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THURSDAY, March 1, 1894.

SENATOR VANCE has nearly recovered his health, and will soon return to Washington to take his place in the Senate. He will probably reach Washington early in March.

NEXT year the National Farmers' Alliance is to meet at Raleigh. It is expected that the monument to the late Col. Polk will be finished by that time, and will be unveiled then.

WASHINGTON'S birthday was celebrated in rather a boisterous manner by the Yale College students. They had street fights with the citizens of New Haven, and the police had to be summoned to quell the riot.

The Newbern Fair that was held last week is spoken of by those who attended as a great success. There was a fine exhibit, and the display of stock was good. Every one speaks in high praise of the Newbern Fair.

From the accounts sent out from Henderson the lecture there last week by Eli Perkins, of New York, did not suit the tastes of Henderson's refined people. His lecture was a complete failure, if we may believe the reports.

IT IS now very well known that Billy Chandler, of New Hampshire is the man who steered the fight against Peckham in the Senate. He formed a combination with Hill and manipulated things for the New York Senator.

QUITE likely the revolution in Brazil will soon come to an end. Da Gama, the leader of the insurgents, was wounded in the last battle, but he has about recovered. The presidential election that comes in March may result in the choice of a man who will be acceptable to all parties. It is so the hostilities will terminate.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND left Washington last Sunday for a ten days' hunt in the waters of North Carolina. He was accompanied by Secretary Gresham and Col. Evans. The party will shoot ducks on Currituck and Albemarle sounds. We wish the party much sport, and a pleasant sojourn in the marshes of our State; and promise that if they will come upon highland they will have a cordial reception at the hands of the good people of the Tar Heel State.

MR. ERASTUS WIMAN, for many years the manager of the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., is a defaulter to the amount of \$229,000. He was arrested in New York last Wednesday and consigned to the Tombs in default of bail. It is claimed that he forged checks to very large amounts in the name of the agency. He has been one of the most influential citizens of New York, and was connected with many projects of improvement for the Metropolis.

NOTABLE action regarding football was taken by the trustees of the State University last Friday. They passed resolutions discouraging inter-collegiate games until the rules of the game are so modified, as to render it less dangerous. It rule makers for football associations do away with all the features that are dangerous, the boys wouldn't like the game and it would die of itself. Young America loves danger, and that explains why football has been so popular. We applaud the action of the trustees, however.

At a meeting of the Southern Society of New York last week Mr. Abram S. Hewitt was asked to speak. He did so, and took the occasion to revile the Southern Statesmen of today. He said the South had not a Statesman to-day that was capable of looking at the financial question in a proper light. Mr. James Gordon Lindsay, a young Southern man, replied to Mr. Hewitt, and rebuked him soundly for his remarks. Mr. Lindsay showed plainly that Southern men are now directing some of the most important functions of government, and that a Southern man was now at the head of the finances of the government. Mr. Hewitt's speech fell flat, but Mr. Lindsay's was enthusiastically applauded.

STILL the news "no quorum" comes from Washington. The patience of Mr. Bland must be well-nigh threadbare at this method of filibustering by Democrats. We endorse the proposition to pay members only when they are in their seats. If the salary of these filibustering congressmen was withheld, they would not be so fond of staying away.

VANCE AND SIMMONS.

Heretofore we have preserved absolute silence in regard to the controversy between Senator Vance and Mr. Simmons that has been so much discussed by the newspapers of the State. We thought that if Mr. Vance had a good reason for opposing Mr. Simmons, he was entitled to exercise his discretion in the matter; and we had no right to criticize his motives.

We have always regarded Senator Vance as North Carolina's ideal statesman. Our first recollections of public men in North Carolina are indissolubly connected with Gov. Vance; and we have always regarded him with the highest admiration and esteem.

Mr. Simmons we have never known. We are unprepared to give any opinion as to his fitness or unfitness for the place to which he has been appointed. The presumption on our part is, that he is a suitable man for the place. But whether he is, or is not, is entirely immaterial with us now. We don't know him and, therefore, cannot champion his cause.

We candidly think, however, that Senator Vance has made a mistake. Not in opposing Simmons. He, of course, has the right to oppose any body that he chooses. But when Senator Vance makes personal grounds the basis of his attacks upon Mr. Simmons, as shown in his recent letter from Florida, we must say that the hitherto correct judgement of the Senator has become perverted.

No effort is being made by us to champion Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons will have to fight his own battles so far as we are concerned. We don't think his confirmation would insure Democratic success, neither do we think his rejection would insure Democratic defeat. It is entirely an outside matter with us as to whether he is confirmed or rejected.

We just want to record our earnest protest against Senator Vance's personal reasons for opposing him.

Because a man goes to Washington in the interest of a friend and answers some questions that are put to him by the President, must he, forsooth, be turned down for usurping the rights of a Senator? Where did those rights come from? Who gave the patronage of Carolina into the hands of Senator Vance or any other Senator?

It has been the custom for a long time for the President to send for Senators to confer with them in regard to appointments from their State. It was done for the mere purpose of getting information, and in doing it the President surrendered no right to the august Senators. Any other citizen has the same right to consult the President. It has been done, and is still being done every day.

There is nothing in the constitution that will justify Senator Vance in the stand he has taken; but there is reason enough to warrant the verdict of the country against his assumption of the power.

We are sorry that this matter has so developed. We have the greatest respect for Senator Vance even now, but we cannot see where his position in the matter is even tenable for one hour. He has decidedly overstepped his bounds, and his reasons for opposing Simmons are weak and puerile.

PRESIDENTIAL PERSUASIONS.

Many charges have been made recently, impeaching the honor of the President. Newspapers in this State and others have unhesitatingly given wide publicity to the charges that President Cleveland has used underhanded means to secure the confirmation of his favorites.

Even the sedate, able, and hitherto level-headed, editor of the Wilmington Messenger has lost his head and given credence to the monstrous reports that are sent out from Washington. We are pained at this. The idea of the President resorting to bribery is too repugnant for us to accept it without the most reliable and authentic proof.

We are far from believing all the reports of correspondents, writing from the nation's capitol, relative to Washington gossip. Those correspondents are paid for their articles by the column, and they are too anxious to fill up to be very choic about the quality of the gossip. Therefore, when we read them we make allowance for the depravity of human nature, and especially for the shortcomings of the average Washington correspondent.

It is not consistent with our idea of the presidency to believe that the office could be so prostituted by its occupant as to endeavor to secure support by bribery. We have the

utmost respect for any man who has reached the highest position within the gift of the American people, be he Democrat or Republican, and we say candidly without any attempt to rebuke anybody that the plainest and most palpable proofs will have to be submitted to our gaze, before we give the shadow of belief to them.

If those men who have made the charges that Mr. Cleveland is guilty of these unheard of proceedings, as reported by the Washington correspondents and believed by the Messenger and other papers, he should be impeached and deposed from the lofty position he occupies, and has prostituted.

We are aware of the fact that a great deal of dissatisfaction exists among would-be office holders, and they are quite susceptible of gossip. It's human nature to be that way. It is sad to acknowledge the depravity of the human race, but it is the truth. The man that has the innings is satisfied, but he that is on the outside and wants to get inside and can't, is disgruntled; and is quick to believe anything to the discredit of the one who prevents him.

President Cleveland, we believe, is an upright, honorable man. We believe he could never have reached the position he occupies, if he had not been. While we may differ with him in some things, still we accord to him as much honesty of conviction as we claim for ourself. We are grieved at the shameful, not to say scandalous, attacks that his enemies have made, and is being rolled as a sweet morsel under the tongues of many Democratic newspapers.

We say, brethren, reflect before you countenance these silly charges any further. Be swift to hear but slow to believe.

COUNTING A QUORUM.

From time out of mind it has been the custom in Congress to count only members that vote as present, or as constituting the working body. No matter how many are present, unless half of the entire body vote, the legislation is blocked, and no headway can be made unless a quorum can be induced to vote.

According to Thomas Brackett Reed, of Maine, this rule is unconstitutional, and no plausible reason remains for its observance. Reed is no authority that we know of on any matter connected with the legislation, but he is liable to be right in one thing if he is wrong in a hundred others. Even the devil can be right sometimes.

So much dilly dallying and filibustering has been going on at Washington recently to defeat Bland's Seigniorage bill that we have become convinced that Reedsism should be employed if no other method is available. Something surely should be done to prevent the continuation of the disgraceful scenes in the House.

Just the other day with a tolerably full house only 177 members voted, two short of a quorum. On that occasion Mr. Bland, the free silver champion, made some very plain and pungent remarks about members being in their seats and not voting. He said that it was revolutionary and an example of anarchy and riot that would be demoralizing to the country.

In the course of his remarks he became very much excited and said that the thrower of the dynamite bomb could not be so effectively denounced when members of the house sat there and furnished examples that were as destructive to principles of government as the anarchists themselves.

If we had been present we should have felt like saying, "Well done, Mr. Bland, but most too violent." His speech stirred up the house and was received with mingled cheers and hisses.

In our opinion no member of Congress has any right to go to the Congressional hall and sit there like a mummy. If he hasn't sense enough to make his decision as to how he should vote, then he is incompetent; and if he is too cowardly, then he is totally unfit and should be forced to retire.

We think that a Representative in Congress, who refuses to vote on a great national question like the one now before Congress is misrepresenting his people. For we are persuaded that there are no people in this country that are totally unconcerned about the silver question.

For two weeks the House of Representatives has been hung up, and unable to transact any business of importance. The country has been watching the action of that body with a great deal of impatience, and the opinion is growing that there is either a great deal of incompetence or a great deal of negligence in that branch of the national legislature.

The country demands a vote on the Bland bill. Either pass it or kill it, and let other business be transacted. This school-boy opposition is insufferable. Force a quorum one way or another.

JUST as we go to press we hear that William E. Gladstone has resigned the position of Prime Minister of England, and that the vacant premiership has been given to Earl Spencer.

IS IT RIGHT?

Numbers of our exchanges have very nearly discarded the editorial "we". Instead of using it they use the name of the paper; for instance, the Banner thinks this should be done, and the Banner is inclined to think, &c.

We took up a sprightly exchange the other day to read. It had three editorial articles, and the name of the paper was used in each one of them. It did not detract any from the merit of the editorials that we know of, but we are quite sure that it added not one whit to them.

Very frequently we see editorials, in which the name of the paper is used two or three times, and sometimes four or five times. Now, is that style the best? We are asking for information; for if anything good and stylish is introduced into newspaperdom, we want to get some benefit from it.

We can very readily see one advantage in it. Some editors write in a kind of rhythmic, metrical, measured style, and the little "we" does not make the metre as well as the more euphonious and juicy appellation of the paper. Rather than to miss that measured flow of some writers we should be willing to see the name on every line.

Another thing we see in it is the fact that a newspaper is looked upon as a kind of oracle to hand out deep and mysterious things to readers, and a little editor is afraid to risk his new born idea under the guidance of the insignificant pronoun; and, therefore, makes an oracular remark with the belief that it will strike harder.

We have seen the power of that style used by some of our esteemed contemporaries with such effect that we are inclined to try drawing on our oracle too. Something must be done in order to give force and authority to our utterances, or others will reap all the glory.

Therefore, with such a bonanza as an oracle in our possession, we may be modest enough sometimes to hide ourself in its dark environments, and issue our decrees from its mysterious recesses.

We say "this now so that we may not give too great a shock to our contemporary, oracular brethren of the scissors and quill."

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE WAR.

The Atlanta Constitution notes the fact that the government has printed 49 volumes of war records, of about 1,000 pages each, but says that the next volume to be issued will be the most interesting, and will doubtless contain many surprises. The Constitution publishes some of the statistics which this book will contain, and the showing North Carolina made will cause every loyal son of hers to thank God he is the citizen of such a State.

It will be shown that Gettysburg and Chickamauga were the fiercest fought battles of the war, and those in which the greatest losses on both sides were sustained. Pennsylvania and North Carolina made each a glorious record at the former battle. Pennsylvania lost more troops than any other Northern State, and North Carolina did the hardest fighting for the Confederacy. The following compilation is from the Constitution:

On the Confederate side North Carolina lost more soldiers killed than any other Southern State. North Carolina heads the list in the number that died of wounds, and 20,602 of her sons died of disease, and 6,947 Virginians. North Carolina's military population in 1861 was 115,369, but she furnished 125,000 men to the Confederate cause. The percentage of loss and killed among her soldiers was greater in the Confederate armies than in the Union armies. At Gettysburg the Twenty-sixth North Carolina, of Pettigrew's Brigade, went into action with over 800 men and lost 558 in killed and wounded and 120 missing, most of whom were also killed or wounded.

In the Civil War the Union armies lost 305,245 in killed, mortally wounded, and severely wounded. The total enrollment of the Union armies, officers and men, not including three and six-months' men, was 2,864,272; 110,070 of these were killed, and the deaths from diseases, wounds, and other causes were 359,528 more. The Confederate army and navy's total enrollment, including all classes and the conscriptions, was about 600,000 men, out of a population of 5,000,000 whites.

Twenty-eight per cent. of the Union soldiers at Andersonville died; twenty-five per cent. of the Confederates confined at Elmira, N. Y., died; 2,988 of the latter were buried in a field, which, a year or two afterward, was plowed over and planted in wheat.—Charlotte Observer.

OUR NEXT SENATOR.

We have nothing at present to say as to the choice between the gentlemen who are the probable and avowed candidates for this high honor, except that we will say that North Carolina ought to send the ablest and best equipped man she can find to the Senate, and one who will to the best of his ability carry out the will of the people and the pledges of the party. We refer to the matter now simply to suggest that the people take a hand in the election of our next Senator. They cannot vote for their choice directly, but they can vote for him through the men they send to the legislature, and they have a right to know for whom their representative will vote.—North Carolinian.

The Curse of Absenteeism.

It was surely full time that the Democrats should seek in caucus to cure one of the worst evils that can curse a deliberative body—breaking a quorum by refusing to vote. This is the way resorted to in order to defeat a measure they oppose. Another evil of still greater magnitude is voluntary absenteeism—staying away from the body in which a member holds a seat. This evil has been most pronounced, and perhaps in no previous Congress were there so many general loafers and stay-aways.

The absentees have been so numerous that often business has been completely blocked. The sergeant-at-arms has been kept busy hunting up loafers and skulkers in flight.

It is certainly very strange that men pretending to be honest, not to say faithful, will agree to draw their \$13 a day and absolutely do nothing to earn it, but loaf around the city or hide themselves in corridors and cloak-rooms, or seek restaurants and saloons in order to kill time and imbibe. The Democrats have a large majority in the House and are responsible whenever absentees on their side prevent legislation. It has been suggested that a law be enacted for the sergeant-at-arms to withhold the per diem when the members absent themselves. That would quickly cure the evil. Try it.—Wilmington Messenger.

Grass Growing in Our State.

A day or two since we were in the office of W. H. Worth, State Business Agent of the Alliance. Mr. Lvey, his book keeper, remarked that he had just received a check for \$112 worth of seeds, mainly grass seeds, from one farmer. We began to make inquiries and found that seed orders were both numerous and for large quantities. Our farmers are doing better in grass and clover-growing every season. Timothy, clover, and every variety of grass seed are wanted. The Alliance Business Agency has worked hard to serve our farmers, and has succeeded, not only in getting seeds at the lowest wholesale rate, but in getting the best and cleanest. Many truck farmers buy seed through the agency. Only a few days ago one farmer purchased twenty barrels of Irish potatoes for seed. We think, however, that our people make a mistake in buying Northern seed potatoes, both sweet and Irish, every year. No land produces better potatoes than are grown in North Carolina. An occasional change of seed may be desirable, but is not absolutely necessary. We know that potatoes do not deteriorate as rapidly as some other farm products, and can be planted year after year in the same locality with good results. Thousands of dollars go out of the State every year for seed potatoes. Our people can raise them, and they can learn to save them during the winter. It should be done.—Progressive Farmer.

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Grass Growing in Our State. A day or two since we were in the office of W. H. Worth, State Business Agent of the Alliance. Mr. Lvey, his book keeper, remarked that he had just received a check for \$112 worth of seeds, mainly grass seeds, from one farmer. We began to make inquiries and found that seed orders were both numerous and for large quantities. Our farmers are doing better in grass and clover-growing every season. Timothy, clover, and every variety of grass seed are wanted. The Alliance Business Agency has worked hard to serve our farmers, and has succeeded, not only in getting seeds at the lowest wholesale rate, but in getting the best and cleanest. Many truck farmers buy seed through the agency. Only a few days ago one farmer purchased twenty barrels of Irish potatoes for seed. We think, however, that our people make a mistake in buying Northern seed potatoes, both sweet and Irish, every year. No land produces better potatoes than are grown in North Carolina. An occasional change of seed may be desirable, but is not absolutely necessary. We know that potatoes do not deteriorate as rapidly as some other farm products, and can be planted year after year in the same locality with good results. Thousands of dollars go out of the State every year for seed potatoes. Our people can raise them, and they can learn to save them during the winter. It should be done.—Progressive Farmer.

Better Motion It Up. We are told by a doctor that the vest or waistcoat worn by men in modern times is a cause of suffering, disease, and death. He says that the waistcoat ought to be made so as to button up to the neck, in order that the chest may be properly protected against the cold, especially at this season of the year. By wearing a three-button waistcoat, leaving the bosom but lightly covered, men render themselves the more liable to pneumonia, pleurisy, bronchitis, rheumatism, and other diseases, which have become far more prevalent and fatal in this country in recent times than they used to be in days of old. The English of past generations wore high-buttoned waistcoats or other protecting raiment in front of the chest. In no country of Europe do men expose their breasts to the weather like the men of this country, though, in our climate, that part of the body ought to be well guarded. The Catholic priests do not wear a low waistcoat, or show a white shirt front, but are warmly and wisely clad up to the throat. The eloquent and venerable Baptist preacher of this city, the Rev. Dr. Cone, now deceased, who was an actor, a soldier, an editor, and an officeholder, before he became a clergyman, used to wear a velvet waistcoat, buttoned up to the neck, and it was very becoming to him.

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