

If Hanna did not sign Mack's message, we suppose he "grinned."

The Sultan of Turkey is not the only gent who doesn't like the presentation of a bill.

If Mr. Bryan will now proceed to keep quiet until called upon he may have better success in the future.

If it is a matter of being president or die with our friend Eugene Debs, he could save the country any uneasiness by dying.

Since we are to have an imperialistic republic the Cubans will not be obliged to take such a long step forward as was anticipated.

The man who cannot and will not see the advantage in frequent and constant advertising is effected with a business.

Gattis Kilgo troubles and those resolutions endorsing Duke, Odell and others; our Methodist brethren of the N. C. Conference have a rough path before them, for a while at least.

So it seems that China will have only to pay the indemnity and administer the punishment and be free. Thus, if ended, China remains the walled, heathen empire as of yore. This, however, is only a patch on a rotten hulk.

The ministers at Peking have come to an agreement and Secretary Hay, of the State department, has cabled Minister Conger to sign it. The will of our government has prevailed in regard to the indemnity and punishment. China is to admit her liability and administer some very severe punishment.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is pretty safe to say that Senator Bacon's bill to admit free of duty all articles controlled by treaties will not be passed by a Republican Congress. If the Republicans in Congress will advocate and push a few more bills like the ship subsidy bill, which McKinley and Hanna urge, they will be relieved of the necessity for reducing taxes. Many people will be struck with amazement at idea of a religious body taking pains to endorse, without trial or official investigation, those fresh from the hands of a jury and found guilty of slander against a fellow member of the same religious body. We refer, of course, to the resolutions adopted yesterday by the N. C. Methodist Conference in reference to the defendants in the recent Gattis-Kilgo suit.—Winston Sentinel.

President Mobane, of Catawba College, was in Raleigh the other

day, speaking to a News and Observer reporter of the effect of the passage of the Constitutional Amendment, he said: "The idea that commends itself to me most of all in regard to the amendment is the stimulus it has proven to education. It was for this reason I supported the amendment, and I gave this as my reason for so doing at the time that I announced my advocacy of the measure. The prediction that the amendment would stimulate education has come true in Newton, where I live I know of a number of men, who work in factories, who started their children to school this year for the first time in five years. Investigation has revealed the fact that they did so in order to enable them to meet the requisites of the registration law. And I am assured by many others who are in positions to know that such a disposition has been manifested throughout the State."

Before the Southern Industrial convention, at New Orleans, last evening Erwin Craighead, editor of the Mobile Register, spoke about "The Press of the South and its Relation to the Industrial Future of the South." He said in part: "In the rebuilding of the south after the devastating war, the press of this part of the country played ever the good mentor. There has been one class of people that has had time for and followed the vocation of studying the industrial conditions and pointing out in what way they could best be taken advantage of. The press is the lay ministry, preaching frequent and forcible sermons, and calling the people to a realization of their opportunities; the press is also the propaganda of the south's resources, of her progress and her plans for the future. Far-seeing men trained to make close observation and to generalize from pertinent facts, have been the guides to southern industry. I could name you a dozen men of this stamp who have been ever vigilant, ever resourceful, ever wise, pushing the south forward, always along safe lines, and seeking not their own advantage, but that of the people among whom they lived."

The Raleigh News and Observer says the Women's meeting, which children's society raised more than \$10,000 for church work during the year.

STATE NEWS.

The State Board of Agriculture met at Raleigh Thursday, extended a unanimous vote of thanks to Col. John S. Cunningham for the able and impartial way in which he presided over their deliberations, asked for a change in the fertilizer laws, and raised the salary of Commissioner Patterson \$2,000.

The time of the Forsyth Superior court has been occupied since Wednesday noon in hearing a case against John O. Hiatt, a young white man, charged with assaulting with intent to rape the 17-year-old daughter of Joseph Worth, of High Point. The State introduced only two witnesses, the victim and her father, making out a strong case.

United States Marshal Milikin was Thursday notified that William R. Burnett, who has been eluding the Federal officers for a year or more, has been captured in Haywood county. He was wanted for illicit distilling and shooting Deputy Marshal R. T. Morris. Burnett is a desperate character and had sworn that he would never be taken alive. He was captured by Dr. J. F. Abel, of Clyde, who will receive a reward of \$300 offered by the government.

J. M. McCaskill, who lives at Eagle Springs, Randolph county and operates a saw mill at Old Stores, was found unconscious in a ditch Wednesday morning two miles north of Jamestown. He was picked up by the breakfast train. He had been lying there since the night before when he left the nine o'clock train bound for Greensboro. It is not known whether he fell or was knocked off.

The Dixie Magazine, published in Atlanta, calls attention to the fact that North Carolina, in addition to her large number of cotton mills, has five hundred saw mills, eighty-five shingle mills, one hundred and eighty-two planing mills, sixty-three furniture

factories, thirty-six wagon and buggy factories, twenty-five box and crate factories and a number of factories for the manufacture of axe and pick handles, spokes, rims, etc. North Carolina is solving the industrial problem by building the cotton mill on the edge of the cotton field and erecting the furniture factory under the shade of the forest.

The Baptist State Convention in session in Raleigh, is a great gathering fully worthy of the great denomination it represents, which now numbers in North Carolina 187,000 communicants, a gain of 7,000 over last year. Over 700 delegates were in their seats, by far the largest attendance in the entire history of the Convention. The Convention was organized by the re-election of the officers: Dr. Marsh, president; N. B. Broughton, secretary; Hight C. Moore, assistant secretary; and vice-presidents, O. S. Vann, of Edenton; W. N. Jones, of Raleigh; T. M. Honeycutt, of Sparta; and A. E. Covington, of Wadboro; treasurer, Walter Durbin, of Raleigh; assistant treasurer, M. Stone, of Asheville; trustees, W. C. Tyree, of Durham; C. Cooke, of Louisville; Livingston Johnston, of Greensboro; T. Briggs, of Raleigh, and L. R. Mill of Wake Forest.

Argyle and Iona.

The Presbyterian Record Monays, Montreal, Canada, says:

A worthy example to Presbyterians was the late Duke of Argyll, father of our one-time Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne. Not long before his death, though offered a high price by the Roman Catholics for the Island of Iona, with its ancient sacred buildings, associated with the memory of St. Columba, he refused the offer and donated these buildings by deed of gift to the Established Church of Scotland, to be held by her as a Presbyterian possession for all time.

Such men, whether in Scotland or Canada, who put loyalty to what they think right before gain of any kind, either of wealth or power or fame, are treasures greater far than storied temples. The highest style of architecture as well as the most permanent, is the building of character, and every nation should be proud of the nation.

Stopped his Paper.

When a subscriber gets mad because reminded of his indebtedness, and requests his paper discontinued, we wish to remind him of an anecdote of the late Horace Greeley, the well known founder of the N. Y. Tribune:

Passing down Newspaper-row in New York City one morning, he met one of his readers who exclaimed—

"Mr. Greeley, after the article you published this morning I intend to stop your paper."

"Oh, no!" said Mr. Greeley, "don't do that."

"Yes sir, my mind is made up, I intend to stop the paper."

The angry subscriber was not to be appeased, and they separated. Late in the afternoon they met again, when Mr. Greeley remarked:

"Mr. Thompson I am very glad you did not carry out your threat this morning."

"What do you mean?"

"Why, you said you were going to stop my paper, didn't you?"

"And so I did, I went to the office and had your paper stopped."

"You are surely mistaken; I have just come from there, and the press was running and the business was booming."

"Sir," said Mr. Thompson, very promptly "I meant I intended to stop my subscription to your paper."

"Oh, thunder!" rejoined Greeley; "I thought you were going to stop the running of my paper, and knock me out of a living. My friend, let me tell you something: One man is just as one drop of water in the ocean. You didn't set the machinery of this world in motion, and you can't stop it; and when you are underneath the ground, things upon the surface will wag on the same as ever."

"I believe in men working for their living and being honest in their deals," said the tramp as he darted out of the clutches of a policeman and lazily climbed on the out-going train.

HINSON'S FAMILY AT HOME.

GO TO HER FATHER'S IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

William Hinson, of Stanly County, Spent Last Night in Salisbury on His Way to the Penitentiary.

Poor Bill Hinson, who got 25 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Swaringer, in Stanly County, spent Friday night in Salisbury on his way to the penitentiary.

As is noted in another column Hinson is 25 years and I asked him last night at the depot how he proposed to provide for his family during his term of imprisonment.

"My wife and four children have already gone to her father's home in South Carolina to live until I am released (if this ever happens) to support them," said Hinson.

Hinson will be taken to Raleigh this morning by the sheriff of Stanly.

MR. KLUTTZ'S OPINION.

What he thinks of the Crumpacker Bill now before Congress.

The Washington Post of Thursday, Dec. 7, says:

The question of apportionment is heavily on many a State dele-

gation in the House these days. It is discussed among members every-

where, and the bidding for ad-

vantage is spirited. The leading

Republicans are adverse

to increasing the membership, but

will meet with resistance. A

majority in favor with them is a mem-

ber every 208,400 population.

Mr. Klutzz, of North

Carolina, a member of the Census

Committee, says he has no fear of

the passage of the Crumpacker

bill, which is the most conspicuous

measure yet offered for apportion-

ment. "I do not believe," he de-

clares, "that the bill will ever get

out of the House Census Com-

mittee, which is an unwarranted

measure, as a law, would be

unfair and unconstitutional. The

bill's franchise law is not yet

passed, and the Constitution of

the United States expressly pro-

hibits apportionment shall be

according to population. There is

a negro vote in Indiana, which

holds the balance of power

between the parties. Judge Crum-

packer's bill is intended to cater

to Southern sentiment."

SBAND AND WIFE DYING.

Mr. Mrs. Daniel Penninger in a Very Critical Condition.

Mr. Charles Swink, of this city, has been past week been at the bedside of her parent, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Penninger, of this county, who linear Woodleaf, and both of whom are at the point of death.

The news received by Mr. Swink Friday as that Mrs. Penninger, was on her way to the day before that Mr. Penninger's recovery had been about despaired of.

Mr. Penninger is one of the best known farmers in Friends county and his numerous friends over the county will regret to learn of his critical illness.

Help the Orphans.

Cordon Edge No. 168, I. O. O. F., of this city, is endeavoring to fill a box with clothing, calicoes, gingham, domestics, and pants, cloth, etc., for the benefit of the orphan home at Goldsboro. Boxes for deposit of such gifts can be found at Isenhour & Bean's and James Hamner's drug store. Cash donations will also be solicited. A committee consisting of J. N. Maxwell, Walter Graves and John Howan was appointed to attend to necessary arrangements.

Trainer—Now, this horse is as fit as chemicals can make him. You've got a galvaic saddle, an electric whip, hypodermic spurs, and if you can only shin a tit farther up the neck, you ought just lick anything with hair on it!

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WASHINGTON'S EDUCATIONAL LAW.

Mr. C. C. Ramsay Talks Interestingly of Education in That State.

Mr. C. C. Ramsay, of cattle Washington, who is visiting his old home—Salisbury—is always an interesting conversationalist and his comments Saturday to a Truth-Index representative were of particular interest at this particular time. Speaking of the proposed compulsory educational law in this State Mr. Ramsay said:

"We have a compulsory educational system in Washington which is defective in some particulars but which in the main is eminently satisfactory. This law requires all children between 6 and 15 years to attend school, except in such cases as where the enforcement of the law would deprive families of their support. In cases of this kind the boy or girl affected is permitted to remain away from school and continue his or her pursuit."

The Washington law may yet prove the solution of the perplexing problem now confronting North Carolina with reference to compulsory education.

BABY'S PORTRAIT.

(Sketches by his mother.)

A little head of shapely mold.

Two baby eyes so bright and bold.

A dainty little nose.

Two little cheeks so round and fair.

With tiny dimples hiding there.

Like dewdrops in a rose.

A little mouth so fragrant sweet.

A tiny dimpling chin so neat.

And both just made to kiss.

Two cunning ears each in its place.

A baby forehead set with grace.

Whose photograph is this?

Two sturdy shoulders, broad and square.

Two chubby hands so soft and fair.

And cunning feet so tiny.

A roguish smile to you and me.

A baby forehead set with grace.

Whose portrait of our boy?

—Pearson's Weekly.

The Pleasures of Old Age.

No sane man would like to live his life over again. It is astonishing how the ordinary affairs of life seem to adapt themselves to your added years.

One's pleasures are quieter, but quite as enjoyable. To live in the lives of your children, to watch their progress, to develop of their minds, is one of the greatest sources of pleasure. Then one has music, reading, gardening, etc. My father also said that I took the advice of an old friend some years ago who said the two things most likely to give pleasure in declining life were to learn whist and to play the violin.

—A Man of Sixty in Spectator.

The Worm Turned.

Mrs. Ennepek—You let people doubt over you too much, Henry. You should learn to say "no" occasionally.

Mr. Ennepek—Yes; that's right, and I wish to goodness you had said it on a nut tree alone of the world could at a pinch feed a population three times as great as the present number of inhabitants.

—Buffalo Enquirer.

Demand For Excelsior.

The present annual production in this country of excelsior is about 60,000 tons. Excelsior is most commonly used for packing purposes, and in such uses it is employed for many very different kinds of things. It is used, for example, in the packing of things so fragile as eggs and things so solid as iron toys. In the various uses to which it is put excelsior is most in demand where manufacturing is carried on, so that the larger part of the great quantity of this material now produced in this country is used east of the Mississippi river.—New York Sun.

Consumption

is destruction of lung by growing germ, precisely a mouldy cheese is destruction of cheese by a growing germ. If you kill the germ, you stop the consumption. You can or can't, according to when you begin. Take Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil: take a little at first.

It acts as a food; it is the easiest food. Seems not to be food; makes you hungry; eating is comfortable. You grow stronger. Take more; not too much; enough is as much as you like and agrees with you. Satisfy hunger with usual food; whatever you like and agrees with you. When you are strong again, have recovered your strength—the germs are dead; you have killed them. If you have not tried it, send for free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you.

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TAKING IN MR. MOODY.

How His Confidence Was Abused by the Natives of Bethany.

When D. L. Moody went to Bethany during his travels in the east, he was very soft hearted over all the multitude of beggars there, not only because the place is so unusual, but because he was moved by its beautiful traditions. He gave quantities of "backsheesh" and then asked if any of the children had the names of Mary and Martha. Yes, indeed, they had. And he opened his pockets again.

The news of his generosity spread through the village, and new claimants came until his visit seemed likely to result in a fight for existence. The case was getting desperate, and he told the dragoon to call for silence while he made an address. "Then he said:

"I have come 6,000 miles to see this little village of Bethany. It was a place my Master loved to visit, and I have come to see it because he loved it. I am very glad to meet you all, but now I want to be alone. I have no more backsheesh, and I bid you goodbye."

A fine looking boy of 16 replied to the address. He spoke fluently and with the grace of an orator. Mr. Moody was delighted with the beginning of his oration, but not with its conclusion.

"We are glad to see the gentleman and his friends who have come so far, but the gentleman must not think that his actions are equal to the importance of his visit. Six thousand miles is a long way to come, and the gentleman must have sacrificed much to make the visit. In consequence it is natural for us to expect that he would be munificent in backsheesh. This he has not been, and we now expect that he will give us a great deal more."

Mr. Moody was so disgusted that he abandoned the situation entirely and hurried away with his friends.

"I did think," said he, "that boy had a soul above backsheesh."

"The children were named Martha and Mary," he was asked.

"Certainly. Why not?"

"Nothing; only they were all boys."—Youth's Companion.

A Settler.

A 5-year-old boy went with his mother to make a call. The lady of the house, who was fond of children, told him she meant to ask his mother to let her have him. "Don't you think your mother would let me buy you?" she asked.

"No, ma'am," answered the little fellow; "you haven't got money enough."

"How much would it take?" she continued.

"Three hundred dollars," said the boy promptly, as if that would settle the matter at once for all.

"Oh, well, then," said the woman, "I think I can manage it. If I can, will you come and stay with me?"

"No, ma'am," he said, with decision. "Mamma wouldn't sell me anyhow. There are five of us, and mamma wouldn't like to break the set."—Buffalo Enquirer.

FOR MOTHERS.

The period immediately following child-birth is fraught with many dangers. The strength has been used in the painful ordeal through which the mother has passed and she finds herself helpless and weakened. Many mothers, like Mrs. Ford, date the beginning of their illness from the birth of their child. Indeed the frequent spectacle of a healthy young woman becoming a chronic invalid after motherhood is one of the tragedies of life. All this is unnecessary, when Wine of Cardui is obtainable. It rehabilitates the shattered nervous system, strengthens the organs and ligaments, and re-establishes a healthy, natural condition, saving years of chronic sickness and suffering. Wine of Cardui taken just before confinement will render the ordeal comparatively painless. It will re-enforce and strengthen the organs for their work. For every trying crisis in a woman's life, Wine of Cardui is the medicine to take. Ask your druggist for Wine of Cardui and take no substitute. If one is offered send \$1.00 for a bottle to the Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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LINCOLN WAS GRACIOUS.

Invited the Theater Usher to a Seat in His Box.

"Ever was such of a Republican," said a gentleman who was born and reared in Washington. "I loved Abraham Lincoln. He was one of the most lovable men I ever met. I was an usher at the National theater, and about two weeks before the assassination John Wilkes Booth was playing there. Mrs. Lincoln was playing a desecrator to see coin having expressed a desire to see them in 'Romeo and Juliet.' I was sent them in 'Romeo's' house to say that a box had been reserved. In the evening Mrs. Lincoln being indisposed, the president and little Tad Lincoln came, and I showed them to the box.

"As Tad entered he turned and said, 'Come in, Lew.' 'Oh, no,' I replied; 'that would not be right.' Tad then turned to his father and said, 'Pap, you have no objection to Lew coming in?' Mr. Lincoln, with a smile and motioning me to a seat, replied: 'No, Tad; certainly not for any of your friends. We will be glad to have your company.'

"I told Tad that my business would not allow me the privilege, and, thanking my both father and son, I returned to my duties with a light heart and with an admiration for the president I have felt for but few men, and since that incident I have often recalled it and expressed my sorrow that he met with a death so untimely."—Washington Star.

Jupiter Warmer Than the Earth.

The gigantic mass of Jupiter has a much larger warmth than that of the earth. It is the result of the molecular movement produced by the compression of the strata and must be growing the more powerful the more of the heat it has. Jupiter surpasses the earth in point of mass