

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.
There was a \$3,000 fire in Ninety Six last week.
Ex-Governor Robinson, of New York, died on Saturday.
Eugene V. Debs lectured in Charleston last Thursday night.
A very destructive fire occurred in Bamberg on Sunday night.
There was a small fire in Latta, Marion County, last Thursday.
A colored woman was burned to death in Florence last Saturday.
Two negro children were burned to death in Newberry on Saturday.
Two negroes were burned to death in Olar, Barrow County, last week.
An engine exploded at Nashville, Tenn., last Thursday and killed three men.
Forty-three bales of cotton were destroyed by fire at Newberry last Friday.
Five in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Wednesday destroyed \$41,300 worth of property.
Secretary Carlisle declines to write a letter helping Blackburn in his fight for Senator.
Three ladies were killed by a train at a railroad crossing in Richmond, Va., last week.
The cashier of a bank in Wichita Falls, Texas, was shot and killed by robbers on Tuesday.
Four men were ground to pieces by a steam log handler at a logging camp near Detroit, Mich., last week.
Justice John R. Grace, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, died Thursday morning at Frankfort, Ky.
The President has nominated William Woodard Baldwin, of New York, to be Third Assistant Secretary of the State.
The Delaware County Children's Home, for orphan children, was totally destroyed by fire at Delaware, Ohio, last Thursday.
Nineteen buildings in the town of Chesterfield were burned on Sunday night. The entire business portion of the town was destroyed.
The National Daughters of the American Revolution, in session at Washington, D. C., have elected Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson as President.
The steamer "Two Brothers" struck a snag while on a trip up the Black River, near Georgetown, last Friday and sank in twenty-five feet of water.
Vice-President Stevenson and Senator John B. Gordon are spoken of for the Democratic candidates for the Presidency and vice-Presidency, respectively.
The largest Cuban filibustering expedition that has yet been captured by the United States Government was caught in New York harbor on Monday night.
An unsuccessful attempt was made to blow up a colored man's dwelling near Chester last week. Dynamite was used. There is no clue to the guilty party.
Gov. Evans has offered a reward of \$100 for M. R. Reese and Daniel Lueckey, who are at large, being charged with the murder of C. T. Williams, at Yorkville.
The residence of James R. Armiger, one of the handsomest in Baltimore, Md., was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday, and seven of the sixteen occupants were cremated.
The Swannanoa Hotel, in Asheville, N. C., a large four-story frame and brick structure, was considerably damaged by fire last week. The loss will probably not exceed \$10,000.
W. A. Caldwell, one of the best known accountants of Montreal, has fled to Paris unknown, leaving many anxious creditors. His shortage, it is said, will amount to over \$50,000.
In an attempt to rob a bank in Warren, Ark., on Tuesday, the robbers shot and killed a bank director, and perhaps fatally wounded the cashier. The bandits escaped, but got no money.
The proposition to annex Neapolis to Danville, Va., received a handsome majority in both places, and the two will pass under one government in July as provided in the act of Assembly.
The Mississippi Legislature has adopted a resolution almost unanimously in favor of 16 to 1 for free silver coinage, and demanding a Democratic presidential candidate favoring such coinage.
C. F. Rush, of Kemper County, Miss., was robbed of a check made payable to bearer for \$2,000, and \$500 in cash, while on a crowded passenger train near Meridian, Miss., last week. The robbers escaped.
Hon. George Davis died at Wilmington, N. C., last Sunday at the age of 78. He once represented North Carolina in the Confederate Senate, and was also Attorney General of the Confederate States.
A cable dispatch from Constantinople dated Tuesday says: "The unwelcome news of a Russian press in compiling the list of names of the Sultan is making the Ottoman Government very difficult and perhaps impossible. This is the general opinion here."

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At Richmond, Va., the common council voted \$11,000 to enlarge the Music Hall at the exposition grounds to make it a suitable auditorium for the use of the Confederate veterans at their re-union there June 30th and July 1st and 2nd.
Two farmers of Beech Springs, Va., went to law a week or so since over a calf, valued at \$3, which was accused of the other of stealing. The litigation cost the farmers about fifty dollars each and the suit was dismissed. The next day the calf was found dead in a cave on property that did not belong to either of the litigants.
President Cleveland has refused to grant a pardon to Louis Redwine, the young society man of Atlanta, Ga., who was convicted of embezzling the funds of the National bank of which he was an employee, and sentenced January 13, 1894, to six years imprisonment in the Ohio penitentiary, at Columbus.
"SQUARELY ON THE RECORD."
Senator Tillman says that the party in this State of which he is the head will send delegates to the National Democratic Convention, but that, unless the presidential nominee proves to be a man after their taste, they will not abide the result, but will leave the party. In that event, what will come of the much vaunted "The minority must always yield to the will of the majority"? But perhaps the value to him of that political slogan depends somewhat on "whose ox is gored"? At all events, we are glad that Senator Tillman has at last placed himself squarely on the record. His threat that he will leave the party unless things go his way is equivalent to reading himself out of the party altogether. He has at last thrown off the mask, as it has always been predicted he would do when it no longer suited him to wear it. As long as he professed sincerity to the Democratic party, there were many who, whatever their opinion of the man, or of that sincerity, felt bound to vote for him and his friends as the party nominees. The day of our humiliation is, however, passing rapidly away. Every self-respecting Democrat would be justified in withholding his support from candidates (even if they be the party nominees) who boldly announce that the chances are in favor of their leaving the party within the year. While there were few of Mr. Tillman's opponents who doubted all along that he was capable of such a course, his direct announcement to that effect earlier in his political career would have relieved many who felt under obligation, out of consideration for what they believed to be due their party loyalty, to cast their votes for him and his friends even though they did so under protest.

CROWDING OUT THE "JINGOES."
As will be seen from the communication published in another column, Col. John J. Dargan has called a meeting at the Armory for Sunday evening next, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the differences that exist between this country and Europe, and to pass resolutions condemnatory of the warlike attitude which has been assumed by the "powers-that-be." While such movements on the part of the cities and towns of the country may not have the effect on the "Jingoes" who seem to be controlling the destinies of our Nation that Col. Dargan so fondly hopes for, we believe that the vast majority of our people are thoroughly in accord with the sentiments which animate him. We trust, therefore, that the meeting which he has called for Sunday evening, and which, if it accomplishes nothing more, will prove in the nature of a civilizing influence, will be well attended by the people of Darlington. The subject to be discussed is certainly a most interesting one just at this time. The ministers of the several churches in the community and the superintendents of Sunday-schools are respectfully requested to give notice on Sunday next of the purposes of the meeting, and of the time and place at which it is to be held.

A DEAD HUMORIST.
The newspapers announced on Sunday last the death of "Bill Nye," the well-known humorist, which occurred at his home near Asheville, N. C., on the previous day. By a strange coincidence, the same papers which announced his

death contained the usual letter of the dead humorist which has been given out every week to the newspapers of the country through a syndicate for a number of years past; so that "Bill Nye's" many readers and admirers throughout the United States were confronted on one page with his obituary notice, and on another with the last words he penned. It is needless to say that the usual sparkling humor that pervaded the last had, under the circumstances, a gruesome about it that filled with sadness the hearts of many who will look in vain for his bright and readable articles in the days to come.

"ENOUGH IS A FEAST."
The Legislature is still sitting, with no prospect of an immediate adjournment. What with the protracted session of the Constitutional Convention, which dragged its weary length along through so many months of last year, and was followed almost immediately afterwards by the present session of the General Assembly that seems so well-nigh interminable, our people have had their fill of new law-making to a satiety, and would be very glad to see the "Solons" go home and prepare for the coming crop year.

AS WAS EXPECTED.
The men charged with lynching the two negroes in Colleton County in December last were acquitted at the Walterboro Court on Tuesday. While the evidence against them was most damaging, the result will not be a surprise to the people of the State or of the Nation; it adds but another to the long list of unpunished crimes committed against poor and defenceless negroes that have made South Carolina a reproach in the eyes of the whole world.

Doings of the Legislature.
[News and Courier.]
COLUMBIA, February 23.—"When, oh when, will the General Assembly adjourn?" That is the question that is weighing heavily upon many a member who has been away from his home, his family and his business since the middle of January. Many want, and hope to be able, to come to an adjournment by the end of the week, but they are very much afraid that it is only a fond dream. There are so many special and pet plans in the way that they fear that the bill of general importance will not be passed as they should be. It is openly claimed that there are a few members who want to stay in Columbia just as long as they can, on the ground that they can be of service to the State, and that \$4 a day is more than they can make at home. If the whispers of some anxious members were heard the insinuations might be even broader.

The "Lily Whites."
[News and Courier, Feb. 26.]
The Melton-Brayton executive committee of the Republican party held a meeting at Columbia yesterday and called a Convention of their faction to be held in Columbia on March 14. It is stated in our dispatches that "The committee reports that new members are coming to the fold in every county in the State," and that among the new members of the Melton-Brayton committee are Mr. C. S. Nettles, of Darlington, and Mr. M. W. Watson, brother of State Senator Watson of Edgefield. There have been a great many reports recently about the growing strength of the Republican party in the State, but we have thought better of our people than to believe that the Republican party ever could have any considerable number of white adherents in South Carolina. We do not see how any native-born Carolinian can, and we do not believe that many of them will, go into such a party. The unfortunate differences among our people in recent years lie at the foundation of the present political agitation, and it is not hard to place the responsibility where it belongs, but we protest that there is no excuse for an alliance of white men with the Republican party. No man who is a Democrat in principle can become a Republican. We would advise such Democrats to stand fast in the faith.

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the gross amount. If there has been much cream in the State printing it appears that it is about to be skimmed. A general reduction in rates has been made in a bill that has already passed the House, and another bill proposes to restrict materially the amount of printing in the State reports.
It is intended to begin the new and most important of all registrations by April 1. It will take considerable push to have all the necessary printing done within the next two or three weeks. The appointments and forms have to be filled out, and it will take some hard work to have matters in shape for the beginning of work in April.
The anti-cigarette proposition of Mr. Connor, which passed in the House with such a whirl, was altogether a surprise. It met with no opposition in the House, and Mr. Connor is satisfied that it will become a law. The cigarette consumers are already calculating how much postage it will cost them to get a week's supply of cigarettes from some neighboring city. It will certainly be cheaper to do this than to buy cigarettes with a 25 cent tax tag on them.
The bill repealing the law prohibiting the use of free passes went through the House without any trouble. The third reading was done in double-quick time, and the measure has now gone over to the Senate.

There are several new county schemes already in the air. Greenwood, Honea Path and Branchville have already shown their colors, and are already out after first honors for new counties. There seems to be but little doubt that half of the counties will have another box at the general election in which to vote on the question of dividing the old counties.
The only action that has thus far been taken in connection with the dispensary question is the passage of the House bill providing for the election of the commissioner directly by the people, and the selection of a board of directors by the General Assembly, and the management of the institution through these directors. The responsibility of the dispensary has heretofore been left almost entirely in the hands of the Governor and the commissioner, but from the debate that has already been had it would appear that there is a demand that this power be curtailed. The Gospel temperance people have been hard at work trying to encourage the bill by which it is proposed to restrict the sale of liquor to mechanical, medicinal and sacramental purposes—the original intention of the first dispensary bill. The prohibition sentiment in the State is quite strong, but is not likely to have much influence in the face of the financial exigencies of the Administration.

Judge Wilds' Eloquent Charge.
[Mrs. Snowden in The N. Y. Post.]
Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's key to "Uncle Tom's Cabin" contains the sentence of Judge Samuel Wilds on a white man, Slater, convicted of the murder of his own slave in Charleston in 1807. There is no session docket or journal among the Court records of Charleston extant until 1833, and it is owing to Mrs. Stowe's pertinacity and assiduity that the very notable sentence was unearthed and given to the public. Perhaps the Grimke sisters, two very violent anti-slavery agitators in Charleston, furnished her with it. Slater was not condemned to death, as the punishment under the Act of 1740, under which he was convicted and sentenced, was a fine of 700 pounds currency, equal to 100 pounds sterling, and incapacity to enjoy or receive the profits of any office, place, or employment, civil or military, and if unable to pay this fine, then imprisonment for seven years. It was the Act of 1821, under which Motley and Blackledge were hanged, which changed this trifling punishment to the death penalty.
Judge Wilds' sentence makes interesting reading to the student of negro slavery in South Carolina. It reads, in part, as follows:
"John Slater, you have been convicted by a jury of your country of the wilful murder of your own slave; and I am sorry to say the short, impressive, uncontradicted testimony on which that conviction was founded leaves but little room to doubt its propriety. The annals of human depravity may be safely challenged for a parallel to this unfeeling, bloody, and diabolical transaction.
"You caused your unoffending, unresisting slave to be bound hand and foot, and by a refinement of cruelty compelled his companion, perhaps the friend of his heart, to chop his head with an axe and to cast his body, yet convulsing with the agonies of death, into the water. And this deed you dared to perpetrate in the very harbor of Charleston, within a few yards of the shore, unblushingly, in the face of open day. Had your murderous arm been raised against your equals, whom the laws of self defence and the more efficacious laws of the land unite to protect, your crime would not have been without precedent and would have seemed less horrid. Your personal risk would at least have proved that though a murderer you were not a coward. But you too well knew that this unfortunate man, whom chance had subjected to your caprices, had not, like yourself, chartered to him by the laws of the land the same rights of nature; and that a stern but necessary policy had disarmed him of the rights of self defence. Too well you knew that to you alone he could look for protection, and that your arm alone could shield him from oppression or avenge his wrongs; yet that arm you cruelly stretched out for his destruction."
"From the peculiar situation of this country our fathers felt themselves justified in subjecting to a very slight punishment him who murders a slave. Whether the present state of society require a continuation of this policy, so opposite to the apparent rights of humanity, it remains for a subsequent Legislature to decide. Their attention would ere this have been directed to this subject, but for the honor of human nature, such hardened sinners as yourself are rarely found to disturb the repose of society."
It was this same Judge Wilds

who, to disabuse the public mind of the opinion that a husband may chastise his wife provided the weapon be not thicker than his little finger, proclaimed the law of South Carolina on this subject in the following graceful extract from "The Honeymoon":
"The man that lays his hand upon a woman, Save in the way of kindness, is a wretch, Whom 't were gross flattery to name a coward."
"That Decided Him."
Dr. W., one of Denmark's ablest writers, had long indulged the thought of getting himself a wheel, but wavered between his desire for the thing and a fear that his advanced years might excite ridicule on a wheel. But one day last year he saw stately old King Christian spinning down Bredgade on a "Rambler". That decided him. Dr. W. now enjoys his bicycle as much as anyone, and declares it is as much for the old as for the young.

Executors Sale.
I will offer for sale, at the stables of the late D. S. McCullough, on Saturday, Feb. 23, the horses, mules, wagons, buggies, carriages, harness, grain and other personal property of the said D. S. McCullough; also his interest in "Highland Red", one standard-bred mare and three colts; terms of sale, cash.
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Dear Sir:—I have used "Acme" fertilizer bought of you for the past two years. I have just sold some tobacco grown with "Acme" fertilizer at the big wrapper and one for second best smoker. I shall use "Acme" again this year, and consider it the best guano for tobacco that I have ever used. Yours very truly, S. L. COLEY.

I used 22 tons of "Acme" fertilizer last year, and it gave entire satisfaction; in fact, better satisfaction on tobacco than any fertilizer I ever used. I shall use it again this year.
Louisburg, N. C., Jan. 17, 1896.
E. W. TIMBERLAKE,
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