

Scraps and Facts.

Northern Texas is badly shaken up by a big financial panic, which commenced last Wednesday, with the failure of the cotton firm of Martin, Wise & Fitzhugh.

A large Mexican buzzard, wearing a silver collar and a little bell on its neck, was caught near Appalachicola, Fla., last week says a dispatch.

A delegation of Chinamen, from San Francisco, arrived in Washington last Wednesday on a business visit to Yang Yu, the Chinese ambassador, and afterward called on President McKinley.

Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, had an exciting experience down in Florida last Tuesday. He had been tarpon fishing and was returning through the woods to his hotel with a big fish.

The cotton mill proposed to be built here, to be operated exclusively by Negro labor, and which will be the first of its kind in this state, is now assured, says a Concord, N. C., special to the New York Evening Post.

Woman suffrage counts for something out in Kansas. The women are learning something about politics, and they are making use of that information.

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Protection against foreign countries perhaps is not so bad; but the idea of protecting one section of the same country against another, is unreasonable and unjust.

The Florida Good Roads association was organized at Jacksonville, last Wednesday. The association is composed of progressive citizens from every county in the state, and it is proposed to use the state convicts for road-work instead of leasing them out to phosphate miners or other private employers.

If the maintenance of a freight association for the purpose of keeping up prices is in violation of the inter-state commerce and anti-trust laws, is not the South-eastern Railway association for the maintenance of insurance rates, a similar violation of those laws? So it looks to us.

Champ Clarke, of Missouri, told the Republicans of the house on Thursday that he rejoiced in the passage of the Dingley bill because it would force every store-keeper in the land to make a Democratic speech with every sale of high priced protected goods, and the next Democratic majority in the house would not be far short of 100.

The United States supreme court rendered a decision last Monday to the effect that the Trans-Missouri Freight Association agreements are in violation of the inter-state commerce law. The decision is of far-reaching importance, as, in effect, it declares all railroad combinations to be in violation of the law, and unless the railroads find some way out of the difficulty, they are in danger of being reduced to a natural condition of legitimate competition.

Referring to the recent anti-trust decision of the United States supreme court in the railroad decision, Russell Sage says it is not dangerous—that 5 to 4 need not alarm anybody. There is already talk by the railroads of securing a rehearing in the case, and maybe the decision can be changed. But who can be bought this time? Shiras, the associate "justice" who reversed himself with such facility on the income tax case, is already on the side of the railroads.

Our often very amusing contemporary, the Gaffney City Ledger, comments on the terrible condition of the roads that the "old counties have turned over to the new county." The matter is spoken of as though the citizens of the new county were not once citizens of the old counties and were not then as much responsible for the condition of the roads as they are now.

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It appears that the only ground that Solicitor Thurmond had for shooting Mr. Harris in Edgefield, the other day, was the fact that Harris "cursed" him.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

T. W. Speck—Wants to repair your watch if it is out of order. Bring it to him next week when you come to town. He has a nice line of jewelry and watches in stock.

W. B. Moore & Co.—Of the "Everything Store"—talk to you about a stock of furniture which they have just received and tell you about having wallpaper, paints and brushes of every description, razors for sharpening razors, warranted Clans shears, warranted razors and cutlery and tools of all kinds, including spading barrows. They also let you know that they have one new safety bicycle which \$35 will buy.

Lewis G. Grist & Co.—Announce that their Mr. Lewis G. Grist, being a practical harnessmaker, is prepared to repair old harness or make new harness to order. They want you to remember where you can get your vehicles repaired and your mules and horses shod in the best manner.

Grist Cousins—Have something to say about their open kettle N. O. molasses and Vermont maple syrup and print a reasonable list of things to eat from which you can make a selection.

The Ganson Dry Goods Company—Claim that they are now offering thousands of bargains and that their dress goods department is full of the leading styles of foreign and domestic goods. On Monday they will commence a house-furnishing sale at 66 cents on the dollar, or, in other words, they propose to give you a dollar's worth of goods for sixty-six cents.

IT'S A GOOD ONE.

Although the serial "Rob McGregor," just now being concluded in THE ENQUIRER, has been unusually well received, we have reason to believe that the next one—"The Great K. & A. Train Robbery"—will give even greater satisfaction. The new story, which will commence next week, though entirely devoid of blood and thunder features, is of thrilling interest throughout. It tells of an exciting conflict of the wits of shrewd men, and there also runs through it a story of love that makes it still more entertaining. We are not prepared to promise that the next story is to be one of the best that has ever been published; but it is a good one and the opening chapters should be read by everybody.

TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED.

At the last session of the general assembly, the act in reference to the Yorkville school district was amended so as to provide for the election of trustees by the qualified voters residing in said school district. The section of the law amended reads as follows:

Section 3. That the present board of trustees shall continue in office until the next Monday they will convene and that at the next regular municipal election of Yorkville, the qualified electors thereof shall elect eight discreet persons, residents of Yorkville, as a board of trustees, two of whom shall serve four, two for three, two for two, and two for one year respectively, and the terms of office of the persons so elected shall be by them determined by lot at their first meeting; and at each succeeding municipal election, two members of said board shall be elected for the term of four years; that the board so elected shall immediately organize by electing one of their number chairman and one secretary, and so situated shall be known as the board of trustees of the Yorkville graded school.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Rev. A. N. Brunson, pastor of Trinity M. E. church, is riding a wheel. Mr. W. S. Gordon, of Fodder, left last Wednesday morning on a short visit to Shelby, N. C.

Major A. H. White has been selected as the York county member of the state board of equalization.

Mrs. W. T. Kerr and children, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting relatives and friends in Yorkville.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Patrick, formerly of Blairsville, but now of White Oak, Fairfield county, celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday.

Mr. R. H. Dobson, of Yorkville, was on the Southern train which was wrecked at Blacksburg on Wednesday. He says he was jolted up considerably; but was not hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Clarke, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Clarke, of Columbia, are at the Three C's hotel for a stay of a week or 10 days. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Sr., have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Jr., and all are now here to spend a while with Mr. Charles R. Clarke, son and brother, who is developing the Wilson mine, six miles northeast of Yorkville.

THE CHEROKEE PRIMARY.

The Gaffney Ledger, of Thursday, publishes the result of the primary election held in the new county on last Saturday for the purpose of making recommendations for appointment as treasurer and auditor. The candidates for treasurer were J. V. Sarratt and J. B. Jones, and the candidates for auditor were as follows: W. D. Camp, R. R. Wilkins, J. E. Foster, W. L. Morgan, J. A. Whisonant. The plurality plan ruled and here is the result by precincts:

Table with columns for Precincts, Auditors, and Treasurers. Lists names like Wilkins, Camp, Morgan, Whisonant, Jones, Sarratt and their respective vote counts.

NEW TARIFF LAW.

Mr. M. P. Jones, of the Ganson Dry Goods company, who has just returned from the northern markets, reports that the merchants of New York and other cities he visited, are very enthusiastic over the prospects of better times promised as the result of the proposed new protective tariff law.

a protective tariff was all right for them maybe; but it was rather difficult to see where there was to be any benefit to the people down south. Their reply to this was that with an increase in the tariff on wool for instance, there would necessarily be a rise in price, and with the price of wool higher, there would be a greater demand not only for pure cotton goods, but also for raw cotton to be used in mixing with the cheaper quality of 'woolen' goods. They also urged other prospective advantages, some of which did not appear so plausible; but which, to them, seemed equally satisfactory.

When asked as to what the northern merchants thought of the prospects of the senate standing as a stumbling block in the way of the passage of the new tariff bill, Mr. Jones said that there appeared to be no uneasiness on that score. The senate may make a show of being a little uppish about the matter; but there seems to be all confidence in the ability of the administration to speedily and surely whip all opposition into line.

LOCAL LACONICS.

The Enquirer Until 1st of January, 1898. THE SEMI-WEEKLY ENQUIRER will be sent to any address from this date, until the 1st of January, 1898, for \$1.46.

Magistrate For King's Mountain. The State, Tuesday: Governor Ellerbe has appointed S. W. Alexander to be a magistrate at Clover, York county, to fill an existing vacancy.

Quite a Novelty. Miss Rea, the milliner at Mrs. Dobson's, has a parrot that she brought down from Baltimore. The bird is a good talker, and is wonderfully interesting to the little folks.

Seriously Ill. Mrs. William Keller is quite ill in the building next door to the residence of Mr. H. W. Smith, on Main street. Mrs. Keller's husband is a carpenter by trade. Both are strangers in the town.

Changed the Hour. In order to avoid conflict with the Bible society meeting later, 4.30 p. m. has been fixed as the hour for the commencement of the afternoon service at the Church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow (Sunday).

Poisoning the Dogs. Dog poisoners are at work in Yorkville. Several valuable animals belonging to different individuals have been killed by poison recently. There is no clue as to the identity of the individuals who are doing the work.

That Southern Mail. There was no southern mail by the northbound Narrow-Gauge on Wednesday and Thursday. The Columbia papers and other mail, however, came all right on Friday—one bit to two misses since the last issue of THE ENQUIRER.

To Buy a Crusher. The town council of Yorkville is considering the wisdom of purchasing a first-class road working plant for use in the improvement of the streets of the town. The council has been offered a crusher, screen and elevator, guaranteed to do all the work the manufacturers claim, for \$1,100, payable in three years.

The Circus. Sparks & Alleh's circus gave two performances here last Tuesday in accordance with the advertised program. The performances consisted principally in acrobatic and trained animal feats of an exceptionally high order. There were present fairly good audiences both in the afternoon and at night, and those who saw the show generally expressed themselves as well pleased with it in all its details. An attempt was made to raise the balloon, according to promise, in the afternoon; but on account of the dangerous height of the wind the attempt was abandoned. There was no serious disturbance during the day.

One of Reese's Tools. Mr. F. A. Gosman, who has commenced work on his contract to increase the security of the county jail, found another reminder of the Reese escape yesterday. It is in the shape of a patented spiral drill of the most approved pattern. The tool is in the shape of an ordinary screw-driver, and contains a whole magazine of small drills. The bit is driven by pressure applied direct from the hand, and to a considerable extent works automatically. It was not equal to the work of going through the ceiling, however, on account of the thickness of the timbers. Mr. Gosman found the tool lying beside one of the joists in the loft of the jail. He has turned it over to Mr. Brice.

LETTER FROM HOODTOWN.

Farm Operations Being Pushed—York Folks In Fairfield—Personal and Other Notes.

HOODTOWN, March 25.—The farmers are taking advantage of this week's pretty weather by pushing along their plowing at a pretty rapid rate, with a vim well calculated to make up for lost time. During the wet weather of the last few weeks they have employed themselves covering buildings, building new tenant houses, etc.; just such work as would otherwise have been postponed to a "more convenient season." So in this instance, as in numerous others, the old adage perhaps holds good: "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

The sudden change to colder weather yesterday, while just suitable for those who wished to kill shoats, is rather trying on people and little garden vegetables, after such a spell of warm, damp weather. The peach trees, which are now in full bloom, stand a good chance to get nipped a little yet, as most of them bloomed out in the "wrong time of the moon," according to old people, who usually take particular notice of such things. However, the March winds, just now being experienced "to perfection," may prevent any serious damage.

Mrs. B. E. Feemster returned home last week after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends at Blacksburg and Gaffney. Mr. R. L. Hood left on Monday to be present at the marriage of Mr. Robert Kirkpatrick, which took place at the home of the bride, Miss Pope, of Fairfield county, last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

While on the way to this place with a drove of mules, Mr. Elijah Ricker had the misfortune to have a mule badly cut by running on a wire fence, just beyond Howell's ferry, in Union county, a few days ago. The mule was running almost at full speed, and when it struck the fence, it fell a fair somersault, landing on its back, receiving such cuts and lacerations as to render it useless this season. Per-

TILLMAN AND MCKINLEY.

The South Carolina Pitchfork Man Calls Upon the President.

The feature at the White House today was the visit of Senator Ben Tillman, of South Carolina, says a Washington dispatch of Thursday.

The senator was on hand a few minutes before 1 o'clock. Arthur Simmons, the colored doorkeeper at the entrance to the president's room, did not know who he was at first, and, on learning, collapsed. Surprise showed in his good natured black face. So soon as it was 1 o'clock, Simmons hastened to invite the South Carolina pitchfork man to enter.

Presidents McKinley had ascertained that the senator was waiting and promptly sent word to have him admitted. The South Carolina man was one of the first men to talk with the president, and they had a chat of ten minutes apparently of great interest to each other.

The president inquired how the senator liked his work and whether they were quiet enough for him; also desiring to know if the prongs of the pitchfork were sharpened. Then the president mentioned the extra session of congress and expressed the opinion that the passage of a tariff bill would do much to brighten things up in the country.

"Well, we will see what it will do," said the South Carolinian. "I know that the patient is very sick. We will try your physic and if that does not cure him then we will have to try ours, which I think is the only thing which will cure him."

It is needless to say that the senator's remedy is free silver and the president fully understood him.

The two men parted with mutual pleasantries. It is a well-known fact that Senator Tillman hated ex-President Cleveland so much that he never spoke to him during his last term and never went to the White House.

GREECE AND TURKEY.

They Continue to Seel at Each Other and War Seems Imminent.

Most of the foreign dispatches are still devoted to the Eastern question, and the situation is not showing much signs of clearing up. Indeed, it is daily growing more complicated.

There was a desperate fight between Insurgents and Turkish troops at Molaxa, Crete, last Thursday. The Insurgents got the best of the struggle, drove the Turks out and occupied the town; but the foreign fleets took a hand in mediate afterward and shelled Molaxa until the Cretons found it advisable to retire.

All of the important Creton ports are now blockaded by foreign fleets, and large numbers of soldiers have been landed in various towns. The object of the foreign soldiers is to protect the Turks against the Cretons. The ignorant fanatical Turks, however, are said to be very suspicious, and it is thought that they may attack their foreign allies and bring about still more serious complications.

There was another bloody massacre of Armenians by Turks at Tokat, a few days ago. Over 700 Armenians were killed. The cause of the massacre is thought to have been a cunning story that the Sultan has had published to the effect "that the Powers have determined to uphold him in his efforts to discipline his rebellious subjects." As the result of this massacre, there has been another indignant outbreak of public sentiment in England, France and Italy, and the governments of the respective countries are thought to be getting even more shaky on the proposition of continuing the blockade of Greece.

The Turkish and Greek armies continue to face each other on their respective frontiers. Both have been warned by the Powers not to begin hostilities, and, consequently, each is waiting for the other to open the ball. The situation is too critical to last. Russia has a large army on Turkish soil, and claims that the purpose of it is to "prevent the spread of the plague." The diplomats of Europe, however, are suspicious that the real object is to be on hand first with the most men immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities.

The situation generally continues to grow more critical than otherwise, and the fact that the operators of the European exchanges are so unanimous in their protestations that there will be no war, is, of itself, being taken as an ominous feature of the generally serious muddle.

To SUCCEED BLACKBURN.—The Kentucky legislature is trying to elect a senator to succeed Blackburn. The Republicans have a majority in joint ballot, and W. G. Hunter is the caucus nominee; but some of the Republicans refuse to vote for him, and he lacks two votes of having enough to capture the prize. There is no longer any hope for Blackburn, and the probability seems to be that at the proper time Blackburn will get enough of his supporters to go with the Republicans to secure the election of Governor W. O. Bradley, who though a Republican, is a personal friend of Blackburn and the most acceptable Republican to the Democrats generally. It is also thought that if this scheme works, Blackburn will be able to get back to the senate on the expiration of the term of his colleague, Lindsay.

SENATE TAKES WARNING.—A Washington dispatch to the New York Journal says: "The Republican leaders of the senate are again the Dingley bill as it now stands. They intend to cut down every schedule imposed by that measure. In so doing they put themselves in opposition to President McKinley. That does not matter. They intend to show the executive that he is not the legislative branch of the government. They do not mean to pass a measure which, in its present

BLACKSBURG BUDGET.

The Weather—Pushing Up Farm Work—Serious Railroad Wreck—Mrs. Jones Gives a Tea In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist.

Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

BLACKSBURG, March 25.—From the warm, sultry wet weather of last week, there has been a very decided clearing up and a very considerable reduction in the temperature. Yesterday we were almost threatened with a wild southern blizzard, the wind blew so cold and strong for a few hours. This morning there is a pretty sharp frost which will no doubt damage, to some extent, the early fruit. The farmers hail this favorable change in the weather with delight, and they are busy as it is possible for men to be getting their lands ready for another crop.

There will doubtless be a very slim attendance at the election tomorrow for officers of the new county.

The south bound passenger train on the Southern road, due here at 2.05 p. m., was wrecked about two miles north of here on Wednesday afternoon about 2 o'clock. The train was running at its usual speed, when at a slight curve in the road, the engine jumped the track and was thrown upon its side. The tender, was torn in pieces, postal and baggage cars, the second class, and first class coaches were all derailed, but none of them thrown over or injured very much. Engineer Chatham and Fireman Hulsey made a most miraculous escape. Neither had time to jump, and they came off with very slight injuries. One with a fractured ankle and a gash on his face, and both very badly bruised. Postal Clerk Mansfield was thrown violently down and received a severe shock and perhaps some internal injury. Not a passenger was injured in the least; but all pretty badly shaken up. The track was repaired and trains running over it by 9 o'clock the same night.

Again the parlor of the Cherokee Inn was the scene of a charming and successful entertainment, an afternoon tea given by Mrs. John F. Jones, in honor of Mrs. P. S. Gilchrist. Mrs. Gilchrist and her little son sail for England next week to be gone for several months, much to the regret of her many friends here.

The large attendance in spite of the windy afternoon attests the great popularity of the hostess and Mrs. Gilchrist, who received with her. They were assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. P. H. Freeman, Mrs. W. J. Wilcox, Mrs. A. N. Molesworth, Mrs. Morris M. Freeman, Miss Emmie Lumpkin and Miss Annie Lee Freeman.

The decorations were entirely of pink and white, most artistically arranged, great branches of peach and pear blossoms filling the fireplaces, massed in the corners and all across the heavy mantel. The table was also beautifully decorated with the same flowers. During the afternoon there was delightful music, both vocal and instrumental, which was much enjoyed, and the whole affair was characterized by the charming cordiality which has always been a marked feature of the entertainments given at the Inn.

W. A.

GOVERNOR DEFENDS HIMSELF.

Doesn't Mind Criticism But Draws the Line at Misrepresentation.

The Greenville News has had a great deal to say about the effort to secure the removal of the metropolitan police system from Charleston, and has taken occasion to severely criticize Governor Ellerbe. Under date of March 24, the governor replied to the strictures of The News and gave his account of his connection with the metropolitan police matter as follows: To the Editor of The Greenville News: In discussing the metropolitan police in your editorial of the 23d instant, you say: "There have been governors of South Carolina courageous enough to have determined the whole matter one way or another without a month of dickering and childish parleying." I welcome open, honest criticism of my official acts; but I do not like to be misrepresented, and sincerely hope the day will soon come in South Carolina when public opinion will be such that no man will dare misrepresent a gentleman. Mayor Smyth, upon my invitation, came to Columbia to confer with me about Charleston's metropolitan police. I gave him an agreement that if he had prepared and promised him that if he had all of the aldermen would sign it, I would remove the metropolitan police from Charleston. In two or three days he returned the agreement and wrote that seven of the aldermen refused to sign it, and asked me to notify him at once when the proclamation would be issued. I immediately wired him that the proclamation would not be issued until all of the aldermen signed the agreement and there the matter ended. I had never spoken or written to Mayor Smyth about the metropolitan police until the day he came to Columbia as above stated, and have not spoken or written to him since I wired that the metropolitan police would not be removed until all the aldermen signed the agreement.

Now, sir, how can you say that I have been dickering and parleying about the matter? I am not in the habit of noticing newspaper articles, but your criticism is so unjust that I cannot refrain from taking some notice of it. I am not aware of having done you the slightest injury or injustice, and while I do not expect your paper to show me any favor, I have the right to demand justice at the hands of all.

W. H. ELLERBE.