

BRIEF OPINIONS.

BALLINGER (Tex.) The farmer has been truly styled the grain-spring to commerce, the backbone of enterprise and the only reliance to any country. —Banner-Leader.

GENERAL NEWS.

The German has decided to adopt the Maxim gun and has ordered 180 of them for use in the navy. While the life saving crew at Bandon were practicing last week their boat capsized and Captain Nelson and three of a crew of eight were drowned.

STATE NEWS.

THE DOINGS OF OUR PEOPLE BRIEFLY AND PLAINLY TOLD. HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED. CHARLOTTE.—One of the new bar rooms closed last night at 9 o'clock on account of "running out of stock."

An Appeal to the Woman of North Carolina.

Great needs prepare the way for great deeds and the women of North Carolina have now an opportunity to prove this true by coming to the support of the lady managers, who are trying to raise a fund for the erection of a State building at the World's Fair in Chicago next year. In these efforts they are relying on the co-operation of their sisters in the State, because this is an hour of need, and the patriotism and pluck of our women and the generosity of our men will not fail the State in any dark hour or real emergency.

The Soldier Clause.

There seems to be much misunderstanding about the following resolution passed by the recent conference of industrial organizations at St. Louis on the 22nd of February. Resolved, That the government should issue legal tender notes and pay the Union soldier the difference between the price of the depreciated money in which he was paid and gold.

New York and Free Coinage.

The claim of the Wall street contingent that the Democratic party of New York state is opposed to the free coinage of silver has nothing whatever to go upon. It is a pretense pure and simple, with all the evidence against it. The matter has never been brought to a test, but it is well known that the voting masses in the cities and towns are in favor of the free coinage of silver, and there is no reason to doubt that the farmers are impressed with the importance of the issue.

Health Department.

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Los Angeles (Cal.) It is not hatred against capital, but hatred against its oppression, that is the saving watchword of the toilers who are preparing to go away with the present oppressive system of industry. —Forepaine.

In the Criminal Court last week at Washington, D. C., counsel for Howard Schneider, convicted of the murder of his wife, filed a motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment.

Winston.—A \$500,000 cotton factory is soon to be added to that growing city's list of enterprises. The \$250,000 of Winston-Salem money unblocked by the transfer of the Koozook and Southern to the Norfolk and Western will be invested in this enterprise. It is expected that this factory will add about 3,000 to Winston's population. —Sentinel.

Southport.—The Meigs-Irwin scheme, which was started a year ago, has been reorganized with new agents at this end. Considerable interest in the project is developing, and it promises well. This does not in any way conflict with the Brunswick, Western and Southern Railroad road or their plans. The successful issue of both will make business and bring immense interest to Southport. —Leader.

Paris Newspapers.

To the last number of the Nineteenth Century Mr. EDWARD DELLE contributes an interesting article on the Paris newspaper press. He begins by professing to defend Parisian journalists from the abuse which BALZAC heaped upon them, but he subsequently admits that in respect of probity and purity most of them deserve the contempt with which the novelist regarded them. There are, however, exceptions which prove clean journalism is not necessarily unprofitable in Paris, and Mr. DELLE is doubtless right in thinking that, if the Parisian could get over his dislike of an eight-page newspaper affording space for a multiplicity of legitimate advertisements, there would be less temptation to make merchandise of editorial and literary opinions.

A New Ship Model.

The Iowa Iron Works of this city, have undertaken to build a boat on an entirely new plan, the object of which is to navigate the river and the ocean. It is to be built after the style of what is called the Lucas plan, and will be the first of its kind. It will have one bow and two sterns, each of which will have a rudder and screw, so that if one is disabled there will remain half the power to make port.

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Des Moines (Iowa) National bank notes are based on the national debt, which draws interest. The bank notes also draw interest whenever in circulation. Like Ben Franklin's, while the system is a dear luxury. —Tribune.

A bill passed the Senate last week appropriating \$25,000 for a public building in Lexington, Va. Also a bill providing that the reduction in the numbers in the engineer corps of the navy provided for in the act of August 5th, 1882, shall be considered as having ceased on June 30th, 1891.

Scotland Neck.—Memorial Day will be properly celebrated here, as it should be throughout the South. It is given by good authority that Mrs. A. E. Burdette, who lives near Hobgood, has in her possession a calf two weeks old with two tails. The second tail grows near the middle of the back. The cold snap of Saturday and Sunday nights did damage to what truck was up. "Frisch potatoes look a fall last night," said Mr. Walden Monday morning. "Peas" were so seriously injured, that they were not blooming. —Democrat.

HENDERSONVILLE.—Mr. S. T. Featherston, who is 85 years of age, and who throughout the war was a fearless and outspoken advocate of the Union cause, has applied to Congress for a small reimbursement of what he expended in getting Union soldiers out of the Confederate and into the Union lines. Mr. F. is now in poor circumstances, although he has once well off in the goods of this world. The loss of his slaves and the adverse termination of a law suit several years ago, compels him to ask his government to "do something for him." —Times.

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There was planted the first colony in North America. Here was born the first white native American. Here was shed the first blood of the Revolution. Here was made the first declaration of Independence. Here was the generous cession of territory to make another State. Ever first for the right and against a wrong and will such a State, with such a people, stand idle while this gate of opportunity into the fields of progress and development? It must not be.

Little Rock (Ark.) Nothing can be gained by indecision. Positive, decided and unalterable action, controlled in moderation and guided in the interest of the masses, will touch a popular chord of sympathy and awaken the applause of the people. —Farmer.

There are but three economies in this civilized world whose corporations are allowed to control the railways and fix rates of traffic, to-wit: Great Britain, Canada and the United States. It is to be hoped that the United States will soon be taken out of this list, and placed in the front rank of progressive civilization. —Dallas (Tex.) Southern Mercury.

The Jewish Emigration Committee has decided not to assist Jews except such as are selected as suitable for colonization. These will be sent in batches of five to the United States. Others will be sent to the Argentine Republic and none will be sent to Palestine. It is estimated that it will take twenty years to settle the Hirsch lands. A telegram was received at the Navy Department last week from Commandant Cotton commanding the U. S. S. Mohican, now in the dry-dock at the British navy-yard at Esplanade, B. C., saying that the damage sustained by the vessel is slight and can be repaired in about eight days. He adds that the work will be done principally by the ship's carpenters.

The jury in the case of Allen Harrison, who, on April 2nd, murdered Bettie Adams, a fifteen year old girl, because she refused to marry him, last week rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree, the penalty for which is death. Sentence has not yet been pronounced. It was an aggravated case, and after committing the crime Harrison tried to take his own life, but failed. A telegram was received at the State Department last week from the Acting Governor of Wyoming, stating that a serious fight had occurred near Fort McKinney between cow-boys and a sheriff's posse and that the sheriff's posse has been defeated. The Acting Governor has requested that United States troops be sent to the scene at once, as the disturbers of the peace had grown so numerous as to be beyond the control of the State officials.

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The Alliance doctrine on tariff is short and simple. That is, take it all off the necessities of life. Leave it on the luxuries. The tariff becomes voluntary. And to raise revenue levy an income tax. That will reach property and leave the person free. The true American idea of taxation is to levy on the remainder after necessity has been supplied. If you tax a man on his clothes and food and implements, you make the laborer pay as much as the millionaire. We believe in equal rights to all and special privileges to none. By a systematic tax of incomes and luxuries as sufficient revenue would be raised, the poor man would pay only equal to the rich, and labor would be enlightened of a large share of its burdens. —Liberator.

Within three years passenger rates on the railroad across the Isthmus of Panama have been reduced 25 per cent. The first result of the war for the extermination of horse thieves in Eastern Montana and Wyoming came to light last week, when the body of a man was found on Alkali Creek, about ten miles from Billings. He had been shot through the head and had been dead several days. The man has not been identified, but is supposed to have been a Wyoming "rustler" on his way to Canada. Two other men suspected to be in communication with horse thieves who have mysteriously disappeared within a few days. Two parties are now out after the rustler, who are at the Jackson Hole in Wyoming, with a thousand stolen horses in their possession.

The Tom Bigbee river at Demopolis, Ala., is rising at the rate of 6 inches an hour and great areas of low lands, planted with corn and cotton, are under water. The rise from the river is within seven and a half feet of the high water of 1874, and will probably pass that point today. The Alabama Great Southern railway track is submerged near Epes station, and trains of that road are using the East Tennessee road to Meridian, Miss. West Point, Miss. —

There were heavy frosts Saturday and Sunday nights and a slight frost Tuesday night. The beans in this section (which there were about 60 acres) were killed, and there was a rush Monday to send to market. —Exchange.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CONDUCTED BY DR. J. W. JONES, LATE PRESIDENT STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. The Relation of Drinking-Water To Some Infectious Diseases. BY THEODORE SMITH, M. D., Washington, D. C.

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The leaders of the enterprise claim that wherever a market is to be reached in shallow water the Lucas ship will be serviceable. It is given an experiment, one that gave the most interest, as it will open up a new era in combined ocean and river navigation. —Dubuque Iowa Dispatch.

The Daily Prayer of Every Preacher Ought to be.

Lord, make me as wise as a serpent, and as harmless as a dove. Give me courage to say things I ought to say. Help me to love the souls of people who are personally unlovable. Help me not to be cast down whenever I am criticized. Give me from being puffed up with vanity whenever people speak well of me. Give me many opportunities for doing good, and help me to improve every one of them. May I be as willing to fail as to succeed, if Thou wilt have it so. May the Spirit of Christ reign in me, and continually shine out through me. It is a sign of wisdom to be willing to receive instruction; the most intelligent sometimes stand in need of it. Life's evening, we may rest assured will take its character from the day which preceded it. —Shuttenworth. (CONTINUED IN OUR NEXT.)