

The Dingley tariff bill has at last passed the Senate by 10 majority, the bill now goes to Conference with House Committee. Let all the people make ready for the wave of prosperity to shower down, for they say it is coming in great torrents after the 15th. High tariffs and high priced goods and the gold standard will bring great blessings of course. Everything will be lovely. The only question is will we poor down-trodden oppressed creatures, who have been reduced to almost servitude, under free trade Democracy, be able to stand the big flush that is promised us? We advise all our people of all conditions, whether they be Democrats, Republicans, Pops., Scalawags, Mugwumps, Hottentots, or Philistines to have their houses in order for the wave, for it may come in such a time as you are not looking for it, make ready to receive it and try to contain yourselves. The Senate and big Tom Reed will now adjourn and go home and feel that the country is safe, that the tariff has passed both in the Senate and Tom Reed also.

Bristow the Fourth Assistant post-master general has already cut off the heads of 8,000 fourth class post-masters. These little post-masters are falling daily in North Carolina as well as in all other States. We expected to see this and we have no disposition to grumble, for such is politics. When W. J. Bryan comes in, in 1900 you will see the same thing repeated. Bristow has beat the record so far for the time he has been in office even the record of Adlai Stevenson has been eclipsed when he was under the first Cleveland administration.

Some of our Republican esteemed friends say that the DEMOCRAT lied about the law in regard to the delinquent tax paying being subject to indictment fine and imprisonment, they declare there is no such a law. Well we would be glad that there were no such, but the fact remains that the last and the lamented Legislature did put such a law on the statute books. We will not say how the courts will hold on this outrage. If the law is sustained by the courts it will be a great hardship on the people. It is a shame.

The papers say that France will join the United States in the free coinage of silver and that England will open the mints for coinage in India, but when, is the inquiry? If England would come boldly to the front there could no doubt be agreement and the country would be relieved on this financial question, and we would hate the news with great rejoicing as would the entire world almost. Let relief come some way so the people can yet live.

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More of the Confederate Reunion. Editor Democrat.

In attempting to write of the scenes and incidents of the late Confederate Reunion, so many press themselves upon the memory and demand recognition that one well nigh despairs of the task. Perhaps one incident of more interest to North Carolinians—an incident calculated to make one more proud of the title "North Carolinian," took place on the 2nd day of the reunion, upon the entrance of the North Carolina contingent into the pavilion or *Saw Jones tabernacle* in which building all the business meetings of the reunion were held.

Having been detained at State headquarters until the reunion was proceeding on business, the North Carolina delegation entered the building singing in strong voice, "The old North State." As the column had to march half around the building before reaching the aisle leading to the seats reserved for the State, it is needless to say that business was suspended, the whole house rising and cheering lustily. After the seating of the delegation, Gen. Gordon, who was upon the stage and whose speech had been interrupted, said: Our proceedings have been interrupted by North Carolina. Then after a pause of a moment, he exclaimed in the most impressive and emphatic tone, North Carolina has a right to interrupt the proceedings of this or any other body of men. This eulogy to North Carolina was received with the wildest demonstration, some one calling for three cheers for the old North State which was given with such vim and vigor, that it developed into three times three with a genuine "Rebel Yell."

Another incident that illustrates, to some extent, the ardor and enthusiasm of the old soldiers, took place when General Gordon in his remarks spoke of his recognition as Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans. Instantly the cry of No! No! No!; and this grew and augmented in volume and intensity until the whole assembly was standing gesticulating wailing and shouting No! No!, which continued for minutes, old veterans climbing upon seats and howling themselves hoarse, while tears and sweat rained down their furrowed cheeks, such scenes

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cannot be described, but must be witnessed to be appreciated. The band finally, by persistent efforts, succeeded in restoring order, but the General did not again hint at resignation, when he concluded he was put in nomination by Gen. Joe Wheeler and unanimously re-elected.

One of the most beautiful and pleasing features of the Reunion was the formation of the Confederate flag, by 13 young ladies on horse-back riding in single file at the head of the column. The first wore a blue dress, on the skirt of which were 13 white stars. Then came four dressed in red, four in white and again four in red. The horses were chosen to correspond with the dress colors.

H. A. D.

Brookside, N. C.

School Tax Again.

Editor Democrat.

Much has been said, is now being said, and will be said about the present school law. Some say that the people ought to put their feet upon the law, or, in other words, ignore it altogether. Of course such a thing could not be carried out. The Legislature is the supreme power in this State, and we must be subject to the powers that be. Whether it was wise to make the change or not, this scribe is not ready to say, but the change has really been made, and the law must be enforced. Now, what is the wise plan? Shall we vote the extra tax? Some say No because it will take the money to build new school houses. If the new houses must be built, and the extra tax is not voted, then the present money will be used—therefore there will be no schools this year. It is likely, too, that but few houses will be changed. Many of our best school men think that some schools may have 45 students, while others, 85, that in each township the entire student body divided by the number of schools must not give a quotient greater than 65. If this be the meaning of the law, then but few changes will be made, for Prof. Francum says that the schools of the county will average 65.

Another complaint is, that we can't pay what tax we have. The people have always paid their taxes and would pay a little more. Rigid economy should be practiced in all public matters, but no retrenchment should be made educationally. Suppose a man pays tax on \$1,000 worth of property and one poll, his tax would be 1.25 more. Suppose he had 3, 4, or 5 children to educate, the school would be from 2 to 4 months longer, any way alter the first year, then the school would be worth from six to fifteen dollars to him. Would this be poor economy? Besides that, the school tax stays in the county and the county would not have a dollar less. If Watauga county does not vote a dollar tax, she will help pay the \$50,000 just the same. It is true this money has been borrowed by the State to supplement the tax, but some day this money must be paid, and Watauga must help to do it. This money will all go out of the county. Would this be economy? Do away with the Mecklenburg road law, cut down the taxes in every way—except for schools. Let us educate the bright boys and girls, and we will pay less tax for the Penitentiary, for the trial of murderers, and thieves.

A SCHOOL BOY.

Boone, N. C.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, died a few days ago. Isam G. Harris was one of Tennessee's great men. He was Governor of that State for two terms, he was Governor when Tennessee left the Union. He was an active man during the war both in civic and military movements. He has been Senator several times and died in Senatorial harness. Governor Taylor will have the honor of appointing his successor.

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Ohio politics seem to be getting red hot. The Democrats nominated H. L. Chapman for Gov. against Governor Bushnell the Republican nominee and present Governor. The fight will be made for the Legislature as there is to be a successor to Mark Hanna elected. Hanna and McLean are the contestants for United States Senator. Both have big barrels, to open, money will tell in Ohio.

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