

Daily Journal-Observer
Fifty millions of dollars were invested in building houses in New York City last year.

It is said that Lady Florence Dixie don't enjoy the jokes that are perpetrated on her steel corsets.

The daughter of Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts, is about to take an editorial position on the Pittsfield Journal.

The Rev. Lindsay Parker, of the New York Ep. at Conference, M. E. Church, will soon take orders in the Episcopal church.

The day that Postmaster General Howed died, Frank Hatton, first assistant postmaster general, narrowly escaped death by a runaway accident.

Judge Kyle of Alabama, evidently believes that the Southern farmer raises too much cotton and refuses to rent his lands to persons to cultivate cotton.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., Democrat and Times are exchanging editorial comment on the peculiar kind that pass when the angry passions rise.

New York does not wish to put people to any extra trouble when they have legal swearing to do, and consequently supplies them with 12,529 notaries public.

The pamphlet published by Mr. W. B. Henry, of Raleigh, on too much cotton, is attracting considerable attention in Georgia and other Southern States.

The par value of seats in the New York Cotton Exchange is \$10,000, but the other day a seat belonging to a bankrupt broker was sold at auction for \$3,800.

It is now said that Keeley, the motor man, will make a trial trip with a locomotive expressly constructed for the purpose on the 25th of next July. The apparatus will have a power equivalent to a 500-horse power.

Members of a new Western temperance society, indicated by an eloquent Roman Catholic priest of Milwaukee, and called the League of the Cross, do not commit themselves to total abstinence, but swear not to enter any place where alcoholic drinks are sold for consumption on the premises.

From a correspondence published in Thursday's issue of the Raleigh News and Observer we learn that while Gov. Jarvis has tendered the appointment of State Geologist to Prof. Kerr, the latter has not yet signified his acceptance, but has the matter under consideration.

The Pennsylvania politicians have raised the cry that "the business interests of the country" demand Mr. Randall's election to the Speakership of the next House. If the business interests of the country abate which they talk were identical with the people's interests the cry would be more cheerfully responded to than it is likely to be.

It is reported from Washington that Frank Hatton, First Assistant Postmaster General, is in the lead for the vacant place of Postmaster General. Practically speaking, he ran the machine before the death of Postmaster General Howe, who wasn't much at home in the mail bag department.

A miser recently died in Westmoreland county, Pa. The miser who preached his funeral sermon dwelt in severe terms on his absorbing love of money and general meanness, and then perhaps he felt bad when the miser's will was read, and it was discovered that he had bequeathed \$1,000 to that minister's church.

It is interesting to know that Dr. Lewis Swift, who has just taken the prize of the Paris Academy of Science as the most distinguished astronomer of the year, only a few years ago kept a little hardware store in the suburbs of Washington, D. C., and carried on amateur observations from the roof of a convenient cider mill.

Public men who have aspirations to office should not amuse themselves with lighter writing. For the letters are sure to be raked up, and mix things, sometimes, terribly. They are pulling out some old epistles now on Mr. Boynton, of Georgia, written in 1868, congratulating Bullock on his election as Governor, and they are damaging his prospects very much.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer says: "In eleven years I have never seen the Ohio Democracy more hopeful, more united, more harmonious, there are no factions. There is a good natured rivalry between Judge Hoadly and Judge Geddes and Gen. Durbin Ward for governor, but there is no bitterness. The feeling is that whoever is nominated can be elected."

The progress of railroads in Mexico is attracting the people of that behind-the-times country. One of the Mexican journals complains that railroads take away workmen from field labor, and that the locomotives burn too much wood.

In the early days of railroads in the West the farmers of some sections objected to them because the whistle of the locomotive frightened the cattle and prevented them from grazing comfortably.

There is at least one candid Republican in the country, and he is the man who writes to the New York Sun that his party will be cowardly if they do not declare in their platform in 1884 that the primary object of customs duties shall be the protection of every industry in the United States up to the point of absolute independence of foreign competition; that "revenue shall be incidental to protection," and that "in no case shall protection be incidental to revenue."

This is the true Radical doctrine, plainly stated, and we hope the party will be honest enough to put it in their platform and ask the people to endorse it.

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A 330 lb Drumsnorter. Mr. H. Maddux, who during the war was a slim, athletic young private in Mealy's command, and who is now traveling salesman for a Baltimore liquor house, was in the city yesterday and registered at the Buford House. In personal appearance he has considerably changed and none of his old comrades who might see him now for the first time since the war, would have any idea who he is. A string three feet long will just about reach around his waist and from shoulder to shoulder he is as broad as two ordinary men. His actual weight is three hundred and thirty pounds. Nothing like him has been seen in these parts for a long while. Mr. Maddux is a good natured and jovial fellow, and has never sold down anybody, and his life has never been much like weight.

A Cabarrus Boy's Work in Mexico-Aid. It is generally known that the first Protestant church ever organized in Tampico, Mexico, has been firmly established under the pastorate of Rev. Neill E. Presley, a young minister who went from Cabarrus county to the land of the Montezumas, as a missionary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the South. Mr. Presley was a young man of good position, in our neighborhood, and is consequently identified very closely with the sentiments and opinions of this section. His little church in Tampico has gathered such strength as to justify the erection of a larger house of worship. Wherever he and his church have friends, they are being raised to aid in its erection. From this date until Tuesday evening next, any contributions to this fund will be gratefully received at the A. R. P. church in this city by Rev. Dr. Presley, the young missionary's father, who will immediately forward to Rev. W. E. Presley, the treasurer of the church and, if more convenient, to contributors, such donations will be received at THE JOURNAL-OBSERVER office and duly acknowledged.