

The winter since early January has been the most severe all over the continent. Perhaps the most so of any since the war or before and some reports say since the cold Saturday sixty years ago. More snow has fallen in the South this winter than ever before if people recollect rightly. Louisiana Texas and Mississippi had big snows on the 14th. New Orleans has plenty of snow, something very unusual. Sleighing is going on in the city. South Carolina has had a big snow. The thermometer has been lower all over the South than for many years and in many places lower than ever known. Florida has been greatly damaged by the cold weather. The young orange trees have been killed and all the early vegetables. Of course the Northern part of the country has suffered very greatly by the rigorous weather and deep snow. Traffic has been cut off by the snow drifts, business in many places has been suspended. Canada reports the coldest weather ever known. Also Europe has had severe weather. January and February of 1895 will long be remembered for their rigor and deep snows. The snow in our mountains has been copious and it continues with us. We are having pretty sunny days but the air is too cool to thaw the snow. The thermometer has been lower here than ever noted before so far as our information extends. The blizzard of January 8th 1888 was the severest but it did not last long, then the thermometer registered 10 below, last Friday week it was 14 below, but the wind was not so high as in 1888, when the snow was deeper than it was this time. Unless we have several days of warm dramp weather in succession our snow will hold on until the 1st of April in many places, where large drifts are located.

We would like to give our readers the Legislative news but we have nothing of interest to give. Our Raleigh exchanges are four or five days behind. The latest news we have of interest was the 6 per cent interest bill. The Republicans and Populists are hopelessly divided on this, and much rancor and hostility has been engendered, also the cumulative voting for county commissioners has stirred up the factions. The Populists, or rather Mr. Butler, advocates cumulative voting. The Republicans oppose it. By cumulative voting for county commissioners the voter will have his choice to vote for five county commissioners or cast five votes for one commissioner. The object of this seems to be to prevent the colored brethren from electing all of their own color for commissioners. However this bill will enable them to elect one of their color in most of the counties. Suppose there are 300 voters in Caldwell county of the colored patriots and they all vote five times for one of their number this would give him 1500 votes—enough to elect him. So under this Populist idea, nearly all the counties except West of the Blue Ridge can have one colored friend and brother on the

Board of county Commissioners. Here would begin the promised relief and the flush of good times that have been looked for since last November. Butler favors this bill and it will pass.

Congressman-elect Pearson of the 9th district has had his bill brought up again from the committee to have Mitchell county added to his district and a big time was had with the friends for and against the measure. It looks like Mitchell county will be finally transferred to the 9th district as the whole matter is purely a political job. The 8th and 9th districts are as nearly divided as possible in population under the last census. By changing Mitchell to the 9th district a great difference will be made but this has nothing to do with the movement. When a political job has to be done what is the use of having any regard to population or constitutional requirements? But if Mitchell is taken from the 8th where will the Hon. R. Z. Linney be? Hence the great confusion. We are like the old woman was when her husband and the bear were in the fight.

Two new bond bills introduced in the Senate on the 13th. Mr. Vilas' bill provides for the issue of thirty-year 3 per cent gold bonds, principle and interest payable in gold. Mr. Sherman's substitute provides for free coinage of silver. The amount of bonds to be 65 million to run thirty years. The committee on finance reported the bill by one majority. There is much comment on the action of the committee and it now looks like something may be done to force this measure through before the adjournment of Congress. It now looks like that the silver men might support this measure. If they do the bill will pass.

The Settle and Williams contest case from the fifth North Carolina district was to come up on the 19th in the House. It looks very foolish to us to allow a case of this kind to continue until the close of the session and then give the fellow who claims the seat his pay, which is often done.

The new election law proposed, is a great farce and will not amount to much any way. There is no improvement made nor no serious damage will occur from it, though a worse bill than the old law in several particulars. Next week we will be able to give our readers the full text of the bill.

The Caucasian, Boss Butler's paper has made a heavy charge against a number of the brethren and the committee in regard to the delay in reporting the 6 per cent bill and the committee in return have scored it to the Boss and a divergence seems probable. Much feeling is shown, some of the "cumulative voters" threaten to stop further legislation.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The so-called Democratic majority in the United States Senate is now no more. No flowers; no tears. The country, and the Democratic party especially, can afford to go without such a Democratic majority as that has been.

Representative Ewart says that the Election bill and the county government changes will become law before next Saturday night. Senator Moody predicted that these and all other bills would become laws and the Legislature adjourn by February 15th. We will see whether Mr. Ewart is a better prophet.

If the row that has been commenced between the Populists and Republicans continue very little legislation will be had. Everything was at boiling heat the latest report we have. It is now uncertain what will become of the 6 per cent bill or the cumulative.

Charlotte News: Here's the Columbia State of this morning, and here let me mark this item: In Havana the snow has been falling steadily for the past eight days and is now 27 feet and eight inches deep. The water in the harbor is frozen to the bottom, the ice in some places being a mile and an eighth thick.

"Have any news from Central Africa?" he asked. "A dispatch has just arrived that the rhinoceros crop is damaged 89 per cent, on account of a frost last—"

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Indianapolis News: We hear so much about the Hawaiian republic and its minister of state and minister of foreign affairs and all that, that we are in danger of losing all sense of proportion. It is well to recall now and then that the entire republic has fewer inhabitants than Indianapolis and that a large share of them is made up of degraded natives, Portuguese half breeds and coolies from China and Japan.

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A Representative Lost. "Anxious Friends," at McRay's Store, N. C., under date of Feb. 16, write the following letter of inquiry to the News and Observer:

"Can you tell us what has become of the highly esteemed and much respected Representative from Alamance, Dr. McAuley? His friends fear that as he seemed to be under very warm climatic influences from Africa—judging by his vote for Abe Middleton for door keeper of the House—that he has been snowed under by the recent blizzard. His many constituents are impatiently waiting to hear something of him, for we don't see that anything has come from him in the House of Reps.

We rejoice that Senator White is "on deck," for he has got the great and good 'possum law through for us. Three cheers and a tiger for White."

The Advice Will Not Be Taken. Dr. Pritchard advised his congregation in Charlotte to trade with Baptists to the exclusion of members of other denominations, other things being equal. The Doctor's position has been assailed by numerous correspondents of the Charlotte Observer, who declare such a policy would be narrow and illiberal.

No matter what advice the preachers give, the members go on trading where they can get the most for the least money, and where the best business principles prevail. There is no such thing as close communion sugar, free trade coffee, apostolic flour, or predestinated molasses.—News and Observer.



A Peculiar Case

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NOTICE. By the authority of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to me by J. D. Bryan and wife, Sallie, to secure a debt of \$217.00 and interest, and recorded in book C page 422 of the mortgage records of Watauga county, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Boone on the 4th day of March, it being the first Monday in said month, the following described real estate to wit: The farm on which the said J. D. Bryan now lives and which he purchased from Geo. McGinnis containing 167 acres more or less. Said land sold subject to a prior mortgage given to Shattuck and Huffman, of New York. This January 30th, 1895. E. S. COFFEY, Atty. for Mortgagee.

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NOTICE. By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by G. W. Clawson and wife, A. L. Clawson, on the 8th day of August, 1892, to R. Z. Linney and assigned to the undersigned which mortgage is registered in book C pages 574 and 575 of the record of mortgages of Watauga county, I will offer for sale for cash at the court house door in Boone on the 4th day of March, 1895, all that tract of land in Watauga county, on Pine Run creek adjoining the lands of John Brown, Samuel Brown and others, and is the land on which A. L. Clawson wife of G. W. Clawson now lives, and contains by estimation 100 acres more or less, to satisfy the debt mentioned in said mortgage and cost. Sale to be made at 10 a. m. Jan. 28, 1895. T. B. CAMPBELL, Assignee of the Mortgage.

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