

Scraps and Facts.

—Hereafter, when the treasury department estimates the average wealth of the people of the United States, the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands are to be taken into account. This will probably slightly lower the average.

—The Washington Post, of Saturday morning, prints a story that the executive committee of the Democratic national committee will probably meet in Washington in January to deliberate. The purpose of the meeting will be to shelve Mr. Bryan as a possible candidate for the presidential nomination in 1904.

—The search for the kidnappers of young Edward Cudahy is still on. The police are satisfied that Pat Crowe is the man wanted; but Crowe is not to be found. A new development is the receipt of another letter from the kidnappers. The letter was received on December 22; but was not given out to the press until last Sunday.

—The Chinese plenipotentiaries, says a Pekin dispatch of December 30, have been unexpectedly ordered to sign the preliminary joint note, and have notified the joint envoys to that effect. The Chinese themselves, were greatly astonished at receiving the imperial instructions. Neither Li Hung Chang nor Prince Chung had expected success in persuading the court under ten days.

—The United States government has formally recognized the responsibility of the mosquito for the transmission of yellow fever and malarial diseases, says a Washington dispatch. This fact is indicated by the issuance of a general order by Major General Wood, at Havana, directed to post commanders, reciting that the chief surgeon of the department of Cuba has reported that it is now well established that malaria, yellow fever and filial infection are transmitted by the bites of mosquitoes.

—Says a New York letter of December 23: From the doors of the notorious Haymarket, New York, as last Sunday morning dawned, there emerged four young and pretty Salvation Army lassies. With no protection save their uniforms, and their soft-worded greeting, "Won't you help buy a Christmas dinner for the poor?" they had spent the hours since 8 o'clock the evening before mingling with the fallen creatures that gather in the dive. No word of insult had fallen on their ears.

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—Former Secretary of War Alger has resurrected the army beef scandal in an article that he has written for the North American Review, attacking

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The successful kidnaping of Edward Cudahy and the collection of \$25,000 ransom for his safe return to his parents, has started an epidemic of kidnapping throughout the Northwest. Quite a number of cases have been reported recently.

ALTHOUGH the Chinese government has accepted the very hard terms proposed by the powers as preliminary to peace negotiations, it is not well to consider that the trouble has been settled, or even that it is in process of settlement. Only a very small percentage of the people of China have yet been aroused to the actual significance of the situation so far as it affects them, and when the whole nation begins to understand it, we may look for trouble.

FORMER President Cleveland writes to the New York World that he thinks the people of the United States should adopt a more direct method of electing the president, that they should provide for a longer term of office, and also that the president should be allowed only one term. Although it is pleasant to hope that there is not much chance of another term for Mr. Cleveland, we have no hesitation in saying that all the suggestions outlined strike us as being very sensible.

EDWARD O. Dean, a South Carolinian from Spartanburg, is in serious trouble in New York. He was a nurse in Bellevue hospital. Not long ago a patient named Louis Hilliard, died under peculiar circumstances, and investigation has led to the belief that he was probably beaten to death by Dean and two other nurses. The nurses are charged with murder. Dean was formerly a newspaper reporter. He has many friends in Spartanburg and Charleston who believe that there must be a mistake somewhere, and that the full facts will show the situation to be less serious than it now appears.

THE following is from a letter to The News and Courier, in which August Kohn undertakes to give legislators some hints that he thinks they need: It is a noteworthy fact that the greatest talkers and those who are most persistent in their talk for economy, or to be plain, those who were classed in the middle of the century as the most often left at home. There are not over three or four of those who were always bleating for economy and cutting other people's throats and appropriations in general, who have returned to the house, and whose names are recognized as being sincere, but not knowing better. The people generally recognize the man who has been in the house before he is left at home and retired from the public service.

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against the wind, as trying to print a good local newspaper at a dollar a year. Working for a "dollar" and printing "the largest circulation" is often a very unprofitable experiment, and they are rocks upon which many a venture has gone to destruction. From our own viewpoint, there is nothing more unprofitable than printing a good newspaper at a dollar a year, except the effort of trying to kill out a competitor. When an editor commits both these mistakes it is only a question of time when his eyes will be opened and he will know better.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

who lived in this section in the days when most of the county was still in original forest, when deer was as plentiful as partridges now, and when the weekly stage coach was the principal means of communication with the outside world.

The papers dealt principally with events occurring in York and Chester counties, and include much that is of more than local interest about the early history of the town of Yorkville. They can be read with pleasure and profit by both young and old, and if afterward preserved, they, some day, will, no doubt, become valuable for reference.

COTTON MOVEMENTS.

Hester's Report Shows Northern Mill Takings Have Decreased 350,892 Bales.

Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton exchange statement, issued last Friday, shows for the 23 days of December an increase over last year of 308,000. For the 119 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of the 119 days of last year 695,000 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 339,650, against 255,398 for the seven days ending this date last year; and for the 23 days of December it has been 1,611,656, against 1,302,742 last year. These make the total movement of the 119 days of the season, from September 1 to date, 6,430,847, against 5,822,402 last year.

The movement since September 1 shows receipts at all United States ports 4,469,664, against 3,905,353 last year; overlaid across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada, 665,104, against 807,105 last year; interior stocks in excess of those held at the end of the commercial year 724,523, against 326,489 last year; Southern mill takings 671,556, against 583,455 last year; foreign exports for the week have been 182,876, making the total thus far for the season 3,129,905, against 2,500,887 last year.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The firm of L. M. Grist & Sons, publishers of the YORKVILLE ENQUIRER, heretofore consisting of L. M. Grist, W. D. Grist, and O. E. Grist, now includes A. M. Grist, the change dating from yesterday.

The improvements that have been made on THE ENQUIRER, during the past four months, show for themselves, and it is not necessary to mention them further than to say that the mechanical facilities of the paper are unequalled by those of any other weekly or semi-weekly paper in the state. The facilities are equalled or excelled only by THE News and Courier and Post, of Charleston; THE State, of Columbia; and THE News, of Greenville.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Some thinkers on the subject hold to the view that the world is growing worse, and others believe that it is steadily and surely becoming better. The subject is too vast for our mind, and we shall not attempt to discuss it, for the reason that we feel assured that we would not be led to a satisfactory conclusion.

But better or worse, this is still a good world to live in. When we look back over the past, all of us who have been here as long as 35 or 40 years, are able to review individual and public trials, tribulations and triumphs. We can see floating behind us a panorama of lost opportunities, mistakes and occasions for which we proved too small to be of benefit to ourselves and others. Some of us—those who may have honestly and sincerely tried to do their duty—may also be able to recall here and there some meritorious act of which they have a right to be proud, and in the general summing up we will probably find that whatever may be the ethical status of the world at large, we and each of us, are largely what we have wrought for ourselves.

REMINISCENCES OF YORK.

In accordance with previous announcement, we commence today the re-publication of Dr. Maurice Moore's "Reminiscences of York," first published in THE ENQUIRER during the early part of 1870.

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A good old fashioned "fair-and-square-run-it-down" rabbit hunt, by a party of Yorkville young gentlemen and ladies was a feature of the holiday amusements, that is probably entitled to especial mention, for such sport is not as common in this section as it might be. The hunt took place on last Friday. There were ten in the party as follows: Dr. J. D. McDowell, Messrs. Will Williams, Meek Williams, H. C. Glenn, M. L. Carroll, J. R. Hart, and Misses Hulda McNeil, Daisy Hart, Claude Moore, Blanche Lindsay and Amanda Clawson. All were mounted on good horses. The preliminary arrangements included the sending ahead, early in the morning, of a pack of 23 hounds in charge of the most skilled and expert local colored hunters, and later, about 9 o'clock, the hunting party proceeded to the grounds previously selected in the vicinity of Philadelphia church, four miles south of Yorkville. The party arrived at the grounds and the colored beaters were not long in starting the rabbits to moving, and the fun soon began to grow fast and furious. All of the ladies proved to be expert horsewomen, and they followed the hounds in a way that showed they were not afraid. Some of the races lasted half a mile or more, ending occasionally in a "get-away," but more frequently in a fair catch out in the open, or running the quarry to earth in a hollow stump or rock pile. Eight rabbits were bagged up to 3 o'clock and then the party began to think of the return home; but not until after it had repaired to the spring near the church and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner, made up of the following:

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THE PRESIDENT ALLIANCE.

The President Elder requests the publication of an announcement to the effect that a meeting of the York County Farmers' Alliance will be held in the court house at Yorkville next Friday. Rock Hill Municipal Candidates. So far three candidates for mayor of Rock Hill are announced. They are John G. Anderson, J. J. Waters and W. J. Cherry. C. H. Bronson is announced as a candidate for alderman in Ward 1. Cotton Mill at Hickory Grove. A gentleman from Hickory Grove informs the reporter that British capitalists have offered to put up \$100,000 for the building of a cotton mill there if the Hickory Grove people would put up \$50,000. According to the reporter's informant, the offer yields the management of the mill to the local people. On its face the offer is quite interesting; but our informant did not know just how much importance to attach to it. The matter will probably be investigated fully. After Free Delivery. People living in Catawba and Beata townships, are working for a delivery mail route to supply the country between Rock Hill and Guthrieville, by way of Mr. John Starr, M. S. E. McFadden's and Brattonsville. This territory is not possessed of all facilities equal to those existing in other portions of the county, and a free delivery route will be of great convenience to them. In the event they shall all to get a free delivery route established, they will probably try for an ordinary star route with the free delivery arrangement that prevails elsewhere in the state. Tax Collections. The time fixed by law in which taxes could be collected without penalty, expired on Monday. The tax office has been quite crowded during the past few

RURAL DELIVERY.

The question of rural free delivery is exciting a great deal of interest throughout this section, and many people are inquiring as to how the service is to be procured. THE ENQUIRER addressed a letter to the first assistant postmaster general on the subject recently, and in reply received along with a pamphlet describing the operation of the free rural delivery in the section where it has been established, the following circular letter of instructions:

HOW TO OBTAIN RURAL FREE DELIVERY. Present a petition, addressed to the first assistant postmaster general, signed by those who desire the service. This petition should be signed only by heads of families, and should mention the number in each family. It should set forth the nature of the country where the delivery is desired, whether densely or sparsely populated, the principal occupation of the people, the character of the roads, and the distances which, under existing conditions, each patron has to travel to receive his mail, and should be accompanied, where possible, by a rough map indicating the route or routes proposed. This petition, when properly signed, should be sent to your representative in congress, or to one of our senators, with a request that he endorse thereon his recommendation of the service asked, and forward the petition to the department.

CONDITIONS OF THE SERVICE.

It must be borne in mind that the intention of congress in authorizing the free delivery of mail in rural districts was not to grant a subsidy to the delivery to cities included in the free delivery service, nor to establish a village free delivery. The purpose of the rural free delivery system is to give postal facilities to those who have no other means of communication with the outside world, and to those who are unable to travel to receive their letters and newspapers. The road must be good. This is an essential prerequisite to any investigation. No route can be established that

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

H. C. Straubs & Co.—Talk of the business done last year by Henry C. Straubs, and say that the new firm will keep up to the mark. They mention blankets, quilts and ladies' shoes. T. W. Speck, The Jeweler—Talks to you about watch, clock and jewelry repairing and says he will give all work entrusted to him his careful and prompt attention. Lowrance, Williams & Co.—Tell you of Gail Boden's condensed milk, Cox's gelatin, olives, snowflake crackers, and chicken. They say they may be organized as the best cocoa. Ridgely & Carroll—Talk out in meeting their reputation for keeping the best coffee to be found in Yorkville, and they make strong claims for the Princess brand of roasted coffee. They also claim to have the best roasted coffee in town. They want you to try their Mocha and Java coffee. Whisonant, Castles & Co., Hickory Grove—Tell you that they have had a prosperous year, and extend the compliments of the season. They talk of January bargaining and of some tardy people and stragglers. Jas. M. Starr & Co.—Extend thanks to old and new customers, and say they feel especially proud of the confidence placed in them by their customers. W. M. Kennedy, Agent—Extends his New Year greetings to his customers and friends for the liberal patronage given him. He says he has the substantial of life and wants you to come and see him. Sam M. Grist—Says it is his purpose to merit a part of the insurance business of this community during this year, and asks for a part of your business. He can also furnish you with any kind of a bond. Glenn & Allison—Say they have had a house-cleaning of miles and horses and that Mr. Glenn has gone West for another supply, and that the new lot of stock will be in on Friday. They want you to remember their iron-bound banking facilities, and express their thanks for past patronage and extend the compliments of the season. They solicit your business. A. J. Dentist—Says his office is upstairs in the Cartwright building, opposite the express office, where he will be glad to serve you from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 2 to 5 p. m.

BORROWING PAPERS.