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Everybody has cause for thanksgiving. Don't let your liver prevent your grasping this truth.

The Hon. Tom Reed's presidential chances are blasted. The New York Sun has endorsed him.

Bicycle cranks, especially with springless saddles, will find a cause for thanksgiving in the repairing of North Main street.

Local news has been sacrificed to Thanksgiving reading in this number of the Gazette, partly in order that the employees of the paper may rest from their labors sufficiently to enjoy their turkey dinner.

The Theosophists of San Francisco are taking a very active interest in the fate of Murderer Durraht. It is a tenet of their faith that capital punishment is wrong, and they are circulating a petition praying Governor Budd to stay the execution and to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Evidently there are a good many theosophists who pose as jurymen in this state.

A few days ago it was mentioned in the Charlotte Observer that cotton had been hauled from Mooresville to Statesville, from Davidson to Charlotte and from Stanley Creek to Charlotte by wagons, and it was suggested that when this is found necessary it affords proof that something is wrong with railroad freight rates. The Observer now states that the suggestion has not passed unnoticed. It is information that the rate on the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio road will be lowered at once to meet the complaint.

"FINALLY BRETHREN."

The long silence on the part of our affectionate friend, the Citizen, is broken. It took nearly two weeks and some sympathetic promptings on the part of ourselves to do it, and even then we regret to say it was not done with the frank acknowledgement it had seemed right to expect would be the outcome of long and quiet deliberation. Rather it was an echo of the past, couched also in the kindly and winsome language the Citizen has always used in speaking of its neighbor, the Gazette.

The Citizen quotes some portions of an article in the Gazette of August 31, that at least it must acknowledge does credit to our credulity when we were younger than we are now. When we wrote the words quoted, with some others not quoted by our sweet friend, we were momentarily staggered into the belief that we might be wrong in stating that a great hospital project was on foot, though further investigation immediately after this "confession" relieved us of this error and left us only to await the time when the clerk of the Blount estate would file the articles of incorporation drawn up by the manager of the Blount estate for a hospital to be run by the physician to whom the Gazette of July 9 had attributed this relationship.

This life is full of queer coincidences, dear neighbor. From the left rear quarter the new "sanatorium" is close enough to a certain neighborhood to satisfy our fancy for a "Vanderbilt hospital," and from its right fore angle approximates near enough to the project we described last July to tickle our pride in the name you so unselfishly gave it then, "the Gazette Hospital."

A real life object lesson of the possibilities of republican legislation in this state is on exhibition at Greenville. It discloses how narrowly the good people of this state escaped last winter the revolution that was attempted by the nigger-traders' legislature in the plan to re-charter the towns of the state. The News and Observer alluding to what was accomplished and what failed of accomplishment only on account of the row in the fusion camp recalls the fact that Charlotte was started by the dastard program as were other cities also, Wilmington included. But some of the towns had to pass under the rod, and the News and Observer speaks of the present condition of affairs in Greenville as follows:

"This town," writes one of its distinguished citizens, "has actually been taken control of by the negroes. The act, as will be recalled, divided the town up into four wards. The lines are so run that the negroes have a large majority in two wards and the whites in two wards. To the two negro wards the act gives two aldermen each and to the two white wards one each. At the last election the negroes elected four negroes and the whites two, white men, so that the town has a board composed of four negroes and two white men. The mayor and chief of police are white men, elected by this negro board. The assistant policeman is a coal black negro. The clerk of the board is a negro. "The taxable property of the town is nearly three-quarters of a million, and the four negro aldermen, the mayor and chief of police give in less than \$600 worth of property for taxation." Truly the perpetrations of the Rep.-Pop. legislature were only exceeded by its possibilities.

TOPICS OF TODAY.

The women who marry old soldiers expecting they will die soon and they will secure a pension, remarks an exchange, will have to hurry now or they will be cut off. It is said Pension Commissioner Evans will make a recommendation to congress at its next session. It is that a law be passed that women marrying soldiers hereafter shall not be entitled to any pension upon the death of their husband. This is intended to put a stop to the promiscuous hunting of husbands in the soldiers' homes of the country and elsewhere by young women to whom this method has become so popular of late years. Many old and decrepit soldiers have recently married young women and, after the ceremony the "brides" have disappeared, to appear again only after the death of the old soldier. They are adventurers and are only after the widow's pension. Unless something of the kind is done the appropriations will go on increasing for many years to come. It is now apparently as large as the real necessities of the case demand.

The ingeniousness of the red man makes it necessary to protect him, not only from the white man, but from himself. Up to this time he has been allowed to run his own courts in Indian territory and some of his reservations, but it has been found that his court practice is so guileless that criminals were often punished, so it has been decided to abolish all native tribunals at the beginning of next year. In a recent case an Indian murdered a member of his tribe, and the jury met before the trial discussed the case, decided to convict, listened to the evidence without the least interest, and convicted, as they had agreed. The culprit was thereupon sentenced to be hanged next month. Such speed as this naturally shocks those who live by thwarting the law in other places, and the Indians will have to be tried hereafter by white men, most likely.

Toward the close of the eighth century London received her first visit from the fire fiend; and if the accounts can be relied upon, the city was almost entirely reduced to ashes. Disastrous fires also occurred subsequently in the years 982, 1086 and 1212, of which the last was the most deplorable in its results. In the conflagration of 1212 nearly 15,000 buildings were consumed, including the Guildhall, St. Paul's church and Newgate prison. The area of destruction covered no less than 436 acres, while the total loss of property occasioned by the fire aggregated the enormous sum of \$50,000,000. The recent fire swept only two acres, but the character of the buildings which occupied this ground more than made up for its restricted area, and according to general estimates the cost of the conflagration will hardly fall short of \$25,000,000.

Everybody has been considering the gain to the national wealth, says the Springfield Republican, from the good wheat crop and high prices; nobody has considered how far this gain was being offset by losses in the cotton trade. Hence the blundering of the markets upon the unexpected conditions which compel slower steps in the upward march of business.

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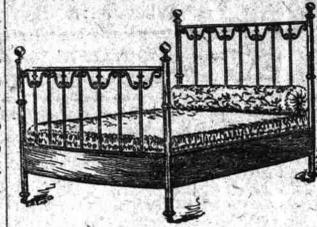
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