

Scraps and Facts.

There is great irritation in Madrid at the final continued refusal of the Filipinos to release the Spanish prisoners, who exceed 10,000 in number.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gelbert, of Thomaston, Conn., aged 74, daughter of the late Seth Thomas, the clockmaker, and the Rev. Dr. William Webster Belden, aged 78, were married last week.

Senator Vest says of Senator Cockrell that he always makes it a point to learn the names of his rural constituents and call them thereby.

Henry J. Nelligan, cook, and Geo. W. Beverly, bugler, both of Company G, First Florida, were killed at Huntsville, Ala., last Monday night.

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Means were taken a few days ago to make public a statement that Rufus L. Perry, a Negro lawyer of Brooklyn, backed, it is declared, by several well known Tammany officials, is to form a Negro settlement of 6,000 people within sight of the greater New York.

The battle of Omdurman has strangely affected a peculiar market, says a London dispatch. Dervish skeletons are now a special high class line in the skeleton markets of Europe.

French skeletons after the Franco-Prussian war created a fashion for white bones. Consequently a very white skeleton always fetches from \$5 to \$10 above one of brownish hue.

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Both the Spanish and American peace commissioners agreed to keep secret the terms of the recent treaty until after the matter had been duly acted upon by the American senate.

Meanwhile we may be pardoned for whispering a suggestion to THE ENQUIRER. That newspaper objects to the "emergency judges" idea, that it would not do away with the magistrates in the country.

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share with you in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers. "The cordial feeling now happily existing between the north and south prompts this gracious act, and, if it need not future justification, it is found in the gallant loyalty to the Union and to the flag so conspicuously shown in the year just passed by the sons and grandsons of the heroic dead.

THE NEED OF THE ARMY.

General Corbin Indicates the Disposition of 100,000 Soldiers. Adjutant General Corbin appeared last Wednesday before the house committee on military affairs, says a Washington dispatch.

He proceeded: "The Cuban evacuation commission—consisting of Generals Wade and Butler and Admiral Sampson—has submitted a statement that in order to restore order and preserve order in Cuba, it will require the presence of an army of 50,000 men."

"It must be borne in mind," said General Corbin, "that an army in time of peace is like insurance. It is a preparation for an emergency. If we had had such an army last June, there would have been no such loss of life as occurred."

"Do you think 50,000 men for Cuba a conservative estimate?" asked Mr. Jett, of Illinois. "I think it is," answered the general. "And how long will that last?" asked Mr. Hay.

COUNTY COURT QUESTION.

Legislators Beginning to Give Attention to This Important Matter. August Kohn in News and Courier. COLUMBIA, December 14.—There is considerable agitation throughout the state for the establishment of county courts.

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been appointed governor of Cuba. Each of the six provinces is to have a governor, and all the governors of provinces are to be answerable to General Brooke as governor of the island.

MR. BRICE AT McCONNELLSVILLE.

The People Were Especially Pleased With His Arbor Day Speech. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

McCONNELLSVILLE, December 14.—Friday, December 9, after an interesting day spent in tree-planting exercises and in listening to appropriate recitations by the school children, the crowning effect was reached in an evening speech delivered in the academy building.

Mr. Brice has undoubtedly power in controlling his audience. From the humorous to the grave is only a short step for him and his hearers, and in both he holds their rapt attention.

MISS DAVIDSON AT CLEMSON.

Good People of Fort Hill Congregation Delighted With Her Lecture. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

PENDLETON, S. C., December 14.—Miss Ella C. Davidson lectured Monday evening before the ladies and children of Fort Hill church, Clemson college, and Tuesday afternoon before ladies and children of the graded school of Pendleton, in the Presbyterian church.

Under the laws of Maryland, the wife and children of a man killed by another can recover damages from his assailant if the latter is convicted of the crime. The law was copied into the Maryland code from a similar one written by Lord Campbell, which has for centuries been enforced in England.

LIKE THE REESE CASE.—Eli Tucker

will have to pay the widow and children of Uriah Johnson \$5,000, because he killed Johnson. A jury so decided today. This case has attracted considerable attention, it being the first of its kind ever tried in a Maryland court.

MERE-MENTION

The Isle De Cuba, one of the cruisers sunk by Admiral Dewey in the battle of Manila on May 1, and which he subsequently caused to be raised, started for Hong Kong last Monday under her own steam.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

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The Ganson Dry Goods Company—Print a list of sensible and suitable holiday gifts which can be found at their store at proper prices, and let you know that on next Monday they will have another car load of shoes for your inspection.

"The Beautiful White Devil"—Is the title of the next serial story to be published in The Enquirer. The publication of this story will be commenced early in January.

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a short term in the Fairfield jail and a 30 days' sentence on the Chester chaingang. Within two weeks after he was released from the Chester chaingang, he was arrested in York county for housebreaking and larceny, and sentenced to the York chaingang for another short term.

Near Clover, last summer, Policeman Jackson set out to arrest Byers on still another charge of larceny. The Negro tried to run away; but finding himself hemmed in by a creek, turned and showed fight. Mr. Jackson had to shoot him quite severely, and, for a time, it was thought he was done for.

A gentleman who runs a farm a short distance from the place where the chaingang is encamped, tells of an experience with Byers after his last release. "He came to my house," the gentleman said, "told me he was hungry and wanted to work. I gave him his dinner, and after dinner sent him out with an axe to cut wood. That was the last I ever saw of the Negro or the axe either."

John Stowe—Matt's last victim—was very anxious to recover the goods that had been stolen from him. He got the valise without difficulty, and Deputy Sheriff Harshaw asked him for the overcoat.

"I ain't got it," said Byers, in his cell. "I done sent it away by a woman."

"What woman?" asked Deputy Harshaw.

"I am not going to tell you," returned the Negro, impudently. The matter was brought to the attention of Sheriff Logan. The sheriff did not believe that the overcoat had been sent out and he went to Matt's cell to make a search. Matt denied that he had the overcoat; but in less than a minute the sheriff had fished it up from under a blanket.

"I'm not going to give it up," said Matt sullenly. "I'm not going to ask you to," said the sheriff, as he walked out of the cell with the coat. "I'll just take it."

The coat was returned to the owner, and at the first opportunity, Matt said to the sheriff, "I can bluff dem other fellows, boss; but I can't bluff you." Then he laughed as if it was all a capital joke.

The guards at the chaingang say that Byers does not mind doing time at all. He would as lief be on the chaingang or in jail, as free. He likes to tell of his experiences and adventures, and several times he has told the guards that no matter what the charge now, he always makes it a rule to plead guilty, for the reason that he generally gets a lighter sentence.

LOCAL LAONIOS.

The Price of Cotton. THE ENQUIRER was instructed yesterday to report the local cotton market at from 5 1/2 to 5 1/4. The last named price was for real good cotton.

The cotton receipts in Yorkville last Wednesday were lighter than for any day during the present season. During the whole day, hardly more than 20 bales were offered on the market. It was not on account of the price but on account of the bitterly cold weather.

Tax Collections.

Up to last Thursday night, Treasurer Neely had collected taxes to the amount of \$24,653.14, and had issued 3,259 receipts. He still has 6,250 receipts to issue, and about 14 days in which to issue them. During the past week collections have been rather slow.

He'll Be Here.

Several Yorkville stores have laid in considerable supplies of toys and articles suitable for Christmas presents. The proprietors of these stores are satisfied that old Santa Claus does not care a great deal about the price of cotton, and that he will be around as usual.

White-Draffin.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Dr. M. W. White, of Yorkville, and Miss Mamie Craig Draffin. The ceremony is to take place at the residence of the bride's parents—Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Draffin—Lindsay, Lancaster county, S. C., on December 27, at 7 o'clock p. m.

The Fire Alarm.

An alarm of fire last Wednesday morning brought the fire department out to the residence of Dr. J. B. Allison, where sparks from the chimney had ignited the roof. The blaze was extinguished within a few minutes, and the loss, which was slight, was fully covered by insurance.

Fire In India Hook.

Rock Hill Herald, Wednesday: Monday night, about 9 o'clock, the two-story cotton house of Mr. Jesse Farris, in the India Hook section, was consumed by fire, together with 10 bales of cotton, 40 bushels of wheat, a lot of oats, 250 bushels of cotton seed, 500 pounds of meat and 2 buggies. We could not learn how the fire originated. No insurance.

Rock Hill Woodmen.

Rock Hill Herald, Wednesday: At the meeting of Walnut Camp, of Rock Hill, held Monday night the following officers were chosen to serve the ensuing year: Consul commander, J. J. Hull; adviser lieutenant, G. W. Ayers; clerk, W. J. Caveny; banker, J. E.