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A BRIBE FOR THE NEWSPAPERS.

The Industrial News, of Greensboro, undertakes the extremely difficult task of squaring its party's attitude toward tariff reform in general with complaints made by itself and other Republican newspapers against the paper trust.

Does this reply convince our contemporary itself? Not upon the most casual second thought, we believe. Apart from a widely held view that the assurances mentioned—sponsored by Chief Stand-patter Cannon—are mere political humbug.

This wise observation is from The Greensboro Record: "The newspaper people keep lambasting Congress for its failure to remove the duty on wood pulp and print paper and wonder why it is not done."

This is the state of the case. A Republican Congress cannot afford to relieve one industry of the tariff tax and leave all the remainder of the country to stagger under it.

The death a few days ago of Col. Everett St. John at his home at Wellesley, Mass., has attracted less attention than it deserved.

We don't know how to thank China sufficiently for giving us back Mr. Wu unless the United States should in return favor China with Col. John Temple Graves as minister at Peking.

OVER-TIME WORK IN DEPRESSION PERIODS.

A correspondent of The Baltimore News raises the question whether employees should work over-time, with consequently increased wages, employers assenting or even making such a course necessary, when many other employees are performing idle.

To which The News replies that employers who act as described are, of course, violating the golden rule, but that an employer is yet more to blame who works his force over-time when men equally competent whom he has turned away are suffering from want.

The points under consideration, give some room for legitimate differences of opinion, but we take our Baltimore contemporary's reply to be undoubtedly correct as far as it goes.

Following is that part of The Observer's report of Mr. Craig's Charlotte speech of which Mr. Manning complains: "Who is at the head of this array of the Southern's lawyers who are for Mr. Craig? It is not the Southern Railway, but the American Tobacco Company."

THE COLONIZATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE EAST.

In its Sunday issue The Observer printed an article describing the colonization movement started by Mr. Hugh MacRae and his associates in the Wilmington section less than three years ago, and recounting the results accomplished in that period.

The project has required an immense outlay of money, for these colonists, instead of being left to their fate once they are induced to come, are systematically aided in a practical way.

Although the President's latest message contains nothing new in substance and is almost entirely a hortatory deliverance, its vigorous and yet unwontedly temperate language gives it high rank among his state papers.

After all, the country's present industrial troubles are a good deal like growing pains.

NOT A RAILROAD ATTORNEY.

Mr. J. S. Manning Gets the Impression That Mr. Craig Had So Designated Him in His Speeches and Intentions to Enter a "Bent"—That is, a "Bent" in the "Bent" of Mr. Craig's Candidacy.

To the Editor of The Observer: My attention has been called to the statement in The Charlotte Observer of April 25th, in which it reports Mr. Craig as saying in his Charlotte speech: "Who is at the head of this array of Southern's lawyers who are for Mr. Craig? James S. Manning."

The North Carolina Press Association met in Charlotte yesterday and closed to-day. Charlotte received the brethren with open arms and treated them royally. She knows how to do things.—Graham Gleaser.

The North Carolina newspaper men in convention at Charlotte this week have had the spring weather to compare beautifully with the grand reception which no doubt Charlotte characteristically gave them.—North Wilkesboro Hustler.

The North Carolina Press Convention met in Charlotte this week. We are sure the pen-pushers had an enjoyable and profitable time. We regret very much our inability to be at the meeting.—Littleton News-Reporter.

The North Carolina Press Association which has been in session at Charlotte adjourned last night. Mr. J. A. Thomas, of The Louisville Times, was elected president for the ensuing year.

Editors who are in Charlotte this week attending the convention of the editorial association must certainly be trying to get the "Hot Stuff" picture printed and if he should ever commit some deprecation and skip it would be easy to trace him.—Greensboro Record.

The North Carolina Press Association had a big time in Charlotte for two days this week. It probably is a good thing that it did not last longer than two days, as some of the editors might have had to mortgage their printing offices if they had to pay \$3 a day hotel bills long at a time.—Rockingham Anglo-Saxon.

The editor and the "devil" are in Charlotte this week attending the meeting of the State Press Association. Unless the hospitality of the Queen City proved too much for these warblers they will report for duty in Greensboro on Wednesday.

Charlotte did herself proud in her entertainment of the North Carolina Press Association Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Not a thing that could possibly be devised for their comfort, convenience and pleasure, was left undone.

Charlotte sustained and enhanced its reputation for hospitality in its entertainment of the North Carolina Press Association this week. Of the many notable conventions held by this association none have been more delightful than this last.

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LIQUOR CARE MORPHINE.

The first day's session of the association was of unusual interest. There were three addresses of welcome, by Mayor Franklin for the city, by Mr. E. R. Preston for the business men, and by Mr. W. C. Dowd for the city press.

The pleasure features of the day were a car ride in the afternoon over the entire city and suburbs during which Charlotte's splendid development and progress could be seen.

Charlotte is a great town and every visitor here would carry it home with him if he could, but while that is impossible he will carry with him a memory of a most pleasant sojourn in her borders and a heart filled with pride that we have such a town in North Carolina.—Greenville Reflector.

The meeting of a press association reveals to those who attend its sessions the editors, a closer and nearer insight into a city's conditions, than is afforded the average visitor.

To the editors attending the North Carolina Press Association at Charlotte, this week, the industrial and commercial, not to mention the social conditions of the city, brought an insight into the city's conditions, through newspaper or published accounts.

The word "excelsior" was at one time employed as symbolical of a more ever upward regardless of impediments. To-day, "greater" is the term used, and the citizens of Charlotte are pointing and working towards a Greater Charlotte.

There is a genuineness in Charlotte's go-aheadness. It is not a bluff. It is substantial from its rock laid streets to towering fireproof buildings. There is the substantial showing in its stores and its trade circles. Its newspapers reveal its growth and prove its prosperity.

The selection of Charlotte was fortunate. It is the leading commercial center of the South. Although the editors all knew this fact, even the best informed of them were not prepared to see a city which has in recent years especially, made such immense strides in civic and material advancement.

The people of the whole city joined heartily with the newspaper men in making the editors enjoy themselves. The hearty welcome was evident everywhere, and the entertainment provided for the editors was delightful and occupied every moment of their spare time.

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