THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

Meeting of Trustees Last Night—President McBryde's Resignation.

The Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College held their regular semi-annual meeting in the College library last night. There were present Governor Richardson, Chief Justice Simpson, Associate Justices McGowan and McIver, Judge Simonton, ex-Judge A. C. Haskell, Superintendent Rice, Gen. Bratton, Representative Hutson and Col. Lipsbomb. President McBryde served the Board with the required six months' notice of his intention to resign. There was an animated discussion on this subject, and the following resolution was at last adopted:

Resolved, That this Board has heard with regret the notice given by President McBryde, under Subdivision 4, of Chapter 2, of the By-Laws, as we feel satisfied that his resignation will prove to be an incalculable loss to the College. We therefore earnestly hope that some arrangement may be made by which Dr. McBryde may be induced to reconsider his proposed resignation.

Subsequently Gen. Bratton, Judge Haskell and Superintendent Rice were appointed a committee to ascertain if any steps can be taken to retain the services of President McBryde. The reports of the President and professors as the work of the College were received and considered. The recommendations contained in the President's report were adopted. They consisted of recommendations of changes in the curriculum; as to the requirements for the admission of students, and as to the granting of degrees.

The Board next considered the admission of beneficiaries, a matter committed to it by the recent Act of Assembly. A resolution was adopted in substance stating that no student shall be admitted free without a certificate, signed by himself and parents (if he have any), to the effect that he is unable to pay the tuition fee prescribed by the Legislature, accompanied by a statement of opinion, signed either by the Board of County Commissioners, Clerk of Court or Judge of Probate of his county, that the declaration of poverty is true.

Mr. John E. Barnwell was elected Librarian and Treasurer without opposition. He already held the office of Secretary of the Faculty.

Some time ago it was determined, in view of the fact that the expenses of Claflin College were too great, to vacate the professorships at this time in order to allow the re-election of professors at reduced salaries. Professors W. J. DeTreville, Mortimer Glover and James Heyward were re-elected at salaries of $1,000 instead of $1,200 that they have heretofore received.

The Board granted permission to the students to use the library hall for the commencement ball.

Shortly before midnight the Board adjourned.—*Columbia Daily Record.*

SALVATION ARMY.

"Happy Bob," Under Sentence of Death, Gives His opinion of it.

Robert Van Brunt, lately a prominent member of the Salvation Army, is under sentence of death at Rochester for the murder of young Roy. From an interview with a reporter of the Democrat this extract was made:

"Van Brunt, you seem to place little reliance upon the final result of this hoped-for appeal to the higher courts, and you seem to clearly realize that your life is nearly ended, and that the dreadful event can at most be postponed but little. Now, with these grave convictions in your mind, I wish you would tell me something about the true inwardness of this Salvation Army to which you belonged."

Van Brunt who is only twenty-three years of age, meditated a moment eyed his questioner curiously, and then laughed a bit in a perculiar manner to himself.

"I think," he said, after a little, "I think there are a few good people yet in the army; I mean people that really want to benefit mankind, but I tell you most of the soldiers, and officers particularly, are thinking more of womankind," and the face of the man, who in due course of the law had less than ten days before his death on the gallows, took on a wicked leer, which startled even the experienced interviewer, who was mentally, but none the less unerringly, understanding the testimony of one who knew that he was facing almost certain if not immediate death.

"I ought to know this Salvation Army," continued the condemned murderer, his telltale face adding strange emphasis to his candid words. "I ought to know them; I have been there myself and the officers have talked with me about it."

"There is a class of young girls drawn into the meetings," he went on, "who are easily enough influenced by the officers, and are controlled by the officers and men for their own purposes and for bad purposes and those are girls they are after. I don't know as I can just exactly describe the influence they have over them, but it just controls them, and lots of them have this influence." "Perhaps they mesmerize them," quietly suggested the newspaper man. "Yes" said the slayer of Roy and the suitor of his sister, "I put it all down as something like that."

"You know this is the general character of these soldiers you associated with, then," persisted the newspaper man.

"Yes; I know it from my own experience, and I have talked it all over with the officers."

"I imagine you mean your observation, not your personal experience."

"Yes; I mean my observation," and again the uncanny, malicious expression stole over the features of the man, and the visitor did not regret that his disagreeable task was nearly ended.

"Van Brunt," said he, "from what you know of this army, and from the position in which you find yourself, what do you think of the general effect of the practices of this Salvation Army?"

The witness was a competent one, and it was the last question the interviewer ever expected to address to Robert Van Brunt, and the answer came with a rapidity that carried conviction with it:

"I told you some good people get into the Salvation Army, but the enthusiasm wears off in two or three weeks and they get to be as bad as the rest. If the Salvation Army altogether was swept from the earth it would be better; better for everybody."

New Servitude in Russia.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London *Daily News*, the project which Count Tolstoi some days ago presented in the council of the empire, and aiming at re-establishing a new kind of servitude for the Russian peasants, has produced a deplorable impression. By this scheme eighty million Russian peasants will be placed in complete dependence upon new functionaries with exceptional arbitrary powers enabling them to inflict penalties and imprisonment without appeal to any tribunal.

Count Tolstoi himself states as the ground of this project the necessity of subjugating the peasants who begin to feel themselves human beings. He is pleased at playing this part, and declared in April 1882, a short time before he was appointed minister of the interior, "My name will be sufficient to strike the revolutionary element with terror."

War Among Republicans.

W. J. Whipper, Probate Judge of this county, was arrested this week, brought before Trial Justice T. G. White, of Beaufort, on a charge of official misconduct, corruption in office, fraud, oppression in office, preferred by one Thomas C. Scott, of his own color, who claims that Whipper has, officially and individually, defrauded him. Robert Smalls, S. J. Bampfield, and a number of other prominent colored citizens are material witnesses. Whipper was bound over in the sum of $1,000 to appear, Messrs. J. F. Huchtings, E. A. Scheper and Sammy Green going his security. It is due to Whipper to say that he has been the attorney for Smalls in the contest against Congressman Elliott and claims that Smalls owes him $138 for services in such capacity and refuses payment.—*Port Royal Post.*

Ruskin says that Athene, the Goddess of Wisdom, wore bangs. We shall still entertain a favorable opinion of the woman until some inquisitive person discovers that she chewed gum and wore four gold rings on one finger.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Quarters.

The Marquis of Salisbury is soon to be made a Duke.

Carruthers & Co., grain brokers, New York, suspended Thursday.

The Southern Baptist Convention has begun its session at Louisville.

The Inter-State Commission has concluded its labors at Memphis.

The Florida Legislature is still in a deadlock over the balloting for Senator.

The shoe lasters and fitters of Cincinnati have surrendered after one day's lockout.

A disease called the pink-eye is said to be prevailing among horses in Edgefield.

Mrs. Langtry will pass the summer in the Yosemite Valley.

Mrs. Cleveland is a member of the Albany Indian Association.

Queen Kapiolani, of Hawaii, and her suit have arrived at Washington.

Dion Boucicault is laid up with inflammatory rheumatism.

In Chicago about 3,000 hod-carriers have gone out on a strike.

James Grant, the novelist, is dead. He was 64 years of age.

Ex-Senator Thurman's wife is seriously ill at her home in Columbus.

Three cases of leprosy have been discovered in one family in St. Martinsville, La.

The great Russel Sage was fined $100 by Judge Donahue, of New York, for failing to serve as a juror when drawn.

George Gould has just been elected President of three of his papa's Southwestern railways.

The First National Bank of Starkville, Miss., has been authorized to begin business with a capital of $50,000.

One hundred houses were destroyed by fire in the town of Eperies, Hungary, Thursday.

A quantity of dynamite has been found in the luggage of a stranger who died in a hotel at Madrid.

It is reported from Merv that the Afghan rebels have severed communication between Herat and Cabul and Calcutta.

The fertilizer works of M. Dorsey, at Highlandtown, near Baltimore, were destroyed by fire Friday night.

Failures for the week—United States 153, Canada 29, total 182; against 191 last week and 192 the week before.

Queen Kapiolana is going through a round of festivities at Washington that fills up her time pretty thoroughly.

The military credits passed their second reading in the Reichstag by a large majority, the Socialists alone opposing.

Gen. Villacampa, leader of the military revolt in Madrid last September, is dying in prison.

Judge J. T. Willis, of the Chattahoochee circuit, died at his home in Columbus, Ga., Friday night.

During a thunderstorm at Sumter Friday two horses belonging to Wm. Bogin were killed by lightning.

It is reported at Bucharest that disorders of a serious nature occurred at Jassy and a number of arrests were made.

Charlie and Ellis Raily fought in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday night. Charlie was killed and Ellis badly wounded.

It is officially stated in Berlin that Germany has no intention of proclaiming a state of siege in Alsace-Lorraine.

The Prattville, Ala., cotton factory has been sold at auction for $24,500. It will be repaired and put in operation at once.

Jas. B. Riley, wholesale boot and shoe merchant of Louisville, has assigned. Liabilities $50,000; assets unknown.

One member of a party of regulators, who attacked a brothel at Winchester, O., on Friday night last, was killed.

Mr. Parnell's cold is more serious than was expected, and will probably keep him in Ireland for several days to come.

The danger of mob violence in the case of the two Louisville negroes, who assaulted Jennie Bowman, is thought to be over.

The committee of the German Reichstag has approved Bismarck's budget with but one exception, the estimate for artillery.

The Legislature of West Virginia is no nearer electing a United States Senator than at the last session.

The Empress of Russia is an indefatigable dancer and possesses an enormous appetite.

Mind-reader Bishop's wife has filed her petition for divorce in the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

President Cleveland will go to hear Patti sing this week and afterwards look at Forepaugh's circus.

Lady Randolph Churchill is one of the most active canvassers in London for the Queen's Jubilee contributions.

In New Haven, Conn., building operations are almost totally suspended on account of a strike of the carpenters.

A. & H. Straus, furniture dealers of Cincinnati, have failed; assets $40,000; liabilities $50,000; preferences $57,000.

J. W. Boughton & Co.'s screen and wood carpet factory, Philadelphia, was burned Wednesday night. Loss about $75,000.

Senator Camden has withdrawn from the contest before the West Virginia Legislature.

The Chinese portion of San Jose, Cal., was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. Loss $75,000.

F. M. White, for fifteen years President of the Mississippi and Tennessee railroad, died Thursday night.

Judge C. J. Faulkner, Democrat, has been elected United States Senator by the West Virginia Legislature.

The First National Bank of Decatur, Alabama, capital $100,000, is authorized to commence business.

Congressman Randall is about again in Washington, and will soon start for his old country home near Paoli.

Senator Cameron will accompany General Sheridan on his annual tour through the Virginias this month.

Numerous petitions are still being received by the Inter-State Commerce Commission for and against the "long and short haul."

At Winchester, Va., Judge Clark set aside the verdict of murder in the first degree in the Ridenour case and granted the prisoner a new trial.

The Inter-State commerce commission completed its Mobile session on Saturday, and will begin its New Orleans session today.

General Saletta, the new Italian commander at Massowah, has proclaimed a state of war in Massowah and its dependencies.

Special telegrams to *Bradstreet's* from leading trade centres indicate a moderate improvement in the movement of general merchandise.

Roswell P. Flower has added a million or more to his already large fortune during the past twelve months by shrewd investments in Indiana real estate and stocks.

The Criminal Court of St. Louis decided yesterday that it has no jurisdiction over the case of Fotheringham, the express messenger.

Richard Preston, woollens and tailors' trimmings, of Boston, has filed a voluntary petition in insolvency. He owes $100,190.

On Monday evening, at Nicholville, near Watertown, N. Y., Charles Morrow, in a fit of drunken rage, killed his wife and himself.

Cadet Robert Lian Matthews, of Birmingham, a student in the Alabama State University at Tuscaloosa, was drowned in the Warrior river Tuesday while bathing.

On Monday night a young farmer's discontented wife near Grand Rapids, Mich., dosed hersel and two children with "rough on rats" with fatal results.

The big bridge between New York and Brooklyn is being treated to a new coat of paint, and it will take about 20 tons of paint to cover it.

Albany, N. Y., is one of the three great telegraphic centres in this country, having over 200 wires. New York, which stands first, has 600 wires.

Miss Mary Garrett, sister of Robert Garrett, has made a proposition to the trustees of Johns Hopkins University to settle on the institution.

Semi official denial is given the report in St. Petersburg that the negotiations of the English and Russian Commissions on the Afghan boundary question had failed.

The New York *Mail and Express* says: "Miss Rose Cleveland will soon become a teacher in a prominent private school for young ladies in this city."

The storekeeper of the warehouses, known as Almacenes de Depositos, at Havana, has disappeared, and is said to be a defaulter in the sum of $400,000.

The Sloss Steel and Iron Company, of Birmingham, has closed a contract for the erection on North Birmingham of two 125 ton iron furnaces.

A statement is made that the "crib" in Lake Michigan is in a dangerous condition, and liable at any moment to collapse and cut off the water supply of Chicago.

N. O. Lauve, ex-President of the Texas Underwriters' Association, and one of the leading insurance men of the Southwest, died yesterday at Austin, of Bright's disease.

Representative Dearden, of Philadelphia, Pa., astonished his fellow members of the Legislature on Tuesday by knocking out a bigger Philadelphia member with soft gloves.

There is some disagreement between the committee or the Virginia Legislature and the Commission representing English bondholders. A settlement is unlikely.

The Memphis *Avalanche's* fund for an equestrian statue of General Forrest now amounts to $5,000. It was opened only ten days ago.

W. Darwin, of England, who has been in Norfolk as a representative of British stockholders of the Norfolk and Western railroad, is a nephew of the great naturalist, Charles Darwin.

H. O. Wills, a reformed convict, is telling the Christian people of Ohio how they can go to heaven, and taking up the usual evangelistic collection when enthusiasm attains the proper pitch.

D. E. Keith, cashier of the Bank of Elkton, Dakota, is under arrest there on the charge of robbery. The bank is closed and its fixtures are being attached for taxes.

Daniel C. Birdsall, editor and proprietor of the Hartford *Telegram*, was arrested Friday night on a charge of embezzlement and false entries in the books of the concern.

There were two legal executions in New Mexico Friday. Henry Anderson was hanged at Socono and Theodore Baker at Springer, Colfax county. Both had been convicted of murder.

Ex-Alderman Tuomy, of New York, dropped dead on the street on Monday, and when picked up had $25,000 worth of securities on his person.

M. C. Lockwood, who leads the labor movement in Cincinnati, is a Baptist preacher, but doesn't speak of immersion to his Anarchist contingent.

Peter Wise, a promine Knight of Labor in the coke regions of Pennsylvania, while in Pittsburg yesterday, said that all preparations have been made for a long strike.

Several candidates are already mentioned for the Solicitorship of the Eighth Circuit to be vacant next year. Col. J. L. Orr, the incumbent, will not stand for re-election.

Peter Smith, the condemned murderer of John Hannan, a night watchman, was hanged in the Tombs prison, at New York, Thursday. He had nothing to say and no requests to make.

John M. Lewis, colored, of Cincinnati, who has been a trusted letter carrier for 12 years, was detected in stealing two letters which had been placed in a decoy letter. He confessed his guilt.

Monday night while riding in a buggy Mr. and Mrs John Carbell, of Vienna, Wis., were shot by some unknown person sneaking behind. Carbell died instantly and his wife will not recover.

On Monday night two men named Brown and O'Hara, who were sitting on the Baltimore and Ohio track, near Snowden Station, Penn., were struck by a shifting engine and instantly killed.

The officers of the Union Trust Company, of Philadelphia, announce that the approximate embezzlement of James N. Taggart, lately teller of that company, is $20,000.

The boilers of the towboat J. C. Risher burst Monday at Wood Run, a few miles below Pittsburg, Pa. One man was instantly killed and two others fatally injured.

W. J. Whipper, now Probate Judge of Beaufort county, is in jail on the charge of malfeasance in office. He tried to get out by habeas corpus, but Judge Aldrich refused his petition.

Le Paris states that France has concluded a defensive alliance with certain other powers, and that henceforth France will not be alone in the event of an aggression against her.

Gladstone lately declined to attend an anti-vaccination meeting on the ground that he is busily engaged in opposing the compulsory inoculation of the whole Irish nation with the coercion bill.

Mrs. James Brown Potter has decided to make her first appearance in this country at Washington, where her recitation of "Ostler Joe" is still alluded to as the dramatic event of the century.

Edwin Booth's reappearance as a capitalist is noted by the New York papers, which record a $29,000 loan of the great tragedian to Ephraim Drucker, of Grand street South Fifth avenue. Real estate is given as security.

Col. W. H. Bolton, ex-superintendent of second-class matter in the Chicago post office, convicted of embezzlement, has been sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

The Pope has summoned three Cardinals to confer with him upon the question of a reconciliation with the Italian government and to arrange conditions upon which the Vatican will consent to negotiate.

F. Tenney and W. H. Crosby have filed a bill in equity against Dwight Doolittle to dissolve partnership and restrain the defendant from interfering with the management of the National Hotel, Washington.

The Rev. Sam Jones has been called home by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his wife. This leaves the revival services in Minneapolis in charge of the Rev. Sam Small.

W. B. Dinsmore, who bought the New York Academy of Music some days since for $300,000, has just sold his little purchase to W. P. Douglass at an advance of $120,000.

Mrs. Polk, the widow of James K. Polk, the tenth President of the United States, is over 80 years of age, but she is in good health and she possesses a memory of unimpaired vigor.

At Wilmington, Del., the house painters in all the shops have struck for $2.50 per day, a raise of 25 cents. Two of the largest employers have granted the increase, and it is probable that the others will follow.

About 100 Hungarians in the Mount Pleasant coke district of Pennsylvania have left for their native land, saying that the strike will last five or six months and they can live cheaper during that time in their own country.

The government majority in the House of Commons has rejected Mr. Gladstone's amendment, and adopted the motion that the House will not treat the *Times's* language about Mr. Dillon as a breach of privilege.

At Waterbury, Conn., all the carpenters, nearly 800, quit work yesterday because the employers refused to give them the same wages for nine hours' work as they received last season for ten hours.

The lasters and fitters in Cincinnati, numbering 600, having declined to go into the usual annual arbitration of wages, have been shut out, and trouble in the shoe trade is apprehended.

A Suakim dispatch says that deserters report that Hadendowa Arabs, assisted by other friendly tribes, have dislodged the Soudanese rebels from Kassala and captured Osman Digna and Abu Girga.

In New York James P. Farrell, shawls and woolen has failed; liabilities $250,000. R. Herman & Co., manufacturers of Jersey and knit goods, have failed; liabilities $50,000; assets the same.

The crooked liabilities of James Hunter, a prominent Philadelphia merchant who disappeared some time ago, now foot up $800,000. So far he successfully conceals his whereabouts.

The French government has decided to suppress the performance of Lohengrin in the future in Paris, if it continues to be accompanied by anti-German demonstrations.

On Friday last, between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. L. V. Claxton's dwelling in the southeastern part of Edgefield county, was burned, the fire originating from a spark from the chimney.

The management of the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad having promised to comply with the law touching the running of railroads, the Commission has suspended its investigation for 30 days.

Twelve out of 18 negroes working in the Coosa Tunnel of the Georgia Central Railroad were killed Wednesday by the premature explosion of a blast. The one white man present escaped.

Miss N. B. Cummings, now the Librarian of the Department of Justice at Washington, is a daughter of a former Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and is regarded as one of the best authorities on law books in the country.

Eighty new members were received into the fellowship of Plymouth Church on Sunday, and even Mr. Beecher's friends are beginning to admit that Emerson was right when he said: "Every man is wanted and no man is wanted much."

The Chinese government has ordered that every foreign missionary in China must hold a passport from his own government, in order that his nationality may be shown. All other passports are declared invalid.

Seventy-five to one hundred thousand dollars of the funds of the Will County National Bank of Joliet, Ill., are missing. The cashier is in Canada with his wife, but his father has made arrangements to make good the shortage.

A personal encounter took place Friday on the streets of Atlanta between C. S. Atwood, of the *Evening Capital*, and J. F. Burke, captain of the Gate City Guards. Atwood drew a cowhide and Burke used a cane. They were parted by officers.

The threatened insurrection by the Greek population of Crete against the Porte's authority has quieted down, and French and English men-of-war, sent to to the harbor to be present in case of emergency, are departing.

About $100,000 of the funds of Will county, Ill., National Bank are missing. Cashier Knowles is in Canada. His counsel denies that he is a defaulter, and says his father will make good the shortage which was caused by mismanagement.

The Comptroller of the Currency has declared a third dividend of ten per cent. in favor of the creditors of the Exchange National Bank of Norfolk, Va. This makes in all forty per cent. on claims proved, amounting to $2,888,986.

At Danville, Va., the leaf tobacco sales for April were 2,236,111 pounds, at an average of $8 per hundred. Sales to date since October last year have been 14,116,318 pounds, at an average of $8.54 per hundred.

Rev. Charles Ward, the Englewood, N. J., rector, recently accused of attempting to murder his wife, was found dead at the home of Judge Drew, his counsel, at Rockland Lake, Wednesday afternoon. It is supposed that he took an overdose of chloral.

The Pope has received a letter from Emperor William in which the Emperor thanks the Pope for his wise and conciliatory cooperation in settling the ecclesiastical bill, and expresses the hope that the present religious peace will never be disturbed.

A fire Wednesday morning on Julia street, New Orleans, between Magazine and Camp streets, destroyed much property. O'Connor & Son are heavy losers. Laughlin Lyons, a paralytic, and his three-year-old grandchild perished in the flames. Total loss $100,000.

The Kentucky Democratic Convention nominated Gen. Buckner for Governor by acclamation. The platform endorses Cleveland's integrity and devotion to principle, but favors "honest civil service reform." The platform is the joint production of Henry Watterson and John G. Carlisle.

Monday afternoon the steam saw and planing mill of Mr. Richardson, near Franklin, was accidentally burned, together with 20,000 feet of lumber. Loss about $2,000. Mr. Lee, living near the mill, lost his house and contents, together with his barns, stables and a year's supplies.

Edgar Boulingny, of New Orleans, shot and killed a negro barber named Kinard, at El Paso, Texas. The quarrel grew out of the charge for the barber's services. Boulingny was arrested. His father was a member of Congress and a Judge.

The Czarina has donated 100,000 roubles to Gen. Gresser, Prefect of St. Petersburg, in recognition of his services in frustrating the recent plot against the Czar's life, and the Czar has granted him a pension of 6,000 roubles as a reward for his services in arresting the Nihilists.

It is reported that the Czar has decided that the sentences of death pronounced against the Nihilists convicted of complicity in the recent attempt to assassinate him shall be commuted to imprisonment at hard labor for life in the cases of all but two of the condemned.

A Hamburg paper reports that complaints are being made of the failure of the system of government subsidies to steamship companies. The Vulcan and North German Lloyd companies complain of great losses, the advantages expected not having been gained.

Editor McGuire, of the Quebec *Mercury*, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and $200 fine for charging Mayor Langelier and his brother with having received a large sum of money from a contractor for securing the contract in connection with city work.

John J. Cornelson, of Louisville, Ky., who assaulted and cowhided Judge Reid, causing him to commit suicide, and who was sentenced to jail for three years, has been released on a writ of habeas corpus by Magistrate Stofer. The affair has created a sensation, because Stofer ignores the decision of the State Supreme Court.

It if reported that in consequence of the refusal of the European powers to take part in the Paris exhibition the French government contemplate postponing the opening until 1890, in order to dissociate the exhibition from the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the revolution.

Miss Ada Leigh, of Paris, requests the press to contradict the statement that she has collected the whole of the $60,000 needed for the land of the British and American Young Men's Home in Paris. She has just sent on the first payment of $20,000, which secures the house, and has still $40,000 to find.

The Cannadian minister of fisheries has brought to Ottawa the fishery correspondence. It is a bulky volume, covering the period from 1884 down to a very recent date. Much of the correspondence has already appeared, and it is only the later dispatches which are of public interest at this time.

The Atlanta Opera House was packed with distinguished Georgians, who assembled in mass meeting to protest against the coercion bill now before the British Parliament. Governor Gordon left a bed of sickness to preside over the meeting, and was so ill he had to return home before it adjourned.

Speaker Carlisle has just been interviewed in Louisville, Ky. He says that he is not a candidate for United States Senator, but he would not decline to serve. He thinks a tariff reform bill must be framed by the next House, that the tobacco tax is likely to be abolished as a compromise and that Blair's bill is a job to deplete the Treasury.

Mr. Mullock, a prominent member of Parliament and a leading Toronto lawyer, has introduced a bill in Parliament adopting some of the provisions of the United States Inter-state Commerce bill. The most important provision relates to the discrimination of rates; it is substantially the long and short haul section of the United States law.

After a recess of one week the Florida Senatorial caucus met and resumed balloting. The first ballot resulted: Perry 36, Bloxham 31, Pasco 18. Four ballots were taken without decisive result. Senator Wall, a supporter of Bloxham, moved that the State executive committee call a convention to select a Senator. The motion was laid on the table by a vote of 52 to 33.

Miss Helene de Rothschild, only daughter of the late Baron Solomon de Rothschild, of Paris, will soon marry Captain Van Smesseir, a young officer of the Belgian army. Mlle. Helene will ultimately possess about $30,000,000, and has already purchased the splendid mansion of the late Baron Lucien Hirsch, near the Champs Elysees, as the future residence for herself and her husband.

While Thomas A. Edison and a number of friends were standing on a pier at Kissimmee Springs, Florida, the other day, the structure collapsed and all of the party, except Mr. Edison and Mrs. Gilliland, fell into the water. A number of residents who saw the accident rushed to the rescue. Mr. Edison and Mrs. Gilliland saved themselves by leaping from the crackling timbers.

The new officers elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Louisville, Ky., are: President, Dr. Mell, of Georgia; First Vice President, L. B. Ely, of Missouri; Second Vice President, J. A. Hoyt, of South Carolina; Third Vice President, Haroldson, of Alabama; Fourth Vice President, W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia; Dr. L. Burrows, of Georgia, and Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Baltimore, are the Secretaries.

"Twenty years ago," says the Cleveland *Leader*, "no photograph was more often seen than that of President Lincoln sitting with a big book on his knee and his little son Tad leaning against him and looking at it with him. The book was then thought to be a bible, but it wasn't. It was Photographer Brady's picture album, which the President was examining with his son while some ladies stood by. The artist begged the President to remain quiet, and the picture was taken."

The Hon. George C. Gorham, ex-Secretary of the Republican National Committee and ex-Secretary of the United States Senate, is one of the shewdest political observers in this country. He thinks that if Blaine is renominated by the Republicans in 1888 he can carry but seven states. The states conceded to Blaine are: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kansas and Minnesota. Mr. Gorham is a warm friend of Mr. Conkling, and is believed to be deeply in his confidence. His prediction concerning Blaine's strength is significant.

Jefferson Davis has written a review of Gen. Wolseley's life of Gen. Lee. Mr. Davis takes exception to many of the English General's statements, and while not finding fault with the superlative opinion of Gen. Lee's military ability expressed in the book, he shows very plainly that he considers Gen. Wolseley's criticisms of other Southern leaders unjust and unwarrantable. The review is written in a very caustic style, and contains interesting matter in the way of inside estimates of the relative value of the services of the Confederate leaders.

When the war broke out, a Southern merchant went to the North to live, leaving his chief clerk in charge of his estate of about $400,000. After the war, the clerk sent the merchant a statement of the condition of the fund, promising to settle up after awhile. A few days ago he made the final remittance to the merchant, now a resident of New Haven, Conn. The whole amount was $648,000. The names of the parties are withheld. One is a wealthy banker South, the other a wealthy merchant in New Haven.

ROSSER ON SHERIDAN.

A Suggestion that the Latter Ride Up the Shenandoah Valley in Peace, but Like the Crow, Carry His Provisions with Him.

The Winchester (Va.) *Times* prints the following letter from General Rosser:

"UNIVERSITY OF VA., May 2, '87.

To Major Holmes Conrad.

MY DEAR MAJOR: I have seen it reported recently in the newspapers that Gen. P. H. Sheridan, U. S. A., contemplates, at an early day, another ride up the Shenandoah Valley. I had hoped that our beautiful valley should never again be desecrated by his foot prints. Cold, cruel and brutal must be the character of this soldier who fondly cherishes memories of the wild, wanton waste and desolation which his barbarous tories spread through the valley, laying in ashes the beautiful and happy homes of innocent women, young and helpless children and aged men, and who over these ruins boasted that now a crow cannot fly over this valley without carrying its rations. General Sheridan has done nothing since the war to atone for his barbarism during the war. We have not forgotten that during his reign in New Orleans he asked that our fellow-citizens of Louisiana might be proclaimed banditti in order that he might set the dogs of war on them. I have forgiven the brave men of the Union armies whom I met in honorable war and who finally triumphed over us in the great struggle. Among them I can now name many of my warmest and truest and most prized friends: they are good and true to me and think none the less of us for having fought them. Indeed, they esteem him highest amongst us who fought them the hardest. Sheridan is not one of this kind, and he has never accorded that peace which Grant proclaimed. I now say to you, my dear Major, and to our gallant comrades who are now in the valley, that I hope you will allow this man to make his triumphant ride up the valley in peace, but have him go like the miserable crows, carrying his rations with him.

(Signed) Yours, truly,
THOS. L. ROSSER.

Methodist Church Statistics.

The ecclesiastical year of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has ended, and the last returns from annual conferences are in. The figures for the ecclesiastical year 1886–7 has been footed up.

There are 4,434 traveling preachers; 5,989 local preachers; 1,056,028 members, making a grand total of ministers and members in that church of 1,065,451. This shows an increase over 1885–6 of 28 traveling preachers; 49 local preachers, and 75,383 members, and a total increase of ministers and members of 75,457.

The average number of members under the pastoral care of each pastor is 240.

The church has 11,207 Sunday schools, in which 77,516 officers and teachers instruct 211,519 pupils. The increase over the year 1885–6, is 585 Sunday schools, 5,543 officers and teachers and 50,772 pupils. "This means, that if every member of the Sunday school is also a member of the church, there are not less than 275,000 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who have no part in the Sunday school work."

The church and Sunday school membership is housed in 10,951 church buildings—about 100 members to each house.

There were baptized during the year 33,871 infants, an increase over last year of 4,325, and 74,780 adults were baptized.

Last year the Indian membership showed an increase of 498, and this year an increase of 627. There is still a remnant of colored membership, who have not joined the colored Methodist Church, and they now number 673 members, an increase for this year of 126. This increase occurs mainly in North and South Carolina, but chiefly in the latter State. There was marked progress and prosperity in all departments of church work, presaging even more hopeful results for the year 1887–8.

Mrs. Cleveland's Photographs.

The demand for Mrs. Cleveland's photographs is as active as it was at the time that lady first entered the White House as its mistress. The photographer who persuaded her to give him sittings for twenty-five negatives last summer has sold over 50,000 and is still printing them at the rate of 200 a day. He thinks that when the full year of sales is up, 100,000 of his pictures will be sold. The net profit for the first eight months after the negatives were taken was $7,000, almost as much as the President received for a year's service as Governor of New York. What portion of this goes to Mrs. Cleveland, if any, the photographer omits to mention, but a man shrewd enough to secure the sittings would not be apt to overlook the matter of caring for most of the profits himself.

The Strongest Man in Ohio

Is said to be George C. Arnold, of Cleveland, O., who less than one year ago, owing to chronic liver trouble and Bright's disease of the kidneys, weighed less than ninety-five pounds, but by using Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic has gained in strength and weight until now he is admitted to be the giant of Ohio. *

BRIC-A-BRAC.

Polished delivery—Cuffs and collars from the laundry.

Where uprightness is desirable—In the skating rink.

Potatoes never grow larger than marbles in Greenland.

The forests of Scotland furnish ten thousand deer annually.

A society for the suppression of societies for the prevention of things is talked of.

When is a man like a brick? When he is hard pressed.

Crushed watermelon is the popular shade among colored people.

The turn of the "tied" —Starting homeward after the wedding trip.

The most useful thing, after all, in the "long run"—Breath.

A tell-tale—The story about shooting the apple.

Australia has over 10,000 distinct species of flowers.

No sea captains ever dreamed of forecastles in the air.

The so-called deserts of Arizona are now covered with grass and flowers.

A promising young man—The fellow who always says "I will see you later."

"No, sir; I don't hire out to that farmer. His fences are barbed wire, and I can't get a minute's rest on 'em."

The hurrying man who loses his life by jumping from a ferry boat before it lands, gains nothing in the long run.

"Are you a Home Ruler?" was asked of a candidate at the last election. A voice answered, "No, but his wife is!"

A young lady repels the domestic slander that she is "fluctuating." "For I'm always at par—to buy me something."

"Love is the toothache of the heart," says a French proverb. And laudanum is frequently applied to cure it.

A man shot at a hen with a revolver, and hit a neighbor who was sitting on the fence watching him. Both are agreed that the bullet glanced from the hen.

The chap who left his landlady in the lurch being asked why he changed his boarding-place, said it was on account of the strong "owed her."

A scientist now declares that the tip of the nose is the home of the soul. It has certainly often shown where departed spirits have gone.

De narrer-minded man totes a short string, by which he measures de good qualities o' de men whut he meets; but his own good p'ints he measures wid er cloze line.

We agree with a recent writer that "It's all nonsense to say that eating pies is unhealthy." It is trying to digest them that raises the mischief with one's health.

"What can ever be a substitute, John, for the affection of a sister?" "Well, sis, that depends a good deal on whose sister it is."

"Johnny, do you know the tenth commandment?" "Yes'm." "Say it." "Can't." "But you just said you knew it, Johnny." "Yes'm. I kow it when I see it."

The fact that there are twenty-seven hundred languages is no consolation to a man when he is spattered with mud from head to foot by a passing wagon.

An exchange wants a definition of the phrase "hopping mad." A man, we would say, is hopping mad after stepping on the point of a tack.

An Irishman, watching a game of baseball, was sent to grass by a foul, which struck him under the fifth rib. "A fowl, was it? Och, sure, I thought it was a mule."

A correspondent wishes us to give the number of people who would be living if none of them had ever died. We shall take our next vacation to figure it out.

"Is it true that when a wild goose's mate dies it never takes another?" asks a young widow. Yes; but don't worry about that. The reason it acts that way is because it is a goose.

Health journals insist upon people reposing on the right side only, and claim that it is injurious to lie on both sides; but we don't know where they will find healthier men than lawyers.

De insecks is sometimes got more sense dan a man. When you sees a pusson foolin' 'roun' er ho'nets nest, yer may know dat de pusson, 'stead o' de ho'net, is er makin' er mistake.

"Did you break your father's will?" "Yes." "I suppose, then, you are quite rich now?" "No; poorer than ever before." "How is that?" "You see, I broke the will, but the lawyers broke me."

Jay Gould ventures the opinion: "Stocks ought to go up now; only artificial causes can keep them down." A warning to the little fellows perhaps, to get in out of the wet.

It seems to be every man for himself in this world. The icemen go arouns with smiling faces, little caring that the cold which gives them their harvest has ruined the peach-crop again.

"Kind words can never die." How bitterly does a man realize that terrible truth when he sees all the kindest words he ever said in his life glaring at him from his published letters in a breach-of-promise suit.

"How can I find out all about the young lady to whom I am engaged?" asks a prospective benedict. Has she a younger brother? If so, consult him.

A gentleman once said of a discontented friend, that he believed when his friend reached Heaven and could find fault with nothing else, he would complain that his halo didn't fit him.

"Podsnap, don't you think pen manufacturers are a bad lot of people?" "Not particularly; why?" "They make people steel pens, you know." "Oh!"

A North Carolina negro having heard that ex-Governor Jarvis had been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Brazil, said to a friend: "Governor Jarvis has been appointed an extraordinary preacher to the penitentiary in Brazil."

A dude was seen the other day, followed by an attendant, who carried something that looked like a small telegraph pole. It was, however, only the dude's walking-stick. Fashion has ordered them so large this spring that it takes a man to carry one.

Mr. Talmage says: "The chain of life is made up of a great variety of links, long links and small links, iron links, gold links, beautiful links, ugly links, solemn links and mirthful links; but they are all part of one chain of destiny." True, very true; but why not add missing links, sausage links, bobolinks and lynx?

According to an ancient philosopher, "from sleep comes digestion." It is said policemen have the best digestions in the world, which fact would seem to refute the old philos—or rather, perhaps, maybe—but, after all, come to think about it, the ancient gentleman's theory may be all right.

Perfectly Correct. "I went up to see the plan of Mrs. Bartholomew Jones's house the other day," said Brown to his friend on the street car. "She was very enthusiastic about her new improvements, and so on, and told me the gem of the whole house would be a beautiful *spinal* staircase. Ha, ha, ha!" Simpkins—"Well, I don't see anything remarkably funny about that. She probably meant her *back* stairs."

A Characteristic Speech.

In one of our churches recently a railroad conductor was taken into membership, and when confirmed the excellent pastor made to him the following characteristic speech: "My dear brother, I welcome you to this church. May your round house be filled with engines fired by the fire of faith; may your tanks be filled with the precious water from the purest fountains, and your train load in the grand depot of heaven."—*Lynchburg Advance.*

A Printer's Error.

Sweet are the uses of *adversity*, the printer's copy said, but he set it up, sweet are the uses of advertising. Sweet, indeed, to those who in sickness and suffering have seen the advertisement of some sovereign remedy, which upon trial has brought them from death's door. "The best thing I ever saw in my paper was the advertisement of Dr. Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery'" is again and again the testimony of those who have been healed by it of lung disease, bronchial affections, tumors, ulcers, liver complaints and the ills to which flesh is heir.

The Southern Baptists.

The Southern Baptist Convention now in annual session at Louisville, Ky., is composed of all the Baptist churches South of what is known as Mason and Dixon's line. The number of delegates present is estimated at 1,500, representing all the Southern