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THE Republican party has just celebrated its fortieth birth-day, and from all appearances it seems to be in fairly good health and ready for business this year.

ONE of the humerous aspects of North Carolina politics just now seems to be the seriousness with which some Democrats are striving to save the Populists from the dangerous wiles of the Republicans.

IF the individual political "possibilities" were eliminated, would the present pleaders for a free silver coinage at 16 to 1, be such earnest movers in their attempt to save the Democratic party of North Carolina?

THE Brunswick County Republicans in convention, have declared for Judge D. L. Russel, for the gubernatorial nomination in this State.

THE engagement of the women of a church in Pennsylvania to cut 250 cords of wood to raise funds for their church, may be religious zeal, but it shows a zeal which will not serve to any good purpose. The sight of women engaging in such work is degrading, and a church which can only be maintained by such means should disband.

IF each State sets up its own political platform, like Mississippi has done, opposing the nomination of any Presidential candidate whose views are not in accord with its declarations, there will be strange "doings" at the next National Democratic Convention.

THE talk of Spain's being stirred up to engage in war with the United States because of this country's interest shown in the Insurgent cause in Cuba is perfectly ridiculous. If Spain cannot subdue a few Insurgents, any talk of trying a contest with even so weak a nation as the United States is preposterous.

THE Fitzsimmons-Maher fight does not seem to have ended the pugilistic newspaper talk, and a long suffering public is likely to be subjected to further paragraphs concerning a possible Fitzsimmons-Corbett match. If these fights could only be settled with fists, on the side, instead of by filling columns in the newspapers with what the contestants might do, everyone would be better satisfied.

THE newspapers which have made a sensational case of forgery in the matter of President Winston and the Trenchard University presentation affair have done Mr. Winston a gross injustice, as a true and impartial statement of facts proves President Winston to have done nothing in the way of forgery, but that he acted in the matter as became his high position, and the honorable reputation which he has always borne.

THE public offer of the Columbian Government to sell the exclusive monopoly of the sale of cigarettes in that country for the next five years, shows to what an extent the use of the cigarette has grown. The offers are for each year of the five, aggregating a total of some two million dollars. To pay this sum for the privilege alone would indicate the vast trade which must be done by the company buying the monopoly.

MEASURE OR MAN, WHICH?

The most difficult problem which awaits the Democratic National Convention is silver, and its solution will prove a task of no mean magnitude.

The recent vote in the House on the silver question offers nothing in its analysis which would indicate anything one or the other, and the Democratic party has before it a problem which will try the best of its leaders.

Noting the vote in the House on this question of free coinage, it is seen that fifty eight Democrats voted for, and thirty one against it. The most distinguished champions on either side were Democrats, Ex-Speaker Crisp for, Representative Turner against.

Granting the ability of the Democratic National Convention to force a silver plank through, what kind of plank will it be, for it must be remembered that the Northern Democrats voted against free coinage in the House, and these same Democrats will be on hand at the National Convention.

It is no serious question for the Republican party, for the party is so strongly anti-free coinage, that its leaders can easily lay down a silver plank which they may regard most politic for the party.

The problem for the Democrats to solve will not be only one of measure, but of person, for what leader has the party, who standing upon a free coinage platform can win votes from the anti-free coinage people of his own party?

The sound money men of the Democratic party are not only important for the votes they have but also as liberal contributors to the campaign fund, as well as being workers for the party.

How will the Democratic party act, will it commit its future to a measure or to a man, which?

BOND ISSUES A MAKESHIFT.

It is now estimated by competent authorities that the net result of the current bond issue will be to place the gold reserve at about $125,000,000. In other words, the gold reserve will have been heavily drawn upon in order to replenish the gold reserve. Since January 6, when bids for the new bond issue were invited, about $27,500,00 in gold has been withdrawn from the Treasury, of which sum only $9,500,000 was taken out for export. What became of the balance is apparent.

Nothing could be more evident than that the present bond issue is another temporary makeshift, for it is perfectly clear that it is only a matter of a few months at best, under existing tariff conditions, when the gold reserve will again be drawn down and another bond sale become imperative. While Federal expenditures exceed Federal revenues it is impossible for the Treasury Department to avoid making drafts upon the gold reserve. These expenditures must be met, and if the revenues are not sufficient for this purpose, as admittedly they are not, the Government has no alternative but to provide for them out of the resources at its command. Those resourses consist chiefly of the proceeds of loans floated upon the pretext of fortifying the gold reserve.

It is sheer nonsense, therefore, to hope for any lasting benefits from the new bond issue in itself. Unless this transaction is speedily supplemented by legislation which will increase the regular receipts of the Treasury Department the Government must soon be back to where it was before. Moreover, the Government cannot go on borrowing forever. Besides adding to the yearly interest obligations of the Republic, every fresh bond issue makes a subsequent one more difficult, and in time a point must finally be reached where another issue cannot be floated except at an enormous expense to the credit of this nation. In view of this contingency any opposition to the pending Revenue bill is practically treason to the welfare of the United States. —N. Y. Advertiser.

THE CUBAN CAUSE.

It is impossible to know the exact status of affairs regarding the insurgent cause in Cuba, for the press censorship which is so vigilantly exercised by the Spanish authorities makes all reports of battles and their results, wholly unreliable.

One thing is certain that the Insurgents are far from being overcome and their cause is steadily gaining ground, while Spain is finding it harder each week to continue the contest, as her finances are at a low ebb and each new loan makes the next harder, until it is now said that further loans are practically impossible.

The discussion in Congress regarding the recognition of the Insurgents, as belligerents, indicates that the question is fully understood by the Senate in all its phases, and whether this country actually gives posititive and open recognition to the Insurgents, as belligerents, it cannot be doubted but that the speeches will give great encouragement to the Insurgents.

But while talk is cheap, and may be of more or less value to any cause, the Insurgents of Cuba are receiving assistance from this country in a very substantial way, which is not generally known. This assistance is in the way of munitions of war, men, and money, which are being constantly sent out from the United States and landed in Cuba.

If this most substantial aid is not entirely of a disinterested character, for the Cubans are giving heavy mortgages for sums advanced, it is making Cuba's freedom from Spanish rule a greater certainty, for the help from this country for the Insurgents will outlast that of Spain's ability to provide means to continue the contest on her part.

If when the smoke of war clears away, and Free Cuba is found to be bound to this country by a closer tie than that of patriotism, will not the tie be all the better if it means a higher civilization and development of Cuba, under the guidance and wisdom of American leadership.

SPLIT AMONG SALVATIONISTS.

The withdrawal of General and Mrs. Ballington Booth from the Salvation Army of America, and the severance of their connection with the Salvation Army in this country is an important event.

The cause for this split seems to be largely one of antagonism towards American institutions, if not jealousy, for the favor with which Commander Booth and his wife are held in Salvation Army circles in America, is sufficiently strong to prove that the Army's interests have been greatly promoted through their influence and efforts.

The "rod of iron" rule which seems to have been largely the policy of the Salvation Army leaders in other places, was not that of Commander Booth and his wife in America, their policy seeming to be one of "inspiring love" for the cause in which they labored so faithfully.

If Commander Booth, assisted by his talented wife, continue to labor in this country with the same love and zeal for the uplifting of the masses, as they have done, it will not lessen, but rather increase the good which they are accomplishing for humanity.

The declaration of Commander Booth that "I shall never cease to be an American citizen. My heart is with the American people and I believe in American institutions," will touch a sympathetic chord in every American heart, and however he may labor, his efforts will receive encouragement from all sides.

In its peculiar field the Salvation Army has done and is doing a great work, and any discord within its ranks, which shall hamper or destroy its power of work is unfortunate.

There is plenty of work in this country for both Commander Booth, the evangelist, if such shall be his move, and for the Salvation Army as it is, and it is to be hoped that their efforts will meet with success in their respective fields.

Confederate Monument for Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 25.—The State of Florida is to be presented with a monument to its Confederate dead which will be the third largest Confederate monument in the South. The donor is Charles C. Hemming, of Gainesville, Tex., vice-president of the Texas Bankers' Association. Mr. Hemming is a native of Jacksonville, and the monument, which is to cost $20,000, will be erected in this city. He served in the Confederate army during the war, and moved to Texas where he accumulated a fortune. The Confederate veterans of Florida are sincerely grateful for the generous gift.

THE Lumberton Robesonian says close observers estimate that it will take 4,000 bales of cotton at 5 cents per pound to pay for the stock of fertilizers and additional labor bought and hired by the farmers within the trade of Maxton this year. It expresses the belief that what the farmers of that neighborhood are trying to do, the others are trying to do throughout the cotton section, and that four cent cotton is in the coming breeze. Whether a large crop or a small crop is planted, and whether the prices rules high or low, the farmer who raises his supplies—makes that his first consideration is solid, and will be better off than his neighbor who relied mainly on cotton (if he had such a neighbor) even should the price be high, and if it should be low the man with well filled barns will be independent, while the man who depends on buying his supplies with cotton sold at about the price of raising will be in a bad fix.

Let each farmer now determine aright on which side he will be when harvest time comes.

MURDER AT SCOTLAND NECK.

A Young Man Kills Another at the Knitting Mills—Trial To be Held Next Week.

A special of the 25th from Scotland Neck to the News and Observer tells the following:

Yesterday morning as the mayor's court was ready to open at 9:30, to continue the testimony in the case of Robert Moore for assault on Samuel James, news was brought to the court room that James had just died. He had not spoken since Moore struck him with a paddle in the dye room of the knitting mills about eighteen hours before.

The father of the stricken boy had been sent for from his home, near Hobgood. Mr. James had come and remained with his son until 9 o'clock the night before when he returned home [illegible]

When [illegible] a new warrant was issued against Moore and read to him charging him with assaulting with a deadly weapon and killing James. The same witnesses who testified on the evening were called. Allsbrook and Brady swore and subscribed to their written testimony the day before. Stephen Ellis, the colored man who was working in the dye room with James and who was the only witness that saw the whole affair was examined by Mr. Claude Kitchen, counsel for the prisoner.

Moore was turned over to Officer Daen, with a commitment to the county jail, to be tried in the criminal court next week.

Officer Daen got the prisoner off to jail at once. Much sympathy is felt here for the family of the young man who was killed, as well as for the good mother and sisters of the prisoner Moore.

Both Moore and James were under twenty years of age, and James was the brother of newsboy James who was killed by another newsboy at Hobgood two years ago.

MR. MEWBORNE SPEAKS.

He is Glad Judge Graham is not a King. And Wonders What Meat He Eats.

Mr. J. M. Mewborne, who was foreman of the jury that acquitted the firebugs, writes to Butler's Caucasian as follows:

"In reply to Judge Graham's remarks, I have to say: that the verdict of the jury was unanimous from the first when we retired to make up our verdict; that we returned what we believed to be a righteous one according to the testimony without favor or affection, reward or hope of reward; that the expression of Judge Graham which was this—'You have the satisfaction of knowing that you have turned loose four very guilty men,' so far as I was concerned, was absolutely untrue. And I believe it was in regard to the other jurors. I am glad this glorious country, with its glorious institutions still lives; that this is not a realm; that Judge Graham is not king, and that honest juries will continue according to their convictions regardless of his ruthless insults to them.

'On what kind of food doth this Cæsar feed that he has grown so great?'

Judge and jury [illegible] my country!

[illegible] for one innocent man to suffer [illegible] a law maxim much older than Judge Graham, and I believe much wiser. I request all papers which published the above remarks to copy."—Kinston Free Press.

FUNERAL OF GEORGE DAVIS

Only One Member of Jefferson Davis' Cabinet Remains.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 24.—The funeral of Hon. George Davis took place in this city to-day from St. James' Episcopal, Church, and was attended by a large concourse of people, including two military companies of which Mr. Davis was an honorary member, Cape Fear Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans, Ladies Memorial Association, the Produce Exchange and Chamber of Commerce.

The services were conducted by Bishop Watson, assisted by several Episcopal clergymen. The death of Mr. Davis leaves Hon. John H. Reagen the only surviving member of President Jefferson Davis' cabinet.

Uprising in Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—According to news received from San Juan Del Nort, Nicaragua, an uprising is again imminent in that country. Newspapers have been suppressed, but reports brought to San Juan by passengers from the interior are to the effect that the city of Leon has declared itself in favor of Baca, against President Zelaya, and demands Zelaya's resignation. Zelaya considers himself strong enough to put down the movement, trusting for support to the conservatives and the friendly government of Honduras. He has discharged all citizens of Leon from his service and demands of the city the surrender of arms and full submission. He is endeavoring to obtain the assistance of ex-President Zelaya, of Granada. Great excitement prevailed throughout Nicaragua, especially as most of the national arms and ammunition are in Leon. The latest advices are that Zelaya has declared himself "dictator" and that all his Ministry have left him. At last reports the people of Leon were up in arms and a fight was imminent.

A Cheap Complete Fertilizer.

A mixture of acid phosphate, cotton seed meal and kainit will make a complete [illegible] of moderate cost if used in the following proportions to form a ton:

1,200 pounds Acid Phosphate.
600 " " Cotton Seed Meal.
200 " Kainit.

The acid phosphate should run 12 per cent. available phosphoric acid, the kainit should contain 12 per cent. potash, and the meal should contain 8 to 9 per cent. of ammonia. This mixture will yield 8 per cent. of phosphoric acid, 1.68 per cent. of potash and 2.08 per. cent. of ammonia, which is but little lower than the average commercial fertilizar selling for $25and$30. per ton. The ingredients and the mixing of the above formula should cost not more than $19 per ton, and possibly less, if the ingredients are carefully purchased.

You may have to mash up some lumps in the kainit, but both acid phosphate and meal are always in fine condition for mixing. By mixing with hoes on a smooth floor the whole may be rapidly and easily mixed.—N. C. Experiment Station.

STATE DAIRY MEN'S MEETING.

Col. J. S. Carr's Fine Farm—Many Interesting and Valuable Papers Read—And Discussed at Length—After Visiting all Departments of "Occoneechee" the Association Adjourn to Meet at Rockwell Park Farm.

From a special to the News and Observer we take the following additional particulars in reference to the State Dairymen's Association which met last week at Occoneechee farm, Orange county, by invitation of Col. J. S. Carr owner of the farm and President of the Association.

Mr. Hallock, of New Berne, being absent, submitted through the society, a very interesting paper on "Cheese Making in North Carolina." [illegible]

[illegible] that legislation is necessary for the protection against the importation of infected cattle. A most valuable paper showing the feeding of a herd of nine cattle for two years, and the product of nine cows was submitted. The question of abortion, cause and remedy was discussed also at considerable length. Col. B. Cameron, president of the State Agricultural Society, presented the claims of the Fair, and wished the co-operation of the association.

The members of the association were most hospitably entertained by Col. Carr, and visited with much pleasure, the magnificent new dairy and cold storage apartments, just completed at "Occoneechee." There is nothing like it in the South, if indeed in this country. Every elegance and convenience that money will buy is provided. The floor is marble, and the room is wainscotted in marble to the height of three feet; the railing to the stair is massive and nickle plated—in fact Occoneechee dairy is a revelation.

After a visit to the dairy, the association was invited to the training stables where handsome young "Kremlins," "Lancelots," "Pamlicos," "Norvals," etc., abound in the finest of feather. Like the dairy, the training stables surpass in elegance and fine blooded stock anything ever in the State. After leaving the training stables, we were shown the sheepcote—where we saw 100 to 150 of the handsomest "Shropshires" we ever laid eyes upon; thence to the "pigery." Here, reveling in hogish comfort, we counted fifty "Daroc Red Jerseys," and some sixty "Black Essex," that were pictures indeed. From the pigery we were shown through the poultry yards.

In the broiler house we found 200 young spring broilers, and my! how we "tasted" fried chicken. The arrangement of the poultry pens and yards is superb; each breed has its own yard, and we saw "Masters of the Park," prize-winners at Madison Square Garden, that cost $40 and $50 apiece. The Light Brahmas, Buff Cochins, Black Minorcas, the Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, the Brown and White Leghorns, the Silver Laced Wyandottes, the Black Sumatras, the White Crested Black Polish, the splendid Bronze and White Holland turkeys, white [illegible] feel sure [illegible] in this country [illegible]. Here we saw a dozen of fifteen fowls, dressed out in most gorgeous plumage. It certainly looks thrifty around "Occoneechee" and our visit was a benediction.

The association adjourned to meet at Rockwell Park farm in May.

Resolutions of thanks to Col. Carr for his abiding interest in the success of the association and for his unbounded hospitality extended at "Occoneechee" were passed by rising vote.

WE SAVED $20.000 ANYWAY.

What President Harrison Was Willing to Pay That President Cleveland Would Not.

Three years ago, on the 15th of February, 1893, President Harrison sent to Congress a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, made with the commissioners appointed by the Government of the islands. Article VI. of that treaty read as follows:

"The Government of the United States agrees to pay to Liliuokalani, the late Queen, within one year from the date of the exchange of the ratification of this treaty, the sum of $20,000, and annually thereafter a like sum of $20,000 during the term of her natural life; provided, she in good faith submits to the authority of the Government of the United States and the local government of the islands.

"And the Government of the United States further agrees to pay to the Princess Kaiulani within one year from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty, the gross sum of $150,000, provided, she in good faith submits to the authority of the government of the United States and the local government of the islands."

The recent letter of President Dole acknowledges "the good faith" with which Liliuokalani has submitted to the government's requirements, and long ago she publicly renounced all pretensions to the throne. But, thanks to Mr. Cleveland's withdrawal of the treaty of 1893, she now performs her act of submission without the $20,000 a year which it awarded her, and instead of a status of treaty distinction she occupies that of a pardoned prisoner, who cannot [illegible] without obtaining the government's consent.—[illegible]

Commander Winslow's Case.

The Wilmington Star says the case in which Commander F. Winslow and the State Naval Battalion are so much interested, and which was to have come up before Judge Sarbuck at Goldsboro has again been postponed by agreement of counsel until the Pender county term of the Superior Court, which meets at Burgaw on the first Monday in March. The case has excited much interest in this community, especially since Governor Elias Carr and Adjutant General Francis F. Cameron have completely ignored all of the Battalion officers in the Naval Battalion having issued stringent orders for all officers to report direct to headquarters, not allowing the business of the Reserves to be referred to any of the higher officers as has been the precedent, not only in the Naval Battalion, but in the entire State Guard since its organization. The supplies of the Battalion have also been transferred to Quartermaster General Eugene Harrell's hands, making the Naval Battalion's complement of officers mere figureheads.

DIARY OF A TRAGEDY.

Army Deserters Who Died in an Old Coal Mine.

[illegible], W. VA., Feb. 24.—People are much excited in this vicinity over a recent find, which, it is claimed, clears up a mystery of thirty-two years' standing, the remains of four human beings having been [illegible] coal mine [illegible].

David [illegible] old mine, which has not been worked since the sixties, and discovered the four skeletons. One of the skeletons was sitting upright against a ledge. Beside this skeleton was found a flask containing a note that explained the mysterious disappearance of John Ewing, Ben Ayres, Tom Ackelson, and Joe Obney [illegible]

[illegible] known that we (giving names) are prisoners here, owing to a caving in of the mine. We are deserters, and was in hiding here when the mine caved in. Food and water all gone. We are doomed, as no one outside is aware of our whereabouts. This is about the eighth day of imprisonment.

"November 1.—John Ewing and Tom Ackelson have just killed Ben Ayres, and are eating him. I have already eaten my boot leg. The water in the mine is terrible. Our oil is getting scarce, air becoming [illegible] only know the day of the month by my watch.

"November 5.—Ewing has just killed Ackelson. He eat off both of his feet and is eating them, and dancing around and flourishing his dirk knife like a maniac.

"November 7.—I am now alone with the dead. I had to kill Ewing in self-defense. I have just eaten my other boot leg. Am sleepy. Good-by. I inclose this note in this flask to preserve it if possible, so that if ever found our sad fate will be known. JOSEPH OBNAY."

Several of the residents hereabouts remember these men. It was generally believed that they had been killed in battle. As no relatives of the deceased men could be found, their remains were given in charge of Andy Lister for interment.

LATEST HAPPENINGS.

Hon. George Davis died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in Wilmington, N. C., aged seventy-six years. He once represented North Carolina in the Confederate Senate, and was also Attorney General of the Confederate States. He was one of the most prominent lawyers of the State, famed for his oratory, and was universally beloved.

A fire in the residence portion of Baltimore, results disastrously. Seven prominent and wealthy people burned to death. Seven lives lost.

It is reported that the Massachusetts democracy will present the name of Secretary Olney for the Presidential nomination.

The Texas Democracy are at war on the question of free silver. The State Democrati Chairman denounces the sound money men.

Senator Quay gives his platform [illegible] protection [illegible]

The City of Buffalo, N. Y. is suffering from a water famine, not enough for household use being attainable, and damage from fires is serious.

Edgar W. Nye, best known as Bill Nye the famous humorist writer, died at his home near Asheville on last Saturday.

Additional massacres reported in Armenia. The people of that country being converted to the Islam faith by force.

The Turkish Government objects to Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society, going to Zeitoun to distribute relief.

Russian newspapers announce the arrivals of agents in that country representing the Anglo American Company, with a capital of $25,000,000, who propose to buy claims and work the alluvial gold fields of Eastern Siberia.

There seems to be considerable excitement in Salvation Army circles in this country over the forced resignation of Commander Ballington Booth, and many Salvationists signify intentions of following any movement which their late commander might start.

The U. S. Treasury Gold Reserve is now over $100,000,000.

There is still no choice in the Kentucky Senatorial election. Hunter leads the other candidates in number of votes received.

Congressman F. E. Woodard, of North Carolina, is elected a member of the Democratic Congressional Committee, to represent this State.

Thousands of prospectors are encamped on the border of the Uncompahgre Indian Reservation, Washington, awaiting the President's proclamation opening up the mineral lands for settlement.

The general strike of Lithographic-Artists' and Engravers' Insurance and Protective Association of the United States and Canada has begun in New York City. About 500 designers of advertising-pictures are out and twenty-five firms are tied up.

Death of a Good, Old Time, Negro Woman.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Allie Lodge, of Stonewall, the wife of Charles Lodge, departed this life on the [illegible] 1896 at [illegible] o'clock [illegible] She went to bed well and [illegible] She went to prayer on the overnight of which she was a faithful member, and was liveing with a hope of hearing her elder preach the following day, Sunday, but poor Allie was asleep in death before sunrise, next morning.

She was a member of the colored Methodist church. She was a member of the Sarrow family and belonged to old aunt Henretta Sparrow of whom so many of THE JOURNAL readers knew and knew of her embounded charity. Allie was a faithful servant and has many white friends who will miss her; but husband and little children miss her more. She tried to raise her children right. May the Lord comfort her bereaved husband and children and feel that their loss is Allies eternal gain. J. O. B.

Stonewall, N. C., Feb. 16.

The entering wedge of a fatal complaint is often a slight cold, which a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral might have cured at the commencement. Therefore, it is advisable to have this prompt and sure remedy always at hand to meet an emergency.

SWANSBORO CORRESPONDENCE

Personals and Other News Items of the Village.

Mr. Kable of the lumber firm of Kable & Hamilton, Baltimore, was in town last week visiting Mr. J. F. Prettyman. Mr. Kable is, we learn, interested with Messrs. [illegible] Co. in the lumber business here, also the steamer.

Mrs. Lee Rumley of Carteret Co. passed through a few days ago to visit Mr. A. J. Hurst of Brown Sound, who is very low.

Mr. M. A. Carpenter the picture taker, with his wife and pretty daughter, are with us now, stopping at Mr. G. R. Young's. They will remain some time.

Mrs. J. A. Pittman, who has been visiting at Rocky Mount and Washington for three weeks, returned home yesterday.

I was [illegible] Saturday here, Messrs. [illegible] and Olive took [illegible] degree. Dr. W. J. Montford, W. M., at his post as usual. There were several visitors here that day, among them were Messrs. S. J. Sanders, Chm'n Co. Com. Benj. Hurst, Rev. Dan Reid and W. W. Russell, and several others.

The Baptist church building has commenced, Messrs. Olive and Rodgers contractors.

The snow last week was the heaviest in many years. It was 10 inches on a level and 8 feet deep in drifts with us here.

The weather was bitter cold for four days, killing the few trout in White Oak and New rivers. The trout are the largest we ever saw here.

The lumber company has been compelled to shut down on account of inability to get logs from low tides.

Duck and bird hunting is good. Mr. Dan Ward being the most lucky.

There were two fires during the cold snow snap. Mr. Ed Watson's house caught fire on the roof from sparks, but was discovered and put out before much damage was done. It was day time.

The second alarm was from the chimney of Mr. Prettyman's house. The boys were on top in a jiffy, preventing a serious conflagration. It was in the night time.

The girls and boys did some huge snowballing and the old folks turned out too, pammeling each other in the face and eyes terribly. Even your scribe was one of the boys in the fun and he got a lick on the nozzle that laid him up, no down we mean and he quit sufficiently amused.

Mrs. J. M. Jones has gone to visit Miss Mollie Morton at Hubert.

Capt. Lee Smith left for the Fair yesterday with a load of little mullets, about 35,000 in number in his sharpie Lottie.

Messrs. Pete Hatsell, Henry Smith and John Littleton accompanied Capt. Lee. There are millions of these little fish being killed here and elsewhere. It is a sin and a shame we think, as they are worth nothing, in fact don't taste like fish, even if they were clean and cooked. The largest were picked out by Capt. Smith and carried to New Berne.

Fair, Fair, Fair, everybody is going to the Fair but us and don't we want to go too? you bet we do, but we are under the weather—sick and crippled. We wish for good weather for those that go, maybe we will be able to go next time.

BELLAIR CORRESPONDENCE.

The Recent Happening of the Neighborhood.

The severe wintry blasts and snows of last week have departed and the plow can run again.

The farmer has had one week of rest from active field work, even if it was past the Middle of February; We mean physical rest, the minds of some were restive when prospecting the growing? truck;

We dont suppose things are sereously hurt by the cold, especially since we have learned that a half crop is as good as a whole one for Market.

The snow was much deeper in the western part of our county and in Lenoir, than it was here at Bellair, as we larned by the severe experience of riding 28 miles through it Friday and Saturday to our quarterly meeting at Bethany in Lenoir county. There it was estimated to be ten inches deep on an average, while we consider the average at 6 inches here.

We must not fail to note one item of special interest last week: The marriage of Mr. Geo. S. Wilcox of Bellair to Miss ada Kilpatrick at Lanes Chapel on Wednesday last Feb. 19th. If Mr. Wilcox has had the appointment of the time, and the weather, we might have expected such a spell at his Marriage, as he would not have to lose any time from work, as it was; there was no time lost. And Bellair gains much. The cottage by the store is now to be occupied, and we all welcome the Bride in our midst. Wishing the pair all the happiness that is usually attendant along lifes pathway.

Wednesday evening was a very pleasant occasian a few friends and relatives of the Bride from Barnwell, and the neighbors generally about Bellair, assembled at the residence of Daniel Lane and spent a few hours socially with the bride and groom.

We all enjoyed the ocaasion and wait patiently for the next couple to call us together in happy congratulatives. There are more young men in our Midst who need wives and there are more nice girls some where, we need settlers in our midst & a man can hardly be counted a settler till be gets a wife.

Bayboro Correspondence.

Mr. Sam McCleese of Oriental, was in town yesterday.

Mr. G. T. Farnell is spending a few days in Washington City.

Miss Effie Fowler has been visiting Miss Bertha Campen, of Alliance,

Dr. T. F. Jones has received a full supply of drugs and now favors our community with a drug store.

Mr. Lewis Daniels is completing his dwelling house. We must admit it is an elegant building.

Mr. Robt. Griffin of Edwards Mill, gave us a call last week. His old friends gave him a hearty welcome.

Our Methodist minister, Rev. C. J. Snow, requests all who are interested in home and foreign missionary to remember our grand mass meeting March 27th.

RETREATING INTO SWAMPS.

Insurgent Forces Said to Have Moved South instead of Eastward.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—All the cavalry belonging to the insurgent forces under Gomez and Maceo have retreated into the swamps [illegible]

[illegible] with Rodriguez.

Gen. Echague and Col. Francs united their forces at the Armonia plantation and made preparations to pursue the insurgents, which compelled the latter to alter the direction of their retreat.

[illegible] Generals Gonzales, Pratt and Arocas, Col. Galbis and others are in pursuit of the insurgents, and will attempt to cut them off. Each of the Spanish columns will have two pieces of artillery with it.

In a skirmish at Limonar, province of Matanzas, an insurgent leader who was second in command of the insurgent force, commanded by Felipe Rodriguez, is said to have been wounded.

The men arrested recently on the charge of stealing ammunition are being tried here to-day by court-martial. They are being protected from the populace by civil guards, as a great deal of bitter feeling has been expressed against them.

Small bands of insurgents have appeared at Bacuranao, Santa Fe, and Gallego, near this city.

The insurgent leader El Inglesito, whose real name is said to be Alfred Goday, or Gold, and who is reported to be a native of Illinois, has been brought here from Guines with sixteen other prisoners of war. Nine of the latter are to be sent to the African prisons, and the remainder to the Isle of Pines.

The Spanish authorities are trying to ascertain if El Inglesito is really an American citizen, or American born.

The Silver Senators Attitude.

The certainty that no legislation of an economic or partisan character can be accomplished at this session of congress, is made apparent by the attitude of Senators Teller, Carter, Mantle and Dubois.

They are positive in their statement that they will vote for no bill which does not include a provision for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ration of 16 to 1. Great pressure of all sorts is being brought upon these representatives of the mining camps by republican leaders and newspapers to permit the passage of some sort of revenue bill. Thus far they have been obdurate, and say that if even one or two of them should vote for a tariff bill, other western silvermen would step in and take their places.

One of these senators said to me a few days ago "We do not consider that the tariff bill is a sincere one. We also know that if the question of the tariff is once considered in the senate with the peculiar rules, or lack of them, existing there the whole subject will be gone into party lines and party strife will once more become apparent and the agitation which we have been carrying on in behalf of silver will all have to be gone over again. Above all things else on earth we wish to avoid is a tariff discussion from a democratic and republican standpoint. Of course, we have no idea that a radical silver bill can pass both houses of congress under present conditions, nor do we believe that either of the two great political parties will openly declare for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, but we do believe that this show of power on our part will cause both the democratic and republican organizations to recognize silver in some fashion so that we can justify ourselves before our constituents."

This is the meat of the situation from the standpoint of the representative of silver producing states of the west.—Washington correspondent Atlanta Journal.

Perfection Correspondence.

Sheriff W. B. Lane and wife returned to their home in New Berne.

Mr. W. J. Arnold made a short business trip to New Berne Friday and returned Saturday.

Mr. Milton Prescott, one of Perfection's most promising young men who is learning the art of photography, is progressing finely. He made a flying trip to Tuscarora Saturday to take the picture of Miss Pennie Daugherty's school. He also had other calls for pictures. We feel quite sure that Mr. Prescott will be a successful photographer.

Mrs. W. H. Hill of New Berne arrived Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. T. Wetherington, accompadied by Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hill.

Miss Pennie Daugherty of Tuscarora is visiting her sisters, Mrs. W. J. Arnold and Miss Ada Daugherty.

Ha! somebody is all smiles this week, their —— has returned.

Cigarette Sale Monopoly.

COLON, C. A., Feb. 23.—The Columbian Government will put up at public sale in the month of July next the monopoly for the sale of cigarettes. The concesion is to be for the period of five years, and the followsnn is the price: First year, $260,000; second year, $390,000; third year, $420,000; fourth year, $450,000, and fifth year, $500,000.

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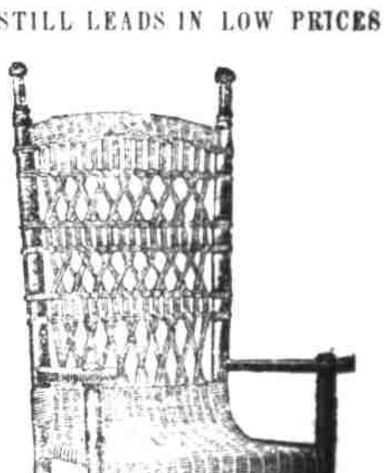

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