

Scraps and Facts.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has directed a favorable report on the proposed amendment to the constitution, providing for the election of United States senators by the popular vote of the people.

The Chicago convention will be conspicuous by the absence of the men who have controlled Democratic politics in this country for many years. Mr. Gorman, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Watson and other leaders of the Democracy have already announced that they will not be delegates, and will take no part in the next presidential campaign.

A settlement of the Venezuela question has been reached, says a Washington dispatch, and it will be announced at an early day. Of this satisfactory conclusion of the controversy, the president has had knowledge for several days past.

There was an exciting shooting affair in Gastonia, N. C., last Saturday afternoon. There has been bad feeling for some time between J. S. T. Hancock and A. Q. Kale. The children of Hancock work at the mill of the Gastonia Manufacturing company under Kale, who has charge of the carding and spinning department.

Senator Irby's call for a meeting of the State Democratic executive committee reads very much like a declaration of war on Senator Tillman. Senator Tillman's proposition, it will be remembered, is a free coinage plank in the Chicago platform or a bolt of the South Carolina delegation.

Bellevue, the famous Confederate woman spy, has been in trouble again; but came out with flying colors. Her theatrical company was stranded at Montgomery, Ala., not long ago, and she left her baggage at the Merchants' hotel as security for her board bill.

About 20,000 Spanish troops have arrived in Cuba during the past two weeks, and the total number of Spaniards now in the field is something over 120,000. The Cubans have not more than 50,000 troops, all told. The principal trouble with them is the fact that they have not sufficient arms and ammunition.

man's big find is of an extremely sensational character. He proposes to read, he told Livingston, a certified copy of the receipt of the banker who forfeited his \$4,500,000 bid for bonds, given to Morgan, who afterwards was awarded those bonds in addition to those he got on his own bid.

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement of the crop from September 1, 1895, to March 13, 1896, is as follows: Port receipts, 4,599,440 bales, against 7,057,299 last year, 5,328,325 year before last, and 4,389,359 for the same time in 1893.

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YORKVILLE, S. C.: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1896.

Some of the astronomers had it that the earth was to be smashed to pieces by a comet last Saturday; but somehow it seems that they have made a mistake in their calculations.

While preaching to an audience of 8,000 people in Atlanta last Sunday, Sam Jones suddenly declared that it was so hot in the church that he would either have to take off his coat or stop preaching. People in the audience shouted to him not to stop; but to take off his coat and go ahead.

The Republicans of this State have not yet settled their family quarrel, and it is not likely that they will be able to do so this side of St. Louis. Both Melton and Webster claim to represent the genuine and only Republican party. Melton, it is understood, is for Reed, and Webster is for Allison for the Republican presidential nomination.

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Italians that he is ready to listen to proposals for peace. Tuesday was St. Patrick's day, and was appropriately celebrated in all the large cities of the country where reside any considerable number of Irishmen.

NEW REGISTRATION LAW.

Conditions Necessary to Enable a Citizen to Cast a Ballot. The new registration law is quite lengthy and very stringent in its provisions; but a comprehensive idea of it can be gathered from the following: Until January 1, 1898, registrations shall be in the hands of three supervisors in each county, and after January 1, 1898, the work will be in charge of one supervisor in each county.

FINLEY AND MOWER.

About two o'clock Saturday afternoon we had occasion to go over to the house. As we passed the senate finance committee room and glanced in, we found Senator Finley eating dinner with an agent of the Gospel Temperance union. They were apparently holding "sweet converse" together as they swallowed their cabbage and sipped their coffee.

Registration certificates shall be in the following form: Registration Certificate, Number ——. This is to certify that — is a registered elector of the election district of — county of — resides in — township or parish or ward; is — years of age, and is entitled to vote in — polling precinct if otherwise qualified. Registered on the — day of —, 18—.

PORT ROYAL DRY DOCK.

One of the events of the past week was the arrival of the big war vessel Indiana, at Port Royal for the purpose of getting a cleaning of her bottom in the big dry dock that has recently been constructed at that place. In anticipation of the arrival of the Indiana, several thousand excursionists went to Port Royal from different parts of South Carolina and Georgia. Governor Evans and Governor Atkinson were both on hand.

ANTI-OPTION BILL KILLED.

The house committee on agriculture decided on Wednesday, by a vote of three to six, to lay upon the table the anti-option bill. The bill was practically the one fathered by ex-Congressman Hatch, of Missouri, and known as the Hatch bill. It has been under consideration for several weeks and the meeting which decided its fate was a decidedly spicy one.

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MODEL COMMUNITY.

Everybody Happy and Prosperous—Making Arrangements For Free Silver Demonstration.

Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer. MCKONNELLSVILLE, March 16.—Peace and harmony, pig and hominy prevail in our little town. It is common to say in writing about such places as ours, "quiet" little town or village; but we repudiate the epithet unless it means orderly, peaceful, temperate, etc. Ours is mostly an agricultural community, and our farmers are by no means quiet. On the contrary they are active, energetic and prosperous. If it were not so, the pig and hominy would not be so abundant.

DISTRIBUTING BIBLES.

The annual meeting of the Yorkville branch of the American Bible society was held in the Presbyterian church last Sunday night. The appointment was made the occasion of a union meeting, and all the churches were represented in a large congregation.

LETTER FROM UNION COUNTY.

Thomson's Mill Acted Curiously and People Thought It Was Haunted. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer. ETNA JANE, March 13.—Superstitious people have thought for a long time that Thomson's mill was haunted, and last Sabbath night was a week ago, the theory came near proving out correct.

BLACKSBURG BUDGET.

Error Corrected—Wenables Visitors—The Fertilizer Works—Shipping Sand to Lancaster. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer. BLACKSBURG, March 17.—There was an unintentional error in my letter of last week, as to the time of holding our municipal election. It will be held on Monday next, the 23rd instant, instead of the 30th.

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