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A SMILE is said to be a whisper of a laugh.

THE Blair bill was defeated in the Senate last Thursday.

A GENERAL war in Europe would benefit American farmers.

IT now seems probable that Trinity College will go to Durham.

IT is reported that Mahone, of Virginia, is to be Consul-General at Paris.

A DESTRUCTIVE fire occurred at Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday morning. Loss $125,000.

THE House committee on the World's Fair has decided that it must be held in 1892.

A DISPATCH from Havana says that a fire at the central Constancia plantation destroyed three million acres of sugar cane.

GEN. FRANCIS H. SMITH, for fifty years superintendent of the Virginia military Institute died in Lexington last Friday.

GROVER CLEVELAND is growing fatter. Good. There'll be less of the Republican party when he sits down on it in '92.—Denver News.

SENATORS GEORGE and Call have declined to serve longer on the committee on immigration, of which Senator Chandler is chairman.

PRESIDENT HARRISON had drawn $50,000 of his salary March 4, and on the 13th he purchased two pieces of real estate in Indianapolis for $21,000.

A COLORED pastor of a Baptist church in Richmond has been ousted by his congregation because it was alleged that he voted the Democratic ticket.

A ST. PETERSBURG paper, in an article on Prince Bismarck's retirement, declares that "the solitary support of the edifice of European peace has crumbled."

AMONG the prominent men present (at Henderson) was ex-Congressman Simmons who will dispense with the ex at the next election.—Charlotte Chronicle.

THE New York Sun is now regularly received at this office. We do not always approve of what appears in the Sun, but it is a great newspaper, and it is conducted with great ability.

"JEFFERSON did one thing during his Administration that I'll bet you Ben Harrison will never do. "What was it?" "In 1802 Jefferson removed a man named Harrison from office."

THE municipal elections the country over have shown a reaction against the rash experiment of Harrisonism that well presages the high Democratic tide of 1892.—Detroit Free Press.

IT may now be regarded as settled that Trinity College will go to Durham and the Baptist Female University be at Raleigh. The JOURNAL wishes the largest measure of success for both institutions.

THE German Emperor has appointed Prince Bismarck Duke of Laneburg, a Colonel General of the Cavalry and a field Marshal General. He has also appointed Count Herbert Bismarck Interior Minister of foreign affairs.

THE Philadelphia Times, and other influential journals are advocating the abolition of the Electoral College. We are inclined to agree with them, in the position that the President should be elected by a direct vote of the people.

PRESS despatches reported Senator Ransom as being opposed to the Blair bill. He was in favor of the bill, but was paired with Mr. Casey who was opposed to the bill. We regret to learn that the Senator is now at his home quite sick.

GENTLEMAN of the House, America expects every man to do his duty—to put the Fair bill through without a moment of further unnecessary delay, and then go to work in earnest to revise and perfect the tariff.—Boston Journal.

MANY believe that the use of tobacco is injurious. It is said that Alphonso Daudet and Prince Bismarck have smoked more tobacco than any other two men in Europe. Just think what they might have been if they had only let tobacco alone!

"I LIKE all men who can create something. In fact, I like men who are not tied down to the dull earth by ordinary facts. Stupidity can tell a thing exactly as it is, but it requires brain to tell it as it ought to have been. That is why I like the press."

THE result of the charter elections throughout Minnesota last Tuesday is a straw to how the wind blows. Like the charter elections in Iowa a few weeks ago, they indicate the tide of popular sentiment to be clearly in the direction of Democratic principles.—St. Paul.

WHEN the Government controls the elections of Representatives, as contemplated by the Lodge Federal Election bill, the people may as well give up participation in National politics altogether. The party in power will attend to the business through Federal officials.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

SENATOR JOSEPH E. BROWN announces definitely that he will retire from politics at the close of his present term. He declares his ambition satisfied and his health unequal to the further demands of public service, and states that he has never had any other idea or desire than that John B. Gordon should be his successor in the Senate.

THE amount paid in pensions by the United States last year exceeded the aggregate dividends of all the railroads in the country. This year it will be largely in excess, and with a continuation of the present policy it is only a question of time when the pensioners will consume all the earnings of everybody else.—Phil. Times.

THE new tariff schedule, we do not hesitate about predicting will, if passed, prove a severe dissappointment. It fails to afford the desired relief to either farmer or manufacturer; and not only totally ignores ante-election promises, but is sadly out of tune with the will and changing opinions of the people.—N. Y. Commercial Bulletin.

BUT in order to enable a syndicate of mining speculators in Dakota to get rich rapidly and to build up one more ring of manufacturers in Pennsylvania who "make large fortunes every year when the times are good," the Protectionists in Congress propose to more than double the tax on tin plates. Go ahead. There will be elections in November.—New York World.

THE Senate has appointed a commission, composed, we believe, of members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to investigate the causes of the agricultural condition of the country, and the part which freight rates play in that matter. The first result is a suggestion that corn cannot be profitably grown in Ohio or to the east of that State.—News & Observer.

THE outlook of the South is colored by influences that are independent of Congress. The brightness of its future,—or present, either, for that matter,—cannot be dimmed by the action of the majority in Congress. The South is all right, no matter which party is on top. Furthermore no section can be in entire gloom when Senator Vance lives in it.—Charlotte Chronicle.

NOW, as a matter of fact, *the surplus revenue from the internal taxes is growing faster proportionately than the surplus revenue from duties collected at the Custom Houses.* For this reason, and not less because of the odious and unnatural character of that form of taxation, the internal revenue should be the principal object of attack, as it was in the measure proposed by Mr. Randall just two years ago.—New York Sun.

THE extravagant and outrageous river and harbor bill of 1882, which was passed by a republican Congress over President Arthur's veto, was one of the causes of the tremendous Republican defeat in the Congressional elections of that year The Republicans cannot afford to allow the jobs for squandering the surplus now before Congress to pass, whether presented by Republicans or Democrats.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

THE sooner the government investigation of this subject is dropped, the better. If a man prefers cotton seed oil to hog's lard, or to olive oil, he ought to be allowed to pay his money and take his choice. The government is guilty of usurpation when it undertakes to become grocer and prescription clerk for the public; and it will be guilty of a wrong if it undertakes, in the interest of private enterprises, to attack a great American industry and a great American product.—Charlotte Chronicle.

AS a matter of fact the policy of the United States is opposed to any foreign commerce whatever. Our protective duties make our manufactured goods so high that South Americans cannot afford to buy them, for they can procure similar goods in Great Britain at very much lower prices. These South American countries cannot sell us their products, for our protective tariff shuts them out. We cannot, therefore, have a commerce with South America unless we have reciprocal treaties, and if we have reciprocal treaties with Brazil and the Argentine Republic why not with France and England?—New York World.

SEVERAL cheap books have just been slung together with scissors and paste and put on the market as authorized and authentic histories of Stanley's expedition to relieve Emin Pasha. The fact that the compilers of these books have not a particle of information that the public has not seen in the newspapers does not deter them from making the most fraudalent pretensions. One book, which purports to be not only the story of Stanley's expedition, but also a history of African exploration, is a particularly barefaced attempt to swindle the public. In a circular describing its contents the compiler crowds in more lies to the square inch than are often seen in print.—New York Sun.

THE Government of the United States as we have sometimes before said, must give its attention to the deplorable condition of our agriculture. There is nothing about which we sit down to write that so humiliates and disheartens us as the lack of our agricultural prosperity. There always appears to be a hand before us pointing to Ireland when we contemplate American agriculture. Yet this is the grandest agricultural country in the world. Our farmers have built our cities and railroads and telegraph lines and palaces and colleges, and made the America of today the proud, rich, powerful nation that it is. And the [illegible] who have made the wo[illegible] are poor.—Wes-

AGRICULTURAL PROSPESITY.

Ours is an agricultural people, and the success of agriculture is at the base of business prosperity in all its departments.

Of all men farmers are most dependent upon the legitimate results of their labor. In every other pursuit speculation has a wider range, and ingenuity a broader field. On every hand we hear of agricultural depression. Not one farmer in a hundred talks of agricultural prosperity.

It is useless to speak of an evil without suggesting a remedy. We are fully aware that what we shall say has often been better said, but since today is the repetition of yesterday, and tomorrow will be but another revolution of the wheels of Time, what was true yesterday is true today, and will be true tomorrow.

Agriculture is suffering from partisan legislation in the Congress of the United States. The present laws discriminate against the farmer in many ways, most manifestly in placing too high a tariff upon the implements he uses and the clothes he wears.

The demonetization of silver is injurious to agricultural prosperity in that it withdraws from the channels of trade a large amount of capital that is legitimately the property of the people. In many of the vocations of life commercial paper is made to answer the demands of business, but with the farmer spot cash is an absolute essential.

That farmers should be restless under this condition of affairs is most natural, but we beg leave to submit that it is unfair to condemn both political parties and assert that agricultural redemption requires alike the overthrow of the Republican and the Democratic party.

It is the unfaltering determination, as it has been the constant effort, of the Democratic party to remove the burdens that oppress the farmers and hinder agricultural prosperity; but not for one hour since the war has the Democratic party had possession of the Government. It is now, and always has been, the party of the people, and nothing can drive it from the great principles of justice and equity, without which Liberty and Union are glittering delusions that "keep the word of promise to the ear, and break it to our hope."

Passing over questions that are involved in party politics, we venture to assert that the agricultural prosperity of North Carolina is largely dependent upon the abandonment of the custom of cultivating lands in large tracts, and the adoption of the plan of dividing them into small farms, every acre of which is kept in perfect order and brought up to the highest production.

The poorest people, those who have the least ready money and upon whom the cares of life fall with the most crushing weight, are the large land owners, who have no other resources than their lands and are dependent upon hired labor for its cultivation. "Is it not then the part of wisdom for the large land owners to recognize the fact that the cultivation of large areas of land under the present system of labor almost invariably entails loss? That to retain it idle and uncultivated, brings annually a debt in the shape of taxes with scarcely ever any compensatory return in the enhancement of its value, and that the only escape from the horns of the dilemma is to sub-divide the large tracts into smaller ones, containing from one to two hundred acres, and sell them off to industrious and enterprising men, on long credit, if necessary. Thus, and thus only, in our judgement, will the agricultural condition of North Carolina be improved, and the material prosperity of the people generally be promoted."

COURAGE.

There is no higher quality than courage. Among all nations and at all times it has ranked with the noblest virtues. Physical courage is an essential element of fame; moral courage lays hold upon immortality.

In no period of the world's history has there been a more imperative demand for courage than there is at present.

Leaving the wide field that covers the civilized world, we come to speak of America in general, and the Southern States especially.

Is there need of more courage in America, this boasted "land of the free and home of the brave?" Not of the courage of the battlefield, for no other people are more glorious in the ranks of war than the people of these States; but in the higher qualities of moral courage, calm resolve and resolute action in behalf of what is right and in defiance of what is wrong.

The good of the present, no less than the prosperity of the future, demands consecration to truth, justice and right in every sphere of being and department of activity. Oppressive tariffs, unjust discriminations, grinding monopolies, or whatever else binds the limbs, fetters the minds, debases morals or locks the wheels of progress must be opposed with dauntless courage. We do not mean robbery of the rich, or the confiscation of their wealth, but we do mean equality of citizenship and the rewards of labor as the inalienable right of every American.

But does the South need more courage? Not military courage. Every battlefield on this con[illegible] attests her superlative co[illegible] but she needs somewhat [illegible] courage that makes misfortune the stepping stone to greatness. What though the Federal Government is organized to defeat her cherished hopes and construct barriers in the way of her progress? Thank God she is not indebted to Federal patronage for her treasures. They are the gift of the Omnipotent, and are locked in the fastnesses of her mountains, and in the bosoms of her plains.

With sublime faith in God and man let the South move forward, rendering unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's. Then will the earth yield her fruit with gladness. The merry song of the sower will greet the morning, and the glad shout of the reaper will be heard in the evening. Ours will be a goodly land, and all the people will be blessed!

AN ILL-ADVISED EXODUS.

The Washington Post is a Republican paper of acknowledged ability and unusual fairness. The following on "An Ill Advised Exodus" is taken from its issue of last Saturday:

"Bishop Lyman, of North Carolina, in a recent interview resents with considerable warmth the imputation which has been put upon the people of his State—that the exodus of the colored people from North Carolina is due to the hostility or persecution on the part of the whites. He says that the movement West originated wholly with the railroad agents, and he cites an instance where one agent had been the means of sending fully 30,000 negroes out of the State, on whom he received a commission of a dollar a head.

"Of course the agents have no further interest in the matter than the commissions they make, and the colored people who find themselves dumped out upon the cold charities of the world in Kansas or elsewhere have no remedy for the imposition practiced upon them, and are in most cases unable to pay their way back again.

"We cannot see that there is any remedy for this system of extortion and deception, excepting as the negroes come to realize it by experience and themselves call a halt to this blind sort of emigration. The State, not being unwilling to part with the colored people, especially the poorer classes, can hardly be expected to take action in the matter; but, so far as can be learned, the white citizens are not encouraging the railroad scalpers in their nefarious business, and as a rule the two races get along quite peaceably together.

"The change to new scenes and associations is no doubt of advantage to the negroes who have the means of support, or opportunities presented, of which they can make profitable use, but the course pursued by the railroads in persuading the indigent and ignorant to leave their homes, under false inducements of prosperity and abundance of employment at the other end of the line, is a species of inhumanity for which there ought to be some check."

THE WILMINGTON MESSENGER.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley edition of the Wilmington Messenger is before us

We have seen the war horse snuffing the battle; we have seen a full-rigged ship with every sail unfurled; we have stood on the mountain peaks and seen the wide expanse of smiling landscapes; we looked on woman in her matchless beauty, and felt the thrill of her angelic presence, but we have never been able to describe any of these; and so this morning we look upon the Messenger and admire, but we cannot describe it. In appropriateness of design, in beauty of execution, and in artistic excellence it stands unrivaled.

Some there are who may suppose that we, of smaller craft, would be filled with envy in the presence of this superb exhibition of journalistic enterprise, but we all have a part in the triumph of the Messenger. She is ours. Ours to lead us to higher thoughts and nobler actions; ours to adorn and elevate society; ours to defend and honor the State we love so well. Triumphant Messenger, all hail!

THE House Committee on Alcoholic Liquor Traffic will report favorably on the bill creating a commission to investigate the question in all its bearings and report to Congress. It provides that the commission shall consist of five persons, to be appointed by the President, and to receive a salary of $2,000 a year each, with per diem expenses. There has long been a call for the constitution of such a commission, but the practical benefits to accrue from its investigations cannot be very clearly defined.—Washington Post.

THE steady drift of the Republican party in its management toward the centralization of power furnishes another explanation of the rapid increase of Democratic strength. It is necessary only for Democrats to be true to themselves, to stand firmly by Democratic doctrines and usages, and to continue pressing forward. The country is already Democratic on the popular vote, and victory is certain in the near future.—Little Rock Gazette.

THE Easter number of the New York Ledger is rendered especially attractive by an uncommonly beautiful cover printed in colors. The central design is a picture of Easter morning in the country, the road to church, with a border of Easter lilies. This number contains the first chapters of a new story by Amelia E. Barr, entitled, "The Household of McNeil," which opens well, and bids fair to rival "Jan Vedder's Wife," so far the best known of Mrs. Barr's romances.

A Lady's Reasons for not Dancing

Dancing would lead me into crowded rooms and late hours, which are injurious to health and usefulness.

Dancing will lead me into very close contact with pernicious company; and evil communications corrupt good manners.

Dancing would require me to use and permit freedom with the other sex, of which I should be ashamed, and which I believe to be wrong.

My parents and friends would be anxious about me if I were out late, keeping company with they knew not whom.

Ministers and good people generally disapprove of dancing, and I think it is not safe to set myself up against them. If a thing be even looked upon as doubtful I wish to be on the safe side.

Dancing has a bad name, and I mean to study things that are pure and lovely and of good report.

Dancing is generally accompanied with drinking, and I see drinking produces most of the evils of the present time.

I am told that drinking is a very great temptation and snare to young men, and I do not wish to have anything to do with leading them astray.

Dancing unfits the mind for serious reflection and prayer, and I mean to do nothing to estrange me from my God and Saviour.

Josh Billings' Philosophy.

The man who wears out iz like a noble coin—he iz alwus worth the face, ann keeps bright to the last.

Yu may make a mistake in a man's kapacity, but yu kant in hiz vanity.

Nature never haff finishes a job, nor underlet a kontract.

Take all the dangers out ov this world and it would be a coward's paradise.

There ain't ennything that will kompletely kure laziness, but i have known a sekond wife to hurry it sum.

A good natured man haz got one ov that kind ov souls that will gro ennything that iz planted in it, good, bad, or indifferent.

Human happiness iz such an eazy, simple thing that thoze who hav the most ov it kno it the least.

There are men in this world whom flattery makes stronger, because it makes them more kareful; but sutch men are skarse.

The only safe way for most people tew git along in this world is tew watch others, and do jist as they do.

Human happiness iz like Joseph's coat—a thing of many colors.

I kant tell which iz the wuss off, the man who is all hed and no heart, or the one who iz all heart and no hed.

Hope iz no flatterer—she cheats everybody alike, but after all, iz the best friend we have got.

Every boddy seems ter dispize a hippokrit—God, man, and the devil.

An idle man iz always a bizzy one—he spends all his time hunting for nothing to do

There are but phew people in this world who make more trouble than a bizzy phool.

Knowledge is power, no doubt, but it iz not always virtew. There are sum people who only edukate their vices.—N. Y. Weekly.

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A Presbyterian church in Melbourne has introduced some innovations into its services, which, although happily blending patriotism and piety, would startle the sober minded Scotchman at home. The choir, composed of gentlemen wearing the Highland kilt and girls attired in the costume of the Lady of the Lake, sing their hymns of praise to the music of the bagpipes. The ingenious person who contrived these effects has his reward in greatly enlarged congregations.

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"Why, that's the same price it was yesterday morning, you forgot that you advertise sweeping reductions!"

"Not at all, ma'am. You'll find 'em—er just below—at the broom counter."

A Step in the Right Direction.

(Export and Finance, March 15, 1890)

One of the most serious difficulties which has heretofore confronted American manufacturers and merchants in their efforts to secure a share of the trade of Spanish America has been the fact that the people of the southern half of the continent really did not know what we had to sell. The American drummer is practically an unknown quantity south of the City of Mexico, whilst on the other hand, all the centres of trade in Mexico, Central and South America literally swarm with commercial travelers sent out by German, English and French business houses. Every trader in Spanish America knows what he can buy from an English, German or French concern, and if he has any idea at all of the magnificent products of the factories and mills of this country, it is a very hazy and indefinite one. To remedy this state of things is one of the most important and essential needs of our growing commerce in the countries of the south of us.

A step in the right direction and one that will without doubt lead to a commendable increase in our commercial dealings with Spanish America, has just been taken by the American Export and Trading Company, at No. 5 Bowling Green, New York. The managers of this company have decided to establish in the City of Mexico and Buenos Ayres branch agencies with large and well conducted public warehouses attached, where American goods can be seen and sold by sample. The agencies will be under the charge of men thoroughly conversant with the needs of the Spanish American trade and people, and this exhibition of the produce and manufactured goods of this country will be among the most important incentives to closer commercial and trade relations.

Other branches of the Export and Trading Company will soon be established at all the important centres of trade in Mexico, Central and South America, so that manufacturers and merchants who have hitherto been obliged to refrain from all attempts at seeking a market for their goods in the southern portion of the continent will thus have an opportunity to make known to the people there the goods and merchandise which they desire to place upon those markets.

In connection with this new undertaking, and an important addition to it, the Company propose to send out through these countries a number of energetic, intelligent and pushing commercial travelers, who will seek trade and a market for the goods which may be consigned to the warehouses of the various agencies of the Company in Spanish America. They will be men thoroughly conversant with the needs of those nations, acquainted with the language and customs of the people and in commercial sympathy with them.

The whole project is a magnificent one and will commend itself not [illegible] the merchants and ma[illegible] of this country, but [illegible] and merchants of Sp[illegible]rica, to whom it will be [illegible] great a benefit as to the [illegible]cial interests of the Uni[illegible]tates.

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ALL MEDICAL authorities agree that catarrh is no more nor less than an inflammation of the lining membrane of the nasal air passages. Nasal catarrh and all catarrhal affections of the head are not diseases of the blood, and it is a serious mistake to treat them as such. No conscientious physician ever attempts to do so. It is held by eminent medical men that sooner or later a specific will be found for every disease from which humanity suffers. The facts justify us in assuming that for catarrh at least a positive cure already exists in Ely's Cream Balm.

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WINGS.

REV. HENRY BURTON.

I read of "wings like eagles," but I thought
'Twas but a figure of the poet's speech,
A splendid fancy, but beyond the reach
Of real life, so poorly was I taught.

And so I toiled up every rugged steep
Beneath a load of overweighing care;
With resting-places only here and there.
Were spent and weary, I sat down to weep.

The way was upward, heavenward, this I knew,
But it was hard, and steep, and rough at times;
Yet now and then I heard the heavenly chimes,
And in the haze its wall came into view.

An angel passed one day who saw me toil,
With harp all silent and with heart oppressed;
"Is this the royal road," he said, "the rest
That Jesus gives all burden, care, and moil?"

"Exchange thy weights for wings, and thou shalt know
How bright and blessed is the life of trust.
How smooth the shining pathway of the just—
The heavenly suburbs stretching far below."

So then I came to Jesus with my cares,
The weights my foolish heart had borne too long,
That bent my spirit and half checked my song;
And like a bird escaped from fowler's snares,

I found I too had wings; that Faith and Love
Would make my toil a rest, my sorrows sweet;
And now, my weights all left at Jesus' feet,
My heart was free to range the heights above.

Rejected Gems.

It is a matter of history that some of the finest poetry ever written has had a narrow escape from the "limbo of things lost on earth." One of the greatest poets that ever lived came within an ace of being the "*mute, inglorious* Milton," for his almost divine epic found little favor with the book sellers of his day, and was finally sold for about the sum which a first class poet of the present day would expect for a poem of forty or fifty lines. In that day, as in ours, every leading publishing house "kept a critic," on whose fiat the fate of an author's manuscript depended; and then, as now, the "readers" of such establishments sometimes made terrible mistakes.

It is our deliberate opinion that had the "Paradise Lost" been submitted to certain regularly employed critics of the present time, instead of to the Grub street gentlemen of the seventeenth century, it would have been pronounced, as of yore, a "dull and tedious production." Byron, as we all know, was mercilessly snubbed by the literary Jupiter of the Edinburgh Review; and the Rev. Charles Wolfe's exquisite "Ode on the Burial of Sir John Moore" was so scornfully rejected by a leading periodical of the time that the author, in sending it to a provincial Irish newspaper, timidly withheld his name, lest he should be cauterized by the press. But the public, a better critic than any cynic in "foolscap uniform turned up with ink," unexpectedly franked him for immortality.

There is an enormous amount of humbug in modern criticism—quite as much as in the criticism of days gone by. The fact is, that the ability to decide intelligently whether a work will succeed or fail, is not an *art* but a *gift*, and very few possess it. Mere *book men* know very little about the tastes of the community. If you want an "opinion as is an opinion" on what you have written, go to a man who understands human nature, and though he may never have seen the inside of a college, he will be apt to tell you truly how the world will receive your offering.

Governess—"What do we call the class composed of Dukes, Earls and Morquises?" Pupil—"The No-ability Class."

Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.

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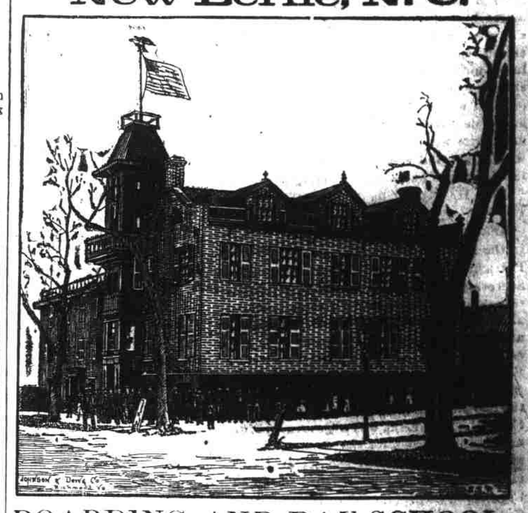

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