

ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

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THE SOUTH'S GREAT PROSPERITY.

"If there was a lull in the general trade of the country on account of a stringency money market a month ago, activity is the rule now, says the Richmond State. Business is unusually prosperous in the trade centers, and the South leads all the other sections in general activity and solid growth. The southern crops have been large this season and the cotton planters expected to make money even with the low prices in view at the beginning of the cotton year. But the advance of one cent a pound, equal to \$5 a bale, gives a stimulus that is felt in every department of enterprise. As the Charleston News and Courier says, 'It is difficult to tell how much has been sold at the improved quotations, but the sales for two or three days were enormous.' It is estimated that 3,000,000 bales remain unsold in the hands of merchants and planters, and even if the prices drop, they will hardly drop back to the quotations of last month. In other words, the South will receive millions more for its cotton crop than was expected when the crop began to move. The iron interests in the South keep up well, and the furnaces, large and small, are working at full capacity, paying good wages, and receiving good profits for their output. The railroads are overtaxed with traffic, and the year 1887 will be recorded as a golden year in the history of the South. And what is said of the cotton section can be as well said of the tobacco section. We noticed the other day that the lower Mississippi valley was shipping corn in large quantities to the North and Northwest, the failure of the crop in the latter sections and the superabundance in the South rendering this practicable. All our southern people have to do, and now they have the opportunity, is to raise forage and food supply sufficient, and their cotton, tobacco, and rapidly increasing industries will keep them rich.

TAKING A SENSIBLE POSITION. In discussing what ought to be done with the existing surplus in the United States Treasury the Raleigh News-Observer says: The News and Observer insists, has insisted and will continue to insist that it shall be returned to the people in whose pockets alone it belongs, and as it cannot be put back into the hands of citizens individually it should be returned to the various States, being distributed according to population. North Carolina's share would be some three and a half millions and such a sum would be of vast benefit to us; it would enable us to place all our educational institutions on a firm basis. It would be an income to us one year of about what goes to the Northern States through pensions every single year that rolls around. Such a course would have abundant precedent and would constitute no principle of law whatsoever, the money being already in the Treasury. We should be as much opposed as anybody, we are opposed most emphatically to take from the people and putting in the Treasury vaults any more than was necessary for the support of the government economically administered, but the present surplus has been gathered, under the unjust, unequal and altogether too high Republican tariff, and the question immediately before us is as to how to return it most equitably to the people whom it has been wrongfully taken.

We say return it to the various States since it is impossible to return it to the individual citizens. Let it not be thrown away upon useless public works or misapplied in buying in government bonds at a premium. Let it be given back to the people from whom it came and in a way to do these people some good. That it shall be permitted to remain in existence any longer than can possibly be helped is out of the question. The people demand that it shall be taken out of the hands of their agent, where it is not only doing no good but is an invitation to extravagance, and be returned to them at once. The News and Observer's method of making this return must be admitted the simplest and the best. This position of our Republic is temporary is that which the Citizen has urged all the while in opposition to the Blair Bill outrage. A measure assigning the surplus to the Treasury—that which is already there—to the States direct according to illiteracy, to be administered by the States as other public school funds are now administered, will not be objectionable. The Citizen is in accord with the above from the News-Observer, but it is unqualifiedly opposed to the Blair Bill.

Robert T. Lincoln remarked to a friend after the result of the election in New York State was known: "This effectually disposes of the proposed ticket of Lincoln and Grant. The hereditary platform is not strong enough for a party to stand on."

INTERNAL TAXES.

The Philadelphia Times, in a plea for the repeal of all war taxes, says of the internal revenue system that "it is arbitrary, inquisitorial, and in every way offensive." That reads, says the Richmond Dispatch, as though it might have been taken from a paper published in the mountainous regions of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, or Georgia, where the iniquities of the internal-revenue system are seen in their worst forms. Coming, however, as it does from a northern source, the statement is a particularly significant warning to Democratic leaders who oppose the abolition of the system.

The Scotland Neck News says: The South is as solidly Democratic as the Rock of Gibraltar or the foundations of the earth and will always be so, longer as the negro resides South in a body and such bitter, fiendish, ungodly devils as Sherman and Foraker are allowed to control public opinion North.

An exchange states that more millions of dollars have been invested in the South under Cleveland's administration than thousands during Hays and Arthur's term of office combined. This fact alone speaks well for the confidence that capitalists have in Democratic rule—for every Southern State is under Democratic rule.

The healthy Massachusetts lady aged ninety-three, who has eaten four hearty meals every day since she was old enough to go to the table, is no doubt thanking the Lord that she is near another Thanksgiving day and Christmas.

The City of Port Wayne, Ind., is about to suffer a water famine, the supply basin and the streams that contribute to it having been exhausted by the long drought. The present water supply is not sufficient to run boilers, and the electric light company has served notice that it can not furnish light, thus leaving the city in total darkness.

That contemptible fraud and alleged General Tattle, who has been drawing a pension from the Government, is in the way of being shown up in his own coils. The records reveal the fact that he is not only not entitled to the pension he has been drawing, but that his allegations of military service are false. He has been taking the money of the United States when he had no right to it. This is Foraker's and Blaine's coadjutor in slandering the South.

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