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Poetry.

WHAT DOES IT MATTER. It matters little where I was born, Or if my parents were rich or poor; Whether they struck from the old world's score.

The Story Teller.

His Five Mothers-in-Law.

A REAL TRUE STORY. Most husbands and wives, if we may credit all they say, find it difficult to live in the same house with a mother-in-law, but "Old Sol B." (as he was commonly called), of Boston, dwelt in peace and comfort for several years with five ladies bearing that relation to him.

When I first knew that old gentleman he appeared to be about fifty, but was in reality about sixty-eight, and had a charming wife who was then twenty-six, and two lovely children, a boy and a girl, one seven, the other five.

"So I married her and her mother—I mean—well, you know what I mean. I treated her mother-in-law just as I did the other old ladies, and what she lived seven years after all. I made her so happy that she adored me, and we had the sweetest baby you ever saw!

"What! Emma's mother-in-law?" "Yes. She was a handsome woman still, and she knew it; about my age, and no relation whatever; so she set her cap at me."

"And that made a commotion in the house?" "Well, yes. Yes, it did. I never knew my mother to get into a real rage till then. She was mad! She told me to go right off and get a young wife—the younger the better!

"How good they were to me then!—They lived together like a nest of kittens. But my mother assured me that peace would not last if I lived at home without a wife; so when I met a pretty little orphan girl who had not a relative in the world, I told her about my affairs, and the sweet creature, with tears of pity in her eyes consented to marry me and be good to my old ladies. And she kept her word, both in letter and spirit, and I am thankful that life has given me so many blessings!"

Miscellaneous.

A Giant Motor.

THE DATES OF STEAM NUMBERED—PENDING REVOLUTION IN THE MANNER OF RUNNING MACHINERY. Engineers, marine underwriters and others to whose knowledge the facts have come, are deeply exercised by recent successes in the application of a giant motor.

In the patent taken out by Messrs. Williams, Smith & Milligan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the power is described as an "improvement in the motors for machinery." The method of its operation is the transmission of the chemical agents above described from the chamber of a condenser to the boiler of an ordinary non-condensing steam engine.

A tremendous energy is thus made available for purposes of navigation, for driving locomotive engines, and is equally applicable through the whole range of mechanical industries. The key to this success in generating power is found in the special adaptation of petroleum to the object of bringing the bisulphide into control—in this respect comparable to the success of Morse in "harnessing the lightning."

On elevated railways, the new motor could be employed with incalculable advantage, at once removing all the fire, smoke and cinders and noise arising from the escape and exhaust. Merely a bolt of iron—just this and nothing more—bathed in a furnace at the end of the route, will produce all the heat needed to generate power. Again, the new agent is affirmed to be absolutely non-explosive; it acts on boilers as hydraulic pressure, and cannot be made to explode. Bisulphide vaporizes at 110 degrees, saving 75 per cent. of fuel compared with steam on the same engine.

It is obvious, if this claim can be supported, that bisulphide introduces a new era in ocean navigation, as fuel becomes a comparatively small item of expense, cargo space is saved and steamers are relieved of the enormous weight of coal tonnage. On locomotives, too, the change introduced is almost as radical, as tenders will be abolished; they will no longer be necessary appendages. The insignificant amount of 100 pounds will propel a sixteen-horse power engine; and the cost of bisulphide is now about 10 cents per pound (it can be manufactured for three cents) and it is used over and over, the introduction of the new giant motor must necessarily mean a sweeping revolution of a character more radical and far reaching than can well be imagined.

The "new power of chemical vapor" is exhibited at No. 308 Eleventh Avenue, and according to Engineers Charles H. Haswell, Edwin L. Brady and others, has been subjected to a thorough practical test with most promising results. Mr. Brady says "the dates of steam are nearly measured," of which more will be known very soon.—New York Commercial Bulletin.

THE POINDEXTER CASE.—RICHMOND, January 8.—The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has affirmed the judgment of the Hustings Court in this city, in the case of Jno. E. Poindexter, convicted some months since of killing Charles C. Curtis on the 3d of March last. Poindexter was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for voluntary manslaughter.

Miscellaneous.

Some Things not Generally Known.

Dating from the Christian era commenced in Italy in 525 and in England in 846. The title of doctor was invented in the twelfth century, at the first establishment of the universities. The pianoforte was invented by a German named Americus Bakers, and was first used in public at Covent Garden theatre in 1767.

It is a fact not generally known that Sir Walter Raleigh introduced the potato into England on his return from America in the year 1584. The following sentence of only forty-eight letters contains all the letters of the alphabet: "John P. Brady, give me a black walnut box of quite a small size."

Bells were first set up in churches as a defense against thunder and lightning. The first bell hung in England was in 845. Chimes were invented in Belgium in 1487. According to the old law for calculating tonnage, Noah's ark measured 21,761 tons, to the Great Eastern's 23,095. The ark is said to have been 547 feet long, while the great steamship is 680 feet in length.

The first translation of the Bible into English was made by John Wickliffe, about 1384. It was never printed, but manuscript copies of it exist. The first English printed Bible was that of William Tyndall, of which the New Testament was published in 1526. About 15,000 varieties of colors are employed by the mosaic workers of Rome, each of these varieties has about fifty shades; so that in all 750,000 tints are afforded, which the artist can distinguish with the greatest facility. Even with this variety the workers find a lack of tints.

An old church in Westchester county has the following consonants written beside the altar under the ten commandments: P R S V Y H P F C T M N V R K P T H S P R C P S T N The use of the vowel E will complete the sense and rhyme.

Banks were first established by the Lombard Jews in Italy. The name is derived from banco, a term applied to the benches erected in the market places for the exchanges of money. The first public bank was at Venice in 1560. The Bank of England was established in 1693. Three years later its notes were at twenty per cent. discount.

The Sandwich Islands alphabet has twelve letters; the Burmese, nineteen; the Italian, twenty; the Bengalee, twenty-one; Hebrew Syriac, Chaldee, each twenty-two; French, twenty-three; Greek, twenty-four; Latin, twenty-five; German, Dutch and English, each twenty-six; Spanish and Slavonic, twenty-eight; Persian and Coptic, thirty-two; Georgian, thirty-five; Armenian, thirty-eight; Russian, forty-one; Muscovite, forty-three; Sanscrit and Japanese, fifty; Ethiopic and Tartarian, 202 each.

Miscellaneous.

The Fond Father.

A tender Chicago father had with much solicitude observed the falling health of his only daughter. All through the summer she had received with his full approval and with apparently a warm reciprocal feeling, the visits of a young man of most estimable character and of fair prospects. His daughter accompanied nightly to the front door, and even to the front gate—a proceeding which her father regarded with some anxiety as the raw evenings of autumn came on, and he noticed his dear daughter's shortened breath and hectic color. The other evening he called her into the parlor—she had been absent for three days upon a visit to her Aunt Samantha—and, throwing wide the folding doors, clasped her to his heart in fond emotion, as he said: "See Susanna Julietta; see and never think that your poor old father doesn't think about you and care for your comfort." There the astonished girl beheld, swinging in the recess, between the two rooms, a perfect model of their front gate with several long pickets and six short ones, and a nickel plated latch. The artist, in his devotion to nature, had even retained the thumb marks near the handle in the original, and the impressions on the lower bar worn by the cherished daughter's dear little boots. Art, too, had improved upon nature, for the gate which swung upon the noiseless hinges, had at the top a shelf, just one kiss board, furnished with a student's lamp and a box of caramels; for the feet the lower bar was softly padded and warmed by a hot air pipe connecting with the furnace, and two spring chairs were fastened on either side. "Thar," said the fond father while his eyes filled with happy tears. "Thar, ye can swing and kiss all night long, and never catch a breath of cold." The good old man had, had the gate surrounded with evergreens and had laid a plank walk on the young man's side, to increase the naturalness of the scene, while at considerable expense he had had a street lamp hung in the alcove above, which was—rare thoughtfulness—not lighted. "Now, Susanna Julietta," said he, "that ere ought to be as good as life. But if you don't think so—for your poor old father won't begrudge nothing—I'll come round every quarter of an hour or so and yell out, "Susanna Julietta, come inter the house afore you get your death o' cold; and I know your little brother thinks nuff o' ye to play he's a street Arab, and cry, "Aint them sweetesses?" "O father! father!" cried the girl, as she flung herself into his arms. "O father! you are so good; and it is all so nice; and, yet, O father! it isn't like the original articles at all!"

General News. The expense of a trip around the world is calculated by the Railway Age on the basis of 180 days, as \$849 for first-class and \$608 for second-class accommodations. Under the first head are included these entries: New York to San Francisco, \$129; sleeping car, \$22; meals on the road, \$18; San Francisco to Sydney, \$200; expenses in Sydney, \$40; Sydney to Melbourne, \$25; expenses in Melbourne, \$40; Melbourne to Adelaide, \$25; expenses in Adelaide, \$40; Adelaide to London in sailing ship, \$225; England to New York. It is admitted, however, that a little extra money will not come amiss. No allowance is made for expenses in England.

Allen Mathis, colored, was hanged in Wilmington Friday for the murder of Heuben Herring, also colored. The crime occurred in Pender county. He made a final confession to a minister just before his death. The Review's account of the hanging says: In response to a question asked by the sheriff, if he had anything to say, Mathis replied, "I have said all I had to say, and I have told the truth." A hymn was then sung and during the singing Mathis frequently ejaculated, "Lord, have mercy." "Oh Father, have mercy," "Lord I'll soon be with you." He fell about eight feet, and died almost instantly. Mathis killed Herring on account of domestic difficulties and threw his body into a well.

Asheville Journal: R. B. Swenson has enjoined the officers of the Western North Carolina Railroad, from expending any money in their hands belonging to the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and also enjoins President W. W. Rollins from expending any of the funds belonging to his road—the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad. Trial to be held at Greensboro on the 28th of February next. Papers served last week.

The Star notes the fact that the mayor of Wilmington has received the following cable, signed by the Lord Mayor of London and the Irish relief committee, in reference to the famine in Ireland: "The distress is increasing, and aid is urgently required."

The Cook Not to Blame.—Many nice delicacies are spoiled by the abominable flavorings used in them, and generally it is attributed to the cook. Now if Dr. Price's Fine Flavorings are used, nice dishes will not be spoiled, as they always impart their delicate fresh fruit flavor in whatever they may be used.

Life is a short day; but it is a working day. Activity may lead to evil, but inactivity cannot be led to good.

Miscellaneous.

Humorous.

There is no friend to a man, so true, so kind, so real and so good as woman. Miss L.—The young man you inquire about is alright. He has been a subscriber for our great moral family journal for over a year. Trust him. "An honest man is the noblest work of God"—but it has been so long since our gaze has rested upon one, that we give this item as a historical fact, and not one deduced from personal observation.

"Dear Minnie," wrote a loving mother to her daughter who had already spent several weeks visiting friends, "please come home." Dutiful daughter replied, "Dear Mother, I won't do it. Lovingly, Minnie. And she didn't."

Professor Proctor's assertion that the world is 500,000,000 years old should be proven in the opinion of the Troy Times by calling upon Susan B. Anthony, the only living witness. A Chicago belle, while traveling through Rhode Island, put her ear out of the window to hear the distant roar of the ocean: all the fowls in the State went to roost and the cattle turned homeward.—Waterloo Observer.

In Joel, iii: 3 ("and sold a girl for wine that they might drink"), and Zachariah, viii: 5 ("and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof"), are the only places in the Bible where girls are mentioned, and it will be observed in both instances that she is connected with some foolishness.

Mother to her daughter just 7 years old; "What makes you look so sad Carrie?" "Carrie, looking at my baby brother 3 weeks old; "I was just thinking that, in about ten years from now when I shall be entertaining company, and having a beau, that brother of mine will be just old enough to bother the life out of me."

The editor of an exchange says: "The Jersey girl is constructed on a liberal scale." Her heart is in the right place and is big and generous. So are her feet. Her smile looks like the arc of a parabola. Her shoes are built out of doors. It is hard for a foreigner to dance with a Jersey girl and dodge her feet at the same time. A waltz with a Jersey girl has to be danced strictly on the go-as-you-please plan." That old scribbler must have been lifted over the tree tops by one of the Jersey girls.

A west-side mother, of hitherto irreproachable character, recently had occasion to punish her little daughter for some infraction of the proprieties, and while going with her to the nursery suddenly stopped and asked the innocent young thing why her situation was like that of one of the United States just before war. The child very sensibly gave it up. "Because," said the mother, "you are on the verge of an impending cry, sis," and at once proceeded to fulfill her prediction.

Many romantic stories are related of marriages resulting from correspondence between strangers. Here is a story of a pair who, after exchanging letters, met by appointment: "The surprise with which she discovered that he, instead of being twenty-seven, tall, dark, and aristocratic, was forty-six, stumpy, red-headed, fat, and bow-legged, was only equalled by the rapturous amazement with which he discovered that she, instead of being willowy of figure, just eighteen, with warm golden hair, an opalescent complexion, and blue eyes like limpid lakes, was six feet one if she was an inch, fifty-two if she was a day, weighing three hundred and twenty pounds if she did an ounce, and with no warm yellow or any other hair of her own."

Miscellaneous.

Humorous.

Adam was de fust man, Ere was de tudder, Cane was a wicked man, Kase he kild his brudder, Adam and Eve were bof black men, and so was Cane an-Able. Now, I s'pose it seems to strike your understanding how de fust white man cum. Why, I let you know. Den you see when Cane kild his brudder, de massa cum an says, "Come whar's your brudder Able?" Cane says, "I don't know Massa." But de nigger nods all de time. Massa now git mad and cum agin; speak mighty sharp dis time: "Cane, whar's your brudder Able, you nigger?" Cane now get frightened and be turned white; and dis is de way de fust white cum upon dis earth! And if it had not been far dat dar nuzh Cane, we'd neeber been troubled wid de sassy whites 'pon de face of dis circular globe. De quize, wif sing de forty leven'h hymn, tickler meter. Brudder Jones pass on de passer.

FEMALE EDUCATION.

The education of woman is one of the great facts of the age. The heart of America is all alive to its importance; and, whatever fault may be found with the popular system of female education, it is quite certain that there is a well-meaning, earnest, noble spirit behind the enterprise.

It is to this calm, inspiring home life that she should bring the treasures of an elevated mind. As the dew drops hoard heaven in its bosom, so may wisdom and beauty, goodness and taste, abide within the minds of educated women, and prepare her for that sphere for which Providence has assigned her.

Montroze Enquirer. W. M. C. WOLFE. EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

The Republican Party in North Carolina.

The following editorial which we clip from the Charlotte Observer is worthy of a careful consideration as it deals in plain facts in regard to a subject that we cannot afford to be careless about:

"The beginning of the publication of The Signal, a new Republican paper, in Raleigh, under the management of Col. Wm. J. Clarke, better known perhaps as the man who 'buckled on his sword for the third time' during the Holden-Kirk war, and the fact that the executive committee of the Republican party is called together at Raleigh, some time during the present month, indicate that the Republican managers have not wholly given up the idea of kicking up a lively dust in politics in the coming political campaign.

Men desire more advantages, from circumstances, than women; and hence it has been supposed that the inferior portion of the latter had resulted from the accidents of society. But it is now seen that her intellectual position was not merely a circumstantial thing;—it was justified as an organic arrangement of Providence. The results have shown that a profound principle enters the human heart with the authority of divine wisdom, performs a great office outside of its own direct connections. Take the mass of benefits conferred on society by the mighty impulse given to womanly mind by means of education;—estimate all the good to literature, benevolence and philanthropy;—but what are these compared with the new heart that has been created in the world toward women? The sentiment that has found so vast a sphere of action in female education, has far transcended the limits of this field; and moving on with the energy that success has communicated, it has introduced a higher tone of thought, a broader sympathy, a more spiritual appreciation in respect to womanly character in this life.

Although Gov. Vance carried the State in 1876, by nearly fourteen thousand majority, and notwithstanding the Republicans have left the field almost to the Democrats since that time, it is an open secret among the leading Democrats that with a united Republican party, and a divided Democracy, the Republican party could carry almost any State election.

It is now believed that Gen. Grant will be the Republican nominee for the presidency this year, and with a view to putting the party house in order for such an event, in addition to the establishment of the Signal, at Raleigh, Col. Lewis Hanes has taken charge of the State newspaper, the Asheville Journal, and has infused with a new lease of life, and the New North State at Greensboro, shows much more vigor than for some months past. All these are signs to indicate in which direction the wind is blowing, and indicate to us that the Democrats are not to have a walk over the track this year. We might have mentioned in its proper place that W. P. Caunady the Republican sentinel in the Wilmington district, has recently visited Charlotte to consult with some of the party leaders here, with what object we do not know. It is good philosophy, however, to suspect some fire where there is so much smoke, and the Observer would be untrue to its party if it did not sound the alarm when it foresaw danger and quickens ahead.

We can defy the Republican party, its management, its partisans, and its hangers-on, if we are united, and, can bring up our voters with the shoulder-throw of discipline which we did in 1876, but if there be dissensions, or party bickerings, or malcontents, who think they are not treated with proper respect unless they are elevated to office, instead of a crowning, triumphant victory, we may gnash our teeth over the consequences of defeat. The Republicans know there is no chance to defeat us unless the ideas of malcontents within our party can be turned to advantage, and there are all grades of these. There are men who seek gubernatorial honors, and there others who will be satisfied with the office of constable, but whatever office is sought is asked for at the hands of the party. All cannot be gratified, and no man's affections for, or duty toward the party ought to be affected by defeat. But human nature is the same all over the world, and we have but to cast our eyes up to New York to see the consequences of divisions inside the party. We do not know now who will be the nominee of our party for any office within the gift of the people this year, but we do know that when nominated, and properly before the party, voters cannot afford to hesitate, and we have the right to demand that personal interest, or personal favoritism shall be made subordinate to the will of the party, when authoritatively expressed.

We do not wish to be considered an alarmist, nor do we wish to cry 'wolf' when there is no wolf, but we do wish to say that there is danger of defeat, unless wise counsels, and par-

ty harmony prevail. In 1872, many of us remember the effort made to carry North Carolina, which was then regarded as a pivotal State, for the Grant ticket, and how important it was that the election in August should start the 'boom' which was followed by the national Republican victory in November of that year. The success of the Republican party this year is of even more vital importance to them than it was then, and, as indicated by present fore-bodiments, no grass will grow under their feet this year.

To be fore-warned is to be fore-armed, and we warn the Democrats of North Carolina, that there is earnest, serious, determined work ahead of them. Dissensions among ourselves means defeat, and defeat means political death—possibly the renewal of the days of 1868, when carpet-baggers and scallawags ruled the land, when taxes were piled mountain high, and the credit of the State was buried for a mass of postage. Shall these things be again?

The Winter Here and Abroad. We are now near the middle of our winter, and yet the fields and hillsides hereabouts present the appearance of spring, and green sprigs of grass are frequent enough to make the turf almost like that of early April, while on some of these January days the atmosphere reminds us of the air of Spring time. The plough could not run a deep furrow, and the roads are heavy with the mud which loosening of the slight frost has created. The buds on the cherry trees have swelled, and green things seem to be growing in the open air.

We might call it remarkable winter for us if of recent years we had not had seasons which were even more open; but our comparative freedom in this region from sharp cold and from heavy and lasting snow makes our winter remarkable when we contrast it with that which has now wrought such inclement weather to European countries.

In England the new year opened with violent tempests, and during a fierce December gale the Fairbridge in Scotland succumbed to the storm, and what was boasted of as one of the grandest triumphs of modern engineering proved its inability to resist the onset of the elements. In Ireland wide-spread distress appeals for public and private aid, the scarcity of proper fuel for burning being a serious calamity. 'No amount of private charity can cope with the approaching famine in Ireland,' writes Dr. McEvilly, the conjuror of the Archbishop of Tuam. The annual crop reports of England show that the last year was remarkable for its lack of fertility. So far as wheat and barley was concerned, the crop was the worst in ten years at least.

On the Continent the winter has been one of severity, and, in some parts, of great suffering. At Paris the weather was sharp and disagreeable up to the beginning of the year, when it moderated so decidedly and suddenly that the ice in the Seine, over which people had for months been crossing, broke up rapidly and the river became a roaring torrent. The Rhine and Main are much swollen, and the villages along these streams have been inundated. At Vienna a sudden thaw at the beginning of the year caused apprehensions of a serious flooding, the Danube rising rapidly and alarmingly. Thousands of people, the cable despatch informed us, spent New Year's night in watching to guard against inundation; but so far no great damage has been done. A famine is reported in some districts of Russia, thousands of people being on the verge of starvation. In Russia the country between the Volga and the Don is famine-stricken according to accounts from St. Petersburg, and hunger is aiding typhus fever in devastating the region. Christian missionaries in Turkey appeal for aid for the victims of the famine in Northern Persia, availing that unless aid is promptly furnished a great number of the population must assuredly perish.

The winter, therefore, has so far proved more trying in the Old World than here. As it always the case, there have been heavy snow storms in portions of the far West, but up to this time we have seen none in the vicinity of New York, while the thermometer has not registered any remarkably low temperatures. On the average, the first half of the winter has been mild and open, and now we approach the middle of January with scarcely a trace of snow to be seen in the city streets, and little of it showing itself in the neighboring country. N. Y. Sun.

The Situation in Maine. The news from Maine affords most interesting reading just now. Events appear to each other as fast as the shadow of a summer day, each in turn placing a new phase upon the condition of affairs. The first mistake which has been made, and which has not gone to the advantage of the republicans, was the organization of a separate legislature, and now the radicals have a two-thirds majority in the Senate.

Such is the disgraceful state of affairs in the radical State of Maine, which, as the Wilmington Star puts it, habitually turns up its nose at the South and is ready to hurl on the dogs of war, at any moment and for the most trivial and delicate of causes.

At 6 o'clock this evening the Republican members of the Senate and House proceeded to the State House for the purpose of organizing the Legislature. The movement was entirely unknown to the Fusionists, and but few of the Republicans outside the immediate members were aware of the position of affairs. The news that the Republicans had taken possession of the State House spread rapidly and caused great rejoicing among the Republicans, who have been impatient to have this result brought about. Mr. Linscott, President of the Senate, when he saw the people assembling, proceeded to Gen. Chamberlain's headquarters and excitedly said, 'I protest against these men coming in.' The General informed Mr. Linscott that he should permit the men to come in and stand by him as they pleased.

The first witness, J. O. White, of Wilton, testified that he was in Augusta on the 5th and 6th; that he is a cousin of Wallace R. White and well acquainted with him; that he saw him on the 5th at the Augusta House, when he asked witness if he had read the decision of the judge, and what he thought of it; witness said he thought it was just and gave up his certificate; witness said that he told Wallace R. White that if he would do it for \$1,000, and said if he would it would be the price of his life; in the evening witness met Mr. Swan at their boarding house and told him the Republicans were going to beat them by the use of money and detained the interview with Wallace R. White; after some minutes Mr. Swan said that it ought to be stopped and together they went to see Secretary of State Gove; then witness saw his cousin, who repeated his proposition; witness again refused but told the cousin that he could get Mr. Swan; Wallace R. White said he wanted to buy two or three members, and he showed witness some money; witness said he should not suppose Wallace R. White had much money of his own; witness told his cousin he was in poor business and advised him to get out of it.

Bartholomew Wentworth, of South Berwick, a member of the House, testified that on January 3 Charles E. Ricker, of North Berwick, came him and offered him \$200 to stay away two days; on Sunday the same man approached him again and offered him \$500 in gold, and \$10 a day for forty days; at the second Mr. Ricker came to see witness soon; they went out together; saw Ricker again on Monday at North Berwick, where he went to take the cars; news was circulating then that witness had sold out, and as he has made no mention of the attempted bribery he thought Ricker must have done so; Ricker said on Saturday that he was going to Biddeford and on Sunday that he had just returned; he said the money would be ready whenever the witness would consent to the trade; Ricker has had dealings with different parties in Biddeford, among whom was City Treasurer Folsom, a republican.

Angus, Maine, Jan. 14.—The police force at the State House was strengthened this morning by the addition of 50 men. Many rumors are afloat as to the intentions of the Fusionists and the action of Gen. Chamberlain in case Smith is elected to-day as Governor.

The election committee elected by the Fusion House has decided, by a vote of three to two, to unseat Hon. Eugene Hale. It is reported that there is a rupture between Solon Chase and Eben F. Pittsberry. Mr. Chase opposes the use of any force, and will abide the decision of the Supreme Court. He says he will withdraw unless the Democratic will agree to this policy.

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State of North Carolina, UNION COUNTY.—SUPERIOR COURT. J. B. Green, et al, vs. G. J. Green. NOTICE. To George A Green, and Maggie Pinion both of whom are non-residents of the State of North Carolina, and reside in the State of Mississippi. You will take notice that pursuant to an order of the Superior Court of Union County, made by the Honorable Ralph F. Buxton, Judge Presiding, at the Fall Term, 1878, as hereinafter recited, you were made parties Defendant in the above entitled action now pending in the Superior Court of the aforesaid County and State, and you are further notified to be and appear at the next Superior Court to be held for the County of Union and State aforesaid, at the Court house in Monroe, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March, 1880, and show cause, if any you have, why the report of G W Flow, Commissioner, on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, should not be confirmed.



Agricultural.

The Chufa Played Out.

(Cor. Raleigh News.)

The Raleigh News recently contained an article copied from the Wilmington Herald, and added the above heading.

We wanted several acres last year in this crop, and fattened principally from it a very nice lot of pork at a much less cost than we ever witnessed before.

To show our faith we doubled our crop the present year, with no other crop than to feed hogs, many of which are more than half fat and chufas enough to round them all up nicely.

They may prove a great exhauster of land where tops are gathered for hay and tubers gathered for seed.

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Those days are lost in which we do no good; those worse than lost in which we do evil.

Western N. C. Railroad.

A NEW YORKER WILL BUY AND FIGHT IT.

A New York syndicate is preparing at this time to propose to the State to step in and take its place in the ownership of, and the responsibility connected with, the Western North Carolina Railroad.

We never used better bacon than we have had this year, and we could call the name of leading grocermen of Raleigh, to whom we would come for their own use, who afterward called for more and stated that they never saw better.

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Kissing the Baby.

While Col. Allen was discussing national finances, Col. Tom Crittenden quietly slid off the platform and circled about among the crowd.

"Oh, you sweet little darling," said Col. Tom, addressing a fuzzy pop-eyed but not lolling baby in the mother's arms.

"A little girl, eh?" said Col. Tom. "No, a boy," replied the mother. "Ah, yes, now that I come to look at it more closely, I detect the strong manly features of a boy."

"I am a candidate for Governor," said he, "and nothing would give me greater joy than to feel that I have the support of the father of this sweet baby. Come, let me hold the little darling in my arms. I do think he is just the sweetest little angel I ever saw."

Well, WATER. Look carefully after the condition of the water to be used in the family, since health is made, to some extent, dependent on the purity of common water.

Remember that water is a good purifier of the air. Water standing for some time in the sleeping-room, the sick room, will be found to hold a large amount of filth in solution.

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