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**BRIEFS.**

—Jake Sharp's trial began last Monday. It will take six weeks to try him.

—Palatka, Fla., has petitioned the Commission to enforce the short and long haul clause.

—The country, under Grover Cleveland's administration, has not gone to ruin, as Republican false prophets predicted.

—The Republican Press as well as politicians are busying their brains to devise means to reduce the Treasury surplus. Nothing easier than that, gentlemen: reduce taxes.

—The following ex-cathedra definition of a Mugwump is from the Boston Herald: "The Mugwump is an independent-acting, self-regulating thinking machine, with a voting attachment."

—On Friday last a train of six cars ran from Weldon to Wilmington, 162 miles, in 201 minutes, of which 16 minutes were consumed in three stops, so that the actual running time was 185 minutes or a little over 3 1/4 miles an hour.

—Abram S. Hewitt & Co. offer to lease to their 2,000 workmen their extensive iron works on condition they secure to be paid to them 6 per cent on the capital. Mr. Henry George does not believe in this plan, claiming it is no solution of the labor problem.

—The drouth still continues in certain portions of Texas, and it is reported that in Medina county hundreds of men, women and children are in a famishing condition. Many are living upon half rations of corn bread and tank water, and seed corn and cotton have rotted in the ground.

—The New York Herald is not satisfied with the reception the name of Grady received at the hands of the Southern press. It now suggests Cleveland and Waterson. The last name does not enthruse much here, but if the Herald would say Cleveland and Vance, then we would just shout.

—The President has appointed James W. Hyatt, of Connecticut, to be Treasurer of the United States, to succeed Mr. Jordan, resigned. Mr. Hyatt is the present National Bank Examiner for Rhode Island and Connecticut and was strongly endorsed by ex-Senator Barnum.

—As was predicted, the Interstate Commerce commissioners will be called on to interpret the law in its bearing on civil rights. Rev. W. H. Council, a colored Methodist preacher of Huntsville, Ala., who was ejected from a car occupied by white people, has complained to the commission.

—Justice Woods, of the Supreme Court, died in Washington on Saturday. The Court consisted of eight Republicans and one Democrat. We mention their politics because in these times none but strong partisans are made Judges of that court, and each becomes more deeply dyed when he becomes a judge. The President will now have the chance to appoint a Democrat, and it is presumed that he will appoint the best man that can be had. Justice Woods was a Northern man but was appointed as of Georgia.

—A special from Louisville, Ky., May 14th, says that Tom Crittenden, son of ex-United States Marshal Crittenden, has been acquitted of the deliberate murder of Rese Colby, a negro youth, in 1882. Colby was Crittenden's servant and refused to testify as his master dictated in a suit against the latter for assault, and Crittenden shortly afterwards shot him dead. In the first trial Crittenden was convicted of manslaughter, but the court of appeals granted a new trial with a change of venire. Such acquittals as above shake the faith of the people in the integrity and purity of our judiciary and jury system in general. They are the cause of mob and lynch-law. There is much indignation at the acquittal.

—There is an impending strike of 90,000 coal miners in Pennsylvania. One might suppose that a great many of these men are beginning to lose faith in the efficacy of a war tariff as a device for creating an earthly Paradise for workmen. They know that the tariff is profitable to somebody, but they have discovered that larger profits do not mean higher wages. At all events the tariff does not make the workingman rich nor give him constant work.

A St. Louis preacher has declared his belief in a personal devil. It is easy to understand how difficult it is for a preacher to believe otherwise who labors in a State like Missouri, where there is a Democratic majority of from 30,000 to 50,000.—*Vincennes (Ind.) Commercial.*

As there are from 30,000 to 50,000 Democratic majority in Missouri, the devil is in a deplorable minority, and we advise the devil to cross over into Indiana, where, if he plies his trade well, he may get in a majority.

**SMALL MANUFACTURERS.**

It is gratifying to note the tremendous amount of capital flowing into the Southern States, to be invested in manufactures. They are a boon to our people. In our efforts to secure these large investments, we must not forget the small ones. We have the raw material and labor here in Salisbury to start a number of small manufacturing establishments, which, when conducted with wisdom and industry, are invariably successful. They gradually expand, and a few years the few hundreds or thousands of dollars put in as capital stock are increased to tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars. We send away hundreds of miles for farming tools such as ought to be made here. Hundreds of little articles could be made here, on which we at present pay from 50 to 75 per cent. profit to others.

**BOYS AND TRADES.**

We clip the following from the *Scientific American*, a journal that is one of the best authorities on mechanics, manufactures and practical information, a journal that ought to be in the hands of every mechanic, manufacturer and student:

A short time since a correspondent of a Southern paper, who evidently knew how to wield something besides his pen, and this he uses to a good purpose, made some observations, from which the *Jewelers' Journal* quotes as follows:

"I believe," says the writer, "in schools where boys can learn trades. Peter the Great left his throne and went to learn how to build a ship, and he learned from stem to stern, from hull to mast, and that was the beginning of his greatness. I knew a young man who was poor and smart. A friend sent him to one of these schools up North, where he stayed two years and came back as a mining engineer and a bridge builder. Last year he planned and built a cotton factory, and is getting a large salary. How many college boys are there in Georgia, who can tell what kind of native timber will bear the heaviest burden, or why you take white oak for one part of a wagon and ash for another, and what timber will last longer in water and what out of water? How many know sandstone from limestone, or iron from manganese? How many know how to cut a rafter or brace without a pattern? How many know which turns the faster—the top of a wheel or the bottom—as the wagon moves along the ground? How many know how steel is made, and how a snake can climb a tree? How many know that a horse gets up before and a cow behind, and that the cow eats grass from her and the horse to him? How many know that a surveyor's mark on a tree never gets higher from the ground, or what tree bears fruit without bloom?"

"There is a power of comfort in knowledge, but a boy is not going to get it unless he wants it bad, and that is the trouble with most college boys, they don't want it. They are too busy and haven't got the time. There is more hope of a dull boy who wants knowledge than of a genius, for a genius generally knows it all without study. These close observers are the worlds benefactors."

**It's Always the Way.**

"Didn't I tell you so?" said a gentleman to an acquaintance whom he chanced to meet on the street. "It's always the way." "What's always the way?" inquired a mutual friend of the two men, who happened along just then. "Why, just this," replied the first speaker: "you Smith, here, the last time I met him he had one of the worst chagrins you ever heard. He complained of a loss of appetite, of night sweats, of low spirits and other unmistakable preliminary symptoms of consumption. I told him to get a supply of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery at once. He did so, and look at him now! Did you ever see a healthier looking man? The 'Discovery' has matched thousands from consumptive graves. I knew it would cure Smith. It's always the way."

**Programme of Trinity College Commencement.**

Final examination—May 30th, June 3rd.  
 Declamations by Preparatory Class—June 2nd, 8 p. m.  
 Declamations by Freshman Class, June 3rd and 4th, 8 p. m.  
 Sermon before the Theological Society, June 5th, 11 a. m., by Rev. F. D. Swindell, Charlotte, N. C.  
 Declamations by Sophomore Class June 6th, 8 p. m.  
 Orations by Junior Class, June 7th, 8 p. m.  
 Annual meeting of board of Trustees, June 8th, 9 a. m.  
 Sermon before the Graduating Class, June 8th, 11 a. m., by Bishop W. W. Duncan, D. D., Spartanburg, S. C.  
 Address before the Literary Societies, June 8th, 3 p. m., by Rev. W. M. Robey, D. D., Goldsboro, N. C.  
 Address before the Alumni Association, June 8th 8:30 p. m., by Rev. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va.  
 Commencement Exercises, June 9th, 10:30 a. m.  
 B. Craven Medal presented by J. H. Southgate, Durham N. C.  
 Wiley Gray Medal presented by Hon. Geo. H. Snow, Raleigh, N. C.  
 Address by President J. F. Crowell.  
 Party complimentary to the Graduating Class, June 9th, 8 p. m.

**OUR STATE.**

A North Carolinian at Reidsville, says *The South*, is said to have invented a cotton picker that will gather 90 per cent of open cotton. Its daily capacity is from 3,000 to 3,500 pounds.

*Fayetteville News:* We are happy to say that the farming prospect is at present good. The farmers have gone to work with a vim and we hope ere long better days will dawn for them.

Albert Taborn, the negro about whom there was so much excitement in Oxford just before the fire there, has been tried for burglary, convicted and sentenced to be hanged on June 16. The jury was composed of two white men and ten negroes.

A special to the Charlotte Chronicle, dated Winston, May 16, says: An altercation occurred here some weeks ago between Mr. W. A. Whitaker and Mr. Will Hay, in which Mr. Hay was struck across the head with a stick. To-day was appointed for the trial and Mr. Whitaker and all concerned were at Squire Grogan's office, awaiting Mr. Hay's appearance. When the latter came to the office he immediately drew a revolver and fired at Mr. Whitaker twice, the first shot taking effect just below the knee joint and ranging up the thigh. Mr. J. C. Buxton prevented the second shot from taking effect by catching Mr. Hay's arm and throwing it up. Hay was bound over in a bond of \$5,000.

*Stanly Observer:* From the pen of Dr. O. D. King, who is now visiting in Wilmington, we get some cheering news about the S. A. and N. W. R. R. The Dr. had had a conversation with Mr. Bilheimer, who is now in Wilmington, and that gentleman reiterates his statement that the S. A. and N. W. R. R. will be completed by or before the time agreed upon. Also that actual work will begin at Smithville (now Southport) on the first day of June next, and at intermediate points, Salisbury, Rockingham, etc., very soon thereafter. Holler and throw up your hats, boys. This is certainly glad tidings, and will put a smile upon the faces of our people. The idea of a railroad running through Stanly! Yes, scout the idea as much as you will, we believe the train is coming and that at an early day.

*Statesville Landmark:* The Apollo Club is under the instruction of Mr. W. H. Neave, of Salisbury, and great hopes of it are rested on this fact. Mr. Neave is a highly accomplished musician, an able teacher and one who will do his whole duty by the club. He thinks too highly of the science which he professes to do less than this, and it remains with the members to determine whether the organization shall be brought to that degree of cultivation which will make it an honor to the community. Our people feel a deep and friendly interest in it and hope that the labors of its instructor will not be in vain. We happen to know that he has been surprised and gratified to find so much talent in the club and that he is hopeful of its future. It may rely upon his ability and conscientiousness and, as for the rest, that is with it.

**The Verdict Unanimous.**

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters. Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that 'Electric Bitters' do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Theo. F. Kluttz & Co's. Drug Store."

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