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Explorer Stanley says the slave trade in Africa cannot be suppressed unless the European Powers join together and break up the ivory trade.

The London *Financial News* says that "existing conditions are distinctly favorable to cheap money, and if we are not quite on the eve of a three per cent. standard, we are, at all events, within measurable distance of a reduction of at least one-half per cent. of the present minimum."

Says the *Macon (Ga.) Telegraph*: It will not be long before the horse car will have become a thing of the past, save in very sleepy communities. Electricity, as a motive power for street transit, seems to be carrying the day everywhere. In St. Louis alone they are now equipping seven electric street cars with ninety-two miles of track at a cost of \$3,500,000. It is believed that by the end of the present year the last horse car will have disappeared from that city.

The honors paid Italy to President Carnot on the occasion of his visit to Corsica indicate a change of policy. As long as Bismarck was at the helm Signor Crispi, the Italian Premier, gave only freezing glances toward Italy's old ally across the Alps, but Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe the subtle Italian septuagenarian warmed toward the French. It would seem that the new situation is a good thing for France, since both Italy and Germany are suddenly and simultaneously cultivating her good graces.

In the good old Bible times the cutting off of Samson's hair brought great tribulation upon the dwellers in Gath and in the land of Askelon, but down in Kentucky it seems, states the *Philadelphia Press*, the bloody Howard-Turner feud originated in the burning off of the snaky locks of one of the mountaineer's during a night of joviality. As a tonsorial accessory fire is not quite the thing, and the Kentucky backwoodsmen evidently believe the best hair cut is to be obtained by using a tin basin and sheep shears.

The population of the United States in the year 1880 was 50,000,000 and about one-seventh of it is estimated that the population in 1890 will be nearly 64,500,000. The exact figures put down by the enumerators are 64,442,807. They, however, reckon that three of the divisions of the country which they have estimated are too small; they put down Oregon at about 262,000, Washington at 225,000 and Wyoming at 36,000, and say that they are all too small. The probabilities therefore are, says Gath in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, that the American census, if correctly surmised, may be something like 64,700,000 people.

The oldest man in the British navy is now in his one hundredth year. Sir Provo William Parry Wallis, the senior Admiral of the Fleet, is the only survivor of the famous naval combat between the British ship Shannon and the American frigate Chesapeake, off Boston Harbor, on June 1, 1813. He was the actual captor of the Chesapeake, the First-Lieutenant or the Shannon having been killed and the Captain dangerously wounded, so that the American Captain surrendered to Wallis, as the senior officer in command. The aged Admiral was born at Halifax, in Nova Scotia, on April 12, 1791, and was actually entered on the books of the navy on May 1, 1795, on board the *L'Oiseau*, at Halifax, where his father was chief clerk in the naval yard. Thus he has really been in the naval service for the space of nearly ninety-five years.

Some of the recent applications of electricity would appear positively grotesque, declares the *New York Sun*, if they were not so remarkably practical and valuable. In this class may be reckoned an ingenious invention which dates from Chicago, to wit, an electric carpet sewing machine. The machine is mounted on four wheels of the bicycle pattern, which combine strength with lightness and ease of motion. A small boy can start the machine, and either ride on it or walk ahead of it and match or pin the carpet ready for the needle. When a different stitch is desired another sewing machine may be adjusted to the carriage with but little trouble. The immense saving of labor that is accomplished by this machine is apparent. By hand about twenty-five yards of carpet can be sewn in a day; by this device about eight yards a minute. The inventor proposes to place two machines, one following the other, on the same track, and operate both at the same time. Thus ingrain and Brussels carpet may be sewn at the same time and the amount of work done be doubled. It is claimed that, with six boys to operate two machines, an amount of work equal to that now done by 300 girls can be turned out. The seam is much superior in evenness and flatness to anything that can be done by hand.

NEWS SUMMARY.

FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTHLAND.

Accidents Calamities. Pleasant News and Notes of Industry.

VIRGINIA.

The Governor received the following letter from Mrs. Jefferson Davis:

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your kind invitation to be present at the unveiling of the statue of our great Gen. R. E. Lee. His fame is the proud heritage of the Southern people, and our whole family feels gratified by the knowledge that a fitting monument has been reared to perpetuate his wisdom and valor in the beloved city that he so long and ably defended. Sorrow and physical infirmity will prevent my being with you. I trust nothing will mar the grace and dignity of the ceremony over which you will preside, and to which the Southern people look forward with such glad expectation.

Believe me, dear sir, yours faithfully,

V. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The delegates to the Pan-American conference spent yesterday in Lexington. They visited the grave of Stonewall Jackson and afterwards the mausoleum of General Lee.

R. J. Cunningham was shot and killed by a woman near Rocky Mount.

The Shuttles block factory at Gordonsville, has been closed for the season.

TENNESSEE.

The national conference of the state boards of health met at the state capital in Nashville, President J. N. McCormick, of Kentucky, in the chair.

A prominent farmer named J. T. Hill, living seven miles from Riceville, suicided by shooting himself twice in the forehead. One bullet penetrated the skull over the right eye, the other above the left. Some months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and it is thought that, losing all hope of recovery, the mind became unbalanced.

A great scarcity of day labor exists at present in Chattanooga, and contractors are much troubled by it. To such an extent is it prevalent that announcements were made from several colored pulpits Sunday, asking for men to report at places for work. One company has advanced wages from \$1.15 to \$1.35 per day, and the tendency is still upward.

The American Medical association, in session at Nashville, elected Dr. W. T. Briggs, of Nashville, as president, and selected Washington, D. C., as the next place of meeting.

The bank of Middle Tennessee, located in Lebanon, made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors; liabilities about \$90,000. This was a state bank.

NORTH CAROLINA.

For a year the Wetmore Shoe company has employed city convicts, at the penitentiary in Raleigh, in the manufacture of shoes. The company has suspended operations and surrendered its convicts, which were employed under contract. Money had been steadily lost by the use of this labor. A number of firms will not handle penitentiary-made shoes, and there was a considerable boycott. The plant will all be removed to a private factory at Greensboro, and the convicts will be put on railroad work.

All the shoes made by this company were sold in other States.

Burgaw is to have a cannery factory. A cannery factory will be erected at Durham.

The Farmers' Alliance will establish a tobacco factory at Durham.

Northern capitalists have purchased a granite quarry in Iredell county.

The Farmers' Alliance is considering the establishment of a cotton seed oil mill at Monroe.

The Sam Jones Tabernacle at Charlotte has been torn down.

The Cabarrus County Colored Fair has been organized with Whit Shankle president. The fair will be held on the 18th, 14th and 15th of August.

Steps are being taken toward the establishment of cotton factories in La Grange and Kinston.

The Winston Chamber of Commerce has passed resolutions strongly endorsing the issuing of bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for city improvements.

Col. Joseph A. Branner, a well-known educator of North Carolina, died at Asheville.

William Anderson, president of the Citizens' National bank, of Raleigh, N. C., died suddenly in that city of heart disease.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mr. J. W. Reid, Alliance statistician for the State, says that it will be a difficult matter to get up the statistics required, for there is so much labor required that the facts cannot be obtained by the time required. Then, the work, if properly and correctly done, is so onerous that it will be impossible to have it accomplished without compensating those who do it.

At a regular meeting of the town council of Aiken, one hundred dollars was appropriated for the benefit of the Palmetto Rifles to help in defraying the expenses of their trip to Richmond, Va.

Greenville has organized the Sans Souci Driving Park Association. B. F. Perry offered to furnish the track and grounds known as the "Sans Souci Driving Park" for the use of the Association free of any charge whatever. The tracks are complete and one of the finest in the South.

Congressman Turner has reported favorably from the House committee on commerce a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Savannah River between South Carolina and Georgia for the use of "the South-Bound Railroad Company," a railroad corporation authorized by charters of the States of South Carolina and Georgia to build a railroad from Columbia, S. C., to the St. Mary's River, on the line of Florida, and the bridge is a necessity to the railroad. The bill has

the approval of the Secretary of War and contains the usual safeguards.

It is said that the Port Royal railroad, which will connect South Carolina with Mexico, will pass through Milton county and probably by Alpharetta.

Barwell will erect a 20,000 gallon tank and wind-mill to supply the town with water.

Florence will soon have a foundry and machine shop.

A stock company has been incorporated as the Graham Waggon Works, at Graham's Turn Out.

GEORGIA.

Rev. Henry Howren, the now famous young evangelist, who, thirteen months ago, left a life of sinfulness and debauchery to follow the ministerial robe, has been in Columbus, and preached to enormous crowds.

Yesterday morning he preached at St. Paul church, in the afternoon at St. Luke's, and at night at the Rose Hill Methodist church. Every foot of available sitting and standing room was occupied on all three of the occasions, and hundreds of people went away because they could not find room in the churches.

Major Marcellus Stanley, one of Athens' most distinguished citizens, died at his home on Dearing street. He had been in declining health for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He was a man of distinguished career.

A large number of melon and fruit men were in Macon Friday. An important meeting was held, at which features in regard to handling the crop was fully discussed.

Co-operation, the melon men say, is necessary. It will prevent the markets from being overstocked, and growers will realize double the usual price for their melons, peaches, grapes, etc.

It is said the July melons will bring the grower from \$125 to \$150.

Only about 13,000 cars of melons are raised in Georgia and South Carolina, but 25,000 cars could easily be disposed of if properly distributed. A grand barbecue dinner was given the visitors and a royal big time was had.

Several of the counties of Middle Georgia have determined to prepare exhibits for the Piedmont exposition.

An Alliance ware-house is being built at Alapaha, in Berrien county.

Warren county is determined to have a fair building, and it will be located at Warrenton.

OTHER STATES.

Ex-Senator Charles W. Jones, of Florida, has been adjudged insane at Detroit, and committed to St. Joseph's retreat by Probate Judge Durfee.

The Alabama Midland railroad from Montgomery, Alabama, to Bainbridge, Georgia, has been opened up for business.

Town Marshal Mitchell, of Cedar Keys who assisted Mayor Cottrell in his outrages, has been released on \$2,000 bail.

F. W. Jewell, formerly manager of the Caldwell hotel, Birmingham, Ala., has left this city, taking the books of the hotel with him and leaving many creditors behind. Jewell went to Michigan on business. During his absence several creditors brought suit against him. Two waiters at the hotel struck and the hotel company took charge. Jewell came home and announced that he would pay all bills and take charge of the hotel. Dr. Caldwell, president of the hotel company, asked to see the books, Jewell said he would get them, but instead he suddenly left the city, taking the books with him.

The thirtieth annual convolve of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, convened at Huntsville, Ala. A grand banquet was given there at the Huntsville hotel by the local lodge. There is not a consistency in the State, but one will be established soon at Birmingham. A movement is on foot to build a fifty thousand dollar temple at Montgomery.

A HORROR IN HAVANA.

Explosion of a Barrel of Powder in a Burning Building.

A fire broke out in Yasa's hardware store at Havana yesterday. In a short time the flames reached a barrel of powder in the building and a terrific explosion followed. The whole structure was blown to pieces, and twenty two persons were killed.

Among the dead are four fire chiefs, Senors Musset, Jenovicow, Oagar, Conih and Francisco Ordovez, and the architect, Senor Francisco Silver, who happened to be in front of the building at the time. In addition to the killed over one hundred persons were injured.

The explosion caused the wildest excitement throughout the city, and thousands flocked to the scene of the disaster. The Governor General, civil Governor and all the principal authorities of the city were promptly on the ground and did everything in their power to aid the injured and calm the grief of the stricken relatives of the victims.

Several houses adjacent to the wrecked building were damaged by the explosion. Gangs of men are at work on the debris. Many human limbs have been taken from the ruins. The relatives of missing persons supposed to be in the ruins are gathered on the spot, and as the bodies are brought out the scenes are most distressing.

The conduct of the authorities is the subject of universal praise. The high officials have incurred personal risk in conducting the search for the dead, and have offered the use of their own carriages to convey the injured to hospitals. Yasa, proprietor of the wrecked hardware store, has been arrested.

Tedland fishermen now carry oil regularly as a means of smoothing the waves and enabling them to continue at work, in weather in which heretofore their boats could not have lived.

THE UNVEILING.

THOUSANDS HONOR THE TRIBUTE TO R. E. LEE.

Richmond Arms Opened Wide to Her Guests—Summary of the Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA.—All the colors of the rainbow combine to deck Richmond in loveliness, and she indeed presents a beautiful appearance on her principal streets. On Main Street and Franklin Street are crossed, the Virginia flag, with the side of her stately statesman, General Lee, and the government flag of the "storm-torn nation." The blue bunting is hung with the gray, and the red with the blue, while coats of arms, portraits of Lee and other emblems are placed in every niche and corner. It is indeed beautiful, a perfect kaleidoscope of color, and reflects much credit on the citizens of this fair city. Taste and generous display characterize all the decorations. One could not refrain from becoming enthusiastic at the sight presented, and unconsciously the words of some stirring song would form on the lips of the men who followed Lee and with their hearts bowed stars and banners brought many reminiscences to their minds of days long ago; many thoughts of battles won and battles lost; many remembrances of comrades who gave up their life for the cause, and the eyes of the vets were filled with tears as they remembered these things, all save their memories being things of the past.

On the 29th of May drum and fife, bugle and band, infantry, artillery and cavalry, with battle flags, veterans and sons of veterans, gave to the streets of the city once more a well remembered appearance. But now the uniforms were new and glossy—no stain of camp or trench upon them; the horses were sleek and well fed, guns and swords bright and shiny. There was no ambulance corps, no hospital flags, and no woe, no hearts of women sickened with fear at the sound of artillery. It was the pageantry of war with none of its horrors. All this means that on that day the equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee, mounted on a magnificent granite pedestal, forty-two feet high, was unveiled here. The ceremonies took place amid such salvos of artillery, such cheering of veterans and volunteers, such enthusiasm and parade, as have never been heard or seen in Richmond, and indeed rarely surpassed on a similar occasion anywhere.

General Hugh Lee, nephew of Robert E. Lee, and Governor of Virginia, was the chief marshal of the parade. His chief of staff was General John R. Cooke, and the latter's aides were the gentlemen who served him in that capacity, while he was Governor. The ceremonies were entirely in charge of R. E. Lee camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans.

Gen. Wade Hampton accepted the invitation to command the cavalry and Gen. Harry Heath the infantry. The procession moved at noon; about 2 o'clock it reached the monument grounds, where the formal exercises occurred. Here a grand stand for 1,000 persons had been erected, to which admission was had by card.

Governor McKinney, president of the Lee Monument Association, called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Mingos, of Alexandria, rector of the Episcopal church of St. Paul's, in this city, who was the pastor of Jefferson Davis and of General Lee's family. The Governor introduced General Jubal A. Early, the surviving ranking officer of the Army of Northern Virginia, who made a short address. At its close General Joseph E. Johnston pulled a halcyon and removed the veil covering the statue amid salvos of artillery. The oration was delivered by Col. Archer Anderson, who was chief of staff of General Joseph E. Johnston. The hymn, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord," was sung during the exercises—just after the prayer.

At the close of the exercises the veterans and artillery, who together numbered several thousand, lined at the exposition grounds, where the military was quartered, while here.

There was a great display of fireworks on the monument grounds and the visiting military officers were banqueted at the harmony by the officers of the 1st regiment.

One of the grandest Longstreet, one of the most gallant officers of the Confederate service, who was tendered an ovation. It was the first time since the outbreak of the Union forces at the battle of Seven Pines, which was the first fight before whose charge on Pickett's division of Gettysburg was impregnable height and those who followed him impetuously. Longstreet was head during the war and he still has people.

Besides the uniformed troops there were in line veterans from Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas. The uniformed troops and veterans were given positions in line in the order in which the States succeeded. This put the Washington Light Infantry, of Charleston, one of the oldest volunteer military organizations in this country, was represented by them the historic flag used in the Revolution. Campens in the rear asked his opinion about the use of Gray hair in Richmond, said: "I think even Confederate colors. Of course all sensible men understand that the war is over, and that we are perfectly loyal to the United States Government, and that the Confederate colors no mean only a sentiment. The Confederate decorations mean that we honor those who led us, and therefore shed their blood for us—nothing more."

COL. ANDERSON'S ORATION.

An Eloquent Review of Lee's Life, and Tribute to His Memory.

"Fellow Citizens,—A people carves its own image in the monuments of its great men. Not Virginians only, not those who dwell in the fair land stretching from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, but all who bear the American name may proudly consent that posterity shall judge them by the structure which we are here to dedicate and crown with a heroic figure. For as the Latin poet said that wherever the Roman name and sway extended there should be the sepulchre of Pompey, so today, in every part of America, the character and fame of Robert Edward Lee are treasured as a 'possession for all time.'"

And if this be true of that great name, what shall be said of the circumstances which surround us on this day of solemn commemoration? That at the end of the first quarter of a century, after the close of a stupendous civil war, in which more than a million men struggled for the mastery during four years of fierce and bloody conflict, we should see the Southern States in complete possession of their former government, the Federal Constitution unchanged save as respects the great issues submitted to the arbitration of war, and the defeated party whilst in full and patriotic sympathy with all the present grandeur and imperial promise of a reunited country—still not held to renounce any glorious memory, but free to heap honors upon their trusted leaders, living or dead—all this reveals a character which the American people may well be content to be handed down to history.

All this, all more, will be the testimony of the solid fabric we here complete. It will recall the generous initiative and the unflinching zeal of those noble women of the South to whom in large measure we owe this auspicious day; it will bear its lasting witness as the voluntary offering of the people, not the governments of the Southern States; and standing as a perpetual memorial of our great leader, it will stand not less as an enduring record of what his fellow citizens deemed most worthy to be honored.

What kind of greatness—it may be fitting to ask—of that kind of greatness should we most honor in their fellow men? Vast and varied is the circle of human excellence—where is our paramount allegiance due? In that temple of silence and reconciliation, that Westminster Abbey of Florence, whither so many paths of glory led, you may read one answer to this question on the cenotaph of Dante in the inscription: "Honor the medical poet himself applied to his great master, Virgil. After near six centuries they still touch some of the deepest feelings of the heart. And with them come crowding on the mind memories of a long line of poets, artists, historians, orators, thinkers who have sounded all the depths of speculation, princes of science who have advanced the frontiers of ordered knowledge, of the least of whom it may be said—as Newton's gravestone records of the greatest—that he was an honor to the race of men. Yes, in our life we may think and act, and it will and action and courage did not make up its greatest part, men might justly reverence the genius of poets and thinkers above all other greatness. But strong and natural as is the inclination of those given up to the intellectual life thus to exalt the triumphs of the imagination and the reason, some practical labors, though doubtless of the greatest utility, and the multitude is right. In a large and true sense conduct is more than intellect, more than art or eloquence—to have done great things is nobler than to have thought or expressed them."

BIRTH AND MARRIAGE.

Lee was fortunate in his birth, for he sprang from a race of men who had just shown in a world famous struggle, to a class selected to rule because fittest to rule. His father had won a brilliant fame as a cavalry leader and the signal honor of the warm friendship of Washington. The death of "Light-Horse" Harry Lee when Robert Lee was only eleven years old made the boy the protector of his mother—a school of virtue nature had formed for her character that was not to be developed for honor. It was not to doubt, the example of his father's brilliant service, but mainly the soldier's blood which flowed in his veins that impelled him to seek a place in the Military Academy at West Point. He was presented to President Harrison and we may well believe the story that the old soldier was quickly won by the gallant youth and willingly secured him to the army. I cannot dwell on his proficiency in the military school or his early years of useful service in the corps of engineers, though doubtless some practical labors had an important influence upon the future leader of that Army of Northern Virginia, so famous for its

"Looming bastions fringed with fire"—the creation of the axe and spade. One auspicious incident of that time I must not pass by—his marriage to the first grand daughter of Washington's wife. Thus another tie was formed which connected him by daily associations of family and place with Washington's fame and character. He became in some sort Washington's direct personal representative. Is it fanciful to suppose that all this had an immediate effect on his nature, so moulded already to match with whatever was grant and noble?

DISPARITY OF MEMBERS.

Col. Anderson followed with a lengthy and brilliant review of Gen. Lee's military career, and said: "You will search in vain in history for a parallel to such uniform, excessive, and prolonged disparity in numbers, such amazing inferiority in all the material and appliances of war, crowned by such a succession of brilliant though dearly-bought victories. If these considerations in themselves establish Lee's fame, they also vindicate it from the only criticism to which it has been subjected. They justify and explain the comparatively indecisive character of those victories."

CHANCELLORSVILLE.

Of the battle of Chancellorsville, Col. Anderson said: "The battle of Chancellorsville will

rank with the model battles of history. It displayed Lee in every character of military greatness. Nothing could exceed the sublime intrepidity with which, leaving early to dispute the heights of Fredericksburg against Sedwick's imposing force, he himself led five weak divisions to confront Hooker's mighty host. Lee meant to fight but not in the dark. He meant first to look his adversary in the eye. He meant to see himself how to aim his blow. Where shall we find a match for the vigor, the swiftness, the audacity of that flank march assigned to Jackson? For the fierce and determined front attack led by Lee himself? There is nothing equal to it; save only Frederick's immortal stroke of daring on the Austrian flank at Lepenthe. But the second day brings out the strongest and grandest lines of the Confederate commander's heroic character. Jackson has been stricken down. Lee's right arm has been torn from him, but the unconquerable firmness of his nature, resisting every suggestion of weakness, and that inborn love of fight without which no general can be great, blazing out and kindling all it touched, he forces on the fierce attack along the whole line till in a wild tumult of battle the Federal army waters great groves and sweeps away. The advance it pushed will drive the enemy in confusion to the river. And Lee is preparing for a combined assault. But a new element now bursts into the action.

News is brought from ten miles away that the Confederates have been driven from the heights of Fredericksburg to the Rappahannock and Sedwick is marching in Lee's rear. Lee's energy and firmness are equal to the crisis. He promptly hurls four brigades from under his own hand at the head of Sedwick's column, and with bold counter-attack hems in Hooker's army of nearly three times his own numbers. If it were not the sternest tragedy it might be comedy. This feat of 30,000 men against up 80,000. But Hooker has been beaten, the decisive point is not there, as the eye of genius can intuitively see. It is with Sedwick six miles away, and realizing in his practice the golden maxim of the schools, Lee is quickly at that point in sufficient if not superior force. Sedwick is crushed on the third day driven across the river. Lee now concentrates all his force to fall upon Hooker with a final and overwhelming blow. The fifth day breaks, and lo! the Federal army has vanished, not a man of them save the dead, the wounded, and the prisoners remaining on the Richmond side of the Rappahannock.

What was left undone by Lee that genius, constancy, and daring could do? Will any man say that the Confederate army should have followed its defeated but colossal adversary across the river? This would have been to invite disaster."

AFTER THE CONTEST.

When the Hollywood pyramid was first erected the Confederate dead, some of the names of the fallen, were suggested for the inscription a classic verse, which may be rendered: "They died for their country—their country comes great victory should be equal to human despair."

Far different were the thoughts of Lee. He had drawn his sword in obedience only to the dictates of duty and honor, and looking back in the interest of every laborer in the land that such duties should be imposed as would give employment to the people of the United States, and not to people of other countries. There was the capacity in this country to make all the cotton ties which were required.

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Mr. Sayers' amendment was rejected; 90 to 124. Mr. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, offered an amendment to make the duty on cotton ties 45 per cent. ad valorem.

Mr. McKenna moved to amend the sugar schedule so as to provide that all sugars not above No. 13 Dutch standard in color, shall pay duty on their relationship to a reduction of about 35 per cent. on the existing duty. It returned the dividing line at 13 instead of 16, and secured to the refiners of this country the refining of sugar between 13 and 16.

Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, said the position of Mr. McKenna was specious and dangerous.

Mr. C. of Louisiana, favored the amendment.

Mr. Stewart, of Vermont, thought the bounty should be extended to maple sugar.

Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, said he did not believe a Democratic Congress would ever make an appropriation to pay the proposed bounty.

Mr. Coleman, of Louisiana, wanted sugar struck from his free list. The government could not abolish the duty on sugar, and at the same time reduce the public debt.

After further miscellaneous debate, Mr. McKinley closed the discussion with an argument against the McKenna argument. He said the committee, fearing that the Democrats when in power would refuse to appropriate money for the bounty, had provided that the appropriation should be permanent. The McKenna amendment was rejected, 145 to 124.

The Democrats made a fight and on two important amendments relative to yard made from Jute and the woolen schedule defeated McKinley with the aid of six Republican votes.

It was the Democrats' policy to call for a separate vote on every amendment that proposed an increase of duty, and in consequence the greater part of the day was spent in calling the rolls. Democrats and Republicans remained constantly in their places and followed the proceedings closely, responding promptly at all times to the directions of Mr. Carlisle and Mr. McKinley.

The Democrats displayed discipline throughout the fight and, although the bill passed, the minority scored two decisive points on Jute and wool.

The bill, as it passed the House, will hardly become a law, as it is said that the Senate will have to remodel it.

The Methodist General Conference.

St. Louis.—In the Methodist Episcopal General Conference, Rev. Wm. H. Harrison, of Nashville, was re-elected book editor. Rev. Dr. W. G. E. Cunningham was elected editor of Sunday school literature to take from the Holston Conference its North Carolina territory and add to the new West North Carolina was agreed to, after long debate. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its session in St. Louis cleared off the calendar, closed up all its business, and after three weeks continuous and arduous labor, adjourned sine die.

The next general conference will be convened on the first Tuesday in May, 1891, the place of meeting to be determined by a committee appointed for that purpose.

CONGRESS.

A BLOW AT COTTON INTERESTS. That is Mr. Blanchard's Opinion of the McKinley Bill.

The House went into the Committee of the Whole (Grosvenor, in the chair) on the tariff bill.

Mr. Henderson, of North Carolina, offered an amendment abolishing the minimum punishment prescribed for violation of the internal revenue laws. Rejected.

Mr. Cowles, of North Carolina, offered an amendment repealing the tobacco tax. Rejected.

Mr. Sayers, of Texas, offered an amendment providing that iron and steel cotton ties, or hoops for bailing of other purposes, not thinner than No. 20 wire gauge, shall be admitted free of duty.

Mr. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, offered in favor of the amendment, and pressed against proposed increase of duty on cotton ties.

Mr. Blanchard, of Louisiana, regarded the bill as a direct blow at the cotton growing interests of the South. The burden on the cotton producers would be increased nearly \$1,000,000. The life of a cotton tie was one year, and this duty had to be paid yearly. The life of a steel rail was ten years, and this duty must be paid once in a decade.

In 1882 there were but two cotton tie manufacturing in the country, producing \$262,000 worth of ties and employing 250 men. This was too small a product, and too small employment, to justify an increase in the duty on cotton ties from 35 to 104 per cent.

Mr. Stewart, of Georgia, said: The effect of the provision of the bill in regard to cotton ties would be to bear heavily upon the colored laborer of the South. If the amendment were voted down, colored men of the South would know who their real friends were.

Mr. Bayne, of Pennsylvania, contended that it was the interest of the colored laborer of the South as well as the interest of every laborer in the land that such duties should be imposed as would give employment to the people of the United States, and not to people of other countries. There was the capacity in this country to make all the cotton ties which were required.

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TRUSTS AND THE TARIFF.

A favorite fallacy of the Democrats in dealing with the tariff is to charge to the account of protection all the trusts and combines in the country.

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SIAM'S FLOATING CAPITAL.

PICTURESQUE BANGKOK, THE VENICE OF THE ORIENT.

A Populous and Magnificent City Built Upon Piling, Above the Water-Floating Houses.

A floating city of half a million souls with an environment of Oriental splendor, with the temples of Buddha and the palaces and gardens of the King made to a place picturesque beyond description; but it is the capital of a country where the brutal system of slavery for debt continues to curse the poor, and where the women are drudges for the men, who are themselves the property of the King.

Frank Carpenter, the veteran journalist, gives in the *Cosmopolitan* the following description of Bangkok, the floating city, with a few introductory words about Siam:

"Siam is the Holland of the Orient. During a part of the year the best of its lands lie under water and the people move from one village to another in boats. The rivers and canals are the highways of the kingdom, and the city of Bangkok, the royal capital, has more houses built upon piles than have the piled cities of Amsterdam and Rotterdam, and its canal streets surpass in number the liquid avenues through which the Venetian gondola glides. Bangkok is even more the daughter of the waters than is the famed queen city of the Adriatic. Venice rises from the sea, and Bangkok floats upon the bosom of the mighty Menam River; and its hundred thousand dwellings rise and fall with the tide. The Menam is called the mother of waters and Bangkok, its most beautiful daughter, is soothed during the day and lulled to sleep at night upon the bosom of this mighty mother.

"Bangkok has few things in common with its sister city of Italy, and it differs from Venice as the savage maiden of the tropics laden with barbaric gold differs from the fashionable girl of our modern civilization, clad in her latest Parisian dress. Imagine a low, flat country filled with the most luxuriant of tropical vegetation. The wind sighs through the palm trees. Birds of the gayest plumage fill the air with their tropical songs. In the jungle is heard the chatter of the monkey, and along the flat streams bask the alligator. A low, clear blue sky, in which the sun of the tropics shines its hottest, hangs over it, and at night the moon and stars shine with an untold brightness. Sailing up this river, from the Gulf of Siam, at about thirty miles from its mouth, you note in the distance, the spires of temples and palaces. As you go on from out the palm trees on each side shine little one-story houses, their roofs thatched with palm leaves, and their foundations apparently rising from the water itself. None of these houses are large. The average house is not more than fifty feet square, and its floors are raised and bellying inward, are not more than twelve feet from the floor. They have neither windows nor doors, and their fronts open in verandas directly on the water. Coming nearer you see that they float, and that their foundation is a raft of bamboo poles, each about three inches thick, and piled crosswise, one on top of the other, like the corn cob house of a country urchin.

"There are no cellars in Bangkok, and each home has a hole in the floor through which the sweepings are thrown. At two or more corners of each of these dwellings a pole has been driven down into the mud, and the house is anchored to the bottom. Its owner pays a ground rent to the person owning the land on the banks in front of which the house rests. But in case of dispute the moorings are cut, and the house, family and all float away to another location. There are fifteen miles of these floating houses. They line both banks of the river and the canals back into the jungle. It is not uncommon for the owner of a floating dwelling to anchor his house in the middle of one of the narrowest of the water avenues, and boats passing by must get through as they can. The native houses of the land are built high up on piles, so that one could almost walk under their floors. Some of them have picturesquely pointed ridge roofs, but like the floating homes, they are as a rule small, and their interior arrangements are the same.

"It is estimated that five hundred thousand out of the seven hundred thousand people of Bangkok live, thus upon the water. There are thousands of children here who have never had a playground bigger than the fifteen-foot veranda in front of their homes, and whole families live through generations in one of these three-roomed floating houses without having spent a night upon the land. The people go from one place to another in boats, and the streets and highways of this floating city are filled with all sorts of craft, from the ocean steamer, which carries passengers and freight to Hong Kong and Singapore, to the little canoe, ten feet long and two feet wide, which is scullied by a Siamese urchin. There is the itinerant peddler, with his goods piled on the boat in front of him, peddling his way from house to house and crying out his wares. Here are women by the hundreds standing up and rowing or sitting down sculling boat loads of merchandise from one part of the city to the other, and through them all move the steam launches of the Siamese noblemen, and now and then the great barge of the King, with its white elephant flag floating in the breeze."

The Siamese King, says Mr. Carpenter, is immensely wealthy, owning a private fortune of fifty millions, with an annual income of ten millions! He has abolished the custom which required the Siamese to come into the King's presence on all fours, and shakes hands with Americans in the American fashion. Before traveling abroad he was instructed by an English governess, and has used his immense fortune to develop the country, bringing telegraphs to the capital, and putting out surveys for railroads. Notwithstanding this he remains in the Buddhist faith, and there are 10,000 priests of Buddha in Bangkok.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

Dr. Sayre, of New York, tells the *Herald* that the average of life in the United States is three years more than in England, France or Germany, and five years more than in six years ago. If Americans are on the rush it is because they are a high-strung people and must move that way. The horse which prances dies no sooner than the horse which walks.

SELECT SIFTINGS.

Hard rubber (ebonite) was invented in 1849 by C. Goodyear.

The heaviest gun weighs 135 tons, is 40 feet long and 64 in diameter, and will shoot ten miles. It is in Russia, made by Krupp.

Congress appropriates annually the sum of \$8000 for White House stationery, telegrams, books and other such contingent expenses.

The largest body of fresh water in the world is Lake Victoria Nyanza, in Africa, which has an area of 40,000 square miles. The area of Lake Superior is 32,000 square miles.

In making soundings for the new railroad bridge at Astor, Fla., the engineers struck an artesian flow of sulphur water in midstream. It comes from a depth of fifty feet and is quite a curiosity.

The great Chinese wall was built in 215 B. C. It is built of blue brick, is fifty feet wide, thirty feet high and 1500 miles long. The modern Chinese wall is the great American protective tariff.

The uncovering of ancient Rome during the last few years has yielded no relics confirming the theory that a prehistoric people lived on the site of the city long before the days of Romulus.

Sitka, Alaska, is one of the rainiest places in the world outside of the tropics. The annual precipitation is from six to five to ninety inches. The number of rainy days per year is from 200 to 285.

A man who was arrested in London for intoxication gave his occupation as that of a worm-eater. When pressed for an explanation he said that he was employed by a furniture manufacturer to fire shot at furniture so as to give it to a worm-eaten appearance.

One of the annual frequents of Casco Bay, Fla., is a monster whale that plays in its waters every summer, and has been named "Old Creedomor," from the fact that military companies on excursions down the bay have often used his black sides as a target.

The case recently presented to President Harrison by Colonel A. L. Snowden, Minister to Greece, was made from the oak yoke that held the bell on Independence Hall in 1776. The gold cap on the end of the stick is inscribed with a brief history of it.

The greatest ascertained depth of the ocean is midway between the island of Tristan d'Acunha and the mouth of the Rio de la Plata. The bottom was there found to be 8 1/2 miles below the surface. South of the Bermuda Islands a depth of 6 1/2 miles has been found.

Near Boston, Ga., there lives an extensive family by the name of Groover. One peculiarity about them is their intermarriage. Within a radius of five miles there reside seven separate families, and each head of the family married a lady of the same name, and the kinship of none run lower than third cousin.

The small letter "i" was formerly written without the dot over it. The dot was introduced in the fourteenth century to distinguish "i" from "4" in hasty and indistinct writing. The letter "i" was originally used where "j" is now employed, the distinction between the two having been introduced by the Dutch writers in comparative modern times. The "i" was dotted because the "4," from which it is derived, is written with a dot.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

A method of transmitting sketches by telegraph has been devised.

Compound locomotives are to be the railway engines of the future.

Los Angeles, Cal., has one sewer 5000 feet long that has not a single connection. In one place it is twenty-five feet under ground.

The Reading Railroad Company is having 4000 freight cars built, which are all provided with drawbar attachments and automatic couplers.

An English inventor offers a system by which coal gas compressed to one-eighth its natural bulk can be carried about and utilized as an illuminant when desired.

Instead of chewing slate-pencils and drinking vinegar and lime-juice adipose doctors feed their patients raw fruit without sugar or cream and obesity tea.

The doctors in the French fleet have been forbidden to practice "hypnotism" on their patients. A similar prohibition was issued some months ago to the French army doctors.

The appliance of hydraulic power to the manufacture of steel seamless boats is one of the latest things in England. These boats are thought to be in every particular superior to those made of wood and can be made at about the same cost.

The experiment of constructing a large building of paper has been successfully made at Hamburg, Germany, where an immense hotel, with its facade and other important parts composed of that material, and claimed to be fire-proof, has been erected.

In using energy wheels it has been found that at a high speed one ounce of wheel material would grind off six ounces of metal, while at a lower speed it would grind off eleven ounces. At this lower speed the wheel was making 2150 revolutions.

The electrical process has been successfully adopted in South Australia for the recovery of the minute particles of gold dust that have hitherto been lost in the work of separating the metal from the ore. The economical value of the process has been abundantly proved.

An engineer on the Iron Mountain Road, of Missouri, has perfected an automatic bell-ringer on his locomotive, and now when running in corporation limits or whenever the bell must be rung he just jerks a spring and the bell is kept going by steam power till he turns off the steam.

A new incandescent lamp has been introduced which is said to obviate discoloration. The carbon filaments are made from raw silk threads put through a careful process and capable of bearing high temperature. A suspended needle is fitted inside from the socket to the glass tip, and this prevents shaking and attracts the particles of carbon to it.

An Italian journal describes a new pharo-light, which is said to be as powerful as the electric light, and the efficiency of which is not impaired by fog, as is the case with the latter. A clock work arrangement pours every thirty seconds ten centigrams of powdered magnesium into the flame of a round Bunsen lamp, producing an extremely brilliant flash of light.

One plow works in Georgia turned out 8000 plows during the past season.

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUN-DAY SERMON.

Subject: "The Hanging of Haman."

Text: "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai."—Esther vii, 10.

Here is an Oriental courtier, about the most offensive man in Hebrew history, by name. He plotted for the destruction of the Jewish nation, and I wonder not that in some of the Hebrew synagogues to this day, when Haman's name is mentioned, the congregation crouch their heads and stamp their feet and cry: "Let his name be blotted out!" Haman was prime minister in the magnificent court of Persia. Thoroughly appreciative of the honor conferred, he expects everybody that he meets to be obsequious. Coming in one day at the gate of the palace the servants drop their heads in honor of his office; but a Hebrew named Mordecai, gaze upon a passing dignitary without bending his head or taking off his hat. Haman was a good man, and would not have been negligent of the ordinary courtesies of life, but he felt no respect either for Haman or for the nation from which he came. He could not be hypocritical, and while others made oriental salutes, getting clear down before this prime minister when he passed, Mordecai, the Hebrew, related and a missile of his neck, and kept his chin clear up. Because of that affront Haman gets a decree from Ahasuerus, the dastardly King, for the massacre of the Jews.

To make a long story short, through Queen Esther this whole plot was revealed to her husband. One night Ahasuerus, who was afflicted with insomnia, his sleepless hours calls for his secretary to read to him a few passages of Persian history, and so he read the King's account and book read that night to the King, and was given of a conspiracy, from which Mordecai, the Hebrew, had saved the King's life, and for which kindness Ahasuerus never forgot. He had a man, who had been fixing up a nice garret to hang Mordecai on, was walking outside the door of the King's sleeping apartment, and he saw the King's secretary, and he had just read to him the account of some one who had saved the King's life, and he asked what reward ought to be given to such a one. Self-conceited Haman, supposing the Hebrew to be the man, the honor, and not imagining for a moment that the deliverer of the King's life was Mordecai, says: "Why, your majesty ought to reward him with a good horse, a splendid horse, high stepping and full blooded, and then have one of your princes lead the horse through the streets, crying: 'Behold the horse that has saved the King's life.'" Then said Ahasuerus in several tones to Haman: "I know all about your sycouphancy. Now you go out and make a good horse, and put the saddle on the finest horse, and you, the prince, hold the stirrup while Mordecai gets on, and then lead his horse through the streets."

What a spectacle! A comedy and tragedy at one and the same time. There they go Mordecai, who had been despised, now mounted on a horse, and the prince, the chancellor, aloft, holding the reins, wearing, clamping stallion. Mordecai bends his neck at last, but it is to look down at the regal prince minister walking beneath him. Haman, who had been despising him, now walks as groom. Stranger and more tarting than any romance, there go up the steps of the scaffolding, side by side, the arrogant Haman and the ex-chancellor. "So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai."

Although so many years have passed since cowardly Ahasuerus reigned, and the Hebrew Esther was queen, and the Persian perished, yet from the life and death of Haman we may draw living lessons of warning and instruction. And, first, we learn that Haman, who had been despised, when the heart is wrong, things very significant will destroy our comfort. Who would have thought that a great prime minister, admired and applauded by millions of his countrymen, would be so humiliated and harassed by anything trivial? What more could the great dignitary have wanted than his chariots and attendants, and his palaces and his purple, and his gold, and the riches of the world, and the speed of the chariots. With a heart puffed up with every inflation of vanity and revenge, it was impossible for him to be happy. The more he had, the more he was louder than the braying of trumpets in the palace. Thus shall it always be if the heart is not right. Circumstances the most brilliant will do but little to comfort him.

It is not the great calamities of life that create the most torment. I have seen men, felled by repeated blows of misfortune, arising from the dust, never desponding. But the most of the torment comes from the trifles, from insignificant causes, as a lion attacked by some base prey turns easily around and slays him, yet runs roaringly through the forest at the sight of a single fly, and the neck of a few insects. You meet some great loss in business with comparative composure, but you can think of petty trickeries, impositions upon you, wrongs all your capacity for wrath and indignation, and an unbearable annoyance. If you look back upon your life you will find that most of the vexations and disturbances of spirit which you feel are due to trifles, by circumstances that were not worthy of notice. If you want to be happy you must not care for trifles. Do not be too sensitive in your indignation at the treatment you receive from others. You may be wrong, but Mordecai bows when you pass, or stands erect and stiff as a cedar. That wooden man did not make much clearing in the forest who should stop to bind up a splinter and scratch he received in the thicket; nor will that man accomplish much for the world or the church who is too watchful and appreciative of petty annoyances. There are multitudes of people who are constantly harrowed because they pass their lives in searching out those things which are attractive and desirable, but in spying out all their wrongs of the world, they see whether they cannot find a Mordecai.

Again I learn from the life of the man under our notice that worldly vanity and sin are very dangerous to the soul. Haman was a fair emblem of entire worldliness, and Mordecai, the representative of unflinching godliness. Such were the uses of the ancient synagogues that had this Israelite bowed to the prime minister it would have been an acknowledgment of respect for his character and nation. Mordecai would not have been so obedient against his religion had he seen the obedience or dropped his chin half an inch before Haman. When, therefore, proud Haman attempted to compel an homage which was not felt by the Jew, what the world ever since has tried to do, when it would force on a holy religion in any way to yield to its dictates. Daniel, if he had been a man of religious compromises, would never have been thrown into the den of lions. He might have made some arrangement with King Darius whereby he could have retained part of his form of religion without making himself so completely obnoxious to the favor of his rulers and escaped martyrdom if he had only been willing to mix up his Christian faith with a few errors. His unflinching Christian character was taken as an insult.

Fagot and rack and halter, in all ages have been only the different ways in which the world has demanded obedience. Satan commanded the Holy One of Nazareth to kneel before him. But it is not so much on the top of churches as down in the aisle and the pew that the pulpits that Satan kneel before him. Why was it that the Platonic philosophers of early times, as well as the Greek and Roman sages and scribes of latter days, were so manly? Certainly not because they favored immoralities, or attended vilification or detraction. The genuine reason, whether admitted or not, was

because the religion of Christ paid no respect to their intellectual vanities. Blount and the other great intellects of the church such as the venerable Charles II, as reptiles crawl out of a mass of slime, could not keep their patience because, as they passed along, and were sitting on the ground, they were such men as Matthew and Mark, and Luke, and John, and they could not find an inch in respect to their philosophies.

Satan told our first parents that they would become as gods if they would only reach up and take a taste of the fruit. They tried it and they were satisfied with the experiment. We have now many desiring to be as gods, reaching up after yet another apple. Human reason, scornful of God's word, may strut with the pride of a peacock, but it is not the word that compels men and angels it shall be confounded. "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall." The scientists began to make their brilliant discoveries and their great facts brought to light that seemed to overthrow the truth of the Bible. The archaeologist with his crowbar, and the geologist with his hammer, and the chemist with his batteries charged upon the Bible. Moses' account of the origin of man, and the structure of the world, the astronomer viewed from his telescope until the heavenly bodies seemed to marshal themselves against the Bible. The geologist with his microscope, the astronomer with his telescope, the geologist with his microscope, the astronomer with his telescope, the geologist with his microscope, the astronomer with his telescope.

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Fresh candies, lemons, oranges and bananas at C. M. Wolfe's.

The game of base ball on last Tuesday between the Wytheville and Marion clubs, resulted in a grand victory for the Marion boys. The score stood: Wytheville 12; Marion 33. Col. Jno. E. Helms, of the Morris-town (Tenn.) Gazette, came up to his home No. 2 in this place last Friday and remained until after the commencement exercises. Mr. W. H. Sprinkle, who with his family moved to Richmond about fifteen years ago, has been spending several days in this place and vicinity among his relatives and friends. We have just received a large lot of fresh garden seeds of all kinds. Come and supply yourselves. CRAGHEAD & WRIGHT. We learn that several gentlemen who took stions at Atkins Tank, a few months since, came there yesterday and closed, according to the option terms, by taking the properties. We are glad to welcome Rev. Jno. O. Sullivan and family as citizens of our town. Abingdon's loss and Marion's gain. They are for the present boarding at Mrs. M. L. Saabrights. We have just received a beautiful lot of Lace Ties, Lace Shams, Lace Curtains, Chamber Sets, and Household Furnishing Goods, which we will sell cheap. Come and see for yourselves, and you then will purchase. W. C. SEAVER & SONS. Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., of Philadelphia, delivered his celebrated lecture entitled "Martin Luther, the Reformer," in the Presbyterian church last Saturday night to an appreciative audience, which was listened to with much interest. Ladies will find a very VERY ATTRACTIVE LINE of all kinds of DRESS GOODS, WHITE GOODS, SATTINES, GINGHAMS, CORSETS, HOSIERY, GLOVES, NECK WEAR, CURTAINS, FINE SHOES and SLIPPERS of the LATEST STYLE, and all goods at WINNING PRICES, at J. B. RHEA'S. Mr. D. F. Carrier, of this place, who is superintending the construction of the Grant University at Athens, Tenn., is now at home on a few days' visit. We congratulate the trustees of that institution upon procuring the services of Mr. Carrier to manage the mechanical work, as he is one of the best workmen in South-west Va. When the building is completed it will be one of the finest literary institutions in Tenn. Lace Bed Sets \$1.60; Ladies' Ribbed Vests 25c. and 50c. per pair. Van Dyke Lace at 15c. and 20c. Vandyke Lace Sets at 35c. per pair. Plated Tableware, good and cheap. Goods arriving daily at J. L. GROSECLOSE'S. Mr. Thompson Buchanan, who was born and raised in this county, died at his home in Rich Valley last Thursday, 29th ult., aged 73 years. Mr. Buchanan was a good citizen and a member of the Presbyterian church. His funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. O. Sullivan, of this place, on Friday, which was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The Nesterian Literary Society of Marion High School had their annual celebration last Friday night in the C. H., and debated the following question: Resolved—"That War is more Destructive to Mankind than Intemperance." Affirmative: T. W. Harris, B. E. Copenhaver. Negative: Thos. Blackwell, S. A. Richardson. The question was well debated by the young gentlemen and was decided in favor of the negative by a close vote. A. M. Dickenson, Jr., and J. T. Gollehon were declaimers, and both spoke well. TRY Dickey's INDIAN BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS. Enumerators. The following persons have been appointed enumerators for Smyth county: Marion District—R. A. Anderson and Major Wilson Faris. Rich Valley District—W. B. Spratt and F. R. Richardson. St. Clair District—R. L. Copenhaver. If you want a nice croquet set call on C. M. Wolfe. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

CLOSING EXERCISES

Of Marion High School and Marion Female College. Our town has been the scene of joy and pleasure this week. The commencement exercises of the schools have largely enjoyed the attention of our people. The High School, under the conduct of Judge Miller, has closed another successful year. The exercises connected therewith were particularly interesting. The Nesterian Literary Society celebrated its anniversary on FRIDAY evening, the 30th May, and it was a time of refreshing to our people. On SUNDAY evening, Rev. P. D. Stephenson preached the Baccalaureate sermon from an incident in the life of David. It was a grand sermon—full of pathos and very instructive to the young men. The music furnished by Miss Maggie Stiffert, Mrs. Clay Jones, and others was very good indeed. In fact, we have never heard better music on any similar occasion. On MONDAY the contests for medals occurred. There were three gold medals offered; the contests waxed warm, and the people became very much interested in the final result. But were unable to ascertain the successful contestants till the following day. TUESDAY came on apace. This was the stated occasion for the commencement exercises of said school. A beautiful and well arrayed program was very successfully served to the entire satisfaction of all who were present. The principal features of which were these: The orations of the graduating class were first in order. They were timely, well prepared and well delivered. Next came an address, delivered by Hon. J. E. Moore, of Pulaski City. Mr. Moore spoke along a new line of thought, so to speak, and pointed out the dangers of booms and haste to become rich. He warned young men to go slowly and steady, and to shun everything of doubtful propriety. It is impossible in a short notice to give all the good points in his speech. Smyth county is proud of her son. Thereupon Judge Miller conferred CERTIFICATES OF GRADUATION upon G. E. Goodell, B. E. Copenhaver, O. W. Copenhaver and A. T. Hull. Some prizes in spelling and reading were then handed down, after which Capt. Sheffer, in his happy style, presented grade medals to D. D. Cole. The medal for declamation, first class, was then presented to C. W. Gillespie by A. M. Dickenson, Esq., the second medal was awarded to R. G. Goolsby by Maj. Pendleton, and the oratorical medal was presented to J. T. Gollehon by Rev. F. T. McFaden. Thereupon, the benediction was pronounced, and the Marion High School formally dismissed. On Sunday, June 1, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL. D., of Philadelphia, preached the Baccalaureate sermon before the young ladies of the institution in the presence of a very large congregation, taking for his subject, "Women as co-laborers with the Ministry in the works of the Gospel." The sermon was well prepared and full of excellent information and advice to the young ladies of the school, and was highly spoken of by all who had the privilege of hearing the learned divine, after which the sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered to a large number of the scholars and teachers of the school, and members of various denominations of the town and vicinity. At 3 p. m. the annual sermon before the Woman's H. & F. Missionary Society was preached by Rev. M. E. Bailey, which was very interesting, and in addition to his sermon, Rev. Dr. Conrad made a good talk. The church was filled and everybody well pleased. The Board of Trustees held their meetings on Monday and Wednesday, and transacted its business. No change in the conduct of the school was made. The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, which shows that the financial interest of the College is now in good shape. The management of the institution has been excellent; not a fault found against any of the faculty and no complaint by any of the patrons, all well pleased. The health at the College never was better than it has been during the past year, and the patronage larger than it ever has been. On MONDAY NIGHT Mrs. S. E. V. Helms, department of the school had an entertainment in McMullin Chapel, consisting of recitations, dialogues, music, etc., in which the younger girls and a few small boys participated. This part of the exercises was enjoyed by every person present, and always attracts a very large audience every year. Mrs. Helms is an excellent educator, and as such has made herself very popular with the patrons of the College. On TUESDAY NIGHT the art gallery was opened and visited by many. 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Some persons think that the cows got poisoned by eating stager weeds; or wild cherry tree leaves, others that they eat pieces of bread upon which poison has been put and thrown out to kill dogs, and another reason which has been suggested is that a great many of the cows in town drink water from the pond in rear of C. H. Square, which is now filled with stagnant water and which is covered with a heavy coat of green scum, but no matter what the cause is, the authorities ought to cause an investigation to be made at once, before any more of our citizens are subjected to the loss of their cows. A Scrap of Paper saves Her Life It was just an ordinary scrap of wrapping paper, but it saved her life. She was in the last stages of consumption, told by physicians that she was incurable and could live only a short time; she weighed less than seventy pounds. On a piece of wrapping paper she read of Dr. King's New Discovery, and got a sample bottle. 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