

Scraps and Facts.

The North Carolina Democratic state convention, held at Raleigh last Wednesday, nominated the following ticket: Governor, Charles B. Aycock, of Wayne; Lieutenant Governor, W. D. Turner, of Iredell; Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes, of Pitt; State Auditor, B. F. Dixon, of Cleveland; State Treasurer, R. B. Lacy, of Wake.

Charlotte Observer: The cotton buyers in many Mississippi cities are counting upon doing business next year direct with the Carolina cotton mills. They say the tide of business from middle and upper Mississippi is turned from northern to the Carolina mills. These buyers even now manifest the greatest interest in the extent to which the mills are already supplied or will need cotton for the remainder of this year.

Secretary Hay denied Wednesday morning that there was any foundation for the report that arrangements have been concluded with Nicaragua and Costa Rica for acquiring a strip of land ten miles wide between Greytown and Brito for the Nicaragua canal. He called attention to the fact that the Nicaragua Canal commission has not yet selected a route for the waterway and added that it was obvious that the state department could not make arrangements to acquire territory, as stated in the published report, without the consent of congress. Furthermore, the substitute for the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is still before the senate, he said, and there are various bills and resolutions before congress pertaining to right of way for the canal and other matters; and it was absurd to suppose that the government has taken steps to acquire a strip of land from the Central American governments in the present situation and without the knowledge of the people of the country.

There was a remarkable pro-Boer mass meeting in Philadelphia last Tuesday night. There were present 5,000 people, mostly school boys. It was gotten up by Webster Davis for the purpose of protesting against the war now being waged by the British. Speeches were made by Davis and Bourke Cochran, and Edward Markham read an original poem. The boys seemed to be interested principally in having fun, and they were difficult to manage. At the close of the meeting, there was a formal call for a messenger boy. In accordance with a previous arrangement, James Francis Smith, employed by a New York Express company, presented himself, and he was entrusted with a sympathetic message to President Kruger, signed by 5,000 high school boys. He was instructed to deliver the message in person, and he set out at once with the intention of leaving New York city Wednesday on the steamship St. Louis. Two other boys accompanied him. The party will arrive in the Transvaal sometime during the summer.

A remarkable experiment was made last Monday at the laboratory of Thomas A. Edison, in Orange, N. J., when a piece of iron was melted in five seconds. Louis Dreyfus, of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, who is the agent of Goldschmidt's Chemische-Thermo Industrie, of Essen, Germany, showed Mr. Edison this new process for attaining great heat in an almost incredibly short time by the combustion of a certain chemical compound, which the inventor keeps a secret, used in connection with powdered aluminum. Mr. Dreyfus placed half a cupful of the chemical in a crucible, covered it with a small quantity of powdered aluminum and then placed a wrench about half an inch thick and six inches long in the crucible. Touching a match to the compound, Mr. Dreyfus stepped back and the mixture blazed up furiously. In five seconds the wrench melted. It is estimated that the heat evolved in the process was 3,000 degrees Centigrade, hitherto considered impossible to reach. The value of the process is expected to be shown in welding together steel rails. The National Tubing company is negotiating for the right to use it for welding together the ends of tubes.

General Arthur McArthur, who is scheduled to succeed General Elwell S. Otis as governor general of the Philippine islands, is spoken of as an excellent officer whose past military record renders it more than likely that his administration of affairs in the east will be acceptable to the government. General McArthur is a medal-of-honor man, having planted the colors of his regiment on the crest of Missionary Ridge during the fiercest of the fight on November 25, 1863. He was born in Massachusetts and went to the front in 1861 as a private in the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin volunteers, rising to the coloncy of the regiment on merit, with extra brevets for gallantry at the great pitched battle of the Civil War—Franklin, Tenn.—at Perryville, Stone river and the battles of the Atlanta campaign. In 1866 he was made a first lieutenant of the regular army, soon after promoted to a captaincy, and served on the frontier from 1870 to 1889, making a notable record as an Indian fighter. He was colonel when the war with Spain opened and the President made him a brigadier general of volunteers. He rendered valuable service in organizing the new troops, and with General Charles King, the novelist, he was ordered to the Philippines over a year ago. For efficient services at and around Manila he was last year made a major general. He has fought the Filipinos constantly, and knows them and their country well.

The new militia bill recently introduced by Representative Hay, of Virginia, is attracting considerable attention throughout the country. This bill is designed to create out of the militia of the several states a volunteer army for use in time of war, to supplement the regular army. The bill contemplates a general broadening of the

basis of the national guard, its equipment with the service rifle and its complete organization in time of war into regiments, brigades, divisions and corps, with the three battalion formation as in the regular army, and is designed to obviate the necessity of a large standing army upon the expiration of the present law, July 1, 1901, increasing the standing army to 65,000, and authorizing the present volunteer army of 35,000. The bill makes all citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 liable to military service in the volunteer army. It appropriates \$75,000,000 annually for the maintenance and equipment of the national guard of the several states, thus forming the nucleus of the volunteer army, and requires the secretary of war to keep in each state a supply of ordnance stores sufficient for 90 days' use of the national guard of the state in the event of war. It provides a system of mobilization for the guard by dividing the state into military divisions and provides for a board of officers in each state, who shall hold examinations for the position of second lieutenant in the national guard, such officers to be promoted for merit and efficiency.

The Yorkville Enquirer.



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The Anderson Intelligencer wants to see somebody run a newspaper as "Senator Tillman would run it." We would rather see Senator Tillman himself running a paper to suit his own notions. The Aiken Journal and Review, however, is confident that the senator would succeed in running the paper into the ground and himself into a fat office.

Mr. Collis P. Huntington, a railroad expert, warns the country that the Nicaragua canal cannot prove profitable. There is no doubt of the fact that Mr. Huntington is well up on the transportation subject; but there is reason to fear that his large interests in trans-continental railroads tend to warp his judgment with regard to the canal. There are experts who stand as high as does Mr. Huntington who not only believe that the canal will pay; but they are also convinced that it will increase instead of diminish the business of railroads even of the class in which Mr. Huntington is interested.

There was another effort in the house last Tuesday to kill the appropriation for free seed distribution. It was claimed that the seeds furnished to the agricultural department were generally of inferior quality, put off on the government by the seed trust. The house refused, however, to strike out the appropriation. Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, tried to secure an amendment to the seed bill that would furnish free dinner pails to workingmen. He claimed that there was as much reason why the government should do this, as there was why it should furnish seeds; but the amendment was lost.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has decided, by a unanimous vote, to recommend the adoption of a resolution declaring that Hon. W. A. Clark, of Montana, is not entitled to occupy a seat as senator from that state. The committee was not inclined to censure Mr. Clark very severely, however. It develops that the use of money has always been common in Montana elections, and the methods of the people who have been working up testimony against Clark have been no cleaner than were the methods of Clark in securing his election. The committee will probably so report. It is understood now that Clark will go back to Montana and ask the people of his state to vindicate him. This, it is thought, will result in a renewal of the fight with Dally.

After calling especial attention to the circumstance that the anti-McLaurin newspapers failed to acknowledge the senator's vote on the Puerto Rican tariff bill, the Manning Times goes on to say:

What we started to show, however, was the systematic efforts on the part of McLaurin's enemies to conceal what he does do that will meet with the people's approval, and to magnify, and convert into misrepresentation such acts as they think will be disapproved of. The record shows McLaurin to have voted on every party measure with his party, and it also shows that he has had the manliness to be independent of all cliques or political clans. This fight on McLaurin now would have been made on Senator Tillman; but those opposed to Tillman know they stand no more chance to defeat him, than does a man in an oil tank without claws; so they begin far ahead blazing the way to McLaurin's defeat. But two years is a long way off, and the conspirators may be striking at the base of a tree which will come down on themselves with destructive force.

We do not think The Times has any occasion to worry. That saying of Lincoln's to the effect that "you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all the people all the

time," was great. It was true then and it is true now. The people have plenty of time in which to adjudicate the case of Newspapers vs. McLaurin, and it is quite probable that their verdict, when it is rendered, will be pretty nearly right.

We would like to ask THE ENQUIRER what it takes to make a Republican paper?—Spartanburg Herald.

That is easy. The elements required for a Republican paper are about the same as are required for a Democratic paper. For one thing, there must be an absence of conviction and principle on the part of the editor. The editor must be a subservient creature—utterly destitute of freedom of thought. He must blindly stick to party candidates and party platforms—every man of them, and every plank. If the party nominates a scoundrel with a record as bad as a jailbird, or the platform contains principles that no intelligent man can endorse, the editor of the party organ must hold up such candidates to be paragons of virtue, and such principles to be as sound, as holy and as true as the decalogue. If the platform contains planks, the carrying out of which mean the ruin of the editor's readers, the editor must, like the Judas Iscariot of the Chicago stockyards, continue to lead to slaughter those who are trusting him for wise and safe guidance. That is what it takes to make a Republican newspaper and that is what it takes to make a Democratic newspaper. The day has been when this kind of a newspaper used to be more numerous than it is now. We are glad to know that an intelligent public is fast killing it out, and we hope to see the day when it can exist in this section no more.

Senator Tillman stands for a bounty not exceeding 12 per cent. on cables of American manufacture. That is a nice position for a Democrat, especially for one who took such a proper stand against the armor plate extortion. Is his inconsistency due to a belief that cable manufacturers are more worthy of subsidies than armor plate makers, or to a desire to tickle the Pops with "an interesting experiment in government ownership?"—Columbia State.

Really, we see nothing inconsistent in this position. Senator Tillman has all along been pre-disposed in favor of the protection idea. If he had reason to believe that the prices charged for armor plate were exorbitant, it was all right for him to advocate the fixing of a reasonable limit, and to provide that unless private corporations should furnish plates within that limit, the government would establish an armor plate factory of its own. Armor plate is a product in which the government is especially interested, and it is right that it should protect itself. Exactly the same principle applies to the manufacture of cables. It is much more desirable that cables be manufactured in the United States than that they be manufactured abroad. If American manufacturers are unable to compete with foreigners, it is proper that American manufacturers be encouraged sufficiently to enable them to compete. As in the case of armor plate, this principle applies especially to such government necessities as sub-marine cables. In one case Senator Tillman believes that the manufacturers are abusing a monopoly, and in the other he believes that a bounty is necessary to existence. If he was right in the case of armor plate, and we believe he was, he is certainly right in the matter of sub marine cables.

MERE-MENTION.

The Boers claim to have recently secured 30 new pieces of artillery and a large quantity of ammunition.

A party of Princeton astronomers will observe the coming eclipse from Wadesboro, N. C.

General Wheeler realizes that he is no longer a member of the house, and has written a letter to an Alabama newspaper, in which he expresses regret that the governor of the state does not call an election for his successor.

General Gatacre, commander of the third division of the British army in South Africa, has been recalled to England. It is stated that there are charges against him.

Fighting has been in progress for several days at Elandslaagte, the scene of the opening battle of the South African war.

The Puerto Rican tariff bill passed the house last Wednesday by a vote of 161 to 163.

Lewis Redwine, whose defalcation as cashier of the Gate City National bank, at Atlanta, caused such a sensation a few years ago, died of consumption on Monday at Bowie, La.

Reports of Wednesday tell of a 10-inch fall of snow in Central Kansas.

It is probable that President McKinley will visit Charlotte on the 20th of May.

Quite a strong vice presidential boom is being worked up for Admiral Schley.

It is stated that over 200 people are ill with grip at Forest City, N. C.

Colonel Neal Not Guilty.

In the case of Colonel W. A. Neal, tried in Columbia last Monday and Tuesday, on the charges of breach of trust with fraudulent intent and grand larceny, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. This left two other cases against Colonel Neal; but it was not thought that he would be convicted in either of them.

Boone a Humbag.

The Port Royal Post has gone back on its old friend, Colonel Alfred Boone, and warns the counties along the line of his latest project to watch out and not get skinned.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

For the Murder of Cassie Boan.

After a sensational trial lasting several days, Harvey and John Jackson were convicted at Chesterfield last Thursday of the murder of Cassie Boan, a young woman of Indian descent recently. The men are said to have burned the woman alive. For some reason the jury recommended the murderers to the mercy of the court and they will go to the penitentiary for life instead of to the gallows.

The Lockhart Railroad.

Jonesville correspondence of the Columbia State, Wednesday: Mr. R. Southgate, general engineer of the Southern railway, came over last week and met Captain John C. Carey, president of the Lockhart mills, and they went over the Lockhart railroad and inspected it. Captain Carey expects to have the trains running to Lockhart in a short while. About two depots will be established on the road, and a regular train will be put on as soon as the road is completed, making a round trip each day. The head of the road will be at Lockhart. Connection will be made with the Southern at Lockhart junction, two miles south of Jonesville.

The State Executive Committee.

The state Democratic executive committee met in Columbia last Wednesday night, and was called to order by Mr. Willie Jones, the chairman; Mr. J. C. Wilborn representing York county. The only business that was transacted was such as was outlined in the opening address of Chairman Jones as follows: "Gentlemen of the committee: You are assembled here tonight for the purpose of calling a state convention of the Democrats of this state to meet May 16th, in accordance with the constitution of the party, for the purpose of selecting 18 delegates to represent South Carolina in the national Democratic convention to meet July 4th, to nominate candidates for president and vice president of the United States." The question of doing away with the campaign by counties was not discussed, the committee evidently preferring to leave that matter for the state convention. One of the delegates wanted to pass a resolution denouncing Mrs. Dewey the Mark Hanneress of the Democratic party. The proposition, of course, created some amusement.

The Custom House Bland Tiger.

Says a Washington dispatch of Wednesday: The secretary of the treasury has received a report from the special agent who has conducted the investigation of the reported use of the custom house at Charleston for the storage of contraband liquors for illicit sales. A number of officers and employees of the custom house were asked for an explanation of the finding of the liquors; but all disclaimed having any knowledge concerning it except one of the night men who admitted having allowed some of his friends to keep the liquor there. Other testimony disclosed information which led the officers making the investigation to believe that the liquor belonged to a certain individual in Charleston who has a wholesale liquor dealer's license. The conclusion of the officials is that a certain deputy collector is responsible for the storing of liquors in the custom house and that several employes had full knowledge of it. The report is accompanied by copies of the testimony taken. The treasury officials have taken no action in regard to the matter; but there seems to be no doubt that the guilty parties will be immediately brought to justice.

STRIKE ON THE SOUTHERN.—The Southern railway telegraphers, who belong to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, went on a strike last Thursday. The strikers include about 90 per cent. of the telegraphers in the employ of the railroad. The purposes of the strike are as follows:

"To secure reinstatement of its members who were discharged by the Southern railway.

"For the right to be heard through committees in the adjustment of individual grievances.

"For a set of rules and rates of pay to govern train dispatchers, telegraphers, agent and other station employes, in their employment, discipline, etc.

"Twelve consecutive hours work per day where one or two telegraphers are employed, including one consecutive hour for dinner; ten consecutive hours, including meal hour, in all relay, dispatchers' offices and offices where more than two telegraphers are employed, except that the rule will not make working hours more than those that may now be effective.

"Eight consecutive hours for train dispatchers.

"Pay for overtime for telegraphers, dispatchers and others in excess of the above hours, but nothing less than 25 cents per hour.

"To abolish the practice of compelling agents to load cotton and the performance of other menial labor.

"A minimum wage scale of \$45 and \$50 per month, according to territory or location.

"One hundred and twenty dollars per month for train dispatchers.

"The securing of fair and equitable rules regarding promotion."

THE WAR IN AFRICA.—There has been no satisfactory news from the war in South Africa during the past few days. Lord Roberts is still at Bloemfontein. He now has under his command at least 214,000 troops, with 12,000 more afloat. The main body of the Boers is said to be entrenched somewhere between Bloemfontein and Pretoria; but every indication still points to the fact, that there are numerous swiftly moving small bodies operating around Bloemfontein. General Buller is believed to be quite busy in northern Natal. London thinks that Lord Roberts has completed the formulation of plans for the advance on Pretoria and he expects to move within a few days more.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Heath & Co.—Tell of their opening on Wednesday and Thursday, and announce that the millinery season is now fairly launched. They also mention some specialties in the way of shoes, shirts, clothing, etc.

York Drug Store, Registered Pharmacist.—Publishes a list of the names and the number of votes cast in the bicycle contest up to Wednesday evening, the 11th instant.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

Two additional car loads of machinery have arrived for the Sutro Cotton mill.

Materials are being accumulated in large quantities out at the York Cotton mills for the new buildings to be erected there soon.

At Trinity church tomorrow night, Rev. J. M. Steadman will preach a carefully prepared sermon on the subject, "Will the tie that binds us on earth bind us in heaven."

There were quite a large number of people in town from the country on Thursday, and business, especially in the dry goods line, was unusually good. Yesterday was also quite a busy day.

At the annual meeting of the Jasper Light Infantry last Tuesday night, Mr. W. B. Moore was re-elected captain; Mr. W. W. Boyce was elected first lieutenant; and John R. Hart, E-q., was elected second lieutenant. The appointees for the non-commissioned officers will be announced later.

There will be special Easter services in Trinity church and in the Church of the Good Shepherd tomorrow. Both churches will be handsomely decorated for the occasion, and in accordance with a time-honored custom, a special feature of the service in each church will be a thank offering. In Trinity church the offering will be for the benefit of the Epworth orphanage, and in the Church of the Good Shepherd, it will go to the building fund which the congregation is raising.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Miss Ida Harshaw, of Guthrieville, is visiting friends in Yorkville.

Mrs. E. B. Beard has been quite unwell for several days with the grip.

Miss Donella Rice, of Denmark, is in Yorkville, the guest of Mrs. J. P. White.

Rev. Boyce H. Grier expects to conduct religious services at Lancaster tomorrow.

Mrs. J. L. Williams and children arrived in Yorkville from Kershaw on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. J. B. Pegram is able to be up and about; but he does not seem to be recovering his strength very rapidly.

A letter from Mrs. M. J. Clark, now at Lakeland, Fla., announces such improvement in the health of Mrs. S. W. Fain as to warrant her return next week to her home at Chattanooga.

Lieutenant James B. Allison, now stationed at Columbus, O., has received his commission as a first lieutenant, and has been ordered to Alaska. He will leave for that territory on the 16th instant, and will go by way of Seattle.

Mr. G. C. Leech, of Hickory Grove, was in Yorkville a few days ago in search of a bale of cotton that was stolen from his gin recently. He had looked Chester and other points; but without any more success than he met here.

The Columbia State says that on the 25th instant, at 4.30 o'clock p. m., Mr. William Banks, son of Prof. A. R. Banks, of Rock Hill, will be married to Miss Laurens Louise Vance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watson Vance. The ceremony is to take place at the Vance residence in Columbia.

Mr. W. Berry Cauthen, formerly with the Carolina and North-Western railroad at Yorkville, is now working for the Southern, and is at present located at Winstonsboro. He says his work is much more satisfactory than at Yorkville, in that it is not so heavy; but still he is not altogether reconciled to the change for the reason that he would rather be with his many friends here.

Mr. Chas. S. Henning, of the Parmelee Library association, left yesterday for Shelby, having been called there by a telegram. He has not yet finished the work of organizing a local branch of the association; but is getting along very nicely, having already the promise of more than a dozen members. He expects to be back within a few days; but if he finds it inconvenient to come back, he will send an agent to complete the work.

Fort Mill Times: Last Sunday, two grandsons of Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack were baptized at the residence of Mr. T. B. Belk—the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Belk and the first born of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ardrey. The company assembled at the service was, in the matter of relationship to the children, a remarkable one, there being present three great-grandmothers, three grandmothers and two grandfathers. There were four generations represented in the case of each child, which speaks well for the healthfulness of our community.

Although close in the neighborhood of 70 years of age, Mr. T. G. Culp, the county supervisor, is a much better man, physically, than many younger men of half his age. Mr. Culp went down to the Catawba river last Saturday to personally make some measurements that were necessary with reference to the proposed bridge contract. He and others had stretched a line across the river, and while returning, Mr. Culp accidentally fell out of the boat. The water is some 7 or 8 feet deep at the point where he went overboard; but it is stated that he managed to keep his head up, and did not get his hair wet. Declining assistance, he got back into the boat himself, and notwithstanding the cold,

he continued the work he had gone out to do until he had finished. It was several hours before he got an opportunity to change his clothes, and when he was in Yorkville on Tuesday, he appeared none the worse for his involuntary bath. Mr. Culp has long had the reputation of being the most expert swimmer in Catawba township, and in times past he has assisted in the recovery of the bodies of quite a number of people who have, on various occasions, been drowned in the Catawba.

MILLINERY OPENING.

The millinery opening of J. M. Heath & Co., on Wednesday and Thursday, was an unqualified success. The fact was attested by the large number of ladies who went out to see it despite the disagreeable weather, and who, having seen the show once, went back to see it again. All of the best informed judges are agreed that a more elaborate affair of the kind has never been seen here.

Truly, the exhibition included a tremendous display of feminine finery, the like of which is seldom seen in a town so small as Yorkville. Ordinarily a dozen trimmed hats are considered as making a creditable show. In this instance the exhibit included not less than 50, presenting all the various styles and designs that Dame Fashion has dictated for this season's wear, and in addition there was such a profusion of ribbons, laces, feathers, fruits and flowers as to bewilder even the ladies themselves. Altogether the exhibits must have represented thousands of dollars in value, and most visitors seemed to be at a loss to decide whether to bestow the more admiration on the fine judgment with which they had been selected, or the splendid skill and taste with which they were displayed.

Any attempt at description of so much beauty, especially by the uninitiated, would tend to make the show seem commonplace, and it is enough to say that the hats, though generally of light materials, are unusually large this season. One of the hats that was considered especially attractive, was described to the reporter by one of the ladies as being "a lovely creation in swell poudpou, made of etuscan net over tulpe, and trimmed of roses of a new blue, blending to helio, with a crown of helio straw." Another was described as "a beauty in jet and pastel blue, brim with appliques of gold, and wings of etuscan, to give height; front decoration of June roses, and background of ombre liberty silk." And so it goes on through the list; but to name all the pretty new materials requires a vocabulary far beyond the attainments of any masculine writer.

A striking feature of the show was the beauty, profusion and natural appearance of the artificial flowers. These had been arranged in baskets and in pots in such a manner as to deceive at least the casual observer. Said one of the lady clerks to the reporter: "Oue Yorkville lady remarked to me, 'Oh, where did you get those roses? You must have ordered them, for I am sure they could not have grown here.' 'They are artificial,' I replied. 'No, I meant those,' she said hastily, pointing to another group. They were artificial, too."

Wednesday was a miserably raw day, and there was only a few ladies from the country. Even the Yorkville ladies did not turn out in large numbers; but Thursday was not quite so damp and cold, and not only were the Yorkville visitors more numerous than on Wednesday; but ladies came long distances, from all directions, representing every section of the surrounding country. The show was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all.

LOCAL LACONICS.

Until January 1st, 1901.

THE TWICE-A-WEEK-ENQUIRER, filled with the latest and most reliable news, will be furnished from the date of this issue until January 1, 1901, for \$1.46.

Baccalaureate Sermon to Winthrop.

Bishop W. W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the young ladies of Winthrop college, in Rock Hill, on Sunday, June 3.

The Snake as the Weather Prophet.

The cool weather of Wednesday and Thursday gave additional proof that the snake is certainly the father of lies, and is not as reputable even as other weather prophets. Because snakes had begun to appear, it was suggested that there would be no more cold weather.

New Mail Route.

An effort is on foot to secure the establishment of a new star route to run from Sharon to Hoodtown, with mails three times a week. The plan includes the establishment of a post-office at Mr. A. B. Crosby's, with Mrs. Crosby as postmaster. This arrangement will be quite a convenience to the people of the neighborhood.

Death of Mr. J. M. Williford.

Writes a Rock Hill correspondent under date of Thursday: Yesterday afternoon, at his home near this city, Mr. James M. Williford, one of the best-known and most prosperous farmers of the county, died suddenly from heart failure. Feeling as well as usual, he went out and saw to the feeding