

JOHN.
Fellers, 'tain't no use in talkin'
He's just as game as you are.
And a whole lot gadder, too.
Draw me, boys, I bought 'em.
I bought 'em for your sake.
And every time I harvested
I roused in salty tears 'em.
Sometimes 'twixt me and him
I was simply nipped and tuck,
And then again, see friends—
'Confound my meaz 'n luck!—
He'd sprawl me out and then—
'Well, I know the feller's game.
I've tried him, boys, and know it;
Sometimes you'll say the same.
He'll get the man he tackles
As sure as you are born—
John, you know, I'm speaking of,
Old John Barleycorn.
—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE SWEETEST SONG.
That song is sweetest, bravest, best,
Which plucks the thistle-barb of care
From a despondent brother's breast.
And plants a sprig of leech-gold there.
—Andrew Downing.

BISHOP NEUMANN'S BODY MUMIFIED.
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Changes in the International Revenue Law to go into Effect on July 1.
The following international revenue changes are made in the law now in force:

Taxes repealed on and after July 1, 1902, are as follows: Special taxes on bankers, brokers, dealers in grain, securities, etc., under Par. 3, Sec. 8, act of March 2, 1901, (brokers' class 2); pawn-brokers; custom house brokers; proprietors of theaters, etc.; proprietors of circuses; proprietors of public exhibitions or shows for money; proprietors of bowling alleys or billiard rooms; dealers in leaf tobacco; dealers in tobacco; manufacturers of tobacco; manufacturers of cigars.

Stamp taxes on instruments, papers or documents; deliveries or transfers of stock, and sales and agreements of sale or agreements to sell stocks, products or merchandise (schedule A); wines (schedule B); seats in the parlor or palace cars, and berths in sleeping cars.

Excise taxes on persons, forms, companies and corporations engaged in refining petroleum and sugar.

Excise taxes on fermented liquors the tax is reduced to \$1 per barrel; on snuff and tobacco the tax is reduced to 6 cents per pound. The tax on cigarettes weighing more than three pounds per thousand is reduced to \$3 per thousand...

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The will of Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage was filed here to-day. It leaves an estate of more than \$300,000, of which about \$250,000 is in personal property...

Colored Talk in His Eyes.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 20.—John P. Davis of Pascoag, a new dealer, has lost the sight of one eye, said to have been caused by being poisoned with the coloring from some of the colored pages in the Sunday newspapers.

BILL ARP'S LETTER.
Atlanta Constitution.
As old Uncle Bob Rogers said, "The southern people are the most forgiving people in the world." They will suffer more and suffer longer, and then if their enemy smiles on 'em and feeds 'em with a little sugar, they will kick his hand and forgive him.

what he would have done. I believe he would have joined the lynchers. Why not? He is killing them by the thousands in the Philippines for no crime except loving their country. Our so-called soldiers are putting them to torture of the most horrible kind, and burning their towns, and call it war for the honor of the flag. It makes the blood boil to read about it. They learned all this from Sherman during our civil war, and have improved upon the lesson that he taught them.

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Salisbury Sun.
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A Pathetic Excuse.
Chicago Tribune.
Teachers in the public schools often find parishes and years close together in their experiences with pupils. In one of the West Side schools a teacher in the primary grades had had great difficulty in impressing on her pupils the necessity of bringing written excuses when, for good reasons, they were absent or tardy.

A NOVEL MILL IDEA.
Atlanta Journal.
Rev. Jesse Annon Baldwin, who lived in Charlotte, N. C., several years, has a novel plan for solving the problem of cotton mill labor in the south. His scheme is set forth in an article which appears in Gunton's Magazine for April. It provides for a cotton mill to be run in connection with a boarding school.

Mississippi's Primary Law.
New Orleans States.
According to the terms of the primary Election bill recently passed by the Mississippi Legislature, nominating conventions will become things of the past in that State with the exception only of four years to name delegates to the national conventions and to mass candidates for Presidential Election.

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A Monument to Hampton.
Baltimore Sun.
Already a movement has been started in South Carolina for the erection of a monument to the late Gen. Wade Hampton, and it is expected that in a few days an organization will be perfected for a thorough canvass of the State for funds.

What's to be Done.
Charlotte News.
What is to be done about the increased cost of living? No man can say where the price of meat will stop. It has been climbing steadily upward for weeks; the end is not yet.

Southern Ship Will be Enlarged.
Salisbury Sun.
The Southern shops at Spencer will be thrice as large as they are at present in the next few months. It has been rumored for some time that the shops would be increased and today a Sun reporter interviewed Master Mechanic Robinson on the subject.

A Great Ship Trust.
New York, April 19.—Wall Street was surprised to-day at the announcement that J. Pierpont Morgan has succeeded in forming the biggest steamship combination known in the history of the world in London.

Sons of Governor Davis of Arkansas.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 23.—At a meeting of the Second Baptist church congregation to-night, the discipline committee presented charges against Governor Jefferson Davis, who is a member of the church.

North Carolina Wins the Debate.
NASHVILLE, TENN., April 18.—The last of the series of three inter-collegiate debates between Vanderbilt University and the University of North Carolina occurred here to-night, the visitors from North Carolina gaining the decision.

A Sensible Man.
Charlotte Observer.
The Mooreville Enterprise tells an interesting story of a sensible Calabazoo county farmer who was in his town last week and had a conversation with its editor on local and general politics.

Woman Dies from a Cat Scratch.
Newrich, N. Y., Special.
Mrs. L. E. Hitchcock was playing with the family cat and held up a piece of meat for it. In jumping the cat caught its claws in Mrs. Hitchcock's ankle, making a slight scratch.

Death Takes Faith Priest.
COLUMBIA, S. C., April 21.—(Special.)—At Florence last night Rev. R. W. Gregg, an evangelist, died at the home of State Constable Rowland.

World's Fair Dividend.
CHICAGO, April 23.—The \$450,000 which remains in the treasury of the World's Columbian Exposition Company probably will be divided next week among the 30,000 shareholders.

Spinners Favor a Merge.
Over one hundred cotton spinners from six States and representing 900,000 Southern yarn spindles, met in the rooms of the chamber of commerce at Charlotte yesterday morning to hear the details of a proposition of Mr. F. L. Underwood, of New York city, who wishes to combine 60 per cent. or more of the Southern yarn mills in a \$60,000,000 trust.

Will Not Sit With Negro Delegates.
The Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs, in annual session at Fort Smith, Ark., adopted a resolution opposing any compromise measure "which shall leave a loop hole by which colored women may be introduced into the general Federation of Women's Clubs," and providing for the withdrawal of the Arkansas organization from the National Federation, in case colored women are admitted.

It Was.
"In this a fast train?" asked a passenger, who was tired of sitting at a station at which the train was not supposed to stop.

It Was.
"I thought so. Would you mind my getting out to see what is fast?"

Twenty Cotton Mills Combine.
RALPHS, April 21.—Henry E. Fries, of Winston-Salem, is securing options on over 20 cotton mills in this State and South Carolina in order to place them in a combination company under a New Jersey charter.

Graduated School.
COOLEMERE, April 21.—The Coolemeere Mills will give the operatives the benefit of a new school building which will be erected within the next few months and all arrangements perfected for the opening of the school by September 1st.

And Old-Timer in Trouble.
And old-time darkey, who had gotten into trouble, sent the following letter to one of his "white folks":

To Raise Railroad Ties.
NEW ORLEANS, April 25.—John P. Brown, Secretary of the International Society of Arboriculture, has just completed the planting of 250,000 catalpa trees for the Illinois Central Railroad on its reservation at Harahan, above New Orleans.

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