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The statement of Mr. Glenn that he has decided upon a man for certain place, somebody bobs up with charges against him, sounds familiar, but the Republicans were supposed to have a monopoly on this sort of thing. We are sorry they have not.

It is gratifying to see that, contrary to announcement heretofore made, The Evening Tribune, of Concord, will not suspend publication at this time, but will be continued right along. This is well. Concord needs The Tribune and will doubtless give it a better support, now that it has come so near to losing it.

A white soldier has been discharged from the army "without honor" for marrying a negro, whose character was not good. The inference from the War Department's official statement is that the woman's reputation was the sole reason for the man's discharge. This course doubtless answers all purposes, for—well, the man was ousted.

The Durham Herald says that "Judge Parker has done nothing since the election to show that he would not have been a proper person for the place if he had succeeded in getting it." No, he hasn't. He has not whimpereed, and has borne himself with such quiet dignity as to give those who voted for him occasion to be glad that they did.

According to the Census Bureau, the cotton ginned from the crop of 1904 up to November 15th aggregated 9,785,646 bales, counting round bales as halves. This would seem to indicate a pretty good-sized crop, and prices dropped when the figures were given out. There is, however, nothing more uncertain, perhaps, than the cotton yield, unless it is the course of prices from day to day.

That was an interesting decision by the Supreme Court Wednesday, in which the right of a public school board to exclude from school children who have not been vaccinated was upheld. The highest court having ruled on the question, it may now be put in force all over North Carolina. There should be, however, in addition, some way to compel vaccination instead of mere non-attendance at school.

The closing of the bank of the Gastonia Banking Company Wednesday afternoon by order of the Corporation Commission is very much to be regretted. The indications are that the depositors will lose nothing, and neither of the other banks is affected by the failure, but every bank failure causes a loss of confidence and business is injured to some extent. Gastonia, however, is too progressive to pause in the onward movement on account of one untoward incident.

At midnight the lights were turned out on the greatest exposition in the world's history and the gates were closed. All who visited it were delighted. Of course, it did not pay expenses; that was never expected; but it repaid the government loan. The stockholders in the exposition company must make good the deficit, but we hope that, through the benefits which must result to St. Louis, they will be reimbursed indirectly. That city has acquired itself handsomely and increased its prestige as one of the finest in the country.

The Birmingham Age-Herald remarks that "the boll weevil has probably laughed up his sleeves a great many times since he came over from Mexico at the long-winded diatribes of science that come to naught." Don't be so hasty about science and the boll weevil. It conquered the other pest which Cuba sent over, and even went to the home of it and relieved the people there. If science can down yellow fever, it is not likely to balk long over the boll weevil, if the latter continues as destructive as it is generally regarded.

Yesterday was the seventh birthday of The Morning Post, of Raleigh, and we are pleased to know that it has "a vigorous constitution and enjoys good health," and that "there is no apparent reason why it should not add months and years to its age by seven's 'till seventy times seven" and it in the springtime of its youth." The Post is edited with dignity and ability, and in all respects a most excellent paper. It is sound on public questions, and is doing much for North Carolina. The Observer holds it in high esteem and looks that it will continue to do well; that it may go on lengthening its days and strengthening its stakes.

The President's appointment of General Jackson Christian to a captainship at the West Point Military Academy will be appreciated by the entire South—especially appreciated in North Carolina and Charlotte. The appointee—a handsome, manly young fellow, serious-minded for his years, and it seems the natural thing that he should enter the military service and of the profession of arms. The best of this appointment upon the education of the greatest genius developed by the civil war was an exceedingly successful act on the part of the President.

ILL-BRED PUBLIC MEN AND THE HARM THEY DO.

President Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, telegraphs the Governor of Mississippi that President Roosevelt admired the Mississippi building at St. Louis, and is answered with a sneer. The press of the country is expressing itself on the subject in no uncertain terms. The Greenville, S. C. News, for instance, says: "It is just such cattle as Vardaman that intensify the feeling between the sections. He is no credit to his State. He is wild, vicious, narrow and devoid of all decency in public affairs, and it is hard to think that one great Commonwealth must suffer from the foolish acts of a fanatic." The trouble is that the injury done by "such cattle" is not confined to their own States, but extends to the entire section. Mississippi is regarded as a typical Southern State. Naturally, it is thought that the man its people elect Governor is a fair representative of their views, and if of theirs, why not of all other Southern people, since Mississippi is a representative Southern State? Relatively very few people of the other sections of the country—a mere handful—know the South except through the newspapers. When Governors, as Vardaman, of Mississippi, and Jeff. Davis, of Arkansas, and Congressmen, as Heflin, of Alabama, make public spectacles of themselves, as these do as a matter of course, people everywhere are going to conclude that they speak the sentiments of their constituencies as well as their own. "What," will be asked, "do the people elect them for, if they do not endorse them?" And there can be no sufficient answer to the question. That is the misery of it all. These men are in important, dignified public positions, elected thereto by popular vote. If they were in private life, their sayings and doings would either never be heard of, or, if noised abroad, would be regarded merely as the gabble and the bad manners which mark a mild form of lunacy. That Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas choose to elect "such cattle" to public place would be nobody's business but their own, except that their bad language and bad manners reflect upon us all.

The New York Evening Post remarks upon this last Vardaman outbreak: "We hope he will continue his slighting of his blackguardly references to Mr. Roosevelt. So far from doing the President any harm, they do him a great deal of good, and make friends for him wherever read." Very true. Southern people themselves, who do not admire the President will warm toward him when he is earnestly assailed or sneered at when he seeks to propitiate. But, The Evening Post continues, these utterances and others like them, may, by and by, "bring the South into a realization of the fact that these men are disgracing it in the eyes of the world and injuring it commercially." And this is a very practical matter. The South is flat on its back with every other section of the country on top of it. It need not hurt itself further by pushing into prominence, into representative positions, men who really do not represent its sentiments at all.

THE PRODUCTS OF THE EARTH THIS YEAR.

The annual report of Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, for the current year, has been transmitted to the President and copies of it furnished the press in pamphlet form. It furnishes figures which the mind can scarcely grasp. The value of farm products for the year is placed at \$4,300,000,000—yes, four billion nine hundred million dollars, exclusive of the value of farm crops fed to stock. The corn crop of 1904 yields a farm value greater than ever before, he says. The farmers could from the proceeds of this single crop pay the national debt, and the interest thereon for one year, and still have enough left to pay a considerable portion of the government's yearly expenses. The cotton crop, valued for lint and seed at \$600,000,000, comes second, while hay and wheat contend for the third place. Combined, these two crops will about equal in value the corn crop. Notwithstanding the wheat crop shows a lower production than any year since 1900, the farm value is the highest since 1881. Then come potatoes, barley, oats and rice. Horses and mules are worth in excess of \$1,254,000,000, while the one and two thirds billion of dozens of eggs which the hens laid sold for enough to pay the year's interest on the national debt. Omitting the increase in farm land values, the increase in capital invested in agriculture since 1900 is estimated at \$2,000,000,000. Taking all kinds of banks, national, State, private and savings, the deposits increased from June 30, 1898, to October 21, 1904, in Iowa 164 per cent.; in Kansas, 219 per cent., and in Mississippi, 301 per cent.—in the United States, 91 per cent. It has certainly been a year of abounding prosperity with the farmers, and for this every day deserves to be a Thanksgiving Day with us all.

Mon. R. Z. Linney is quoted as saying that he did not vote for E. Spencer Blackburn. If he is correctly represented, the Alexander statesman doubtless intends to remain away from the ple-counter—at any rate, he might as well.

A Nice Greeting From His Home Town.

The Newton Enterprise, referring to the approaching marriage of Mr. J. C. Abernethy and Miss Margaret Kelly, of this city, says of the groom-to-be: "He is a Newton boy, whose advancement from the printer's case to the managing editorship of the leading paper of North Carolina, has been watched with a great deal of pleasure by his friends at home. He and his bride will be given a hearty welcome on their visit to Newton."

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LITTLE ESSAYS.

INTERLINED MANUSCRIPTS. The fascimile of the first draught of Keats' Ode to Autumn, which appeared in The Century for November, is interlined a good deal, in one place whole quatrains being struck out and rewritten. The manuscript of one of Milton's poems preserved in the British Museum and reproduced in an American magazine several years ago bears the marks of painstaking revision. It is well known how tedious Keats was rather than sang, his poems, and even Byron, the strength and sweep of whose lines seem inevitable, did more or less revising, as the foot-notes to the ordinary edition of his works will show. All this shows is that an exhaustive source of comfort and encouragement to the literary aspirant. If he is serious in his art, he will compare his work with the highest standards, and will surely suffer in his own esteem from the comparisons almost to the point of despair. But from the chaste beauty of the masters' work, his mind goes back to those mangled manuscripts. He remembers that these great men were not inspired; that, as Tennyson says of himself, they "Touched a jarring lyre at first, but ever strove to make it true."

They were industrious, and patient, and used the emery wheel. They discredit the idea that genius is a matter of blind plunging, however cut, and credit the definition that genius is the "infinite capacity for taking pains." As some one said the other day of a music-lover who has bought a piano, it might also be said of the literary aspirant: "If he does not satisfy himself, it's his own laziness."

ROOSEVELT.

Every boy dreams. Loitering along the road to school or plodding behind the plough, he is glorified in his own imaginary adventures, and is busy with the world at his feet. He sees especially the regretful countenance of the girl who flouted him; regretful that she did not understand what greatness in him lay. But the only trouble with the ordinary boy's dream is that he takes no determined steps to realize them. On a moment's notice he can shoot the battlements of his air castles into the clouds, but makes no plan for castles of stone. Theodore Roosevelt is an exception. How he deliberately planned for a great career, how he first took his feeble body in hand, and through all sorts of hardships, built himself from a weakling into a giant, how he laid his foundations in thorough scholarship, how he did the honest thing on all occasions, reckless of results, and how tremendously he worked! Lincoln had the disadvantage of poverty and ignorance, but Roosevelt the far greater disadvantage of physical weakness.

FOOLISH CLIENTS AND PATIENTS.

A very prominent lawyer said the other day that he had a client whose wisdom really startled him. The client came into his office and announced, "I've been sued, and am here to employ you." He stated the facts and inquired: "What is your fee?" "I may be able to compromise," the lawyer reflected. "If I fight it to a verdict, I will charge you a thousand. If I compromise, five hundred." "That doesn't suit me," objected the wise man. "If you fight it to a verdict, I'll pay you five hundred; but if you compromise and stop the suit, I'll pay you a thousand."

BRIEFS.

Minor Clippings in and About the City—Events of a Day. —Local cotton receipts yesterday amounted to 56 bales at 85 cents. On the same date last year the receipts were 85 bales at 11 cents. —There will be an election of officers at Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 90, Knights of Pythias, to-night. Refreshments will be served afterwards. —The Mecklenburg Camp of Confederate Veterans met last night in the armory in the Wilkinson building. Nothing of special importance came up, and business transacted was principally routine work. —Master George Boyte, who has been under treatment by an Atlanta eye specialist for the last eight weeks, and improved by his stay, and will return home in a few days. —Dr. H. Hambricht was taken to Columbus, Ga., yesterday morning by Mr. T. E. Moore, the detective, who said it was probable that other courts would deal with him less than Columbus, where forgery is charged against him. —Mr. F. J. Skinner has purchased an interest in the grocery store of Mr. J. A. Lawrence, corner of Davidson and First streets, and the style of the firm will be Lawrence & Skinner. The grocery stock owned by Mr. Skinner will be put into the new firm. —The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet with the Misses McClintock at 2 o'clock of the city, to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Members of the society will be invited to take the Piedmont car leaving the square at 3 and 4 o'clock. Mrs. Charles Moody, Mrs. John W. Zimmerman and Miss Margaret Ward will read papers. Mrs. George W. Adams and Mrs. Godwin will sing.

TRADING STAMPS ALL RIGHT.

Mr. E. M. Andrews Says They Are Used by Live Merchants All Over the Country. To the Editor of The Observer: I notice in your issue of the 26th ultimo that a number of the business men of Charlotte have organized a Retail Merchants' Association and that they were addressed by Mr. Norman H. Johnson, who is blazed abroad as the attorney general of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, and that in the course of his remarks he advised against the use of gift devices, trading stamp schemes and fake advertising. I quite agree with him in regard to gift enterprises, lottery tickets, gambling and fakes of all kinds, but when, for the want of argument, he sneeringly ridicules the live merchant who uses trading stamps, and puts the trading stamp business on the same level with these things, I beg to disagree with him, for the trading stamp business is not in the same class of these other things mentioned by Mr. Johnson. It is an honorable, legitimate business—profitable to those who handle them wisely, and essential to the stamp company, that faithfully sells them and redeems them and free from any stain or trait of gift enterprise, gambling or lottery, and has so been decided by our own Supreme Court, in case of the city of Princeton and State vs. Beeson, at the February term, 1904, and also by the highest courts of the fourteen other States. It is of such a fair, favored and honorable character, that neither city council nor State Legislatures can discriminate against it, because it is protected by the Federal constitution and is not within the police power of any State or city.

The stamp business is the giving of value for value. The stamp dealer is the advocate of the cash system, and becomes the advertising agent of the merchant who handles his stamps. He does in a large way what no merchant can do for himself in a small way. The trading stamp company furnishes the stamps, and the merchant takes no determined steps to realize them. On a moment's notice he can shoot the battlements of his air castles into the clouds, but makes no plan for castles of stone. Theodore Roosevelt is an exception. How he deliberately planned for a great career, how he first took his feeble body in hand, and through all sorts of hardships, built himself from a weakling into a giant, how he laid his foundations in thorough scholarship, how he did the honest thing on all occasions, reckless of results, and how tremendously he worked! Lincoln had the disadvantage of poverty and ignorance, but Roosevelt the far greater disadvantage of physical weakness.

THIRD STREET FIRE.

Burning of Three Negro Houses Calls Out the Entire Population. A fire on East Third Street yesterday afternoon was the occasion for one of the largest pourings of the population that has taken place in Charlotte for some time. Three small houses, owned by Bishop Lomax and occupied by colored tenants were burned to the ground. The fire was discovered first on the roof of one of the houses in time for all the occupants to escape. The houses were built of pine and caused a very dense black smoke which attracted attention in all parts of the town. Immediately a general exodus of the residents of the city took place and Alexander and Davidson Streets were soon black with people. The houses were fireproof and unoccupied. Water had little effect on it, but the fire department succeeded in saving an adjoining house, for which there seemed no hope at one time. An old colored woman stood her ground bravely at her house three blocks away, repeating again and again to passers-by: "I soon 'z I seed dat farr, I knowed de best 'fime to do 'z 'go home an' protect my insuance."

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BEAUTIFUL, FANCY WORK and home-made candy, hot chocolate and coffee. Pritchard-Memorial Church Bazaar.

STRAYED—From 309 North B street, black and white setter pup, about five months old. Finder please return to above address and receive reward.

WANTED—Lady or gentleman of fair education to travel for a firm of \$50,000 capital. Salary \$1,072 per year and expenses; paid weekly. Address M. Percival, Charlotte, N. C.

BUY SAMPLE CUT GLASS and fine china at about half-price at Ivey's next week.

WANTED—A good white barber. Write C. F. Griffin, Goldsboro, N. C.

REWARD—Lost Thursday morning, double-barrel Daily shot-gun in leather case, on East Seventh street, or Lawyers' road. Return to Observer office.

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