

The value of goods exhibited at the World's Fair is estimated at \$14,000,000.

Chinese pirates have become thoroughly organized, and are terrorizing the Tonquin coast.

One of the curious things about the Gulf Stream is that no whales are found in it.

Whether we are drifting? South Carolina repudiated Wade Hampton and now Virginia turns down Fitzhugh Lee!

A German clock is wanted to run 9000 years. Get one and try it. If it fails bring suit for damages.

Thirty thousand people assembled together in Augusta, Ga., on Thanksgiving Day, and listened to a speech from Speaker Crisp.

Governor McKinley, of Virginia, proposes that the State rent its cyster grounds—a million acres—at \$1 per acre.

There are three things I have always loved and never understood—painting, music and woman.—Fontenelle.

There is a rumor that a majority of the Banking and Currency Committee will report favorably as to repealing the State bank tax.

The Southern Female University at Birmingham, Ala., was burned Wednesday night. Several persons were injured. One of the young ladies injured has died.

It will be the proudest moment of Grover Cleveland's life when he puts his signature to the tariff bill that will be passed by the present Democratic congress.

The penitentiary of Virginia turned into the public treasury of that State last year \$38,000 and the Governor estimates a net revenue of \$50,000 from it hereafter.

The Department clerks have been set to work making copies of all records and correspondence on file in regard to the Hawaiian matter in response to the Hoar resolution.

The steamer American, just in from Rotterdam, reports having sighted, in latitude 43.55 longitude 56 W., a dark brown sea serpent, fully 100 feet long, which thrashed the water into foam.

One of the curious matrimonial customs of the Matabele tribes is that when children are born to a couple the father must buy them of his father-in-law, or, if he fails to do so, the children become the property, so to speak, of the mother's family.

In revising the tariff the committee should bear in mind that it will be impossible to please every one. Of course protected manufacturers will equal, but the people will rejoice if the tax on the necessities of life be reduced.

There are 400,000 more pensioners on the pension rolls of the Government than there were soldiers in the Confederate armies. The Southern climate must have been very good for them.

A bill to repeal the ten per cent tax on state bank circulation has been framed by the sub-committee on ways and means and will be reported to the full committee in a few days it is believed that it will be accepted by the committee and incorporated in the Wilson bill.

Newspapers and magazine editors may as well save time and labor as to lynching. The cure does not lie in their denunciations of the hangers but in the devising their brutalities. When rapists and murderers cease mob hangings will cease.—Wil. Messinger.

At the present time there are apparently more foreigners going out of the United States than foreign immigrants coming hither. Can it be possible that those who have tried our free ways find life more tolerable in Europe? After all, isn't the land of the free and the home of the brave? All our fancy has painted!

The Augusta Chronicle says steps have been taken at Washington to preserve and suitably mark the birthplace of George Washington in Wakefield, Westmoreland county, lying on the Potomac river. Westmoreland county, in addition of being the birth place of the first President of the Republic, had President Monroe and Gen. Lee born within its borders.

It is announced that Mr. F. A. Anderson, of Birmingham, Ala., has sold 100,000 acres of land in Mississippi to a French syndicate, who propose to secure the settlement upon the purchase of a large number of desirable immigrants from Europe. A number of immigrants are also said to be negotiating for the purchase of a tract of 24,000 acres in Tennessee.

Bradstreet says: Those looking for improvement in the volume of sales the past week were disappointed. Proposed tariff changes and large stocks of importers tend to further depression. Woolen and fur industries have lost the signs of improvement of two weeks ago. During last week fifteen industrial works shut down, twenty nine reduced wages and forty started up. Southern centers, though, generally report improvement in trade and in collections.

VIRGINIA SENATORS.

The Democratic members of the Virginia Legislature have nominated in caucus, Senator Hanton for the short term and Thomas S. Martin for the long term in the U. S. Senate. Senator Hanton was nominated by his own successor by acclamation, but Mr. Martin had Fitzhugh Lee as his chief opponent.

When, some months ago, it was announced that General Lee was a candidate for United States Senator and that his leading opponent was Thomas S. Martin, a man unknown to fame, it was very generally believed that his election was sure. A Lee defeated in Virginia—the, Chivalric Fitzhugh, the world renowned nephew of the immortal Robert E. Lee! Such a feat was not to be thought of. But, the unexpected has happened. It is strange, very strange!

How was it that the prince of orators, the incomparable John W. Daniel, was not in the race? Has Daniel been repudiated by Virginia, or has he voluntarily retired from the American Senate, made more glorious by the splendor of his genius?

What does it mean? Perhaps Thomas S. Martin, unknown beyond the borders of his State, is a wizard in politics before whose magic wand the splendors of military fame pale and the monuments of imperial statesmanship crumble and fall.

Or it may be that the people, finding no relief from their sons of genius, turned to a man of affairs, a practical business man, as the best representative of the toiling masses pressed down by burdens too grievous to be borne.

However it may be, whatever the causes that have led to the result, we trust that Virginia will suffer no detriment and the Union no loss. We confess to a great disappointment, but reverently bow to the will of the people of Virginia.

Since the foregoing was in type, it has occurred to us that the late nominations are for the seat now held by senator Hanton. He was nominated to succeed himself for the short term and Mr. Martin was nominated for the long term. It is gratifying to believe that Mr. Daniel will remain in the Senate.

The News-Observer Chronicle says: "It seems as if some radical changes are taking place in New York. A strong effort is being made by Mr. Fairchild, who was in Cleveland's first cabinet, and others to subvert Tammany Hall, and it is suggested that the New York legislature will enact some law to abolish the Tammany Society. In the meanwhile, it is observed that Senator Marbury and Senator Hill have to some extent parted company. There are certain notable changes in progress in the State.

The Financial Chronicle, of New York, which is an authority as to the tendencies and actual condition of the stock market, says that on Wall street during the past week or two that tariff reform, on the claim made that the presentation of the bill would be followed by a general industrial upheaval. But says the Chronicle, "just the reverse has happened." "The Wilson bill had no sooner appeared than values of all good railroad properties began to strengthen, and the market has had a better tone ever since." The explanation of the Chronicle is "that Wall street interprets the prospective tariff legislation to be much less radical than rumor had forecast."

For the first time in thirty-four years the Democratic party is in full control of the Federal Government. Within that time it has had the Presidency six years, the House of Representatives fourteen years and the Senate four years, but it has never had all these at the same time since 1857. The Republic has had the Presidency twenty-eight years, the House or Representatives twenty years and the Senate thirty years. For eighteen years they had the Presidency and both Houses of Congress. All the legislation and all the Governmental policies against which the people complain have been brought into existence within this period and are all the creation of the Republican party, which is entitled to whatever good there may have been in them and is responsible for whatever of evil.—Wilmington Star.

IT'S HIGH TIME something was done, if your blood is impure. You can't mistake the symptoms. Blisters and pimples, or a feeling of languor and depression, are some of them. If you "feel it go," you're an easy prey to all sorts of diseases.

Now, the best blood-purifier in the world is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Take the dose and it will certainly rid you of every impurity in the body. It acts on every organ in beautiful action, cleanses the blood, builds up, and invigorates the whole system. G. M. D. far surpasses many Cod Liver Oil and all the fishy compounds as a food-cleanser.

For every disease caused by a torpid liver or impure blood, Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, the most stubborn Skin Scap, or Scrofulous affections—even Consumption, or Lung Trouble, in its early stages—it is the only remedy so sure and so certain that it can be guaranteed. If it doesn't cure you, you have your money back.

Get anything else be "just as good" for you to buy!

Mr. J. C. Boswell, one of the best known and most respected citizens of Brownwood, Texas, suffered with diarrhea for a long time and tried many different remedies without benefit until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was used; that relieved him at once. For sale by J. V. Jordan.

TO ANNEX CANADA

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NEW DISPENSARY LAW.

Introduced in the South Carolina Legislature.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 8.—The new dispensary law was introduced in the Senate tonight by Senator John Gray Lyman.

It is quite different from the old law and the provisions are very strict. Railroads are prohibited from hauling liquor to individuals and the latter are punishable for receiving liquor even for individual use.

Dispensaries can sell beer in glass or other quantities and wine growers can sell their product through the distillers for private sale only. The bill is considered a non-profit under its present shape.

Probably Not a Suicide

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 12.—Mr. A. G. Harrell, of Rocky Mount, shot himself in the head on Saturday afternoon, 9th inst., and it was currently reported on our streets that it was a case of suicide, but circumstances have since been developed which belied the case and it is now believed here that the occurrence was of an accidental nature.

An examination revealed the fact that a portion of the ball fired by the pistol had entered the brain, leaving Mr. Harrell in an unconscious condition; and at this writing his condition is such.

The circumstances, as detailed to your correspondent, are in substance as follows: Mr. Harrell has been in ill health for several months being seriously afflicted by malaria and, too frequent use and probably excessive use of the remedy prescribed, had affected his mind, and the supposition now is, that in using the pistol he mistook it for his electric battery.

Mr. Harrell is a native of Marlboro county, S. C.—Special Correspondent to Wilmington Star.

The National Farmer's Congress, SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 11.—Delegates to the National Farmers' congress, which meets here tomorrow, have begun to arrive. This body, consisting of the most prominent farmers of the North, West and South, met last year at Lincoln Neb. The congress will be entertained on one of the ocean steamship company's Blue ships and carried out to sea.

Daniel G. Purse, of Savannah, vice-president, will call the convention to order.

Swansboro Correspondence.

The population of Swansboro now is 257 all white but two; there are five stores in operation, two churches, one school house, one steam saw mill, post office, two territorial pens and several fish houses.

It is very dull in money matters so the merchant says. The fishermen are doing tolerably well, but noticed about 200 speckled trout in one boat last night, caught by Messrs. Hattell, Jones & Co., and sold for 60¢.

Chas. M. W. Hardy and Messrs. James and Son, green doing very well in that line, these gentlemen are the proprietors of terrapin pens, they have about a thousand on hand now so we understand.

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OUR STATE.

North Carolina Facts and Statistics. (Carefully Compiled.)

Number of counties, 96

Extreme length, 664 miles

Number of electoral votes, 11.

State area, 52,286 square miles.

Extreme breadth is 187 miles.

Number of cotton factories, 169.

Length of coast line is 314 miles.

Area Diagonal Swamp, 150,000 acres.

Number of miles of railroad, 3,570.

Inland steamboat navigation 900 miles.

Total population 1,617,047 (census 1890).

White population, 1,049,191 (census 1890).

Colored population 567,170 (census 1890).

Indian population, 1,671 (census 1890).

Total water-power, 3,500,000 horse-power.

Average mean annual rainfall, 52 inches.

Western boundary—longitude 81 degrees, 42, 20.

Average winter temperature, 43 degrees Fahrenheit.

The highest point is Mitchell's Peak, 6,888 feet.

Number of bales of cotton consumed, 147,683.

Assessed value of railway property, \$29,653,357.

Deaths by consumption, 1.05 per 1,000 of State population.

Number of boats engaged in general fisheries, about 3,000.

Limit to State land country taxes, 60¢ cents. Limit to poll tax, \$2.

Area of largest county (Brunswick) is 950 square miles.

Area of smallest county (New Hanover) is 80 square miles.

The highest town in the State is Boone, in Watauga county, 3,250 feet.

Mean annual temperature at Raleigh, 59 degrees; Florence, Italy 50 degrees.

Highest point in smoky Mountain range is Clingman's Dome, 6,690 feet.

Value of real and personal property, \$292,796,810.

Legal rate of interest, 6 per cent by contract, 8 per cent; usury forbidden.

Mean annual winter temperature of Raleigh, 41 degrees; Florence, Italy, 44 degrees.—EX.

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