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OFFICE, NO. i, CITY HALL.
"To beer or not to beer?" is the 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 Pestmaster 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 commu nities.

At Staunton, Vi., the Union GeneraI, Averill, made the Decoration Day oration before an organization of exconfederates and was well reeeived 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.

As a general thing we are not in favor of introducing the methods of the Spanish Inqusition into this favored land, but must confess to an overwhelming desire to see those fellows who have made a "corner" on coffee 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 bave the power to say to these pirates, "Hands off of all articles of necessity!"

Is this a free country? The follow. ing item from an exehange is only one of many that meet the eye in the columns of all the newspapers:
"The trouble at the Gardiner (Me.) shoe factory has been settled. Because Miss Nellie Newell, an employe of the shoe factory there, declined to join the labor organization, to pay an assessment or to leave the shop, the whole
erew 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, Mimeapolid Manitoba Company is just now pushing at the rate of from 5 to 9 mile a day from Minot, Dakota, to Great Falls, Montana, a distance of 545 miles. Already 100 miles of track have been completed and it is expected that the remainder of the distance will be eovered by the middle of September. Such are the possibilities of railway construction in the latter quarter of the Nincteenth Ceutury-possibilitios 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 time. When the Northern Pacific wabuilding, two miles a day over the prairic was considered pretty good work.
As yet there has been neither famine nor signs of a iamine, 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 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 tools, implements and the ot her 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 carfrom the east. It requires a regiment of men solely to look after and distrib ute these supplies. Half a million pounds of flour and balf a million bushels of oats have already been dis posed 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 important enterprises. One of these will be a brick, tile and sewer pipe manufactory, and the other will be a large mill for griading eorn meal and feed stuff.


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