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COLUMBUS CARAVELS. The Arrive Towed by the Spanish There Were 114 of them in a Ball in the Bottom of the Old Well.

An Excessive Amount of Gunpowder Burned Again.

FORTRESS MONROE, VA .- The three Columbus caravels arrived here at 10:20 in the morning to clean an old well there, o'clock Friday morning in tow of three Spanish war ships, and were received with great thunder of salutes and display of flags from the counties represented by the fleets. They dropped anchor at the ed of the American line of vessels. day could not have been more

bella standing out and fluttering in the gentle breeze. The little fleet was tum bled about on the Virginia coast Friday in a lively fashion by the northwest wind that blew all day, but it managed to make the Capes early in the morning, and, after taking pilots aboard, proced-

At the head of the fleet was the unprotected cruiser, Infanta Isabel, towing the flagship Santa Maris, which displayed the flag of the admiral. Behind and a mile eastern came the torpedo vessel Neuva Espana with the Nina as her charge, and in the latter's wake was the big black protected cruiser Reina Regente with the Pints. They were towed by at least a quarter of a mile of hawser and looked like so many ducks sitting on the water with the feathers of their tails plucked. When off the fort the stars and stripes were thrown out and were saluted by the leader, the fort quickly responding.

Before the Santa Maria was abreast of the Philadelph'a, the Dutch frigate Van Speik ran up the Spanish colors and saluted them with thirteen rounds. Then the Russ'an ship, General Admiral, commenced to salute and later every flagship in the harbor hono ed these curious looking cra'ts and the country they came

Hoke Smith's Patronage Court. [From the St. Louis Globe Democrat.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Hoke Smith has introduced a novelty. He has established what might be cilled a patronage court. Finding himself bes t by the importunate friends of rival candidates for a certain office, Secretary Smith inform; them as fast as they call:

"Gentlemen, I will set a time when I will hear you in regard to the qualifications of your candidate."

He consults a memorandum book, which might be very well entitled, "the office seekers's docket," and makes an entry, of which the following is an illus-

"Saturday, April 8-Governor of

When the day and the hour come round the friends of the candidates assemble in the Secretary's office. The private secretary acts as outer guard, and informs all comers on other business that Secretary Smith is engaged, Promptly, when the little hand and the big hand on the clock indicate the appointment. Secretary Smith leans back in his big chair and asks:

"How many candidates are represented for this office?"

The partisans announce their candidates in turn. The Secretary keeps tab on the fingers of his left hand, bending down a finger as each candidate is announced.

"Five," he says, looking at the fingers when the names of entries ceases:

"Now, how much time will you re-There is a hasty cauvass in each group

and then some scattering suggestions. "Well," says Mr. Smith, "eay an hour

for each candidate. Will that be enough?" Usually it is enough and more than enough. Secretary Smith calls the name of the candidate first in alphabetical order and the candidate's friends go at the biographical business with zeal. Secretary Smith is patience in a hig armchair. Hour after hour the praises are sounded. When all have finished the Secretary announces that his decision will be reported to the President of the United States. The patronage counties adjourned. Four sessions of the court were held during last week. Each was devoted to the office of a Territorial Governorship. The hearings were very spirited. The only thing that occurred to dampen the arder of the proceedings was the complete reversal of one of the decisions of Secretary and Judge Hoke decisions of Secretary and Judge Hoke Smith, After a long and heated debate the friends of Mr. Lett got a verdict of

shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs.

were attacked and did not feel like fighting—in winter, s y, when serpents in Connecticut are in a comatose state.

Mr. Dolbeare resumed work in the well purposing to deepen it until he reaches water, but, said he, "I'm going slow now, and keeping on my guard, for I suppose I'm liable to tap another den of 'em any moment." the court that he was the man for Governor of Utah. Two days later the President nominated Caleb West for that office. Since then the partisans of Latt have been making farca-tic remarks boat the patronage court. Killed His Mother-in-law for a Burglar A Convict's Fearful Work. MONONGAHELA CITY, PA.-A midnight James Burtinett of Coal Centre

Lettie Tray. Tainking burglars had entered the heuse, he got his shotgun, and, without speaking to the intruder, fired both barreis. Then he got a light and found he had shot Mrs. Tray in the head.

TAPPED A DEN OF SNAKES.

Norwich, Conn. - Henry Dolbeare, with Frank Baker of Montville, in the country, six miles south of the city, went to the extreme end of Henry's house lot and after ten minutes' work in the well tapped the most extraordinary subterrancan snake reservoir noted in the annals of eastern Connecticut. The well was a deep, dry one, and for years Dolbeare and his family and other people had flung all sorts of rubbish into it. There were beauth or the scene more impressive as stones and rails, and sticks, old boots, they came the road, decorated from hoopskirts, and tin pans in it, but nobody jib-boom to tannil and with the flags of su pected that away down in the bowels of it was a secthing colony of rerpents.

With their coats off crowber in hand With their coats off, crowbar in hand, the two men stepped into the rubbish heap, which reached almost to the mouth of the shaft, and with vigorous thrusts loosened the pieces of debris and flipped them out on the ground. After ten min utes they were almost at the bottem of the will, tw nty fiet below the surface of the house lot. Then they removed a couple of br. ad boards, an i of a sudden the bottom of the well rose up, heaving and billowing b. neith their feet. The phenomenon had come so sudden-

> ed with awe and terror, and they hopp: about with trembling legs on their pentine perch. They sav at once that they had struck a sort of a solid stratum of well snakes, deep, co voluted, and in-braided, a g eat round ball, as big as a school globe, of hibernating reptiles. Worse still, the spheres of slim snake strands, which had been wound into a hard mass, like a ball of wrapping twine in criss cross fashion during the winter, instantly burst into multitudinous and nimble consciousness and activity under the tread of the farmers' cowhide boots; then it began to unravel itself, and scores of serpent tail and red forke jaws detached themselves from the mass and shot upward, twining themselves about the men's legs an I slapping them viciously. In a moment the whole ball was dissolved into its component parts, which first straightened themselves, fo ming a palpitatin; and heaving batter of serpents two feet thick or more, and then the wra h'ul reptiles, hi-sing and ceiling themselves into swift loops, turned upon the fearful intruders in their den.

mysteriously that their eyes bulg-

Those scared p rsons, now fairly wal-lowing in snakes, had been stepping lively in order to maintain their unstable foot ng, and the instant the serpents at-tacked them they were seized with a panic of fright and loathing and made a break to get out of the well; but their feet slipped on the undulating well bot-tom, and losing their hold on their lad-der, which had been set up against the side of the shaft, and which both essayed to climb at the same time, they fell back into the pit and resumed the business of treading serpents again at the same old stand. Then a spasm of desperate courstand. Then a spasm of desperate cour-age took possession of them, and with their short iron pinch bars they sailed their short iron pinch bars they sailed Dr. Brigg's name was in everybody's into the attacking army of vipers with a vengeance, regardless of style and form. The combat was brief and decisive as it

was extraordinary.

For eight minutes the old well seemed to be full of flying snakes, arms and legs, and gesticultating pinch bars, and the kev. John Peacock thought the Synod whole undergrounds business went on of New York abundantly able to look afamid a steady rhythmic purring or swishing uproar, and an accompaniment of intermittent but regular dull thuds. The well buzzed like a hive of swarming

bees. The farmers were spry and muscu-lar, however, and they finally got the best of the battle. Then they fought more leisurely. The enemy had weaken-ed. The attacking column of serpents, the first onset of which was like the roar of a mad river advancing from sub-terranean regions, had dribbled away to a mere rivulet of reptiles, and the men as speedily disposed of the rivulet. The well was now knee deep in dead snakes. Not a serpent got away. Then

the farmers, who were tired out with their exertions and bathed with perspiration, took a short rest, after which they climbed out of the shaft. At Mr. Dolbeare's home they procured a couple of stable forks and a basket. Then returnserpents out of it. There were just 114 of them, and the men placed them in a row in the tunnel at the mouth of the pit. All of them were fu'l grown black snakes, except three venomous, flat headed

adders, and the blacks ave aged five feet in length. Some of the largest ones were seven feet long and as thick as a man's forcarm It was the most remarkable single private exhibit of snakes, pro-bably, in the record of the State. So Mr. Dolbeare kept them in line at the well untit most of the farmers in Mont-vil e came and saw them. Some farmers drove eight mi'es to see the show. One of the biggest blacks Mr. Dolbears broug't to this city and displayed it in the office of the Norwich Evening Re-

cord, caving:
"Now, this ain't no fish story I'm giving you, and, if any one still doubts my word, I'll engage to take him in my team and show him the well and the hull snake collection."

The sides of the well, said Mr. the sides of the well, and Mr. Delbeare, in the neighboth od of the snake nest, were perforated with deep, round tunnels the serpents had bored, and into which the y might retreat in case they were attacked and did not feel like fight-

SHUT OUT THE BRIGGS MEN.

Ill Feeling in the Cincinnati Presbytery Over General Assemby Delegates.

CINCINNATI, O .- A very bitter feeling og has been developed between the Smith and orthodox factions of the Presbyterian Church over the action of the conservatives in refusing to give the Briggs men a sing'e delegate to the General Assembly, although they represent a large minority of the mem bers of the Church and ministers in this Creeb tery. T.e Rev. J. L. Taylor, on: f the lea ing liberal ministers, said that the other side were trying to boycott him him and other minist rs who believed that the Scriptures were not absolutely itho t error. Everywhere he went to deliver sermons or addresses he learned th .t anonymous communications of warning had preceded him. It is said that at least five of the wealthiest churches in this vicin'ty have threatened to refuse to pay their assessment for the delegates to the General Assembly, because the men chosen are regarded as bigoted beyond any of the others who were named for delegates.

The orthodox side is also raising a howl. They charge that the I berals have circulated stories of differences in the orth dox church s, which threaten to lead to disruption and have led some of the mini ters to resign. It is conceded by every one, except a few hothcads smong the orthodox, that the Presbyter ian Church in this section is in a bad way, and that if the General Assembly convicts Dr. Briggs there will probably be a schism.

The orthodox declare that they can, under all circumstances hold the churches but this is as vigerously di nied, with the assertion that the cour's have declared that, unless there is something in the charter of a church binding it to some particular form of worship, it can withdraw at any time by a majority vote of the members. Several of the wealthiest churches in the city are not bound by any such restrictions, and two of them re said to be getting ready to secude.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The issue of Briggsism involved the Pr sbytery of Philadelphia North into fever heat at its second day's session in Germantown. The excitement was precipitated by Franklin . Shepard, an Elder in the First Presbyterian church of Germantows, who introduced an overture to the General Asembly not to consider appea's from the Presbytery, but to direct that they be made to the Syned in the regular course mouth in a few minu'es.

Elder Shepard thought Dr. Briggs was 'an injury to the church," and if he remained it might cause discuption. The ev. John Peacock thought the Synod ter the Briggs case.

The Rev. L. F. Benson said his blood seiled when he saw Presbytery after Presbytery ask the General Assembly to convict Dr. Briggs. He thought the Presbyterian church a were large enough to hold him. The Rev. Charles Wood thought Dr. Briggs would be silenced in the end. Elder Shej ard withdrew his esolution.

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS.

tems of a General Nature and Other

Although n arly three decades have lapsed since the peace of Appomattox, here are still 162 of the 493 general offi ers of the Confed racy surviving.

There is a horse in Florida that beomes wildly excited and unmanageable whenever any one app osches him having breath that smells of whiskey. He is ot a Kentucky borse

Gov. Brown, of Maryland, is the only ne of the Southern Governors who takes the least pains with his moustache. The ands of it are twisted and waxed in truly French fashion. He is also the most isshionably dressed and stylish-looking of the Governors.

While Sam Small is writing poetry for in Atlanta newspaper his old rival, Sam fones, is still beating his record in savng souls. A revival conducted by the Rev. Jones at Bowling Green, Ky., last week, resulted in the "profession" of reigion by 2,500 of the ungodly of that

Bishop Key, of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, who was recently narried at Sherman, Texas, to Mrs. L. L. Kidd, president of the North Texas Female College, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Galloway, is a little ver 50 years old and is said to be the nest looking of the Southern Methodist

Fighting in Salisbury.

SALISHURY, N. C .- There was much BALISHUEY, N. C.—There was much collement on the streets about 3:30 clock, caused by a personal encounter atween Mayor T. C. Linn and Town ommissioner D. M. Miller. The difficulty occurred about the purchase of a pick ornsher by the town. Several Llowers struck and the faces of both gentless of the purchase of the pu s the mayor of having drawn a pistol and a pair of brees knucks on him.

PALMETTO CHIPS.

News and Notes From Here, There & Everywhere in South Carolina.

The Girls of Converse College, Spart uburg, and an Arbor Day all of their own last Friday, and planted many

Work on the Cathedral at Charleston s progressing None but Charleston workmen have been engaged on the wilding.

Farmers' barns are being burned by inndiaries through Spartanburg and Or ingeburg counties.

The Charleston, Sumter & Northern Railroad Co is enlarging its Sumter machine shops, putting in a foundry, blast urnace, etc.

The Home Insurance Company of Co umbis has decided to go out of business The company has been in business for bout three years.

Work has beg in on the extension of he Atlantic Coast Line of their branch from Sumter to Remini, 2) miles southwest, via Orangeburg, to Denmark, connecting there with the South Carolina and South Bound Railways.

Mack Sh Iton, a while convict from Charleston County, made his escape from the penitentiary Thursday. He was uc. der a two years' sentence for burgland and only had seven months longer to serve. He is a skilled mechanic and made himse'f a duplicate key, which he used to unlock the door to the post from which he escaped.

The sinking fund commission of Sout Carolins, which had power granted bhe legislature about a year ago to assume control of and lease the oyster beds of that State, his now taken the matter in and and is granting leases to responsible applicants. By a wise provision of the aw each lease is for twenty years, and during each year the lessee is required to reglant one twentieth art of his territory thus insuring the replanting of the entire area by the lime the lease expires. The rental charged will vary from ten cents to one dollar per acre annually.

VIRGINIA HAPPENINGS.

The Latest News Items in the Old Dominion.

A new bank has commenced business at Martinsville, known as the Farmers Bank.

Both the Presbyterian and Episcopal pastors at Abingdon resigned last week Rev. J. J. Loyd of the latter having call from Lynchburg. Ollie Brown, a 12 year white boy of

Richmond met his death Thursday by falling under a lumber wagon. The eightieth anniversary meeting of

the Virginia Bible Society was held last veek at the Grace-street Presbyterian church Richmond. The Roanoke Machine Works has re ceived orders for eighteen locomotives,

thirty cabin cars and two wrecking cars.

the whole aggregating about \$208,500, in value. The Governor has granted three par done, viz: J. W. Fatrfield, sentenced in 1890 to 10 years for stealing; Jacob Smith who had served one out of three

years for grand larceny; Walter Miller who was sentenced in 1878 for 22 years for house burning. August 9th has been named as the day for the gathering of Virginians at the Chicago Fair. On that day the two hun-

dred and seventy-fourth anniversary of the assemblying at Jamestown of the first representative legislative body of Americans will occur. A Richmond newspaper expresses the hope that "a real Confederate dinner"

will be served at the Memorial Bazaar. Such a spread would e mprise "rye cof fee, "slapjacks, sorghum, Nassau pork. rice soup, potato pie and other delicacies that pleased the palates of the boys when they got big boxes from home."

THE NEW RAILROAD UNION.

It Enters the Field with a List Officers and 11,000 Members.

CHICAGO, ILL -The members of th various labor organizations that have been in daily session during the past week perfecting the new national railway order, which will be known as the American Railway Union, fluished their preliminary work.

The officers elected are: Executive Board-Eugene V. Dabe, George W. Howard, W. S. Missemer, S. Keliher, W. H. Sebring, L. W. Rogers, F. W. Arnold, Henry Walton, and J. A. Clarke. The Board elected the following ficers for the year:

Eugene V. Debs, President; George W. Howard, First Vice-President; W. S. Missemer, Second Vice-President, and

S. Keliher, Secretary.

It has been decided that the Eastern country will be divided into districts, and one member of the Executive Board will be assigned to a special district, which will put nine organizers into the field at once. The entire membership of the Order of Railway Ournen have almost worted to join the new order. ready voted to join the new order. This will start the new union with 184 lodges having a membership of pearly 10,000.

NORTH CAROLINA SQUIBS.

Newsy Gleanings from Cherokee to Currituck.

A sturgeon weighing 320 pounds was on the Greenville market last Faiday. It was caught in a Dutch net below Washington.

The North Carolina Corundum Wheel Co. have completed their \$150,000 mining plant at Sylva.

The Farmers' Alliance have opened general merchandise store at Durbam, apital \$5000. The pos office at Clairmont, Catawba

Cloninger, the deputy postmaster, has been arrested and bound over to the Federal Court at Statesville, charged with embezzling the money and stamps. John F. Lifsey, who killed his brotherin-law, Chas. Key, at Garysburg last

December, was tried at Northampton court last week, and the prisoner was acquitted. Senator Ransom was of counsel in the case and received a fee of \$1,000. Fire at Kinston burned ten residences and a church. The wind was very high.

The l as is est'm ited at \$29,000. The busicess p rt of the town was not affected. The fire burned itself out. At Raleigh Frank Batchelor, a son of the Hon Jo eph B. Batchelor, while out

driving complained of a pain in his heart

and soon afterward expired. Abner Adams, of Watauga county, sold a beautiful curly walnut tree the other day to L. L. Councill, of the firm of Councill, Taylor & Co., of Elk Park. for the sum of \$435. The tree measured three and one-half feet through at the stump and is said to be curled from the roots to the end of the topmost twig. Such trees are of fabulous value. Mr. Councill may realize \$1,000 or \$1,500

DAMAGE CASES COMPROMISED.

The Railroad Adjusts Suits Growing Out of the Bostian Bridge Wreck.

STATESVILLE, N. C .- All the suits against the Richmond and Danville Railroad, growing out of the wreck at Bos tian's bridge, near Statesville, on the 27th of August, 1891, in which 22 persons were killed and 30 wounded, have been compromised. There were 13 of these that disagreeable person, and then to recases in Iredell Superior Court and the tire gracefully to s me outlandish part each case:

Death claims-J. C. Brodie, \$5,000 W. M. Houston, \$5,000; Chas. G. Weber, \$5,000; Miss Ophelia Polk Moore, \$2,000; Mrs. Susan Pool, \$2,000; Hugh K. I inster, \$2,500; A. Davis, \$1,200; Rev. J. M. Sikes, \$3,500.

Claims for injuries -J. F. Holler, \$5,-000; Mrs. Naomi Hayes Moore, \$1,500; Miss Louallie Pool, \$1,500; O. W. Lawon, \$1,000; G. W. Bowley, \$1,000. Messrs, Bingham & Caldwell and R.

Z. Linney were attorneys in the Linster and Davis cases and ex-Judge D. M. Furches in the case of Rev. J. M. Sikes. Messrs. Armfield & Turner were attorneys in the other ten cases. There were a number of suits entered

at Asheville, Salisbury and other places. We understand that all of these have been compromised. The L'xington Dis patch understands that A. L. Sink and wife have been allowed \$5,000. This Commissioners, had constructed as case was in Davidson Superior Court. We have not learned what amounts were allowed in the other cases, but it is safe so say that the wreck, first and last, cost the Richmond & Danville Railroad at least \$100,000.

PEACE LIGHTS ON BELGIUM.

The Country Barely Escapes Most Dirteful Calamity.

BRUSSELS, (Cablegram.) - A nation yesterday on the verge of civil war is today completely at peace. The air of terrible suspense like that which hangs over two great armies about to be harled against each other has vanished. The escape from a dreadful slaughter was by the smallest chance.

The plans of the revolutionary leader are now becoming known. They counter with good reason on turning the guns of the regular army, reenforced by the mob, against the Civic Guard and the nolice. The conflict would have been one of the most sanguinary in the history of the Government, and the moarchy itself would have been almost certainty overthrown. Then would have come Communist reign, foreign interference,

and endless complications for all Europe. It must be admitted that the leaders of the revolt have remarkable control over the people. The orders to retura to work have been almost universally obeyed, and there has not been the slight est disturbance.

The agitation fr universal suffrage without plural voting will be continued it is not likely to lead to any such crit ical situation as that of Wednesday. If the demand is not granted by the present Parliament it probably will be the first Chamber choren under the system

Mrs. Gen. Hancock Dead. NEW YORK. - Mis, Almira Russell Hancock died at 4:30 p. m. Thursday afternoon. She was the widow of General Winfield Scott Hancock, the Democratic

candidate for P.calilent in 1880.

EX-PRESIDENT DAVIS.

His Body to Leave New Orleans on May the Twenty-Eighth.

An Atlanta dispatch says: It is an ounced that the body of Jefferson Davis vill lie in state here on the 29th day of May while en route to its final resting place at Richmond. It is officially ansounced by the committe of Fulton 'o nty Conf derate Veterans' Association, of which Mr. Davis was one of the two honorary members-Henry W. Grady being the other-that the body would leave New Orleans on the night of May county, was burned recently and Elmore he Louisiana veterans.

Montgomery will be reached early in the morning of the 29th. The funeral train will arrive in Atlanta about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 29th, and the body will be conveyed to the State capitol, where it will remain until about 7 o'clock, leaving at 8 o'clock for Richmond. The Confederate Veterans' Associa ion will, in a body, meet the funeral train and accompany the remains to the capitol and back to the depot. A committer will go on to Richmand with the onmittees from New Orl ans and Mont-

A New Profession --- The Cutter-Out. [From the Saturday Review.]

ness, who testifies that he saw the prisoner s'rike the fatal blow. Young Bruce The world is over-populated with amiable, good looking young men: highly educated, healthy and wholly i capable of earning their livelihoods. No ingepenitentiary. nuity can provide berths for all of them, but some might be employed as "cutters out " This is a new profession. The duties of the cutter-out are few, simple, and agreeable. He or she has merely to make love and to ride away. Thus, put case that some one's daughter, mece, or, it may be, favorice cousis, has become engaged to a man who is not liked by he family. To resist her choice is futile.

Opposition merely fans the flame of passion. So you send a note or telegram to the central office of the "Socie'y for the Utilization of Johnnies," and they despatch a cutter cut. He is young, handsome, agreeable, perhaps a lord or an honorable, a baronet, very likely. His duty may be explained in a word-he is to cut out the young lady's affianced lover, to make her out of conceit with following amounts have been allowed in of the globe. The sch me is peculiarly valuable to parents, but any one may make use of it. Of course there may also be slipped at young men who have entangled their affections undesirably. Lord Algernon is fond of the rector's daughter, of the gardenr's daughter, of whom you will. Instead of crying if you are his lady mother, or swearing if you are the Duke, you send up to the central depot for a really first class cut ter-out, married lady preferred. In a very few weeks the rector's daughter, or the gardenr's daughter is as disconsolate as Calypso, and them cutter-out dis-appears, carrying with her the respectful homage of the family whom she has rescued.

A Lady Did the Carving.

The desk which Mrs. Co ten and Mrs. Kidder North Carolina World's Fair memorial to Virginia Dare the first whitchild born in America, was made of white holly from Romoke Island, Vicginia Dare's birth place; was designed by Silas McBee of Sewance, Tenu., and carved by Miss Kate Cheshire, of Tarboro. This desk is a tribute to the memory of Virginia Dare, from the women of this State, and will be sent to the World's Fair.

Portrait of Gen. Lee.

The Hon. O.lando B. Potter, of New York, has presented to the Washington and Lee University a splendid portrait of Gen. Robert E Lee. The portrait was executed by an artist for the Hoa. John Bell, of Tennessee, once Speaker of the House of Representatives, th n Senator from Tennessee and a candidate for President in 1860, Gen. Lee at that time being a colonel in the United States army and the portrait of him was in blue uniform, he at that time having only a mus-tache. Since the war it came into the hands of Mr. Potter, after the artist had with skillful brush changed the blu: cos-tume of the United States offic r to that of the uniform as the command r of the Army of Northern Virginia, and had added the heavy beard which Gen. Lee wore all through the war and until Lis death. It is a most striking and excellent p cture of the Confederate chieftain.

Two Doomed Men Respited.

COLUMBIA, S. C .- Napoleon Leville, spited until May 19th by the Governor. There is considerable doubt as to his sanity and a commission will be appoint ad to pass upon his mental condition.

Wade Haines, the colored rapist, sentenced to be hanged, was respited for the fifth time. His execution will take place two weeks hence, unless in the meantime some alleged additional evi-

dence is developed in his favor.

William B. Puett Suicides. LENOIR, N. C .- William Benton Putt a prominent young citizen of this county, who has lately been drinking beavily, committed suicide, blowing out his brains by a pistol shot ent ring at the forehead. The act was precipitated by a suit for divorce instituted last week by his wife, who is a daught r of a prominent citizen of Mitchell,

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

Existence of a Peculiar Rate of Pecple Brought out in a Murder Trial.

AMHERST COURTHOUSE, VA.-The Amherst County Circuit Court-the Hon. John D. Horsley presiding-which had been in session since Monday, the 10th, adjourned Saturday, most of the week havng been taken up in the trial of the case of the Commonwealth against William Sruce, who was indicted for the murder of Charles Hartless. This is the second trial brought in a verdict of murder in ne first degree, which was set aside by the court, thereby adding interest to this trial, a large crowd being in attendance each day. Bruce, the accused, and tess, the murdered man, both belong to less, the murdered man, both belong to 28th, accompanied by an escort from each day. Bruce, the accused, and Hartection as the "free issuics," or free issue, who are reported to be a mixture of Inlian, negro and Portuguese. They have sever been slaves, and in consequence hold themselves above the negro and in arn are called by both block and white free niggers." Their customs and medes of life, as brought to life in this trial, save been among its peculiar features. What has caused most comment, however, has been the judge's ruling in allowing the defense to introduce witnesses who claim to have heard a son of the accused say a few hou s after the killing that he and not the elder Bruce killed Hartless. This is offered in rebuttal to the dying declaration of the murdered nan and the direct evidence of one wit-

> as flown to par.s unknown. The jury, after twelve hours' delibera-tion, brought in a verdict for murder in he second degree and ten years in the

SWALLOWED A WHEAT BEARD. But Pennell Would Have Got Well if

His Bull Hadn't Gored Him. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.-Frank Pennell, one of the best known farmers in Middlesex county, died at Franklin Park of lo kjaw. About a week ago he in-haled a wheat beard, which lodged in his throat and caused much irritation. Efforts of physicians to remove the beard were fruitless, but the man might have

got well had he not had an experience with a fine Holstein bull on Friday. The animal has always been regarded as tame, but on Friday, as Mr. Pennell was leaving the forty acre field on his place, he became conscious of the rapid approach of the bull from behind. Mr. Pennell made for the lence as fast as possible. The bull was nearly upon him when he was within a few fence. He dropped down, hoping the enraged animal would rush by him. The bull did pass him, just stepping on his right arm. Then Penaell jumped up and attempted to gain the fence. The beast turned on him, and one of his horns was jammed into the man's neck. . The annimal then rush d off in another direcbe, and should be, fema'e cutters out, to tion. Mr. Pennell was able to stagger to the house, where the sight of the ter-rible wound in h's neck and his pale face caused his wift to faint. The four young children ran screaming from the

> Physicians said that despite the wound made by the buil they might have saved Mr. Pennell's life, but for the ailment in throat caused by the wheat beard Lockjaw set in immediately, and he died in terrible agony.

> > Late News Briefs.

A Sylvania, Ga., merchant, who has lot of crinolines left over from the old days, has placed them on sale in his store. A diverce was recently granted to a woman at Paris, Tex, and five minutes later she faced the judge with another man and was married.

Suits for \$207,0 0 have been filed against the city of Atlanta, Ga., by peo-ple who claim that their health has been injured through miasma from the city dumping grounds. Joseph R. Combs and wife, of Hous-

ton, Ind , were marrie 1 thirty five years ago. About a year ago differences arose and they were divorced, On Saturday they were remarried. The ladies of Dresden have been hold.

ing a riding tourn ment, the honors of

the joust being won by a young English

girl, Miss Theresa Brooks. Her final exploit was the driving of a pair of horses tandem while riding her own horse at full While being transferred from the prison at Bankins to Newport, in Georgia, a prisoner leaped from the train while it was going at the rate of thirty-five miles

an hour The train was instantly stopped and a search made, which proved unsuccessful. Out of one hundred men whom you

will meet in Tobasco, Mexico, scarcely ten are able to read, and two out every three are held by their creditors as slaves for debt. There are about 5 0,000 Mexicans in this form of s'avery. The people often fall into debt through paying the exhorbitant marriage fee asked by the pries', and another large fee is exacted at the baptism of each child, each baptism requiring the entire wages of at least two weeks.

A FATAL SERENADE.

A Farmer, Newly Wedded, Kills Two of His Annoyers.

TOPEKA, KAN. - The frontier idea of celebrating a wedding by the beating of tin pans and firing of guns was responsi-ble for three deaths at a charivari near Ness City. A young farmer by the name of Anderson was married, and brought his bride to the little cottage he had provided for her. A number of hoodlums in the community thought it would be

proper to give them a reception.

About fifty gathered around the place at midnight and commenced making deafening noises. One cowboy had bor-rowed a doubled barreled shotgan which was loaded with buckshot. He was was loaded with buckehot, drunk, and, instead of shootin air, fired both loads at the Tran cottage, Anderson s ly escaped being Anderson grab the door and fire

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