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startling question of the hour in Raleigh.

The latest telegraphic advices from New York go to show that coffee is about to take a big tumble. We hope this is true. It is time for coffee to settle. We hope the fellows who worked up this little scheme are getting nicely "roasted", too.

We hope the session of the Teachers' Assembly at Morehead City will be full of pleasure and profit. It ought to be, for every facility for enjoyment and instruction will be given. Sorry not to be presenf in person, but there's no summer vacation (or at any other time) for country editors.

We suppose the name of the town of Clevilas, Texas, is a more or less ingenious construction from the names of President Cleveland and Postmaster General Vilas., It doesn't seem to us a particularly happy combination, but on the whole preferable to some of the sobriquets inflicted upon unoffending communities.

At Staunton, Va., the Union General, Averill, made the Decoration Day confederates and was well received and heartily applauded. At Claremont in the same state the principal speaker before the G. A. R. post on Decoration Day was an ex-confederate major. He was also warmly received. Truly these are good signs.

favor of introducing the methods the Spanish Inquiition into this favored land, but must confess to an overwhelming desire to see those felcoffee put to the rack. Their howls of anguish would be sweet music in our ears. Thumbserewing is too good for the wretches that will take enormous profits out of this abominable transaction. Government ought to have the power to say to these pirates, "Hands off of all articles of necessity!"

Is this a free country? The following item from an exchange is only one of many that meet the eye in the columns of all the newspapers:

"The trouble at the Gardiner (Me.) ment or to leave the shop, the whole feed stuff.

"To beer or not to beer?" is the crew struck. The result of a conference between the superintendent and the strikers has been an agreement that the men should return to work and that Miss Newell should be discharged."

> A little more back-bone in the make-up of employers is what is needed in cases like this.

HOW TO BUILD A RAILROAD.

When 6,600 men and 3,000 teams are dropped down upon a new and unsettled country the chances are that samebody will have to rustle or there will be a speedy famine. That is the condition of affairs on the new line of railway that the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Company is just now pushing at the rate of from 5 to 9 miles a day from Minot, Dakota, to Great Falls, Montana, a distance of 548 miles. Already 100 miles of track have been completed and it is expected that the remainder of the distance will be covered by the middle of September. Such are the possibilities of railway construction in the latter quarter of the Nineteenth Century-possibilities never before dreamed of. The other day this army of workers came to a place where several deep ravines had to be bridged and heavy cuts had to be made through the hills. In the space of 48 hours only a little more than four miles of road was completed, and the contractors spoke of the work as being "at a standstill" during .that oration before an organization of ex- time. When the Northern Pacific was building, two miles a day over the prairie was considered pretty good

As yet there has been neither famine nor signs of a famine, and a glance through the supply train of twenty or more cars that is constantly treading on the heels of the tracklayers will dispel any fears of such a calamity. Here is everything that can be wanted As a general thing we are not in by man or beast, from flour and potatoes, to coffee and canned fruits, from a pair of overalls to a wagon and from a pipe to a blacksmith's forge. For it is not alone necessary to keep a supply of food on hand, but also of all sorts of lows who have made a "corner" on tools, implements and the other thousand and one things in constant demand on the part of so great an army of workers. Each day great gaps are made in the stock on hand and each day these gaps are filled by fresh cars from the east. It requires a regiment of men solely to look after and distribute these supplies. Half a million pounds of flour and half a million bushels of oats have already been disposed of and the work is not much more than a quarter completed, Evidently railway construction on this scale means business.

Charlotte is to have two new and shoe factory has been settled. Because important enterprises. One of these Miss Nellie Newell, an employe of the will be a brick, tile and sewer pipe shoe factory there, declined to join the manufactory, and the other will be a labor organization, to pay an assess- large mill for grinding eorn meal and