

A Little Coup D'Etat.

Gen. Watts Resorts to a Bit of Strategy.

Gen. John Gary Watts, with fifteen policemen sprinkled about him over Marion Square, performed the coup d'etat of his military career yesterday.

At 3:30 p. m. the troops were forming in line on the square and the bass drums were being thumped with vigor on every side.

Gen. Watts and Gen. Stoppelbein, in full regalia, appeared on the scene in due time and the brigade was turned over to them by Gen. W. H. Robinson, its commander.

For over a year the Adjutant and Inspector General has been trying to get the arms of the colored companies that were mustered out of service when the new enlistment law went into effect.

Gen. Watts resorted to strategy as a last resort. He ordered out the militia for inspection, and included in the order the mustered out companies.

The companies deprived of their arms and dismissed were: Hawkins Rifles, Hunter Volunteers, Douglass Light Infantry, Governor's Rifle Guards, South Carolina Rifles, Randolph Rifles, Lincoln Light Infantry and the Simpson Light Infantry.

Two companies only did not come in on the inspection idea. Their guns are still being held back.

The seizure of the guns on the part of Gen. Watts was accomplished with the aid of Gen. W. H. Robinson and the captains of the enlisted companies.

It was a great surprise to the colored people to see the troops marching away empty-handed after marching around under arms during inspection.

A Long Term

Has it occurred to you that the present governor and State officers of South Carolina are going to have the longest term of office that perhaps any one has ever had under the present form of government?

Mrs. Pious—I do wish, Mr. McSnorter, that you would come up and see my husband—He is very ill, and I am afraid will die without experiencing religion.

The Bill is Dismissed.

Judge Simonton's Decision in the Injunction.

Judge C. H. Simonton's decision in the famous railroad injunction case was filed in the United States Circuit Court yesterday morning. The decision declines on three several counts to take jurisdiction, and dismisses the bill brought by Receiver J. H. Averill, of the Port Royal and Augusta Road.

After the Association had ordered its cut of 80 per cent. the Port Royal and Augusta Road, which is a member of that organization, applied to Judge Simonton, through its receiver, Col. J. H. Averill, for an order restraining both sides from continuing the rate war.

The case excited more interest than any other that has come up in one of the United States Courts of the Southern district in a score of years.

What "Mick" Says.

State Liquor Commissioner Mixson had but very little to say yesterday in regard to the latest matter from Mr. Hubbell in regard to the question about the whiskey rebates.

Knights of Pythias.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 31.—At the morning session of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias a resolution was introduced prohibiting the payment of death benefits to a suicide, whether the victim be sane or insane, or whether the self-destruction be brought about by delirium tremens, despondency, narcotics or opiates.

She Changed Her Mind.

Mrs. Pious—On second thought, Mr. McSnorter, I don't believe your presence will be necessary.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, August 31, 1896.

Sewall will not be withdrawn unless he should himself decline to allow it, he will receive the vote of every democratic elector elected Nov. 3d. This may be considered official and authentic.

Nobody in Washington takes any stock in the story, which comes via New York, that Hanna is finding it difficult to raise campaign funds, because of the over confidence of the Eastern millionaires.

It is learned from McKinley sources that a careful canvass of the agricultural districts of Iowa, just completed under republican auspices, shows that sixty percent of the heretofore republican farmers of that State are for Bryan and silver.

The daily average number of applications for charters for silver clubs is now between 40 and 50. It is desired that all future applications shall designate the past political affiliation of each member, in order that a comprehensive idea can be gained of the number of republicans who will support Bryan.

Ex Senator Rice, of Ark., who was a prominent republican politician during reconstruction days, wrote to Democratic headquarters several days ago to announce that he had abandoned the republican party and to offer to take the stump for Bryan and silver.

Hon. John W. Kern, of Indiana, who, although not a silver man, will vote for Bryan, said while in Washington: "The assertion that free silver sentiment is dying out is not true, so far as Indiana is concerned. Though a believer in sound money, I shall vote for Bryan. As Ex-Senator McDonald, of our State, used to say, even though your platform has one bad plank with all the rest good, it is more worthy of support than the opposition platform with one plank half way good and all the rest rotten. I have no doubt that the electoral vote of Indiana will go to Bryan. The defection of sound money Democrats will be more than balanced by gains from the Republicans. The bolting Democrats in Indiana are all Generals and Colonels; there are no privates in their army, and so everyone on the list is conspicuous. I believe that Bryan is going to win, although a systematic campaign of coercion will be employed by the agents of Mr. Hanna. Neither bribery nor threats will be effectual, and the more they are used the greater will be the resentment of the voters."

What Ex-President Harrison Said About Tillman.

Considerable interest is being taken in the open challenge of ex-President Harrison by Senator Tillman to meet him in joint debate. Tillman said he suggested that the debate take place at Harrison's home purposely. At the same time he has no idea that the challenge will be accepted, notwithstanding the fact that Harrison has dignified him by specially referring to his name in his New York speech.

stitution of the United States and as a crime against free institutions. Mr. Tillman in his speech approved this declaration. It was intended to be in words a direct condemnation of Mr. Cleveland as President of the United States for using the power of the executive to brush out of the way every obstacle to the free passage of the mail trains of the United States and the inter State commerce.

"One of the kindest and most discriminating critics who ever wrote with a foreign pen about American affairs, Mr. Bryce in his 'American Commonwealth,' pointed out this danger that the Constitution did not fix the number of the supreme court judges, and it was possible for a reckless congress and a reckless executive to subordinate and practically destroy the supreme court by the process I have just described, and the Englishman, after speaking of this, says:

"What prevents such assaults on the fundamental law? Nothing but the fear of the people, whose broad, good sense and attachment to the principles of the Constitution may be generally relied on to condemn such a perversion of its powers."

"Our English friend did not misjudge, I think, the sound good sense of the American people when an issue like this is to be presented. Whatever the question is, whether Mr. Bryan's views or Mr. Tillman's view of the Constitutional question shall prevail or that of the august tribunal appointed by the Constitution to settle it, the courts are the defense of the weak. The rich and powerful have other resources, but the poor have not. The high minded, independent judiciary that will hold to the line on questions between wealth and labor, between the rich and the poor, is the defense and security of the defenceless."

A hacking cough keeps the bronchial tubes in a state of constant irritation, which, if not speedily removed, may lead to chronic bronchitis. No prompter remedy can be found than Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Its effect is immediate and the result permanent.

The Early Packet Service.

The first institution of packet services across the two channels and the North sea probably dates back to very ancient times. In the days when England was a province of France, and during the later period when France was a province of England, the need of a channel for regular correspondence must have made itself irresistibly felt; and even after the loss of Calais the long presence of English troops and English agents in the Low Countries called for almost as constant means of communication with Holland.

The service probably made a great stride in the days of the protectorate; for Secretary Thurloe, who hung the secrets of all Europe at the protector's girdle, could do so only by means of uninterrupted correspondence with his agents abroad, and, being postmaster himself, could regulate the packets to suit his wishes. Still the system was not extended outside the narrow seas either during Cromwell's reign or that of his successor. The need for such extension became pressing only through the growth of our colonial possessions.

Nelson's Vessel.

Nelson's Foudroyant has been refitted again at a cost, it is said, of \$100,000 and will be exhibited at the principal British ports, going first, however, to the Kiel naval exhibition. The vessel is a splendid specimen of the great 80 gun line of battle ships. Her timbers are in good condition in spite of her 107 years. She was Nelson's flagship for only one year, the most disgraceful one in his career, when, under Lady Hamilton's influence, he encouraged and aided the atrocities committed by the Naples Bourbons. It was from the yardarm of the Foudroyant that Prince Caraciolo, admiral of the republican fleet, a prisoner of war, was hanged without a trial. It was on the quarter deck of the Foudroyant that Sir Ralph Abercromby died of his wounds after defeating the French at Alexandria in 1801.—Boston Herald.

A Great Relief.

Tramp—Please, ma'am, I haven't a friend or a relative in the world. Housekeeper—Well, I'm glad there's no one to worry over you in case you get hurt. Here, Tiger!—Boston Traveller.

Copper wires are used for Mexican telegraph lines, so that they will hold the weight of the birds and monkeys that crowd them at night.

Conversational Slovenliness.

Conversation also is often marked by moral slovenliness. Not only is there that kind of talk stained with dirt which some men shamelessly exhibit, but there are the conversations in which there is a covert looseness, a doubtfulness of meaning, a hint of that which may not be said with manly straightforwardness, which has in it a certain laxity, as far as moral rectitude is concerned. There is that ready knowledge of everybody's misdeeds, as of their humbler relations, which people dispense, some with glittering mischief in their eyes, others with confiding demureness—"strewed with you know"—only it happens that they do not know and are only retelling a lie which they have procured from some dealer in that infamous article, hinting away a man's or a woman's character and proving that they have none of their own.—Good Words.

VOLTS DO NOT HARM PEOPLE.

It is the Amperage That Does the Deadly Damage.

Newspaper reporters, copy readers and head writers are in need of a primary education in electricity. Every now and again the newspapers record the death of somebody from the effect of a given number of volts, or tell of another's wonderful survival after receiving the shock of many thousand volts. Strange enough, in the newspaper accounts nobody is ever killed, nor has a remarkable escape from amperes of electricity been chronicled, nor is the damage often done by a current, nor has anybody ever seen "watts" figure in the matter. The number of volts in a current of electricity is its speed or pressure. The number of amperes is its volume. Volts without amperes would be speed without substance.

A light molecule moving with a speed or voltage of 185,000 miles per second strikes the eye without injury, but if the molecule had a weight or amperage of one two-thousandth part of a grain it would have the same effect as an ounce ball moving 1,000 feet per second. Any number of "amperes" without voltage would be a dead engine in a roundhouse.

An article in a New York paper was headed, "Nct Killed by 2,000 Volts." It told of a boy who had become locally famous because "2,000 volts of electricity had passed through Joe's body without killing him." Without the amperage of the current being known the statement means nothing. Another story of escape from electricity was headed, "Shocked by 2,080 Volts."

The electrical current used in the Edison fluoroscope has a minute fraction of an amper, but an almost incalculable voltage of perhaps above 150,000. To receive these 150,000 volts in the body would feel like the prick of a needle.

At the state penitentiary the victims of the law are given about 1,800 volts of electricity, but it is the electrical energy, as expressed in watts, that kills. The amperes multiplied by the volts give the energy of the current, or watts.

He who would caress a "live wire" need care nothing for the volts or amperes it may have concealed about its person, but let him carefully calculate its watts before he grabs hold.—New York Mail and Express.

The Public Service in China.

Ex-Secretary John W. Foster, who was the confidential adviser of the emperor of China in the peace negotiations with Japan, contributes a paper on "The Viceroy Li Hung Chang" to The Century. Mr. Foster says of the viceroy:

He does not regard the competitive educational system of admission to the public service as a perfect method, and more than once he has recommended to his emperor material modifications in the existing system. But it must be confessed that it has stood the test of centuries with much benefit to China, and its practical operation has demonstrated that it possesses two merits of inestimable value to any nation. First, it brings all the offices of the empire within the reach of the lowest subject, and, secondly, it diminishes the incentives to and opportunities of corruption and favoritism in securing entrance into official life. But in China the competitive examination ends with the admission. Beyond that step promotion must come through other methods. Li Hung Chang secured the right of admission to office through his assiduous application to study, and every succeeding step in his upward career has been attained by his own genius and capacity.

Portraits and "Pictures."

If one can give the portrait and make a picture at the same time, so much the better, but if the portrait be given with frankness and sincerity, if the model be rendered with knowledge and truth, the result will be a picture—a work of art—whether the painter so designs it or not. Holbein and Velasquez told the exact truth about their sitters, and their simpler portraits are today their better pictures. Lawrence and his followers in devoting themselves to "stunning" effects not only compromised the likeness, but made the picture bizarre by emphasis in the wrong place. The tale has been more than twice told in the history of art. A simple truth is always better than an ornate falsehood.—Scribner's.

Minnesota and South Dakota are the only two states in the Union that have half of their population made up of foreign born residents.

The standard dollar was authorized by act of congress Feb. 28, 1878, and coinage was begun in the same year.

It is a safe rule to wet the wrists before drinking cold water if at all heated. The effect is immediate and grateful, and danger of fatal results is warded off.

Holland, though small in size, has 1,070,000 women, young and old.

Advertisement for Buggies and Wagons, featuring the name 'Call on H. Harby.' and listing various types of vehicles available.

Attar of Rose. The rose, the queen of flowers, that has been said to preserve till the fragrance of summer when summer is gone, yields its fragrant attar or otto to the villagers of Turkey and the peasant proprietors of Grasse, Cannes, Nice and the Valois in no regard quantity. Yet the true attar does not satisfy the needs of the toilet. Pure attar of roses is of extreme rarity, and is worth its weight in gold, the rose-attar of commerce being largely adulterated with sandal, or with attar of rose geranium, which is largely grown for the purpose in France and Turkey. The characteristic rose scent is shared by Paeonia aliflora fragrans (an ally of the lovely rose scented china peonies of our gardens), the root of Rhodiola rosea (a species of sedum growing on damp rocks on the high mountains of Scotland, Ireland and in the north of England, and on sea cliffs), and by the rasped wood of the Brazilian tulip tree.—Chambers' Journal.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Sore Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 52cents per box. For sale by Dr. J. F. W. De Lorrie

Advertisement for 'Complete Manhood' medicine, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing its benefits for men's health.

Advertisement for 'Manhood Restored' medicine, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing its benefits for restoring manhood.

Advertisement for 'DR. E. C. WEST'S NERVE AND BRAIN TREATMENT', featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for 'Anti-Skeet AND Anti-Fly' medicine, featuring text describing its benefits for driving off mosquitoes and flies.

Advertisement for 'GERMAN HOUSEHOLD DYES!', featuring text describing its benefits for dyeing cotton, silk, and wool.

Advertisement for 'Prescriptions Filled Day and Night' by 'J.S. HUGHSON & CO., DRUGGISTS, MONAGHAN BLOCK SUMTER, S. C.' featuring text describing their services.

Advertisement for 'Call on H. Harby.' featuring text describing various services and products available.