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THE FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

The State of Virginia is endeavoring to obtain what is known as the Fourth Installment, due her under an act passed the 23d of June, 1836.

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Third, we believe that the present surplus should be diminished to a minimum sum as soon as possible, and that this should be done as wisely and safely as it can be.

Fourth, we believe that the present Tariff ought to be so reduced by putting the articles in universal use upon the free list, that it shall not produce more than \$75,000,000 or the sum actually needed to meet expenses.

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due the twenty-six States is \$9,367,214.97. But the other twelve States that have come into the Union since 1836, will want their share of the four instalments no doubt.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in his report for December, 1882, said: "What now perplexes the Secretary, is not whether he may get the revenue and enough for the present needs of the Government, but whether he shall turn back into the flow of business the more than enough for those needs that has already been drawn from the people."

It is very reprehensible and dangerous legislation that would have accumulated the vast surplus. By wringing the wages from working men; by taxing oppressively the farmers, and by making the whole people pay tribute to Protection, the unnecessary surplus has been accumulated.

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Fifth, we believe that the tax on whiskey and tobacco should be so regulated as to be not more than enough to meet the demands of the Government, after the commodities in universal use shall be placed upon the free list under the Tariff.

STORM NOTES.

Summary Storm Items from Different Localities—A Perilous Journey—Arrival of the Steamship Regulator—What She Reports—Nothing from the Steamships Benefactor and Raleigh.

A gentleman who arrived here from Whiteville yesterday reports that the late storm was very severe in that direction, being very destructive to fences, bridges, trees, and the crops.

One of the gentlemen of the party on Federal Point, an account of whose perils was given in our last, met with quite a serious adventure. Finding that the government house, in which all hands had taken refuge, was uncomfortably crowded, there being about forty persons in it altogether, he decided to return to the Club House, where he thought he would be more comfortable.

The messrs. French also suffered to some extent. In fact, so heavy was the rain that very few buildings escaped without a leakage.

There were a large number of washouts in different sections of the city, the damage in this respect being more serious than that caused by the recent storm.

The Signal office we were informed that the rainfall up to 3 P. M. amounted to 4.70 inches, and after 3 to 0.18 inches. The rain was almost entirely a local affair, very little being recorded elsewhere in the South Atlantic belt.

The steamship Regulator arrived from New York yesterday morning. It was known that she was out in the gale and considerable anxiety was felt concerning her.

MARINE DISASTERS.

The Charleston Steamer City of Atlanta Disabled in the Late Storm—Towed into Smithville by the Steamer British Empire and the U. S. Steamer Colfax—Arrival of the Steamer Raleigh from Baltimore Slightly Damaged—A Rescued Crew.

The steamer City of Atlanta, Capt. Lockwood, from Charleston, S. C., for New York, with thirty-three passengers on board, was towed into Smithville yesterday evening by the Revenue Cutter Colfax, which encountered the City of Atlanta while seeking for the missing Frying Pan Shoals light ship.

The action of the captain of the British Empire is criticised by the passengers of the City of Atlanta as deserving of censure. They say that when he first spoke the City of Atlanta, about 70 miles west of Port Royal, S. C., he refused to tow, and offered to take off the passengers, which would have been almost impossible, with the heavy sea running.

The passengers of the City of Atlanta speak in the highest terms of Capt. Lockwood, commander of the disabled steamer. The steamer Raleigh, from Baltimore for Wilmington, concerning whose safety there was some apprehension, was reported by the passengers of the City of Atlanta, as having arrived at Smithville, and being on her way up to the city.

The steamer British Empire reports having spoken a Russian barque, Wednesday having on board the rescued crew of the barque Dove, of St. Johns.

The steamer Raleigh, the pioneer steamer of the new line recently established between this city and Baltimore, arrived at her wharf yesterday morning. No little anxiety had been felt for her safety, as it was known that she was to leave Baltimore on Saturday.

The receipts of cotton at this port during the week closing yesterday footed up 1,473 bales, as against 788 bales for the corresponding week last year.

WILMINGTON VS. SAVANNAH.

The New York Commercial Bulletin, alluding to the annual review of the trade of the port of Savannah, as published in the Morning News of that city, says: "Cotton, as usual, continues to be the chief source of its commercial activity, but there is a marked growth in naval stores."

Well, as Wilmington has not been pushed quite out of the "world" yet by its very enterprising and god-fearing neighbors, she may be allowed to still contest the palm with them in the matter of naval stores supremacy, and when the time comes—if it ever shall—when she can no longer lay claim to the distinction of surpassing them in this respect, then it will be time enough for Wilmington to "sing low."

We are prepared to say, in addition to the facts already given, that up to the end of the naval stores year in April last, Savannah had not handled any single article in excess of Wilmington. Then, too, it should be borne in mind, that the article of pitch in which there is a considerable business done by Wilmington, is not included in the statement given above.

We hope that our usually well-informed cotemporary of the Bulletin will correct the wrong impression its article will be likely to create to the disparagement and injury of our port.

Since writing the above we have been furnished the following by Col. J. L. Cantwell, Secretary of the Produce Exchange:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sp. (Spice), Rosin, Tar, Crude Total. Shows comparative statistics for Wilmington, New York, Savannah, and Baltimore.

The Boston Exposition—North Carolina Taken the Palm. Mr. F. A. Hayes, of the firm of Bray & Hayes, importers and agents, 99 and 101 Broad street, Boston, an old and reliable house, in a letter to a member of the Navassa Guano Company, uses this language:

Spirits Turpentine.

The diphtheria is prevailing at Rockingham, we regret to learn from the Spirit of the South.

The North Carolina Presbyterian reports 9 additions at Steele Creek church, Mecklenburg, 14 at Carthage.

Oxford Torchlight: The no fence law is now in existence in Newe township, in Wake county. We learn that the next year will be an even more successful one for its workings in Newe that they too will soon take a vote and adopt the no fence system.

Raleigh Visitor: The North Carolina exhibit at Boston is beginning to bear fruit already. Several parties from New England have come to our State, looking for places to buy our turkeys, etc. They were induced to come by seeing our exhibit which was being then placed in position.

Raleigh Recorder: Rev. S. C. Owen has fifteen awaiting baptism at Ebenezer church, where he closed a meeting last Friday. A church of 20 members was organized at Cooper's Station on the 27th of August, Brother G. W. Harmon and L. W. Hilliard assisting. Rev. E. I. Morgan's meeting at Boilston starts up 10 additions by baptism.

Winston Pilot: The whipping man of Monday and Tuesday, says Mr. H. G. Culler, of German, a dozen turkeys, were off and injured the lower leaves of the tobacco plants, while the top leaves were beaten and blown until they are as black as though they had been burnt. Six calves out of 1000 pieces of ten to each stalk, will be a dead loss.

Lenoir Tropic: Under the old method, in 1879, four acres of land produced 11 bushels of wheat worth \$11. Under the "intensive system," in 1882, three years after, the same four acres produced \$80 worth of clover bloom and \$40 worth of hay, and the \$100 worth of wheat was no longer to do. In 1883 the same four acres produced 105 bushels of wheat, worth \$105, against \$11.

Revolutions reported in Raleigh Recorder: Zion's Hill, Cleveland, 14 baptisms; Antioch, Halifax, 13 baptisms; Amie's Chapel, Granville, 21 baptisms; Shady Grove, Rockingham, 24 additions; Sandy Plains, 10 baptisms; Oak Grove, 6 baptisms; Mt. Zion, 18 baptisms; River Bend, 6 baptisms; Christian Harbor, Hertford county, 11 baptisms; Fellowship, Gaston, 24 professions; Providence, Rockingham county, 9 baptisms; Olivet, 3 baptisms; Sandy Level, 9 professions; Baptist Grove, Hartnett, 16 baptisms.

Charlotte Journal-Observer: Bensalem, Moore county, and Big Ridge, Jackson county, are two newly established postoffices in this State. On the 11th inst. a new postoffice called Geneva, was established in Camden county, with Jerome B. Cook as postmaster. Another one was also established in Mitchell county, called Trout, with John C. Dellinger as postmaster.

Another sample of what tobacco does. Fielding Knott, of Granville, a dozen turkeys were off and injured the lower leaves of the tobacco plants, while the top leaves were beaten and blown until they are as black as though they had been burnt. Six calves out of 1000 pieces of ten to each stalk, will be a dead loss.

Clinton Caucasian: The STAR is certainly one of the best edited and most newsy papers in the South. May it continue to twinkle and with greater lustre.

Revolutions reported in Raleigh Advocate: Pleasant Grove Church, 18 additions; Turnersburg, 27 additions; camp meeting at Mathews, 23 professions, 35 professions; Davidson, 17 additions; Cape Fear circuit, 187 professions, 165 additions; Pitt Mission, 23 additions; Berea, 12 additions; Forsyth circuit, 50 professions, 35 additions; Rutherford circuit, 17 professions, 10 additions; Elizabeth circuit, 5 additions; Deep River circuit, 46 professions, 94 additions; Craven circuit, 40 professions, 28 additions; Wilson circuit, 5 additions; Wadesboro circuit, 18 additions.

Winston Leader: Nineteen persons were baptized at Enoch church, on Saturday last week. Salem Academy commenced operations on Thursday last, with forty-one boarders.

There is a large surplus accumulating in the Treasury. Not less than \$80,000,000—possibly much more—will be in the Treasury at the end of the fiscal year. The amount