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NEWS SUMMARY.

FROM ALL OVER THE SOUTHLAND.

Accidents, Calamities, Pleasant News and Notes of Industry.

VIRGINIA.

It is proposed to hold a national convention of business men in Richmond.

The annual temperance bush meetings in Loudoun are now in session, and several extra coaches are attached to the trains to accommodate the crowds going there.

The Odd Fellows' Association, of Petersburg, held a meeting and decided to build a hall to cost \$23,000. It is to be three stories high. There is to be five floors on the first floor running back one hundred feet. The two outside stores, north and south, will have a second-story fifty-six feet long. On the second floor there will be ten offices handsomely furnished; on the third floor there are to be two lodge rooms. Work on the building will be commenced about the first of September next.

A gentleman from Southampton county, says that the crops there are the finest that have been made in twenty years, and will be very abundant.

The school census of Chesterfield county aggregates slightly over six thousand. There is an increase of forty over the last census. In the Powhatan district the school population has increased over two hundred.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says that a deed has been filed in the chancery court by the Richmond & Petersburg Railroad Co. mortgaging to the Central Trust Co. of New York the road, rolling stock and depots, to secure payment of bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000 and interest. These bonds were issued by the company for double-tracking the road from Richmond to Petersburg.

The State of Virginia to-day presents half a dozen illustrations of conditions which that many years ago would have been considered impossible. It is true there were a few who believed that the development of Virginia's resources and the construction of new railroads would eventuate in the creation of new industrial centers; but the man who might then have been so bold as to prophesy that half a dozen towns, which had practically been a standstill for a generation, would before the close of the century spring into new life and grow like certain Western municipal prodigies were then growing, his prophecy would have been branded as chimerical and visionary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The much talked of encampment of Confederate Veterans at Bowling Rock, Watauga county, took place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and attracted an immense crowd of old soldiers and visitors.

The following postmasters have been appointed in the state: Benj. F. Doyall, Powell's Point; H. B. Willie, Edgewood, Robeson county.

A little ripple was created in Morganton commercial circles last Monday morning by the announcement that Mr. J. L. Anderson, dealer in boots and shoes, had made assignment. Mr. D. J. Hicks is made assignee.

The Confederate Veterans of Mecklenburg Camp held their annual picnic in Charlotte Thursday and it was largely attended.

The preliminary examination into the homicide Saturday, wherein Officer William Hogue shot and killed a colored man named Jones in Wilmington on September 25th, and will continue ten days or longer. Many doubted whether or not Mr. Jones would accept the invitation to go to Wilmington, as violent opposition to his coming has been expressed by some of the local ministers there.

At Morehead City, on Wednesday, the North Carolina Tobacco Association closed its fourth annual session by the election of Capt. J. B. Lockhart, of Durham, president; W. G. Reid, of Oxford, first vice-president; and Garland E. Webb, of Winston, secretary.

George Low, mate of the schooner James Ponder, fell overboard and was drowned Friday night at Wilmington while climbing over the ship's to go ashore.

Investigation of the recent murder of Sam Potter, in Greene county, has brought light the existence of White Caps in that neighborhood. One man testified to having received a letter on the day Potter was killed signed, "Captain of White Caps." Potter was an immoral and odious character, and had received two or three notices to leave.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

A charter has been granted to the Anderson Ginning and Manufacturing Company. Capital stock \$25,000.

J. B. Lisle attorney, of Columbia, has bought a bill at Landrum, whereon he proposes to erect a hotel.

Congressman Elliott has succeeded in keeping in the sundry civil appropriation bill an appropriation of \$75,000 for the construction of a first class fog signal and light ship at Martin's Industry, off Port Royal harbor.

The census returns from Centre township, Richmond county, have for some reason not stated been rejected by Supervisor Delavan Yates and Amos J. Williams colored, has been appointed to re-take the census therein. His commission is for this work in a portion of the northern division of the township, but he says that the whole has been rejected. He will be assisted by Green Jackson.

The Governor has pardoned C. P. Hand, who was convicted at the June, 1890, term of Court, for Lancaster county of forgery, and sentenced by Judge Wallace to imprisonment in the Penitentiary for one year. He also pardoned Daniel Black, who was convicted at the June, 1890 term of Court for Sumter county of assault and battery with intent to kill, and received from Judge Hildson a sealed sentence until November 14, 1890. He has repented Alexander Berry, who was convicted at the June, 1890,

term of Court, for York county, of murder, and sentenced by Judge Wallace to be hanged August 15, 1890.

Apparently the vegetable fibre question is to be practically solved this season, and in this State. A Charleston company has built and equipped a factory, and has a field of ramie which promises well. The fibre is to be cured by the Pankin process. This factory is now manufacturing moss fibre, which finds a ready market in the North. Another South Carolina is experimenting with an acre of okra for fibre purposes. The fibre of this plant is equal to the best of jute.

TENNESSEE.

Tony Houston, an employe of the Chattanooga plow works, was tragically and fatally injured. A steel drill five feet long and one and a half inch in diameter, fell sixty feet, and struck his right shoulder, passing through the lung and limbing him on the road. Physicians say he may live several days, but cannot recover.

The East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company has ordered complete new trains to be built for operation on the through line from Jacksonville to Cincinnati. The East Tennessee is also preparing to build a cut-off to connect with the Cincinnati Southern, five miles east of Chattanooga.

S. S. Jerome, general southern agent of the Armour Packing Company stated at Chattanooga that he is authorized to expend \$200,000 to build a hundred ton ice factory at Atlanta, to supply the storage houses of the company at Atlanta, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Augusta, Charleston, Savannah, Wilmington and Charlotte.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway Friday decided on another cut in freight rates from all points on its lines to New Orleans and Texas points. Several days ago a reduction of 15 per cent. was announced, and now the rate is cut below the medial line, what was charged a week ago. The demoralization is due to the rate cutting inaugurated by the Cromwell line of steamers from eastern points to New Orleans.

Will Jones, a negro convict from Shelby county, who has served about one-half of a ten year term for rape, is at the point of death in the hospital at the penitentiary at Nashville. His condition is the result of a wound inflicted by Will Allen, a white man from Haywood county, who is in for passing counterfeit money. Jones had reported some misconduct of Allen's to the foreman, and hearing of it Allen approached him, and after a few words stabbed him in the left side, near the heart, with a long keen chisel, which entered Jones's left lung.

The Standard Oil Company has leased for a term of 25 years the copper property at Ducktown, and will commence operating the mines about the first of September. According to all statements, these mines are very rich in copper. Owing to legal difficulties for the past 31 years, seriously affecting the title to the property, no one has felt disposed to operate it; but now that these have been settled it is said that the next legislature will authorize their lease to the oil company for 25 years' time. This means the revival of a very important industry in Southeastern Tennessee.

GEORGIA.

The Farmers' Alliance of Lincoln county will open a co-operative store at Lincoln on October 1st with a capital of \$2,000. A board of six directors has been elected to manage the concern.

L. H. Pattillo was arrested at Augusta, under a warrant sued out by Chief of Police Twigg before Magistrate Davis, charging him with the murder of Mr. Charles P. Hudson, whom he killed in a street fight Saturday night.

LeConte pear shipments from the southern part of the state are now nearing a close. The receipts show a handsome increase. The growers have received good and uniform prices the season through.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad Company was held at their office in Atlanta. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. H. Phinizy, president; H. M. Abbott, secretary and treasurer. The following directors were chosen: D. N. Speer, Pat Calhoun, J. W. Green, W. B. Berry, A. E. Thornton, Jacob Phinizy. Mr. A. E. Thornton succeeded General W. F. Alexander as a director of the company.

The Atlanta elephant has arrived and formally introduced to the people of Atlanta by a great parade and show. She was bought at Hamburg with funds raised by the Constitution. Her permanent home will be in the zoological garden that is now being formed at Atlanta. A number of animals have already been secured and the citizens are already talking of our "Zoo." The Constitution's evening competitor, the Journal, has secured a tiger as its contribution to the collection of animals.

The eleventh Georgia regiment held their annual reunion at Gainesville and a basket dinner was spread at Findley's Spring. It was a large and enthusiastic meeting, and was enjoyed by the old veterans to the fullest extent. The meeting was presided over by that grand old man, General Longstreet, and ex-Governor McDaniel made an address, which was cheered to the echo.

FLORIDA.

Unknown parties broke open the jail at Quincy on Tuesday night and released two murderers—Ollie Rice and Sam Edwards.

The town of Madison will sink an artesian well, J. A. Duret, of Crescent City, having the contract.

The Citrus County Hard Rock Phosphate Co. has been formed and incorporated with a capital of \$100,000.

The Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Halifax railroad company will build their machine shops at St. Augustine Ground which was broken in a few weeks.

L. J. Haisell, of Ocala, sold 934 acres of phosphate land in Marion, Citra and Hernando counties to J. A. Harris, of Citra, for \$40,000. Summerfield parties purchased 1,000 acres of the rich "dirt" near that place.

The St. John's & Santa Fe Railway is projected to Jacksonville, a distance of 75 miles.

The Jacksonville Times Union says that Senator Call's re-election is a foregone conclusion.

The Atlanta & Florida railroad will now run through passenger trains between the former city and Macon, where direct connection will be made for Palatka over the Georgia, Southern and Florida.

It is stated that the cultivation of the Japanese bamboo is to be introduced into Florida, both for its attractiveness and its utility.

Mr. Angus Cameron, of Cumberland, Md., who recently bought for himself and English associates several tracts of Florida phosphate lands, is now in Florida again, and has just secured some of the finest tracts of high grade phosphate deposits. He will erect large works for handling the phosphate.

The new county court house at Meyers will have iron fronts. Green & Thompson are the contractors.

OTHER STATES.

Reports say that the rice crop in Louisiana is magnificent. At Point-a-la-Hache rice is heading and being cut.

The first Texas cotton bale north was sold at auction in Baltimore, and realized \$220, for the benefit of the Texas Orphan asylum at Houston.

The Louisiana State Alliance is sitting at Baton Rouge with closed doors.

The Peace River Phosphate Company.

The Peace River Phosphate Company, of Florida and New York—the pioneer in the discovery and development of phosphate rock in the Florida territory, has made considerable progress through the enterprise and energy of its New York owners. In addition to increasing the plant and production, the company has opened up Punta Gorda on Charlotte harbor and established an export outlet. This improvement alone will prove of vast importance to the state. The first shipment of rock from that point was made on April 30 by the steamer Carolina to Baltimore, and the same cargo was then shipped to Hamburg and other ports for the transportation of Peace River rock to the Baltimore market, where the cargoes have been distributed among six fertilizer manufacturers and given entire satisfaction.

The test of acid phosphate made from this product closely approached 15 per cent. of soluble phosphoric acid, which is claimed to be a decided increase over the average Charleston rock, as 12 is said to be a high percentage for the latter. This company's product contains a very small quantity of iron alumina. In appearance it is pebble form, of bluish cast, totally different from any other phosphate known, and very rich in bone phosphate. The foreign business is meeting with favorable progress. A cargo of 2,400 tons has been shipped on the Rio Frio, to Hamburg, and other lots have been sold for the United Kingdom, charters having been engaged for this month and September. Contracts have also been made with New York consumers for liberal supplies, which indicate that this phosphate rock is now established among the best and most exacting buyers. All this has been accomplished since January 1, in addition to creating the plant, constructing the dredges and fitting them with hydraulic pumps, building lighters, tugs, &c. The present production of 200 tons per day is handled with great convenience, being loaded on cars which are stationed on the company's own railroad spur at Arendia, from where they are taken 25 miles on the Florida Southern Railroad to the docks at Punta Gorda where the ships are loaded, the completion of the large cargo being made in the lower harbor where the vessels rest securely at anchor in deep water. The company owns and controls its fleet of tugs and barges in Charlotte Harbor and also has a private dock built for its express purpose.

The credit for the rapid progress made belongs largely to M. M. F. Knudson, the president of the firm of Knudson, Paterson & Co., who has manifested great interest in the project from the start and personally attended to the arrangements in Florida which have resulted so successfully. The company does a mining and shipping business exclusively and has never sought to place any of its land or capital stock on the market.

A Revolt at the Boston Jail Which Took Some Trouble to Suppress.

BOSTON, Mass.—A riot among prisoners in the jail occurred, and, after some trouble, was suppressed.

After dinner the prisoners marched back to the shops very quietly, but hardly had they entered, when a terrific and general yell broke out. Windows and furniture were broken, and the men rushed on the yard, and the entire crowd dashed for the various walls. The guards to the fence fired, at first to terrify the men, but as several nearly gained the top of the wall, the bullets were aimed to kill. It is, however, thought that nobody was seriously wounded.

The officers with clubs and pointed revolvers held the prisoners at bay until reinforcements arrived. Every available man on the Boston police force is now at the prison, and fully three hundred officers are massed in the yard and corridors. The guard on the wall has been more than doubled, and all are armed with Winchester rifles, and have instructions to kill any man who attempted to scale the walls.

No account has yet been taken of the prisoners, but it is known that many have not been returned to the cells. Some of these are known to be hiding in the wards and work shops, and it is thought that one or two may have succeeded in reaching the outer world.

Cordons of police guarded the streets leading to the prison, and the general public, including reporters, were excluded.

A Hail Storm in Pennsylvania.

LANCASTER, Pa., August 15.—A very destructive hail storm passed over Southern Lancaster County yesterday evening. Several hundred acres of tobacco were cut to pieces and completely ruined. The loss will be large, though partially covered by insurance.

THE ALLIANCE.

ABOUT FOUR MILLION MEN GO INTO POLITICS.

Origin, Organization and Growth of the Order.—The Grange and Other Farmer Organizations and What They Are Doing.

In all the sudden seeking after the power of organization, which within a few years has marked a new industrial and commercial era, the farmer has been the last to adopt the idea of union with his near and distant colleagues. In business and in politics it has been persistently said that no combination of farmers could be effective because the great army of yeomanry is so scattered that it would scarce have more than the strength of individuals, no matter how united in sentiment and purpose its members might be. All manner of combinations of skilled and unskilled laborers, tradesmen and manufacturers have with ease accomplished purposes quite beyond their reach but for well organized co-operation, while the farmers looked on for years immovable. There has come to the farmers of the land within a few months a sudden conception that they might possess a power greater than that of any existing organization in trade or industry. They are trying the experiment of organization on a large scale, and the movement is fast attaining the dimensions of a political revolution.

It will be in the nature of a revelation to most people, even to the farmers themselves, that almost since yesterday about four millions of the yeomanry of America have banded themselves together with a determination to become a united and potent factor in the politics and commercial affairs of the country. To-day their influence is just beginning to be felt in Washington and in the State capitals of the North and South, East and West. It is an open secret that these organizations, which are gaining in membership thousands daily, propose to dominate, if they can, the next national conventions of both parties, and to take an active part in national and State politics from now on.

The farmers' organizations which are now of national proportions are these: The National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, formed at St. Louis last year by the Union of the National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union of America and the National Agricultural Wheel. Other farmers' organizations have also been absorbed by the Alliance, and its growth within a year has been marvelous. Its officers at Washington say it has a membership of over 4,000,000.

The National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, the oldest and best organized of farmers' associations has more than 26,000 subordinate organizations distributed through all the States and territories.

The National Farmers' League, a new and rapidly growing organization, is entirely political in its objects. It proposes to act in harmony with the Alliance and the Grange, and to enter actively into every department of politics. Its membership in New York State is 40,000, and all have joined within six months.

The National Colored Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union, a Southern organization, with headquarters at Houston, Texas, and a membership, its officers say, of fully a million.

The Farm's Mutual Benefit Association has about 500,000 members, with Moun: Vernon, Illinois, as headquarters.

The Northwestern Alliance, with headquarters in South Dakota, is strong in Kansas and neighboring States, and is a similar organization to the National Farmers' Alliance first mentioned, with which it may consolidate.

The Patrons of Industry, with headquarters at Huron, Michigan has 90,000 members in that State and as many more in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and New York.

Only one of these organizations is avowedly political in its purposes, yet almost all propose to take an active part in politics henceforth. Most of them confine their political influence strictly to the protection of the farmers' interests in legislation, and all aim to be strictly non-partisan in their efforts. But it is clear that what is really a new factor in politics and in trade is being created, and that already it has developed gigantic proportions.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE.

Before the next Convention of the National Farmers' Alliance meets at Ocala, Fla., in December next, it is expected that fully 3,000,000 farmers will be enrolled in its membership, all pledged to support the industrial, commercial and political aims of the Order. It is only a few months since the name of the organization became known, but already it has become active at Washington and in half the States of the Union. The Alliance is really a combination of older organizations. A Farmers' Alliance was started in Texas in 1878, and also in New York about the same year. The Alliance started in New York spread westward as a non-secret organization, and became a strong organization north of the Ohio river and west of Pennsylvania. The Alliance started in Texas was chartered as a benevolent association by the State in 1880, and as a secret organization it took on its period of rapid growth and development about the year 1888. In 1887 it had a membership in that State numbering over 100,000, and united with the Farmers' Union, at that time organized in Louisiana, 10,000 strong. These two organizations associated themselves together under the general laws of Congress regulating the incorporation in the District of Columbia as a national trade union under the name of "The National Farmers' Alliance and Co-operative Union," and this Order completed its consolidation with the National Agricultural Wheel on the first day of October, 1889.

The Alliance is a secret organization, having its secret work in the manner of other semi-secret orders. Its membership is not strictly confined to farmers, but it takes in the rural population. Both sexes are admitted to membership, with 16 as the minimum age. Only white persons are admitted in most States, and colored delegates are barred from the national council. The rules permit the admission of country doctors,

preachers, mechanics and school teachers. Persons engaged in any of the following occupations are excluded: Merchants, bankers, brokers, commission merchants, cotton, grain or produce buyers, lawyers, city doctors, preachers and school teachers, land agents, book agents, peddlers, canvassers, livery stable keepers and saw mill men; all dealers, speculators and gamblers, and any others whose greater interests do not harmonize with farming." When a person is engaged in farming and in addition thereto follows one of the occupations that are not admitted, but the association is allowed to make some exceptions under conditions prescribed by the laws of the Order.

The purposes of the Alliance as officially declared are these:

"To labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economic government in a strictly non-partisan spirit. To endorse the motto: 'In things essential, unity; and in all things, charity.' To develop a better state for sustaining civil officers in maintaining law and order. To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind and brotherly love among ourselves. To suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, and selfish ambition. To assuage the sufferings of a brother or sister, bury the dead, care for the widows and educate the orphans; to exercise charity toward offenders; to construe words and deeds in their most favorable light granting honesty of purpose and good intentions to others and to protect the principles of the Alliance unto death."

The governing body is the Supreme Council, which is composed of delegates from the State organizations. The executive officers are a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The subordinate Alliances seek to provide the members with such social, educational, and commercial advantages as can be gained by co-operation. They endeavor to secure the highest price for the produce raised for sale, and the lowest price on the commodities that must be purchased. Of the political methods of the Alliance one of its official declarations is:

"Our political methods are strictly non-partisan and must ever remain so, because every candidate, before taking the pledge, is assured that it will in no way conflict with his political or religious opinions. All political parties are represented in our ranks and all are expected to work in their respective parties to secure a just recognition of the rights of the farmer. All questions in political economy will be thoroughly discussed, and when the Order can agree on a reform as necessary they will demand it of the Government and of every political party, and if the demand goes unheeded they will devise some way to enforce it. The most essential reforms must come from legislation, but that does not necessarily compel the responsibility of choosing candidates and filling the offices. Such a course may be deemed necessary, but will not be resorted to under any other circumstances."

PRESENT GROWTH OF THE ALLIANCE.

The headquarters of the Alliance are on 9th street, Washington, where are the offices of the president, secretary and executive committee. The officers are: L. L. Polk, of North Carolina, president; B. H. Clover, of Kansas, vice president; J. H. Turner, of Georgia, secretary; H. W. Hickman, of Missouri, treasurer; C. W. Heath, of Texas, lecturer; C. W. Macune, chairman of executive committee.

Following the examples of the Republican and Democratic Congressional committees the Farmers' Alliance has established a literary bureau in Washington, which will have a tendency to increase the unevenness and discomfiture already felt by the Congressmen who are inimical to the theories advanced by this young but powerful organization. The bureau is located in an old and dismantled church on 9th street, and although it is large and roomy, it has been found necessary to secure additional quarters in an adjoining building. In the old church the official organ of the Alliance is printed.

In the building adjoining the church are the headquarters of the Alliance, and it is said that from this building is mapped out the line of action, the results of which are designed to alleviate the condition of the suffering farmers all over this broad land. It is a busy place, although there is an air of mystery that pervades the sanctum of the high priest of this secret order. While the doors are open to every caller, and all visitors are treated with uniform courtesy, yet there is a feeling that there is a concealed goat or a butting ram, which tempers the action of the uninitiated. All of the important work is sent out from Washington. Lecturers and agents of the Order are constantly coming and going. They come in from a long tour, remain closeted with the secretary for a few moments, and then start out on another missionary trip.

The growth of the Alliance has been so marvelous and its effect so startling that the calm expression of placid contentment is no longer written on the faces of the Southern Congressmen. For years the impassiveness which has been so characteristic of them as election time comes around has caused the greatest envy on the part of their colleagues from the North. It was in vain that the latter endeavored to imitate the calm and dignified composure of the Southern members. But it was of no use. The uncertainty of political success was too apparent. Now, however, there is no difference. They are all alike exercised over the result of the coming elections, and many from the South feel that the political security that they have so long enjoyed is a thing of the past.

Secretary Turner is confident that before the next annual convention is held the membership of the Order will reach 3,000,000. He estimates that about 10 per cent of the members are between 16 and 21 years old, and that about 15 per cent are women.—N. Y. Sun.

The governor of Illinois has signed the world's fair bill. The bill having an emergency clause attached will go into effect at once.

THE HEALTH OF FLORIDA.

Circular From the President of the Board of Health of Florida.

OFFICE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—It having been brought to the notice of this Board that a certain quarantine proclamation, issued by the board of health of the state of Louisiana, under date of July 29, 1890, and promulgated without previous notice or process, to the health authorities of Florida, has been given large publicity through leading newspapers over the country, and has been perverted into a reflection upon the health of our state, and that it is being utilized for detriment to our interests; it therefore appears to be my duty, as president of the board of health of Florida, to declare that the health of our state is good at this time, and that we have every right to feel that under God's providence we shall not have any other than a like favorable report to make for the remainder of the year.

As the city of Tampa has been specially maligned in this matter, I give its mortuary report for the month of July, 1890.

R. P. DANIEL, Pres. State Board of Health of Florida.

Tampa, Florida.—Estimated population, 10,000. Death rate per 1,000 per annum, 10.8. Number of deaths, 14.

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Chronic diarrhoea,	1
Gastritis,	1
Heart disease,	1
Convulsions,	1
Disease of bladder,	2
Dysentery,	1
Gunsbot wounds,	1
Dropsy of brain,	1
Brain fever,	1
Meningitis,	1
Pneumonia,	1
Fueral per hemorrhage,	1
Malarial fever,	1
Total,	14

Encampment N O State Guard.

In the encampment of the Second and Fourth Regiments, North Carolina State Guard, at Wrightsville last week, there were six hundred men in camp. The companies represented are:

Second Regiment.—Co. B. Lumber Bridge Light Infantry, Capt. J. D. Malloy; Co. E. Maxton Guards, Capt. William Black; Co. A. Sampson Light Infantry, Capt. W. A. Johnson; Scotland Neck Rifles, no letter, Capt. G. S. White, temporarily attached to the Second Regiment.

Fourth Regiment.—Co. A, Statesville, Capt. J. F. Armfield; Co. B, Lincoln, Capt. W. W. Motz; Co. C, Waynesville, Capt. R. A. L. Hyatt; Co. D, Monroe, Capt. W. C. Heath; Co. E, Asheville, Capt. Dufr Merrick; Co. G, Concord, Capt. J. F. Reid; Co. K, Dallas, Capt. W. F. Holland.

The Atlantic and Danville.

Immediately upon the heels of the news from England that Commodore Bateman has secured sufficient funds for the completion of the Atlantic & Danville to some point West, presumably Bristol, comes another rumor that the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia has acquired the road. If true this is a very important deal as it will give the East Tennessee its own line to the Atlantic coast. The statement is now advanced that Bristol will not be the western terminus, but that Johnson City, Tenn., is the favored place. The Comet, of Johnson City, says that the road will be constructed from Wilksboro, N. C., following the Yadkin river to the top of the Blue Ridge and crossing through Cook's Gap, strike the headwaters of the Watauga, to Johnson City.

When Montgomery, Alabama, granted the franchise to the Capital City Water Company it reserved the right to purchase the system at the expiration of any term of five years from that date. The first term will expire next October, and the city council is now considering the question of buying. The city council has authorized a committee to ask for bids to pave Commerce street with Belgian blocks. The franchise has been granted to P. B. Bibb and associates to construct and operate an electric lighting plant.

Virginia Republicans.

The Republicans of the First Virginia district who have been given government positions by Representative Browne and those who are working for similar favors at his hands, have resolved to renominate him. They met in Washington. The Virginia Republicans, following the policy of Mahone, now make Washington headquarters for all their contentious and movements.

Floods in Arizona.

Tucson, August 11.—Heavy rains have been falling in this locality during the last ten days. Sixty miles of the Santa Fe Road, between Benson and Nogales, have been washed out. Railroad communication with Sonora is cut off. The Santa Cruz River is again flooding the valley, and is now higher than at any time during the flood.

The South's static Bival.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 11.—C. I. Von Noski, minister of war, is here as the means of transportation on the Trans-Caspian Railway. The rapid development of the cotton trade of Turkestan has resulted in the complete blockade of the depots along the line, the railway not having sufficient facilities for transporting cotton.

For Stealing a Bible.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Special.—Rev. John Adams, a colored minister, was on trial before Judge Adams on the charge of fraudulent breach of trust, in that he had borrowed a Bible from the prosecutor in 1887, and failed to return the good book. As the evidence was conclusive the minister was held in bond to the circuit court.

An official rough count by the census bureau shows the population of Philadelphia to be 1,044,894—an increase during the last ten years of 197,724.

Bismarck declares that in Germany there are ten times as many educated for the higher walks as there are places to fill." Yet in the United States, comments Chatter, trained men are always in demand. The heads of two of our largest commercial colleges, where young men are qualified for a business career, told me recently that all of their graduates find immediate employment at good pay for beginners. One of them complained that he had four applications from business firms for bookkeepers, which he could not supply.

One result of exploration in East and Central Africa is the rise in the price of ivory. Elephants have disappeared from many sections where they were once abundant, and the supply of ivory has not kept pace with the demand, but applied science has met the increased demand and has supplied the place of ivory with celluloid and other compositions. "It may not be generally known," observes the San Francisco Chronicle, "but in all except the finest billiard rooms, celluloid balls have taken the place of ivory spheres, and in the arts genuine ivory is used now only for the expensive articles."

Farmer Morgan, of Kansas, when he heard of the Ashley mine disaster in Pennsylvania, where twenty-eight miners lost their lives, wrote to the relief committee offering to marry any one of the widows, providing she did not have more than three children, the committee to make the selection for him. He said he was a bachelor of good habits, with a pretty farm that was paid for. The committee laid the proposition before the widows, and it was found that nine of them were willing to become Mrs. Morgan, whereupon their photographs were forwarded to the Kansas philanthropist and he chose for himself.

The art of flying is not making any encouraging advancement, is the verdict of the Chicago Herald. Somebody invents a flying machine now and then, but it always proves to be a failure. Perhaps the nearest approach to success has been attained by a German in Philadelphia, the home of Keely, the motor man. He weighs 160 pounds and can raise himself into the air with the aid of a counter weight of eighty pounds. Yet this is to say that only fifty per cent. of him is able to fly, and that is only half enough for successful flying. If this is the best that can be done the birds of the air are never likely to have any human imitators.

A magazine article on "Horseflesh as Food" says that horsemeat has a peculiar sweetness of taste, "its flavor being considered by epicures to be half way between the flavors of beef and game." One would naturally suppose, remarks the Chicago Herald, that the flavor would depend largely on the kind of horse. While beef cattle and sheep slaughtered for the meat market run pretty evenly, there is a wide difference in horses. A nice young horse that had frolicked around the farm and lived on grass and new mown hay would be better eating, one would think, than an old horse of twenty. A favorite carriage horse well fed and tenderly cared for should taste juicier and sweeter than a miserable old cart horse. One might not like to eat a race horse at all. Highly trained for contests on the turf, its flesh might be dry, wiry and tasteless. And less than all would anybody care to eat street cart horse—West Side street cart horse, for example. Until horses, like cattle, are bred especially for the meat market and not drawn, as most of them now are, from the hard work and busy pursuits of the horse kind, there must be a wide variation in the quality and flavor of horseflesh.

The New York Times believes that "The industrial revolution in the South would amaze Northern farmers who have long supposed that the Southern farmers were but little above the aborigines in their methods of farming. But when they learn that farms of 300 acres only are plowed by steam; that tobacco plants are set out by machines on fields of thirty acres; that single farms have forty thousand dollar breeding horses, and nine thousand dollar jacks, and that a dairy farmer plants—also by machine—forty acres of cabbage for his cows every year; that a farmer has over \$9000 to the credit of his tobacco crop in three years after paying for costly curing houses and improved implements; that stacks of reapers, self-binders, mowing machines, hay rakes, and hay loaders are to be seen along the railroads, while a bale of cotton—thanks to the reorganized railroads—can be taken from the farm to the shipping port for thirty-three cents a bale, against \$2.35, the former charges, and that the credit system is in course of abolition by the banks, which loan a ten per cent., so that the farmer can buy for cash, pay wages in cash monthly, and sell for cash, and pay their loans promptly, the Northern farmer will begin to think that the slow turtle is beating the hare in the race."

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Briefs and Personals. LADIES SHOES at 65c. at Weilers. Fruit jars, all sizes, at John's, Bristol.

Fresh cakes and crackers at C. M. Wolfe's. A nice line of stationery at C. M. Wolfe's.

A handsome line of Jewelry at C. M. Wolfe's. LADIES SLIPPERS at cost price at Weilers.

LADIES' BUTTON SHOES at 90c. at Weilers. E. Reeves & Co. have just received a lot of fine cigars.

Mrs. Foy Allen is reported as being quite sick with fever. Go to Marion Foundry for water pipe fixtures and repairs.

Buy "Snowflake Flour," the best in the market, from C. M. Wolfe. Call at this office if you want an organ or sewing machine real cheap.

E. Reeves & Co. have received and are receiving a full line of Boots & Shoes. Rev. J. J. Scherer will preach in the Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

If you want a good pair of eye glasses for little money go to C. M. Wolfe's. A. D. Reynolds, "AAAA" Tobacco is the best in the market. Try it, Bristol, Tenn.

Large stock of SOFT and STIFF HATS, extremely cheap, and correct styles, at Weiler's. Mrs. C. M. Ward, of Spring Valley, Grayson county, is in town visiting her daughter Mrs. Geo. W. Wright.

Prepare for winter by getting coal and wood stores from J. W. Hill, Bristol, Tenn. Prices very cheap. A special term of the circuit court will be commenced to-morrow (Friday) morning. Judge Bolen will preside.

Mrs. J. W. Mort, of Bristol, and two of her little daughters, are visiting relatives and friends in Marion. E. Reeves & Co. will sell you granulated sugar at 5c, and Extra C. sugar for 7c, and they keep the best coffee.

We are glad to learn that Mr. R. M. Heppinstall and little Harry Jones, who have typhoid fever, are both improving. You can get 124 pounds of white granulated sugar for \$1.00, or 15 pounds of brown sugar \$1.00 at Venable & Co's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Campbell, of Bristol, spent several days last week amongst their relatives, Messrs. Kellers' families. Mr. Jno. B. Rankin and his two little daughters, of San Marcos, Texas, are in town, guests of Rev. J. J. Scherer's family.

Our friend James M. James, of Speedwell Wye Co., was amongst the many visitors to Marion last Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Geo. W. Matthews, who has been in Russell county for the past few months, is now at home, on account of sickness.

If you are thinking of purchasing an organ call at this office and we will sell you one at half price, and take part in produce. The Trustees of St. Clair public school district will meet at Rye Valley School house August 30th to close contracts with the teachers in that district.

Messrs. Swan & Williams at Bristol, Va., can furnish any style of Wall paper cheaper than in the Eastern markets. Send for samples and make your selections. Last Monday Capt. A. M. Dickinson, of this place, sold his fine riding horse (fancy boy, 5 years old) to Judge Robt. A. Richardson for the sum of \$300.00

County court was held here last Monday. A large crowd of people were in town. Very little business was done in court. A colored woman was tried for selling liquor and fined \$100.00

We will sell lots goods now very cheap to reduce stock before going north. We want to paint and remodel our store, and must reduce stock if prices will do it. VENABLE & CO. Dr. J. M. Bailey, Receiver of S. A. & O. R. R., Mr. Fowle, of Boston, Mass., Hon. F. S. Blair, of Wytchville, and Mr. A. H. Blanchard, of Bristol, were in town last Saturday and Sunday.

Lace Bed Sets \$1.60. Ladies' Ribbed Vests 25c. and 50c. per pair. Van Dyke Lace at 15c. and 20c. Vandyke Ince Sets at 35c. per pair. Plated Tableware, good and cheap. Goods arriving daily at J. L. GROSECLOSE'S.

Do you want a first-class sewing machine real cheap and on good time? If so, call at this office. Our \$1.00 pants are the best for the money ever sold in this State. Buy them at Weiler's.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Milk shake, lemonade, water melons at C. M. Wolfe's. Men's SOLID LEATHER BOOTS at \$1.75 at Weilers.

We want five or six hundred bushels of wheat and one to two hundred bushels of oats. Come and see us. Venable & Co. LADIES—We have control of Clement & Ball's shoes. We can show you the prettiest, most stylish and best fitting shoes made, in kid, goat and glove kid. See them. Venable & Company.

We are sorry to learn that Rev. Geo. W. Miles is quite ill at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. D. S. Heard. He has recently returned from a trip to Tate's Springs, and is suffering with a chronic disease of many years' standing.—Bristol News. We are agents for the largest Gen. Seng Hayer in New York and can pay highest prices. Country merchants can sell us their Seng for as much as they can get for it anywhere, and save commission and expenses. Venable and Co.

Mr. E. J. Desmond, of this place, who is managing forces in stone quarries, near Pulaski city, was severely injured in his right side and back by a sudden jerk made by the steam derrick which he was guiding last Tuesday evening. Mr. Desmond is now at home and doing very well. We have just received a beautiful lot of Lace Ties, Lace Shams, Lace Curtains, Chamber Sets, and Household Furnishing Goods, which we will sell cheap. Come and see for yourselves, and you then will purchase. W. C. SEAVER & SONS.

Prof. F. A. Kelley, late of Chilhowie, has moved to Marion and will reside in his father's (Judge Kelley's) residence. Prof. Kelley will assist in the conduct of Marion High School next year. We welcome Mr. Kelley and his family to our city and hope that he may be prosperous in his undertaking with Judge Miller. We have received a copy of the Lamar (Mo.) Democrat, of July 30th, in which one of the editors of that paper gives an account of his recent visit to Southwest Va. and Northwestern N. C., which parts of each State named he calls "Cornwall of America." We will give it space in our next issue.

Mr. J. Crockett Buchanan, who was well known to many of the old citizens of Marion, in days of yore, is visiting his many relatives and friends in this county. He was greeted by many old friends last Monday whose looks, like his, are whitened by age, yet he is still a handsome man. Mr. B. was highly esteemed among a young man by every person then in Marion. His home is now in Bastrop, Texas. We are glad to learn that a number of young ladies from a distance will attend Marion Female College next year. One of the very best art teachers has been secured who will also teach short hand. Prof. E. P. Scherer will have control of the business and financial matters of the College, consequently he will not teach. The next term will begin Monday, Sept. 1st.

Messrs. Greenwalt, Davis & Co., of Wytchville, have just finished and put up two beautiful monuments in Round Hill cemetery. One at the grave of Mrs. Kelley, wife of Judge Kelley, and the other at the grave of Thomas Palmer, father of Mrs. Geo. W. Richardson. The marble is very fine Italian, and the execution of the work is excellent. Mr. Greenwalt, the engraver, is a superior workman and is gaining a wide spread reputation. The firm of G. D. & Co. have a good trade all over this section of the state. A readable and refreshing number is the September issue of "Godey's Lady's Book." It will be priced by all who desire to enjoy these early autumn days. The continued stories increase in interest. There are several delightful love stories, while mothers will delight in the timely hints given the care of "The Baby." The ladies who depend on "Godey" for the best information about the fashions will find all that is appropriate for the season, handsomely illustrated, and all that pertains to home comfort and adornment, to social matters and to literary culture. Godey Publishing Co., Phila., Pa. Price, \$2.00 per year.

Epoch. The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory, and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health to the use of the Great Alternative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of kidneys, liver or stomach, of long or short standing, you will surely find relief by the use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c and \$1 per bottle, at Dr. Dickison's drug store.

Any person wanting a sewing machine can make an arrangement with us by which a first-class machine can be had at low rates and one-half payable in trade. TRY DICKKEY'S INDIAN BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS.

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Lutheran Synod. The Lutheran Synod, which was held at Salem last week, was one of the most interesting and profitable meetings ever held by that body since its organization. Much important business was transacted and a great encouragement made for all improvements and church activities within its jurisdiction. The congregations were very large at all hours of worship and excellent preaching done. The good citizens of Salem entertained the ministers, delegates and visitors nobly, (which is characteristic with the people of that city on all such occasions) and the results of the meetings of the synod there will be remembered by all who were in attendance for years to come, and in this connection we will add that the church here seems to realize increased responsibility resulting from increased interest developing in its territory. The next meeting of the Synod will be the biennial of its existence and will be held in St. John's church, near Wytchville, where it was organized in the year 1841.

The Pulpit and the Stage. Rev. F. M. Shroft, Pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kan., says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight." Arthur Love, Manager Love's funny folks' Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, beats them all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousands of friends is to urge them to try it." Five trial bottles at S. W. Dickison's Drug Store. Regular sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

The Public Schools of Marion. Mr. J. B. Leonard has been elected Principal of the public (white) school in Marion, Mrs. Minnie B. Cole will be first assistant and Miss Agnes Lumsden second assistant teachers. School will open 1st September. The colored school will be taught by J. C. Harris, Principal, and Miss Nannie B. Fowler assistant teacher. School will open Sept. 1st.

Ice Cream. The ladies of the Methodist church will have a lawn party in the court house yard Saturday, 23rd, from 7 to 10 p. m. All are invited to come and be served with ice cream, cake and sherbet.

Valley House Arrivals. H. A. Desbazo, Marrowbone, Va.; M. Andershy, Roanoke; Dr. J. M. Bailey, New York; G. H. Fowle, Boston, Mass.; A. H. Blanchard, Bristol; Col. Thomas Lewis, Roanoke. The list of countymen is too large for our space. Eighty-two were registered Monday from the county alone.

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 Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Itches of no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Dr. Dickison, Druggist.

STATE FARMERS' ALLIANCE. A Large Representation of Agriculturists at Lynchburg. Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 19.—The Virginia State Farmer's Alliance met in convention here to-day in the Opera House. Every county in the State was represented but one. Numbers of visitors from all sections of the state were present. The session was called to order by the president, G. T. Barbee. In his address he referred to the distrust with which a movement for organization among farmers had been received, even by the farmers themselves. He said that the gloomy days, when he stood alone, had gone, and now things look brighter. The Alliance has done good work, and put its enemies aside. Thirty thousand farmers, he said, would watch the work of the delegates with interest and solicitude. "You come together," he said, "not as a political assembly, but to shake off the shackles of party ties and servitude, and to better your condition, and bring prosperity and happiness to toiling millions. We do not propose to burden ourselves with candidates for office simply because they are members of our order. We claim that the farmers themselves know their needs better than any one else. I want you to look at the millions of once happy homes that have been rendered destitute and helpless by hostile legislation and burdensome taxes. Bring forward a platform that will show to the powers at Washington that you intend to demand and have legislation which shall give justice to the farmer and laboring man. He advocated the free coinage of silver, spoke in opposition to monopolies and trusts, and in favor of banks, the forfeiture of railroad land grants, the reduction of railway and other charges, the Australian ballot system, the reduction of taxes, and other measures. The address was listened to with much interest, and frequently applauded. A better looking body of men was seldom ever assembled in this state. The convention is expected to remain in session three days. No work has yet been done. Any person wanting a sewing machine can make an arrangement with us by which a first-class machine can be had at low rates and one-half payable in trade.

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