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TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1909.

The Lake "naries, Lat. Daily Press would be worth \$3,000,000,000 to us. (grational speculation induced there-Japan, and let these countries which produce no cotton drive the cotton hard with every one of us. goods we make out of other foreign refusing to sell any of them another among the poets. As might be supduty on raw corton."

a lead to such an erroneous drews' mouth; manufacture our cotton into goods as exists ely as possible, and we do manufacture an increasing proporwhole crop. The United States, con. tion at home each year, but we are taining considerably less than onefourth of the world's spindles, spins hardly one-third of the American cutmand we would deprive the cotton would begure in the pro- of American tropical areas suitable for the purpose civil war -would cause enterprises alcotton supply desired.

ufacturing industry would experience cutters, taking the place of the Fed. any time soon, eral blockading ficets. Fotton would be fabulously high at Liverpool and cirt-cheap at New Orleans. Southern ports would see more blockade running. The South, receiving but a fraction of the present amount for its times which the manufacturing boom produced by the export tax could allevinte only in part, even temporarily. If any good ever came to the grower, It could only be after the present gen-

eration had been ruined, and we have no idea that it would come at all.

It is clear to our mind that results like these would follow the probibition by the United States of cotton exports. If an export tax less than prohibitory were imposed, the results would be commensurate with the amount of the tax. Lut, of course, we are not discussing

the matter in the belief that it involves any serious possibilty, however a remote. It is too well recognized that export taxes, although practiced without especially bad results in such sake of intellectual interest and a conclusive answer, discussed at length

PANICS AND BANKING.

State superintendent of banks says using corporate credit for personal trusteeship to those having in their stitutions. There is evidence, too, of that our author burst into-

in the South banking conditions as fuse to sell them the raw cotton, a 1 at the height of the boom, but such a cause for gratification. If, in this instead of being worth \$700,000,000 [and of rapid growth and frequently cotton to Englant. Germany and financial houses in order from time to time, it would long since have gone

markets. Why not end this state of A NEAR-POET'S GOLDEN DREAMS affairs? We could do it by simply The Irahmond News Leader is also bale of our cotton. Put an export posed, the theme is itichmond's own laureate, Andrew Jackson Andrews. These words are put into Poet An-

resp.
I'll do nothing but est, drink and sleep
From morning till night
I'll be rolling in wealth.

yacht I'll purchase

There ought to be big money poetry for those who can sing as well piece. Then follows the awful pieces as Poet Andrews, but if sudden wealth ture of the intellectual scrubs and away the undesirables is too creat would have up in him the demoralizthrive upon overfeeding-we could come "in quest of maudlin bliss"therefore, that ere the coin piles up admilted. Here in four lines our poe as The News Leader sines, "fall out of bed." Our chief fear is lest when he has fallen and become awake he will find, in the language of John Bunyan, "behold, it was a dream!"

sense simpletons. It would also appear that the actual slayer has all his

disaster as the transfer internator. Material futers Journal, of New York, and time, but that was before men

eriment's action for libel against the consequent agony of their possessors er? He would shad a be forced to but withhold comment until we can suffered when the vultures were peckcurtail his production enormalists and learn what manner of action it is, ing at his liver. In the latter case,

civil war, the export tax enforced not find himself under the necessity of by customs offices and armed revenue raiding and straightening out the joint

> Let it not be overlooked that this day is the birthday of Robert E. Les whole: and Edgar Allen Poe-the latter born just one hundred years ago.

The South would have made Mr. staple crop, would experience hard Taft a colonel long before this if he hadn't already been a judge.

Mr. Tart is a stand-patter of the right sort. He stands pat upon the

"THE WAIL" THE TITLE OF IT

Mr. W. J. Pratt Brings to Light the Splendiferous Productions of a Modest Poet, Who Describes the Agency of Spirits-Poem is En-titled "The Wall," and Was Written While the Author Was a Storekeeper and Gauger-The Stanzas Considered and Their Picturesqueness Set Forth by Mr. Pratt-Several Points of Superiority to Milton's Masterpiece Noted-The Four

Stanzas. To the Editor of The Observer:

The following beautiful poem was mposed by a nati'e of Union coun-N. C., in 1900, A. D., while its gifted author was storekeeper and gauger in the United States revenue service at -----, on the border of North and South Carolina. The poem was not published at the time of its composition, either because North Carolina had not then reached that high appreciation of the producons of her own bards which she has shown in the last four years; or beause the poet was too modest to try a course of action which no one who his wings in public. The latter is reads this will ever live to see the probably the real reason, as the author will not, even now, allow his name to be published, but prefers to remain in deeper anonymity than "the Near-Bard of Cross Creek," and In his annual report the New York assumes no nom de plume at all-

Your correspondent obtained the with man truth that banking condi-opportunity only yesterday of beholding, for the first time, this marvelous production of poetic genius, and immediately requested the privilege of copying it and sending it to the great gems of posey. After considerable hesitation that privilege was granted In order to the full perception of the beauties of the poem, it must be noted that it was wrought out when the author had not received his commission as revenue officer, but held the post by designation only. commission had been made, and he thought and hoped to be sent to a better post when the commission arrived. awaiting the arrival of the distument rhapsody, which he appropriately en-

THE WAIL On the borders of the Carolinas, In a wet and gladey spot commissioned revenue officer Bewalls his unpropitious lot

In quest of maudin biss, Firsk the intellectual scrubs and meral Of Til man's anti-dispensary list

Click of wassail-laden glass, Ititald speech, biasphemous jest-Tis the music of the hours, 'tis the never-ceusing song Of night's sleepless rest.

all-potent Fate, to this Mere than Promethean doom do not decree! O. haster my commission That I may these terrors flee

Let it not be understood that this poem is offered in any "near" poetry This is no near-poeiry, It is the real stuff, the kind of

That with no middle flight intends to sear. Above the Aonian mount, while it put True enough, we should As some us the coin for my poems I'll Things unattempted yet in prose or

> but we see the hero in the midst of it bewailing his unhappy lot and furonce the motif of the moral dwarfs flocking from o'er across the borders in quest of-what? the poet will not call it plain ness of his imagery. Intellectual sued volume shall fall somewhat be he must needs invest them with a higher purpose than that of the been observed that the muses seldom mere dram drinker, and here they purely poetic conception, sustaining the tenor of the poem as a whole shows a Walpurgis Night of de-moniacal revelry not surpassed by that tamous scene in Goethe's "Faust" which takes a half-hour to almost hear the clink of wassailladen glass as the scrubs and dwarfs reach the first ecstasy of maudin in the wet and gladey spot. And then we are suddenly presented with the pecitable result-ribald speech, blasmasterniece of originality, for ancient standards of metre, prolongs other line in the poem to indicate to one whose condition was a menace. night to one situated as the gauger

Tis the music of the hours, 'tis the never-ceasing song Of night's sleepless rest

"restless sleep," but "sleepless rest," to show there could be no sleep at all to him just hanging around, resting, though wailing

When the great Greek tragic poet, Aeschylus, wrote his "Prometheus Bound," describing the punishment of Prometheus, chained to a rock and his liver being slowly devoured by vultures, because he had stolen fire from heaven and taught men its had nictured the acme of torture. It of distilling hard liquor. Our poet was in a position to go Aeschylus

several better, and he does so in the fourth and last stanza of this incomparable poem. He has in mind, no doubt, the disastrous effects of this modern brew upon the livers of its devotees. He is thinking seriously of measure share the odium of their the terrible hob-nall livers and the presence. when the maudlin bliss is past; agony far beyond that which Prometheus the vultures were bound to deprive Prometheus entirely of his liver in course of time, and he would suffer no more on that score. But those whom our poet portrays would have no friendly vultures to tear away the cause of their sufferings. And thinking thus, the poet-gauger there is nothing either great or small but thinking makes it so.

Oh, all-potent Fa'e, to this More than Promethean doem do not decree! O. haste, O. haste, my commission That I may these terrors fice!

The great English lexicographer and critic, Doctor Johnson, says in his easey on Paradise Lost that an "inconvenience of Milton's design is, that it requires the description of

GREAT POEM DISCOVERED what cannot be described—the agency of spirits." However that may be in Milton's case, the author of "The Wail' has certainly succeeded in describing the agency of spirits, and the "Great Cham of Literature," if he were alive to-day, would be the first to acknowledge it. In this respect, then, our poet may be said to have exceeded Milton; at least some distinguished critics . would so con-There is another point superiority which this noem holds over Paradise Lost to which the present writer desires to call attentionnamely, in brevity. Edgar Allan Poe said that no poem could truly be read at one sitting. "The Wati" conforms readily to this requirement, whereas Paradise Lost does not. The to bind laurels upon the brow of the modest author of a poem here published for the first time: there is

Your Fayetteville correspondent has trotted out a near-poet who, he says, makes it possible to change the well-known slogan of North Carolina to read. First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg, last at Appomattox and nearest to Parnasyns." Your Monroe correspondent believes that the gauger-poet's work, in this one poem, places the Old North State on the ery highest peak of Parnassus. Before, therefore, giving consideration to changing the slogan by the addition of "nearest to Parnassus," let the people of North Carolina pause and consider whether they have not the full right to add, "Highest on Parnassus." W. J. PRATT. Monroe, Jan. 14th.

HOSPITAL COMMISSION'S PLAN.

Dr. I. M. Taylor, of Morganton, Places Before the Public Some of the Objections to Segregation of Insane Having Tuberculosis — Strongest Objection is the Privilege One Institution is Given of Unloading In- Methodists of the country had been General Public.

the Editor of The Observer:

I have been surprised that there dorsed in his last message by Governor Gienn, to segregate the insane public speech which he would make who have tuberculosis at one of the State hospitals, presumably at Mor- United States.

it seems to me it should be abandon-ed, and each hospital should have provided pavillons for their when the disease is suspected disease is suspected or demonstrated.

If it were possible to cure any number of insane persons who have tuberculosis of either the mental or the physical ailment, there would be an heat suited for the attempt at cure; but with our present knowledge the in a buggy and be in the custody demonstration of tuberculous infec- an officer of the law. tion beyond doubt comes late in the disease in those whose minds are affected, and were there a change of sufficient reason.

The principal objection to the plan. to my mind, comes from the privilege four short stanzas! In the first, we have not only the place, but the place, the scene of action, described; but we see the bore. involved of allowing one institution away the undesirables is too great first time he had run for his liberty for human resistance and the hos- and it is needless to tell the result. tutions had their death rates and expense accounts reduced in direct proportion to those who were trans-

The officers in charge of our hospitals are all gentlemen, but they are human and they would not be phyhave a brother practitioner have a trial at the cure of a hopeless case, or be able to perceive the probacle stant temperature or an inevitable dissolution, to be a tuberculous velopment. I may add that in the hospital inmates who have been for some time resident the suspicion would prove true, but with the other possibility of malaria and typhold there would be a sufficient number of mistakes to make the transfer objectionable. On the other hand the desire not to condemn a favored patient would lead to the error of leaving, for a period during which many might become infected,

A strong argument for the maintenance and enlargement of the hospital at Ruleigh has been that it is in a healthy country and near to the eastern countles, curtailing the expense of the movement of patients going there and giving opportunity for the patients to have the pleasure of occasional visits from their friends kindred and friends.

The transfer of the tuberculous nsane, many of them of most carewould lens habits, threaten the general public using the cars at the time or afterward and the expense of the transfer done properly would be considerable, with no real

benefit to follow. Finally, there are objections, which ought to be considered, burdening one locality with a group of patients whose presence can add nothing. Of course, they must be given proper care, but the real usefulness of the State hospital in which the tubercutous insane are grouped will be im-

its own declining cases, and let each community having the advantage of the State's institutions located in its midst take also the odlum of the tuberculous cases d-veloping there. While I have assumed that it was the plan to send the tuberculous insane to Morganton, as was stated by the report of the action of the hospital commission, to my be equally objectionable to would group them at Raleigh, and the same

And it is here that he utters the last laws at Raleigh and have the matter sad wall as a fitting climax to the fully considered before the objectionable plan is fixed on us by law.
A study of the early reports of the
State Hospital at Morganton and a review of the deaths there amon those sent from Raleigh would add an argument against the proposition ISAAC M. TAYLOR. M. D.

Morganton, Jan. 16th, 1909. -Mr. Dan Murchison was operated on at the new Charlotte Sanaterium story.
Sunday night. He was getting along Forget his dross, who gave so much of

PRESIDENT TO METHODISTS.

The Chief Executive Pays High Trib-ute to Methodists and Methodism at the Africa Jubilee Mass Meeting —Introduced as the "Apostle of the Square Deal"—Not Afraid to Use the "Big Stick" When It is Needed.

Washington, Jan. 18 .- Introduced by Bishop Cranston, as the "apostic of the square deal," President Roosevelt, in his address to-night at the Africa diamond jubilee mass meeting, held in the Metropolitan Me-morial M. E. church, of this city, the church of which the late President McKinley was an attendant, declared that he would not come before a Methodist gathering if he had not attempted to give the square deal.
"In addition to the square deal in

in doing this our own citizens. are protected.

"I am not a sentimentalist. I am not afraid of invoking the 'big stick' whenever it may be necessary. Our national government has reached an agreement with Japan by which there can be a satisfactory solution to every question which may be at issue between the United States and Japan."

Before starting to deliver the ad-dress which he had prepared, the President declared that after having heard the address given by Bishop Hartzell yesterday he would have thought that he were plagarizing if

tionship, but to stand hand in hand, heart to heart, eye to eye for the uplift of humanity. The President declared that the

valid Insane on Another Institution an inspiration to him during the —Transfer Would Threaten the seven and a half years of his presi-"In the crises through which passed," he asserted, "and dency. I have passed," he asserted, "a during the time between crises, has appeared no protest from the have found myself touching elbows public against the plan formulated almost constantly with members o the hospital commission, and en- the Methodist Church." He referred to the fact that this was the

RAN OUT OF HIS SHOES.

in this city as President of the

Negro Gets Away From Officer by Fleeing Like an Ostrich. Special to The Observer.

Lexington, Jan. 18 .- It is seldom that one hears of a person running so fast that he runs out of his shoes, but such was actually the case yes-terday afternoon when Deputy Sherifi physical aliment, there would be an Harvey Johnson attempted to catch argument for placing them in that climate and under those conditions arrested but who decided he had rather run across country than ride

Deputy Sheriff Johnson was given a warrant to serve on Lowe yesterday immediately after church, and the environment before the diagnosis was deputy went to the place north of made, we would do many insane persons a grievous wrong, and material-ly depress those who were affected gathering in his man, and the officer by the tuberculous disease without a thought all was progressing fine when the negro suddenly sprang from the buggy and started across a field. Deputy Johnson had a Colt's, a six-shooter, and he blazed away six times at the fleeing negro, with each shot the negro's speed Failing to hit his man, the officer sprang from the buggy, leaving the horse in the road unhitched, and started in pursuit. He ran for sevquiet insane persons and leave eral hundred yards, but the officer the selection of patients to other weighs about 256 and the negro is weighs about 250 and the negro is long and keen and it was not the for human resistance and the hospital for chronics soon held the viopital for chronics soon held the viopital for chronics soon held the vioboth shoes, and being barefooted
both shoes, and being barefooted Nothing has been heard of the negro since the exciting chase. wanted for the larceny of a gun from Mr. Harvey Headrick.

NOMINATION SENT IN.

Seawell's Name Goes to Senate For Confirmation as Judge—Will Be Considered Monday by Sub-Commit-Judiciary-Congressman Small Introduces Bill.
Observer Bureau

Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Jan. 18.
Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage, was appointed judge of the eastern district court of North Carolina to day, the appointment being sent to the Senate this morning. Next Monday when the sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee meets the confirmation of Mr. Seawell will be considered. Senator Overman, North Carolina, who is on this sub-committee, believes that the Republicans will not confirm any more of the President's appointments than they can

Representative Small to-day introduced a bill providing for a lighthouse at Diamond Shoals, off Hatterns, A company composed of capitalists and and relatives. This argument would engineers proposes to build the house especially hold when the patient nad lease it to the government for \$100. become hopelessly ill and especially 600 a year and if at the end of five needed the affectionate interest of years it proves worthy the government purchase it for \$600,000

> Seven Drunken Foreigners Burned to Death.
> Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 18.—Seven foreigners who are said to have been stupefied from liquor served at a wedding celebration yesterday were burned to death in a which destroyed three houses at Goodtown, Somerset county, to-day. The man who started the fire by pouring oil into a stove escaped with painful burns.

Seaman Jailed For Inciting Mutiny. Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 18;—A seaman of the steamer Graf Stroganoff was taken from the vessel to-day and pailed on a charge of inciting mutiny, preferred by the master. He will be Let us have each hospital care for taken to Norway for trial.

EDGAR ALLAN POE. (Born January 19th, 1809).

His life was bitter; but his soul rose high Where light and beauty glow with purest fiame. And when the dark and dismal storm clouds came. From empyrean heights the poet's eye

Pierced through the gloom, new glories arguments would apply.

I write this hoping that I may call it to the attention of those making laws at Raisigh and have the matter fame. to descry;

> What though the stress of poverty, and and base temptations compassed him around! High on the wings of poesy up-horne.

The works of genius fame will not let

His genius spurned to coast the lower ground. It is not ours to judge his life's sad

t's To-Day week or more ago. After having concluded his address, the President turned and shook hands with Bishop Cranston, who exclaimed. "This is the true union of Church and State, not organic relationship, but to stoned hand in band." AT 39 CFNTS YD

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DECIMIC SHARP

Every department is teeming with Mill-End bargains, many lines have been added to, and choosing is just as easy now, as on the bury, and William E. Breese, of Brevard, were in the city to-day. Mr. opening day. Come at once, before these stocks are depleted by the heavy demands made on them by your neighbors.

> Don't forget that the "greatest cut of all" is on the Ladies' and Children's Coats. Also a few stylish Coat Suits at less than cost of material.

