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VERY IMPORTANT

During the past two months bills have been mailed to about sixteen hundred subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR. The aggregate amount due on these bills was very large, but the aggregate amount thus far paid is comparatively small.

It is hoped every subscriber in arrears will read this notice, and that he will forward the amount due us at once.

It is unjust to the proprietor to read his newspaper without paying for it—fully as much so as for the proprietor of the paper to eat the farmer's chickens and eggs and then fail to refuse to remunerate him.

We thank those of our subscribers who have paid us, and trust this appeal will not be lost on those who have not paid.

SHACKLING OURSELVES.

In some respects this is the greatest country in the world and in some respects it is the most dependent, but dependent in nothing in which it could not be independent if it resolved to be. Politically we declared our independence of Great Britain 118 years ago, but we never fully shook off our commercial and financial dependence upon her.

We have made two or three partially successful efforts in that direction and just about the time we were beginning to succeed there came a change of policy that sent us back into the old ruts again. English statesmen have profited by our folly and English traders have got rich out of our stupidity.

If the Walker tariff of 1846 could have been continued until this time with periodic reductions in the tariff until we had got it down to an absolute revenue basis, and the old economy of administering the Government had been continued, making only a small revenue necessary, this would be to day the greatest commercial nation on the face of the earth and be the owner not only of ships enough to carry her own products to the ports of the world and back of their products as we wanted back, but enough to carry across the seas the products of other nations for them.

Of course the conditions that have arisen within the past thirty years, may have forced a change of policy in some respects, but there was nothing in the conditions that necessitated an adherence to war policies for nearly a generation after the war ceased.

To raise revenue, tariff duties were increased during the war, and when there was no longer need of so much revenue, the tariff duties were kept up and made higher under the pretense of protecting American industries. When they did this American statesmen, although they may not have realized it, were playing right into the hands of Great Britain. Why? Because the day the high protective system became the policy of the Government our merchant marine became doomed, and we became dependent upon Great Britain for the ships to carry our commerce across the waters. Without a merchant marine of our own, successful competition with other nations, and especially with such an aggressive, hustling nation as Great Britain, became impossible. The result was that our commerce declined, Great Britain's increased, and our flag was no longer seen on the seas where it once floated proudly over ships that were increasing annually, and were beginning to dispute with the British the supremacy of the seas.

What has made Great Britain the great commercial nation she is? Two things. Her ships and her manufactures. They go together. Without either the other would be of little account, if possible. She encouraged both, ships by encouraging manufacturers, and manufactures by giving them untaxed raw materials, and getting her revenues without in any way hampering them. British industry, push, sense and machinery did the rest. She didn't expect her manufacturers to succeed and get rich by giving them by law a monopoly of the "home market," but made the home market free and left her manufacturers to depend upon their own efforts and thrift and to strike out for the markets of the world. They did it and while our statesmen with their protective policy were educating our manufacturers to a condition of dependence upon the Government, destroying the energy they would otherwise have shown, the British manufacturer left to himself struck for the great world and got a foothold everywhere, and even in our own market became the dreaded competitor of our protected manufacturers.

In the effort to shut the Englishman out of this market we practically shut the American in. The more we shut the Englishman out of our market the more we forced him to seek other markets and force us out

of them, in which has been eminently successful. We have a commerce, a pretty respectable commerce, consisting mainly of the food stuffs the world must have and in the production of which we have no successful competitor, but for the carrying of this commerce we are dependent on British ship-owners, to whom we pay, it is estimated, \$180,000,000 a year in tribute for the service rendered. And thus we have been paying, more or less, for twenty-five years. In the aggregate we have paid them more than \$4,000,000,000 for carrying our products across the seas. What a sacrifice this has been offered up to the idol of protection! If one half the sum annually paid had been annually expended in building American ships what a magnificent merchant marine that country would now have. Instead of being dependent upon foreign bottoms to transport our products over the waters, every port of the world would be ours, and with cheap transportation our manufactures would have multiplied and flourished as they did in the period from 1846 to 1860, and their products which are now but little known abroad would be known the world over.

As we have played into the hands of Great Britain by our protective policy, so have we in our financial legislation, until we simply follow directly or indirectly British dictation, and let Great Britain fix the value of our coins, or our coin metals which is practically the same thing.

Some of these days we will throw off this shackling, dwarfing dependence, declare our independence, and then go on and achieve our destiny, and lead the nations instead of following in leading strings.

A SPLENDID OFFER.

All readers of THE WEEKLY STAR should avail themselves of the splendid opportunity offered them of securing the Stoddard Art Album at a purely nominal price. Each series, containing sixteen magnificent photographs of noted scenes and places, may be obtained by sending one coupon, cut from this paper, and twelve cents in money or stamps. There will be sixteen series in all, and when completed they will form one of the most beautiful and instructive works of art that ever adorned a parlor or library.

Read advertisement in this paper for full particulars, showing how this beautiful work can be had for less than one-tenth its value.

MINOR MENTION.

Mr. Raynor, of Maryland, in his plea for free coal, in the House of Representatives, Tuesday, struck the nail on the head square, when he declared that although his position was antagonistic to that of his State which wanted protection on coal, he "could not be a Democrat in everything else and a Republican on coal," and demand a duty on coal in which he was interested and no duty on other articles in which he was not interested. That is an honest, manly and square statement of the case, and is the only position that any true Democrat who is a tariff reformer at heart can take. How can a Democrat who has been condemning the protective system, who stood on the Chicago platform and supported the candidates nominated on that platform, now consistently oppose the Wilson bill because it deprives certain industries in his section of the protection which the McKinley tariff gives them? In doing so they not only expose their own lack of consistency, and of sincerity, but they do all they can to sustain the Republican plea on which protectionists justified the system which they built up, and give away the whole case. They are simply taking up and using second hand arguments which Republicans have used for years, which they themselves have time and again denounced as hypocritical pretences to deceive voters and perpetuate an oppressive and plundering system. What a contrast between Mr. Raynor's manly position and that of Mr. Oates, of Alabama, when he pleaded for protection to iron in the interests of the working men who "could not compete with the pauper labor of Europe," after Alabama iron men boasting for years that they could produce iron cheaper than any country in the world. If we had read these remarks without seeing Mr. Oates' name in connection with them, we would have concluded that they were the utterances of some McKinleyite on the other side of the House.

Judge Gayarre, of Louisiana, had to decline a seat in the United States Senate to which he was elected in 1893, on account of bad health. He has never been quite well since, but he managed to celebrate his 89th birthday last week, and had a pretty good time.

Millions of Mothers. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and get "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Beckley's Arsenic Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, 1

A MAXTON BIRD HUNT.

"Hot Skotch" Writes About a Recent Feat of a Hunter in and Around Maxton.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA, January 25, 1894.

MISTER EDITOR:—They say there was a bird, commonly called Maxton, that was shot near Maxton, North Carolina, last week. There were Murphree Macknair, he was there, which he is a real estate man on a tract a town lot for more news an other hox equipments then any Skotchman in robberson county. He makes a practice all so uv a shavin noas on his kio, and it air a well known fact that he will swop of anything he ones cepin it be the members uv his immetin a newmours lamthly, an he will traif for anything cepin a Kroatin Injan or a busted balloon.

Chicago comes to the front with a Guarantee Investment Company which collapsed showing assets in cash of \$449 and liabilities of \$55,000,000. If there hasn't been any fooling with figures or ciphers in this thing there must have been some Napoleonic financiers in that concern.

Baltimore has prescribed by ordinance just where the street cars must stop to take on or let off passengers and to get the deadwood on those which violate it has provided the police with kodaks to take snap shots at 'em.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Decision in a Suit Growing Out of the Failure of the First National Bank of Wilmington.

In the Superior Court yesterday, Judge Brown presiding, cases were disposed of as follows:

In the case of The United States National Bank of New York vs. McNair & Pearsall, argued by counsel and submitted to the Court last Tuesday, Judge Brown yesterday announced his decision, giving judgment for defendants. Counsel for plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court. The case is one of several of a similar character growing out of the failure of the First National Bank of Wilmington.

The defendants had a note for \$5,000 discounted in the bank of Wilmington, which was rediscounted by the plaintiff bank for the Wilmington bank, and the proceeds of such rediscount passed to the credit of the latter on books of the New York bank on the 28th of November, 1891. Defendants had a deposit in the Wilmington bank of \$4,000 at the time of the failure of the same on the 25th day of November, 1891, and the proceeds of such rediscount being in possession of the New York bank at the time of such failure the defendants insisted upon their right to offset said note to the extent of their deposit in the Wilmington bank, which contention the Court sustained by its decision. The New York bank contended that it became the purchaser for value by the rediscount and was not affected by the defendant's claim against the Wilmington bank for their deposit.

In the case of W. S. O'Brien Robinson vs. Fanny G. Pollock et al., judgment non-suit was given.

Judgment was given for E. K. Bryan, assignee of Adrian & Vollers, against G. W. Borneman, J. F. Stotler, B. Belois, Jno. Haar, Jr., James Cowan, J. W. Lewis, Mrs. A. F. W. Schutte, J. O. Nixon.

Thirty days to file complaint, was the entry in the following cases: Jeff M. Levy vs. Owen McKinney, Myr Williams et al., vs. Leo Had, Jno. A. Thompson & Co. et al., vs. Julius Taylor et al., Sol Bear vs. L. Lockhart.

Case of Brown Bros. vs. W. H. Styron was continued, also case of E. K. Bryan, assignee, vs. H. A. Carr.

Case of Fredell Meares, administrator, vs. Jackson and Bell, was referred.

Court took a recess in the afternoon until 10 a. m. to-day.

Johnson's Oriental Soap is far superior to all the other so-called medicinal soaps for many ailments, such as eczema, skin eruptions, itching, etc. Sold by J. H. HARDIN, Druggist.

The Remount Grounds. Mr. Geo. R. French, President of the Seacoast Railroad Company, and others interested in this matter of the proposed surrender of the State authorities of the grounds at Wrightville presented to the State for a permanent encampment of the N. C. State Guard, have had a statement of the case drawn up for submission to the Governor. It will be shown that the U. S. battery is not on grounds owned by private parties; that this fact was well understood at the time the battery was erected and by those who were engaged in the work; that a free use of the water-front has been and will be secured to the troops, with an authoritative control over it; and that if the existing agreement is annulled, a great wrong will be perpetrated and the plighted faith of the State violated.

The celebrated remedy Salvation Oil, is recommended by experienced veterinary surgeons as just the thing for the stable and cattle yards.

Stockholders' Meeting. A largely attended meeting of the stockholders of the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad was held at the Atlantic Coast Line offices in this city yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing a President. Mr. C. S. Gardner, of Charleston, was unanimously chosen President for the ensuing year. He was recently elected President of the North Eastern R. R. to succeed Mr. A. F. Ravenel, deceased.

Magnetic Nerve quickly restores lost manhood and youthful vigor. Sold by J. H. HARDIN.

Small-pox at Wadesboro. Exaggerated reports have reached here in regard to the prevalence of small-pox at Wadesboro. The latest intelligence is that one case has been officially reported, and that all necessary precautions have been taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

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THE CAPE FEAR & YADKIN VALLEY R. R. TROUBLE.

Assignments of Directors Interested in the North State Improvement Company to Protect the Bank of Fayetteville and Other Creditors—Stability of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad—Special Star Correspondence.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 25.—No event has caused such universal agitation in our community as that relating to the recent assignments of the directors of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad, and the probable effect upon the Bank of Fayetteville and the general business interests of the town of Fayetteville. The fact that two members of the North State Improvement Company were prominently connected with the Bank of Fayetteville created an apprehension that that institution was heavily involved by the assignment and that a failure of the Bank would ensue as a necessary consequence. Therefore, a meeting of the directors at 9 o'clock this morning was called, and the following circular issued:

"Whereas, recent events have caused some misapprehension on part of depositors in Bank of Fayetteville, and the Board of Directors have called us in to examine the books of the bank, and now, having investigated the affairs of said bank, we unhesitatingly state that the creditors of the Bank are amply secured; that the deposits are not less than four times over of deposits. 'No bank ever does, or is ever expected, to hold cash enough to pay all its deposits at once, but the affairs of this Bank show that it is amply able to meet all its liabilities as they may be required in the ordinary course of business. 'We earnestly call upon all to do everything in their power to allay in regard to said Bank. This course is urged for the benefit of our whole community. 'Respectfully,

[Signed], A. H. Sticomb, N. W. Ray, Jas. D. McNeill, W. S. Cook, D. H. Ray, H. R. Horne, J. A. Burns.

The above circular had the desired effect. Public agitation has subsided, and there has been no evidence of a lack of confidence. The bank is open and transacting business as usual, the deposits amounting to about as much as the withdrawals, and in business circles confidence is entirely restored.

PARTICULARS OF THE ASSIGNMENTS. Your correspondent, with an earnest desire to get at the bottom of the causes leading up to the assignment, interviewed one who above all others is in a position to give full and complete information, and is well known in the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road had been made an English syndicate, and that one million dollars was to have been paid on or about the 15th of January. The syndicate to comply with terms of the agreement as to the payment of the purchase money, and in view of the record of the North State Improvement Company, in order that all creditors might be paid, and that there might be no discrimination in favor of either, the assets of this company consist of 16,668 shares of stock, each of the value of \$100 per share; \$69,000 in terminal facilities in Wilmington and grounds with improvements at Fayetteville and Greensboro; \$100,000 worth of rolling stock owned by the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad; \$87,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the S. C. Pacific Railroad, which are held by the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad; \$1,000,000 in bonds of the South Carolina line to Bennettsville, S. C., and construction bonds worth at par \$58,000 on road-bed west of Mount Airy; \$35,000 in the North Carolina Iron and Iron Company, Greensboro, N. C.; besides \$1,868,000 of consolidated bonds. Making the total assets, \$3,240,868. The total liabilities of the company are \$2,148,450, consolidated bonds amounting to about \$900,000. Of this sum, the directors have given their joint notes for about \$800,000, and to secure their own interests and for the equitable protection of the Bank of Fayetteville (to which they are indebted in the sum of \$89,000) and other creditors, the following assignments were made: To the Bank of Fayetteville, \$100,000; to the Bank of Greensboro, \$100,000; to the Bank of Mount Airy, \$100,000; to the Bank of Salisbury, \$100,000; to the Bank of Wadesboro, \$100,000; to the Bank of York, \$100,000; to the Bank of Lenoir, \$100,000; to the Bank of Johnston, \$100,000; to the Bank of Wayne, \$100,000; to the Bank of Currituck, \$100,000; to the Bank of Dare, \$100,000; to the Bank of Beaufort, \$100,000; to the Bank of Hyde, \$100,000; to the Bank of Jones, \$100,000; to the Bank of Robeson, \$100,000; to the Bank of Lincoln, \$100,000; to the Bank of Wayne, \$100,000; to the Bank of Currituck, \$100,000; to the Bank of Dare, \$100,000; to the Bank of Beaufort, \$100,000; to the Bank of Hyde, \$100,000; 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