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THE STATE BUILDING.

From the presentation of the case by Hon. Ashley Horn it would seem that there could not be any question about the fact of the necessity of a state building at Raleigh in character as provided for in the bill introduced by Senator Boyden. We believe the state needs a building, and should have one, but we doubt the propriety, the practicability of expending one million dollars upon it. Less money will pay for the erection of a building ample in every way, and suitable in every respect for the purposes this building would be designed to serve. A half million dollars ought to provide a building suitable in all respects, and especially should this view of the question be considered when it must be taken into account that the demand for money for so many purposes is being pressed upon the state, and much of it must come from the pockets of an already taxed burdened class.

A bill for a building to cost one half a million dollars could not be reasonably objected too, in fact it should be urged, and adopted.

Since writing the above, we find the following article in the Stateville Landmark which we reproduce.

While the necessity for the new building is admitted, it is argued that \$300,000, or a half million at the outside, would be ample for the purpose. On this point a Charlotte man remarked that the skyscraper in that town cost only about \$250,000, and he regards a similar building as ample for State's needs. There is no need to abandon the offices in the capitol, it is argued, and ample provision can be made for all the room needed, in a modern fireproof building, for \$300,000 or \$500,000 at the outside. Whether the members who oppose the million dollar building will oppose any bond issue is not clear, but on this point it is contended that if a million dollars in bonds should be issued that amount should be ample for all purposes—for all the State institutions, charitable and educational, and all other needs outside the regular revenue. There is no question that those who take this view have good ground to stand on.

But there is much lobbying for the million dollar building. Raleigh people naturally want it and one prominent Raleigh citizen is very active in securing endorsements of the project that will make it appear that public sentiment is behind it. The endorsement of organizations and prominent citizens is being solicited all over the State. The Legislature should not hesitate to issue bonds if this is necessary to provide permanent improvements in the way of buildings for the State government and State institutions, but care should be exercised not to be too lavish in this matter.

HAS (IT?) BORNE GOOD FRUIT

"The action of the United States in generously waiving the indemnity of \$11,000,000 resulting from the Boxer uprising in China has born good fruit. China has since regarded this country as her best friend, and has sought advice and guidance from us on matters affecting her international relations.—Raleigh Times.

Yes sir, so far so good, China is willing to take sensible advice from a proven friend, and she may be willing to accept of western ideas in the education of her young men, but the lick that China and Japan is striking the cotton product of the south is evidence of a lack of appreciation upon a vital question and it hurts.

Manchura could absorb half the cotton of the South and not have an excess, and the people of Manchura would be warmer clad, and at less cost than at present. The eleven million that the United States gave

China had best be appropriated in keeping, and open door in that vast empire for our cotton products. The offense to China, and Japan of our exclusion act, outweighs any favors done those countries by this government in money, presents, or other favors.

WILL MAKE GOOD.

Mr. George Crater is now with the Greensboro News, having purchased an interest in that paper, George is a clever young man, and will make a very efficient business manager for the News. It is pleasant to reflect that George did his first newspaper work with us while we were editing the Daily Sentinel of Winston.

We never thought Mr. Crater was treated right in his final connection with the Raleigh Evening Times. His unflinching faith in Mr. Drury his business associate, and his innocence of any knowledge of wrong led him to a defence of Mr. Drury that that gentle man failed to support and appreciate from which Mr. Crater suffered unmerited wrong.

Mr. Crater will make good on the News. He is a gentleman of ability, energy, and character, and has had wide experience as a newspaper manager.

SAN FRANCISCO NOT THE PROPER PLACE.

The House of Representatives at Washington have passed the Panama Exposition bill, designating San Francisco as the place to hold the Exposition. It is stated this bill will not be concurred in by the Senate, and will likely lay over until the next congress meets. In that time there will be men admitted to the House who will be sure to defeat the measure as it stands.

We have no doubt in the world, but what its passage by the present House was made possible by a great lobbying fund largely contributed too by the trans-continental railways for passenger traffic that would be made possible, in addition to what wealthy Californians would contribute.

New Orleans geographically is by far the better place, and should be adopted, and it is to be hoped that the present effort of the House may be permanently checkmated.

Teaching a girl some knowledge of music on a piano, and a boy something about book keeping is complained of by some newspapers. While the limited time most children in the country are allowed at school scarcely permits of more than the rudimentary elements of an education, yet we would think it decidedly preferable to permit a girl spend some time in an endeavor to learn something of piano music than to insist upon her studying a treatise on agricultural subjects which is embraced in the curriculum of many of our graded schools.

The Legislature of Kansas through an act of that body made the hotels provide longer sheets for the beds, then Nebraska Legislature passed a bill to prevent the use of cracked or broken crockery upon hotel tables, why cannot the Legislature of North Carolina pass a bill to prevent the shipping into this state an exclusive high heel ladies shoes. If the manufacture haven't sense enough to know they are injurious to health, and the giddy girls do not know any better than to buy them, then let a paternal state government step in and relieve the situation.

The effort to secure a reciprocal tariff treaty with Canada has more in it than the ordinary observer would imagine. The Canadian products admitted to the United States under a reciprocal agreement are the very same products that will come in direct competition with western products. It is the West that has furnished the largest contingent of insurgent Republican, and it is intended to make the West take a dose of it. This may affect all be the "nigger" in the wood pile.

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The Raleigh Times says mad dogs should not be allowed to run at large without being muzzled. The Times is right, they should not be allowed to run at large without being muzzled, nor do we want any of them running at large in our section with the muzzles on them, even if there was some one fool enough to put one them.

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Fancy and I.

I heard the wind rise, I heard it fall,
Saw the chipmunk scamper on root and wall;
I heard the sparrow, glad as the day,
Carolling, throwing songs away;
Where light and laughter would ripple and pass,
Saw the cricket jump after his heart in the grass;
Where all day long the clouds—sky-fancies—
Witched the meadow ways and the daisy dances,
Heard the yellowbirds flying in rhythmic waves,
Every crest betipped with plantive staves;
Heard the woodpecker hammer the hemlock hole,
Saw the marmot on end at the door of his hole,
Saw the jay awake, and the bat asleep
Saw the moss all still, saw the runnet creep.
Saw the brave day live, saw the brave day die,
Saw the bee go home and the butterfly
Saw the first wild star wheel into the sky,
So Fancy shows to the eyes that close
The blissful things that Nature knows;
So Fancy brings to the heart that sings
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