Alger and Senator Palmer, of Michigan, it is said will employ chemists and endeavor to rediscover the secret.

A well-known lady of St. Louis, who has been abroad for more than a year, was in Boulogne at the time of the recent visit of President Carnot and Mme. Carnot to that noted old city of the French coast. In describing an incident of the French President's tour she says: "A deputation of sailors from Sortel, as well as of Boulogne, waited on Carnot and his wife, presenting to the lady a magnificent bouquet, and Mme. Carnot presented in turn her cheeks to be kissed, which to refuse would have been anti-democratic. But not only did one sailor—he from whom the bouquet had been received—avail himself of the opportunity to kiss her, but every blessed mother's son of that band of sailors stepped forward and kissed the first lady in the French Republic first on one cheek, then on the other."

THROUGH DIXIE.

SUMMARY OF SOUTHERN NEWS

happenings of Special Importance From Virginia to the Lone Star State.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Matthews Gibbs, supposed to be the oldest man in the State died at his home near Center Sabbath morning. Mr. Gibbs was 108 years old and died of their old age.

The State Farmers' Alliance convened its annual Session at Fayetteville. At east 250 delegates were present representing all the counties of the State. Elias Carr was elected President to succeed Capt. S. B. Alexander. President McCune, of the National Alliance attended the convention and delivered an address.

A live panther has been seen by several persons, and chased by dogs in the neighborhood of Stevens' mill, five miles from Asheville.

Senator Vance held a re-union of the members of his old Company at Asheville and thence proceeded to Gombroon, the Senator's country home on Black Mountain where the soldiers spent two days with their old commander.

O. P. Heath, of Lancaster, S. C., and Benj. Heath, of Monroe, will open a private banking business in Charlotte on Sept. 1, with a capital of \$100,000.

Stinson Bros' saw mills at New Berne were destroyed by fire Sunday, with nearly a million feet of lumber. Loss, \$30,000.

A boiling well has been discovered at Jackson Springs.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

At a recent meeting of the York County Alliance a plan was submitted for the establishment of an exchange bank, to be known as the York County Farmers' Alliance Bank, with a capital stock of \$25,000 to \$200,000; business to begin when \$5,000 are paid in. Certificates of stock is to be paid in equal installments, beginning September 15th, running 4 months, \$2.50 per month. The question as to the location of the bank was not decided, but the impression is it will go either to Rock Hill or Yorkville, with the chance in favor of the latter.

Col. A. P. Butler, State Commissioner of Agriculture, sent word from New York that the New York Cotton Exchange has agreed to grant all that he had asked on behalf of the cotton planters in regard to the tax on cotton, namely, that the Exchange fix prices on cotton regardless of the material used for covering. This settlement of the question is highly satisfactory to the cotton planters, as it will prevent any loss in the use of cotton bagging as a substitute for jute, and will operate as another nail in the coffin of the jute trust.

Sheriff Sally, of Orangeburg, went to Columbia to draw the reward of \$100 offered for the arrest and delivery of George E. Boyet, who killed Ace Bissell in Orangeburg County last June. The money will go to two travelling detectives, who read of the reward in a detective newspaper and spotted the man at Waycross, Ga. He came to the State without a requisition.

Thirty-eight vessels are now on the high seas bound for Brunswick. A great number of these are foreign barks, and will take cargoes of naval stores for all parts of the world. About sixty square-rigged vessels are chartered to load here. The cotton season will open with three British steamships.

TENNESSEE.

Fire at Jacksonville, Fla., destroyed nearly a whole block of buildings in the western part of the city, known as "Lavilla." The fire caught in the beer depot of the Christian Moelein Brewing Company, of Cincinnati, Louis Lohman, agent. This building, Tom Baxter's saloon, Darling & Company's general store, Albert Shaw's store and a house, and five small negro tenement houses were destroyed.

Fire at Florence, Ala., burned the two-story brick store of Mrs. Schall. It originated in R. C. Pickett's store, and caused a loss of \$10,000.

A Fibra Revolution.

The Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Edwin Willis writing concerning the jute culture question says: "This department has taken great interest in the manufacture of fibres in the past, and has been encouraged recently by the manifest interest in the subject throughout the country. There is no doubt that the South can produce jute in large and paying quantities if capitalists can be induced to invest in its culture and manufacture. It looks as though we are on the eve of a fibre revolution, including flax, jute and ramie. Machines are being invented that are solving the question of manipulation and manufacture. Just to what extent the government shall further experiment is a question that must be submitted to Congress. If Congress at its next session shall recognize the importance of such a step, and will give us the appropriation for it, we should most heartily take up the question and solve the jute question."

There is a steel grain steamer plying between Buffalo, N. Y., and Chicago, called the America, which carries 104,000 bushels of corn on one trip.

The cotton compress rates will hardly be changed at the port of Savannah for the coming season. They are sixty-five cents for foreign and fifty for coastwise. The Central's directors are divided on this question of reducing the charges, but no change is expected.

The Augusta, Ga., Orphan Asylum was gutted above the second floor by fire Sunday. The building cost \$140,000; insurance \$80,000. No lives were lost.

VIRGINIA.

Dr. James L. Cabell, senior member of the faculty of the University of Virginia, died at Overton Tuesday morning.

Dr. J. B. Wortham, a prominent citizen of Winchester committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The ball went in the right temple, lodging under the skin of the left. He attended church Sunday night, and was found in his room at 5 o'clock Monday in bed, undressed, with the pistol in his hand. The act is supposed to have been committed between 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning. Dr. Wortham was a native of Huntersville, Ala. He was a surgeon in the Confederate army, and remained at Winchester after the war. His wife died several years ago. He leaves a daughter, 18 years of age.

News from Drake's Branch, Charlotte county, says that a negro attempted a criminal assault on Saturday upon an orphan girl living in the upper part of the county. The girl fought with such desperation that she awoke the lady with whom she lived, and the two locked the negro fiend in the room and kept him a prisoner until help arrived and secured him. His name was William Blankenship and he was about 20 years old. He was promptly committed to jail, whence he was taken in the night and hanged to a tree.

Col. John R. Charlton, of Montgomery county, who died last week, lacked only two years of being 100 years old. He was an uncompromising Democrat, and has voted for every Democratic nominee for the Presidency of the United States since the nomination of President Monroe, his last vote having been cast for Grover Cleveland in November last.

The Winchester paper mills have been sold to the American Strawboard Company with headquarters in Chicago. The present management, Messrs. Wissler & Co., will continue to operate the mills.

At Carbon Hill, Ala., Harvey Speck killed Berry Adair with a revolver, shooting him three times. The trouble grew out of Speck's demanding payment for Adair of a small account the latter owed him. Adair was a quiet and peaceable man. The slayer escaped.

On Saturday last George C. Placey, a farmer in Henry county in the extreme southern part of Alabama, found in the woods near his house the decaying body of a beautiful young woman. The woman had been dead several days and had been killed by a blow on the head, which crushed her skull. The clothing was all of fine quality and fashionable make. There was no jewelry or any article about the body by which it could be identified. No young lady in that region is missing, and no one answering the description of the body has been seen in that neighborhood. The Coroner had the body embalmed and is holding it for identification.

The story is told of ex-Congressman Charles M. Shelley, who represented an Alabama district where the negroes form a large majority, that he once gained his election by an arrangement with Forepaugh to exhibit his show at Selma on election day. Free excursion trains were run from all parts of the districts to Selma, and the negroes admitted to the performance without price. Seven thousand colored brethren availed themselves of the privilege and lost their votes thereby.

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NORTH AND WEST.

NEWSY ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Being A Condensation of the Principal Happenings in Different States.

The vicinity of Mammoth, Penn., was visited by a snow storm. The ground was completely covered.

Michael and John Murphy, two brothers, aged five and six, respectively, while sailing their little boats near Bloomfield, N. J., fell into the Morris Canal and were drowned.

EBEN S. ALLEN, ex-President of the Forty-second Street and Grand Street Railroad Company, of New York city, who had pleaded guilty, in the Court of General Sessions, to the fraudulent issue of stock of the company was sentenced by Judge Gildersleeve to fourteen years imprisonment in State Prison.

An explosion of gas in the crockery store of T. J. Maccabe, New York city, killed Jacobs Morris, aged seventeen, and wounded twenty-five other persons.

DAMAGE was done by flood in North and South Carolina.

GLANDERS is raging among car horses at Chicago. Thousands have died.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE STEPHEN J. FIELD was arrested at San Francisco, Cal., charged with being an accessory to the murder of Judge David S. Terry, and released on habeas corpus proceedings in \$5000 bail.

The jury at Purvis, Miss., returned a verdict of guilty of prize fighting against John L. Sullivan.

At Jackson, Tenn., Henry Prewitt, an ex-cowboy from Texas, shot his young wife through the neck, inflicting a fatal wound, wounded his mother-in-law, and then shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

THE MONTANA Constitutional Convention finished its work. The North Dakota Constitutional Convention decided upon Bismarck as the permanent Capital of the new State.

THE NAVY Department has ordered the payment to Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, of \$1,200 on account of the new gunboat Yorktown. This is the last regular payment on the vessel.

ACTING POSTMASTER-GENERAL CLARKSON awarded the contract for furnishing postal cards to the Postoffice Department for four years, beginning October 1 next, to Albert Daggett, of New York.

THE Department of State has been informed that the Nicaragua Government has appointed Senator Don Horacio Guzman, the present Minister to the United States, to represent Nicaragua at the Congress of American Nations to be held in October.

TURKISH troops are hastening to Crete to suppress the insurrection there.

EX-KING MILAN has consented to allow ex-Queen Nathalie to visit her son, King Alexander of Serbia, several times a year and to reside in the palace during each visit.

VETERANS IN A WRECK.

Rails Spread Under a Pennsylvania Train With Fatal Effect.

An excursion train on the Butler branch of the West Pennsylvania Railroad, loaded with veterans returning from the reunion of the 69th Regiment at Butler, was wrecked at Sarvers, seven miles east of Freeport, Penn., two passengers being instantly killed, three or four others fatally injured and twenty-five more or less seriously hurt.

The decedent, Mrs. Duff, an old lady, residence unknown; Farrell, child, Butler; W. Powers, Laurensville, Penn.

The wreck was caused by the rails spreading on the end of a small bridge that spans Buffalo Creek, the timbers on which the rails were laid being so rotten that the spikes had been forced out the side by the weight of the train passing over them.

The rails plowed through the second car and the escapes were miraculous. One lady had her dress cut from the wrist to shoulder, another lost a small piece of her cheek, a third had her chin cut and many others in the second car narrowly escaped.

The train consisted of a smoker, day coach and combination coach. The engine stood about 100 yards from the wreck, still uninjured and remained on the track. Of the twenty passengers in the smoker one was killed and nineteen injured, it being a marvel that all were not killed.

At the wreck the sight was truly heartrending. On either side of the track, for a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile, injured veterans were lying on cushions and, in some instances, on the bare ground. Women and children, wounded and bespattered with blood, sat and lay around pieces of the wreckage.

The doctors and others on the relief train at once set to work to care for the injured.

A remarkable Oa.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—[Special.]—The negro who was shot through the head by Hal Power, at Anderson, a few weeks ago, had the ball extracted, and is in a fair way to recover. If he does, it will be one of the most remarkable cases on record. He was shot in the center of the forehead, the ball lodging just in front of his left ear. A large quantity of brains oozed out from the bullet hole, and no one at the time of the shooting expected him to live. At this writing he is doing well, and may survive.

The Colored Question in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston.—The Via de Mexico says petitions against negro immigration to Mexico are shortly to be circulated throughout the country. Several proprietors refuse to sell land to negroes.—N. Y. Sun.

VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS

Nominate Capt. P. M. McKinney, of Farmville, For Governor.

The Democratic State Convention met at Richmond Wednesday morning of last week. The platform was adopted and candidates for Governor were put in nomination: Philip Watkins McKinney, Richard T. Beirne, Samuel W. Yenable, James H. Tyler, Charles T. O'Ferrell and Judge John T. Harris. One ballot was taken, but without a nomination being effected.

A second ballot was ordered Thursday morning after the assembling of the convention. Before it had proceeded far delegations began to break to McKinney, and amid great excitement, vote after vote was added to the total, piling up for him until he had enough to assure his nomination. Then, before the ballot could be completed, a motion was made and unanimously agreed to, nominating Mr. McKinney by acclamation.

J. Hoge Tyler, of Pulaski, was nominated for Lieut. Governor, also by acclamation.

The convention completed its labors by the nomination of R. Taylor Scott, of Fauquier, for Attorney General.

Mr. Basil B. Gordon, of Fredericksburg, was elected chairman of the State Democratic Committee, vice Hon. John S. Barbour, who resigned.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform congratulates the people of Virginia on the wisdom and success of Gov. Lee's administration; deprecates the re-opening of the State debt question; praises the Democratic party for having fostered the public schools system of the State; favors immigration for building up and developing the agricultural resources of the State, opposes convict labor being placed in competition with free labor; declares in favor of fostering the oyster industry of the State; endorses the national Democratic platform on the internal revenue and tariff laws; and favors the immediate abolition of the tax on tobacco and fruit brands. It further favors complete renomination and free coinage of silver and advocates a law placing the agricultural of the State under the control of practical farmers.

It also recommends a revision of the laws imposing taxes on land, with a view to relieving any unjust or unequal taxation; and advocates an appropriation for disabled Confederate soldiers and widows.

The twelfth and last plank declares that Democratic and white supremacy in the State is paramount to the tariff of any other consideration.

BRIEF SKETCHES.

Capt. P. M. McKinney is a lawyer of Farmville, fifty-five years of age, an ex-Confederate and a candidate for Governor against Fitz Lee in 1885. He was the Democratic nominee for Attorney General in 1881. This time he went to Richmond leading the string with many committed delegates. Capt. McKinney is rich in popularity if not in other worldly possessions. Having canvassed the State frequently he is known on the hustings.

J. Hoge Taylor, of Pulaski county, is a progressive farmer, about forty-three years of age, who has served in the State Senate and House of Delegates, and is a prominent member of the Farmer's Alliance.

A Queer Cure for Sunstroke.

Senor Catarsi, a fruit dealer who does business on the south side of Fulton market, New York, told an Evening Sun reporter recently how victims of sunstroke were treated in sunny Italy. "Take the patient and prop him up straight in a chair, then fill a glass with ice water, place a towel over the top and press it down on the person's head, holding it so tight that the water won't run out. All the heat in the body then becomes concentrated in the head, and is gradually drawn out by the water. The water soon grows warm, but the glass must not be removed until it boils. This is not a fairy story I'm telling you. If the glass is kept on the head long enough you can see the water bubbling inside. The length of time required depends on the seriousness of the case. The worse the sunstroke the quicker the water boils. It is a sure cure." Mr. Catarsi is a man of intelligence. He is educated and his wife is a school teacher. His remedy is a remarkable one.

Largest Area of Plate Glass.

An ambitious firm in Boston recently determined to have the largest area of plate glass in their show window of any in the country, and sent their order to a great crystal establishment in Paris. When the question of shipment was brought into the bargain, the establishment sailing vessel could be found which could take the huge plates of glass on board through its hatches. Therefore the purchase abroad was abandoned. Then came the suggestion that the glass could be manufactured in Indiana. The contract was made with Indiana manufacturers, and the glass was perfected but then arose another difficulty. The great crystal pane must be transported upright in a frame. The height of the bridges above the railroad was found, and it was discovered that no railroad in the country would thus transport it to the Hub. Consequently the ambitious firm was obliged to abandon their project, and contented themselves with a piece-meal window.

The Lane mill, near Orleans, is turning out 30,000 yards of cotton bagging daily.

What a Bull Fight Costs.

The cost of one of the corridas may be safely reckoned at not less than \$7500. There are generally six bulls killed, and these average from \$350 to \$500 each. Horses are contracted for, and are bought at simply "knacker" prices; sometimes as many as twenty-five are done to death. There are generally three espadas, and these, with their cuadrillas, may be taken, one with another, at about \$1250 each. Then there is a very large number of assistants and attendants. A very heavy rent is paid for the plaza, and the Government tax, or "contribution," is also a considerable item. The "gate" may be estimated, given a "full house"—and it is almost always fairly filled—at some \$10,000. I am told that as regards the amount a famous espada may make that figure, a very famous espada, though hardly more than a boy—for he is still in his twenty-fourth year—has already, at only the beginning of the season, signed engagements for sixty-four corridas, at \$1100 each! When it is calculated that, at the outside, his following will not take more than about \$350 of this, the amount that is left appears a very fair salary for a man—or, to speak more correctly, a lad—who probably had a difficulty in attaching his signature to his contracts.—All the Year Round.

N. C. Firemen's Tournament.

In the State Firemen's Tournament at Raleigh the Capital Hose Company, of Raleigh won the State championship in the hand reel races, running one hundred and fifty yards, laying one hundred feet of hose and throwing water in thirty seconds.

In the steamer contest the Atlantic Company, of New Berne, got up steam and threw water one hundred feet in three minutes and thirty-eight seconds.

The foot race between Wm. Pitman, of Columbia, champion of South Carolina, and Thomas Daniels, of New Berne, champion of North Carolina, one hundred and fifty yards course, was won by Pitman.

The State Firemen's Association elected E. B. Englehard, of Raleigh, president, and adjourned to meet next year at Charlotte.

California Mud Springs.

The mud springs or volcanoes of California are in the southern part of the State, in the valley of the Gila River. The country there is principally an alkali desert, and it was supposed that the mud was once submerged by the sea. The mud springs or volcanoes are in a circular area of about half an acre, depressed several feet below the surrounding land, and supposed to be the bed of a salt lake left by the retreating gulf. Here there are numerous little cones, three or four feet in height, of soft earth, from which there is a constant discharge of carbonic acid and hydro-sulphuric acid gas. These cones, after a time, sink into the earth and new ones are thrown up. The mud volcanoes are very hot, their temperature standing at 125 degrees in the summer time.

Preferred Primitive Methods.

A very peculiar individual, who has been living the life of a hermit in the wilds of Robeson Township, in Pennsylvania, has been unearthed by the Board of Directors of the Poor, and brought to the attention of the authorities.

He owned a small tract of land in the lonely locality, and for the last four years has lived alone, refusing to see any one, and subsisting entirely on corn meal, which he raised himself and ground in a primitive mill of his own manufacture. He believed it was necessary he should live on this diet in order that he might gain heaven. He believed in self-inflicted punishment as a means of grace. As he was likely to come to want through his peculiarities, at the request of his relatives he was taken in charge by the authorities.—Chicago Herald.

Ostrich Feathers Very High.

"Good plumes are now worth \$100 a pound," said a well-known New York dealer in ostrich feathers to a News reporter the other day.

A little history led to the discovery that a year or so ago the same quality of plumes had sold for \$100 sold for \$85 to \$40 per pound. The market for ostrich feathers is very strong, and dealers anticipate that they will sell for \$140 or \$150 per pound before we see cheaper prices.

"We do not get the best quality of plumes in this country at any time, as they invariably sell for more money in England than they do here.

A Noted Belle Accidentally Killed.

Mrs. John F. Stokes, the wife of a prominent planter at McGhee's Landing, Miss., was instantly killed by falling from a second story window of her residence Tuesday evening.

Prior to her marriage, about 15 years ago, Mrs. Stokes was perhaps the most prominent society belle in the South. She was the daughter of the late Miles McQueen, one of the wealthiest slave owners in the country.

The fire losses in the United States during the first six months of the year aggregated over \$70,000,000, against a total loss of but \$48,500,000 for the same period last year. In loss of life and losses of property through other agencies the first half of 1889 has been notable.