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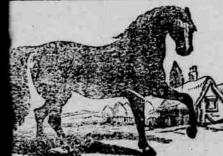
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The papers have given out that Mrs.

McKinley's outfit for the inauguration

is to be very costly. Her entire ward-

robe for the occasion will cost as much

as \$8,000 according to statements given

out from Chicago where the outfit i

being prepared. This no doubt sounds

steep to many who voted for McKinley,

Chairman James K. Jones, of the

ed to make the University of Virginia

the head of the work in the South.

Harvard in the East, Chicago Uni

Milwaukee is to have a novel method

of exchange. It is to be so arranged

value may deposit it, take a warehouse

receipt for it, with which he can secure

some other article of equal value which

has been deposited by some other pro-

While this is something new in the

way of trading, the novelty consists

more in the manner in which the ex-

change is made. It is the same prin-

ciple on which a tarmer carries pork to

the merchant and takes coffee and

Wonders will never cease. Recently

the Youths' Companion said that at a

meeting of the Royal Society Prof. Mc.

Kendrick described a method by which

the sensory nerves of the skin "so that

some of the elements of music-rythm

and intensity-might be perceived and

even enjoyed by those who have be

This is truly a wonderful statement.

but science is just fairly sweeping down

the skeptical. We may not say what

General John B. Gordon on a recent

visit to Boston, says Leslie's Weekly

was entertained by a well-known law-

yer, who showed him the sights. They

general admired it as a work of art, but

said very little. When the two came

out of the building and were on their

way down town the lawyer inquired of

the Georgian: "Well, general, what did

"What did I think of it?" said the

general, coming to a stand still and

striking a dehant attitude-"Let them

Washington and Lee University a

Lexington, Va., is to be congratulated

that the Hon. William L. Wilson is to

been chosen. There are always places

waiting for men of ability. Young

men who hesitate to make sacrifices to

obtain an education would do well to

remember this. However, let them not

think of the waiting places as simply

positions of ease; but let them look for-

ward to preparation for filling high

positions in order that they may be

useful to the world and helpers to hu-

seen. He said that in its technical and

only clearly defined sense socialism

means collectiveism. It involves col-

be convinced that any system of politics,

merals or religion resting on such a

What is Socialism?

can or can not be done.

you think of it?"

paint Bull Run!"

sugar and calico and such like for it.

but it is the way, you see.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1897.

EDUCATION AGAIN. THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

> MOST VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS TO TEACHERS.

> > Some Rambling Thoughts.

ate pains and we willingly submit.

them to the educational machine, with cessfully upward, it is surely not within grinding and torcing begins by those my beloved. Go back to your childthat a person producing any article of who ignore completely the physiology hood and starting from that point, of the child and, and with no knowl- trace some of the advancement in im-Espalier truit-tree, every tendency things you can see and handle, are only lists of the state. med away by the machine teacher, in has been making. It has gained also slavery to uniformity. Graduation day in humanity, towards child life in econcomes, and your son or your daughter omy of effort by co-operation of parent stands up with others, all having trav- and teacher in perfection of method. ersed so many pages of arithmetic, so For further progress you are needful. many books of Virgil; and possibly stumbled over the Pons Asinorum (The Bridge of Asses) in geometry. Then the poor things are flung out into the | Selected. in the midst of a merciless crowd with no time to give them individual study, they have to "find" themselves and

it was possible to stimulate electrically instances the subject has been kept away for years from the main purpose ot life by this 'self-finding" process. He gropes this way and that, and is as effectually barred from his real function in the world, as the average youth is forced into army service. At fifteen or twenty it is altogether too late to begin looking for indications of the line your child is best fitted to follow. From its cradle onward you have been in a position to note a hundred signs that could have told you its mental bias. But like love that is showered on a corose, shoes and stockings before you freeze your interest is awakened only after the visited the cyclorama of the battle of individuality has been killed by violence Gettysburg; the brave old Confederate

cent battle for universal education has been made a victory by Horace Mann. Dr. Barnard and a host of lesser note in this country. But we are not to stop. Like the traveller in a hilly region, the higher we climb the further we can see. Relinquishing then not one particle of belief in "education for all" we press forward to "individual study of each". Were you in a position to read all the educational publications, and follow the speeches at the various Teacher's Institutes and the National Educational Association, you would find this "child-study" the burden of

But I write unto you, parents; because you are many, and because you ripe scholar, a man eminently qualified are essential to the new purpose of for the high position for which he has

Between the parent, worthy of parentage, and the teacher, mental saviour of the race, a most complete and confidential feeling of common interest ought to exist. It would be most daring, and live men. When I want to strike up probably as incorrect as daring, to assert that any parents are deliberately grave yard. Good day." opposed to the welfare of their children. Your first interest is your child. For t, as mother, you would even forego food needful to yourself; for it, as father, you work that it may be fed and cloth-A writer in the Witness recently ask- ed. This deep, underlying interest of

d the question, and the editor gave the parent in the child, must now be about the clearest definition we have appealed to strenuously, as an aid to the teacher. In your home it has shown forth its peculiarities; then when you entrust it to teachers, also-the greater lective public ownership of lands, and number of them sincerely anxious for industries and all means of transporta- the welfare of their charges-it is your ton. It sims at the abolition of capi- place to give to the teacher for the talists as a class by monopolizing in good of your child the total of insight the hands of the people collectively you have gained. In school, thrown the means of producing, or creating in with other children and compelled THE LEGISLATURE. A CONDENSED REPORT OF

What the Law-makers are Doing.

Bil's and resolutions were introduced largely successful. The result,-de- dren tamed down at the sacrifice of boiler inspection for each county of

By Senator Ramsey, to give suttors

By Senator Grant, to authorize the face barbers and milliners go to elabor- that more of our national hopes will express and telegraph companies,

The special order was taken up, be successful life, though we know the as now, into a bewildered, floundering ing the bill to provide for the general supervision of railroad, steamboat, canalboat, express and telegraph companies, (to make passenger rates 21 intelligence, yet we quietly surrender have "found" yourself and come suc- cents for first class and 2 cents for second class per mile, and to reduce possibly a slouchy ill-trained youth or your heart to say "Let others be treated freight rates in proportion, also fora self-sufficient miss at the lever. The as I have been." The world moves, bids any issue of free passes to public officers). Senator McCarthy moved to table

edge of any hereditary influences, pun- plements, in home comforts, in build- and the bill was tabled—ayes, 24; noes, was made. (Mr. Dockery said it would

House.-Among the bills introduced

By Mr. Roberts, to prohibit the sale

By Mr. White, to provide that if any

ance. The air was keen and cold, with the peace to provide himself with a was hurrying to a place that might rival without further attestation of its gen-Weston's when he nearly ran over a uineness, the fee for such seal to be ten

"Heigho, sis!" he exclaimed, litting to vote without ninety days' residence

By Mr. Harris, to provide for workng public roads in Halifax county.

you go home, sis, and put on your tion.

Bills passed as follows: Incorporating the town of Winters-

rille, Pitt county. To allow Greene county to levy a spe-

To allow Nash and Perquimans counies to levy a special tax.

To allow Nash county to levy a road

To provide that in any county where there is a law to work convicts of the

A printer walked into a certain store county, a convict who has moved his in his rounds and noticed a drummer case shall be worked in the county standing by the counter with his sam- from which he moved it.

ple case ready to open. "Anything you want to say in the paper this annul the lease of the North Carolina week?" said the printer to the business railroad, came up. There was a maman behind the counter. "No," said jority report favoring the bill, signed the business man, "I don't believe in by six of the seven members of the advertising." The drummer waited special committee and a minority report, until the printer was half way to the signed by Aikeu (republican) of the door, then slowly taking up his sample committee.

case he remarked, "Well that lets me The vote was 53 to 62, so the minor out, I don't care to sell on time to any ity report failed to pass. There was a man who, at this age does not believe rattling volley of applause as the result in advertising. I prefer to deal with of the vote was announced. NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:20 o'clock the house met and it once took up the calendar. _

To amend the charter of the Atlantic

and North Carolina Railway so that clerk of the railway commission; also the presence of the state proxy shall be to repeat the act making \$10,000 appro necessary to make a quornar The bill to provide for the fusionist

the democratic law under which the

From Wilmington Messenger.

SENATE.-A petition was presented for the establishment of a colored nor-

By Senator Person, to meorporate auxiliary boards of health; also to establish a board of steam locomotive and

acceptance of bonds given to railroad. when given in an indemnity company

the bill. The roll call was demanded The bill passed to revise the jury

of liquor within two miles of political speakings, (this not to apply to cities and town where there is a police force.)

person shall perform the marriage service who is not authorized he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and the minority populists more than they My friend was walking up State upon conviction shall be fined or im-By Mr. Price, to allow any justice of

symptoms of snow. He had pulled his seal and to attest by the same his officap down over his ears as far as possi- cial signature and making any official ble, and buttoned up his overcoat close act so attested by seal valid in any aphy and you will find that in many to keep out the stinging lake wind and county and to be received and acted on little child not more than four years old cents for each attestation, in addition who had fallen on the side-walk near to the fee now allowed.

By Mr. Chandler, to allow preachers in the county and thirty days in the

By Mr. Hauser, to allow the people

By Mr. Meares, to establish a dis ensary in Bladen county.

To incorporate Saratoga, Wilson

At noon the special order, the bill to

Bills passed as follows To incorporate the Mutual Benevolent

tking charge of the penitentiary came appropriation to the university; also to up and was explained by its author, Mr. Dockery, who said it simply reinstates the democratic law of 1893, and paper reporter, the idle and vulgar that the republicans ought to control the penitentiary because it is largely to look about for object lessons that composed of republicans; that in divihave more of an uplifting influence and a tendency to purify the social at moswhile the populists were very properly

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penitentiary was so successfully governed for twenty-five years was a good

Mr. Duffy reminded Mr. Dockery of the fact that the democracy was not dead and would never die. He added that Mr. Dockery himself confessed this was a revolutionary measure.

Mr. Schulken said he knew of no such division of pie as Mr. Dockery alluded to and wanted to know when it be made after this bill passed.) He said that after the republicans had gotten in by aid of the populist party it was high time the latter went in the asylum-upon seeing what a fool is had made of itself (Applause). He opposed the bill.

Mr. Hodges, bolting populist, said if be a Rip-Van-Winkle; that the repub- Co., Druggists, Scotland Neck, N. C. licans had all the pie they wanted and 10 1 3v. me; that if the majority populists would rescind the resolution not to take pie they would be given pie. The bill passed-ayes, 59; noes, 36.

Aiken, republican, voted "no" and so did the majorit, populists. The bill to give the fusionists control of the agricultural department and the

whom shall be nominated by the gov

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY-WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17TH.

SENATE. - Bills as follows: By Senator Hardison, to prohibit the sale of liquor in two miles of Cole, in Craven county, and in four miles of Stumptontown in Onslow county.

The special order was taken up, being the bill to establish a reform school for youthful criminals. It provides that two schools shall be built, one for white and one for colored, to be placed where the most money and land is given The bill passed its second reading-

ayes, 41; noes, 8. Among the transactions of the after-

noon session were: To incorporate the Bank of Pitt County. To provide a dispensary for Louis-

To repeal sections of the Code re quiring thirty days' notice to be given before prohibitory liquor laws can pass. By leave Senator Moye introduced a bill to establish graded schools at

Greenville. House .- Bills : By Mr. Ormsby, to require sheriffs

in sale of mortgaged land for taxes to give notice of such sale to mortgagee. SILVERWARE!!! By Mr. Parker, of Perquimans, to divorce the Agricultural and Mechanical college from the agricultural department and put it under control of four-

teen directors. By Mr. Dixon, of Cleveland, to protect freight shippers by requiring railways to pay cost price of goods if there is great delay.

By Mr. Dancy, to incorporate the auxiliary board of health of Edgecombe

By Mr. Bryan, of Chatham, to give the governor the appointment of the priation for the geological survey; also to repeal the act of 1891 making \$15,000 GIVE HIM A CALL protect coal miners.

By Mr. Lusk, to allow judges of su preme and criminal courts to appoint stenographers and regulate their pay.

Mr. McKenzie rose to a question of sion of spoils it fell to the republicans, inquiry, saying he was informed that last Friday a bill passed the house to City for Ladies and Gentlemen. Strictphere in which they move and walk given the insane asylum. He said that repeal the stock law in Halifax county ly a Temperance Place. All meals 25c. during certain months in the year; Hudson's Surpassing Coffee a "I will wait on you new" said the that a motion was lodged to reconsider polite attendant at Dr. Whitehead's that to-day's journal showed the bill Drug store as he handed out 5 boxes had been ratified and he wanted to

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or starved by neglect. You must recognize that the magnifi-

be its president after his term expires the exhortations to the teacher.

One does not have to reason long to peculiarities will show forth. These Watch the crowd at Whitehead's Drug store buying Dixie Nerve and basis could not be free from danger to Bone Liniment. Best on earth for the law of accumulation or independ- Pains, Strains, Rheumatiam and everyence according as one merits over anthing where a first class Liniment is required. For man and beast.

the teacher, in confidential relations with you, ought to divulge, so that together you may discuss the best way to train and control the little restless being, with such fateful possibilities within it. In its course upward through

the various grades, each teacher should give the next one all the knowledge so far gained of the child; and thus until THIRTY-FIFTH DAY-TUESDAY, FEE. 16 graduation. Think over this outline for a while mal school at Charlotte. all that a school ought to be a sort of and see how much of gain there is brick machine to force the children involved in it. It will mean fewer into definite, pre-arranged shapes. Yet cruel attempts to fit square pegs into this is too often attempted and too round holes; tewer high-spirited chiltheir individuality, fewer suller natures the state. In a crowd no two faces are alike, nagged at until a smoldering fire of rethough only the slightest differences sentment burns out all that is beauti- time to bring suit after adverse decis-

are discoverable, perhaps, when indi- ful and possible in a sturdy nature, ions of supreme court. vidual organs are compared. Yet to fewer shrinking little hearts terrified into suit the shape and appearance of the perpetual nervousness. It will mean step upward from school into definite But when it comes to the training of lines of work or profession for which perfectly solvent. the mind and the preparation for a they are fitted, rather than downward, various members of the family are dia- struggle. Because you were subjected metrically opposed to each other in to all that was ill-advised and impertastes, ideas, temper, disposition and fect in your upbringing, or because you ish in like manner the most different ings and other things that have come 23. natures. Like the off-shoots of an under your notice. Good. These towards individuality is carefully trim- a part of the advancement the world

"Papa Dets Drunk."

Street, late one afternoon when he en- prisoned. countered a short sermon on temper-

her safely up to her feet again. The little ragamuffin put up a grieved townships. lip, and was going to cry; but stopped when he spoke to her. "Whew, barefooted such a day as this !"-with a low whistle-"why don't of Lagrange to vote on the liquor ques-

"Don't dot any shoes and stotins."

Belongs to the Grave Yard.

Cleared the Court Room.

A good example is that recently se

y a Louisville judge in clearing the

court room of everybody except the

witnesses and the attorneys when a

on. It all the crimnal court judges in

"Don't got any, eh! How does that happen? Don't your father buy you my shoes or stockings?" "O, no?" she answered, with a tone cial tax. that meant "of course not," and a manner indicating that she considered the reason amply sufficient; "no, my papa dets drunk."

a trade with a dead man I'll go to the

Durham Sun. trial case full of indecencies was going the land would adopt the same rule of exclusion, not even excepting the newsmight be induced from sheer necessity to struggle in a little world, further