

WHAT HAPPENS WORTH MENTIONING.

Choice Items Taken From Our Exchanges And Boiled Down For The Herald Readers.

A negro was run over by a freight train at Pittsboro last week and instantly killed.

Capt. W. M. Parker, of Wilmington, died of hemorrhage from the stomach at Fayetteville on the 7th inst.

About 400,000 bales of cotton are raised in this State. Of these the 80 cotton factories of the State consume 73,000 bales.

Mr. Ruffin Spivy, of Cape Fear Township, recently captured an eagle that measured over six feet from tip to tip.—Wil. Star.

The North State says that there are eighteen Republican newspapers published in North Carolina now against five two years ago.

There will be the coming year be something like 30,000 for apportionment among the children of the county for educational purposes.—Goldsboro Argus.

The Raleigh Savings Bank has experienced a growth and progress that has far outstripped the most sanguine expectations of the most incorporations and stockholders.

At the farm of Mr. Moses Hobbs, near Edenton, two colored women got into a dispute on Thanksgiving Day, which resulted in one having her head split with an axe.

The Supreme Court has decided that an Agricultural Lien will hold a crop against a prior Chattel Mortgage. The opinion is worth the attention of those interested in such matters.

Six car loads of fine machinery passed through Rocky Mount last week for the Mann-Arrington Gold Mines in Nash county. It looks as if the gentlemen who has it in charge means business.

The Raleigh Chronicle says the number of Granges is increasing in North Carolina at the rate of two a week, and that there now are fifty more granges in the State than there were six months ago.

Newton Enterprise: Col. W. H. Trott can't be beat on hogs this year. He has two hogs, each not over thirteen months old, that will weigh not less than 450 pounds each. And still they grow.

Progressive Farmer: North Carolina will stand close to the front ranks; she is fourth in number in railroad construction in the Southern States, for the year 1887. One hundred and forty-seven miles have been built during the year.

The Richmond & Danville railroad has broken ground at Charlotte for a splendid depot building. It will be of stone and brick, with every convenience for the travelling public. The iron frame shed will be 300 feet long. Good for Charlotte!

Washington Progress: On Wednesday last at Yeadsville, a serious cutting and shooting affair took place. It seems from the facts as best we gather them, that there had been some hard feelings existing between the participants previous to this time, and that they were thrown together on this occasion in some little trial, and after the trial was over they got into a dispute which grew more heated, whereupon the shooting and cutting began. It seems to have been a general row, and during the time Mr. Albin Satchwell was badly, if not fatally shot, the ball entering his breast just below the heart. Mr. David Johnson received two cuts on the head and neck made by a knife, Mr. R. D. Sasnet a heavy blow on the head with a club, and a Mr. Downing was badly cut. Since writing the above Mr. Satchwell has died from the effect of his wound, and Mr. Sam Satchwell has fled. The reason for his flight is attributed to the report that Johnson was dangerously cut and likely to die. It is also rumored that Satchwell did the cutting. Johnson, however, is recovering.

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FIGHTING A DEVIL FISH.

(San Francisco Alta.)

Tuk's companions saw a huge, shiny, serpent-like arm emerge from the water and twine itself around his middle. A great scream broke from his lips and died away in a sickening gurgle as the breath was forced out of him by the compression of the air. Cries of horror and fright arose from Tuk's comrades, and they crouched low in the boat and watched Tuk's struggle in the horrible embrace. Their cries were redoubled when, almost in the space of another moment, six hideous-looking arms arose in the air and began to whirl around like a windmill on a breezy day. The arms or tentacles then began to swish around the boat as if they were feeling for the other Chinese, who were moaning and crying with terror. Tuk's body was still wriggling, and a gurgling came from his throat.

Two of the waving arms were wound around his limbs, binding them with terrific power. Then a huge, jelly-like body rose in the water close by a junk, and by the light of the moon the terrified Chinese saw the huge, gaping mouth of the monster, and the protruding eyes shot out a greenish gleam. A new peril was now staring the wretched fishermen in the face. The weight of the monster's tentacles, one of which was clutching the gunwale fast, was careening over the boat inch by inch. The gunwale was even now almost on a level with the waves, and the shivering, cowering Chinese would be dropped into the mouth or into the embrace of the tentacles.

Fear at last seemed to nerve one of the Chinese with a desperate courage. He crawled over to where a large hatchet was lying, and seizing it made his way to the gunwale. Then, standing up and dodging a blow from one of the whirling arms, he brought the sharp edge of the hatchet heavily down upon the clutching tentacle. One stroke, then a rapid second. The arm was severed, and, at the same time, wind struck the boat's sail and drove her a good distance away from the fish ere it could get another grip. The three men were safe. With streaming eyes they saw the yet struggling form of Tuk dragged beneath the waters. Fearing another attack of the monsters the frightened fishermen got out their long oars and rowed the junk as rapidly as possible from the place.

The New Postmaster General.

(N. Y. Star.)

Don M. Dickinson, nominated for appointment as Postmaster-General, has rendered remarkable services to the Democratic party of his State, and has been a sagacious and far-sighted adviser of the federal administration. Devoted to the pursuits of his profession and of acknowledged eminence at the North-western Bar, he has hitherto refused all candidacies or appointments to public office. The decadence of Republican power over Michigan since Mr. Dickinson's activity has been a controlling force in the councils of the Democracy there is conclusive evidence of his commanding influence at home, while his present nomination shows the estimation in which the President holds his personal sagacity and devotion in the broader sphere of national affairs. In recent presidential campaigns his counsel has been frequently sought at national Democratic headquarters, and always followed with advantage to the party. A man of much enterprise and resource, he is free from eraticism, and has consistently held and exemplified those liberal views through which the Democracy has obtained federal executive power. That Mr. Dickinson will make a successful administrator of postal affairs is doubted by none.

Virginian Finances.

(Norfolk Virginian.)

We have faith that comparatively few people within the Democratic organization will cause for quarrel with Gov. Lee because of his expressed opinions regarding the debt settlement. It is not probable that any consider-

able dissent will be created in any party as to increasing the effectiveness as well as the number of the public schools. It would be to impeach both their humanity and Christianity to suggest that there will be any disposition among legislators to neglect eleemosynary institutions, whatever their cost. It is true that the expenses of the State Government round into the annual sum of \$1,914,181.30, exclusive of interest, which, with interest (142,270.07) on State bonds held by institutions of learning, would swell the total to \$2,056,457.37. To meet these expenditures, the estimated annual receipts from all sources, based upon the assessment of taxes for 1886, will be \$2,521,875.84. This indicates that there will be no necessity for an increase of taxation, and if the Legislature wisely arranges for a settlement with the holders of Virginia obligations "to pay," the people of the State will have little cause to complain of the financial outlook.

Clayton Dots.

The weather is lovely.

The Methodist Sunday school here is to have a Christmas party.

Hinton & Barbour have failed in business and made an assignment.

Some of the darkies here got rather lively late last Saturday afternoon and gave our policemen a bit of exercise.

Prof. Exum Beckwith has been given a professorship at Wake Forest College and will leave for that place soon. But the Utopian Institute will continue under the management of Mr. R. Hunter. We hate very much to part with Mr. Beckwith. Messrs.

A certain young lady says she wants our "country dude" to make haste and get married, for, says she, "every time I send for Mr. B—'s girls to come to my house, they have company and can't come, and he's there every time." G.

Penny Items.

Cherry tree gum dissolved makes a better musilage than you can buy.

Christmas will soon be here. The little children are delighted at the thought of "Santa Claus" visiting them.

Mr. Johnnie Sturdivant, the young man who created such a great excitement the past winter sorry to say, is again troubled as before.

It is with narrow souled people as with narrow necked bottles, the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out.

Miss Alma Penny took charge of the public school at Penny's Academy on Monday morning last. We earnestly hope she will give satisfaction.

The larger portion of the people in this community are looking forward to a grand sermon at Mt. Herman Church on the 25th inst., to be delivered by Rev. Johnnie Jones. Text, "The Birth of Christ." CHAD.

Probably True.

The following conversation, heard by a reporter on the street is suggestive:

"Are you still tugging away at those gloves of yours?"

"Yes, dear."

"You know it disgusts me to see you, walking through the streets making your toilet."

"Does it, dear?"

"Why, do you know that I would just as soon see you pulling on your stockings in the street as your gloves?"

"Most men would," was all she said, and he had nothing else to say.

The Convict's Nemesis.

(From the New York World.)

I read a poem written by a convict serving a sentence of twenty years. His father had left him \$100,000 and by profligacy he had run through it in a year. One stanza struck me:

The old, old story, Charlie, Of pleasures that end in tears; The froth that foams an hour, The drops that are tasted for years.

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THE NATIONAL CAPITOL GOSSIP.

NATIONAL TOPICS REPORTED WEEKLY.

Our Correspondent Writes About The City—Who Are There And What They Are Doing.

To-day the Fiftieth Congress meets. At its close the great body of the National Legislature will have existed one hundred years. In many respects the new convocation will differ from any Congress that has assembled since the beginning of the Great War especially in the number of new members. Of the three hundred and twenty-five who sat in the Forty-ninth Congress one hundred and thirty were retired.

The session opens with but one important question demanding the attention of Congress: The reduction of the revenues of the Government. To the settlement of this problem all other questions must be subordinated, and yet there is much important legislation that may well be undertaken. The approach of another Presidential contest promises to make party lines somewhat more prominent than they were in the last Congress. But it must be admitted that even on the question of revenue reduction neither party in the lower branch is a unit, and whatever settlement may be reached is not likely to count for much as a party victory.

A change has come over Washington in the past week. Day and night many people are upon the street, and among them a large number of strangers. In the evening the hotel lobbies are crowded. Every day the Senators and Representatives and their attaches—followers and proteges and hangers on—have been arriving in great numbers, until now the city is full almost to its winter measure. The lobbies at Willard's, the Riggs, the Arlington, the Ebbitt, the National, and the Metropolitan are packed with Congressmen and people who want something of Congress. The new members, who are credited with less experience, are attended by a larger number of people who want a bet- place than the old members, whose experience has made them sadder and wiser. Still there are few who have not some proteges in charge, whether they like it or not. The place-hunters are devoting themselves to the members, and the latter are shifting about to find other shoulders on which to rest them.

There are lots of small places under the officers of the House—pages, messengers, doorkeepers, folders and clerks under various titles, and there are the clerks to the committees, who are practically private secretaries to the chairmen. But all told there are not half enough places to go around, and many of these are filled by men and boys whose members are still in Congress and must be considered. All the employees of the House whose members have been kept at home will have to go, probably, unless they have managed to transfer their claim to some other more fortunate Representative. And those employees dependent upon the influence of members who have happened to get on the wrong side of any contest will have to go. The new place-hunters are on hand in numbers, and some of them must be provided for.

The fashionable pleasure of life in the Capital City are constantly increasing, and now a new attraction is to be offered in the institution of the "Washington Riding Academy." The list of subscribers includes the names of prominent officials and many of the leaders of society in our midst, the President and members of the Cabinet being among them. This fact insures its success. Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, Chicago, and all the large cities of the country have for years supported and enjoyed academies of this kind. But none of them will excel this new departure in Washington. All the arrangements have been made on the most extensive and elegant scale. The opening of the academy will probably be about the 15th instant, and the New York Riding Club will be present to take part in the pleasant affair. It will doubtless be one

of the most agreeable social events of the season.

During the last summer a lady might have been seen almost any fine morning in the business sections of Washington on a shopping expedition. Attached to a bangle on her wrist by a long slender silver chain was a diminutive turtle, which, if it had no other accomplishment, was an expert in the matter of climbing, for its favorite resting place seemed to be on her shoulder. When the owner of this strange pet alighted from the carriage to chat with a friend before entering one of the stores, the turtle was carefully placed upon the pavement, where it crawled about at the end of the silver chain, greatly to the delight of the small boys of the neighborhood. At the approach of the winter the turtle has been abandoned for the superior charms of a lovely skye dog.

LENOX.

A Democratic Congress.

It was a democratic congress that passed the Inter-State Commerce Law.

It was a democratic congress that enacted a law prohibiting the alien labor.

It was a democratic congress that enacted a law to pension the veterans of the Mexican war.

It was a democratic congress that enacted a law permitting the incorporation of trades union.

It was a democratic congress that enacted a law providing for the redemption of the trade dollar.

It was a democratic congress that enacted a law providing for the protection of American fisheries.

It was a democratic congress that enacted a law preventing the employment of convict labor by federal officers.

It was a democratic congress that forever settled the electoral count business by giving to each state power to say for whom its vote should be cast.

It was a democratic congress that established a tribunal for trying suits against the government, instead of crowding them into the hands of lobbyists.

It was a democratic congress that repealed the tenure of office act enacted by a republican congress for partisan purposes in violation of the constitution.

It was a democratic congress that restored to the public domain 50,000,000 acres of land granted railroad corporations by the republican party and unearned.

It was a democratic congress that passed a resolution to investigate the Pacific railroad, which has already compelled the road to arrange for the payment of both principal and interest on its government bonds.

Not a Superfluous Word.

(Hudson Register.)

Like all President Cleveland's state papers, this message is of characteristic brevity and clearness. There is not a superfluous word in the whole document. It will be more universally read than any message to Congress emanating from the Chief Magistrate, and it will prove very interesting and instructive reading for all. It is largely devoted to the tariff and revenue questions accumulating surplus in the Treasury; and these are really the absorbing topics of the day.

Virginia Opinion.

(Portsmouth Record.)

The message of the President is bold and fearless, and he makes suggestions evidently caring but little whether they lose him the nomination next year or not. Such a man should be appreciated and the people should manifest that appreciation by making him his own successor as he doubtless will be.

The young architect of life should remember that he constructs upon the foundation of his hopes, and when he lays the corner-stone of ambition let him not forget that it must hold the whole structure, and also that he will never build higher than his aim.

POLITICAL POINTS.

A Supreme Court at recognition the existence of State right cannot escape Republican condemnation.

Democratic work is what the country has a right to expect at the hands of a Democratic House of Representatives.—Ex.

Senator Palmer told the Republicans of Michigan, when they assembled at Detroit last week, that he thought the time had come for them to support prohibition.

In the municipal election in New Haven, Conn., on the 6th inst., the Democratic candidates on the city and town tickets were elected.

Goldsboro Argus: The fight for the nomination of Governor goes bravely on. Clark, Stedman, Holt, Gilmore, Alexander and others are in the field.

It is rumored that a movement behind and between the lines of the Republican party in the State is progressing to run Judge Settle for Governor next year.

William Morton, of Louisville, Ky., bet his house and lot that a Republican mayor would be elected. He lost. After transferring his property he cut his throat.

Senator Vance, Senator Gorman, of Maryland, Gov. Hill of New York, and other prominent gentlemen will be fined by the Harlem (N. Y.) Democratic club, on the 29th inst.

The certain way to reduce Democratic majorities is for a Democratic House of Representatives to neglect to reduce unnecessary and unjust taxation.—Washington Post, Dem.

The Republican National Committee held a meeting in Washington recently, and selected Chicago as the place, and June 19th as the date, of the Republican National Convention.

High-stilted Protectionists are becoming convinced that it is an iniquitous thing for the Government to derive a revenue from whiskey when such moral commodities as blankets will bear taxation.—Washington Post, Dem.

The whiskey tax is just about sufficient to pay the soldier's pensions. It is, at present, as cheaply collected as are the customs taxes. It all goes straight into the public treasury, and a very large amount of it is derived from tipplers.—Phil. Record, Dem.

A resolution passed the Virginia House of Representatives last week, in favor of the repeal of the internal revenue taxes, was adopted by a vote of 90 to 1. This vote may be taken as reflecting the almost unanimous wish of the people of Virginia in this vital matter.

A correspondent of the News-Observer urges the nomination of Spier Whitaker, Esq., of Raleigh, as a member of the Supreme Court bench in 1888. He says, "he is in every way qualified for the position. He is young, is of fine legal ability, and has been eminently successful at the bar as a practitioner."

A joint caucus of the Democratic members of the two Houses of the General Assembly, last night, nominated Hon. John S. Barbour for United States Senator, by a unanimous vote. That was as it should be. The honor was fairly won and worthily bestowed. Any other outcome of the recent brilliant Democratic victory in this State would not have reflected the wishes of the Virginia Democracy. They owed Mr. Barbour for his valuable services in several campaigns, and for rescuing the State from the clutches of Mahone, which they could not pay in any better or more appropriate way than by conferring upon him the distinguished honor of United States Senator. But that was not all. They recognize in him those qualities which go to make up the able leader, the wise counsellor, and the useful legislator, and they wanted his services for Virginia in the Senate of the United States. In honoring Mr. Barbour the Virginia Democracy honor themselves and honor Virginia.—Whig.

WHAT THE WORLD DOES WEEKLY.

INTERESTING ITEMS RELATED BRIEFLY.

Newsy Items Which Are Gleaned From Various Sources And Prepared For Our Readers.

Speaker Carlisle is busily engaged in the formation of the House committees.

Rome, Ga., has been designed a free mail delivery city after the first of January next.

Herr Most was denied a new trial, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment without fine.

President Carnot, of France, has summoned M. Goblet, who has agreed to form a new ministry.

General Edward McCrady, instead of challenging a man who slandered him, brought a suit for damages in \$10,000.

A special grand jury is to investigate the election tally sheet sent for forgeries committed in Columbus, Ohio, 1885.

The city of Montgomery, Ala., was visited by a \$250,000 fire last week. The property destroyed was partially insured.

A coal famine is threatened in Minnesota. Many of the small towns have not more than a week's supply on hand.

Secretary Fairchild's Treasury report ably second the position taken by the President on the surplus revenue question.

The Secretary of the Interior asks Congress for an appropriation of \$77,495 to complete the publication of the census reports of 1880.

The Moscow Gazette says the future policy of France will decide whether Germany will be compelled to watch one or both of her frontiers.

The massing of troops by Russia on the Polish frontier is excited comment in Austria, but it is not regarded as portending any immediate danger.

The suit of Mary C. Jones to eject ex-Congressman Morgan Jones from the property of her deceased uncle, John Jones, developed some very humorous testimony.

The Anstrain government is closely watching the movements of the Russian forces in Poland. Should they be much augmented it will likely be regarded as a casus belli.

The total number of new banks formed during the last year is 225; the total number closed during the year in 33, of which 25 went into voluntary liquidation, and 8 failed.

The rebellious Knights of Labor in Chicago have been suspended by Mr. Powderly; they embrace two assemblies, the membership of which is made up of the most radical laborites.

Gov. Lee thinks the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court practically settles the Virginia debt, for the creditors must now accept what the State has the ability to pay.

President of the Senate Ingalls was born in Middleton, Mass., December 29, 1833. He graduated from Williams College when only 18, leaving a good record, both as a painstaking student and as a ready debater.

Edward Harrington, M. P., has been convicted in an Irish Court last week for publishing reports of meetings of suppressed branches of the National League, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment without hard labor.

The Treasury of the United States contains \$282,000,000 in gold; there is deposited in the Bank of France \$237,000,000; the National Bank of Germany holds \$107,000,000 while the bank of England, with its \$100,000,000, is the least of this great quartet of gold depositories.

The Virginia Legislature convened last week, and a message from Gov. Lee was read in both houses; referring to the recent Supreme Court decision, he says he thinks the bondholders will be willing to accept such offer as the State can make for a settlement of what she considered her just debt.