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### WHEN THE SOUTH SAT IN THE

counted a Southern man, the South Taft upon the latter's nomination for period when this section was abundantly honored by an American President. We find the following letter reproduced in The Montgomery Adwertiser from its 1898 files;

"Westland, Princeton, N. J., "March 5, 1898. "My consideration and friendliness for the South was abundantly demonstrated when, as President, I insisted that a restored Union presents something more than pretense and fulsome profession, and when I cheerfully and without question reinstated my Southern fellow citizens with participation in every public trust. I claim no credit for this conduct; while it afforded me personal gratification to do these things, it was only right. What the further statement that my feeling of triendliness and consideration remains the same, and that no one would be more pleased than I to see throughout our Southern country the prevalence of such safe and conservative sentiments as would inspire confidence and promise the possible prosperity.

"Yours very truly, "GROVER CLEVELAND."

At least one altogether good and lovely result has proceeded from the shots fired with French-duel ammunition at Dreyfus during the Zola reinterment ceremonies. Col. Du Paty de Clam comes forward again, as enomatopoetic of name and otherwise accordant with his old self as could possibly be desired. No less bright, beautiful and debonnaire than In the blithe days when cries of "Conspuez Dreyfus!" and "A bas Zola!" out shame. For this noble band of losing streak." tratiors, forgers, perjurers and Jewgether worthy spokesman. It is pure

there are not only two Demo-Senators from North Carolina day, but heither of them is the n. Marion Butler.

However the primary goes a redad will win the Tennessee goverip. The redeheaded vote must at a very great loss how to di-

THE LATE HON, D. M. FURCHES. SOUTHERN ROADS AND COTTON. Our news columns carry intelligence of the unexpected death at his home in Statesville Sunday night of Hon. David M. Furches, ex-Chief after the civil war and that place remained his home until his death. He which threatens to country and the cotton market of the country and dictate cotton prices both at home and abroad." This looks like an extent ledustrious worker, and a high-

ly successful practitioner. During the war his sympathies were with the Union and he was among the first North Carolinians to ally himself with the Republican party, living and dying in its faith. An earnest, at times extreme, partisan, no one ever doubted that his political affiliations were the result of sincers conviction or that he was animated by the highest principle. For this reason and for his perfect integrity and high character in every regard, he enjoyed the universal confidence and respect of the people among whom he lived and of all who knew him. Not a brilliant lawyer, he was a sound and eminently safe one, and this fact combined with public confidence in him as an individual gave him a large and lucrative practice at the bar. There is no man who was more

Judge Furches was in contests for the Legislature and for Congress, more than once for each, but living in a Democratic county and district was never elected to either. Upon the death of Judge Anderson Mitchell he was appointed by Governor Caldwell or Governor Brogden to the bench of the Supreme Court and in that capacity saw creditable service. In the period of Populist-Republican Unless Attorney General Bonsparte, domination he was appointed or who halls from Baltimore, be ac- elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and in that high place comhas at present no representation in pleted an honorable public career, President Roosevelt's Cabinet. The The attempt to impeach him and expected appointment of General Judge Douglas is a part of our re-Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, a Con- cent and not creditable history and federate soldier, to succeed Secretary we may not say to what extent the humiliation which this cruel pro-President has recalled a post-bellum ceeding brought upon him saddened

trusted.

his declining years. Judge Furches was a public-spirited citizen, of spotless private life, and a man of many fine personal qualities. He will be much missed from the community in which he had spent more than forty years of his life and where he was held in high

### HIGH FINANCE CURRENCY.

It seems that there is no end to the tricks hidden in that "compromise" currency bill which the Senator from Standard Oil and his servants in both houses of Congress finally forced through equally against the wishes of Congress and of the country. The latest discovery is made by The New York Journal of Commerce. "All national bank notes," points out The Journal of Commerce, "are hereafter Why did the South ever kick over to bear on their face the statement the table where it sat as high as any, that they are secured by United cisely at the time when he was he not merely those which may be seroically struggling with a great crisis cured by the other securities. This whose cause lay quite elsewhere, and is intended to be a general and pergo helter-skelter after the false gods manent change in the lettering on the of Populism and debased currency? face of the notes and contemplates, The student of strange popular delu- beyond doubt, in the minds of the clons will find such material here contrivers of the scheme, a general He may well be tempted to conclude and permanent change in the security that the immense size of this country of all notes in the future. It will is its salvation-crazes running their make the transition easy from an 'adcourse in some sections before se- ditional,' highly taxed circulation Flously infecting others. But let not based on these securities, to the same Mr. Cleveland's goodness to the South security for all bank notes as govpass unremembered. The letter pre- ernment bonds become less available. sented above shows no bitterness in What the Aldrich-Cannon cabal acconsequence of the ingratitude al- complished was getting the wedge seready displayed; the further ingrati- curely inserted for their kind of curtude of forgetfulness can, at least, be rency reform." Undoubtedly it is inavoided. There are great amends tended that in course of time our due from the South to Mr. Cleveland, great and good high-finance friends and it is high time for a beginning of shall virtually exercise the privilege

of converting those securities which they grind out so readily into cur-DU PATY DE CLAM TO THE FORE, rency distinguished neither by law nor usage from that now circulating through the people's hands year in and year out. The provision noted can mean nothing else. That Aldrich scheme will doubtless be found to contain yet other cunning devices and which produces a crop worth thus far undreamed of in anybody's 2,500 pounds; or with that acre of financial philosophy.

### WHEN ALL NATURE LOOKS GRAY.

Woe is The Columbia Record. swelled every breeze and he was a Henceforth let it be known as The national hero, he majestically rises to Columbia Ichabod. In fact, the glory denounce Zola. The author who, at has departed from all the houses of imminent peril to life and in the face Columbia. "We have lost all interest of almost universal reproach, sought in politics," walls this cruelly strickand finally obtained justice for a son en contemporary. "Bryan stock may of Israel upon whom as scape-goat go up or go down, it don't matter, gain office, or if he is simply of the had been laid fellow-officers' treasons The result of the Smith-Brown conwhereof he demonstrably had not the test in Georgia is a thing of supreme remotest knowledge must never be indifference. We don't care a conre-interred with highest honors by a tinental about whom the great partardily repentant nation except amid ties may nominate for President. Life lous in voting a certain way, is tomvolleying protests from the old group in general has lost its charm. Even of anti-Dreyfus conspirators. Here is the sweet girl graduate falls to atan Old Guard which neither dies nor tract. Everything looks blue to us, accomplishing anything? What surrenders and which, admired and we feel inert, appetiteless, duit, chance would there be for a man to approved to-day by perhaps a third worried and disappointed, because

Columbia and The Record are evihaters Col. De Paty de Foi Gras de dently in the same deplorable mental Clam-he of the palate-whetting state as that described with mingled name—forms an Illustrious and alto- pathos and eloquence in an American

joy to know that the devil has not got him yet. Three rahs backward for Col. Du Paty, etc., etc., de Clam!

In consequence of the fact that Mr.

The consequence of the fact that Mr.

We know just how The Record feels, but must needs offer sympathy rather than cheer. It and its town are not the only ones. Some of the rest of us have baseball troubles all

We have about concluded that polltics as ordinarily conducted in some States is an occupation entirely unfit

Have the Railroads of This Section Formed a Compress Trust?

New York Journal of Commerce. Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, one of the old-time Republican Department of Justice and with the leaders. He was a native of Davie inter-State commerce commission to county, but moved to Statesville early the effect that "the railroads of the South have completed a monaged South have completed a monopoly which threatens to control absolutely treme statement which is not likely to be sustained by the actual charges, the text of which is not given; but certain facts are stated on the authority of some of the complainants which, if authentic, would seem at least to indicate a combination restraint of trade, and one would think that by this time the railroads would be chary of entering into any such arrangements. They have no right to complain of "hostility" and legal restriction so long as they persist in violating or evading the law which forbids discrimination.

The substance of the statement is that "the railroads"-what particular railroads are not specified gained control of a chain of cotto compresses running through the principal centres of the cotton-growing States from Georgia to Okla-noma, through the Atlantic Compress Company, whose stock they are said This is said to have a capi tal of \$1,000,000 and to control 51 compresses, having forced the smaller competitive plants into bankrupt cy and then leased or destroyed them Another charge is that they take cotton free to their own compresse charge 8 1-2 cents a hundred pounds for compressing it in the bales for the market, and include that charge in the rate for carrying to the seaboard. This charge being made a part of the carrying rate, it must be paid by the planter or owner of the cotton, even if it is compressed at an independent plant, besides which cars will not be promptly or regularly supplied at the plants of independent concerns. The result is to freeze out these concerns and monopolize the business of compressing, thus practically controlling the marketing of the

If this kind of combination had gone to the extent described, more would surely have been heard of it. but charges would hardly be filed now if there was not some substantial ground for them. It is said that "independent interests," apparently including some railroads not in the compress "combine," are to attack the alleged combination along three separate lines, one by complaint to the inter-State commerce commission under the "commodity clause," one by petition to the Atforney General under the anti-trust law and one by prosecution in the As the railroads are State courts. not alleged to buy or awn the cotton, we do not see how the "commodity clause" has any application, but if the facts are as stated they may be construed as proving restraint of inter-State trade. Whether prosecution in State courts will avail depends ipon State law and its administra-

In any case, if the statements pub lished are true in substance, the railroads of the South have adopted a very foolish course in thus provoking renewed attack which will be sure of popular sympathy and support. Perhaps they may have denials or explanations that will put a different explanations that will put a different aspect upon the matter, but unless they have they would be wise to withdraw from the cotton compress business and cease distributions that will put a different aspect upon the matter, but unless truth and justice, and neither the campaign on a high level—surely he chances could cause him to falter in would not do a thing which Mr. Craig would not stoop to? and cease discriminating securities, a a among shippers of cotton both to and from the compresses.

### MOST PROFITABLE ACRES.

Small Plot of Cultivated Ground in Tibet That Annually Yields \$15,-

Westminster Gazette

The possibilities of profitable gardening in England are exemplified by an acre of land cultivated on the French system of intensive culture, which in the last completed year is said to have yielded 625 pounds in gross returns.

This probably constitutes a record or England, the nearest approach known to the writer being an acre of the property of a seedsman on the Great Western line between London and Oxford, which has yielded in one year flower seeds to the value of 270 pounds.

In Samona 60 pounds to 80 pounds is the average yield an acre of land planted in cocoa; in Georgia ounds worth of eggplants have been picked from a single acre, and pineapple farms in the West Indies often pay as much as 100 pounds an acre. Such yields as these, however, are of vineyard in the Moselle wine growing district which was sold a land in Tibet on which grows the sacred "tree of a thousand images," the leaves of which yield an annual revenue exceeding 3,000 pounds.

Give Folks a Helpful, Healthful Rest

Wilmington Dispatch. This continual harping in some quarters as to whether or not a man ening to say the least. The question that should arise is whether he is a Democrat now, if he seeks office and has not changed his politics simply to rank and file of voters the question is his own free will and accord. at the next election? To keep on nagging over what ticket a man has votmyrot and does the party no good. If such ideas prevailed what hope would there be for any party not in power make a change of his opinion, and sensible, courageous men often change of its countrymen, is also quite with- the Columbia ball team has struck a theirs, without being held up to ridlcule and oftentimes to scorn. applies in a general way, but specifi cally it would, seem to sink into the flesh of those who are so severely criticising Mr. Craig for once upon a time having voted for a Republican nominee. It was no sin if he did so, and is no different from what many prominent men have done in the past. And even the fishes were chilly, I fear. while many others have scratched certain Democratic nominees, which is Almost all the wild creatures were trouabout the same as voting the Repub-

Dividing Line at Cape Hatterns.

lican ticket.

Forest and Stream. Cape Hatteras is the true dividing line between the North and the South. North of it there is not a

Mason and Dixon's line is an imaginary sort of a thing in the North, but Hatters is the outer mark of the real dividing line and it affords a fine please.

The cowsilp startles in meadow green the buttercup catches the sun in chalice, And eating their breakfast as gay as you mean there's never a leaf nor a blade mean. opportunity for study.

IN MEMORIAM

David Moffatt Furches.

Judge Furches died Sunday night,
June 7th, about 12:30 a. m., after an
ilineas of about 2 weeks duration. He
had been quite sick with an attack of
dysentery, but he seemed to be getting along as well as could be expected, and every hope was entertained
for his recovery. But Sunday night
about \$ o'clock he was taken suddenly with an attack of his heart, and
died at 12:80 a. m. His mind was
clear to the very last, and only a short
while before he died, with his usual
kindness and consideration for those
about him he asked Mrs. Furches to
lis down and rest, saying that she was
near him and he could call her if he
needed her.

Judge David Moffatt Purches Judge David Moffatt Purches was

Judge David Moffatt Purches was born on the 21st day of April, 1832, in Davie county, in this State. His parents lived on a farm, and Judge Purches during his youth assisted his father in the cultivation of his farm. His father was Stephen Lewis Furches, a man noted for his generosity and kindness. His mother was Polly Howell. His grandfather. Tobias Furches, was a Baptist preacher. a descendant of John Furches, of Kent county, Delaware.

practice at Mocksville, in Davie county, but in 1866 he moved to Statesville, and has made the latter place his home ever since. As a lawyer, ne was painstaking and careful. He had a very retentive memory, and he had the facts of a case and the law applicable thereto in his mind neither the facts nor the law escaped his memory as long as the case was on the docket. It has been said of on the docket. It has been said him that if there was a weak spot in the opposing athis adversary's case, the opposing at-torney could count on Judge Fur-ches finding it. He had an incisive intellect, and the capacity for great research. In the practice of the law, as in all the relations of life, he chose the course and trod the path of the most unswerving fidelity and honesty. Altogether he was a very

He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1865, and in the same year he was appointed by Gov-ernor Holden, solicitor of the fudicial was a Whig, and a Republican after as in private life he was always loyal to his friends. He was a can-didate for Congress in 1872, and again in 1880, and for Governor in 1892. He was Superior Court judge for about three years, from 1875 to for about three years, from 1878, having been appointed to that 1878, having been appointed to that position by Governor Brogden. He in supposed recognition of your peculiar fitness for the position, and in the supposed for your eminent service. preme Court bench in 1894, and served with great ability in that arduous position for 8 years. He became portant State office. It does seem to the Justice by appointment of Government of the state of the position, and in part payment for your eminent service bestowed upon you a great and important State office. It does seem to the Justice by appointment of Government of Government of the position, and in part payment for your eminent service bestowed upon you a great and important State office. It does seem to the position and in payment for your eminent service bestowed upon you a great and important service bestowed upon your service best your servic position for 8 years. He became Chief Justice by appointment of Governor Russell on January 5th, 1991 and was chief of the court until the end of his term, January 1, 1903. The end of his term, January 1, 1903. The light years during which Judge Fureight years during which Judge Fur-ches was on the Supreme bench tional Association of Newspapers of were years of untiring devotion to and for these United States. What a his work. He brought to bear all the powers of his mind and body to a conscientious performance of his duty as judge of the highest judicial tribunal of the State. While, during his whole life, his habit had been to cover.

SUBSCRIBER. on the Supreme Court bench most of Craig calling C'arlie McMichael or the time found him burning the mid- John R. Webster a liar yet? We are his course or shut his eyes to their light. His opinions as judge of the Supreme Court will compare favorably with those of the ablest jurists who

Judge Furches was a man of the most sterling qualities of character; of unflinching integrity; endowed with the highest sense of duty to his country, his State, and to his family. He was a true and devoted friend. He was not a member of any church, but he was a regular attendant of the Episcopal Church, of which church both of his wives were members, he having been married twice. He always took part in the services and faithfully repeated the creed. His home and the bountles thereof were 893. His second wife survives him. To know Judge Furches best, one had to know him in his relations to his own household. In his home, he was an ever affectionate and indulgent husband. Various members of the families of both his wives lived in his home during a number of ars, and while he was never blessed with children, yet to all the mem-bers of his family he acted the part of a beneficent father and a devoted elder brother. His loss to his friends and to his country will be great, but his loss to his immediate family cannot be expressed in words. A. L. C.

have adorned that bench

WANTS BOARD TO EXPLAIN.

Alumnus of Catawba College Suggests That Trustees Give Real Reason For Dr. Snyder's Resignation. To the Editor of The Observer:

I noticed in your paper of June 3d that someone stated that Dr. George A. Snyder was caused to resign from the presidency of Catawba College on account of "petty jealousies and constant nagging." We think this must be a mistake. It is our under-standing that Dr. Snyder resigned of believe that the trustees of Catawba College are men who would not allow Dr. Snyder to be driven away from the institution for the reason that "Citizen" gives, since all will admit that he has made the best president Catawba has ever had. However, we should be glad to have the board of trustees of the institution explain the matter, especially stating the true reason of Dr. Snyder's resignation. "Alumnus" of Catawba College. Newton, June 8, 1908.

A HAPPY FAMILY.

Twas a bitter cold morning; the new fallen snow Had pierced every crack where a snow flake could go: The streams were all solid, the ice sharp

bled and cold, And sighed for sweet summer, the shy

But one thrifty family, as you must Was breakfasting merrily under

of vegetation which, sub-tropical in Which led to a parlor with leaves cush-character, cease there also.

BRANCH OF ANNANIAS CLUB.

Kitchin Will Work This Territory— His First Job Was Uncovering Mr. Henry B. Varner, of Lexington, in Whom the People of the State Had Reposed Great Confidence.

the Editor of The Observer:

The expected has happened. A regular branch of the Rooseveltian Annanias Club for North Carolina—I presume this is a branch, as I have seen no official promulgation stating that Chief Organizer Roosevelt has changed his activities in this particular field, and that Deputy Organizer Kitchin will work this territory for the present.—In his speech in the City of Raleigh on the 4th, Mr. Kitchin duly initiated into said club Henry B. Varner, of Lexington, and announced his election, Poor Varner! Did you know that it was dangerous to criticise the acts of a dictator? Were you willing to run the risk of being called a liar and run out of the party in whose service yot have so long, honorably and effectually labored? Were you not fully aware of the fact that the sole test of party loyalty and personal probity, had by ukase from the modern Czar of North Carolina Demogracy, been made contingent upon enlistment under his banner? If in your honest zeal for Mr. descendant of John Furches, of Kent county. Delaware.

Judge Furches received an academic education at Union Academy in Davie county. He studied law under the distinguished Chief Justice Pearson, for whom he always had the highest regard and admiration, and was licensed to practice law in the years 1856 and 1857. He began his practice at Mocksville, in Davie county, but in 1866 he moved to Stateswille, and has made the latter place taken years and years to build themselves up to point of influence and serves in the server of the man, who by word of mouth can unmake in a day—in a minute even—Democrats who have taken years and years to build themselves up to point of influence and server. selves up to point of influence and prominence in their party, knowing these things and yet persisting in your course of temerity, then you are only entitled to our pity. It is though most surprising these it should be in entitled to our pity. It is though most surprising that it should be left to the Hon. W. W. Kitchin—a gentle-man reared in North Carolina, but man reared in North Carolina, but who since reaching his majority has spent the greater portion of his time in Washington City—to find out and present to the world the fact of your untruthfulness, your parties. untruthfulness, your perfidy, and proofs (?) thereof. It does seem, judging by the past and usual experiences in such cases the home folks would have discovered these long ago. Instead, for years and ou have actually been allowed to run at large, a danger to good govern ment, a menace to society. Your people, who should have known you best, have been loyal to you; have, I district, of which Iredell county was am told, by their confidence in you, a part. In politics, before the war he shown by extending to you their aid and patronage, enabled you to build the war. He was always loyal to his up a weekly newspaper with the largest paid circulation in the State if not in the States. I am told, too, that your county has actually shown its appreciation of you and your work by electing you not once but many times

P. S.

Mr. C. W. Tillett Suggests That Citizens Invite Friends to Be Their Guests During State Convention-Time For Action at Hand.

To the Editor of The Observer:

In common with the other citizens of Charlotte, I feel a very great conthe cern about the manner in which we shall entertain the approaching Democratic State convention. Unless all signs fail there is going to be the largest crowd that has ever assembled in Charlotte to stay over night. We have had large crowds here bealways at the service of the bishops fore, but they were crowds that came and the ministers of the Church, and for a day returning most of them for a day, returning most of them in the evening to their homes in it always seemed to give him genuine pleasure to entertain them. His first wife was Miss Eliza Bingham, of Davie county. His second wife was Miss Lula Corpening, of Statesville, to whom he was married in the year to whom he was married in the year most of them two nights.

The problem is what are we going to do with them. The hotels will be a mere "drop in the bucket." The hotels A large number of boarding houses will, of cover, be open and there are a large number of citizens who are willing to take guests a few days for compensation, but the purpose of this appeal is to reach a large class of our citizens who are not willing to charge anything for guests in their homes. If we are to entertain this convention properly, we must throw our homes open to the delegates.

Without attempting to set myself up as an example, I wish to say that have already written as many as a half-dozen of my friends, who are members of the convention, and asked them to be guests in my home. I wish to suggest to other citizens to do the same. If all that could do this would take delegates in their homes, we could easily accommodate several hundred in this way alone, I am attempting merely to supplement the work of the members of our committee, who I know will do their whole duty. In fact, I spoke to one of the leading members of the committee and told him what I was doing, and he requested me to call attention to it in the paper in the hope that others might be induced to do the same thing.

I wish to remind the citizens of Charlotte that hundreds of people are coming from the remote parts of the State for the purpose of seeing Charlotte. Hundreds will attend this convention who would not have gone had it been held anywhere else except in Charlotte, and I submit that it is up to us to throw our homes open and entertain the convention in a way that will make it easy for us to hold another one here in the fu-ture. CHARLES W. THLETT.

Lowell, in "The Vision of Sir Launfal." And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days, Then Heaven tries the earth if it be in

And over it softly her warm ear lays; Whether we look or whether we listen, We hear life murmur or see it glisten; Every clod feels a stir of might, An in tinct within it that reaches and

towers. And, grasping blindly above it for light, Climbs to a soul for grass and flowers; The flush of life may well be seen Thrilling back over hills and valleys;

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