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With a mammoth stock of goods he has bought for his fall trade. It is well known that I have been selling on a credit through the summer and now that money is getting into circulation, I propose to cater to the Cash Trade, and to this end have marked my goods down so low that it will be folly in anyone to pass me by in search of a better place to trade. In the first place, I have the goods that

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Butter is highly recommended as a food for pulmonary and other invalids. Therefore, if butter is agreeable to the individual, and occasion no gastric or intestinal disorders, it would seem an important adjunct to the present dietetic treatment. Then, too, it is an advantage in this condition, why not in other were facts are indicated?

NORTH STATE HAPPENINGS.

News Items Gathered and Condensed for Our Readers.

PAINTING FOR STATE LIBRARY.

Young Lady Arrested for Robbing the Mails—A Valuable Find—Dr. Long Returns.

The State Library at Raleigh is soon to have quite a desirable addition to the already large and choice collection of oil-painting of prominent North Carolinians. This time it is to be a handsome group, half-sized oil-painting of Zebulon B. Vance, Col. H. K. Burgwyn and Col. John C. Lane, all three of whom served in the late war as colonels in the famous Twenty-sixth North Carolina regiment. The contract for painting this picture was awarded to Raleigh's well-known artist, Mr. W. G. Rand, and the work is to be done just as soon as possible. The work is done by order of Mrs. Vance, Col. Lane and Mr. H. W. Burgwyn, a brother of the late Col. H. K. Burgwyn, who is one of the group to be painted. The painting in oil on canvas is to be painted in the uniform of that rank and from photographs taken during their service as such officers.

Miss Viola Brown was arrested the first of this week for robbing the mails. A trial was held before J. W. Nease, United States Commissioner, and she was bound to Federal Court at Greensboro, in the sum of \$200. Ira S. E. Brown is postmaster of Brown, a little country office in Randolph county. His daughter, Miss Viola, has been his assistant, and for a year or more small sums of money have been missed from the mails. A postoffice inspector began his work and finally located where the robbing was being done on the star route. A deadly decoy letter was put in the mails and did its work. When Miss Brown was confronted by the postoffice inspector she acknowledged her guilt, and in a measure confessed. It is thought by many that Miss Brown is a kleptomaniac. She is only about 19 years old and quite pretty. Much sympathy is expressed for her and the family.

The Richmond Dispatch of the 14th inst. has the following: "Dr. J. W. Long, one of the most popular physicians in the city, and for several years a member of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, having determined that his home in North Carolina, delivered of his duties in the amphitheater of the college last night, a farewell address. A large assemblage, consisting of members of the faculty of the Medical College of Virginia, and of the University College of Medicine of Surgery and the students of the former institution, was present to do honor to the physician, who, during his brief residence in this city, has been treated of and commended by the press in their hearts not easily to be filled."

The following comes from Randolph county, Mr. A. B. Fuller, of Tabernacle township, found \$1,000 in gold last Sunday morning. Saturday night Mr. Fuller dreamed of finding money at a certain spot on his plantation, and Sunday morning, he was so impressed with the dream, he took a maul and went to the place he dreamed of and commenced to dig, and at once found \$1,000 in gold, consisting of \$10, \$20, and \$50 coins. The money is supposed to have been buried away more than ten hundred years ago by some old miser.

Messrs. Hector and Hugh McLean, the two celebrated Harnett county twins, drove into Fayetteville a few days ago. The twins, already mentioned, had been a few years since they would walk the distance, nearly thirty miles, and with ease. They will be eighty-seven years old next month. Each has his coffin already prepared and are negotiating for a monument to be erected over their graves.

A deed of assignment has been filed with the register of deeds of Randolph county by Copeland & Marsh. The firm has been doing business at Ramser and Cedar Falls. They were general creditors. There were some preferred creditors. The amount of the indebtedness is not given; assets, about \$8,800. John N. Wilson, of Greensboro, is made assignee.

The Railway Commission has granted the request of citizens of Purvis to have a railroad station erected. Citizens of Winterville's petition for a railroad will be called on the 27th. No application was made to the commission to lower passenger rates. Commissioner Otho Wilson favors a reduction of freight rates.

Mr. Ed. Nivers, constable of Mecklenburg county, who was severely wounded by a pistol shot through the lungs, on the 26th inst. by Eli Marshall, a negro that he was trying to arrest, is resting more comfortably and his physician is more hopeful of his recovery.

D. P. Hunter, a policeman of Charlotte, died at his home, corner of 1st and 11th streets, Wednesday morning. He had been sick only a few days. He was afflicted with erysipelas, the disease being complicated with heart trouble.

Several cities in the State having petitioned for a reduction of telephone rates, the various telephone companies have been summoned to appear before the commission on the 27th inst. and show cause why a reduction should not be made.

F. E. Hege, director of the poultry division at the Experiment Station, Raleigh, narrowly escaped death Thursday morning by the burning of his house. He was almost suffocated when taken from the burning house.

CURIOUS FACTS.

In Kansas whole sections of land have suddenly disappeared, leaving only fathomless lakelets to mark their location.

There are 860 mountains in the United States which have a height exceeding 10,000 feet. The greatest number is in Colorado and Utah.

The bullet which killed General "Stonewall" Jackson at Chancellorsville, is said to be in the possession of Mr. Isaac B. Wheeler, of Highland Falls, N. Y.

The Forth bridge, in Scotland, is constantly being repainted. So vast is the structure that it takes fifty tons of paint to get one coat, and the area dealt with is something like 120 acres.

Food is served in one of the London restaurants on electricity heated plates, so that the guests can eat leisurely and still have the viands continue warm until the close of the meal.

The frog barometer, used in Germany and Switzerland, consists of a jar of water, a frog, and a little wooden stepladder. If the frog comes out and sits on the steps, rain is expected.

A mosaic map of Palestine, thirty feet long by fifteen broad, is a gift to the British Museum from the Government of the Ottoman Empire. The pavement is believed to belong to the fifth century after Christ.

When lions and tigers are born in captivity, the greatest care has to be exercised to keep them for several days in the dark and undisturbed, as otherwise the mothers will almost invariably destroy them.

When a suspicious-looking person approaches one of the tellers in the bank of France a private signal is given to a concealed photographer, and in a few seconds the suspected individual is secretly photographed.

A French statistician has calculated that the human eye travels over two thousand yards in reading an ordinary-sized novel. The average human being is supposed to get through 2500 miles of reading in a lifetime.

The smallest pieces of real estate ever offered for sale by auction in New York was put up to-day in a partition sale. It is a triangular lot with a frontage of eight feet on St. Nicholas avenue, a depth of three feet on one side and a length of eight feet nine inches on the third line.

The method of putting up the interior of the human body, or some part of it, was shown recently at Baltimore at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Prof. Friedlander, by means of a flexible rubber tube, passed a small electric lamp into the nostril of a patient, and the room being darkened, over two hundred persons were able to watch the workings of the patient's internal organs through the "transparency" created by the light in the abdominal wall.

Did the Bird Hang Itself?

A strange event happened at the Eikon laboratory in Orange, N. J., recently, which puzzled the great inventor and left the question as much in doubt as ever. It is thought by some that the bird was an English sparrow and secured an entrance on the wall of the laboratory; by others that merely an accident occurred. The facts are as follows: In the end of the left in one of the laboratory buildings is a diamond shaped arrangement of holes. These holes were left there for ventilation purposes and were made by leaving out certain bricks in the end wall of the house. They proved capital nesting places for the sparrows, and several of the birds were not slow to make use of them. One day the workmen around the building noticed a sparrow which was making a great do do over the repairing of a nest. The little fellow flew in and out of the hole, collecting all kinds of shreds and patches and interweaving them with the old work of the nest. Finally the bird had a long piece of grocery cord, such as is used to tie up small packages, and flew with it to the nest. The workmen saw the bird enter the hole with the string trailing after it. Then as the part of the cord still hanging out of the hole was submitted to several continued jerks they concluded that the bird was interweaving the cord with the shreds of the nest. They dismissed the matter for the time being and went about their work.

Later in the day the bird was seen to be hanging dead outside the hole. A glimpse on the end of the string which it had been using to build the nest was tightly drawn around its neck and part of the wing. A photograph was taken on the spot and an examination made. It was evident that the bird had drawn the string into the hole until nothing but the spinoose remained outside. Then for some purpose had flown quickly out and in so doing had passed its head through the noose. The force with which the noose closed around its neck must have strangled the bird instantly. It hung limp, the interweaving of the other end of the string in the nest keeping it from falling to the ground.

Norway's First Ironclad.

An ironclad for the Norwegian Government was launched lately from the shipbuilding yard of Sir William Armstrong & Co., England. This is the first sea-going ironclad owned by the Norwegians, who in the old days swept the seas with their Viking ships. This modern vessel was christened the "Harald Hareidger," after the first King of Norway, by Mrs. Stange, who is herself a descendant in the thirty-third generation from King Harold. The ironclad is heavily armed and has a conning tower and two torpedo tubes, and the armor belt is from four to seven inches thick. The builders have an order for a second ironclad for the Norwegians.

Our German Sugar Imports.

America imported 490,000 pounds of sugar from Germany last year.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

Democrats in the House censured on the best policy to pursue against the Republican majority.

Mr. McMillan presented in the Senate the bill to revise the policy of the Secretary of War to appointing committees.

A late canvass of the Senate showed that the House treaty locked on vote of the two-thirds necessary for ratification.

Certain Democrats, Silver Republicans and Populists in the Senate formed a combination to dictate committee assignments.

The Senate adjourned for a day owing to the death of Representative Wood from Indiana, who, until a recent day, was a conspicuous member of that body.

The Senate sub-committee engaged on the tariff bill have found it necessary to prepare practically a new bill. It is not believed that they can finish their work before May 15.

Representative Bell, of Texas, introduced a bill appropriating \$125,000 to aid and encourage the holding of the Afro-American Exposition in Houston, Texas, next year.

The paper on Hawaii which was recently read by Mr. John W. Foster before the National Geographic Society was presented to the Senate by Senator Morgan and will be printed as a document.

Senator McMillan introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to prepare and submit to Congress by the 1st of next December a report for the reclamation of the Anconian fiefs.

Mr. Bailey met with opposition in his plan of giving the Populists a free hand, and the Democrats held a caucus to agree on a policy at the close of the session.

Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, leader of the Populists, declares that he will carry into effect his threat to block any business which the House may attempt to do by unanimous consent before the Speaker has appointed committees.

A number of Western Republican Senators, among them, Mr. Tamm, of Colorado, Rocky Mountains, have united in a movement to make sure of securing certain concessions in the tariff bill.

The Senate has passed a resolution directing the Secretary of State to ascertain and report to the Senate from time to time the following particulars in regard to the trade relations of the United States with the Republics of Central America and the West Indies.

The method of putting up the interior of the human body, or some part of it, was shown recently at Baltimore at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Mrs. E. R. Tilton Dead.

Passing Away of the Woman Whose Husband Prosecuted Henry Ward Beecher.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Tilton, wife of Theodore Tilton, who prosecuted the great preacher, Henry Ward Beecher, on the charge of having alienated her affections, died in her home, No. 1495 Pacific street, Brooklyn, N. Y., a few days ago.

Mrs. Tilton had been very ill for the last five weeks. She had been stricken with paralysis. Her husband, Theodore Tilton, who together with her husband, went to France after the celebrated trial. He took up residence in Paris. He still lives there.

The Beecher-Tilton trial, which was begun in January, 1875, was one of the most sensational in the history of the country. The reputation and character of the foremost preacher of the land were placed in the balance. The trial was marked with several details aroused the interest of the Christian world. For Mr. Beecher was well known in Europe as well as in America.

Theodore Tilton, a Baptist member of a religious sect known as the Plymouth Brethren. The sect held most of the meetings in the city of New York. Mrs. Tilton was sixty-two years old. She had seven children, of whom several are living.

TWO BOYS KILLED THEMSELVES.

They Were Brothers, and Angry Because Left at Home.

Two young sons of a Mr. Hermon, living near Fayetteville, Ark., aged nine and fifteen years respectively, committed suicide by poison.

The boys were angry because their parents, coming to town, left them at home. Both youngsters bathed themselves, put on their best clothes, wrote notes to their parents, swallowed strychnine and went to bed. Both boys died before their parents returned home.

Receivers for Big Mills.

Receivers were named for the Bennett and Columbia mills in New Bedford, Mass., when it was discovered that \$2,400,000 in notes had been issued, of which an account has been given, and more than \$100,000 had been charged to the account of the plant when it should have appeared as profit and loss.

France and Brazil to Arbitrate.

M. Hanotaux, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, informed the Cabinet that a convention had been signed between France and Brazil for the purpose of arbitrating the Guiana territory which is in dispute between the two countries.

The Landing of Boole.

An expedition from the United States, commanded by General Boffo, the Cuban Minister of War, has safely landed at Malas Point, Cuba. A force of three thousand insurgents under General Calixto Garcia received the expedition and carried the arms into the interior. Seven wagons and a number of horses and mules were employed to transport the large quantity of arms and ammunition, three cannons and a considerable quantity of dynamite.

BANK MURDER AT NOON.

Cashier J. A. Stickney, of Somersworth, N. H., Killed by a Robber.

THE CRIME CAREFULLY PLANNED.

The Victim Was Alone in the Great Falls National Bank at the Noon Hour.

When Found He Was Dead, With His Throat Cut—He Had Been Beaten by His Assault—Robbers Secured \$4500.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H. (Special).—While seeking the entry of two determined robbers, and during a heroic struggle to protect \$150,000 in money and securities which were in the compartments of the open vault of the Great Falls National Bank, of Somersworth, Friday afternoon, Joseph A. Stickney, the cashier, was brutally murdered beside the desk which he had occupied for many years. After murdering Mr. Stickney the robbers ransacked the vault at will, one being near, and fled with all the cash it contained, about \$4500.

The murderers carried off their booty in plain view of several well-known residents of the place. They left the bag containing the money, the greater part of which was in gold, in the orchard of Dr. John Hayes, covered with a coat. Several persons looked over the fence at the robbery, but were afraid to touch it. They suspected robbery, but not murder.

The robbers returned to the orchard one hour afterward with a team and took the money away unmolested. They carried it several hundred yards to the place where a horse was hitched in plain view of Arthur Stackpole, a tanner, who was standing in his barn door only a few rods away. It is generally believed here that whoever committed the murder knew the cashier, and that he killed him to prevent identification.

Several persons who saw the men with the bag say they were strangers, and one of them looked like an Italian. The robbers evidently examined hastily, but were not taken. Neither was any of the negotiable paper and securities which were in the vault of the bank examined.

The bank was besieged by hundreds when the fact became generally known, and great numbers of persons came into the city from Berwick, Dover, Salmon Falls, Rollinsford, Rochester and other towns in the section. For the first few hours indignation was intense, but public feeling in the measure subsided. In addition to being cashier and a director of the Great Falls National Bank was City Treasurer.

It has been the custom for Mr. Stickney and the bank clerk, Mrs. Parker Swazey, to close the bank at twelve o'clock every day and go to luncheon, to re-open at two o'clock. On the day of the robbery they were out at the bank at the usual hour. Mrs. Swazey left her desk the cashier was looking over the books in the office in the bank until the clerk returned. It is thought he was preparing to go out when the robbers entered. The bank was situated in a business portion of the city, and dozens of persons pass at that time of day.

The first suspicion that the bank had been robbed was aroused at two o'clock, when Frank P. Hoar, a merchant, started into the bank and found that the thick plate glass in the front outside had been shattered. Without waiting to investigate he notified City Marshal Eaton, and together they proceeded to the door. They found evidence of a desperate struggle. On the floor was the body of Stickney. His head had been nearly severed from his neck, and was marked with several deep