VARIETIES.

Fence Law.

Raleigh News. Part of an Editorial.

Among those measures supposed by many to promise the most striking and immediate revolution in the agricultural system of the State, to be followed by benefit to that interest, is the enactment of a general fence law. And the arguments in favor of such legislation cover many strong points. Statistics, laboriously collected, show that the cost of even the unsightly and perishable worm fence is one of the most expensive items of rural economy, exceeding, even where timber is abundant and counted as nothing, in the item of time and labor, many fold the whole amount of taxation raised from all sources. But, as under the rapid and wasteful destruction of timber, and under a prevalent habit of continually clearing and fencing new grounds, timber itself has now to be included as a heavy item of cost, so the expense of fencing is increased to that extent.

There is no dissenting voice in the testimony which comes from the counties in which such a law has a local operation. Expenses are at once reduced by the abandonment of fences, stock are improved by being kept up and made the subjects | in Waehringer Cemetery, in Vienna, the of closer personal attention. Lands are fine, delicate, almost feminine head of improved by increased facilities for collect- | Schubert contrasted strangely with the ing larger supplies of animal manures; and | massive, thick, bony and great brain-holdtion by the withdrawal of the animals who | musical talent were missing in both-at obstructed or destroyed the growth of least in those places where bump theorists young trees, making that effort to reclothe | put them. Schubert had still thirteen the land with the forest, the source of ori- | teeth and Beethoven fourteen: The formginal fertility and value, and, in its renew- er's skull showed more perfect proportions al, the only hope of future resuscitation. than the latter's.

But there are on the other hand, large sections of the State, where torest, and not agricultural, interests predominate; where the immense pine belt, though varied with productive, arable: lands, is yet the reliance for that industry which is one of the peculiar characteristics of North Carolina; or the grand forest region of the mountain section, offering in its spontaneous wealth of herbage tempting encouragement to pasturage and the inexpensive rearing of limitless herds and flocks. To fetter either of these sections by a law which would be advantageous to other parts of the State. would be the very tyranny of legislation.

All, therefore, that the Legislature ought to dowall it can justly do-is to give every encouragement to such counties as wish to imitate the practices of such others as have adopted fence laws, by passing, without unnecessary restrictions, such bills as are presented for such purpose; or to pass some general enabling law, similar in its nature to that authorizing the creation of corporations without the necessity of any other formal, public act of Assembly.

Mistaken Economy.

New York Herald. The Postmaster General has informed Congress that the appropriation for his department will be insufficient to enable him to continue the postal car service after January 1. The law allows him to exercise discretion only in two items of mail railroad transportation-namely, the establishment of service on newly constructed routes and the use of postal cars. The former would be an indefinite saving, dependent wholly on the opening of new railroad routes, while the latter would be a definite and ascertained curtailment of expenses, Moreover, it would be more just and impartial to decrease the general postal accommodation than to withhold the extension of the service from new railroad routes. There ought to be only one motive for the refusal of Congress to increase the postoffice appropriation by the addition of a special amount for the postal car service, and that is to save money the expenditure of which does not bring commensurate public advantages-But if the postal cars are discontinued one of two results is unavoidable-either the mails which are gathered shortly before a | no marks of foul play on her body. railroad train leaves a distributing point must be held over for a later train for assortment or a very largely increased force must be employed inside the distributing office to do the labor of assorting with rapidity. In the one case the public generally be inconvenienced and that the business interests of the country will be injured, while in the other case the employment of additional clerks will cost as much money as the postal cars. As the appro. priation, as now fixed, is not large enough to enable the department to increase the clerical force the proposed economy will impair the efficiency of the postal service and occasion more loss and inconvenience to the public than would be compensated by the saving of fifty times the cost of the

The Difficulties of Great Britain.

postal car system.

The cable is laden with repeated confirmation of the striking sketch recently given by a London correspondent of the difficulties that beset Great Britain's trade and finances. The changes in the cotton market are very remarkable and significant. Between 1820 and 1872 the quinquennial increase in the exports of British cotton manufactures ranged from 22 to 43 per cent., equal to from 4.4 to 8.6 per cent. per annum. Between 1872 and 1877, on the contrary, the increase was only 9 per cent., or 1.8 per cent. per annum. In 1842 the total cotton consumption of the world was 2,514,000 bales, of which Great Britain took 1,372,000, or 54 cent. of the whole. In 1877 the total consumption was 7,108, 000 bales, of which Great Britain took 3,149,000, or 44 per cent. The United States now manufacture more bales of cotton that Great Britain did in 1842. Since wow. 1870 Great Britain's annual consumption of cotton has only increased 400,000 bales, while that of the continent of Europe; the United States and India has increased 1,250,000 bales. The consumption of cotton in Great Britain last year gas 186,000 bales less than it was in 1873. The decline which these figures mark may be assumed to be more or less permanent, since all the countries that have ceased to take British cottons, or have reduced their imports of it, have done so in consequence of manufacturing for themselves.

The New York Custom House. The friends of Senator Conkling announce that he has determined to oppose the New York custom house nominations, and they assert that he will be victorious, as he was last winter. The result will prove whether these anticipations are justi-

John J. Dwyer and James Elliott, pu-Canada. This prize ring brutality ought left her husband to go back to her father's to be stopped by the authorities.

Drama and Opera.

Annie Louise Cary, is thirty-four years

The Josh Hart Combination are playing in San Francisco.

Miss Ada Cavendish is playing with her usual success on the Pacific slope. Miss Emma Abbott is attracting large

and fashionable audiences in the West. Paris has 48 theatres, which give empleyment to 1,777 actors and 1,102 act-

Miss Kate Claxton's company, now playing "The Double Marriage," at the Lyceum Theatre. New York, are drawing

Mme. Patti and Nicolini appeared in Aida" in Brussels last month. Mlle. Albani-now Mme. Gve-has been engag- WILL SAIL FROM BALTIMORE. ed to sing at Moscow and St. Petersburg during the winter.

The directors of the Cincinnati Musical Festival Association announce that the fourth festival will be given during the month of May, 1880, in the Music Hall Building. Mr. Theodore Thomas has been engaged as musical director.

A princely violinist of remarkable ability is Prince William, the eldest son of the Crown Prince, and the Germans, in praising his skill, refer to the fact that Frederick the Great was a thorough musician. It is hinted that the young Prince is not by any means captivated with the music of

At the late exhumation of the bodies of Beethoven and Schubert from their graves waste lands are put in process of restora- ing skull of Beethoven. The bumps of

--Criminal Mysteries.

The York (Pa.) Daily states that on Saturday last Miss Christian Herman, aged 33 years, daughter of Mr. Fred. Herman, residing in Heidelberg township, Aork county, about six miles from Hanover, walked to that town, where she did some shopping, and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon started homeward. On the way she stopped at the residence of Reuben Snyder, about three-fourths of a mile from her home. At this place a number of persons of engaging in singing. She mingled with the party until about 8 p'clock and then left for home. About 10 o'clock Sunday morning her dead body was discovered in the road about a quarter of a mile from | L. S. BELDEN, Soliciting Agent. her home. The skull was crushed and the W. P. CLYDE & CO., General Agents, brains were exposed to view. The lower jaw was fractured and the cheeks were cut and bruised. Her head was pressed into the ground, indicating that the wounds were inflicted with great force while she was lying down. There were no signs of any struggle or resistance, and the body, with the exception of the head and face, was free from cuts, scars or bruises. Near by were discovered a chestnut club and a piece of wood, both covered with blood, with which the murder had doubtless been committed. A jury of inquest rendered a verdict that the deceased was "willfully and maliciously murdered by person unknown to the jury." A tramp giving the name of Alexander Osborne was arrested in York Menday on suspicion of having some connection with the murder, and is now held to wait developments.

On Sunday week last Miss Mary E. Davis, a young lady, living with Leonard J. Timmons, in Pittsville, Wicomico county, Md., visited her mother, about two miles distant, and after remaining an hour or so started to return home. About sunset she was found by her brother lying dead about three hundred yards from her mother's house. A jury of inquest rendered a verdict that the deceased came to her death from causes unknown to the jury. With the exception of a slight chill, which she had a day or two before, Miss Davis was apparently in good health, and her death is involved in mystery, as there were

Not True it is Hoped. New York Sun.

Washington, Dec. 10.-The preparation of a river and harbor bill came up in an informal conversation at the meeting of the House committee on commerce this such bill will be reported this session. The | world wide reputation. Democrats of the committee feel that this bill passed at the last session, with its enormous and needless appropriations, lost more districts than it carried. They are ORGANS. not disposed to repeat the experiment. There are some appropriations, for works likely to suffer during the coming year which it is considered it would be wise to make, but it is not believed possible to pass a bill meeting simply the needs of harbor improvements without regard to

----The Electoral Question. Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Edmunds is not so confident just now that he will be able to carry his elec- TOW IF ANY ONE WISHES TO FIND toral bill through the Senate, although he does not give up hope. Some of the Democratic Senators who told him at first they would probably support it are now inclined to change their minds. They think that as the Democratic party will have control of both branches of the next Congress, the disposition as to the manner of counting the electoral votes may be safely left in their hands. They have a kind of an idea that if the Republicans were to have control of one or both branches in the next Congress Mr. Edmunds would not be at all anxious about pressing action

The Color Line at the White House.

New York Herald. There seems to be no truth in the statement variously made some time ago to the effect that Mrs. Hayes will invite the quadroon wife of colored Senator Bruce to attend at the first Presidential reception. Nothing at all has been discussed about it in the White House. Senator Bruce has never been invited to dine at the White House or elsewhere with a party of Senators. General Sherman says that if he is invited to dine with Senator Pruce he will accept. Gen Grant never invited Revels of Mississippi, and when he gave a dinner to the St. Domingo Commissioners he left out Fred. Douglass.

One of Augustus Schell's nephews married a niece of Tiffany, the jeweller. The young couple, George F. Tucker and wife, went to Cleveland to live. Tucker got to going with fast young bloods and since last gilists, have been matched to fight for the championship of America and \$1,000 a money. On Saturday there was a scene at the Lake Shore depot, where Mrs. Tucker side, the fight to come off May 8, 1879, in the Lake Shore depot, where Mrs. Tucker

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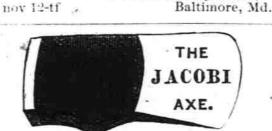
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