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NEWS AND COMMENT.

THE QUESTION OF REMOVING DAVIDSON COLLEGE TO CHARLOTTE IS BEING DISCUSSED.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Wilmington now boasts of a membership of 410.

TARIFF reform is said to be making great inroads on the protective system at the North, as well as the South.

GOV. HILL and Mayor GRANT have declined, with thanks, to "cut the pigeon wing," at the Centennial quadrille.

The latest election returns show that Montana, one of the new Republican States, has fallen into line in the Democratic column.

VAN RICHARDSON, U. S. Marshal for this, the Eastern district of North Carolina, has sent in his resignation to take effect May 1st.

Mayor GRANT is having a lively tilt with JAY GOULD in the Empire City, and from all accounts the former will surely down the latter.

APPLICATIONS for post offices continue to roll into Washington. Of late the applicants are growing so thirsty that they enclose their photos.

The United States Consul General at Rio Janeiro has reported to the Secretary of State that yellow fever is prevalent there to an alarming extent.

WHAT better could the Democrats ask than to have Mr. HARRISON keep on shaking the negroes out of the Republican party and re-organizing it on a high tariff basis.

PERSONS who were so rapid in their opinion that Mr. BLAINE was going to run this Administration will take notice that Mr. MANLEY, of Maine, "ain't got nothin' yet."

CHATHAM, the colored member of Congress from the second district, is putting in some good looks for his own color to the exclusion of his white allies. But who is fool enough to blame him.

"EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND told editor ROSCOWER of the Goldsboro' Headlight, who boarded his train and interviewed him, that nothing could induce him to become a candidate for the Presidency again." A burat child dreads the fire. Mr. CLEVELAND has "been there."

GOOD for the honey-handed sons of toil. They have, through their Alliances, solemnly resolved throughout the length and breadth of the State, that not one of them will buy a yard of "Trust" cotton bagging during the year 1889. Down with "Trusts" and the party that protects them.

NEW YORK CITY has been the scene of a lively fight of late, between the city authorities and the Western Union Telegraph Company, backed by JAY GOULD. Mayor GRANT seems to be master of the situation, however, and says the wires must go, and the work of demolishing the poles has begun in earnest.

EVERYBODY is forced to agree with the New York Herald that "entirely aside from the right or wrong of the case, the arrest of RUSSELL HARRISON, the President's son, for libel, on the complaint of ex-Governor CROSBY, is an interesting illustration of the difference between the American Republic and monarchical governments.

The outspoken charges of fraud and conspiracy and constructive forgery, which have been made by certain ex-senators, ex-members and others, against sergeant-at-arms CANADAY, of the United States Senate, creates a sensation in Washington. Hon. D. L. RUSSELL is quoted as saying somebody will have a "happy time on the inside."

A PROTECTIVE TARIFF has its favorites. Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE has informed his employees at the Edgar Thompson Works in Pittsburgh that he has made all the money he wants. The sole reason why the establishment is run on such an economical way is that Mr. CARNEGIE has "eighteen or twenty young partners" whose interests must be guarded.

VERILY "de sun do move." "Application for a patent on an electric-light method of instantaneous photography has just been made. The apparatus is designed especially for the detection of burglars. It can be so arranged that a burglar, on entering a bank, office, or dwelling will, in his operations, touch something which will cause a flash and result in his being photographed.

EXPERIENCE is said to be a dear lesson to some, but others will learn no other way. Hence the negroes in the vicinity of Louisville are beginning to realize that their race has been most unjustly snubbed by the Harrison administration. The Rev. J. F. FREEMONT, of St. John's Baptist Church, Louisville, says: "The Cleveland administration was fairer and cleverer to the colored man than the Harrison administration is; and beyond all this, it is clearly evident that its anti-monopoly and anti-war tariff position is more favorable to the laboring classes."



Pearson Tabernacle, Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, N. C. From a sketch by T. A. Klutz, Architect.

STATE NEWS.

FIRE—C. W. and Duncan Shaw lost hundreds of dollars' worth of wheat, and it was only by vigilance and work that Mr. Fisher's house on Ash street was saved from destruction. The mail train due here Friday evening was stopped at Cameron by the fire, and did not put in and appearance until next morning. Mrs. Ferguson, 2 1/2 miles from Manly, lost her house and its contents; no insurance. N. J. Blue's smoke house, containing this year's supply of bacon, was burned and Duncan McDonald lost his corn crib with what remained of his year's stock of corn. The house known as the Green-house, formerly owned by T. R. Heints, was burned. Mr. Bachus, of Manly, lost 100 cords of wood, and many railroad ties were burned. Section master Stephens lost his fences, and fearing he could not save his house, took his wife and his two boys old babe to Manly, a distance of six miles. The fire was said to be the most destructive that has occurred for several years.—*Jonesboro' Leader.*

ROBERT LEESON PORTER.—The man who was so long detained in our city jail as "Scott Partin," is now in jail at Hillsboro. He came to that town several days ago in a very destitute condition, and the humane Mayor, after satisfying himself by investigation as to the identity of the poor man, gave him quarters in the public jail in order that he might be cared for. The Mayor has written to our Mayor and Chief of Police, with the view of placing Porter under the care of the latter, and has forwarded to him by his sister in Ireland. It is probable that our city authorities will have him brought to Raleigh, and again open communication with his family in regard to him.—*Raleigh Daily Call.*

DR. ENNETT'S ACCIDENT.—We are sorry to hear of a painful case sustained by Dr. W. T. Ennett at Garysburg while on his way to the annual meeting of the State Medical Society at Elizabeth City. He was seated in his room early in the morning and had a hemorrhage and fell from the chimney, which was near the fireplace at the time and fell with his feet in it and when found they were pain fully burned.—*Wilmington Review.*

COLLISION ON W. N. C. R.—Another collision on the Western North Carolina road near Nebo City yesterday about 11 o'clock a. m. between the No. 200 and No. 201 trains. Other than smashing in the fronts of the two engines, and the bruising of one of the firemen of the colliding locomotives, no serious damage done.—*Asheville Citizen.*

A BIG CONCERN.—The Piedmont Water Company has been re-organized with new officers, and with their \$200,000 capital propose to carry on a business second to none in the South. The directors have instructed J. G. Hall, the president, to put up a new building of brick 24 stories high, 200 feet long and 60 feet wide, with metal roof.—*Charlotte Chronicle.*

NOTICE was given yesterday from Dr. Smith's pulpit, that on Saturday night next, the whole congregation, including all the children, were expected to assemble in the church to celebrate the thirtieth (30) anniversary of his marriage with this people.—*Greensboro' Workman.*

There was an interesting trio of gentlemen at the Exchange yesterday. Their ages combined was 175 years, their married lives aggregate 105 years and their list of children reached 25 in number and grandchildren to be counted.—*New Bern Journal.*

We regret very much to announce the death, which occurred on the 4th inst., of John J. Bennett, Esq., who was sheriff of this county in 1859. He was about 70 years of age.—*Rockingham Rocket.*

J. W. Riddle, of Alamance county, was arrested in this city yesterday and lodged in jail on the charge of abducting the wife of E. M. Spoon.—*Greensboro' North Star.*

By a change of schedule the Raleigh passenger train now leaves here at 2 o'clock p. m. instead of at 12 o'clock m., as formerly.—*Goldsboro' Argus.*

Rev. A. C. Dixon holds that a minister ought to preach at a wedding ceremony, and he is doing it.—*Biblical Recorder.*

The first to receive new noses at this point this season are Messrs. M. J. Heyer and R. W. Hicks.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

The Durham Light Infantry will hold weekly meetings for drill from now until the Encampment.—*Durham Plant.*

The North Carolina real-estate agency has been organized, with quarters on Third and Liberty streets.—*Trin City Daily.*

The sun never sets on the United States. When the evening sun is going down in Alaska the next morning's sun is an hour high in Maine. This is a big country for a fact, and the politicians are always up and dressed.—*Stonx City Journal.*

When ivory has been kept long it is apt to diminish in weight, owing to the loss of gelatine, of which it is partly composed.

Amendments to Our Public School Law.

N. C. Teacher.

The recent body of law makers which spent two months at the Capital in session could not be called an educational Legislature in the strict sense of the term, but certainly it was a conservative body.

The amendment to the public school law of the State as suggested by Hon. S. M. Finger, our energetic and faithful State Superintendent, was before the assembly for a long while vibrating between the two Houses, as it would be changed and returned by each body, until towards the end of the session a bill of amendments was finally passed. The principal changes from the old law are as follows:

1. The school year is to end on No. 30th inst. of June 30th as heretofore.

2. No contract for teachers' salaries shall be made during any fiscal year for a larger amount of money than is actually to the credit of the respective districts for that year. Nor shall any orders upon the Treasury be given to a teacher until he has the money in hand to pay such orders. (This means that school committees shall not contract a debt for the schools.)

3. The next books recommended by the State Board of Education shall be used in the public schools. The State Board may, however, recommend more than one series upon the subject.

4. The appointment of school funds is to be made on the first Monday in January of each year.

5. All schools in a county shall be in session at the same time and but one continuous term in a year. (This prevents teaching in large in a short and useless term of two or three weeks at a time.)

6. All contracts with teachers shall be in writing.

7. County Superintendents with the conductors of County Institutes may issue first grade certificates to teachers who attend the Institutes, which shall be valid for three years. (This change is a long step towards the improvement of our school system.)

8. All teachers holding first grade certificates must, within one year after it is issued, stand a satisfactory examination on "Theory and Practice of Teaching," the book for this purpose being selected by the State Superintendent.

9. One-third of the voters of a town or city may, upon petition, procure an election for a special tax for the public schools of that community.

10. Any two or more school districts in the State may employ a practical teacher to superintend the public schools, and he shall discharge the duties of County Superintendent in those districts.

11. All the summer Normal Schools are abolished and the money which has heretofore been expended in the same is to be used in the special training of the white teachers; therefore the colored teachers now receive \$8,000 from the State for their Normals, while the other one hundred have only \$4,000 for training the men and women who are to educate the white boys and girls of our State!

The writer in one of our contemporaries who penned the following has evidently had an experience on the unfortunate side of the subject on which he writes which enables him to refer to it with the contrast in the modes of rearing, by means of which when prosperity reigns or adversity overcomes to the business man: "It is surprising what a wonderful effect the insolvency of a merchant has upon his former creditors! Men, who before were only too glad to take him by the arm and laugh and chat with him, by the hour, and bring their shoulders and pass him with a frigid 'How'd do!' Every trifling item of a bill is wanted up and presented that under other circumstances would not have been seen the light of day for months to come. If the bill is paid, well and good; but if the obligator is not immediately cancelled, the score is left to rot, perhaps, months in the nearest corner. 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