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The South, as a rule, doesn't seem to take kindly to news "by Cable."

The Raleigh & Gaston R. R. has the honor or being one of the first, if not the very first railroad company in the South to support a library and reading room for its employees.

The small success of the National drill at Washington is added testimony to the fact that we, as a people, do not worship buttons and shoulder straps. Except in times of need our military ardor is rather faint.

Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, says that if G. W. Curtis' ideal Republic could be set up at Washington, the government of the United States would be represented by a frozen stare mounted upon an eye-glass and clad in a white tie.

Well, Henry, we prefer G. W. C.'s frozen stare to one we once saw upon your classic features. His stare is mounted upon an eye glass. Yours was mounted upon—well it wouldn't be polite to mention the kind of glass.

In regard to the value of advertising Mr. Wannamaker, of Philadelphia, one of the most successful business men of the day has this to say:

"To discontinue an advertisement is like taking down your sign. If you want to do business you must let the public know it. Standing advertisements, when changed frequently, are better and cheaper than reading notices. They look more substantial and business like. I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising."

"A little English is a dangerous thing." We are pained to notice that one of our esteemed cotemporaries, in a lovely editorial that quotes Latin "just as easy", makes use of such shockingly bad English as this: "We rejoice to see that writers of the religious, as well as of the purely literary and political press have taken up the cudgel manfully and are striking at the truth of the matter." We suppose you mean, dear e. c., "striking for the truth of the matter." At least we can't conceive how the cause of truth can be helped onward by striking at her with a cudgel.

We heard not long ago that some gentlemen from the North had been in this vicinity looking for pine timber, with the view to going into the lumber business on an extensive scale. That in itself was not surprising, but we were surprised,—nay, more, we were amazed to learn that they went

away without having found any. We were forcibly reminded of the case of Yankee Doodle, who, according to the old song,

"Vowed he couldn't see the town,
There were so many houses."

We wait now with resignation for another party from the North to come and tell us that blackberries and persimmons don't grow here.

HOW THE LOUISIANA LOTTERY HELPS THE POOR.

An enormous drain on the pockets of the "working people" of Boston has its suction-mouth located in a broker's office on Washington street near the Herald building.

The other end of the drain is in Louisiana. It is unnecessary to mention the name of the monstrous institution which has for decades been fattening on the savings of the poor.

It takes over \$200,000 from the city yearly and repays about \$50,000.

Only one who has stood by this broker's office and watched the stream of people who pass in, silently lay down their dollars and as silently depart with their tickets, can form any adequate notion of the enormity of this evil. The broker who is growing fat on percentages, undoubtedly realizes the situation. He aims to avoid the law by the mum method of conducting the business. An innocent looking five or six line item in the Globe the day after the drawing tells a few that they have not lost their money this time; the hundreds or thousands of others in the city who buy the paper that morning curse their luck—and try again.

The genial broker throws handfuls of nickels among the street children as he rides home smiling from his day's labor. He can afford to.

IMPARTIAL JUSTICE.

An incident characteristic of Judge Clark occurred at Moore court recently held. He had the sheriff, as is his rule, to place a clock in the court room to insure prompt attendance and punctuality in the business of court. One minutes' tardiness on the part of any one involves the risk of a fine at the hands of the Court. The Judge was ten minutes late one morning and ordered the clerk to enter the usual fine, which His Honor paid promptly.—Rockingham Rocket.

WE HAVE 'EM HERE.

There has been a secret society organized in some parts of the State known as the Sons of Rest. Such an organization as this will never lack for members. Indeed, it seems that the influx will be so great that it will be the largest organization extant. The Sons of Rest are many. They can be found almost any time sitting on street corners, loafing in groceries and lounging in the shade, and by virtue of their past record in this particular, they would be entitled to entry as charter members. For energy's sake give them something to do.—Concord Times.