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According to the Treasurer's report, the National debt decreased \$100,000,000 in a year.

Mr. Harrison's message contains more than twelve thousand words, but not one of them favors one cent letter postage.

The city of Duluth, Minn., which Proctor Knott discoursed so eloquently and funny in Congress several years ago now claims 50,000 population.

Nash county, N. C. elects a J. B. Phillips to the Legislature. He is like our J. B. Phillips, a good democrat and will vote for Senator Vance.

There are few men who could write twelve thousand words without expressing a single original idea, but Mr. Benjamin Harrison has accomplished the difficult task.

Some efforts are being made in the House to modify the McKinley tariff bill in some of its most objectional features, but it can't be changed enough to do the people or the republican party much good this Congress.

The Legislature of North Carolina has 43 democrats and 7 republicans in the Senate, and 106 democrats and 16 republicans in the House. There are two colored members in the Senate, and three in the House.

The outlook for a railroad in Ashe county seems to improve. We hope that Ashe with its great mineral wealth will be developed, and that sooner or later a railroad will pass through both Ashe and Watauga. Let us work to this end.

Senator Vorhees, who usually carries a level head, says the way to end the Indian troubles is to issue them enough to eat instead of the present scanty rations. There's something in this idea. It might also be well enough for them to be paid the money the government owes them.

The Western Citizen draws a sword on the Alliance in Ashe county, and other places in general. Notwithstanding the Alliance moves on and its sway is westward. Bro. Citizen did you hear any thing "drap" last November? It was the Republican party that came down with such a thud.

Mr. Harrison does not forget to say a good word in his message for the notorious ship subsidy bills which have passed the Senate and are now "hung up" in the House because they were too rank for Representative Cannon, chairman of the House committee on Appropriations. To say that a thing is too bad to meet the approval of Mr. Cannon is to furnish very strong argument against it.

Here's a little conundrum: Why were the Indians allowed to become the owners of Springfield rifles and an unlimited supply of ammunition? It might also be in order to ask, who sold them to the Indians?

There is food for thought in the suggestion of Mr. Harrison that pension legislation should be more carefully scrutinized, and it is also a tacit acknowledgment of the charges that have from time to time been made against Congress of being careless in regard to this particular class of legislation.

The State papers speak of a move on the part of alliance members of the Legislature plotting with other opposing elements against Vance—to secure his defeat for Senator. We do not believe there is much in the report. The opposition to Senator Vance will turn out to be a very weak concern in our opinion.

The radicals in the U. S. Senate without fear of the great democratic majority before their eyes, have called up the Lodge election bill and are hammering away on it as though there was no political hereafter. It is probably that there will be enough conservative republicans that will vote with the democrats, to kill the bill.

The President's message is a lengthy affair. He clings to the McKinley monstrosity, the Force bill and all the other abominations of the extreme radical wing of his party. Instead of taking the advice of Blaine, Plumb, and other more consistent men of his party, he goes in with Reed, McKinley, Lodge & Co.

The Indian troubles are expected to be serious at any time. It is stated that the Sioux Indians have about twelve thousand men of fighting age. Crazy Horse, Gall, Rain-in-the-Face, and Running Antelope, are all great warriors. Crazy Horse we believe was in command when the lamented Gen. Custer and his men were massacred. It is alleged that bad treatment of the Indians by the agents of our government is the cause of the present uprising. These agents are a merciless set. They speculate on the supplies furnished by the government for the Indians, and sell and use them for their own. U. S. troops are stationed at various points to check any movement of the Sioux warriors.

Mr. Harrison is certainly doing his part to keep a republican quorum in Washington for the purpose of pushing political legislation through the House. He is reported to have said to a Congressman: "I shall not appoint any Representative to a Federal office during this session and I am frank enough to add that those who expect appointment at the close of the session must prove their faithfulness to the party and the administration by remaining in their seats until Congress adjourns." This sort of thing seems a little undignified according to old fashioned ideas of what it is proper for the President of the United States to do, but everything seems to be proper in the eyes of republicans, provided it helps their party.

The National Alliance has had a tremendous meeting at Ocala Fla. A third party movement is strongly advocated by many of the alliance men, but there is a very strong opposition to it by others. The assembly passed a resolution against the Election bill, while the western members are urging the third party movement. The opposition comes from the south, mainly. The Sub-troop, any plan is being discussed pro and con. The silver question and many other things including railroads and telegraphs came in and were prominent subjects for discussion. The Alliance, according to the National secretary, is increasing all over the country, especially in West Va., Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Va., Ill., S. C., Ohio and Pennsylvania. Gen. R. B. Vance, of North Carolina, is a prominent member in the convention.

There is no question but the alliance is getting to be a wonderful organization, and will be able to dictate National legislation and accomplish many things in the way of reform.

The Western Citizen in its last issue, discourses on the fairness of the County Commissioners of Ashe county in receiving the official bonds of the newly elected county officers and contrasts their action with that of the county Commissioners of Watauga county, two and four years ago, wherein our commissioners charged with the crime of exacting from the sheriff the full official and tax bonds before he could be inducted into his office. The implied charge is, that the sheriff elect, being a republican, the commissioners took special pride in worrying him, and subjecting him to as much ill-convenience as possible in getting up his bonds.

This is not our fight, but we think the Citizen has been hard pressed for political capital to wade into the commissioners of Watauga in this way. Our commissioners hold that a sheriff, be he democrat or republican, must fill both his official and tax bonds before he can be inducted into his office. Our newly elected democratic sheriff, D. F. Baird, had to toe the mark in this way on the first Monday, but if the commissioners in Ashe hold differently, it is all right, as this is all there is in it.

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Durk Ridge, N. C. Dec. 5, 1890.

Editor Democrat: When I returned from the meeting at Howard's Creek, there was a gloom over our settlement caused by the death of Martha Holsclaw. Sister Holsclaw was born Aug. 14th, 1866. She was 24 years, 3 months and 12 days old when she died. She joined the Baptist church at Beech Mountain at the age of 14, and lived a consistent Christian life until her death. She was married to W. H. Holsclaw, Dec. 8th, 1889, and only lived one short year and died with the hope of meeting us in Heaven where partings are no more. J. F. McBRIDE.

Foscoe, N. C. Dec. 7th, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

All is quiet, peaceful, and happy in our valley to-day. The rain has been falling perseveringly for the last few hours, the first in several weeks, so we should not grumble.

The writer had the exquisite pleasure of attending the Debating Society of this place last night, and must say, that I enjoyed it very much. The subject under discussion was: Resolved: "That we Shall Have a compulsory School Law in N. C." The subject was well handled by both sides. Both old and young gentlemen taking an active part. Perhaps the best effort on the occasion was made by our good friend, Mr. W. H. Calloway, who said that he didn't speak for argument alone but meant every word he said. Mr. C. is very enthusiastic on the subject of education. His speech we think gave the decision in favor of the affirmative. One thing impresses the writer as laudible, in those debates. No one attempts to shirk his duty. When his name is called he walks out promptly and does his best. Young boys in their teens advance splendid ideas and skillfully sustain them. They are very much in earnest and their efforts show that they have read and studied the subject. We hope that the good people of this neighborhood will continue the debate through the winter as it is a power for good in any community, when carried on nicely and quietly, as this one is.

Well! Christmas, the day that we always hail with gladness is near at hand. None, from the little prattling child to the ones whose heads are hoary with age, but always feels a thrill of pleasure at the mere mention of the word. It is always a season of merry-making and festivity. This is all right if not carried too far. Tradition has handed it down to us, that Christ was born on that day. In memory then of that joyful morn, when the light from Bethlehem's manger, sent its scintillating beams, across a lost and ruined world—celebrate it in a decent quiet manner. To our boys, our own Watauga boys, the pride of our country, don't drink. Celebrate one Christmas by not touching nor handling the intoxicating cup. It will weaken your mind, lower you in the estimation of your friends, and will slowly wrap around you link by link, fetters that after a while you will find it impossible to break, and that will surely drag you down to a drunkard's grave. Don't drink boys.

Notice. The undersigned do hereby certify that the following is the number of days in session, the number of miles travelled and amount allowed each member of the Board of County Commissioners from the first of Dec. 1889 up to present date, for duties performed as such to wit: J. H. Mast 23 days 182 miles traveled allowed \$55.20. W. W. Presnell 23 days 194 miles traveled allowed \$51.20. J. E. Finney chm'n 23 days 154 miles traveled allowed \$53.70; 3 days p. com 33 miles traveled allowed \$7.65; 1 day correcting state settlement 11 miles traveled allowed \$2.55; 1 day special com. 11 miles traveled allowed \$2.55. whole amount paid Finley 66.45. Total \$172.85. This 24th day of Nov. 1890. M. B. BLACKBURN, Clerk Bd. Coms.

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