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GRASS OF PARNASSUS. ANDREW LANG. Pale star that by the logic of Gallows, In wet green places 'twixt the deep and leight,

WELL PROVIDED. It has been the singular fortune or misfortune for a certain Pittsburger in the course of by no means a long life,

When the fourth wife died a little while ago she became housekeeper again and she settled down in the position in the hope that her father would be content to remain a widower for the rest of his life.

DISJOINTED JOINTINGS. The rough old campaigners Gen. Jackson and Gen. Taylor did not always speak decent English.

It is not known with any certainty where Alexander the Great was buried, though one at Alexandria is traditionally identified with his tomb.

Resolved, That the United States being one government and ours a national party, we denounce the efforts of the Republicans to force sectional issues in Congress and elsewhere.

Resolved, That the Democratic party is opposed to any further extension of the "No-fence" law, unless such extension shall have first been authorized by majority of the qualified voters within the territory to be affected thereby.

The gentle moonlight nights and early mornings of last week could be agreeably spent by the cheerful fireside, but during the hours when the effect of the sun's rays was felt the temperature was just delightful.

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRACY.

PLATFORM OF PARTY ADOPTED IN STATE CONVENTION AT RALEIGH, MAY, 1888. We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the continued enjoyment of peace, good government and general prosperity under Democratic administration of the State.

Resolved, That no government has the right to burden its people with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its necessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt.

Resolved, That the Democracy of North Carolina, cordially approve the administration of Hon. Alfred M. Scales as honest, patriotic and conservative.

Resolved, That while the details of the methods by which the constitutional revenue tariff shall be gradually reached are subjects which the representatives of our people at the national capital must be trusted to adjust, we think the custom duties should be levied for the production of public revenue, and the discriminations in their adjustment should be such as will place the highest rates on luxuries and the lowest on the necessities of life.

Resolved, That we, as heretofore, favor, and will never cease to demand, the unconditional abolition of the whole internal revenue system, as a war tax, not to be justified in times of peace; as a grievous burden to our people and a source of annoyance in its practical operations.

Resolved, That to meet an existing evil, we will accept, for educational purposes, from the Federal Government or pro rata share of the surplus in its treasury; Provided, that it be disbursed through State agents and the bill for the distribution be free from objectionable features.

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Resolved, That as all taxation bears most heavily upon the laborer, it is the duty of the legislator, as a direct benefit to the workingman, to keep the expenses of our public institutions at the lowest limit consistent with wise and efficient management.

Getting this is another serious departure from health. One generally does lose weight in winter, and regain it in summer; but a slow and steady decrease in weight call aloud for medical interference.

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Resolved, That the ability, wisdom, honesty, patriotism, independence, faithfulness to duty and manly courage of President Cleveland have won the admiration of all good men, and the interests of the country demand his re-nomination and re-election.

HOW TO KEEP OFF COLDS.

"There is not so much pneumonia now as there was last month and during the preceding ones," said Dr. DeWolf.

Dr. W. M. Tomlinson, also of the Health Office, said: "Soft weather as it is called, is the principal cause of pneumonia. People expose themselves thoughtlessly, and when the first fine day appears leave off their overcoats or change their overcoats or change their underclothing. It is not generally understood, as it ought to be, that when a thaw comes after a severe cold spell we are much more apt to catch cold than when the thermometer is down to zero.

While in the United States Senate Gen. Harrison voted against reducing the tariff on agricultural implements and tools of mechanics. See Congressional Record, volume XIV, page 1,784, 47th Congress.

He also voted against reducing the tariff rate on cotton bagging. See Congressional Record, XIV, page 2,592. He voted against the repeal of the tobacco tax. See Congressional Record, volume XIV, page 2,797.

On Friday, the 16th of February, 1883, Senator Brown, of Georgia, offering the following to the bill then before the Senate: "And all laws now in force assessing a tax or providing for the collection of a tax, known as internal revenue laws, on whiskey and brandy, are hereby repealed."

A cold is a department from health, and should really be attended to at once. Do not let it cure itself. Got rid of it soon. Do not feed it though, but starve it. One cold after another nearly always ends in thickening of the mucous membrane of the bronchial tubes, and before you are aware of it you become the victim of a winter cough. The morning tub (cold, I mean) is a very sure preventive of colds. Never overclothe nor overheat yourself. The neck should be kept cool. Keep away from fire indoors if you are subject to colds. Cough, if not the result of simple laryngeal or bronchial catarrh, may mean a very serious departure from health, and the sooner one sees a doctor in such a case the better. Do not be afraid to consult him. Remember; it is only those that delay who suffer in the end. I do not advise you to rush away to a physician with every trifling ailment, but—it is better to be sure than sorry. Many people would benefit much by taking cod liver oil for a month or six weeks about the changes of the season. Probably the diet of winter had to be lowered a little, and an occasional mild aperient taken.

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A TIMELY FABLE.

A rich man had a piece of land on which a poor mule was grazing. "I shall harness you," said the man to the mule, "and make you plow this land to grow melons on, of which I am very fond while the stalks will supply you with food." To which the mule replied: "If I consent to toil on your plan you will have the melons and I will be worse off than I am now, inasmuch as I will have to eat dry stalks instead of fresh green grass. I'll not do it, sir."

HARRISON'S RECORD.

He also voted against reducing the tax on tobacco from 12 to 8 cents a pound. See Congressional Record, volume XIV, page 2,376.

On this amendment the yeas and nays were called, and Senator Harrison voted in the negative. See Congressional Record, volume XIV, page 1,787, 47th Congress, 2nd session.

How does this record of the radical candidate for President of the United States strike the eye of the average North Carolina farmer?

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

Blankets were first made in England in 1340. There are about 80,000 houses in New York City. Very few young ladies grow after they are 17. "Fool's Gold" is bisulphide of iron, commonly known as iron pyrites. The knitting of lace originated in Germany about the middle of the sixteenth century. The first sea fight on record was that between the Corinthians and the inhabitants of Coreyra, 664 B. C. A horseshoe was found imbedded in the heart of a tree three feet in diameter, that was cut down near York Springs, Pa., recently.

A PLATER.

Dealer—What's wrong with the bay mare? She seems a bit lame. Has she cast a plate? Groom—Cast a plate! I was drivin' her in a dawg-cart this mornin', and she bolted and pitched into a cartload o' crockery; and talk about castin' a plate, blow us if she didn't cast a whole bloomin' dinner service, to say nothing of harnessments!—Fun.

A LITTLE CONFUSED.

Sack—Sis, What is that funny little nois I hear all day? Sis—Why, Jack, that's a cricket! You don't mean to tell me that you don't know the cricket's song! Jack—Kessly! They never sing when I sit on them.

PICKINGS From the Wilmington Star.

The Democrats feel quite sure of New Jersey. The Congress adjourned through necessity. It could not transact business for want of a quorum.

Senator Sherman is not a candidate and he, therefore, does not see through so dark a glass as he might otherwise do. At any rate he says "that Harrison's election is extremely doubtful."

A Detroit dispatch to the Philadelphia Times says that Michigan is a change of less than one-half of one per cent. on the vote of 1884 would give it to Cleveland. It says: "The Cleveland managers are bent carrying the State, and they are forcing a most aggressive fling. Their organization is the most perfect that any party has ever had in Michigan."

Durham does big things for a comparatively small town. With but 7,000 people, or a few more, it paid \$66,000 in September for tobacco stamps. This is business. A half million we suppose is paid out annually in stamps, but it makes the tobacco man rich to do this as their thousands of customers foot the bill.

The Secretary of the Navy has thus far had constructed five new iron-slads—the Yorktown, Vesuvius, Charleston, Baltimore and Petrel, and others on the way. This is the work thus far done under the Democratic Administration for the rebuilding of a navy.

PUNGENT SNUFF

"IT'S ABOUT AND ABOUT." Johnnie—I wish I lived in South America. Mother—Why Johnnie? "The mammas down there don't wear any slippers." "Yes, son, but you must also remember that the little boys in South America do not wear any trousers." "That's so. It's queer that I never thought about that."—Texas Siftings.

NOT DANGEROUS.

"Julia, perhaps I am staying too late. Is not that your father tapping on the floor overhead?" "Yes, Arthur, but don't go yet. He isn't dangerously mad until he goes tearing along the hall beating the gang."

TAUTOLOGICAL.

Teacher—What is tautology? Boy—Repetition. Boy—Repetition. Teacher—Give me an example. Boy—We are going to have sheep's head for dinner, and my sister Elsie's bean is coming to dinner, also. Teacher—Go up head.

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