

THE French Cabinet has resigned, and a political crisis is impending.

What to do with the surplus? will soon be changed to "What to do to get another surplus!"—Wash. Star.

SIN is never at a stop; if we do not retreat from it, it shall advance in it, and the further we go the more we have to come back.—Barrow.

KANSAS farmers will soon have the reins in politics. The spring rains will still have to be depended on for crops, however.—Hutchinson News.

PRESIDENT HARRISON very promptly served notice that the Cherokee Strip is not "at home" to callers at the present time.—Washington Post.

LEAVE out of praying to your God, for either praying will make thee leave off sinning, or continuing in sin will make thee desert from praying.—Fuller.

THE happiness of the human race in this world does not consist in our being devoid of passions, but in our learning to command them.—From the French.

We call special attention to the letter of Mr. Calhoun on the next page, on the Neglected Industry. Read it, study it, and then keep it for future reference.

MR. CALHOUN'S DELANO desires to celebrate the 398th anniversary of the discovery of America by erecting a tariff on wool higher than the Eiffel tower.—Chicago News.

It has been a truly remarkable winter. What cold we have had came in November and March. It has been a winter without an abdomen.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

EVERYTHING seems to freeze this winter but the water. Frozen peaches, frozen wheat, and frozen strawberries are reported, but the ice crop refuses to be frozen.—Philadelphia Times.

PRESIDENT HARRISON, who thinks that "Greece, and not party service, should be the discriminating test," filed 34,000 party servers into offices during his first year.—Philadelphia Record.

THE tidal wave of Democracy in Iowa, which redeemed that State last year by the election of a Democratic Governor, keeps right on growing bigger every day.—Springfield (Ill.) State Register.

IF the Republicans in Congress had more conscience and less politics in their making, they would not enact so many Democratic bills in order to give places to Republicans who have not been elected.—Illinois Register.

THE most striking feature of the tariff is that the more it protects the more the people are exposed to suffering. After a while it will be called a tariff for hardship instead of a tariff for protection.—Norfolk Daily.

ONE David B. Hill is said to be of the opinion that one Grover Cleveland would make an ideal candidate for the United States Senate to succeed William M. Evarts.—Washington Post.

SENATOR BLAIR goes on complaining because the newspapers don't print his speeches, and the people go on wondering how long it will take him to find out that there is no market for last year's birds' nests.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FEARDS, shams, and corruptions seem to be the order of the day, but they meet with vigorous opposition. There is good reason to think that the biggest of all the lot, "civil service reform," will succumb to the opposition.—National Free Press.

IN the Episcopal Missionary Convention, Bishop Cox said that he knew of a person in Western New York who paid \$700 for an opera box, who went to a free church, and then dropped into the slums to make five cents. "Such things make me sick," said the Bishop in conclusion.

THE Republicans in Congress may nullify the people's will by unseating Democrats who have been legally elected, but the people will have their innings in November, and then Antocrat Reed and his fellow conspirators will discover that there is a power before which they must bow.—Amsterdam (N. Y.) Sentinel.

THE report of the State board of agriculture of the State of Illinois for the year 1899 shows that the total cost of the production of the corn crop for the year 1899, in the State of Illinois, was \$68,279,862, and that the total value of the same was \$55,337,040, making a total loss on said corn crop to the farmers of Illinois of \$12,942,822.

A BOA constrictor, on route from Paris to New York, took possession of the ship for a time, and chased the crew around the deck—very much as Mr. Cannon and the honest Republican contingent are being chased around the deck of Congress by the surplus-looting constrictor.

THE Brazilian serpent was slain.—Philadelphia Record.

IN the report of the opening of the mammoth tobacco factory of W. H. St. Burgwyn & Co. at Hen-

erson last Wednesday, the News and Observer says: "The speeches, we believe, were all voted interesting, if not always strictly according to schedule in the other respects. Some were notably sprightly and witty. Particularly must we notice the address of Mr. Simmons."

THE question that the Legislature of Louisiana and North Dakota will have to decide can best be summed up this way: Can they afford to license companies who propose to rob their citizens? That is what it means in the long run. Kentucky and North Dakota do not feel that they can, nor can Louisiana.—New York Star.

IT gives us pleasure to note that Winston sold fifteen per cent more manufactured tobacco in February than in January. Danville being largely regarded as a leading tobacco market. We take off our hat to Winston. The tax collections at Winston for the month were \$65,461.88. Her sales during February were 100,000 pounds greater than Danville's.—News and Observer.

THE World's Fair, if the decision of the House is carried out, will be a Chicago exposition, depending for its interests on the liberality of Chicagoans. A national celebration, which the people will regard highly, national celebration, can be held in only one place, Washington. The force of that fact will doubtless be impressed upon the Senate by Chicago's tardiness in putting up the necessary funds.—Charlotte Chronicle.

MR. WILLIAM R. GRACE, the millionaire merchant of New York, who is largely interested in South American trade, says that the Pan-American Congress is a fruitless one. It has accomplished virtually nothing, and the South American delegates will go home feeling that their time has been wasted, as far as the bringing of this country and the countries they represent into closer trade relations is concerned.—Norfolk Virginian.

THE floods in the lower Mississippi are getting beyond all artificial control and great destruction must ensue. The problem of holding the river within its banks has never perhaps presented such a difficult and apparently hopeless phase as it does at this moment, and evidently the engineering skill of the country must devise some new plan of protection or a large portion of the Southwest will have to be given over to periodical overflow.—Washington Post.

Now and then somebody says Southwest Virginia is the richest section in the world; this somebody presents the claim for Tennessee; the champions of Georgia will maintain that the "Empire State of the South" is the garden spot of the world; while good authorities assert that the iron-folds of Alabama are unequalled. From this consensus of opinion, there is no doubt that the south is rich all over,—that each part of the south is "primus inter pares" in natural riches; but, among them all, none can present more that is attractive to the prospector than Western North Carolina.—Charlotte Chronicle.

DURHAM is moving in earnest in the matter of securing the location of both Trinity College and of the Baptist Female College. A big mass meeting was held Tuesday night to take into consideration steps by which the former might be secured, which was addressed by President Crowell, of Trinity College, and others. Everybody was enthusiastically in favor of Durham having the College, and as a proof of it, which was the most significant action taken, the Globe says that a subscription list passed around took up the amount of \$107,175.

WE MAKE IT. Like what? We like true manhood whenever it is displayed, but we are especially pleased when a young man meets adverse fortune with unflinching resolution and wins the victory.

CHARLES H. TURNER, the "Ice man" statesman of New York, is an illustration of the kind of man we like. With native genius, supplemented by industry, he rose from the position of driver of an ice wagon in the city of New York, to an honored place in the Congress of the United States; but he has recently won a victory in which he has the sympathy of every genuine man in the country. The National Democrats:

"Congressman Charles H. Turner, the 'ice man' statesman from New York, finds it easier to succeed in politics than in love, but persistence has made him a winner in both. His engagement to Miss Winnie W. Lewis, the daughter of a good New Hampshire family, has just been announced, and ends a romantic chapter in the lives of both the now happy people. Cases are not uncommon in which the proud parents of a young woman prevent for a while the choice of a husband, and in which the aspiring youth, after a tremendous 'hustling' with the whole family over and carries off his bride. 'Ice man' Turner had won the consent of the bride's father, and was about to marry to the family; so the engagement was broken off. Then Congressman Turner appeared, and as a legislator of his country was admitted to the home of the young woman's uncle in Washington. When Miss Lewis visited the galleries of the House, Congressman Turner realized his opportunity to attain a long-cherished wish. He asked for 19 minutes to speak on the Oklahoma question, and did so right eloquently; every one said that in eloquence and diction the effort was commendable, and not a few knew that Mr. Turner's 'best girl' was the most interested listener. Miss Lewis's mother read Mr. Turner's speech—and her tarly blessing has now been secured."

PARITY ORGANIZATION. In all the States in which elections have been recently held the Democrats have been victorious. This is not accidental, but it is the natural result of education, organization and efficient management.

The time is not far distant when elections will be held in North Carolina, and it becomes us to prepare for the approaching contest. In the congressional election next all the people must rally or condemn the atrocious conduct of Reed and his confederates in conspiracy against constitutional government. North Carolina contributed three members to the traitor band that sustained the surper, and every true Democrat and patriotic Republican should see to it that the places now dishonored by Ewart, Brower and Cheatham are filled by representatives of the patriotism, virtue and intelligence of North Carolina.

We are no advocate of any trick by which the will of a majority is defeated, but we are in favor of that organization and discipline which in a just cause lead only to victory.

With judicious management, and wise and resolute action, the next Congress will be Democratic. At all events North Carolina must do her part towards the glorious consummation. If there are hindrances in the way they must be removed. Personal partiality must yield to public necessity, and a united party move forward with invincible resolution.

Fortunately there are no elements of Democratic discord in this district. All are united in the advocacy of the immortal principles that are the corner stones of the temple of liberty, and with one accord our people demand the return of F. M. Simmons to the National House of Representatives.

We trust that the districts now represented by Ewart and Brower will be redeemed, and that North Carolina will have a solid Democratic delegation in the Fifty-Second Congress.

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. As long as the world lasts we shall be confronted with problems. It cannot be otherwise. Changes are constantly occurring, and it is the part of reason to direct to right action whatever may be our surroundings.

The race issue presents one of these problems. Upon it philosophy and statesmanship have exhausted themselves, and we now stand, with uncovered heads, awaiting the solution by Time and Providence.

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MR. CALHOUN'S LETTER. We surrender our editorial column this morning to Mr. Calhoun's letter on the "Neglected Industry." If our farmers are to be benefited by his valuable suggestions they should lose no time in making their preparations.

The country is greatly in need of tariff reform, economy in public expenditures, and improved educational facilities, but if our people would be prosperous they must husband their resources and become self-sustaining. The best Federal Government cannot atone for improvidence and wastefulness on the part of its subjects.

"To the Editor of the News and Courier: I wrote an article last week on the picking business, which was largely copied through out the South, and consequently I have been overrun with inquiries from your section from persons who wished to know further regarding the business of canning and picking peaches. As I am personally interested I will enter more fully into the details of the business."

I have travelled South, and it is indeed surprising that one sees large quantities of nutting in the South, and with but few exceptions they are packed by Northern packing houses. This has heretofore been the case, but the go ahead cry from the South demands reform, and in a few years hence the industry will be found thriving everywhere in the Southern States, and the Northern packer will be forced to seek other markets.

UTILIZING THE LATE TRUCK. Your farmers, more especially your truckers, have been specially well served by early shipments, but when the Virginia and Maryland truckers came to market it did not further pay their truckers to ship, consequently thousands of acres of prime stock have been allowed to waste for want of some means of utilizing it. The same can be said of your fruits. The South raises large quantities of fruits, which but little is realized of, and the bulk of the crop is allowed to decay for want of proper facilities. These fruits and vegetables you have allowed to waste could be put up in your markets and hand some profits realized; but instead of doing for canning, the trucker supply her with the very articles she has thrown away. In Maryland and elsewhere farmers do not enjoy the advantages realized by the Southern trucker. The Southern farmer has done and we are compelled to sell in competition with the Southern product. The Southern farmer can, therefore, realize on his early shipments, and after it does not pay to ship, he can utilize for canning purposes.

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Hunting Comrades. If you see two old hunters going out for game company, you will observe that they never interfere with one another.

New men, those who are just serving their apprenticeship, are usually anxious to be ahead.

They want the credit of being the first to see the game.

They want also, perhaps, the first shot. They do not consider it beneath them to be in a tight place, the chances that they will be observed are just twice as great as if only one appears.

They seem to think, too, that Providence is looking out for them in some special way, and that game will be deaf and blind to their numbers, though fully alive to those of others.

Old hunters set very differently. They look upon the man who is ahead of them to do the hunting. The one behind, while keenly scanning the country to see anything that may present itself, and which may have escaped the eye of his companion, never interferes with him, but awaits his direction. He is ready at a sign to creep up beside his leader and shoot, or looking out for them in some other way, and that game will be deaf and blind to their numbers, though fully alive to those of others.

Another thing that you will notice about two old hunters is that they try to hunt together. One of the other takes the shot, and if it falls, then they do the best they can.

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