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TUESDAY JANUARY 18

There are more than three little kittens who have lost their mittens, and all come here for pie.

The Charlotte News says: "Mr. Linney has probably correctly located fusion, and sized up the gang that now controls the State."

There is no danger in Governor Russell's going to Wilmington. He has been vaccinated with a 1,000-mile ticket, and the old gentleman is prepared to stand off anything that approaches.

We shall never forgive that small-spore scare for depriving Rev. Burns, the Governor's guardian angel, of the honor of performing the marriage ceremony in "the House side of the Capitol" for Hon. "brose Hileman, Speaker, &c."

World it not be well for Superintendent Mewborne to have a careful investigation made, and a report of the facts published, concerning the corn and peas it is reported have been allowed to spoil on the ground at the farms? Let us have the facts.

The Mooresville Record says, "Governor Russell paid a visit to McKinley last week, but he got a cold reception, and came back resolved to have revenge somewhere."

If Senator Fritchard should just hold his ear to the ground for a while, he might hear something.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PENITENTIARY MEWBORNE swung his pick-axe with a recklessness that hurt last week. He cut off the piety of the Steward and the head of the Republican daddy of one of the directors.

AFTER the vote at Columbus, Mark Hanna telegraphed President McKinley: "God reigns and the Republican party still lives."

Simply another illustration of the sublime patience of the Almighty, and of His inscrutable ways.

TWO CASES of small-pox have developed in Wilmington—the first only cases in the State—but these were so promptly discovered and confined that the authorities of the city feel no apprehension of the disease spreading.

It behooves our people to be very careful—indeed, we believe it would be well for us all to be vaccinated. A little soreness in the arm now may save a great many ugly spots hereafter—if nothing worse. There is no need for alarm, but proper precautions never go amiss.

THE REAL SITUATION.

Mr. John W. Fries, of Salem, who appeared before the House banking and currency committee on Friday, spoke truthfully when he said "that the people of North Carolina were clamoring for money, and that he did not think this meant cheap money, but better facilities for the transaction of business, which could only be accomplished by the establishment of such a banking system as will make it possible for the people to get these facilities."

The people of this State do not want a debased money, but they do want enough good money in free circulation to do the business, and to enable them to enter upon and carry on enterprises with more certainty and confidence. Free the people of the States, and let them organize their own banks.

As to the standard or standards, of redemption money, we all know that no change in the existing condition can be made before 1901 or 1902, if then.

But there can be a change in banking facilities, which will very greatly relieve the present situation, and leave the standard or standards to be fixed hereafter.

The truth of the matter, however, is, that this Congress will not change the present standard.

It cannot pass any law fixing more permanently, or enlarging, the powers of the national banks.

The people will be left to work out their own salvation under existing financial conditions. They will get no relief from this Congress of any sort.

The aggregate volume of trade in 1897 was greater, in dollars and cents, than ever before in the history of the country, and average prices, in general, as low as they were, were still better than for four years previous.

That they will meet the emergency, successfully as well as bravely, we have no doubt. Knowing the real situation, let us to work.

The Murphy Scout calls attention to an important incident which has just transpired in that section. The bridge across the Hiwassee river at that town, by which connection is made between the Western North Carolina Road and the Knoxville Southern Railroad, is completed, and trains are now running over it.

The Chamber of Commerce at Raleigh in a recent meeting, considered a question of real importance to that community—a question that concerns Wilmington and every town in the State. It is the question of trading at home instead of buying your clothing and other things in other markets.

Representative Gillet, of Massachusetts, has epitomized his views as to the methods getting office under the civil service rules in the following lines:

It lies through two swing-doors swung to. The attendance is always full. Some by the door marked "Push" go through.

Scott's Emulsion supplies this needed fat, of the right kind, in the right quantity, and in the form already partly digested.

As a result all the organs and tissues take on activity.

HE HARRIED AWHILE IN JERICO.

The city authorities of Concord have very engaging manners. Concord visitors to that attractive burg are constrained to tarry awhile, and listen to the concord of sweet sounds by which the street improving authorities are wont to add beauty as well as comfort to the town, and thus make her ways ways of pleasantness and peace.

Concord's method of dealing with such tramps is a good one. Let it become general.

THE TELEPHONE RATES.

The action of the Railroad Commission in making an arbitrary reduction of telephone rates without notifying the companies or hearing evidence as they are required to do by the act of the General Assembly which created them, is only another illustration of the high-handed course which has been adopted by the Butler-Russell combine.

When the telephone companies were notified to appear before the old Board they were accorded a fair and impartial hearing.

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THE CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY R. R.

If Judge Simonton is Sustained the Case will probably be Appealed to U. S. Supreme Court.

There are many rumors and many opinions about in regard to the future of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway.

But here is where the element of doubt comes in: Even if the Circuit Court of Appeals affirm the decision of Judge Simonton, which is likely, there is still opportunity for another appeal.

Another prominent attorney of this State, has, within a few days, in conversation with the writer, expressed a similar opinion.

A clerical tribunal, appointed by Pope Leo, is in session at the rectory of St. Alphonsus Church "for the compiling of the apostolic process in the cause of the beatification and canonization" of the venerable John N. Neumann, a distinguished member of the Order of Redemptorists and fourth Bishop of Philadelphia.

The proceedings are conducted according to the strictest rules of ecclesiastical jurisprudence. All the witnesses are sworn to secrecy until the decision on the testimony is given in Rome.

The commission in a case like the present makes a most searching examination into the life, works and character of the candidate for beatification and sanctification.

It also turns out that the Governor has been receiving all his express packages free of charge, and yet while receiving these favors, he was the most blatant of all men in the State in his denunciation of "organized capital" and "blood-thirsty corporations."

Not Be Fooled Again.

We are reminded by the Raleigh Post that the Russell-Butler crowd has been in power only one year.

It is funny how marriage will change a man," said Fog, the other day. "There is Mosser, for example. Before he was married a glance of May Taintor would intoxicate him, so he used to say. Now, when he comes home late at night and meets Mrs. Mosser (nee Taintor) the sight of her actually sober him."

May locate an Ice Plant.

The Fayetteville Observer says: "Mr. L. H. Simmons has been in the city several days looking over the ground with a view of erecting an ice factory here. He expresses himself as being delighted with the location and thinks it more than probable that he will operate a 30-ton capacity factory here."

M'KENNA TO BE CONFIRMED.

As a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

What Senator Morgan Stated to the Senate.

Time to Stop.

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