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A STRONG TRINITY.

We clip the following paragraph from the Galveston News, a tariff-for-revenue only paper:

The question is sometimes asked why the railroad magnates should be supposed to run with the protectionists? There can be no other need of such alliance than to defend something rotten, but a News special from Washington indicates a trinity of protectionist, bank and railroad powers. To the victors belong the spoils. It is a singular lesson for capital and brains to be engaged in forcing upon the people.

Now whether it be true that the banks and the railroads are with the protectionists or not we are not able to say, but wish to remark that if so the anti protectionists who desire and hope for success had better go slow. In nearly all of its national contests since the war the Democratic party has had the capitalists of the country arrayed against it, and to this fact in a very great measure may be attributed the long lease of power which the Republican party has retained. The idea was abroad, based upon the uttterances of certain Democratic leaders, that the Democratic party was hostile to capitalists, and if it came into power such a policy would be pursued as would prove destructive of the business interests of the country, and hence in the campaigns the banks, railroads and other monied interests were found in sympathy with and quietly, if not openly, co-operating with the Republican party. Whether there was sufficient ground for this we do not propose to inquire or discuss, but desire simply to call attention to the fact. Do the men who have the destiny of the Democratic party in their hands propose to follow up on this line and still force the Democratic party into real or seeming hostility to the monied interests of the country and drive them over to the Republican side in the next campaign, as they have been in past campaigns? Can a party with the railroads, banks, &c., against it expect to win? We don't believe in surrendering to banks, railroads or other coporations when they demand anything wrong or unreasonable, but neither do we believe in inviting their hostility when there is no occasion for it, and placing the Democratic party in a false position of antagonism to them. Capital is timid, it looks after its own interest, and it will oppose that party which it believes opposed to it. Say what you will, capital is mighty in politics, as has been sufficiently demonstrated in this country. The Republicans know this, have turned the knowledge to account, and have thus kept themselves in power. Whilst not approving all their methods, we should learn wisdom from our enemies.

Washington Critic: The probable cost of pensioning the survivors of the Mexican war was stated in the Critic yesterday. It is a mere bagatelle. But the question of cost has nothing to do with it. These brave men should be pensioned. It is a matter of justice and right, and that being so, dollars and cents are not to be considered. A portion of the surplus revenue cannot be better applied, and it is a disgrace to this government that these brave men have had to beg so long foa what they are justly entitled to.

The pluck and audacity of "Chinese" Gordon are something to admire. Before leaving Korosko, in the midst of discontented barbarians, he sent this message to a disgruntled sheik: "Meet me at Khartoum. If you want peace, I am for peace; if you want war, I am ready." This was what may be termed a game of bluff, for Gordon's army consists principally at present of Gordon.

Senator John Logan may not have a very high respect for grammatical rules, but Senator Lamar pronounces him a man of remarkable ability. And with this he has a wife who is ambitious, devoted and is possessed of skill and diplomacy that but few women possess. He is indebted to her for much of his success.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, laughs at the assertion that the Democrats can carry that State on a revenue reform platform. He says it was the liquor agitation and not the tariff that mixed politics so badly in some of the Western States.

Augusta Chronicle: The South will have a hard time bankrupting the North while that part of the country has $116,000,000 of public money distributed there in pensions annually, and more and more millions to come.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer imparts a fine glossy and freshness to the hair, and is highly recommended by physicians, clergymen and scientists, as a preparation accomplishing wonderful results. It is a certain remedy for removing dandruff, make the scalp white and clean, and restoring gray hair to its youthful color.

Bob Toombs says that Wendell Phillips was "an infernal machine set to music.

The first dirt was broke on the Greenville and Laurens Railroad last Tuesday, with appropriate ceremonies.

The cause of the red sunsets has not yet been satisfactorily determined. Had not Sherman better move for an investigating committee?

The Queen of England saves annually from her allowance by Parliament, $500,000, and has $2,750,000 in rentals, and yet she is not happy.

When the vast volume of water now running down the Ohio river pours into the Mississippi there will be trouble in the lowlands.

While Hoar's sub-committee is piruting around in the Copiah business it can take in the sights at the New Orleans Mardi Gras at the government expense.

The income of Geo. Alfred Townsend, the newspaper correspondent who writes over the signature of "Gath," ranges from $6,000 to $9,000 a year.

The Augusta Chronicle comes to the front to remark that "no place on this planet, within our knowledge, (saving clause, this) can approach Augusta in the number of beautiful, elegant and graceful women."

The following figures will show the weakness the American sovereign has for beer. During 1883 New York city brewed 3,239,000 barrels; Philadelphia, 1,023,000; Milwaukee, 986,300; St. Louis, 943,000; Brooklyn, 836,000; and Chicago, 676,000.

The study with some of the Republican leaders now is how to "utilize" the "worthy citizens" who are not Republicans, but who are not in full "sympathy" with the Democrats "Utilize" is the word that covers the case.

COUNTIES CAN MAKE EXHIBITS.

Opinion of Attorney General Kenad in Reply to an Inquiry.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 12, 1884.

Thos. S. Kenan, Esq., Attorney General, Etc.

MY DEAR SIR:—I am instructed by a resolution of our board of directors, to ask your opinion as to the right of county commissioners to make an appropriation of county funds for the purpose of making an exhibit of the resources of their county in the approaching North Carolina State Exposition.

Hoping you can oblige us by giving your opinion on this subject,

I remain, yours respectfully,
W. S. PRIMROSE, Presd't.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
RALEIGH, February, 13.

W. S. Primrose, President N. C. State Exposition.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., I have the honor to say that the powers conferred by law upon the county commissioners, and to be exercised for the benefit of the public, are numerous and extensive.

The Code says that every county is a body corporate, and shall have the powers prescribed by statute and those necessarily implied by law. These powers must be exercised in pursuance of resolutions adopted by the board of commissioners, and, in certain specified cases, with the concurrence of the justices of the peace. And they "may make such orders for the disposition or use of the property or the county as the interests of its inhabitants require." Secs. 702-704. They have general supervision over the finances, and the law expressly "invests them with full power to direct the application" of the "county revenues "to any good and necessary purpose for the use of the county," Section 753. The Supreme court has repeatedly announced the principle that the trust of regulating all county matters is confided to the commissioners, and that the exercise of powers conferred upon them will not be controlled by the courts. Brodnax vs. Croom, 64 N. C., 243 and numerous other cases.

The movement to have an exhibit of the resources of the State is one in which the people of every county in the State are in some measure interested. It concerns the public, and was inaugurated to secure favorable results to the State at large. I therefore think that the case is within the power of the county authorities, and that they may exercise the power by appropriating money to enable the county to make a proper exhibit of its resources at the ensuing Exposition, if they shall determine that the same is necessary for the good of the county and to the interest of its inhabitants. No special tax could be levied for the purpose, and no subscription of stock in the Exposition Association by the county could be made, without the consent of the Legislature, as has been frequently decided; but this of course is not contemplated. In considering the matter, however, I think the commissioners would act in conjunction with a majority of the justices of the peace of the county, and it seems to me that no valid objection could be interposed to restrain them from giving to the enterprise such reasonable and substantial encouragement as the financial condition of the county would in their judgment warrant. Indeed, such action and the aid thus given, would be in harmony with the spirit of the constitution, which requires the Legislature to maintain a department of agriculture; and also with the spirit of The Code, which directs an annual appropriation to be made to the State and to county agricultural societies (sections 2,218-2,222), and empowers "county commissioners to appoint fairs in their respective counties" for the encouragement of industry, and to regulate the same by a system of by-laws. Sections 2,790 2,791. Yours truly,

THOS. S. KENAN,
Attorney General.

Horrors of the Inquisition.

The "inquisition" of olden time inflicted horrible torments on its victims, such as stretching them in all kinds of unreasonable shapes and breaking their bones. But these torments were not much worse than those which are experienced by people who now suffer from muscular rheumatism. Mr. E. O. Morgan, of Sycamore, Ga., says he always rheumatism, but Perry Davis' Pain Killer made him well. Mention this to your friend who is tortured with rheumatism.

GEN. COX ON THE REVENUE.

What he Hears and What he Thinks---Chances for Relief for North Carolina ---A Sub-Committee of Ways and Means Considering Certain Bills by North Carolinians and Others---The School Superintendents in Session---Address by Maj. Bingham.

Correspondence of The Observer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Running up with Gen. W. R. Cox this noon I was engaged in pleasant conversation at his seat on the floor (tell it not in presence of the committee on Rules nor publish it in the House of Representatives) until the Speaker had actually called the House to order. We began on Brother Bailey of the Biblical Recorder, "Our Mutual Friend," and ended on commissioner Evans of the Internal Revenue. It seems that the jocular and zealous editor had proposed in a letter to his Congressman that if the latter's resolution making Good Friday a legal holiday should pass, it would be in order for somebody to move that immersion be made compulsory henceforth. Substantially the General replied: "No, my dear friend, that will never do in these days of watery desolation in the West. There is already too much water. To vote to increase it would be to lose all our fond hopes in that quarter for the Presidential election." The visit which Gen. Cox made te Europe last year convinced him that more recreation was needed in this driving country. There is no break in the monotomy of work, work, work, of stich, stich, stich, between Christmas and July 4. The first of May has nothing distinctive, besides it is too near the great summer holiday. Washington's birthday is not far enough removed from the great winter festival. The banks and some merchants already take Good Friday. Why shouldn't all persons? He had no denominational feeling in the matter. Before submitting his measure he had taken it across the aisle to a devoted Methodist, and he saw no objection on that ground, and others of various denominations had expressed the same opinion.

Gen. Cox thought that the Morrison bill was the best that could be framed at present with the view of success. It was not by any means a perfect measure ideally, and it would be changed in committee and perhaps in the House. But it was his judgment that it would pass both Houses without unnecessary delay. He expected that the report from the Ways and Means committee would be made about the last of the month. A number of articles would be added to the free list.

"What will be done with the subject of Internal Revenue."

"I can tell you something. A subcommittee, headed by Mr. Blount, is considering the bills that have been introduced. Among others before it are two by North Carolina members."

"What will probably be done?"

"As to that I can only reply by giving conjecture for fact. I feel reasonably sure that something will grow out of the study which the committee is devoting to the matter. My own anxiety is for a reduction if not an abolition of the tax on spirits from fruits. Of course I desire all obtainable modification of the system. It is a great curse to the people. The constant increase of revenue above what is needed for necessary expenditures is dangerous to the public morals and liberty. The Government is growing rich faster than the people. The general condition of the country does not warrant these excessive drains of revenue." The Representatives from the 4th District then made some philosophical remarks on the tendency of things, and said he was giving the subject serious and orderly thought. It was necessary to have all the data from the different departments of the Government, to collocate it, to make comparisons, to analyze the main of facts, to arrive at conclusions and then to determine and apply the remedy or remedies.

To-night at the High School Maj. Robert Bingham delivered the leading address before the National Convention of School Superintendents. He spoke for more than an hour, and made a decidedly fine impression. His manner was admirable. Maj. Bingham began by personal references. He was "a man of Southern prejudices." He spoke as a Southern man in a National body. Making admissions as to the lack of interest and advantages, he showed that North Carolina was proportionally doing more for public education than Massachusetts. He said he was so used to playing teacher he would state the figures on the blackboard. Many of his remarks were humerous and elicited laughter, and the more solid points were applauded. It is not possible in this synopsis of heads to do more than indicate a few of the topics touched upon. He thought that Federal aid should be extended to the schools which were already in existence. Fine houses were not so much needed as money for books and competent teachers. The necessity was not so much the endowment of funds as the endowment of brains.

Touching the war and national relations he was plain-spoken, but broad and courteous. His frankness seemed to give pleasure.

Judge Starbuck has gone home.

A large reception in honor of Dr. Edward Warren Bey, at Dr. Toner's this afternoon, was attended by a hundred of the city physicians. Another will be given to-morrow by Gov. and Mrs. Vance, on the eve of the Doctor's departure for North Carolina.

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Mgr. Capel's Start in Life.

London Letter in the Clevelad Herald.

Capel's father, I understand, was a coastguardsman. His mother is still living and presides over a fashionable boarding house at Hastings, one of the popular seaside resorts. Sterling people, but with no blue blood in their veins. That they manged to afford their son a thorough education and that he from such humble beginnings has pushed his way into the highest circles of English society are two facts which are highly creditable to all concerned. He started in public life as a schoolmaster at Hammersmith.

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UNDERMINED BY THE WATERS.

A Boarding House Falls and Buries Ten People in the Ruins.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15—At 3.40 o'clock this morning a fire alarm was sounded from the box at Ludlow and Pearl streets, where the water surrounds the houses. When the engine reached the place it was discovered that the rear portion of two brick buildings on the south side of Pearl street, near Ludlow, had fallen in, and ten persons were buried in the ruins or drowned. The occupants of the front portion had given the alarm, and before the cause was really ascertained the fire alarm was sounded. The firemen, in conjunction with the police, made superhuman efforts to rescue the living and recover the bodies of the dead. The buildings were used as boarding houses, and had from 20 to 30 occupants. The living were soon taken out, but four members of a family named Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Coulter, Maude Ellis, Lydia Ellis, Willie Kyle, and another whose name is unknown, are supposed to have been crushed or drowned. Mrs. Webb, the occupant of a room in the part that fell, was awakened by the cracking of the walls. She tried to arouse the others, but fell with the building, and yet escaped without injury.

A Very Safe Assertion.

Wash. Cor Petersburg Index-Appeal.

It is a pretty safe assertion that no twelve men of good character, in this District or elsehere, knowing what is now made plain of Attorney-General Brewster's ways, and the ways of those who have been and still are his confederates and pets, will ever convict any one he may prosecute, if there is the remotest possibility of innocence in the case. It seems to me there is hardly anything infamous in the history of legal proceedings in civilized countries that has not been attempted under Brewster.

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