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Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c.

Our goods are all fresh and new, recently

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will be continually added to as the wants

of the community may demand.

Quick sales and small profits is our motto.

Give us a call. Feb. 19-ly.

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JAMES SLOANS SONS,

March 11, 1874.

Don't Stay late To-Night.

BY ALEXIS.

The heart of home is beaming

With rays of rosy light,

And lovely eyes are gleaming,

As fall the shades of night;

And while thy steps are leaving

The circles pure and bright,

A tender voice half grieving,

Says—"Don't stay late to-night."

The world in which thou movest

Is busy, brave, and wide;

The world of her thou lovest

Is on the angel side,

She waits for thy warm greeting,

Thy smile is her delight,

Her gentle voice, entreating,

Says—"Don't stay late to-night."

The world is cold, inhospitable,

Will spurn thee in thy fall;

The love of one poor woman

Outlasts and shames them all,

Thy children will cling round thee,

Late late be dark or bright;

At home no shaft will wound thee,

Then—"Don't stay late to-night."

MARY BARKER,

A Thrilling Story of the Early Settlement of

RANDOLPH COUNTY, N. C.

BY CHARLES WILSON,

AUTHOR OF NAOMI WISE.

CHAPTER I.

"None of your fables here, give

us the plain truth or nothing."

"There is more truth in the world

than can be learned, and what's the

use of spending time for nothing?"

Now gentle reader just stop, and

let us have a talk on this subject;

perhaps we may both learn some-

THE PATRIOT.

GREENSBORO, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1874.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction.
COL. STEPHEN D. POOL,
OF GREENSBORO.

Fifth Congressional District.
The Executive Committee for this District will meet in Greensboro, N. C., on Saturday the 9th of May, for the transaction of important business.

County Executive Committees are requested to take immediate steps for the thorough organization of townships, preparatory for the District Convention. The time and place for the latter will be designated at an early day.

D. W. COURTS, Chm. Ex. Com.
May 1st, 1874.

Convention.
The Conservative County Convention will be held at the Court House, at 12 M. on Saturday, the 23rd of May, to select delegates to the Judicial and Congressional District Conventions, and to perfect the organization in Guilford County.

It is the duty of the Township Ex. Committee to call meetings in their respective Townships for the selection of delegates to the County Convention.

The County Executive Committee and the Ex. Committee of the several Townships will hold a joint meeting on the same day. Every member of these committees is requested and expected to be present.

There will be several speakers present and the good people of the County are invited to attend.

L. M. SCOTT, Ch'n.

Convention.

Above will be found the call for the county convention to nominate delegates to the Judicial and Congressional conventions. It is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance at this convention, and that steps may be taken to thoroughly organize for the coming campaign. Let the different townships hold their meetings at once and send their best men to represent them.

Pleasant Incident.

During the memorial services at Mobile on the 27th ult. the following pleasant incidents occurred:

Just as Admiral Semmes was about to unveil the statue, Colonel Wickham, our popular postmaster, who was a Federal soldier during the war, stepped forward and presented the Admiral with a beautiful wreath of flowers in the shape of a circle and cross, accompanied by the following touching and appropriate note: "This floral offering is tendered with the kindly and sympathetic greetings of surviving Federal soldiers resident in Mobile, who honor the brave and heroic dead of the late war, and desire you to unveil the statue, as a humble tribute to valor and unselfish devotion to a cause held dearer than life. Fresh be the memory of those under the sod, and the dew awaiting the judgment day—under the one the blue; under the other the gray."

Admiral Semmes accepted the floral offering in a neat and appropriate address. At the completion the statue was unveiled amid the peals of artillery from guns kindly loaned by the Federals for the purpose.

Another pleasant incident of the occasion was the following touching and acceptable offering:

From the officers of the United States Army stationed at Mount Vernon barracks, Alabama: To the Mobile Cadets as a mark of respect to the memory of their gallant dead, and in recognition of their manly and generous action in contributing to the decoration of the graves in the National cemetery at Mobile, Ala., on the 30th of June, 1873.

It is pleasant to record such incidents as these. They draw together and unite while they harsh legislation and civil rights bills divide, and keep alive the spirit of contention.

Charles Walker, a negro who was hung at Thomasville, Georgia, last Friday, made out the gallows a singular request. Raising the cap he asked his friends to pray for the counsel that had defended him. He then met his fate with composure.

This was thoughtful in the negro, but if he had been aware how little good it does to pray for lawyers he wouldn't have asked his friends to waste their piety in that way.

A man in West Newbury, Vt., recently won \$15 by eating twelve boxes of sardines, a quart of raw pea beans, and a pound of bar soap within three days.

That man ought to be tarred and feathered for this wicked waste of soap when there are so many people who are so sadly in need of it.

A Chinaman on trial in California for larceny, proved that he was not within a mile of the property when it was stolen. He was let off with one year's imprisonment for contempt of court.

Being a life away has no proof of innocence, for if a Chinaman can't steal at the distance of a mile they have sadly degenerated.

Federal Court is in session at Asheville.

Mining Enterprise.

One of the richest copper mines yet opened in this State is known as the Ore Knob Mine, situated in Ashe county and now being worked on an extensive scale by a Baltimore company. This mine was known years ago and worked some, but owing to the distance from railroad communication it was impracticable to ship the ore. About eighteen months ago the property was purchased by the Messrs. S. S. Clayton & Son, the former of whom has been long identified with the leading mining enterprises of this State. They proceeded at once to open out the mine in shape and have expended up to this time about \$150,000 in buildings, machinery, &c., to work the ore. It is the intention to expend about \$150,000 more in adding to the works already erected. The vein on which they are now operating is one of huge proportions, and of a high grade of copper which is worked and prepared for market by a new method known as the Hunt and Douglas process by which the copper is separated from foreign matter and run into ingots for shipment, thus avoiding the heavy expense of transporting the great bulk of ores, as heretofore, which proved such a serious obstacle to profitable mining in this State. The machinery in operation has a capacity to produce three tons of pure ingot copper daily, which is hauled to Marion, a distance of 45 miles, on the Va. & Tenn. central road where it is shipped North. The success of this new process of working the ores will give an impetus to our mining interests, for by it we are told, ores of a very low grade can be worked profitably, and the great obstacle in the cost of shipment is entirely overcome, as nothing goes to market but the pure copper.

Warehouse Opening.

E. P. Jones having with a vim characteristic of him nearly completed his factory, a building handsome enough for a private residence, has decided to set apart a portion of it for the sale of leaf tobacco for the accommodation of our farmers. The first sale will take place on the 20th inst., Anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence, when the house will be thrown open and business inaugurated in due style.

The Col. never does anything by the half measure and when he assures us that he purposes devoting his attention strictly to the work on hand and intends to secure the highest market price for tobacco brought to his house we know he means business.

Our planters are assured of at least one thing and that is a home market for their tobacco where they are guaranteed prices as good as can be got elsewhere. It is to the interest of the manufacturer to encourage the planter and vice versa, and hence we hope to see the cultivation of tobacco become general in the county and the number of factories also increased, which will make Greensboro, in a little while, such a tobacco market as it ought to be.

Fighting in Arkansas.

A small sized skirmish took place last week between Baxters' and Brooks' forces in Arkansas, in which thirteen were killed and many others wounded. Intervention of Federal forces prevented further interchange of courtesies.

Salt Lake City, April 25.—A passenger shot a telegraph operator fatally yesterday. He mistook him for another person.

They ought to be more particular. Such mistakes are unpleasant. Imagine the feelings of that "other person" when he heard that a "telegraph operator" had been shot for him by mistake.

Victor Hugo works incessantly, and when hard pressed wears out two secretaries. The amount of fish with which he sustains his brain would supply a moderate family, and his breakfasts for his bodily food are of ample dimensions.

If we could just diet Grant, and his advisers on fish what a happy effect it might have.

The young Florentine of the noble house of Ridolfi, who recently killed his rival in a duel, has been sentenced to three months' banishment.

What an unreasonable people these Florentines must be to send a man to prison for three months for nothing but just killing another man.

It is now proposed to "cremate" in the city gas works. The Herald thinks it an excellent idea. It will afford gassy Congressmen and other great lights a post-mortem opportunity to show that "even in their ashes live their wonted fires."—*Richmond Enquirer.*

The only objection to this is that we would have to wait until the fellows died. And the trouble is they won't die.

General King White is Baxter's generalissimo in Arkansas, while General Fagan, an ex-Confederate officer commands Brooks' forces.

Editorial Squibs.

The marriage of Miss Nellie Grant takes place on the 21st inst. Snow in Richmond last Wednesday.

A fire in Lynchburg, on Monday night, destroyed a large tobacco factory and a tenement house.

The senate has sustained Grant's veto by a vote of 34 to 30.

There is a cattle raiser in Texas who will have seventy-five thousand calves to brand this year.

The city of Baltimore has appropriated \$25,000 to the relief of Louisiana.

The Arlington House at Danville was opened on the 1st with a big free dinner.

Baxter and Brooks, the gentlemen who have raised the dust in Arkansas, are both asking Grant for aid.

Mecklenburg Co. Va., has a game rooster that thrashed a big snake in a square stand up fight.

Ex-Gov. Gilbert C. Walker, of Va., is about to begin the practice of law in Richmond.

The flood in Louisiana covered 5,000,000 of acres, which contained a population of 178,000.

Miss Fanny Fisher's last novel "A Daughter of Bohemia," is attracting considerable attention, and is pronounced a splendid production.

W. S. Ball, of this city, N. B. Broughton, and Theo. N. Ramsay attend the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Good Templars in Boston May 26.

Parties who have suffered from the persecutions of U. S. detective Jayne, are going for him and he now has a half dozen big law suits on hand.

General Vance, member of Congress, is making an effort in Washington to secure a pardon for all persons sentenced in this State for violation of the Revenue laws, upon payment of costs.

The question of the recognition of the independence of Cuba is again coming up in Washington. If a people have ever established a just claim to recognition these gallant, struggling Cubans have.

At the funeral of Commodore Dornin, in Norfolk last week, four of the pall bearers belonged to the Federal army and navy, and four were ex-officers of the Confederate army and navy.

Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, has distinguished himself by his eulogy, in Congress, on Sumner. Well, all some people have to do to have nice things said about them these days is to die. We curse them living and when they die go to spattering praises all over them.

The Senate Judiciary committee have reported favorably on the removal of the disabilities of a number of Southerners, but refused to extend such courtesies to Admiral Semmes. They can't forget he went for them on the briny deep, and ain't quite willing to forgive him for punching holes in their ships.

Monsieur Henri Joinerney is the name of a French Hercules whom Barnum has added to his list of attractions. Sampson wouldn't be a patch to him. He swings from his toes and lifts two horses while in that position, lifts one horse with his teeth. The dumb-bells he uses for exercise weigh 275 and 325 pounds. He's some on the muscle.

Messrs. R. T. Fulghum, of the State Agricultural Journal; John Bragg, Daily Sentinel; E. C. Woodson, Daily News; John S. Hampton, Daily Crescent; M. V. B. Gilbert, Era; R. H. Whitaker, Friend of Temperance; N. B. Broughton, Ithical Recorder; T. B. Kingsbury, Christian Advocate; and S. J. Fall, Spirit of the Age, are the committee of the Raleigh Press, to receive their fellow quill-ists on the 12th.

Jesse Pomeroy is name of a Boston youth fifteen years of age, who delights in mangling and mutilating children. He practiced on seven or eight before he was discovered, when he was sent to a house of correction. He behaved himself so well there that he was soon released, and one of the first things he did after getting out was to entice a little four-year-old lad into a secluded spot in the woods where he killed him and practiced on him to his fancy.

The Minor Liquor law went into effect on the 1st inst. This law prohibits bar-keepers and others from selling liquor to minors, unless they happen to be married. Why our law framers made this exception we don't know unless as a special inducement to festive youths to marry so they could enjoy the privilege of tipping without restraint.

Senator Merrimon's speech on the Louisiana question is pronounced one of the ablest efforts made. Merrimon has shown an ability which commands attention and is creditable both to himself and the State he represents.

STATE ITEMS.

Statesville Intelligence: Nature seems every prone to produce something new. Mr. O. M. Barkley has just shown us an egg with a neck and head projecting at one end, and something like the head of a chicken. Also, Mr. A. D. Plyler, living some four miles east of this place, has a duck which lays black eggs.

Stanhly withdrew his opposition on Monday and permitted King to assume the Presidency of the Board of Directors of the A. & N. C. R. R. to which he had been elected. So ends the war.

The Stokes county hogs are being killed off by a strange disease, and cases of hydrophobia among the dogs are frequent.

Plato Durham, the Democrat independent candidate for Congress in the eighth Congressional district, was to have made a speech at Barnum Chimney, Rutherford county, on last Monday. The radicals are on a broad grin over this independent candidate, and think that P. D. is serving that party more effectually than when he was advocating the infamous John Pool for United States Senator.—*Raleigh News.*

Evangelical Lutheran Synod met in Wilmington on Wednesday. The Synod was called to order by the President, Rev. Samuel Rothrock, of Salisbury, who read his annual report. The annual election of officers for the ensuing year was had with the following result: President, Rev. S. Rothrock; Recording Secretary, Rev. W. K. Ketchie; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. E. Hubbert; Treasurer, Maj. L. G. Heilig.

Wilmington Star of Friday says in speaking of the Lutheran Synod: "The entire time of this body, yesterday, was consumed in the examination of the charges of Rev. P. A. Stroble against Rev. G. D. Bernheim. The Synod, at 3 o'clock P. M. adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning, when the matter will be resumed. Mr. Bernheim read a very elaborate and able defense. The case creates a great deal of interest and a large number of visitors were in attendance during the day."

The Enquirer and Southerner says that the Grand Jury of Edgecombe county is a disgrace to civilization. The Judge (Moore) has, contrary to law, taken its formation in hand, and by his orders nine tenths of it are negroes of the lowest type of intelligence.

Says the Newberne Times of the 1st inst: "A terrible game, pursuing a track about twenty yards wide, passed over a section adjacent to Haverlock, on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, on Wednesday morning, and prostrating everything in its course. Large pine trees were carried thirty or forty feet from their stumps, and presented the appearance of being wrenched or wrung off. Nothing so destructive has visited this section for years. The appearance of the scene, as described by an eye witness, was terrible, not a tree or anything in the track of the gale left standing."

A Sad Death.—We are informed of the death of Miss Mamie Gaskins of Bertie county who recently died in a private asylum at Baltimore. The life of the lighted hall, the cyrene in her midst, she was bereft of her reason in a twinkling. It is yet fresh in the memory of those who were there, at a party in Hertford county, how she turned aside from the happy dance and as if by magic a stream of melody stole through the brilliant hall, and the room grew still as it a silence from on high had bewitched it. She was singing at the piano "Passing under the Rod." Not long after this her fair brow was wild.—*Crescent.*

Fight in the Court House.—On Wednesday, at Kingston, during the argument of a case in the Superior Court before Judge Clark, Messrs. W. T. Dorch and Council Wooten became involved in a personal controversy which ended in blows. We learn that Mr. Wooten was fined \$50 and ordered to jail for ten days. We have no particulars as to the unfortunate affair.—*Raleigh News.*

At the Spring term of Rowan Superior Court, just finished, three men were sentenced to the Penitentiary for five years, and one for two years for larceny. John Allen Ketchey was sentenced to be hung on May 22d.

Lient, Coffee, of the C. S. Cavalry, lies buried in the cemetery at Statesville. He was probably the last soldier killed in the late war. He was shot by some of Palmer's command near Statesville.

There was a considerable excitement at Kinsboro, Edgecombe county, on Tuesday last, occasioned by the shooting of Jennie Thomson by Adeline Whitfield. It seems that Adeline had become desperate in her love for Thomson and planned the death of his wife at her (Adeline's) hands. Adeline learning that Jennie was in a section house of the Tarboro branch road, went there and shot at her. Failing in her murderous attempt, and fearing detection, made steps for parts distant.

Rev. A. Lynn, one of the delegates in attendance upon the Lutheran Synod in session at Wilmington, had his pocket picked in the city on Wednesday of a pocket book containing \$30. A colored boy was arrested on suspicion.

During the recent term of the New Hanover county Superior Court, William Giles was sentenced to the Penitentiary for 20 years for highway robbery, Aaron Willis for 10 years for larceny.

A very bad little boy in Dubuque rubbed Cayenne pepper dust all over the back of his jacket, and then did shamefully in school. The school-marm thrashed him severely, but dismissed school immediately to run to the nearest drug-store for eye salve.

For the Patriot.

A Bear Story.
We once read an Indian treaty, signed by several big chiefs, one of whom wrote himself down Bear-going into the hole. The story now is about a bear coming out of its hole. Wednesday morning, at the earliest and clamorous solicitation of four little boys, we started up street to see the show folks "go round town." And, just here, it is convenient to remark the accommodating disposition of some elderly people in their readiness to go along with the boys, merely to let them see the show—not that the said elderly people care a cent about it themselves. Well, when we got to Hughes' corner, the "hand wagon" passed with its glittering freight of horns and horn-blowers, drums, fiddles and tinkling symbols; and then the gorgeous knights on horseback; and the moving cages of animals, with many-colored banners floating over them; and the ponies, and all that—oh, the gay procession! Some commotion occurred in the line, whereupon a profane exhortation was uttered by one of the head men to subordinate, to "look after them bears!" which indicated that there was trouble a brewin', or Bruin in trouble, or both. As we arrived at a point opposite John McAdoo's blacksmith shop—our procession of juveniles, augmented by a multitude of other juveniles, big and little, moving parallel with the show procession—a black head with a sharp snout was seen protruding from the bottom of a cage; a pair of black paws reached down to the coupling pole, followed by the shaggy body and stumpy tail of a bear; and the whole black walloped down to the ground.

"Mister, your bear's loose!" Then, "the bear's loose!" was echoed in paucal tones by the throng. The scurrying of the little niggers and little Caucasians, to say nothing of the state's stepping of the big folks, was lively.

As for us, with our immediate followers, we retired with reasonable expedition into John's smith-shop. The bear took a drink out of the gutter, and started for the shop also. Before he got in at the front door we retired by the back door, leaving divers of our fortunate fellow citizens, without regard to sex, age, size, race, color or previous condition of servitude, on the benches and forges, under the bellows and jammed into corners, bawling and running with hammers, nails, rods, old coulters, plow-shares and such like weapons of offence and defence. Our motto being "bear and forbear," we put for the back door of a neighboring shanty, and in the unavoidable haste of the proceeding one of the little fellows lost a hat, an article more valued by the owner than all the bears this side of the north pole, and a brawl was set up accordingly. We went back after the hat, and met the bear coming full tilt out of the shop! He looked interesting, and we stopped. What would you think he did? He just trotted by, and went into Bass's shop, which stands back in the middle of the lot. Old Bass was standing outside, with that everlasting old greasy cap on. We had a great mind to slam the door to, but didn't do it. Bass said he had a great mind to do the same thing, but didn't do it. By this time the garrison sallied out of the other shop, flushed with their valorous defence of the premises; and they all had a great mind to slam the door to, but they didn't do it. It was earnestly recommended by every body to someone to slam the door, but nobody did it, strange to say, considering the popularity of the proposition. So the bear, after inspecting the bellows and vice, and rooting the hammers and tongs about, and taking a drink out of the slack tub, came forth in a brisk trot, with his sharp snout pointed straight at the crowd.

What a scoundrel! Without regard to sex, age, size, race, color or previous condition of servitude, all yelled and all attempted to run. There were a few who wanted to fight, (so they said), but the majority, including the bear, ran so bad they had no chance. They fell over and upon one another in plain, equaling in attitude the heaps of slain that Hector and Achilles used to pile up on the plains of Troy. But there was a difference between our fight and Homer's—the fallen troops arose with renewed animation, and took after the bear—magnanimously allowing him a fair start.

Bear took the street in a lumbering gait; and where would you guess he went? He went, like other travelers, to Beckson's hotel; but unlike other travelers, he neglected to register, and made a successful dive into the basement, where he was captured and led away. His exploits in retreat were interesting, but we cannot detail them now.

Somebody said, the showmen had on other occasions permitted similar escapades, for the fun of the thing, knowing that Bruin's habits were peaceful. They did not know our people! They were not aware that the experiment here was fraught with danger—to the bear. We heard a number of men, whose courage we have never heard questioned, remark with ominous determination that it would not do for the bear to come at them! One conspicuous individual, whose ancestors came from the same continent with Hamanul, avowed that if he had only had his gun he would have shot him. Another equally conspicuous, a nephew of Caesar and blood relation of Pompey, declared positively that if he had had a knife he would have cut his throat. Other remarks, manifesting a like spirit and determination of purpose were made by individuals, evidently not to be trifled with, of both the white and colored persuasions. In short, it is clear to our mind, from the bloody nature of the threats made, after the danger was past, that Bruin ran a very narrow chance for his life, and the showmen of a consequent loss. But then, in case of death, they might have sold his skin for something.

Pic-Nic at High Point.—The picnic of the Good Templars at High Point, on the first, was a pleasant affair. In addition to the members of the order there were delegations from Thomasville and Jamestown, numbering in all some two hundred and fifty, who proceeded to a stately old grove just south of town, where a splendid dinner had been served.

After the substantial and delicacies had been disposed of, a brief address was delivered by the Senior Editor of the Patriot, who was there by invitation.

In the evening the young ladies and gentlemen gave a dramatic entertainment entitled "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," in the hall room of Barber's hotel, which was crowded. The actors performed their difficult parts very creditably and realized some forty dollars from admission fees.

For the benefit of young men who wish to visit High Point we will state there are lots of pretty girls there too.

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As for us, with our immediate followers, we retired with reasonable expedition into John's smith-shop. The bear took a drink out of the gutter, and started for the shop also. Before he got in at the front door we retired by the back door, leaving divers of our fortunate fellow citizens, without regard to sex, age, size, race, color or previous condition of servitude, on the benches and forges, under the bellows and jammed into corners, bawling and running with hammers, nails, rods, old coulters, plow-shares and such like weapons of offence and defence. Our motto being "bear and forbear," we put for the back door of a neighboring shanty, and in the unavoidable haste of the proceeding one of the little fellows lost a hat, an article more valued by the owner than all the bears this side of the north pole, and a brawl was set up accordingly. We went back after the hat, and met the bear coming full tilt out of the shop! He looked interesting, and we stopped. What would you think he did? He just trotted by, and went into Bass's shop, which stands back in the middle of the lot. Old Bass was standing outside, with that everlasting old greasy cap on. We had a great mind to slam the door to, but didn't do it. Bass said he had a great mind to do the same thing, but didn't do it. By this time the garrison sallied out of the other shop, flushed with their valorous defence of the premises; and they all had a great mind to slam the door to, but they didn't do it. It was earnestly recommended by every body to someone to slam the door, but nobody did it, strange to say, considering the popularity of the proposition. So the bear, after inspecting the bellows and vice, and rooting the hammers and tongs about, and taking a drink out of the slack tub, came forth in a brisk trot, with his sharp snout pointed straight at the crowd.

What a scoundrel! Without regard to sex, age, size, race, color or previous condition of servitude, all yelled and all attempted to run. There were a few who wanted to fight, (so they said), but the majority, including the bear, ran so bad they had no chance. They fell over and upon one another in plain, equaling in attitude the heaps of slain that Hector and Achilles used to pile up on the plains of Troy. But there was a difference between our fight and Homer's—the fallen troops arose with renewed animation, and took after the bear—magnanimously allowing him a fair start.

Bear took the street in a lumbering gait; and where would you guess he went? He went, like other travelers, to Beckson's hotel; but unlike other travelers, he neglected to register, and made a successful dive into the basement, where he was captured and led away. His exploits in retreat were interesting, but we cannot detail them now.

Somebody said, the showmen had on other occasions permitted similar escapades, for the fun of the thing, knowing that Bruin's habits were peaceful. They did not know our people! They were not aware that the experiment here was fraught with danger—to the bear. We heard a number of men, whose courage we have never heard questioned, remark with ominous determination that it would not do for the bear to come at them! One conspicuous individual, whose ancestors came from the same continent with Hamanul, avowed that if he had only had his gun he would have shot him. Another equally conspicuous, a nephew of Caesar and blood relation of Pompey, declared positively that if he had had a knife he would have cut his throat. Other remarks, manifesting a like spirit and determination of purpose were made by individuals, evidently not to be trifled with, of both the white and colored persuasions. In short, it is clear to our mind, from the bloody nature of the threats made, after the danger was past, that Bruin ran a very narrow chance for his life, and the showmen of a consequent loss. But then, in case of death, they might have sold his skin for something.

Pic-Nic at High Point.—The picnic of the Good Templars at High Point, on the first, was a pleasant affair. In addition to the members of the order there were delegations from Thomasville and Jamestown, numbering in all some two hundred and fifty, who proceeded to a stately old grove just south of town, where a splendid dinner had been served.

After the substantial and delicacies had been disposed of, a brief address was delivered by the Senior Editor of the Patriot, who was there by invitation.

In the evening the young ladies and gentlemen gave a dramatic entertainment entitled "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," in the hall room of Barber's hotel, which was crowded. The actors performed their difficult parts very creditably and realized some forty dollars from admission fees.

For the benefit of young men who wish to visit High Point we will state there are lots of pretty girls there too.

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FACTS AND FIGURES.
We herewith present some very interesting facts and figures from the report of the sub-committee of the Senate on the proposed Iron-Ship Building Yards on the Mississippi, and the Iron-Ship Building Yards on the Mississippi. The following substantial array of facts have been compiled from prices of railroad companies; from official reports of the Department of Agriculture for 1872, which show the exact condition of affairs with regard to the transportation of freight and passengers. The existing average winter and summer freight rates, from Chicago to New York, per bushel in 48 cents; from Chicago to Liverpool, 27-10 cents; from Chicago to London, 10 cents; from Chicago to San Francisco, 38-100 cents on the average of the winter and summer railroad rates from Chicago to New York and a saving of 58-100 per bushel from Chicago to Liverpool. The lowest rates from St. Louis to New Orleans and thence to Liverpool is 53-00 cents per bushel. By the new and completely adapted iron steamers, wheat and corn can be carried from St. Louis to Liverpool for 18-50 cents per bushel. From such data before us it is not at all surprising that the people of the North and South should demand the means for cheap transportation—they have long felt the necessity for it, but it has remained for action of the subject to show us the vast importance of it not only to the farmer but to the Eastern consumer, merchant and mechanic as well.

This bill—the last necessary act of Radical wrong and the Capetons act of Radical wrong—was laid aside yesterday on account of the inability of Senator Norwood to attend to his duties. The radicals are anxious to see this bill passed and get it out of the way so that its effect may be forgotten by the people. The bill is a political campaign; to have it hang until that time would be political death—and they wish to pass and be done with it. This is Senator Sumner's legacy to the Radical party—a relic of his old-time policy of "letting the South alone"—and although he did not intend it a greater curse he could not have bequeathed than the civil rights bill. Even the most ardent of the radicals for the whites and blacks into the public schools—together for the rich can send their children to private schools. This blow at the poor man will be resented. And again our public schools—now the best in the land—will be curtailed of their present efficiency because of the general loss of interest in them. That a system so granted and noble should be legislated against by the Congress of the country is a crying shame and none but the vilest and trickiest of politicians would dream of it.

The vacancy on the Court of claims bench is now the scramble among a certain set. It is said that the President would be very willing to pension off Secretary Richardson in that place but the Senate rumor hath it—would rather go to Austria, as minister, in place of John Jay now coming home—who may or may not resign. Jay is very much incensed at the sending of Thomas A. Van Buren to Kanagawa, Japan, as Consul, it being virtually a condemnation of Jay's action against Van Buren last summer in the Senate. Van Buren is a man of no account and will be made between the windy turkey-cock Van Buren and the arid snail Jay—a nice repair trial to report on anywhere. But to return to the claims Judgeship. Judge Settle of N. C. and Representatives Schofield, of Va., and Maynard, of Tenn., are also spoken of.

The President has realized the truth of the words of Bulwer's *Richelieu*, "That the pen is mightier than the sword." He never kicked up half the bobby with his pen in the veto of the finance bill. It must be a matter of great astonishment to him when he gazes on the short snubbed pen that he uses and thinks how much can be done with so little. I can imagine him trying to figure out the mystery as much perplexed Lord Pendergast once tried to do. Then giving it up as "one of those things that no fellow can find out." Grant receives a bundle of letters daily, the majority expressing approval of his course on the veto. He begins to think himself as essential to the success of the Radical party in the next campaign and would not veto any measure looking to making him a candidate for a third term.

FINANCE.
There are a number of propositions now before the Senate Finance committee which will be voted on to-day and the next day. The committee will report next week. General Spinner was before the committee yesterday and gave them the benefit of his views.

O. O. HOWARD.
The testimony for the defense closed in the Howard case to-day and the Judge advocate offered rebutting testimony which the Court declined to receive. The final argument will be made on Thursday when the Court will make up its decisions and the whole matter be referred to the President.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
On Monday next Mr. Dawes proposes to test the sense of the House on the question of adjournment by coming to the Capitol to adjourn on June 1st. Congress has been the necessary business and it is not likely they can crowd the other half, so say nothing of financial and other questions, into 30 days. The 4th of July will see Congress in session.

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Secretary Richardson is opposed by Vice President Wilson either for a foreign or domestic position. The latter would be a Butler appointment and Massachusetts had enough of Butler appointments. Grant evidently thinks Richardson is good for his political wholesome despite the Vice President and Massachusetts.

BROOKS VS. BAXTER.
The Arkansas question was under consideration in the Cabinet yesterday, but no clear majority being reached, the President will take some action—but will not clear of mixing himself up in the Louisiana case. A grant got well seared in that matter.

McCook.
Notwithstanding the President's express desire the nomination of Gen. McCook, Governor of Colorado, to the rank of Major-General, was made yesterday by the Senate yesterday but reached no conclusion. The fight is a bitter one and terribly personal against the General.

"A wonder of medical science," may be applied to Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry. It is nearly half a century since this remarkable remedy was introduced to the public, and yet the immediate and enviable reputation which it gained by its cures of colds, coughs, whooping cough, sore throat, influenza, consumption, and all bronchial complaints, is to this day fully sustained.

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