

The Watanga Democrat

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How the Tariff Affects Iron.

There has been, in the face of reduced tariff duties, an encouraging increase in the exports of iron and manufactures within the past year, the value for the past nine months being \$31,252,660, against \$27,310,702 for the corresponding period of last year. The gain in 1894 showed a gain in 1893, so that the gain has been continuous and notably this year. The articles exported embrace nearly everything from a nail to a locomotive, including agricultural machinery. The opponents of the new tariff say there is no reason to congratulate ourselves on this, for these exports were made simply to get rid of a surplus which could not profitably be disposed of at home, but this is not true, for they have brought better prices than heretofore, and in addition to this our manufacturers would be more apt to restrict the output than to keep on producing and shipping to foreign markets without making any reasonable profit thereby. If our manufacturers were on the same footing that their most formidable competitors are in securing their raw material tax free, in buying in the markets where they could buy the cheapest, they would not be long in demonstrating that they are more than a match for the manufacturers of other countries, and in building up a foreign trade of immense proportions.—Wilmington Star.

Winston Sentinel: After Rev. Mr. Price had preached his last sermon to the colored people, a few nights ago, he announced that any member of the congregation that desired to testify for the Lord could do so. Several made short talks, the most pertinent out of which was a colored brother who remarked that he had heard some people say that Sam Jones was the greatest man that ever visited Winston; others said Mr. Fife was; while others thought Mr. Price was the greatest. The brother said he would tell how it was: "Mr. Jones came here and did the washing, Mr. Fife and Price are now here doing de ironing."

The following story is credited to a Texas paper. In one of the earliest trials before a colored jury in that State, the twelve gentlemen were told by the judge to "retire and find the verdict." They went into the jury room, whence the opening and shutting of doors and other sounds of unusual commotion were presently heard. At last the jury came back into court, when the foreman announced: "We had looked everywhar, judge, for dat verdict—in the drawers and behind de doahs, but it ain't nowhar in dat blessed room."

North Wilkesboro News: On Friday little Daisy Parker, of Ashe county, who is 11 years old, came into town leading 57 head of her pet turkeys to market. She had raised all of them and they were as "gentle as dogs" following her wherever she went. They weighed 505 pounds, bringing her about \$26. Little Daisy is a bright child, and has shown by example what a little girl can do in the poultry business. The parting scene between her and her pets was really pathetic.

Loosing Them.

A certain editor lost two subscribers by an act of his own carelessness; and this is how it came about. They wrote to ask his remedy for their respective troubles. No. 1, a happy father of twins, wrote to enquire the best way to get them over their teething, and No. 2 wanted to know how to protect his orchard from myriads of grasshoppers.

The editor framed his answer upon the orthodox lines but unfortunately transposed the inquirers' two names, with the result that Number One who was blessed with twins, reads in his reply to his query:

"Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to them and the little pests after jumping about in the flames for a few minutes, will speedily be settled."

Number Two, plagued with grasshoppers, was told: "Give a little castor-oil, and rub their gums with a bone ring."

A special from Winston to the Raleigh News and Observer tells the following which is alleged to have occurred in the mountains of Stokes county last week: Thomas Mabe was running a brandy distillery and when he went to "double" he filled his large still with "singlings" and "backings," causing it to boil over and run down. The liquid took fire as quick as powder and caught in the still. The cap was blown off and the building was soon filled with flames. The owner was standing near the still, while his two boys lay asleep on the floor. The burning liquid ran over the boys. Father and sons made a rush for the door, but it was fastened. When they got it open all three were burned so badly that all are expected to die. The house and contents were destroyed.

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"Bunk" Bledsoe has the contract to deliver a valuable walnut tree at this place. It is of the curly variety and was planted by Shade Calaway 85 years ago at his home on New river, about 25 miles from this place. A man by the name of Severt purchased the tree from the Calaways for \$11 and sold it to a northern firm for \$125. Bledsoe gets \$75 for delivering it here.—North Wilkesboro News.

Notwithstanding the republican victories of this month, the price of cotton declines and the gold in the Treasury continues to dwindle. The republican Congress meets next week, however, and will, of course apply the remedy for these results of "democratic incompetency." If it does not, the people will know where to place the responsibility.—Landmark.

The Democratic party seems to be in the position the negro said John Minor Bott's race horses

were. Bott's horses had been beaten badly by Jones's horse, and when Bott's negro was taking his horses off the field, Jones' negro said to him: "Take your horses home and keep them there—they can't beat anybody's horses." Bott's negro retorted: "Well I'll tell you what they can do—they can beat one another—for I have seen them do it."—News and Observer.

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