

men who cannot re- petitions. They contrary to the conscience and in favor of the worst criminals. Men have sometimes done this thing and afterwards condemned the Governor for being influenced by it. There is not a thief nor a murderer in jail who cannot get petitioners for his discharge, and there are very few men who will get up counterpetitions. Thus it is the Governor is imposed upon and does things for which he is often severely criticised. We are not blaming him for the above action, but the law, if such there be, which gives him the power. The Judges are better able to meet out punishment in cases tried before them, after hearing both sides, than the Governor, who hears only one side, and that from partial witnesses. If a Judge inflicts excessive punishment his judgment may be reviewed in a higher court, but the Governor should not be that court.

in all contests there are victories and defeats, and defeats stimulate efforts which bring the most decisive victories. The result of the late election in Atlanta carried sadness to every temperance worker, but the recent decisions of the Supreme Courts renew hopes that will end in fruition. In our last issue we published the decision of the Supreme Court, of the United States as to the constitutionality of the Kansas prohibition laws, which must ever close the mouths of those who shriek in behalf of the liquor traffic against the legally expressed will of a majority of the people. It is only a confirmation of the law of common sense and common justice with renewed force.

In this issue will be found the decision of our own State Supreme Court in the Giersch case. It is also the declaration of our personal liberty shriek against the legally expressed will of a majority of the people. It is only a confirmation of the law of common sense and common justice with renewed force.

We publish this only because we enjoy it, and rejoice in it, but because it is valuable information to all our readers. The temperance men should read it to learn what we have gained, and the anti-prohibitionists should read it to learn what they have pretended not to know, that wine and beer are forbidden in all local territory. It will be news to the wine sellers to tell them we have aided us very much in bringing about this. When they have read to sell only wine they have made it long that into section of its drinking almost as if it were whiskey.

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High license is booming in Charlotte and Atlanta. The privilege to make drunkards costs \$1,000 in Charlotte, and \$1,600 in Atlanta. It don't matter how high you make it, the men who stand before the counter and hand in their dimes and nickels, are the ones who pay the license tax. But it looks like paying pretty dear for a fellow to measure out their drinks, if he does prove a good moral character.

Congressman George E. Adams of Chicago proposes to introduce a bill into the House of Representatives giving the Government power to banish all Anarchists who advise or encourage the destruction of property. It would be a good law and should be passed. Many of the wretches who are disturbing the peace of society in this land have been banished from their own country and are not fit to live anywhere outside of a penitentiary. Let it be known that the United States have adopted a law for the banishment of such trash and we shall have less of it in future.

Negroes are treated like white folks in some instances in New York. Annie Smith, a little old wrinkled up woman was in court last week, and after cursing the officers and calling the Judge an old bald-headed villain was sent to the Island for a year.

Mr. Powderly is ill. Mrs. John Jacob Astor is dead. Abbott Leo David, of St. Mary's College, Gaston county, has been appointed by the Pope bishop of the diocese of North Carolina.

Mr. Carlisle is to speak at Macon, Ga., on 24th January next. Gladstone is 79 years old this month. He was born in Liverpool in 1809.

Gen. Boulanger declines a seat in the Chamber of Deputies, he expects war and thinks France is in greater need of generals than of deputies.

Rev. Mr. Pearson's services are invited to various towns in the State and his appointment furthest ahead is Goldsboro, the 4th Sunday in October, 1888, says the Argus.

Rev. J. T. Bagwell is licensed by the Methodist church in Charlotte to preach, but did not apply for admission into the annual conference. He is simply a local preacher.

Patrick Henry concluded his last will in these memorable words: "I have now disposed of all my property to my family, there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had his, and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world they would be poor."

Under a pledge of secrecy, which is observed with owl strictness, the representatives of the United States and Great Britain on the Fisheries Commission have been meeting and adjourning, holding three sessions each week, but giving no intimation to any one that they are approaching an agreement. Suggestions have been heard from Eastern gentlemen who were opposed to the calling of a meeting of the commission, that the convention has failed, and that the Commissioners would soon leave Washington for their homes. It is impossible to get a definite denial of this report, or an assertion from any authorized person that it is true. A gentleman who knows, but who would not tell, did venture a few days ago to say that the dealings of the men who helped to draft a settlement would be made ridiculous when the commission was through with its work.

The delegates to the Executive Alliance will meet in the House of Representatives on Monday, December 18th, at 10 o'clock. The meeting was given by the House for the delegates to meet the President at the Executive Mansion. So the East Room was filled with clerical and lay delegates and many ladies who accompanied them.

General and Mrs. N. P. Banks, who term as United States Marshal, were on December 20, has been several times on the floor

Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, D.C., December 16, 1887. When the nomination of Secretary Lamar to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court is taken up in the Senate there will be objections raised to his confirmation among the Republicans, but there is every reason to believe that when the vote is taken the negatives will be very few. The objections will be mainly on account of Mr. Lamar's age, but one or two Senators whose memories still dwell upon the rebellion are expected to find fault with him because he went out of the Union. The Democrats will support him without a break, and only two Republicans need vote for him to insure his confirmation. Postmaster General Vilas's nomination as Mr. Lamar's successor will be criticised to some extent in the Senate, because of the reports which have found circulation regarding Mr. Vilas's alleged connections with rebel relations to certain persons accused of impudently securing public lands. So far as can be learned, no opposition will be shown to the confirmation of Mr. Dickinson as Postmaster-General, and all three nominations are expected to be passed upon before the close of next week.

Annual Meeting of the N. C. Farmers' Association. This Association was organized at the Farmers' Mass Convention, which was held in the city of Raleigh, January 26, 1887, by electing a President, one Vice-President for each Congressional district in the State, a Secretary and an Executive Committee of five. It adopted a Constitution and By-Laws for its government. It adjourned to meet in the city of Greensboro, on the second Wednesday in January, 1889. The Constitution restricts the membership of the Association to such only as have their chief interest in farming. Each county in the State is entitled to as many votes in the body as it has members in the lower branch of our Legislature, but in no manner restricts the number of qualified delegates who are to cast these votes.

The object and purpose of the Association is to take such action as may best improve and promote the agricultural interests of our people. This is the broad basis upon which it is founded and it hopes to have the hearty approval and cooperation of every farmer in our State.

Although called without organized effort or formulated plan, the convention of last January was composed of nearly four hundred delegates, representing forty-three

counties. We earnestly hope that every county in the State will be represented in our meeting in Greensboro.

Let the farmers in each county in the State call meetings at once and elect delegates as many as will come and give them certificates, to the end that all sections and the interests of all sections may be represented. Reduced rates on railroads have been secured and the agents are instructed to issue round trip tickets to all delegates. Reduced rates have also been secured at the hotels and boarding house in Greensboro.

A Farmers' Institute will be held during the session. Able and distinguished agriculturists will be present to address the body on important topics connected with agriculture. Every effort will be made to render the occasion interesting and profitable.

ELIAS CAMP, President. All State papers requested to copy.

Raleigh has not taken a stride forward in many a day as it has in the matter of closing the drug stores on Sunday for the sale of everything but what is absolutely necessary for the sick. The step is in the direction of right, indeed, and it is righteousness alone that maketh a city great. It is a movement which we know has long been an object of the earnest wish and work of perhaps more than one of our drugists. All honor to the men who have brought it about and to those who have joined in making it an accomplished fact.—News Observer.

Another of our exchanges says: "Sunday desecration in this country is an awful sin, for which national punishment is as sure to come as there is truth in God's Word."

It is getting to be alarming, and what is worse, professing Christians are not free from the sin.

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Outside the Massachusetts members the white-haired, erect figure seemed little known as he wandered almost like a ghost in the room he once ruled over. "It was pathetic enough," said a Massachusetts man. "I saw him stand by a notice there all alone. I came up, shook hands with him, and asked him some questions about the Marsholpship. He smiled rather sadly and, shaking his head, said: 'No; my mind was busy with memories.'" The General is failing somewhat. His memory plays him little tricks, and he is often abstracted.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Interior has been made public. In the first portion of the report, relating to the lands, he again recommends the immediate repeal of the pre-emption laws, the timber-culture acts and the relinquishment acts, and also the cash entry laws and the desert land law. During the year fences were removed from nearly 5,000,000 acres of public lands that had been illegally closed. The Secretary suggests the enactment of a law making false and fraudulent returns of public surveys a penal offense, and providing penalties for the destruction of surveying monuments, and legislation providing for the trial and determination of private land claims. He says: "The vital necessity for legislation looking to the preservation of the timber resources of the country become more urgent every year. The annual loss to the Government by the destruction of timber by fire alone is estimated at \$7,000,000."

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Probably one of the best known journals in the South to-day is "Dixie," published at Atlanta, Ga. It is well worthy the name it bears, and it represents faithfully the South as it is. The publishers will issue, Dec. 22d, a Christmas "Dixie." Every one of our readers should get a copy, as the price has been fixed at 25 cents—only half the price of the Northern Christmas publications. Among other good things "Dixie" will contain articles by Henry W. Grady, Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus), Wallace P. Row, the late Paul H. Hayne, Orelia Key Bell, Mrs. F. G. deFontaine, Col. H. W. Pinckney, J. Murray Case, Geo. F. Kinz and others equally well known. The Christmas "Dixie" will be well worth double the price asked for it. In sending orders our readers are requested to enclose postal notes or two cents postage stamps.

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HOW DO WE DIG OUR GRAVES? We must set up a monument here. This we will do, for we all know that we will die. It is said we dig our graves with our teeth. But how do we dig them? Yet it is found that the system of yellow teeth, yet there is a case concerning it at our doors and in our houses for more dangerous and destructive. Most people have in their own stomachs a little more slow, but quite as fatal as the presence of those microbes which sweep upon to eternity by thousands of great epidemics. But it is a mercy that, if we are watchful, we can tell when we are threatened. The following are among the symptoms, yet they are not always necessarily appear in the same order, nor are they always the same in different cases. There is a dull and sleepy feeling; a bad taste in the mouth, especially in the morning; the appetite is changeable, sometimes poor and again it seems as though the patient could not eat enough, and occasionally no appetite at all; dullness and sluggishness of the mind; no ambition to study or work; more or less headache and heaviness in the head; dizziness on rising to the feet or moving suddenly; furred and coated tongue; a sense of a load on the stomach that nothing removes; hot and dry skin at times; yellow tinge in the eyes; scanty and high-colored urine; sour taste in the mouth, frequently attended by palpitation of the heart; hazy vision, with spots that seem to be swimming in the air before the eyes; a cough, with a greenish-colored expectoration; poor night's rest; a sticky slime about the teeth and gums; hands and feet cold and clammy; irritable temper and bowels bound up and constive. This disease has puzzled the physicians and still puzzles them. It is the commonest of ailments and yet the most complicated and mysterious. Sometimes it is treated as consumption, sometimes as liver complaint, and then again as malaria and even heart disease. But its real nature is that of constipation and dyspepsia. It arises in the digestive organs and soon affects all the others through the corrupted and poisoned blood. Often the whole body—including the nervous system—is affected. Experience has shown that there is put one remedy that can certainly cure this disease in all its stages, namely, Shaker's Root and Root or Mother's Syrup. It never fails but restores the system, and should be had in every other household remedy, for they will do no good. Get this great vegetable preparation, prepared by a venerable nurse who has lived in a household world in Germany, and be sure to get the genuine article.

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