

The peace of Europe is, in the opinion of the New York Herald, threatened by Italy, which, practically bankrupt, her people poverty stricken and disheartened, might find at least temporary salvation in war.

A closed bank in Arizona has issued the following notice: "This bank has not busted; it owes the people \$36,000; the people owe it \$55,000; it is the people who are busted; when they pay we'll pay."

"For what is the greatest amount of money used in the Southern States?"

The lumber output goes into buildings. The railroads, farmers and miscellaneous purposes take about forty per cent, and the other twenty-five per cent goes into boxes.

A "massage stone" is coming into use in England that is made of unglazed china and provided with a sort of dorsal lump for holding in the hand and has the rubbing surface slightly undulated, not to say ridged. The stone is white and even when used on recently washed skin it soon becomes darkened, showing that it squeezes a good deal of material from the pores.

David, the painter, drew the design for the shako worn in the French army. The soldiers never liked it, but Bonaparte insisted on its being worn. It is something like a cylinder with a visor in front, and is decorated with a pom-pom. The design has been finally modified, until now it is polished in favor of the kepi, which has a flat circular top and a straight visor.

Now Zealand is the first of English colonies to give women equal political rights with men. A bill giving them such rights has just become law. It gives to all women, married or single, the same right to vote as is now possessed by men. The first election under the new law will be held in December. The only other State in the world in which men and women have the same right to vote is New Zealand.

Doctor Baker, Secretary of the Michigan State Board of Health, has been making a thorough examination and study of consumption and has concluded that it is a communicable disease. He accordingly recommended at a meeting of the board that it be placed upon the list of communicable diseases and treated as such. This the board decreed, and hereafter consumption will be known as a communicable disease.

The State Board of Health, General Carlin, commanding the Department of the Columbia, says that the experiment of making the Indian a soldier is a decided failure so far as his experience goes, and he has recommended the discharge of the few Indian soldiers now in his department, less than a company. General Carlin reports that there has been a decided increase in desertions during the past year, due, in a great measure, to the unpopularity of the ten year service law, and he recommends the repeal of that law. He also recommends that the small posts in his department be abandoned and the troops concentrated at a general post at the principal railroad center.

Says the New York Tribune: "Juvenile blackguardism constitutes the principal theme of discussion in the new annual report of the Howard Prison Association, which contains a good deal of interesting information concerning those organized gangs of young delinquents, which are among the greatest curses of all great cities. The 'toughs' of New York have their counterpart in the 'corner-boys' of Dublin, the 'scuttles' of Manchester, the 'hoodlums' of San Francisco, the 'barricks' of Australia and New Zealand, who in certain cities in New South Wales and of Victoria even succeeded in terrorizing the police. Many methods have been suggested for dealing with the problem, the most satisfactory and efficacious of which seems to be that adopted by the Canadians, which is locally described as the 'our-few-bell' plan. Driven thereto by the intolerable behavior of the young rowdies, the Canadian police now look up in jail for the night all disorderly or loafing lads found in the streets after the ringing of the bell at nine o'clock. The effect of this stringent regulation is shown to have been highly satisfactory in Canada, but it is doubtful whether it would be possible to carry out any such drastic measures in so large a city as New York, where more than the juvenile criminals are far more widespread than their 'pals' across the border."

PITHY NEWS ITEMS.

There are now 172 students at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, N. C.

A million tax tags for commercial fertilizers were delivered at the department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

At Greenville, S. C., the grand jury of the county has so far thrown out every indictment under the new dispensary law, although some of the cases were very strongly supported by evidence.

Secretary Hoke Smith has withdrawn from his law firm at Atlanta, Ga., and will practice law at Savannah.

The United States cruiser Columbia, in an official trial over the measured course between Cape Ann and Cape Porpoise, a distance of a fraction less than 44 knots, averaged the hitherto unprecedented speed of 23.87 knots an hour.

In Catawba county, N. C., last Sunday John Wacaster, a lad of 12 years, playfully appealed his pistol at his little cousin, Priscilla Hudson, aged 10 years. She said, "Don't do that." "See!" said he, "it's not loaded," and he snapped again. But it was, and he discharged, and the ball entered the little girl's brain and killed her.

Senators James Z. George of Mississippi, and A. H. Colquhoun of Georgia, and ex-Senator S. B. Mazey of Texas, all of whom were officers in the Confederate army, are on the Mexican pension roll. Gen. J. B. Kerhaw, of South Carolina, was a veteran of the Mexican war.

Ladies of the Four Hundred, of Baltimore, have organized a "Gin on Flannel Club." The purpose of its members, who include nearly all the young ladies of the most aristocratic society of Baltimore, is to supply the poor with articles of wear of cotton flannel. The elder ladies organized the club, and their daughters do the work. Each member brings with her to the meeting place a quantity of cotton flannel, which is fashioned into underwear, night garments, and other things for children as well as adults. It is found that there is an always existing demand for cotton flannel, and that it is impossible to supply

ing of wool on the free list are being circulated and signed by almost every one in west Texas regardless of party. Two thousand people are interested in wool in west Texas.

Two centenarians, Mary Page, 104, and Harry Mordecai, 101, died in the Raleigh, N. C., poor house within a day of each other last week.

Lumpkin county, Ga., is having an exciting gold mining boom. The mines are not new discoveries, but since the silver trouble began attention has been redirected to old diggings and gold deposits known to exist there. Colorado mining capitalists and capitalists from other regions have been looking over the Lumpkin gold fields during the past two or three months, with a view to investment.

Florida and California fruit is competing successfully with Mediterranean products in European markets this year, and the shipments already are largely in excess of those of previous years. Successful experiments have also been made this year with shipments of Californian and Washington fruits to Japan and other countries of the Orient. From a twenty acre prune ranch a Washington grower obtained this year forty tons of dried fruit, which he sold in Portland at \$150 a ton.

A man in Americus, Ga., is playing the business of peddler under a free license granted by the State to wounded Confederate soldiers, and eking out a subsistence with a pension he draws as an ex-Union soldier.

The Methodist church at Columbia, S. C., was sustained by the Conference last week in expelling Walter Kirkland because he was employed as a clerk in the county dispensary. There is no appeal for an individual member from the decision of the Conference.

T. K. Bruner, who was connected with the exhibit at Chicago, says that the North Carolina agricultural exhibit had received 97 awards up to the time of his leaving Chicago, while that of South Dakota, which was considered one of the finest agricultural displays, had only 18.

O. P. Ransom, grocer, Columbia, S. C., was closed out Friday by the Loan & Exchange Bank.

John M. Langston, the cultured Virginia mulatto, and formerly minister to Hayti, in a recent lecture on the emancipation of the negro in the Latin countries of America, said that "the brave deeds of the slaves who won Haytian independence were a monument to the ability of the colored man to better his own condition. Revolutions were frequent in Hayti, but no negro would ever sell the independence of the country. The disturbance in the government never went farther than the disposition of the rulers. The negro in Hayti and San Domingo had emancipated himself, but

the Government of the United States had insulted colored intelligence by sending Virginia white men to them to represent the nation. The negro held the government of the world in the hollow of his hand. He multiplied rapidly and scattered abroad, and was increasing in education and wealth so that the time was coming when he would rule."

Judge Richard Parker, died at his residence in Winchester, Va., last Friday night. He was 83 years old. He was a son of the late Richard E. Parker of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and was graduated in law at the University of Virginia in 1840. He was a member of the Virginia Circuit Court, and held for a number of years the position of clerk of the court. He was also a member of the Virginia Bar Association, and was a prominent member of the Winchester community.

A three-year old son of J. H. Mitchell, of Davidson county, N. C., was turned to death while his parents were away from home.

T. J. Lundy, clerk of the superior court of Grayson county, Va., became suddenly insane last Sunday while teaching his Sunday school.

The Baptist General Assembly of Virginia met at Roanoke, Va.

Francis H. Thurber, the big wholesale grocer of New York City, has made an individual assignment.

WILL STOP THE FIGHT.

The Governor Says Corbett and Mitchell Shall Not Fight.

Tallahassee brought the following short but significant letter from the office of the Chief Executive of Florida:

To N. B. BROWARD, Sheriff of Duval County:

DAR SIR:—The Governor directs that you will take all proper precautions to prevent any "prize-fight" or so called "glove-contest" in Duval county.

[Signed] D. LANG, Private Secretary.

The sporting men claim that the statute does not contemplate a fight like this one arranged between Corbett and Mitchell, duelling being the offence as ever that the fight will come off here. Their attorney advises them to go ahead.

Preacher Fined for Cruelty to a Skunk.

(From the Philadelphia Press.) GEORGETOWN, Mass.—R. McCartney, a Congregational minister of this town, who has made him self decidedly obnoxious to the liquor dealers here about by his efforts in the interest of morality, was fined \$15 in the police court for undue cruelty in the killing of a skunk.

It appears that one day last week Mr. McCartney was attracted to his back yard by an evil smell. In the yard was an ordinary gopher hole.

When Mr. McCartney came on the scene he was nearly suffocated by the fumes, and noticed a little white and black animal gamboling in the straw. He tipped the box over and lifting it touched a mix-ture to the straw, cremating the skunk.

A tender hearted neighbor, Lemuel B. Burrell, who is an agent for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, made a complaint to the authorities, and the Rev. Henry McCartney was brought up in court. He acknowledged his guilt and paid the fine.

Two Big Families.

The following two families make a showing which is difficult to find exceeded, even in the prolific mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. The Rev. A. A. Routh is a Baptist preacher residing at Piny Plate, Sullivan county, Tenn. He is a spry old gentleman, about 70 years old, and still fills his regular appointments at several preaching places. He is the father of thirty-three children, all of them living. Mr. Routh has been married twice, and his second wife is still living and helping take care of the family. Mr. Routh is almost deaf, but otherwise, shows no signs of old age or decay. His family is nearly equally divided as to sex, there being seventeen boys and sixteen girls. The other family is that of Moses Williams, colored, who lives on a farm near Fayetteville, N. C. He is a lively young chap of sixty-five, but doesn't look like it. He is also living with his second wife. There have been born to him forty-five children—forty of them girls by his first wife there were twenty girls and three boys, and by the second twenty girls and two boys. Nearly all of them are living.

AN OUTRAGE ON A CHINAMAN.

Put Off a Train, He is Assaulted, Beaten and Dogs are Set on Him.

ASHVILLE, N. C.—A Chinaman from Paint Rock reveals a state of things that may cause corresponding changes more, between Uncle Sam and the Chinese government. Several days ago, a Chinaman, left Asheville for Johnson City, Tenn., via Paint Rock. The Chinaman had \$250 in his pocket. At Paint Rock the train was changed and the East Tennessee and Virginia Georgia train was taken through to Knoxville. So, the Chinaman reached Ling...

...the ticket, but he was not allowed to board the train. He was put off at a station and the Chinaman was set on by a mob of white men. He was beaten and his pockets were searched. He was then taken to a jail. The Chinaman was released after a few days, but he was still in a bad state of health. He was taken to a hospital, but he died there a few days later.

CLEMSON COLLEGE.

There are 425 Present and 900 More Desire Admission.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—The first report of the Clemson Agricultural College since the fire is that the college is in a very good state of affairs. The college is now open and the students are doing good work. The college is now in a very good state of affairs. The college is now open and the students are doing good work.

A DEBT OF VIRGINIA.

A Petty Subscription to the Cowpens Monument Cannot be Collected.

RICHMOND, Va.—Governor McKinney has received a letter from Capt. William A. Courtenay, ex-captain of the Washington Light Infantry, calling his attention to a claim of \$250 which Virginia is said to have made for a subscription to the Cowpens monument. This subscription was made in 1880. The matter was called to the attention of Governor Cameron, who did not respond. It was afterwards mentioned to Governor Lee, but he replied that Virginia would have to pay its debt to England before it would pay its debt to the victorious monument, but the claim will not die, and now comes before Governor McKinney on the eve of his retirement. He will refer it to the Legislature, and if not disposed of by that body it will probably be passed on as an interesting legacy of office to Governor O'Ferrill.

Income Tax Assured.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—That an income tax shall be a part of this Administration's financial plan has been as good as agreed upon by the Committee of Ways and Means. This is conceded by men speaking for the committee and the Administration.

A Preacher Killed a Man.

ASHVILLE, N. C.—News reached here that Rev. Jack Norton, of Rice's Creek, Union county, Tenn., killed a man named Mahaffey of Shelton Laurel, Madison county, Monday. At last accounts Sheriff White had gone to arrest Norton.

A Bishop's Wife Dead.

RICHMOND, Va.—Mrs. Violet Pace Jackson, wife of Bishop H. Melville Jackson, of Alabama, died here Thursday at the residence of her father, James B. Pace.

Kills the Sheriff.

MURRAY, Ky.—J. M. Breedlove, sheriff of Henry county, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed by a negro named Coleman. The negro was in ambush and used a shot gun, blowing the top of the sheriff's head off.

"PAPA IS DEAD."

Took the Pretty Organist With Him to His Living Grave.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Rev. Chas. M. Bragg, pastor of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Miss Lanthier Phelps, organist of the church, have disappeared, leaving letters saying that they will not return to Baltimore. The inference is that the pastor and organist have taken flight together. The former leaves a wife and five young children. Mr. Bragg is about 42 years of age. For a number of years he had charge of a country newspaper in West Virginia, his native State. Ten years ago he entered the ministry. He came to Calvary church in March, 1892, from Ronceverte, W. Va., succeeding Rev. J. W. Grubb. He was a forcible preacher and by his vigor and personal popularity attracted large congregations. He preached twice last Sunday.

Miss Phelps, the missing organist, is about 17 years of age, of medium height and good figure. Richard Phelps, the young girl's father, who is a well-known commission merchant, declines to discuss the subject of the disappearance of his daughter.

"Do you think she has gone with Mr. Bragg?" he was asked. "I have nothing to say," was his reply. "no statement to make."

Mrs. Bragg is prostrated with grief. It is stated that she found a letter carefully sealed and addressed to her, lying upon her husband's desk. Its contents have not been made public other than it contained the statement that the writer "is a ruined man," adding: "I am going away and will not return. Tell the children 'Papa is dead.'"

Made a Cal False Teeth.

The cat that owned the false teeth had lost his own, and had his jaw broken besides by a drunken wretch who beat him with a cobble-stone. Something must be done for him, for he supported on "spoon vittles" was a burden, and a young dentist in the neighborhood, who had become greatly interested in the unfortunate cat, resolved to try the experiment of making a set of false teeth for him. The terrible piece of work, as the Captain objected to it with all his might, but it was nothing to what followed when the teeth were fairly in. If the animal had plunged and scratched while the plate was being fitted, he acted like a mad thing when it was firmly attached to his jaw—although it was well made and fitted perfectly.

He could not understand that it would enable him to continue the luxurious feasts to which he had been accustomed, and for several days he and impossible scheme was tried to get the uncomfortable thing out of his mouth; he tore at it with his claws, he shook his head violently to make it drop out, he butted against heavy pieces of furniture, and if any one came near him he growled and scratched at them.

There seemed to be danger of his going mad, and his friends were sorely puzzled to know what to do with him, when, greatly to their relief, he calmed down and appeared to have come to the conclusion that his new possession was after all a blessing in disguise. He was once more gentle and affectionate, as he had been previous to his misfortune; and the plate was now often taken out between meals and put back again. In this way it was worn comfortably for over a year.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Corpse in the River.

RICHMOND, Va.—The body of a man supposed to be that of W. H. Simpson or Harris, was found in the river here. There were no marks of violence upon his person. The man has been missing from his boarding house since the third of the month. He had only been in the city about a month and it is believed that he came from York, Pa.

Nine Feet of Water in her Hold.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—The schooner Douglas Gregory, Captain L. S. Stillwell, hailing from Port Dennisville, N. J., from Savannah to Baltimore, with cargo of lumber, was towed into Southport in distress. The captain reports that she was struck by a northeast storm on the 10th, in latitude 33 deg. 35 min. north, and longitude 78 deg. west, during which the vessel lost her rudder and sustained several leaks. At present there is nine feet of water in her hold.

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AUGUSTA EXPOSITION.

Governor Northen Delivers an Address.

The Georgia State Fair Combined With the Exposition. AUGUSTA, Ga.—For the third time a grand exposition has been held. On this occasion, however, there is joined with this enterprise the Georgia State Fair under the management of the Georgia State Agricultural Society, the two combined forming an exposition, the equal in its scope and magnitude any similar enterprise ever attempted in the history of the South.

In the building is the finest agricultural display of Southern products ever seen, fifteen counties of Georgia and South Carolina and the collective exhibit of the State of South Carolina, participating. In the industrial, mechanical and electrical departments nearly all the States and eight nations are represented, while among the attractions are many of the best features from the Midway Plaisance at the World Fair.

Gov. Northen in his speech said: "This is an auspicious day, not for Augusta only, but for Georgia and the South. With cheap material, cheap labor and no strikes, the South can claim the entire contract of the manufacture of cotton goods at no distant day. Nothing but ourselves can hinder the growth of our section and the wealth of our people. We do not need to cultivate our farms less but more, while we invite capital to develop our mines, utilize our forests, manufacture our cotton, broaden our agriculture, and open our ports to the commerce of the world.

"The South, under the diversification of crops, and diversification of industries, is thrilling with new life. As this new prosperity comes to us it will bring no sweeter thought than that it adds not only to the comfort and happiness of our section, but that it makes broader the glory and deeper the majesty and more enduring the strength of the union of States. In this Republic of ours is lodged the hope of free government on the earth. Here God has rested the ark of the covenant with the sons of men. Let us rise above all provincial pride and find our deeper aspirations in gathering the fullest sheaves into the harvest and standing the staunchest and which all the people of this earth study come in God's appointed time."

TO COIN \$4,000,000 A MONTH.

Colonel Oates Says that Mr. Carlisle Intimated to Him His Policy.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Congressman Oates has arrived in this city direct from Washington. In an interview he said he had recently called on Mr. Carlisle and the Secretary gave him to understand it would be the policy of the administration, or about four millions monthly. At this rate, which is the capacity of the mints, it would require four years to coin all the bullion on hand. That would be at the end of Mr. Cleveland term. The succeeding administration would provide for additional currency and relief to the people by increasing the circulating medium. He says he thinks the bill repealing the 10 per cent tax on State banks will pass and give a sufficient domestic currency and relief to the people, but he is not sure the President favors it. The President is non-committal.

A Crew Rescued.

NEWPORT, Va.—The bark S. S. Southland, Captain Brauer, from Charleston or Bremen, which put in here for coal, branched to this city Captain McDonald and crew of six men belonging to the schooner Peter H. Crowell of Dennis, Mass. The crew sailed from Norfolk on November 2d, for Fall River with a cargo of coal. She encountered bad weather from the first and on November 5th there was five feet of water in her hold, and it steadily increased notwithstanding all efforts to clear her. When sighted by the Southland Saturday morning she was 13 miles off Body Island. Her decks had been swept ashore, sails lost and all her boats carried away. The men were in an exhausted condition and had to be hauled on board with lines.

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IT CAME TOO LATE.

The Death of a Direct Tax Claimant Before his Claim was Paid.

BEAUFORT, S. C.—At a time like this, when soft-handed charity is pouring its benefactions upon the distressed and storm stricken sections with bounteous hand, it is a base and additional reflection upon a common sense of justice that this latter should be withheld from those entitled to its rewards and that, too, by the great Government under which we live.

Edwin C. McTureous, respectably connected and said to have been a faithful and gallant Confederate of Kershaw's brigade, an heir to a moderate sum of money from the direct tax fund in the hands of the United States Government, died here last night in extreme poverty and destitution, while the little pittance from his paternal estate on St. Helena Island confiscated by the United States during the war, and from which he long since should have received his quota, has been withheld in accordance with the cruel and inexorable rule of delay in these cases for long months of postponement of the check, and he has died just about the time that it should have arrived, and now too late for him to enjoy its benefits, which might have smoothed the rough asperities for his life or lightened up his dark pathway to the grave.

He sought not the general charity that might have been obtained, but preferred to abide the sickening pang of hope deferred, and so groaned and died! We obtained for him a judgment in the Court of Claims for his portion of money, which our paternal Government had allowed him to expect, but the usual formality of procrastinating payment for ninety days was required by the Government, and when it comes it will come too late to afford him the little comfort and pleasure of its receipt. It is a sad irony of fate. He had nevertheless some kind friends who saw that he was not entirely neglected and saw him decently interred.

Age of Trees.

Elm, 300 years; ivy, 335 years; maple, 510 years; larch, 575 years; orange, 630 years; cypress, 800 years; olive, 800 years; walnut, 900 years; Oriental plane, 1000 years; lime, 1100 years; spruce, 1200 years; oak, 1500 years; cedar, 2000 years; yew, 3200 years. In which the tree of life is no doubt of its correctness, the few cases the data has been furnished by historical records and by traditions, but the botanical archeologists have a resource independent of either, and when carefully used, infallible.

Of all the forms of nature, trees alone disclose their ages candidly and freely. In the stems of trees which have branches and leaves with netted veins—in all exogens, as the botanist would say—the growth is spread in an even layer upon the surface of the preceding one.

In the earlier periods of life trees increase much faster than when adult—the oak, for instance, grows more rapidly between the twentieth and thirtieth years—and when old the annual deposits considerably diminish, so that the strata are thinner and the rings proportionally closer. Some trees shaken in rate of growth at a very early period of life, and layers of oak become thinner after forty, those of the elm after fifty, those of the yew after sixty.—New York Times.

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