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POLITICAL GOSPEL AND OUTLOOK

That summary of opinions published by the Washington Post is very interesting. The uppermost topic in every political circle is to stop the surplus and reduce the tariff.

It is thought that many Republicans in the House will favor a reduction of revenue. We doubt if many will be found voting this way when the pinch comes.

There is but one sentiment as to President Cleveland's renomination, and the Democrats are represented as all agreeing that he will be elected.

Mr. Patrick Walsh, who controls the Augusta Chronicle, is a Protectionist. He is interviewed in Washington.

The sudden death of Rev. Dr. L. S. Burkhead at Fayetteville, while attending the Conference, will be a great shock to a great many friends in North Carolina.

As to the Vice-Presidency the Southern people believe that policy requires a Northern man for that place.

Mr. Halstead's plan of reaching the truth is not the best one he could have tried. He is evidently not aiming to arrive at the facts and establish the truth.

AN ABLE LETTER. Ex-Gov. Thomas H. Watts, of Alabama, is one of the ablest men in our country, and has the character of being one of the most honest and trustworthy.

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It is a great issue of our time that will not down—the struggle between constitutional government and usurpation under the guise of centralization.

Now Gov. Watts admits that as a war measure the internal system might be tolerated or resorted to. If the tremendous war debt now upon the country, with its annual interest of not less than \$40,000,000 or more, and a pension grab system of not less than \$70,000,000, do not constitute a war debt, then we confess to superlative ignorance.

Gov. Watts, in his opposition to internal taxation, does not appeal to prejudice but makes a constitutional argument. He is a lawyer and a statesman. He is worth listening to.

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England—Cotton, 26,277 bales, valued at \$1,293,532; rosin, 26,004 barrels, valued at \$33,482; spirits turpentine, 144,427 gallons, valued at \$39,118; pine fibre, three bales, valued at \$36.

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Spirits Turpentine. Raleigh Chronicle: Raleigh has cried out long and loud for a nice, suitable and commodious Union depot.

Shelby Aurora: The colored people here had a dance on Monday night and much dancing and roasting followed.

Raleigh News Observer: The most important and interesting feature in the eastern part of the State this year will be the fair, game and oyster fair at Beaufort.

Wadesboro Intelligencer: It does begin to appear that the party who will be located in Wadesboro. It seems to be settled fact.

Rutherford and Cleveland counties issued bonds to the amount of \$25,000 to aid in the construction of a railroad.

The Strobridge Lithographic Co's Great Building in Cincinnati recently destroyed—Loss Estimated at \$500,000.

Charlotte Chronicle: A party of forty colored people, men, women and children, from this county, left yesterday for California.

Raleigh News and Observer: Raleigh Allen G. Rogers, Jr., has returned to his ship.

Atlantic Coast Line. New Arrangements for Freight Traffic (By Telegram to the Morning Star.)

Davidson Dispatch: Sarah Warner, a white woman, was committed to jail last week on a charge of infanticide.