NEGROES BANDED TOGETHER FOR ROBBERY AND MURDER.

The Brutal Beating to Death of Little Johnnie Good Leads to the Unearthing of a Secret Society. Whose Object was to and to Clear Accused Members by False Testimony.

(From the News and Courier.) YOEKVILLE, December 15 .- About two weeks ago, or on the night of November 30, John Lee Good, a little son of Mr. W. E. Good, who lives in the western part of this county was brutally murdered. The News and Courier has pubthe horrible affair, from which it has appeared that about forty negroes in this county have banded together to rob and plunder and murder all persons who might detect them in their lawlessness.

ROBBERY AND MURDER. The coroner's investigation of the murder of little John Lee Good has revealed a most alarming state affairs in that section, shewing most conclusively that a stupendous conspiracy had been formed among the negroes, the object being robbery and murder. An innocent child was the first victim of the fiendish miscreants, but developments have proved that other murders were freely discussed and planned, and that only recently members of the gang lay in wait one night for a prominent citizen, knowing he would pass a certain point on the evening named. The confession of one of the participants in this affair is corroborated by the gentleman himself so far as to place, action of his horse, Ac., and a day or two after the occurrence he mentioned it to a friend, but without the least suspicion that by a fortuitous circumstance, either lack of courage of the man on watch, or because he had fallen asleep, he was saved from six murderous bullets.

Trial Justice J. P. Blair, acting as coroner, summoned a jury of very discreet men of the neighborhood, and in conducting the inquest they have displayed considerable tact, and, under the difficult circumstances surrounding them, have by practical investigation brought to light the astounding facts which have placed the Broad river section in a state of terror and spread alarm throughout the county.

Circumstances pc.nted almost conclusively to Mose Lipscomb, Dan Roberts and Bailey Dowdle as the perpetrators of the deed, with perhaps another accomplice; and after the close of the first ssession they were committed to jail. On the second meeting of the jury, on the 3d inst., after taking testimony, circumstances and statements of some of the witnesses pointed to Prindly Thompson as another concerned in the murder, and he was also committed.

THE CONSPIRATORS IN JAIL.

In the examination of so many witnesses vague utterances by first one and another of "the club," "the clan," "the society," the witnesses' membership and similar expressions gave a clue which was successfully worked up, and the result is that now 26 negroes, ranging in age from 16 to 50, are inmates of the jail, their offence being murder or aiding therein. These prisoners are Mose Lipscomb, Dan Roberts, Bailey Dowdle and Prind Thompson, principals, and the following, any of whom will no doubt find it difficult to prove innocence as accessories, by reason of the combination or conspiracy they formed, and which tot. by evidence so far addreed has been sufficiently sustained: Giles Good, John Good, Les Wood, Dick Thompson, Wm. Craig, George Samieson, Scott Thompson, Wadis Bankhead, David Wilkes, Mases Roberts, Will McCluney, Wallace Reid, Sam Thompson, Owens Moore, Allen Good, Bob Smarr, Squire Thompson, Brown Robins, Jack McCluney, the Sam Good, Wm. Washington. Of this dark cloud of prisoners Gile Good and Wallace Reid figured prominently in the murder for which Columbus Crawford was hanged 18 months ago. Wallace has always been regarded as the instiga-tor of the deed, though Columbus admitted on the gallows that he fired the fatal shot. Giles is a mulatto, probably 50 years old, crafty and cunning, and has the power to lead the people of his race, over whom he has exerted strong

No attempt to overdraw the picture, or to add a word to increase the excitement this affair has produced, is necessary after a recital of the bare facts. After the coroner's jury obtained the clue as to the supposed conspiracy, they devoted the third day of the investigation, last Friday, to that branch of the case, and the following is a specimen of the sworn testimony:

THE STORY OF ONE OF THE THUGS. Wm. Roberts: I am a member of this clan. I was received by Jack McCluney in August, 1886. I know who he said belonged to the clan-Allen Good, Wallace Reid, Prindly Thompson, Bailey Dowdle and Mose Lipscomb. Jack said he had very good men as members, and we got hold of him. Dan was the first he wanted me to join. If a man caughht a member stealing the club was to make him suffer. I did not attend their meetings regularly, but I said to them once: Boys, we must swear together. Though I have never been with you, you have got my name, and I will stick to you.

We will stick together." I did not take the oath. Me and Allen Good, Dave Wilkes, Wallace Reid and Jack McCluney met. I knew that they were members, and the move was made that if any one was caught stealing we would make the man that caught him suffer. Our purpose was to go two or three together to a man's house, and if he detected us we would mob him right there. The meetings were to be all at Jack McClu- then were to divide the money. Since ney's, and on Wednesday nights. They ney's, and on Wednesday inguis-said one Sunday a month ago they wanted to make a raid pretty soon. do not know of any other club. I would not have told about that meeting if it had not been pulled out of me. If I had told they would have mobbed me, I was The understanding was that they would form clubs all over the coun-He said they were good things. and he wanted to get them up all over the country. They were good, he said, because we would have plenty of good things, whiskey, &c. When articles were stolen everything was to go to the head man, Jack McChuney. Meat was to be hid in gullies and caves. When we met after the killing we talked only talked about it, and let other matters go.

John Cole testified that he belongs to a club over the river (in Union county.) He said: "The nature of the order is called a strike, and members have told me that we could take of steal all the provisions we might need."

"TO KILL WHITE MEN,"

Adam Thompson, Henry Bailey and giving names of members. giving names of members. Adam doors to give them an opportunity to Thompson recognized Giles Good as the examine. Being satisfied that the men

head man of his club. He said: The object of the club was to take whatever we wanted. If detected we were to kill the person who detected us. Whatever Giles Good said to do was to be done. If not the man who failed to do it was to be executed. The object was to kill white men. They were going to kill Elius Inman and Clinton Good. They have guns and pistols and ammunition, and they were kept by the head man, Giles Good, in his cellar. On one occaroad to kill Elias Inman.

Henry Bailey said he was made a member of the club about two weeks ago. The object of the club was to make a living by misdemeanor—to take that which don't belong to you. If we were caught by any one we were to do away with him. Giles Good was captain and lished several very meagre accounts of carried his gun. All that was stolen was to go to the boss man, Giles Good, to be distributed among the members of the

Amos Smarr testified as to his membership and his knowledge of the society. "THE RISING STAR LODGE."

With this testimony the coroner's inquest was adjourned until to-day, but on Saturday a jury of investigation heard testimony of members of a known secret society in the neighborhood. This is called Rising Star Lodge, No. 24, of the Grand United Order of the National Laborer's Aid Protective Society of North America. The printed laws of the Order and the charter of this lodge were produced. The charter emanated from Charlotte, N. C., bears date December, 1884, and is signed by S. M. Pharr, upreme scribe. These documents reveal only benevolent and fraternal features of the Order, and several witnesses were examined, their testimony bearing out this state of facts, though the jury, in their verdict, regard the lodge as a nuisance to their neighborhood.

The proceedings of the day were closed with the testimony of Adam Thompson, a colored youth 16 or 17 years old, of medium intelligence, who revealed the following startling episode in this eventful chapter, he having on a previous exmination confessed to being a member of the clan:

ADAM THOMPSON'S STORY.

Examined by Trial Justice Blair. 'rind Thompson made arrangements to yaylay Mr. Elias Inman, which was to ake place after dark—about 8 o'clockm a Friday night. I think it was Friay night, because there was but one day between the time and Sunday. Those who waylaid him were Prind Thompson, myself, Giles Good, John Good, Wallace Reid and Bailey Dowdle. The reason for waylaying him was be-cause they did not like him and because they thought he had money. I do not know when Prind first spoke to me about waylaying Mr. Inman. The last time he spoke to me about it he said if I did not go with him they would kill me. Giles had a club or organization formed of men whom he controlled, and who were to go when he gave the word. Witness again repeated the names of the members as given above.) They did not say what they would do with Mr. Inman after killing him. I was posted nearest the road, and the others were secreted in the woods at different places about thirty steps from the road. I was not long from the time we were posted until Mr. Inman came along. I was lying down on the side of the road and saw him ride by. The moon was shining, but I did not see him until he had passed by. I was placed near the road ignal of his approach. When Mr. Inman cole near to where I was his horse suddealy gave a jump and started off in a He soon came to a bend in the road and was out of sight. They were a great mind to kill me for not giving the gnal when Mr. Inman came up. told me to go along that they did not

month, but it was about three months ago. The object of waylaying Mr. Inman was to get money. The place was between Mr. Inman's house and McNeill's store on the high road leading from McNeill's to Inman's house. turned State's evidence, and Giles, who The horse trotted off from where we were. Nothing was said about what we were going to do with him.

THE CONTESSION OF ONE OF THE SLAYERS. On Monday Prindly Thompson, confined in jail, made the following confession to John C. Ashe, member of the jury of inquest, and Mr. Good, father of the murdered boy, in the presence of the On being interrogated he at first

denied any knowledge of the affair, and said he did not belong to any club, nor know anything about a club. Finally he said that the other members of the club had told him in the jail that if he said anything about this murder they were going to kill him. He then continued: I went with them (to Mr. Good's field) after the cotton, and left them there. Bailey had the little boy by his waist. I had him by the legs. Mose choked him. Dan carried the stones with which he was beaten. We then all away by the pasture field. Bailey first struck the boy with a rock as soon as to see the boy, and he said: "Boys, yonder is Lee." Bailey hit him first, and Dan next. Mose jumped on his bowels. The boys in jail told me that in making a confession I had broken my the truth." They replied: "You and Dan have done told everything." They said to me and Bailey: "Don't tell any-thing." If any one belonged to the club and was to reveal anything, he was to be murdered or run out of the country. When we got caught in a stealing scrape the balance were to swear him out. We were to take the cotton to be stolen from Mr. Good's field to Levi

Wood, who was to bale and sell it, and in jail they have put me through a preliminary trial, and told me that I would never come out except to be hung. I am nineteen years old. He then gave names of members of the club as follows: Giles Good, head man; John

Good, Sam Good, Bud Darby, Owens Moore, George Jamieson. Other prisoners were given an opportunity to speak, but they would make no confession

ATTEMPTED LYNCHING.

The confession in jail, of Prind Thomp som, on Monday, which was given to the coroner's jury yesterday rekindled the slumbering indignation of the people, and at about 7 o'clock this morning a body of nearly a hundred mounted men approached the jail. About a dozen entered by the front door and from the corridor proceeded to the third story and commenced battering the wooden shutters open to the grated door. The noise aroused Sheriff Glenn, and he hastily proceeded to the third floor and asked the meaning of the demonstration. The reply was: "We want the four murderers." The sheriff assured the men that Amos Smarr all gave lengthy testimony, ers." The sheriff assured the men that acknowledging their membership, and they were not in the jail and opened the

wanted were not in the jail the would-be ynchers all rode away. They were all white and unmasked. They conducted white and unmasked. the nselves quietly and orderly, but were evidently disappointed in not finding the men wanted. The sheiff, apprehending danger to the prisoners, had procured an order last night from Judge Witherspoon, transferring Moses Lipscomb, Dan Roberts, Bailey Dowdle, Prind Thompson, Giles Good and John Good to Richland jail, and they were started for Columbia sion, he said, he and others waylaid the via Gastonia, N. C., thus preventing the lyinching of at least four guilty wretches. A. W. I.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Domestic servants in Greenville, Pa., ave formed a union for the purpose of aising their wages.

Gen. William G. Harding, the venerable proprietor of the noted Belle Meade stock farm, near Nashville, Tenn., is dead.

The Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church, South, is in session at Montgomery. Bishop Keener presiding. Rursia has refused to recognize Prince

Ferdinand, of Saxe Coburg Gotha, as candidate for the Bulgarian throne. At Poplar Bluff, Mo., the county court use was destroyed by fire and the county

jail partially consumed. Loss \$64,000. The brakemen on the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad have joined the freight conductors' strike and demand

an increase in their pay also. The Knights of Labor at Amsterdam, N. Y., are much exercised over the Daily Democrat publishing all the secrets of their Order and the mode of initiation.

Annie Belle Cummins, a young wife, living in Louisville, Ky., committed suicide Tuesday because her husband left her through jealousy. Jno. R. Jones and George Freeman, the

largest lumber dealers in North Louisiana, were arrested Thursday, charged with tres-passing on government lands. At San Francisco Thursday 200 Ameri can district messenger boys went on a strike They want fixed wages at 75 cents a day,

nstead of 5 cents a trip. A special to the New Orleans Picagune from Edwards, Miss., says that the exodus of negroes from that vicinity continues un

Forty-five persons are still missing from the burned steamer John W. White, which ccurred on the Mississippi river Tuesday

night. The Trades Union delegates at Columbus, Ohio, formed a new organization to rival the Knights of Labor, which has been named the Federation of Labor.

It is stated that Queen Victoria has pub cly forbidden the admission into Windson Castle of newspapers containing reports of the notorious Colin-Campbell case.

True bills have been found against A. Perry, J. T. Ross and A. Hawkins, ne grees, of Baltimore, Md., who murdered Emily Brown to sell her body for dissecting

purposes.

The body of Arthur W. Palmer, a clerk of the Shapleigh Cantwell Company of St. Louis, was found in the debris of their burned building. The porter is stil miss

O'Brien was re-elected Mayor of Boston by a plurality of 4,668 and a majority ever the Labor and Republican canditates of 104. The majority in favor of license is 137 against 9,969.

The depot at Lowndesville, in Anderson county, together with 160 bales of cetton, were destroyed by fire Thursday night. A spark from an incoming train creates another conflagration, which was subsided The Kentucky Court of Appeals has de

ided in favor of the right of Bessie White to watch for him and was to whistle as a to dispense medicine as a pharmacist, a priviledge that was refused her by the State Board of Pharmacy because she is a fe-

Mr. Wm. Carpenter has published 100 facts to prove that the world is not a globe but as flat as a paneake. He challenges the Johns Hopkins professors to meet him in discussion on this theme.

want to see me any more.

I belong to the organization. Prind notified me to go that night. I was then living at John Moore's. I do not know Alice Demont. a highly assault on Mrs. woman living near Oxford, Blackwell has confessed the crime. John J. Pugsley, real estate agent of

New York, was yesterday found dead upor his bed with a slit to the bone extending entirely around his left arm. Domestic troubles are supposed to have resulted in despondence and suicide. The knit goods mills, at Amsterdam.

S. Y., are all running with increased numbers of non-union help. The Knights of abor have declared a boycott against the merchants and newspapers not favorable to them. It is said that 1,000 Knights have resigned within a short time.

A special from Youngstown, Ohio, to develand says all the leading coal mines in that locality are idle with little prospects of a settlement. The men came out be cause of the operators refusing to concede to an advance of 10 cents per ton. The outlook indicates a long strike.

A disastrous boiler explosion occurred yesterday at Charles Hofferbink's extensive w mill in the western suburbs of Evansvilie, Ind. Three 40 foot boilers exploded, wrecking the mill, killing one man and wounging seven. Forty one men were working in the mill.

The Secretary of the Treasury has diected the payment, without rebate, of the interest rue January 1, 1887, on United States 4 per cent, bonds of the loan of 1307; 1-o the interest on the bonds issued to the Pacific railway companies, upon presenta tion of coupon and interest check at the Treasury at Washington or at any of the ub treasuries.

While Th re is Life There is Hope. Many of the diseases of this season neck. I said: "Boys, I am going to tell of the year can be averted by a small amount of care and at little cost, by the timely use of Ewbank's Topaz Cinchona Cordial.

It cures Diarrhoa, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus and like complaints. No traveler should be without a bottle, as it will prevent any disease that would no doubt arise from the change of water, food and climate, without its use. The most valuable medicine in the world, contains all the best and most curative properties of all other Tonics, Bitters, etc., etc., being the greatest Blood Purifier, Liver Regulator and Life and Health-Restoring Agent in existence. For Malaria, Fever and Ague, Chills and Fever, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Nervous Headache, Chronic Rhenmatism, etc., etc., it is truly a Herculean Remedy. It gives new life and vigor to the aged. For ladies in delicate health, weak and sickly children, nursing mothers. See circulars wrapped with bottle.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 1, 1885. H. B. EWBANK, Esq., President of The Topaz Cinchona Cordial Co., Spartanburg, S. C.: Dear Sir-I have used a case of your Topaz Cordial in my family, and as a Tonic and Appetizer I can cheerfully recommend it to all who are suffering from Debility and lack of appetite. My children, especially, have been much benefitted by its use. Respectfully,

HUTSON LEE. Ask your druggist for EWBANK's TOPAZ CINCHONA CORDIAL and take

THE TOPAZ CINCHONA CORDIAL CO., Spartanburg, S. C., U. S. A. In little go a long way. THE PLEA OF WOMAN

Murmur not, to get relief; For impatience makes thy care TO THE WORKINGMEN OF THE UNI Heavier much for thee to bear; Happy he who, childlike, will Let God lead him up the hill.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

The baker is the only loafer entitled to

The universal Christmas carol is adapted

The fate of the pretty girl under the mis-

Oysters have a language of their own,

When a man falls down his temper gen-

A question for decorators-How can a

Of a man suddenly struck dumb, it may

Courtship, like champagne, soon looses

Hush money is what the young husband

parts with for paregoric, soothing syrups,

Christmas is apt to be followed by blue

be said that his melancholy daze has come.

its zest if kept too long after the pop.

Point lace.

respect.

said, soonest mended.

ender, the eaters stuff

to the Fest toon.

tletoe—Kiss-met.

and clams stew.

tower of bay bell.

practice prevails.

a spring." if it won't.

drum-stick."

to be fast.

get stuck on them.

for slender women.

s pulling at a bottle.

\$616,343,600 worth of liquor.

not designed for slender purses.

"Love is blind," True, true.

late to escape in a dignified manner.

world.

lunch anywhere else.

or two when he sees it.

Great Christmas Menu-vir.

years without being missed.

Christmas lesson for the young:

lren, the best part of the turkey is the

When a man is about to sneeze he had

"Points" in the stock market are proba-

bly so called because speculators generally

England doesn't object to taking a drop when she feels like it. Last year she drank

A fashion writer says all the fashions are

roung lover never sees the dog till it is too

The Puritan is the name of a new color

in ladies' goods. Of course it is warranted

The only circumstances under which a

nan can pull more than a horse is when he

For every man killed in war ten have

en sent over the gulf by the aid of the

A policeman in St. Louis attacked by

holera morbus lost so much rest that he

Washington prides itself upon the pos-

en some that se med to be older than

A nice, easy exercise for Christmas day

is that of counting the change you have left. It can be done generally with one

Kate Field has recently said that women

hear with their eyes. This particularly applies to the woman who watches her

Some one says there is a great deal of

little girl under five, looking at an

ugly face in a book, said: "I think the

features are good, if he was not making up

Speaking of the widening of woman's phere, why do not some of the sex take to arpentering? Women are generally inter-

A Tennessee man can so perfectly imi-

tate the sounds made by two dogs engaged in fighting that he calls a Memphis congre-

A shoe can be made in some of the Lynn,

Mass., shops in 40 minutes. A pair of feet

would be likely to go through such shoes

"I don't think there is any royal blood in

Bad seasons and short crops are the latest

olutions of what ails the farmer. Ought

A man becoming angry because his gun

kicked badly, his companion said, "Guns

are but human, after all. They are almost

are to kick when the load is too heavy.'

When you visit a fair this season politely

quire for the treasurer. When found,

It is hard scratching either to devise or

o afford all the Christmas gifts that the

eason calls for. But if you have to scratch

Railway conductors say that Friday is

s probably because so many people have a

uperstitious idea of the day as being un-

A Kentucky man claims to be able to

Going security for a relative is a good

the tongue. There is nothing to be gained,

and only about one man in a million can do

A boy was asked if he ever prayed in

Rum and honey is said to be one of the

best cough medicines for a family. The wife can use her share of it—the honey—

while the husband, with his usual self-sac-

rificing devotion, gets away with the rum.

"Lectures on cooking!" exclaimed Mrs.

band lectures on cooking, and when he mentions his mother he looks around for

One preacher standing in the pulpit holding open the door of the kingdom of heaven

shake hands and sympathize with him.

omebody to applaud."

church. We need reform.

"no, I'm not going to 'em. My hus-

he lightest day of the week for travel.

ake the water into his mouth.

it with safety.

remember that your patron saint is Santa

hand him your purse with a pleasant smile.

It will save you all further trouble.

not short crops to bring good prices? If

my veins," remarked a sad-faced young man as he made a bee line for the dentist's;

ration out of church in three minutes.

with almost as much dispatch.

but my jaw is every inch aching.

neighbor through the keyhole.

ested in joiner work.

not, why not?

was forced to go on duty to recuperate.

corkserew, says a temperance paper.

ssion of an egg 1,000 years old.

They are certainly

rather do that than anything else in the

erally gets up before he does.

frieze adorn a "warm interior?"

dyes young.

A point any woman can appreciate The best cobblers do not talk. "Least

Address of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to the Labor Organizations, Beseeching Them to Keep Away From the Saloons, and Devote Their Earnings to Their Families. On Christmas day, though the turkey's

following address has been issued by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in accordance with a resolution adopted at the recent Minneapolis convention. It is addressed to all Kutghts of Labor, trades, unions and other labor organizations:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE NATIONAL Tis the barber's apprentice who often WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE Union, 161 LASALLESTREET, CHICAGO, November 6, 1886 .- To all Working Men and Women: Brothers and Sis A fog signal reminds the sailor of the ters of a common hope. We come to you naturally as our friends and allies. With such of your methods as involve co-operation, arbitration and the ballot box, we are in hearty sympathy. Measures which involve the compulsion of labor, destruction of property, or harm to life or limb, we profoundly deplore, and we believe the thoughtful and responsible among your ranks must equally deplore them, as not only base in themselves, but a great hindrance to your own welfare and success. We rejoice in your broad mass in families where the old allopathic platform of mutual help, which recognizes neither sex, race nor creed. Especially do we appreciate the tendency Christmas dinner at home, no matter of your great movement to elevate how meagre, is preferable to Christmas women industrially to their rightful place, by claiming that they have Santa Claus is a dead issue—the rising equal pay for equal work, recognizgeneration is very smart, and know a thing ing them as officers and members of your societies, and advocating the bal-The man who racks his brain to get up lot in their hands as their rightful in original Christmas menu is called the weapon of self-help in our representative government. As temperance The man who never does any harm women, we have been especially glad night crawl into a cave and stay there ten to note your hostile attitude toward the saloon, the worst foe of woman, and of the workingman and of home. They say "one swallow does not make Just try boiling coffee, and see We read with joy of the vow made by the Knights of Labor at the convention in Richmond, when, with hands raised to heaven, they pledged them-selves to be total abstainers through-

> In addressing you at this time we wish to offer our sincere congratulations upon your achievements as practical workers in that great temperance reform which engages ever steadfast work and prayers, and which, as we believe, involves, over all other movements of this age, your happiness and elevation. Permit us to ask your careful consideration of this statement of our belief. The central question of labor reform is not so much how to get higher wages as how to turn the present wages to better account. For waste harms most those who can least afford it. It is not over-production so much as under-consumption that grinds the faces of the workingmen. Fourteen hundred millions annually drawn, chiefly from the pockets of workingmen, by saloon keepers and eigar dealers, means less flour in the barrel, less coal in the cellar and less clothing for the laborer's family. We grieve to see them give their money for that which is not bread and their labor for that which satisfieth not. Life insurance statistics prove that while the average life of the moderate drinker is but 35 years and a half, that

out their term of office.

of the total abstainer is 64 years. Successful explorers and soldiers famous athletes, pedestrians, rowers and shoes, are men who do not cobweb their brains or palsy their nerves with alcoholic drink. We believe that the work of our societies, resulting in laws by which nearly one-half the children of the United States are becharacter in eyebrows. We do not know about this, but we do know that there is a certain the body and the temper the tissues of the body and the temper the tissues of the body and the temper of the mind, merits your earnest co operation and will prove one of your strongest reinforcements in the effort to elevate your families to nobler level of opportunity. We believe that the study of hygiene, including a knowledge of the most healthful toods, and the discovery that these are of a cheaper and non-stimulanting class, with a careful consideration of scientific methods by which, in the preparation of food, a little can be made to go a long way in home economies, are well worthy of your attention. We ask you to atd us in our endeavors to have taught in all departments of our public schools, those beneficent laws of health which relate to wholesome living in respect to diet, dress, sleep, exercise and ventilation, so that these teachings shall be given to every child as one of the surest means to its highest happi-

We ask your attention to our White Cross pledge of equal chastity for man and woman; of pure language and pure life. We ask your help in our efforts to secure adequate protection by law for the daughters of the poor and rich alike, from the cruelty of base and brutal men. We ask your help 1 our endeavors to preserve the American Sabbath with its rest and quiet, redeeming it from being, as now, the harvest time of the saloon keeper, when he gathers in the hard carnings of the workingman, and we promise you our co-operation in your efforts to secure a Saturday half-holiday which we believe will do so much to change the Sabbath from a day of recreation to one of rest at home, and for the worship of God. We call your attention to our de-

"fill his mouth with water and blow it through his ears." The remarkable part of this statement is that the man is able to partment of evangelistic temperance work; work for railroad employés, lumbermen, miners, soldiers and toilers; also to our efforts to organize deal like licking a red-hot poker with free kitchens and kindergartens and bands of hope; to supply free libraries and reading rooms, temperance lodging houses and restaurants, and to reach out a helping hand to tallen church, and answered, "O yes; I always say a prayer like the rest do, just before the sermon begins." "What do you say?" was the inquiry. "Now I lay me down to open the inquiry. "Now I lay me down to open the last your and which is ature in the last year, and which is conducted by women; its type set by women compositors. We ask you to do all in your power for the cause of prohibition, which is pre-eminently our cause, and with the dram shop and its fiendish temptations overthrown, what might you not attain of that self-mastery which is the first resting places. Your ballots hold the | toxof pills. Find out balance of power in this land of the world's hope.

pesn't attract nearly as much attention as late arrival holding open the door of the We ask those of you who are voters to cast them only for such measures Four or five months ago old Ben Butler and such men as are solemnly commitcelared that the Fiftieth Congress would ted to the prohibition of every brewbe Republican, no matter what happened. He is now hunting for Wiggins in order to ery, distillery and dramshop in the nation. And that the women may Christmas shopping is a delightful occupation for the people with long purses; and yet it is by no means sure that the people those who have the most sacred claim on your protection, we hope that you with short ones do not get more pleasure with short ones do not get more pleasure out of their ingenious contrivances to make a little go a long way.

may see your way clear to cast your ballots only for such men as are pledged to the enfranchisement of woman.

In all this we speak to you as those In all this we speak to you as those who fervently believe that the coming of Christendom in the earth means brotherhood. We urge you, with sisterly earnestness and affection, to make the New Testatment your text book of political economy and to join us in the daily study of His blessed words "Who spake as never man spake." His pierced hands lifting up this sorrowful benighted world into the light of God.

In earnest sympathy let us go forward to work out His golden pre-cepts into the world's life and law by making, first of all, His law and life our own.

Yours, for good and home and every land, FRANCES E. WILLARD, CAROLINE B. BUELL, NE B. BUELL, President. Corresponding Secretary.

Burning of the Beauty of the Mississippi.

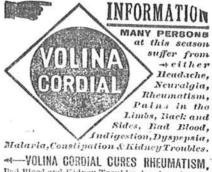
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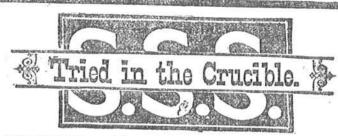
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