

EDITORIAL SQUIBS.

The color of the current two-cent postage stamp will be changed from carmine to green.

Mark Hanna was so red hot in his loyalty that he sent two substitutes to fight the Confederates.

Senator Wellington resigned the chairmanship of the Maryland Republican committee.

He says the party is doomed to defeat in the coming election.

The crowded condition of the Virginia penitentiary is exciting comment, and may be discussed during the coming campaign.

It has 1,324 inmates, an average of over six to a cell.

Atlanta is the only Southern city which has not closed doors against New Orleans and the fever-stricken district.

It is expected that thousands will flock there should a general exodus occur at New Orleans.

Hon. Pat Walsh will probably be the next mayor of Augusta.

If Pat makes as good a mayor as he does an editor, and did a United States Senator, he'll be a whole team, with a yaller dog under the wagon.—Wilmington Star.

At the meeting of the cabinet in Washington Tuesday the fore-closure sale of the Union Pacific Railroad and the relief of American citizens who have started for the Klondike gold fields were among the subjects considered but no final action was taken in regard to either.

It is estimated that a 200-foot ship route through Florida would cost about \$75,000,000. That sum is almost a third as large again as the price paid by the great commercial commonwealth of New York for its Erie Canal.

It is a good deal of money, but the Florida canal would prove a decided benefit to the maritime interest of the Gulf, which with the rapidly increasing export trade of Texas, Louisiana and Alabama are bound to be of the first magnitude.

The following is taken from the New York Evening Post: "This is no sectional question. Most of the lynchings of black men for 'the usual crime' occur in the South, but that is simply because most of the black men live in the South. If negro brutes were as numerous in the North, the whites of this section would feel as strongly and act as rashly as their brethren in the South—the Urbana incident showed that. We are all in the same boat, North and South, East and West. If we lynch negroes in Ohio without restraint, the next thing we know the life of a white man accused of crime in New York or New England will not be safe."

The Hon. William Jennings Bryan has no reason to complain of the audiences that assemble to hear him talk free silver, as he calls it, "bimetallism." At Burlington, Kan., one day last week, he spoke to 15,000 persons, and "his reception was most enthusiastic." At Iola, in the same State the next day, he addressed from 10,000 to 12,000 persons on "bimetallism." "People came fifty miles to hear him." We quote from Republican accounts. People who think that the back of the free silver movement is broken are deluding themselves. Wherever the Bryanites were strong in 1896, they are strong today; and whenever they are strong, the result is and the demand for the free coinage of silver have not been diminished a particle.—New York Sun, Rep.

The pension outgo during the quarter ending September 30 will be about \$40,000,000, or at the rate as some \$160,000,000 for the year, against \$141,000,000 last year. The outgo may not be so large as at present indicated, but it seems clear that the aggregate bounty to the ex-soldiers will be \$150,000,000. This promises an increase of the deficit with which the last fiscal year closed. The higher tariff was meant to discourage imports, and will, no doubt, do so, with the result of cutting off customs revenues. At the present rate of receipts the deficit next July will be \$115,000,000, even if pensions do not increase. But customs revenue may increase and the internal revenue almost certainly will increase. Under the most favorable circumstances the deficit on July 1, 1898, the Journal of Commerce thinks, will be \$61,000,000.

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THE CALF PATH.

One day through the primeval wood, A calf walked home, as good calves should; But made a trail all bent askew, A crooked trail, as all calves do. Since then two hundred years have fled.

A negro in Alabama has just got through being tried for a murder with which he was charged six years ago. He went through the justice mill five times, first time convicted and sentenced to death, second to life imprisonment, third to fifty years, fourth time to ten years, and the fifth time acquitted.

An Indiana farmer was in such a hurry to get a divorce that he wrote the judge and as an inducement offered him \$20 to hurry it up. The judge not taking the same business view of it summoned him before the court, fined him for contempt, and now the prosecuting attorney talks of taking a whack at him for attempted bribery.

Two maiden sisters, Miss Harriet C. Sheldon, 82 years old, and Miss Matilda Sheldon, 80, were fatally burned at their home in Lynn, Mass. They lived by themselves and were cooking with a kerosene stove, when the latter tipped over and the oil ignited.

Never marry a girl who is not afraid of a mouse unless you want to play second violin.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FRIDAY.

It is reported that Henry George is paralyzed.

Heavy rains have caused slight damage to crops in portions of Texas.

Augusta, Ga., has quarantined against all yellow fever points and also against Atlanta.

Mrs. J. W. Field, an American lady, was burned to death in her apartments in London.

At Lexington, Va., yesterday, Hon. William L. Wilson was inaugurated president of Washington and Lee University.

Miss Sarah Randall, of Baltimore, who would have been 103 years old yesterday, died Tuesday at the Home for the Aged.

New York's public schools were reopened with an enrollment of about 225,000 pupils, 10,000 of whom could not be accommodated.

The board of health of Charleston, S. C., has established strict quarantine against New Orleans, Mobile and other fever-infected places.

The thirteenth centenary of the landing of St. Augustin in England was celebrated near Ramsgate by the Catholic hierarchy of Great Britain.

Mrs. Frank Williams, the white wife of a negro, was arrested at Wichita on a charge of incendiarism. She was caught setting fire to a liquor store.

While attempting to rob the postoffice at Corcoran, Ind., Bertie Andrews and Clifford Gordon, prominent citizens, were fatally shot by the Sheriff's posse.

Rev. W. S. Coffee, of East Chester, Pa., and Miss Anna Chaterson, who were lovers fifty years ago, will be married today by Bishop Satterlee, at Washington, D. C.

Colonel Guy Jack, a wealthy planter near DeKalb, Miss., is on trial for causing the death of Charles T. Stewart, whose life was insured for \$21,000 in favor of Jack.

Five members of the Election Board of South Bethlehem, Pa., were convicted of violations of the election laws and were sentenced to sixty days imprisonment and a fine of \$400 each.

Charles Gummell, of Washington, D. C., tried to kill his wife yesterday, and thinking he had succeeded, cut his own throat and is dead. Jealousy, inflamed by drink, the cause.

The National Evangelical Lutheran Synod is in session in the Auditorium at Asbury Park, N. J., which will continue for a week. There are 250 delegates present from all parts of the country.

Great floods are reported in Spain. On the Jabalon river 100 houses have been inundated, many families have been completely ruined, a number of people have been drowned and the damage is estimated at £200,000.

David Agee, aged eighteen years, attempted suicide at Danville, Va. He had taken laudanum, and when found by his mother was supposed to be beyond recovery, but the doctors by vigorous and heroic treatment saved him. Agee is a dissipated youth, out of employment.

Five highway robbers and burglars, who have been terrorizing the country in and around Versailles, Ind., for a long time, met an awful punishment yesterday at the hands of an indignant mob of four hundred. Three of the wretches were shot in the jail, and dragged along with the living to the place of execution.

An attempt was made yesterday on the life of President Diaz, of Mexico. A riotous individual by the name of Ignacio Anulfo tried to strike the president on the back of the neck during a parade while the president was on foot and marching. He turned around and caught sight of his assailant and raised his march with admirable coolness. Returning to the palace he was cheered, and an immense crowd assembled in front of the palace, cheering and shouting and calling for him. The motive of the scoundrel is a mystery. The populace wanted to lynch Anulfo.

SATURDAY.

A census of insane Indians shows only 68 in the United States.

Five new cases of yellow fever are reported at Mobile, Ala. The disease is slowly spreading.

Miss Elizabeth D. Clement, of Cecil county, Md., fell down stairs yesterday and broke her neck.

Yellow fever refugees are pouring into Atlanta. Among the arrivals were U. S. troops from New Orleans.

Michael won the 20-mile bicycle race at Springfield, Mass., and beat the world's record; time 38 minutes and 11 seconds.

In Princess Anne county, Va., a cabin was burned yesterday and two small colored children perished in the flames.

Major Moses P. Handy, the special commissioner of the United States to the Paris Exposition of 1900, has arrived in Paris.

A yellow fever panic at Jackson, Miss. The city is nearly depopulated, business houses closed, and newspapers suspended.

Mrs. George N. Smith, shot in the head at Churchville, N. Y., while asleep, is dead, and her husband is accused of her murder.

To keep his father from being whipped in a fight at Louisville, Ky., Jay Adkins, aged 14, fatally stabbed his uncle, Andrew Adams.

Secretary of State Sherman will not go to Ohio until the end of September. He says he will not take an active part in the campaign.

Richard Dutton, a painter, fell 60 feet from the third story of a building at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and escaped with but a small gash on the back of his head.

Oliver A. Gossman has been arrested in Ellicott City, Md., charged with perjury in swearing to the age of a young lady he married against the wishes of her parents.

President McKinley received a number of official visitors at the White House, among them the French ambassador, who is ready to begin negotiations for tariff reciprocity.

Troops at Latimer, Pa., fear an attempt to poison the water supply. The company stores are also guarded because of a rumor that strikers were plotting to blow up the building.

At Hazelton, Pa., yesterday, two hundred and fifty women made more trouble than ten thousand men, by attacking with rolling pins, pokers and other weapons available in the washeries, and forced the men to quit. There was little resistance.

Two Russian steamers collided yesterday in the river Volga, near Astrakhan. The former sank, and while she was going down her passengers, panic-stricken, jumped into the river. Many of them succeeded in reaching the shore, but forty persons were drowned.

The rumored clandestine marriage of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the throne of Austria-Hungary, and a middle-class lady, creates a sensation in court circles.

Mariah Billingsley, colored, of Richmond, Ark., went to church leaving her five children, the oldest being 11 years of age, locked up in her house. The house caught fire and burned to the ground, the five children being cremated.

Ignacio Anulfo, who assaulted President Diaz, of Mexico, was taken from prison and lynched by a mob of the common people. About twenty of the lynchers were arrested. The mob proceeded along the approved lines of an American lynching.

The Spanish government has received a cablegram from Captain-General Weyler, in the course of which he says that his plan of campaign is to complete the pacification of the west end of the Island of Cuba before commencing operations in the east.

The fever situation in New Orleans yesterday assumed a more serious aspect than at any time since Sunday last, when six of the St. Claude cases were declared to be yellow fever. At 6 o'clock yesterday evening the board of health of the city announced the appearance of eight new cases and one death.

Henry F. Thorn was struck with apoplexy during a rest from cycling in New York and died.

Dr. T. B. Carter and Chas. P. Russell shot and killed each other in a street affray at Abbott, Texas.

It is said in Germany that Queen Victoria contemplates visiting Emperor William in Germany.

The long overdue steamer Excelsior has arrived at San Francisco with 63 passengers and \$2,500,000 in gold.

The Richmond, Va., office of Seymour Bros, brokers in stocks and grains, New York, closed its doors yesterday.

The executive committee of the Tennessee gold Democrats decided to retain its organization for the coming campaign.

At a meeting of manufacturers in New York it was determined to advance the price of knit goods from 15 to 40 per cent.

The New York Merchants Association is said to be disappointed with the results of the merchant's excursion to that town.

The Norwegian Colony in Brooklyn are preparing to receive Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, who will arrive in October.

John Hudnan and two sons were killed by gas while cleaning a well at Camden, Ark. The father was trying to release his sons.

Suspicious of yellow fever were caused by the death in Boston of Franklin S. Conant, a student of the Johns Hopkins University, who had just arrived there from Jamaica.

Mr. John E. Dubois, a millionaire, of Dubois, Pa., and Miss Willie Gambill, of Roanoke, Va., were married yesterday in the latter city.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Wisconsin Central Railroad yesterday morning, resulting in the death of five people, and the injury of several others.

The coroner's jury in the case of the five men who were lynched at Versailles, Ind., for alleged robbery gave a verdict that the persons who committed the lynching are unknown.

Did Not Scream or Faint. Mrs. Daniel Palmer displayed a wonderful amount of nerve Saturday night. She went into her bedroom and saw a negro man lying under her bed. Nine ladies out of ten would have screamed or fainted. Mrs. Palmer did neither, but went out of the room and across the street to Col. R. J. Bush's home. Col. Bush came back with her and with the assistance of Mr. Mayor the negro was captured. The negro was Joe Cicero, a well-known thief, who has already served one or more terms on the chain-gang. Joe is now in jail, where he will probably be until transferred to some convict camp.—Camilla (Ga.) Clarion.

Bryan's Genius. Detroit (Mich.) News. What defeated candidate for the presidency ever before returned to the stump almost as soon as his successful rival was warm in the presidential chair, and secured as enthusiastic and as patient and attentive audiences as during the campaign? Bryan has done that. He is out again. He has been all over the Pacific slope this summer and the number of his hearers, their eagerness to listen to him, and their evident interest in the subject he discusses, would make an uninformed person imagine a new presidential campaign was in full flood.

Bryan's speeches are even interesting to those who heard him repeatedly last fall, or followed his utterances through the papers. He seems to have an infinite variety of argument and illustration with which to present the innumerable phases of the questions which formed the subject of last year's contest, and an inexhaustible charm with which to hold his hearers. His speech at St. Louis the other day was as full of fresh matter, ingeniously and eloquently presented, as was the first of his speeches last year. It contains more thought in two or three columns as would be found in the average issue of the Congressional Record of a hundred pages.

STATE NEWS.

FRIDAY.

Greensboro Republicans are to have a primary to settle on a postmaster.

For wantonly killing a duck belonging to a white man, a Statesville magistrate sent a negro to the chain-gang for 30 days.

The town of Elkin will put in electric lights, as 30 residences and enough business houses will take them to justify the enterprise.

William Day, colored, who killed his sweetheart at Winston Saturday night, was arrested at Stoneville.

Paul Adams, a colored ferryman at Weldon, was drowned night before last, while attempting to wade across the river.

The citizens of Person county are very much dissatisfied with the new valuation placed upon horses and mules, by Auditor Ayer.

Mall Tyson, a packer in a cotton gin at Wadesboro, got caught in the shafting and had all of his clothing torn off and his right arm broken.

State Treasurer Worth yesterday gave a check for \$82,400, this being the interest on the construction bonds of the North Carolina railroad.

Two of the Mitchell convicts that escaped from the chain gang on Monday night of last week, were captured six miles beyond Blowing Rock.

The Scout says a family numbering 28 passed through Haywood county last week going to Georgia. The chimney fell down and killed the rest.

The Statesville band, composed of 18 pieces, has been engaged for fair week in Raleigh, and Chief Marshall Lybrook is meeting with much success in securing his corps of assistant marshals.

At Evangelist Lee's meeting at Winston, the other night, somebody put a pebble in the collection basket, but he said that was not as bad as at Martinsville, Va., where some one chipped in a beer check.

Master Jack Akin, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Akin, of our town, was accidentally killed last Wednesday morning by the hind wheel of a wagon running across the upper part of his chest.—Murphy Scout.

Winston Republican: Anderson and Phoebe Williams, a colored couple living near Lewisville, this county, "have been fruitful and multiplied." Their dark haired progeny number 18, the youngest member of the family being nine years old.

The Greensboro Telegram says that Rev. J. A. B. Fry, a Winston minister, created quite a sensation when he made the statement Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. meeting in that city, that he had been informed that every usher in one of the most influential churches of Winston had been drunk save one.

The Times says the railroad surveyors have completed the survey of the road from Mocksville to Mooresville and on last Monday moved to Cornatzer and are now surveying the road from Mocksville to Winston with a view to straightening the line.

Fayetteville Observer: Mr. Edward Mazingo died yesterday at his home in Campbellton, aged 80 years. Edward Mazingo was a hero of many battles, having fought in the Indian wars in Florida and in the civil war, and always accounted a good man and a brave soldier.

Rocky Mount Motor: Mr. Robert Harris informed us that on last Wednesday a Mr. Batts moved to another place about four miles distant and left a setting of eggs, taking the hen with him. On the following Sunday some one went to the nest and found eleven little chickens, the weather being warm enough for the eggs to hatch without the hen.

Lex Green, son of Mr. W. H. Green, of Dexter, told his father the first of the year that he wanted to go to school, and pitched him a crop of tobacco and went to work with a vim. He made a nice lot of tobacco, cured it, stripped it out and sold it for \$58 net and added it to what he had and has gone off to school. This shows what a boy can do when he wants to get an education.—Oxford Ledger.

SATURDAY.

Mormon elders are at work in Lenoir county.

There is an old colored woman living near Apex, Wake county, who is 105 years old.

The mayor of Raleigh sent a woman named Lizzie Powell to the roads for thirty days.

It is less than four weeks till the Alamance fair and all signs now point to a successful one.

The Wilmington Star says the Cape Fear is lower than it has been in 20 years and river transportation is about checked.

The Observer says Mr. Chas. Henderson, a prominent citizen of Mecklenburg, has moved to Mooresville to school his children.

Evangelist Fife has closed the meeting in High Point. It is learned that he will hold a meeting at Thomasville, beginning in a day or two.

Dr. George W. Saunders, former State auditor and later fourth auditor of the United States treasury, is in an asylum at Baltimore for treatment for mind trouble.

Mr. Bamford, the proprietor of the silk mill recently established at Greensboro, has decided to move the factory back to Patterson, N. J. He cannot make the business pay here on account of the high rate charged for transportation, he says.

The three-year-old son of Robert Hubbard was burned to death at Elkin. The child turned over a lamp, from which its clothes caught fire. The mother's hands were badly burned and it is feared one of her arms will have to be amputated.

Greensboro Record: The killing by Geo. Craige of his wife in Rockingham county last week turns out to be purely accidental, so says a gentleman from Reidsville, who is conversant with the facts. No motive at the first could be ascribed, and it was put down as deliberate murder. Craige has since lost his mind, so our informant says.

Mr. Jno. C. Hope, the rattlesnake capturer and destroyer, of Long Shoals, came in to see us Wednesday. He says that Mrs. Harrill's place seems to be a favorite resort for rattlesnakes. In addition to the large one recently caught by Mr. Hope, one man has killed four on that place in the last two years. They had from 7 to 18 rattles. Six years ago one that had taken up its quarters in the walls of the house, crawled out and was killed upon the floor. Many years ago a rattlesnake bit a brother of Mr. Hope, killing him in less than an hour.—Lincoln Journal.

Snow Storm Off Hatteras. The Philadelphia Times of 13th inst. says: "While the people in this city were suffering last Thursday from the extreme heat the crew of the steamer Ethelred, which reached this port last evening, were almost frozen by cold weather. The Ethelred pounded her way successfully along the coast from Jamaica, without any great change in the climatic conditions until off Cape Hatteras, then the vessel was struck by a cold 'wave,' which almost froze the crew, and compelled each one of them who was on duty to don mitts and heavy top coats."

The mercury in the thermometer dropped fifty-nine degrees in three hours. When the winds first subsided considerably the coldest kind of sleet fell until the deck of the vessel was dangerous to tread upon. The sleet was followed by a fierce snow storm which continued for fifteen minutes."

The American hen is a rattler. She goes in and attends to business, and takes care of her family regardless of the times. There are 350,000,000 of her. She lays 13,750,000,000 eggs, which would make an omelette 542,218 miles long which would weigh 853,125 tons. Yet she isn't putting on any style or doing any crowing over her achievements. She lets the fellows who don't do the laying put on the style, and do all the strutting and crowing. It is a good deal that way in the human family sometimes.

The best thing out—an aching tooth.