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With a mammoth stock of goods he has bought for his fall trade. is well known that I have been selling on a credit through the summer and now that money is getting into circulation, I pro-pose to eater 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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It was an hour past midnight, and Mr. Binns was fumbling about in the is the flying apparatus and beneath this hall and mumbling angrily to himself. is a small torpedo. The latter also con-"What's the matter?" called out Mrs. tains an automatic arrangement which Binns from the floor above, "There's will explode the balloon at a given two hatracks here," he answered, "an' time and send down a shower of dyna-I don't know which one to hang my mite. hat on." "You've got two hats, haven't you?" rejoined Mrs. Binn; "hang them on both."-Dublin World.

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A war device which has been indorsed by the Austrian Government is a flying machine, designed to carry destruction into the camp of the enemy. It will sustain a weight of from forty to fifty pounds at a distance of 1,500 feet above the earth. Directly under the balloon

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GREEKS CHECK THE TURKS

Onset of the Ottoman Army Into Thessaly Heroically Stopped.

GREECE'S NAVY ALSO VICTORIOUS.

Pacha Recalled ... Osman Pacha, the Hero of Plevna, Sent to Take Command on the Frontier-Greek Women Arming

ATTEMS, Greece (By Cable). - The Turkish army in Thomsely has been flanked from the coast of K-cedonia. Its supplies have been destroyed. The Turkish Government has taken fright. The fulture, alarmed at the success of the Greeks around Milouns Pass, recalled Edhem Peoba, or, at least, relagated him to an infector position, placing the renowned Osman Pacha, the "Hero of Pleyne" in chief comment as the first term of the first ter Plevna," in shief command on the frontier The failure of the Turkish army to force

Hanged By Her Bonnet Strings. With her bonnet strings tied twice around her neek so as to keep her bonnet in place the five-year-old daughter of John F. Buck-ley, of Des Moines. Iowa, went out on the porch to play. She tried to climb on a dwarf cherry tree. Her bonnet strings caught on a twice projecting not more than caught on a twig projecting not more than an inch, and she was hanged.

THE LEADING ADVERTISING MEDIUM OF THE PEE DEE COUNTRY.

Wheat Over the Dollar Mark, Wheat broke the record at St. Louis, Mo., when No. 2 red winter wheat sold at \$1.08 bushel. This is the highest price reached since 1890. One car was sold at that figure by C. J. Taylon and Co. to the Eggers Milling Company. The news of the sales spread quickly on 'Change and helped materially to bolster the market.

Same Gun Killed Both,

A mysterious tragedy was brought to light in the Lafayette Hotel, Uniontown,

Judge Showslter held that the fhree-cent fare law applied to an Indianapolis (Ind.) street railway company is unconstitutional.



MAP SHOWING THE AREAS OF FIGHTING

The map shows the position of Platamona, on the Guif of Salenica, the town that has been captured by the Greek fleet; also the region of the Artines Biver, on the border of Epirus, where there has been hard fighting. Figure 1 on the map shows the position of Nezeros; 2, the Hilouna Pass; 3, Reveni and Pass; 4, town of Gritzovali; 5, Damasi; 6, 7 and 8, Greek forts on the west coast.

the Greeks back from the frontier in a three-days' battle amounted almost to a defeat. Fifty thousand more troops have been called out to reinforce the Moslems, while the Greek army is being strengthened heavily. The Greeks advanced in Turkish territory to Damasi, on the Turkish right. In the centre and on the left the Greeks held their own. Greece has ordered Colonel Vassos to attack the Turks in Grete. The insurgents have attacked the international troops and Turkish garrison in Fort issedin. This, with the threat of Bulgaria to mebilize her troops unless Turkey complies with her demands, adds to the seriousness of the situation in Europe.

OPERATIONS OF THE FLEET. Greece's Eastern Squadron Captures Sev-

eral Turkish Towns. ATHENS, Greece (By Cable).—A despatch from the commander of Greece's Eastern equadron says that the warships have captured the town of Katerina on the Gulf of Salonica. The squadron bombarded the place for half an hour, when the Turks withdrew to the interior and the Greeks landed. Upon entering the town the Greeks found only one inhabitant, a child lying in a cradle. The infant was adopted by the squadron.

The landing party found large quantities

John H. Rapp was shot and killed in his wholesale liquor house, in Chicago, by his confidential clerk, G. W. Braunscheig. The murderer was about to be arrested for embedding the confidential clerk, G. W. Braunscheig. The place for half an hour, when the Turks withdrew to the interior and the Greeks landed.

The Epworth League convention of the Second General Conference District, which was to have assembled at Saratoga, N. Y., on July 8, has been postponed until 1898.

Omaha's Exposition. Thousands of people from Iowa and Nebraska crowded into Omaha, Neb., to participate in the inaugural ceremonies in con-nection with the Trans-Mississippi Exposi-tion. Probably 75,000 people witnessed the exercises at the grounds. The parade was wo miles long.

The treaty between Great Britain and Mexico settling the boundary line between Mexico and the colony of Belize or British Honduras has passed the Senate in scoret session by a vote of 77 to 5. This treaty was concluded three years ago.

Murder and Suicide. John H. Rapp was shot and killed in his



TYPES OF THE GREEK ARMY.

Pasha's army, and these they destroyed. Upon returning from Katerina to Piatamona the squadron shelled the town of Litokharion, whereupon the Turks detached a force of 8000 men to prevent the Greeks from landing. The squadron also captured three Turkish vessels laden with wheat

GREEK WOMEN ARMING.

ATHERS, Greece (By Cable). - Intense excitement prevails throughout the city. The successes of the Greek troops at Beveni and in Epirus have aroused the people to the highest pitch of enthusiasm.

Despatches from Volo say that the entire population there is infused with the war fever. Even the women are arming, and when the Turks penetrate into that part of the country they will find the entire nation armed.

The Attitude of the Powers.

Baussins, Belgium (By Cable).—All the Powers have given their adhesion to the note of the Bussian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Count Muravieff, assuring the Greeks and Turks of the friendly interference of the Powers in the present struggle as soon as asked for by either side.

Japan has 1,000,000 weavers. New York has 1800 horseshoer

The K. of L. has 41,000 members. America has 157 women bartenders. Brooklyn union carpenters get \$3.25 Oleveland (Ohio) painters average than \$400 a year.

Wages of Rochester (N. T.) street car : have been cut ten per cent. Woonsocket (R. I.) weavers returned to work when guaranteed \$1.50 s day. Des Moines unionists will insist upon rep-resentation in the Iowa Legislature. Montreal (Canada) brickingers struck for thirty-five cents an hour and the nine-hour day.

Philadelphia earpenters want piecework olished. They get now \$2.25 to \$2.50 for Bell telephone linemen at Augusta, Ga., struck rather than work with colored men. The latter were discharge i.

Milwaukee (Wis.) shoe dealers will co-operate with bootblacks in the crusade against free shines in department stores.

ESTABLISHED IN 1883.

PHILOSOPHER TALKS OF OLD TIME POSTAL CHARGES.

HE IS BESEIGED WITH QUESTIONS.

President Diaz and Mr. McKinley and demand reciprocity, just for Carl's sake, but I compromised with her by promising to inclose a dime in every letter I wrote to the boy. In almost every mail that comes she is on the lookout for a letter from some of the absent ones, and when she gets one she reads it two or three times and files it away on her side of the room. The morning and the evening mail has become as important an event in the routine of our daily life as our daily meals. It is an event that has grown on us and become indispensable. Time was when neither she nor I received a ter a month, for she had no love but me, and I had none but her and our postal system was a darkey boy. It was like that of Zeb Vance, who received a note from some fashionable woman in Washington with the mysterious letters, "R. S. V. P." endorsed on it, and when he answered it he put on one corner "S. B. A. N.," just to keep up with society, he said. When she afterwards asked for an explanation he smiled and said: "Oh, they stood for 'Sent by a nigger.'"

I remember when the postage had to be paid at the last end of the line by the person who received it, and it was 25 cents if it came 500 miles. If less than that, but from out the state, it was 18; cents, and if within the state, it was 12; cents. We had no decimal elopements or baseball or football or bicycle races or the fashions or rewards for guessing or advertisements of celery compound or photographs of men or women or babies or the arrival of anybody less than a president or a

Dick, etc., and I will give \$10 reward for his apprehension."
But now the letters—sh, the letters that come every day! Besides the family letters from kith and kin, there are scores from good people who are working for church or charity, or want information about Florida or Mexico. Very often am I comforted with compliments which I love to receive, and very often I get a good, long letter from some old-time Georgian who for half a century has been living in Texas or Arkansas, or somewhere in the great west. It pleases me to reply to all and make the best answer that I can. But perhaps I had better say just here that I have long since ceased to write compositions for the school girls or to assist the boys in their debating societies. I wish sin-

they are making a church question of it in his community. I have had several letters asking for assistance in guessing the missing word that The Constitution offers a thousand dollars Constitution offers a thousand dollars amendment relative to the opening of the Uncompaghre reservation was not acted upon While it was being a church question of importance were concurred in except the removing of the Indian supply decontents of the bulletin is given in it so contents of the bulletin is given in fidential, and some beg me now to mention it even to Mrs. Arp. But the delicious humor in one of them is fhe offer to give me half the reward if I will disclose to her the word. That is very like the generous fellow who told the boy that if he would furnish his own hooks and lines and bait he would give him half the fish he caught. Since my last letter about how to raise children was published I have had several very comforting epistles from friends and some from strangers. Rev. William H. Strickland makes mention of several families from old Gwinnett whose children are all grown and are esteemed by all who know and are esteemed by all who know them as good people—honest, lawabilling and temperate. He names
the three sons and five daughters of
the three sons and five daughters of my old friend Jim Dunlay. Also the eight children of Rev. D. H. Monerief. key of "A flat."-Life.

one of whom now lives in Atlanta, and has five sons and five daughters, all grown up and all good men and wohis wife, had thirteen to grow to maturit, and they were all good. How rich these parents were!-richer than Vanderbilt or Astor. And so were the children of D. W. Spence and Wash Allen. One had eight and the other

Well, now, one of the reasons is that all of those families came from old Gwinnett, and most of the children Great Pleasure to the Sage of Bartow.

There is perhaps no invention or contrivance that has brought more comfort to mankind than that of letters and their easy transmission by modern postal service. How wonderfully cheep they are and how swiftly they come and go! Only 2 cents to the utmost limit of the United States, say 4,000 miles, and only 5 cents to be carried across the ocean. It takes only 2 cents to carry a letter to the City of Mexico, but it takes 5 cents to bring one back.

My wife says that it is hard on Carl, for besides his weekly letter to us, he has many friends, and the girl he left behind him, and his postage is quite a tax. She thinks I ought to write to President Diaz and Mr. McKinley and dewend reciprocal interface of the that lived on Alcovy creek when I was a boy. The first couple 1 ever saw married outside of my father's house was Jim Dunlap and Rebecca Sammons, and Jim outmarried himself when he got her. That was an old-fashioned, country wedding, and it was a big one. They had turkeys and roast pigs and pound cake amazing, and they had thousand-dollar candlesticks all about, for every likely negro boy had a torch. But my wife and I left there forty-six years ago, and did not know that these good people had had so many children. May all such be perpetuated. And I have a good latter from Buena Vista, telling of old Dr. Reese, who has raised seven boys and two girls, and they are all good, sober, industrious, Christian children, and had a gentle, kind, loving, Christian mother, who is now among the angels. That is it, after all—the were from that old Sammons stock tian mother, who is now among the angels. That is it, after all—the mother—the mother—the gentle, kind,

loving, Christian mother. So I am encouraged to recall my apprehension concerning the black sheep being in all large flocks of children. -BILL ARP in Atlanta Constitution.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS. Report of the Proceedings from Day to Day.

SENATE. Monday.—The Senate passed the Indian appropriation bill. It is substan-Vest, of Missouri, returned o the question which caused the recent tariff skirmish and re-introduced his resolution declaring illegal the recent order of the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to goods arriving after April 1 last. Vest said he would call up the resolution Tuesday. Morgan endeavored to take up the Cuban resolution, but at 1:05 on motion of Davis the Separa went into motion of Davis, the Senate went into executive session on the arbitration treaty, and at 2:13 adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Representative Milliken.

Tuesday. - Senator Morgan's resolu tion, declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba, was discussed briefly and then went over for a week. The agriculture bill was taken up and passed w

WEUNESDAY -In the Senate, Mason, the new Senator from Illinois, made

THURSDAY.—The session of the Senate was one of the most eventful since Congress assembled. It opened with a proposition for an official expression of sympathy to the Greeks in their struggle with Turkey. This soon merged into a turbulent debate over the disorgenized state of the Senate during ganized state of the Senate, during which Senator Morgan characteized governor. But in our state papers there were some little pictures or cuts of hasty departures—runaways—and all were uniformly advertised: "Ran away from the subscriber, my boy Dick etc. and I will all were and I were and I were all were and all were uniformly advertised: "Ran away from the subscriber, my boy the resolution providing that the chief

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TURPENTINE DRIPPINGS.

Four companies of Infantry, at Charlotte, Asheville, Stateville and Winston have notified the adjutant general they will go to Nashville Tenn. There will be no encampments of any kind in this State during 1897 so far as now

The revenue act taxes drmmers \$50 each, but this is the only tax allowed. No cities, towns or counties can levy any tax on them.

Various points are competing for the State conventions of sheriffs, Asheville wants it and makes a proposition. So do Morehead City and Wrightsville.

Governor Russell appoints as delegates to the Tennessee centennial exposition: Theodore F. Davidson, Henry W. Miller, private secretary to Colonel A. B. Andrews; Thomas R. Robertson, Graham Daves, H. A. Whiting, W. R. Capeheart, W. A. Graham, Jr., B. A. Capeheart, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, J. S. Morrison, G. W. Conley and A. G. Brady, Colonel Davidson is chief of the delegates and all information can be obtained from him.

The Secretary of State discovers that some insurance companies are fraudu-lently doing business in this State un-der the guise of benevolent organiza-tions. He has detected two and noti-fies the solicitors of this violation of law.

Currituck county has a boy, Lewis T. Lewark, 18 years and six months of who, on the 6th inst.

INTERESTING BULLETIN On Forage and Fibre Plants Being Distributed.

A recent bulletin of the North Caro-

the resolution providing that the chief executive express the sympathy of the American people to the government of Greece. The resolution was referred. The following Senators were named as a committee to participate in the Grant ceremonies: Platt, of New York; Murphy, Foraker, Cullom, Cockrell, Proctor, Walthall, Shoup, Sewell, Gray, Butler, Warren Faulkner and Burrows. On the announcement of the death of Representive Holman, the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect, the adjourned as a mark o The great west. It pleases me to reply to all and make the best answer that I can. But perhaps I had better say just here that I have long since ceased to write compositions for the school girls or to assist the boys in their debating societies. I wish sincerely that I had time to help them, but I have not. I know how it is, for I used to get help myself.

But some of these letters are amusing. One received a few days ago is very urgent to have my opinion npon the propriety or impropriety of a christian man digging a storm pit and getting in it when the cyclone gives its warning. Is it sinful or not to show such lack of faith in God? He says they are making a church question of it in his community. I have had several letters asking for assistance in

The April number of the Bulletin of the April number of the Bulletin of the Apricultural Department contains what may be termed the valedictory of the retiring administration. In the spring of 1877 the department began its existence, and during the twenty years has done a great deal for the development of North Carolina's best interests. The Bulletin summarized the chief features of the work done. These are the fish hatcheries, the good results of which are yet apparent; the surveys for deposits of pyrites, for the manufacted of sulphuric acid; the exploration of the phosphate beds; the promotion of the searches for coal; participation in expositions at Vienna, Atlanta, Boston, New Orleans and Chicago; the surveys of the cyster beds; aid in the development of the sandhill regions; the finest nurseries south of Washington; the handbooks of the State; the improvement of soils, and the better crop methods. It is a long and honorable reconstitutions. ods. It is a long and honoral