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Assistant Secretary Fairchild was appointed last week by the President to succeed Mr. Manning as Secretary of the Treasury, and took the oath of office the 1st day of April.
 The total redemption of trade dollars, according to the latest returns, amount to \$3,875,735. The redemptions are slow, and indicate that there are less of these coins in existence than was at first supposed. It is now thought that the entire redemption will not exceed six or seven millions.
 The competitive examination for a cadetship at the West Point Military Academy from the 5th Congressional district, will be held in Greensboro April 19th, instead of the 27th, as published by us last week. The age for admission of cadets to the Academy is between 17 and 22 years. Candidates must be unmarried, at least five feet in height, free from any infectious or immoral disorder, and generally, form and deportment, disease or infirmity which may render them unfit for military services.

THE FINANCES.
 In reviewing the financial situation of the country and the probability of a financial crisis, our able contemporary, the *Goldboro Messenger* says: "Something has been said of a possible stringency in the money market, and some people and papers have even talked of a probable contraction severe enough to produce a panic. While we do not regard this or the other as more than a possibility, it may be well enough to consider any means there are at hand to prevent disaster or even injury to the public. The operations of the Treasury have been so long turned that way when its chief has deemed it necessary or desirable, the country has become used to looking thither for relief whenever there is a pressure of more than usual force. It is to be doubted if the public treasury is constitutionally well employed in such agency, but constitutional 'crises' are fewer than they were at one time, and undoubtedly the end to be obtained is of a public nature, though not necessarily federal.
 It is said in Washington if there was seen to be any danger from a contraction of the currency the Secretary would buy up bonds enough to relieve the market instantaneously. It is pointed out that \$46,000,000 required for the sinking fund during the year could be purchased during the first half, and that this would have a tremendous effect on a cramped market.
 The idea has prevailed that an extra session could be called in the fall in order to take measures for relief. It may not be indispensable to have the Congress convene ahead of its regular session, and on many grounds, financial as well as political, it ought not to be called together if it can be avoided. The *Messenger* believes that the President regards the matter in the same light, and that the management of the finances is to be such as to prevent the necessity. It is time that the surplus ought to be reduced. This would leave money in the pocket of the people instead of hoarding it in the vaults of the Treasury Department. The few months, however, before a revenue reduction bill could be enacted need not be anticipated, if other means of safety are used. It is needless to say that while we do not fully approve of the conduct of the Treasury Department in the past, we have full confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of the President, and in the skill and faithfulness of Secretary Fairchild."

Speaking on the same subject the *Greensboro Patriot* says: "As yet nothing has come to the surface indicating a financial crisis. That which is deemed chiefly unfavorable in the situation is the fact that only thirty millions of bonds remain subject to call, and that after three months calls this means of putting money into circulation will be out off. It is a fact, however, that recent bond calls have been of little service. * * * Those whose opinions on the subject are best worth knowing think there is no reason to fear that the coming summer and autumn will bring any serious financial disturbance, or that the strength of the Treasury and the skill of its managers are not fully equal to all emergencies that may arise."

WASHINGTON LETTER
 [From our Regular Correspondent]
 WASHINGTON, April 5th, 1887.—The voice of an auctioneer rang out from the pulpit of the Metropolitan M. E. Church a few evenings ago while the pastor, Rev. Dr. Newman, occupied a place on the floor. It was the annual sale of pews. The first choice was knocked off to a gentleman who was acting as agent for Senator Stanford, the California millionaire, and the latter will pay \$130 for the privilege of using it during the coming year. The annual rental of the pew is \$100 and the \$30 was the premium paid for the first choice.
 Two other statesmen (Senator Sawyer and Representative West) took sittings in this church, which is the same that General Grant attended here during all the eight years that he occupied the White House. About twenty-five of the most desirable pews are exempted from the annual auction, because they were sold outright originally and perpetual deeds were given to the purchasers who are required to pay only half the yearly rental charged for other pews in the same localities.
 There was a great interest in this handsome church just after it was erected, more than twenty years ago. One pew was then purchased by General Berry, of Baltimore, for \$5,000 for the use of President Johnson. The latter was not a member of the Metropolitan church, but the General was an admirer of Mr. Johnson's policy, and wanted to do something to testify his approval, while the President expressed his appreciation of the courtesy by occasionally occupying the pew.
 The Secretary of War and the Commander-in-chief of the army have never seemed to be in harmony, and conflicts of authority between them are becoming common occurrences. While Secretary Endicott was away a short time since, several adjutant appointments were made by colonels, with the approval of General Sheridan, of lieutenants serving with light batteries. The Secretary thought that the adjutants should be selected from among the lieutenants doing actual service with their regiments, in justice to the officers of the regiments. An order was forthwith issued to this effect, and the objectionable appointments were revoked. Gen. Sheridan was out west at the time. No correspondence has taken place between the two officers, and probably none will, but it all goes to show that they do not work well together in administering the affairs of the army.
 Speaking of Gen. Sheridan reminds me of the lecturer—not "Little Phil," the Lieutenant General, but General Geo. A. Sheridan, who on Wednesday evening at the Congressional church in this city, took the platform to refute the dogmas of that moral anarchist, Col. Bob Ingersoll. W. L. scream, invective, pathos and eloquence were brought into play with a force and effect that provoked laughter and tears alternately.
 "The Modern Pagan" was the lecturer's subject and he opened with a tribute to the fascinating personality of Col. Ingersoll, who, he said, was a fine domestic character, a staunch friend, a loyal citizen, a brilliant lawyer, a wonderful orator, charming by the splendor of his rhetoric and the beauty of his imagination, but who, when he approaches the subject of religion, drops the mantle of his genial personality and becomes the blindest of blusters and the most abject of intellectual cowards.
 One of the hardest blows dealt the distinguished Pagan was through a quotation from one of his own lectures, "The current judgment of mankind," said the General, "is that their belief in God is the foundation of all truth, and that a man will not call upon his Creator to bear witness to a falsehood. Col. Ingersoll takes another view of it. He 'thanks Mother Nature for she has planted sufficient ingenuity in the brain of a child to throw up against the violence of a brutal parent the little breast-work of a lie.'"
 Speaking of the growth of this country and its institutions, of which Col. Ingersoll is one of the beneficiaries, Gen. Sheridan said: "The history of America is simply a grand poem, sounding in immortal numbers the praises of Christianity. The country was discovered by Christians, settled by Christians, Christians declared its independence, fought the battles which established it, formed its institutions, and gave it its universities and hospitals and homes"—and all else that is good.

President Cleveland is said to have expressed fears of the first session of the new House. Why so? It is elected as Democratic by a good working majority. The President and a Democratic House ought to be able "to pull together."—*Wilmington Star*.

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STATE NEWS.
 —The State University has 198 students.
 —In a few weeks Fayetteville will have the electric light. Water will furnish the motive power.
 —The progress made on the Carthage railway by the convict grading force is reported to be quite rapid.
 —A very disastrous fire visited Hickory last week and destroyed about \$10,000 worth of property.
 —Hon. R. B. Vance has in press a volume of poems, many of them written during his incarceration as a prisoner in Fort Delaware.
 —The revenue to the state from drummer's licenses for the month of March amounted to \$3,100.
 —The revenue collections in the fourth fiscal revenue district, for March amounted to \$32,514 65.
 —Charlotte Chronicle: A very odd burglary was committed in this city on Tuesday night last. The county jail was broken into and robbed of its store of provisions.
 —Davie Times: More grass and clover seed have been sown in Davie county, in the last five months than was ever sown before.
 —Greensboro Patriot: Sixteen marriage licenses were issued by the Register of Deeds during the month of March—12 white and 4 colored.
 —A negro boy at Winston died from the effects of drinking whiskey from a barrel, using a siphon. He took too much.
 —Greensboro Workman: We were informed this morning by Mr. J. R. Meudenhall of the Greensboro Sash and Blind Co., that they received on yesterday the first load of lumber from the Western end of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad. There were two car loads of it which came from Walnut Cove. Other lumber will follow from that section.
 —News and Observer: A young man named Myatt, while rubbing a horse at Johnson's stable yesterday, was kicked on the head by the ungrateful animal and has his ear split open.—The fall of snow last Friday was pretty general. At Cary, eight miles west of the city, it was reported as four inches deep and increased in depth west and north. At Danville, Va., it was eight inches. Owing to the dampness of the ground and the rain which fell alternately with the snow, it attained only a depth of about one inch here.
 —Oxford Torchlight: A valuable horse belonging to the Ophan Asylum was stolen from his stable last Friday night.—News has been received here of the death of Mr. Lucien O. Bobbitt, which sad event occurred at S. Hill Pueblo, Colorado, March 19th. The deceased was a native of Granville, and left here three years ago to seek his fortune in the far west.—The blue uniform which the Granville Grays were forced by the State to adopt at their organization a couple of years ago, has always been distasteful to the members of the company and their friends. Now they are able to make the change and will do so at once.

—Almanac Gleaner: A young man named Haywood Payne, aged about 19 years, son of Laban Payne, was drowned near Cedar Cliff, in this county, about the middle of Tuesday afternoon. He and his brother George were in a boat looking after some dip nets they had been setting. The boat sprung a leak and sunk. George swam ashore, took off his clothes and swam back to his brother, reaching him just as he was going down the last time, and being so benumbed by the cold was unable to afford any assistance to the drowning man. The unfortunate young man was a good swimmer, but at the critical moment his skill availed him naught. The body was not recovered Tuesday.
 —The grand jury of Wake county one day last week made nearly one hundred presentations for violations of the local option law, including some druggists and physicians as well as others. *The News and Observer* says: "The grand jury were materially aided—in fact the greater part of the work ferreting out the parties was done by a secret detective service which has for some time past been in the employ of the prohibitionists, and which service will be continued here. The matter has brought about something like a picnic for the attorneys, and yesterday they could be seen in many places listening, while the clients stated the case to them."

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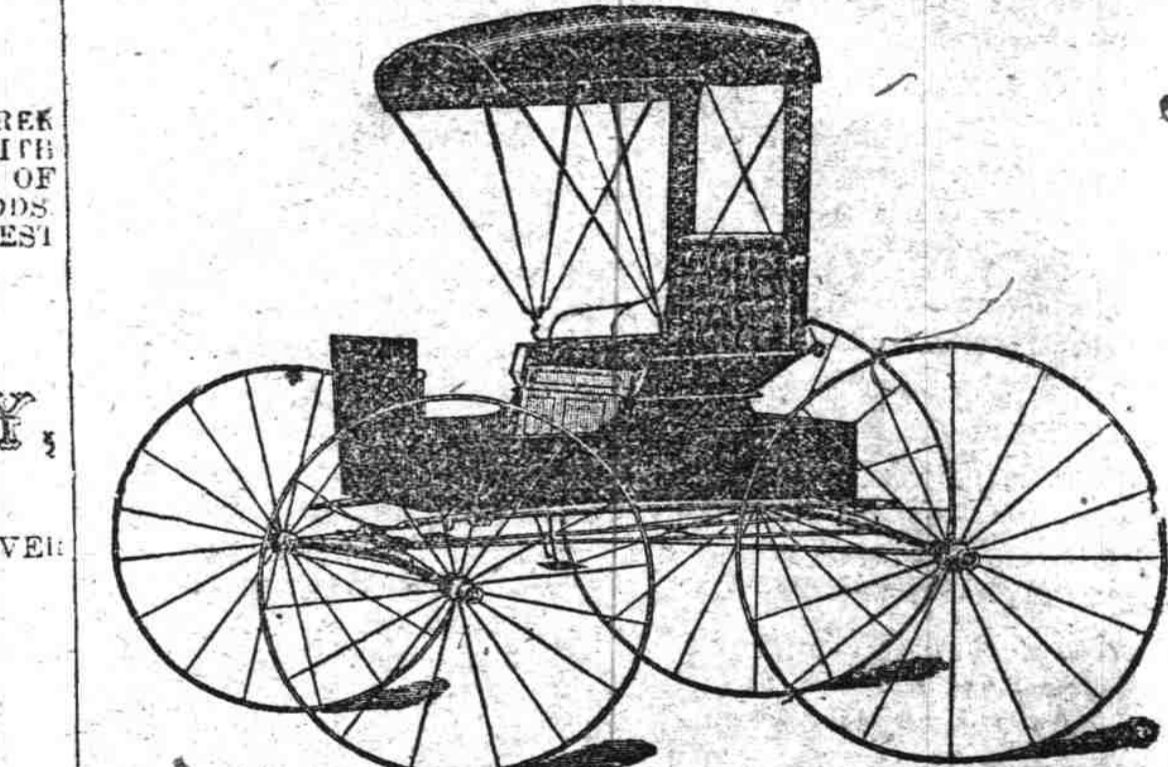
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