

TWENTY-THREE YEARS OLD!  
Our subscribers renew because they appreciate the paper. Our advertisers renew because it PAYS them!

# Press and Carolinian.

THE LEADING \$1 PAPER OF W. N. C.

VOLUME 23.

HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1893.

NUMBER 11

## GENERAL NEWS.

It is said that Mr. Cleveland's first question about an office-seeker is, "Does he drink?"

New York City experienced a real live earthquake just after midnight on the morning of the 9th. No serious damage was done, but many people were frightened terribly.

The English Society for the prevention of cruelty to children, has received more money from theatres and music and concert halls than from all the churches in the Kingdom.

It is said that Senators Hill and Murphy have combined with Mr. Cleveland so as to beat Speaker Crisp, and elect an anti-silver man Speaker, and are to have the control of the New York City patronage.

The Tennessee House of Representatives, by a vote of 72 to 8, removed Speaker Davis and elected Julius Trousdale as speaker. Davis is the man who was debarred in Memphis, recently, from practicing law, for malfeasance as a lawyer.

French politics are menacing. The moneyed and higher classes are now listening with approval to the clamor of the lower orders, the men of the barricades, and a revolution is looked forward to. A republic seems unsuited to the Latin races. They have never been satisfied without a master.

A committee of the Tennessee legislature reports against the convict lease system, and recommends the purchase by the State of coal lands and that the State go into the coal mining business. Also that the troops at Coal Creek be withdrawn and their administration there be investigated.

A colored planter, Rufus Haywood, was assassinated by a colored tough, Lee Walton, at Nita Yuma, Miss., last Saturday night. Five hundred negroes took the murderer from the Sheriff, who had him in custody, took him to the scene of his crime, hung him to a tree and riddled him with bullets. Another Southern Outrage.

Last Monday, in a court room at Nashville, Tenn., Tom Jones shot and killed Joe Winters, who was on trial for the murder of Jones' father. Two of his shots hit John Thorp and seriously wounded him. There was a "Winters' gang" in the court room, and they tried to bluff young Jones while he was on the witness stand. He saw their bluff and raised them.

A Mitchell county man brought an immense live bald eagle to Morganton last week, which had been caught in a steel trap. The "king of birds" could not stand confinement in a cage, and died in a day or two after being brought to town. Mr. Emil Frisard, one of our local taxidermists, will mount the eagle for the Piedmont Bank.—[Morganton Herald.]

The Rev. Mrs. Bartlett, of the Universalist Church, is said to have made the most thoughtful and appropriate prayer of any which were delivered during the late session of the Wisconsin Legislature.

This reminds us of the late Edward Everett, who was a Unitarian clergyman in his youth, and was credited with having made "the most beautiful prayer ever addressed to a Boston congregation."

In 1773 the great-grandfather of Gabriel Montaigne came to Louisiana and, while killing a brood of young alligators cut six inches off the tail of one, which was allowed to live and became a kind of pet. Succeeding generations lived on the land first occupied, and spared the alligator, in whom they came to take pride as a family heirloom. He was named "old Shorty," attained an enormous size, and was shown to visitors. A few days ago a stranger shot him. He was then more than 120 years old. It is said such reptiles sometimes live to be 200 years old.

Jedidiah Blanton was a farmer who lived alone near South Bend, Indiana, and went to town on his mule, Beelzebub, but twice a year to swap produce for supplies. He was a queer old man, and wore his hair two feet long. The last time he went to South Bend was about two weeks ago, and three days afterward he was found hanging by his hair, dead, with his neck broken, from a limb of a bois d'arc tree. His mule was grazing near by, and his pocket book, containing \$1,600, was found on his body. His name should have been Absalom, rather than that of his wiser brother.

## PRESIDENTS POLICY.

Wade Hampton—No Extra Session—No Haste About Hawaii—No Chronic Office Holding.

A report comes from Washington that Gen. Wade Hampton has been offered his choice between United States Railroad Commissioner and Register of the Treasury, and has accepted the latter.

### NO EXTRA SESSION.

President Cleveland, in a conversation is reported to have said that he would not call an extra session of Congress, as the only object, the repeal of the Silver Purchase act, could not be effected this year. Close times in money matters might make Congressmen more reasonable by December, and local theories and sentiments be lost sight of.

Regarding Hawaii, the President, it is reported, deprecated overhaste, and said he would probably send a Commission there. If it was then found that annexation was desired or desirable the treaty could be renewed. If other relations were preferable they would be recommended to Congress.

President Cleveland outlined his policy with regard to appointments. He will select as few as possible of those who held office under his Administration before. He wants, as a rule, new men and young blood.

Mr. Cleveland stated this policy very plainly to several prominent public men who called on him today, and the emphatic declaration has carried consternation to many hearts. At least 50 per cent, of those who held offices under Mr. Cleveland's first Administration want their old place back, and have been counting upon their past service in office as a special recommendation to the Administration.

The President takes quite another view. Of course there will be exceptions to his new rule, but in a general way he will resist the importunities of those who have had places at the public crib. He wants no office-holding class.

### BELL'S FIRST PATENT HAS EXPIRED.

It is thought that this may break up the Telephone Monopoly.

The original Bell telephone patent expired on the 7th ult. This patent, however, covered an instrument differing in many respects from the Bell telephone now in common use and not nearly so perfect. All the later improvements upon the original instrument are still monopolized by patents belonging to the Bell company, some of them having many years to run. It is claimed, however, that the expiration of the original patent will bring rivals into the field, and that the existence of the telephone monopoly may be seriously endangered.

The Bell Company, however, has followed the policy of buying up, for as small a sum as possible, all improvements in telephones, with the view of controlling the field when its original patents shall have expired.

At the same time there are several important telephone patents which are not owned by the company. One of these is a switch-board arrangement said to be more perfect than any now in use. It is the property of a company organized in Chicago with a large capital and the proclaimed intention of entering the field as a rival when the original Bell telephone patent had expired.

### A Pathetic Tale of a Marble Slab.

There is an unpretentious marble slab in one of the marble yards in this city which tells a story of ghoully pathos. Two or three weeks ago a negro youth ordered it to mark the resting place of his lamented father. After the slab had been polished and inscribed according to directions the proprietor of the marble yard received a note from the youth who had ordered it, in which he stated:

"I doesn't want dat marble slab now, cause de medical students done tuk pa up and we ain't got no grave ter mark."—[Atlanta Journal.]

### Toobasuba Swept from the Face of the Earth.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 4.—Meagre reports reach here of a disastrous cyclone in east Mississippi and western Alabama some time last night. The town of Toobasuba, Miss., was swept from the face of the earth; only two houses were left standing. It is reported that ten people were killed there.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PRE-IDENT OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT HAWAII.

Financial Outlook Cheerful—Chairmen of Senate Committee—No Editor Need Apply.

WASHINGTON, March 14, '93.—President Cleveland has not committed himself on the Hawaiian question. This statement is made upon high and unquestionable authority. The Harrison annexation treaty was withdrawn from the Senate because it was objectionable for several reasons. It was carelessly drawn, and some of its most important features were entirely too indefinite to be satisfactory, even if Mr. Cleveland had fully made up his mind, which he has not, in favor of annexation. What Mr. Cleveland desires is information, and that he is now diligently seeking, through Secretary Gresham, and from General Schofield and Admiral Brown, both of whom are familiar from personal observation with Hawaii and its population. It is probable that a Presidential message on this subject will be sent to the Senate before that body adjourns, and it is also probable that it will be accompanied by a new treaty, may be of annexation and may be for the establishment of a protectorate. But whatever is done the sugar planters of Hawaii will not be allowed to cash in their expectations.

While the determination of President Cleveland not to re-appoint those who held office under his first administration has been disappointing to individuals, some of whom had by hard work in the campaign earned the right to expect office, there is no doubt about the popularity of the move with the rank and file of the party, the men who have campaign after campaign fought for a losing cause, many of whom are now for the first time applicants for office. They feel that it gives them a better chance at the loaves and fishes, and that it is but carrying out the old, old democratic idea of opposition to the establishment of a permanent office-holding class. It shows too, that the lesson of the decay of the once powerful republican party has not been lost upon Mr. Cleveland.

Secretary Carlisle finds the financial outlook much more cheerful and encouraging, although not yet satisfactory, than when he first took charge of the National finances. There has been a let up in the demand for gold, and he hopes to escape having to choose between using a part of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve fund or an issue of bonds. At present the free gold is accumulating quite rapidly in the Treasury.

The caucus committee charged with the duty of reporting to the democratic caucus the membership of the re-organized Senate committees has about concluded its work although its report will not be made for a day or two, and it is thought that the following list of chairmen of the most important committees is correct: Appropriations—Cockrell; Commerce—Ransom; Finance—Voorhees; Foreign Relations—Morgan; Inter-state Commerce—Butler; Judiciary—Pugh; Library—Mills; Military Affairs—Walthall; Naval Affairs—McPherson; Patents—Gray; Pensions—Palmer; Post Office and Post-Roads—Colquitt; Printing—Gorman; Privileges and Elections—Vance; Public Buildings and Grounds—Vest; Rules—Blackburn; Territories—Faulkner, and Indian Depredations—Vilas. It is expected that the re-organization will be perfected this week.

A rumor, of the important if true variety, is floating around to the effect that President Cleveland had announced his intention to appoint no newspaper men to office, except in exceptional cases, and that he is particularly opposed to making editors postmaster of small towns.

The last member of the Harrison Cabinet bids farewell to Washington this week, in the person of ex-Attorney General Miller, the one who expected to have remained here as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Just how long the extra session of the Senate will continue is uncertain, but it is the expectation of some Senators that it will remain in session until about the first of May.

Amateurs among the Four Hundred should be able to get up a vaudeville without calling in the aid of the professionals.—[New York World.]

## THE INAUGURATION.

A Breezy Letter from Washington by one of us. Guess Who.

NEW YORK, March 8, 1893.

"It blew and it snowed, it froze and it thawed."

This couplet but faintly expresses the state of the weather at Washington last Saturday. At an early hour that morning the writer knowing that there was little hope of getting within a half mile of the ceremonies in the capitol, took his stand at the gate of the White House grounds, determined to get a good view of the presidential part of the procession and waited in blinding sleet and snow accompanied with a fifty mile gale, and half frozen for two long hours.

At 11 o'clock a carriage drawn by four black horses with silver mounted harness dashed out from the White House going towards the Arlington, where Mr. Cleveland was stopping, in a short time it returned bearing the next President.

By this time the thousands who had patiently waited here since 7 o'clock in the morning were covered with sleet. Promptly at 11:30 the dozen carriages composing the Presidential party moved out through the west gate—the first containing Mr. Harrison and Mr. Cleveland, the former on the right, following them came Vice-President Morton and "Our Adlai," their carriage drawn by four white horses in white harness, then came Mr. Foster Secretary of the Treasury, and his successor Mr. Carlisle, (Mr. Foster Secretary of State having gone to Europe, and Mr. Gresham his successor not arriving until Monday, were not in the procession), the balance of the two Cabinets followed in their respective order. A close observation showed Mr. Cleveland stout and rosy, smiling as if pleased with the world, and the balance of mankind, while one could not but pity Mr. Harrison whose political career has been wrecked, in addition to his family bereavement; he wore a pinched and sad expression. A halt in the procession caused Mr. Carlisle's carriage to stop within a few feet of me, his face impressed me as the strongest one in the Cabinet, the finances of the country are assuredly safe in his hands. Hoke Smith came in for quite a lot of attention, one enthusiastic Georgian shouting "Howdy," Hoke! the "howdy" giving the fellow away as from the South.

At the capitol Mr. Cleveland's friends insisted on his delivering his address and taking the oath in the Senate chamber, on account of the weather, but he insisted on facing the "zephyr," saying that if fifty thousand enthusiastic constituents could stand it, that most certainly he could. After the ceremonies the procession started on its return to the White House, Mr. Cleveland now sitting on the right, passing up Pennsylvania avenue he received a continuous ovation, keeping him continually lifting his hat, in fact he went the whole distance bareheaded, with the thermometer below zero. Next came two regiments of regulars, infantry and artillery, followed by 8000 Pennsylvania Militia, with Governor Pattison at their head; he and Massachusetts' new Governor attracted a great deal of attention, but when the third division with the Southern Military came in sight with Fitzhugh Lee at its head, there arose a regular "Rebel yell," many of his old soldiers breaking the cordon of police and running out in the middle of the avenue to shake his hand. He rode a fine bay horse and rode it like a Lee. It was 6:30 before the last of the procession passed the reviewing stand. Mr. Cleveland had all this time been standing on the open platform, bareheaded; truly, greatness has its burdens. Our party called on Mr. Henderson at his committee room, and found him up to his elbows in business, closing up the work of the session, he being chairman of the committee on postoffices and roads the burden of the work falls on him. If there are any of his constituents who think he has a "soft thing" as member of Congress just let him attend a session of the House, he will be convinced that it is no sinecure. While Mr. Henderson may not have the gifts of oratory, he has won the respect and confidence of the whole House and is known as the hardest worker in it. It is very likely that the weather will continue cold in the neighbor-

hood of the capitol for sometime, the coldest blasts will probably hit those patriots who stand ready to sacrifice themselves on the altar of their country, as it were.

The Hickory delegation took in the show in good style, the crowd surprised them some, the two "kids" wanted to know if it wasn't "court week" in town. Finally the inauguration, notwithstanding the weather was a great success, and all fully displays the fortitude of the great American people when they can get to see anything for nothing, free and without cost.

P. S.—Mr. Harrity is all smiles over the victory and says there are no flies on Catfish, and that the next time he runs the machine he don't propose to trade for any "Sarspariller," in fact he'd rather have Andy Miller and Josiah on t'other side.

### THE MILLENNIUM AT HAND.

Lieut Totten says that Shortly the Trumpet will Blow.

NEW YORK, March 14—In speaking of his work, Professor Totten stated today in an interview that he had not a shadow of a doubt as to the accuracy of his chronological work, nor as to its particular accuracy within the necessary personal qualifications of all human efforts. The report maintains that we are actually in the midnight hour specified in the parable of the "Ten Virgins." "The clock," said the professor, is still striking. The tenth stroke will end its sounding at the coming March equinox of the current year.

"After that none of the 'Virgins,' need be in further doubt as to the 'time,' or as to what or who is at hand."

"Many facts," he continued, "assure me that we are at the midnight hour of the Christian dispensation, and I am sure that the seventh angel of the Savior's revelation to St. John is soon to sound the seventh and final trumpet, which lifts the veil from the mystery of God, but which is not to be confused with the 'final trumpet,' as commonly understood. In spite of misrepresentations to the contrary, I do not anticipate the end of the world, but the beginning of a new and better dispensation. I anticipate a crisis 'tomorrow' and the millennium 'the day after.' I expect the first resurrection very soon, but not the second until a thousand years of golden age have sped away."

The professor set forth with great detail his reason for his belief.

### New Way of Holding a Horse.

March 10th.—while a freight train on the Richmond and Danville was coming from Lexington to Salisbury this morning it passed a countryman who was driving a young horse. Thinking that his horse would get frightened at the train, which ran near the public road, the man got down and started to tie him to a tree. In his hurry and excitement a mistake was made and the lines were placed by the countryman around his own neck and fastened leaving the horse free. The horse did not get frightened and remained still, and of course the man being tied had to do so.—[Salisbury Herald.]

### A Colored Girls' College Burned.

LITTLE ROCK, March 2.—The Arkansas Baptist College building, established here six years ago by the colored Baptists for the education of girls, was burned about 2 o'clock this morning. About twenty students slept in the building, and they were compelled to jump out of the windows. Six were badly injured, and two of them, Florida Neely and Hattie Turner, will die. The office of the Arkansas Vanguard was also destroyed. The fire is believed to have been incendiary.—[New York Sun.]

Harper's Weekly, published March 15th, presents a series of interesting and accurate illustrations of scenes at the inauguration of President Cleveland, prepared by staff artists sent to Washington for that purpose. These illustrations include views of the inaugural ceremonies, of the inauguration ball, etc., and are accompanied by appropriate descriptive comment. The number also contains the usual variety of timely articles and illustrations of current interest, able editorials, views of the Columbian Exposition, and choice fiction.