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LET HIM WHO HATH NO NEURVE FOR THE FIGHT, DEPART.

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### The Tobacco Tax.

We publish the following from the Lynchburg Virginian for what it is worth:

If it is found impracticable to pass the Mills bill then let the Democrats of the House of Representatives pass a simple resolution repealing the tobacco tax, and the sooner they do it the better. They have the power, and on their heads the blame will rest if the tobacco trade is not relieved of the paralyzing burden that is upon it. It cannot be disguised that the people of the tobacco States are getting restive. Petition after petition from planters and manufacturers have gone to Congress for relief. They have seen the business in which they rely for support reduced to a state of prostration, not paying for the actual cost of production and manufacture. They have seen their soil go unwarded or pay the scantiest and most meagre returns. They have seen this in the face of broken promises until patience is threadbare. There are murmurs loud and deep from the rural districts. There are murmurs loud and deep from the manufactories. Factory hands are without employment and farm hands are without living wages. Hundreds of thousands of people are more or less dependent on tobacco, either in the field or in the factory, for their living. They see this depression and they attribute to the tax. They know that the needs of the Government do not require that tax. They know that a huge surplus is piled up in the treasury, thus crippling trade and commerce. Yet this blighting tobacco tax—a war tax—remains twenty old years after the war.

Is it strange that there is widespread discontent, and will be strange if Democrats who have never wavered before remain firm in the polls when the election comes which is to decide the fate of parties in November? Sick and sore, weary and worn—smarting under disappointments, straitened and cramped in their pecuniary conditions, will it be strange if party fealty fails and falters? The last feather may seem light, but it is that which breaks the camel's back.

It is simply an outrage that this tax is kept on a great out-languishing industry. It is simply cruel because it wrings from the sweat and toil of honest labor all the profit there is in it. It is simply stupid and silly because it is alienating friends. If the Democratic party can afford to do without Virginia and North Carolina in the coming election, then let the tax remain. For we tell the representatives of the party at Washington that there is grave danger that these States may slip their moorings and glide into the Republican port if affairs remain as they are now. We know whereof we speak. We know the deep discontent that is abroad; and we call on the Democrats in Congress to remove the cause of it, or they may be responsible for defeat. Both wings of the party are pledged to repeal, and yet repeal does not come. What are pledges worth that bear no fruit?

Then what to do is simple and plain. Let the House pass the tobacco tax repeal; let it go to the Senate, and if that body refuses to concur in the bill then the responsibility will be shifted from the Democratic to the Republican shoulders, and the dangers in our path will be removed. We hope these words may not be without effect where they will do the most good. Else when it is too late there may be unavailing re- pinings and reproaches.

A new party has sprung up in Texas, calling itself the "non-Partisan" party. It has just held a Convention at Fort Worth, nominated a ticket and adopted a platform. The platform denounces the Republican party for bringing financial ruin on the country when in power and the Democratic party for continuing the same ruinous policy. It also denounces national banks, wants the government to own the railroads and insists on compulsory arbitration. A perusal of the platform leads to the suspicion that the Non-Partisan party will wonder after election why it called itself a party at all.

### The Electoral Vote.

As this is Presidential year, and the time is approaching for the wise statesmen to be fixing up the result of the contest in November next, we attach the electoral vote of the several States. Those who take an interest in such matters should paste this table in their hat, or place it in some convenient spot for reference:

Alabama	10	Mississippi	6
Arkansas	9	Missouri	16
California	8	Nebraska	5
Colorado	3	Nevada	3
Connecticut	6	New Hampshire	4
Delaware	3	New Jersey	9
Florida	4	New York	36
Georgia	12	North Carolina	11
Illinois	22	Ohio	23
Indiana	15	Oregon	3
Iowa	15	Pennsylvania	29
Kansas	9	Rhode Island	4
Kentucky	13	South Carolina	9
Louisiana	8	Tennessee	12
Maine	6	Texas	13
Maryland	8	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	14	Virginia	12
Michigan	15	West Virginia	6
Minnesota	7	Wisconsin	11
Total	401		

Necessary to an election, 201.

### Hon. Daniel L. Russell Declines.

Hon. D. L. Russell, in conversation yesterday with a representative of the Star, said that he had no hesitation in saying that he will decline to accept the nomination for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on the Republican State ticket, and, furthermore, that in his letter of declination he will advise the withdrawal of the entire State ticket, and that a coalition be formed with the Prohibitionists.

He gave it as his opinion, that it would be futile for the Republican party to make a campaign in this State, and that the approaching election will be a walk-over for the Democrats. "In the first place," he said, "the Republicans cannot win; and in the second, if they could, they would be counted out." He thinks that if a coalition is formed with the Prohibitionists it will break the color line and in this way, perhaps, lead to Republican success hereafter. "But," he added, "if a Chinese going campaign is inaugurated, with joint discussions between Forrie and Dockery, it will result, probably, in a majority of 40,000 for the Democratic ticket."

Judge Russell was one of the delegates from this State to the Chicago Convention, was a member of the Committee on Credentials of that body and, it will be remembered, had an animated discussion with John S. Wise of Virginia, on the status of the delegation from that State. He is an astute and sagacious politician and one of the most influential members of the Republican party in this State, and there can be no question that the stand he has taken in this matter will have great weight with his party.

### The South's Industrial Progress.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 26.—The Manufacturers Record will, this week, publish its semi-annual report on the South's industrial progress. The number of new enterprises reported during the first six months of 1888, as compared with the same time in 1887 are: 1888, 2,024; 1887, 1,855. The capital stock represented by the list of new enterprises for the first half of 1888 is: Alabama, \$14,940,000; Arkansas, \$4,970,000; Florida, \$2,630,000; Georgia, \$5,792,000; Kentucky, \$13,144,000; Louisiana, \$1,776,000; Maryland, \$3,129,000; Mississippi, \$857,000; North Carolina, \$3,999,000; South Carolina, \$3,153,000; Tennessee, \$6,025,000; Texas, \$11,749,000; Virginia, \$3,965,000; West Virginia, \$5,993,000. Total \$81,508,000. The production of pig-iron alone in Alabama next year will probably exceed all manufactures in that State in 1880.

### Boutelle's Resolution

As we predicted yesterday in our mention of Boutelle's eleventh hour temperance resolution in the Chicago convention, it is to be thoroughly understood by the Prohibitionists as an effort to hoodwink them. Already it has been heard from. The New York State Prohibition convention met in Syracuse Tuesday, and proceeded, as the Philadelphia Times well says, "to make that already doubtful State still more doubtful for the Republican party." The temporary chairman is referring to the Republicans and "they had adopted a platform that reached from Brazil to Ireland, but the temperance plank got lost somewhere." He further declared "that the Prohibitionists would accept the man- ughas resolution adopted at the close of the Republican convention for just what it was worth—nothing."

The Charlotte Chronicle has received news from Mr. J. D. Nixon of River View of the birth of a genuine feat of nature. It is a kitten or a kittens, which was born with one head, yet has two bodies. It also has two tails and eight feet, all of which are well developed. Its four feet are on a line with each other and from these, branch the two bodies. The remarkable specimen has been "put up" in alcohol.

Shelby Aurora: About one year ago Mr. J. H. Hightower commenced the manufacture of molasses evaporators in Shelby on a small scale, and met with such encouragement from the start that he was induced to purchase new and improved machinery and manufacturer them in large quantities, both for the wholesale and retail trade, and we are glad to know that he is enjoying a liberal patronage from the people of North and South Carolina.

Salisbury Watchman: Mrs. Russell, of Russell P. O. reports that she has a chicken five days old with four legs and feet and that it is as spry and healthy as any chicken of the same age she ever saw.

The amount of bacon raised outside of North Carolina and sold into the State in 1888, was 8,223,754 pounds. The amount raised outside the State and brought into it the first four months of this year, was 2,113,240 pounds.

Raleigh News Observer: Major Rufe Tucker has just finished getting in over eighty tons of hay, cut from rather more than forty acres on which he had sown five varieties of grasses. This is the first cutting, and while he expects a second he may make a third. The hay is beautifully cured.

Goldboro Argus: The Republicans in this county are at their old game of trying to break the coming Democratic victory by offering their offices to Democrats. Any party that attempts success by buying its opponents is doomed to certain defeat. The British bought Benedict Arnold and the British got whipped. The man who negotiated the purchase got shot. The man who negotiates the purchase of any Democrat this year will not be shot but he will be smothered beneath the ballots of indignant freemen.

Winston Daily: Some villain or villains rocked the south bound passenger train last night between Richmond and Greensboro; one rock was thrown into the postal car barely missing the clerk, and one entered the passenger car striking Mr. Walter Hogan, of this place, on the neck and knocking him from his seat, barely missing a lady sitting near Mr. Holman.

### Tragedy in Gaston.

LINCOLN, N. C., July 2.—On last Saturday night, during the exhibition of magic lantern scenes by a showman at the residence of Caleb Carpenter, of Gaston county, two brothers named Thornburg forced their way into the house, refusing to pay the admission fee, and were put out by the showman, whereupon Bill Thornburg drew a revolver and fired five shots into the house at the showman, one bullet taking effect in the arm, another in the hip and a third striking Lee Aderhold, one of the audience, in the head, killing him instantly. Thornburg escaped and is still at large.

### An Old Pair of Pants.

Yesterday we noticed that Mr. H. A. Remms had on a fine new pair of pants, and asked him where he got them. He said they were made 26 years ago by John A. Cox, Esq. They looked as well as they did the day they were made.



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