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EARLY SPECULATIONS. The chairman of the National Republican Committee is one B. F. Jones. Who he is and how so obscure a man got to be chairman we are not informed.

Tennessee is growing less and less Democratic, but it is still safe for the Democrats. Florida is being filled with Northern men who are mainly Republicans and there may be reason for fearing a reversal there of the verdict in the past.

What a tremendous sum is now raised yearly by taxation upon the American people! The figures for the last fiscal year run up to the enormous sum of \$371,000,000, or nearly five times as much as James Buchanan required when President.

Master Workman Powderly left the convention of the Knights of Labor at Minneapolis in high satisfaction and felicitated himself that all was serene and hopeful...

The excellent and intelligent gentleman who edits the Pittsboro Home, Mr. H. H. Merritt, is a warm friend of the extension of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad to Wilmington.

In the Senate of '79-'80, when the further prosecution of the enterprise seemed to block, we stood at the side of our friend, D. F. Caldwell, and urged the Senate to grant some aid for its relief.

Wilmington should certainly be grateful for the efforts of brother Merritt and his coadjutors in the good work. The city has not always responded to such demonstrations as it should have done.

"By all means let it be extended to our 'city by the sea.'" Let that city now realize its opportunity, and aid liberally in this work. So far as the State is concerned it matters little whether the road goes to this city or lower down to Southport.

The STAR has never faltered in its advocacy of the completion of this railroad from Wilmington to Mt. Airy. It has all along had a due perception of the importance of this road, not only to this city but to the State.

It is very astonishing that any part of the Southern press should fail to insist upon a reduction of the present War Tariff. But it is a fact that there are a score or two of leading papers that are now advocating the continuance of the Republican War Tariff.

"That in the reduction in national taxes the burden should be removed from the necessities in common use, and the absurd proposition to take the tax from spirits and tobacco in preference to necessities dear and expected that law or no law under a reform Administration they would have a full swing and would be able to carry on their illicit business without molestation or the fear of it.

North Carolina can be carried as usual if there is ordinary wisdom displayed and the forces of the Democracy are united and well led. There will be rather uphill work if the platform of the North Carolina Democracy should not be in harmony with the Congressional action of the party and the deliberations of the next National Convention.

was going on but a pleasant conversation among friends. General Lee was as calm and collected, as dignified and gracious as I ever saw him in the hour of victory.

After the meeting at McLain's house, where the terms of surrender were agreed upon, General Grant requested another interview with General Lee.

General Lee expressed the great pleasure which General Grant's noble and patriotic sentiments gave him, but declined to comply with his request, because he was an officer of the Confederate Army, and could do nothing inconsistent with his duty to the Confederate Government.

Mr. Edgerton greatly mistakes the spirit of the Democratic extremism against the President's extremism in the matter of the Civil Service, if he supposes that the protesting Democrats mean to revive any of the odious features of the old spoils system.

But I must hasten on to what I regard as the greatest exhibition of the heroic nature of Gen. Lee. I have not time to speak of many incidents that came under my observation during the war illustrative of his character.

There is hardly an incident in General Lee's life, great or small, when he was called upon to deal with the rights and the interests and the feelings of others, or to deal with matters affecting the public that does not present an illustration of some virtue.

The dignity and grandeur of General Lee never appeared to greater advantage, than on the occasion of the surrender at Appomattox. Others have described better than I can, his appearance in the interview with General Grant.

One wave of Thurman's red bandana makes Benny Foster feel blue. We beg to suggest to the President of the United States that it is entirely within his prerogative to compel the members of the Civil Service Commission to keep the peace.

COMMERCIAL. WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OIL, Oct. 28, 6 P. M. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—The market opened firm at 82 1/2 cents per gallon, with out sales.

RECEIPTS. Cotton 1,187 bales. Spirits Turpentine 457 bbls. Rosin 118 bbls. Tar 118 bbls. Crude Turpentine 00 bbls.

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