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GEN. BENJAMIN HARRISON on being asked why he married again is reported as having said "When I left Washington and returned to my old home, I found out that I was lonely."

THE WASHINGTON POST speaks of Benjamin Harrison as the coming Presidential candidate. They seem to think that he is the only man on whom the divided factions of the Republican party, can come together.

It is reported that the Sultan of Turkey has signed a decree banishing all missionaries from Armenia. The majority of these missionaries are Americans and French. A vigorous protest will be made by the authorities at Washington.

THE fourth instalment of "The Future Life and the Condition of Man Therein," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone appears in the North American Review for April, and deals with speculations on the future of the righteous and unrighteous.

THE SOUTHERN TOBACCO JOURNAL, of Winston, comes to us this week in a beautifully gotten up edition. The occasion being its ninth anniversary. This is one of the most progressive papers in the South and we trust they may see many prosperous seasons.

The authorities at New York last week sent back 400 Italians because they did not each have \$30 in his pocket. It seems now settled that no immigrant can land unless he has \$30. It were wise to add "and a purpose to become an American citizen and a believer in American institutions."

The Rutherfordton Democrat says the Seaboard Air Line is trying to purchase the charter of the French Broad Valley Railroad for their line to Asheville from Rutherfordton. That paper repeats the assertion recently made that a Railroad will be built to Asheville from Rutherfordton. It also predicts that this road will be equipped and running within two years.

MR. JAMES E. TATE, of Baltimore, in speaking about North Carolina recently said this:

"North Carolina is the Banner State of the South. There is not a village of 1,500 inhabitants but can show an investment of from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 in real estate, tobacco factories or cotton factories, all the growth of the past ten years. It is home capital, not foreign. No other Southern State can make such a showing."

A RUMOR is afloat that some important deal is on hand between the town and the Railroad people. More is being said in Rocky Mount than here of the matter. There a great interest is being taken in the matter. We should be glad to see Wilson made a railroad centre and the N. & C. R. R. run through from Tarboro to Wilson. This was the original intention of the company.

THE Populists have called a meeting of their executive committee, to meet in Raleigh on April 16th. We shall await the outcome with some anxiety. It will be remembered that they are to formulate a plan by which they can vote for a sound money national ticket and run a silver platform in the State. This is a problem that would stump almost any man.

MCKINLEY seems to be sweeping the field but he yet lacks a few votes and a dark horse may yet be run in.

Now that the Cuban resolutions have passed both branches of Congress it is in order for the President to put himself on record. What his action in the matter will be is as usual open to much speculation. It is generally believed however that he will favor the bill.

Senator Mills thinks that the Democrats can win in the coming Presidential election if they select as the head of their ticket a man who is aiding Cuba and if they make free Cuba the issue of the campaign. When the Texas Senator was asked to name a candidate who he thought would fulfil this condition, he demurely declined. Mills and Morgan for President and Vice-President would make excellent nominees for the Cuban party.

THE FUTURE OF THE NATION.

The country has a great future. It also has a great past. The recent enunciation of the Monroe Doctrine and its probable application in the near future will have a most potent influence in determining the destiny of these United States. But far reaching and powerful as that influence will certainly be, it can never rank in importance with that famous Declaration which made this a free people and these States a united and sovereign power.

The scenes of conflict and triumph in the troublesome times of 1776, 1812 and 1861, are almost venerably regarded by our people. New Orleans, Montgomery, Atlanta, Kennesaw Mountain, Abbeville, Raleigh, Durham, Petersburg, "The Crater," Richmond, "The Wilderness," Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Washington—all these recall memorable historic events which have made our past and shaped our future course.

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OUR FOREIGN TRADE.

The annual volume issued by the bureau of statistics on the commerce and navigation of the United States for the last fiscal year contains a mass of valuable information for Americans who wish to know how the trade of the nation is developing.

Of our entire exports during the fiscal year closed the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland took 47.94, or nearly one half the bulk of what the United States had to sell. Germany comes next with a little more than 10 per cent, France with something above five per cent, the Netherlands nearly 4 per cent, the whole of South America a little more than 4 per cent, the whole of Europe more than three-fourths of the whole while to Asia is sold a little more than one-fiftieth of the whole. The jingoists who prefer braggadocio to reason and profess to be ready for war with the buyer of nearly half of what we sell ought to take these figures into serious consideration.

As to imports, more than one-half of what we buy comes from Europe, and a fifth of all that we buy comes from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. From Germany we take very nearly as much as she takes from us. The balance of trade between us and France is in favor of France. With Spain our trade is slight, only about 1½ per cent of our exports going to Spanish ports, while of our imports less than a half of 1 per cent comes from Spain. We import more than seven times as much from Cuba as from Cuba's unnatural parent. Our entire export trade to South America is only a twenty-fifth of our total exports, while our imports from that region amount to a little more than 15 per cent of the whole. This balance would be materially altered in our favor by revival and readjustment of the reciprocity treaties.

During the last fiscal year we bought from the Asiatic countries five times as much as we sold them. This year it is probable that the balance will be more in our favor. Direct communication between the United States and Japan would stimulate their mutual exchanges, and a steamship line in part subsidized by the Japanese government will be inaugurated by Japan as soon as contracts for enlarging her merchant marine shall be completed. As much of what is bought in America for Japan is shipped to British ports and appears only in exports to the United Kingdom, our actual export trade with Japan is not easily to be estimated, nor will its true magnitude be appreciable until there shall be direct communication. Shipping statistics for the year show that of the tonnage cleared from our ports for Asia the American sail and steam combined was only a little more than one-fourth of the whole.

Treasury reports for the past month are highly favorable to the United States, but so long as foreign shipping has almost a monopoly of the profits of the carriage American producers are at an enormous disadvantage. Tonnage statistics for 1895 show a decline for the United States in both sail and steam. It is true that there was a decline in sailing tonnage from our ports under every flag except the French, and in steam tonnage under every flag except the Norwegian, Belgian and German. But this is cold comfort for Americans. Congress—the next congress that is—should make an earnest effort to encourage American shipping, and the first step to that end will be admission of foreign built ships on conditions already established to the American register until this shall cease to be the necessity for the expansion of our foreign trade to a degree that will be sufficient inducement to place American ship building where it would be but for the civil war and Great Britain's violation of neutrality laws.—Chicago Times-Herald.

LITERARY NOTES.

The April number of the North American Review opens with a noteworthy article by David D. Wells, entitled "Great Britain and the United States: Their True Relations." Mayo W. Hazeltine thoughtfully discusses "Possible Complications of the Cuban Question." The anniversary of President Lincoln's death is signaled by Seaton Munroe, who graphically dwells on "Recollections of Lincoln's Assassination," and the fourth instalment of "Future Life and Condition of Man Therein," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, serves to accentuate the interest taken in this remarkable series of articles. "Problems of the Transvaal" are ably considered by Karl Blind. A political symposium of much timeliness entitled "Governor Morton as a Presidential Candidate" is participated in by ex-Senator T. C. Platt, the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, ex-Senator Warner Miller, Edward Lauterbach and C. W. Hackett, Chairman of the New York State Republican Committee. Other articles considered are "The Regeneration of Russia," by Arnold Watson Sherman; "Two Republics or One?" by Henry Litchfield West, and "Birds and the Atmosphere," by A. C. Baines.

MAYO W. HAZELTINE in the April number of the North American Review discusses the "Possible Complications of the Cuban Question," indulging in some very interesting speculations regarding the international alliances which might be formed should Spain declare war against the United States.

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