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E. C. HACKNEY.

"Ring out the Old, Ring in the New."

We are now in the golden dawn of a new year; a year full of hope and promise, and the RECORDER wishes every reader and patron may be attended with the richest blessings of health, prosperity and happiness.

The year 1889 is an untried year and we can only await its events as they unfold day by day, ever doing our duty in the living present.

The year 1888, for the world at large, has not been characterized by wars or floods or great disasters or other calamities. Death has shot at fewer shining marks than usual. The Southern epidemic was the only one which seriously afflicted the earth, and that was confined to a limited section of the country. Of panics, we have had none; though, on the other hand, we cannot, unhappily, rejoice over very great prosperity. It has been simply a dull and stupid year.

The political issues kept business men in doubt and inactivity for the greater part of the year, and the decision at the election on the chief issue which directly affected manufactures was not positive enough to settle promptly the prevailing hesitation. In business the year may be said to have been exceptionally dull.

Politically it was a very bad year for the Democratic party. There is no question of that. Four years ago it had apparently come into power for a long lease. Unhappily, its principles were not boldly maintained; its traditional policy was violated in many ways, and it was really not the old party, but a semblance of it, which took possession of the General Government. Some of the principles which were essential to its continued success—were abandoned at the instigation of a minority of the opposing party which was supposed to have aided in electing Mr. Cleveland. The Mugwumps were not numerous; they had aided us less from love of the Democratic candidate than from discontent with that of their own party; and this year many of them drifted back to their own ranks to aid a more deserving candidate than they thought Blaine was. The Mugwumps were over-estimated in the strength of their numbers and their influence. Altogether it was a bad year politically. We don't enjoy recalling it.

Coming near home 1888 will long be remembered as an eventful one in the history of plucky Durham. It witnessed the opening of a new railroad and vigorous work upon two others which are to centre here; one of the grandest and most successful Expositions ever held in the State; an unprecedented religious awakening, under the administration of Rev. Sam Jones; stirring political events, in which Durham county reversed her political complexion and took her place in the Democratic column; and then a huge financial crash, greater than heretofore known in one town in the history of the State, which exhibited the pluck and perseverance of our people—which caused our people to stop and take breath for a short while. These are the most important events in the past year of Durham's history and will not soon be forgotten.

There is no cause for croaking, repining and gloomy forebodings. If such a course is pursued 1889 will have many dark days for those who thus look altogether at the gloomy side of life's stern duties.

There is a duty for each one to perform every day in this year of grace. Let us do it with a stout heart for every fate, looking not mournfully into the past, but wisely improving the present.

Briefly Recorded in Which there May be one of Interest to You.

The *Dauville Register* records the death of William Jones, a worthy colored man, near Ringgold during Christmas week. It is alleged that he was 125 years of age and that his wife who survives him is hale and hearty at 98, and sews by a lightwood fire without the aid of spectacles.

Mrs. Marie Louise Denman, wife of Frederick Denman, died in Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 25th, leaving a devoted husband and two bright and interesting children. She was twenty-two years of age. Mrs. Denman was a daughter of Col. W. H. Bailey, of Charlotte, and had a wide circle of friends in this State.

A very silly girl lives in Roanoke, Va. She is 10 years of age and her name is Amelia Lovette. She attempted suicide Sunday night by shooting herself, and giving as an excuse for the act that she was insulted by ladies on the street. The wound is a very serious one, and it is said she may recover.

The *Wilmington Star* is our authority for stating that during 1888, in North Carolina there were 2 agricultural implement works built; there were 6 breweries erected; 9 tobacco and cigar factories; 41 cotton and woolen factories; 8 electric light plants; 12 mining and quarrying companies; 3 oil mills; 45 water-works; 5 railroad companies organized. This is commendable and encouraging progress.

Miss Carrie Isler, of Jones county, while horseback riding in Kinston last Thursday morning, came very near meeting with a serious accident. Her horse became frightened and ran away at full speed. In turning a corner Miss Isler fell, but was very promptly caught by her escort, Mr. Richard B. West, who was riding close at hand. She was carried into Hotel Full and received kindly attention. No damage except fright.

A Charlotte company of amateurs, composed of young ladies and gentlemen of exceptionally fine talent, played "Ether" in Wilmington one night last week and captivated the "City by the Sea." The *Wilmington papers* are full of praises as to the beauty of the young ladies and the fine talent composing the company. There is a little lady at our elbow as we write—one to whom we feel very deeply attached—and we know she will join us in saying that the young ladies in the Charlotte amateur company are hard to beat in point of beauty. Charlotte is full of just such beautiful girls; and they are just as sweet, and intelligent, and industrious, and companionable as you will find anywhere.

The *Manufacturers' Record*, of Baltimore, in its annual review of the South's industrial development, shows that the capital represented by new mining and manufacturing enterprises organized in 1888, was \$168,800,000, divided as follows: Alabama, \$29,413,000; Kentucky, \$28,800,000; Texas, \$17,654,000; Georgia, \$14,205,000; Virginia, \$12,774,000; Tennessee, \$11,159,000; Maryland, \$10,670,000; West Virginia, \$10,114,000; Arkansas, \$8,483,000; North Carolina, \$7,359,000; South Carolina, \$4,813,000; Florida, \$4,731,000; Mississippi, \$1,968,000. It will be seen from this report that North Carolina makes a very creditable showing; yet there are some persons who think the State is not doing much. She is coming out in a wonderful manner.

The *Clinton Caucasian* says the Legislature could not reward a more meritorious Confederate soldier than J. T. Gregory of this town, who is a candidate for doorkeeper. He was known in his regiment all through the war as a man of undaunted courage and bravery. He carries the scars of five serious wounds, one in the shoulder received at Suffolk, one in the head at Antietam, one in the arm at Gettysburg (at which place he staid upon the battle field bleeding and fighting two hours after being wounded) and one which cost him his leg at the Wilderness. It was at this battle when Gen. Lee rushed to the front to rally his wavering forces, while the soldiers were shouting to him to go to the rear, that Mr. Gregory rushed from ranks, seized the General's horse by the bridle and carried him by force from danger.

A Boy Accidentally Killed.

Weldon Adams, a boy of 14 or 15 years, and his younger brother, Barwell, went, last Friday, to a tree near their home in Gwaltney's township, Alexander county, to cut it down in order to catch the flying squirrels on it, and Weldon had cut it about half through when he told his brother to do the balance of the chopping. Barwell was holding a gun which they had taken with them to the woods, and Weldon in receiving it from the hand of his brother, either struck the hammer on a log on which he was standing, or fell from the log. At all events the gun was discharged and the older brother received the wound and died in two hours from the wound.

A SOUTHERN POCAHONTAS.

Dressed in Male Garments, She Runs Away with a Devoted White Lover.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 29.—A couple of weeks ago a man and boy, or persons dressed as such, were arrested in this city. One was white and the other a handsome Indian. It was the appearance of the latter that aroused the suspicion of the police. If he was a man there had been a mistake made in his build.

The pair were taken to the guard-house and the dusky companion of the white man was found to be a pretty girl of about sixteen years. The couple were well dressed and had some money and the girl was armed with a revolver. Neither of them would give any information as to where they were from or the object of concealing the girl's sex. She professed to be ignorant of where she was, and only knew that she had come from where here were many of her own race living by a "big river." Her left arm had recently been broken at the wrist and was badly knit together. They were held by the police and inquiry made in every direction, but without result. It was ascertained that they had occupied separate rooms on different floors in the lodging house where they had stayed before being arrested, and about all the girl would say was that she was not the wife of the white man. Her name as a man was Smith.

Finally the couple, finding that the police were friendly disposed, decided to tell their romantic story. There is in North Carolina, near Fayetteville, a remnant of the Cherokee tribe, and "Smith" was the prettiest girl in the Indian settlement "Charley," her present companion, who belongs to a very respectable family in that section, fell in love with the Indian maiden and she returned his affection. When Charley's family heard of the attachment there was a storm, and the Indians were no better pleased with the prospect of giving their prettiest flower to a white man, particularly as they could not marry in that State. It ultimately became so warm for the young man that he thought it best to leave that section and cross this State to Georgia, where he had relatives. The girl determined to accompany him in the disguise adopted. Their money gave out and they had to walk sometimes along the road. A sick of wood flew off a passing engine and broke the arm of the young woman, who, fearing that her sex would be discovered, let the wound heal without surgical aid. After taking some days to substantiate this story, the police have released the couple, who expect to be made one soon after crossing into Georgia.

Durham Manufacturers, Listen!

You have in your power to make Durham tobacco market boom as she has never boomed before. How can this be done? By going on the warehouse floors in Durham and buy your tobacco. You are using about twelve million pounds annually; let it be known that you propose to buy this tobacco on the warehouse floors of Durham and it will take a half dozen warehouses to hold the tobacco that will be offered daily for sale. The RECORDER urges you in behalf of Durham to meet together, and if possible, pledge yourself to buy your tobacco on the Durham market. Oh! but you say, we can't get the tobacco we want. Then you are mistaken. You create the demand and you will surely get the tobacco if it can be found in the United States. You are identified with the business interest and prosperity of Durham; you own a great deal of real estate and other property. It is in your power to cause tobacco to flow here by the million of pounds. Will you do it? Will you longer follow this suicidal policy of buying your tobacco away from Durham?

Curious Things of Life.

A shingle nail was found in a perfectly fresh egg recently by a farmer near Niles, Mich.
A Western fakir is selling an adjustable engagement ring that can be made to fit any finger.
A Michigan chiropractist is making a triumphal progress as "William the Cornerer."
Thomas Wilkinson, of Vernon, N. Y., has a beard five feet long, which he wears tucked under his vest.
A man named Life has been appointed postmaster of a Virginia town. He will have nothing to do with dead letters.

The champion economist of the Nineteenth century lives in Fulton county, Ga.

He has his socks and gloves made from his own hair.
Pine City, W. T., claims to have the smallest living woman. She is 27 years old, twenty-nine inches tall and weighs thirty-three pounds.
A Texan who is blind, deaf, crippled and savage offered \$1,000 to any woman who would marry him, and he had received nine applicants in two weeks.
At a young men's debating club in Red Bluff, Cal., the following question was discussed: "Does a chimeria ruminating in vacuum devour second intentions?" It broke up the club.

The Direct Tax Bill.

Much has been said in the papers within the last year about the "direct tax bill" which passed the lower house of Congress recently by a vote of 173 to 96, and yet few, perhaps, understand the character of the measure. This direct tax—a tax on landed property—was levied under an act of Congress passed in 1861 for raising money to carry on the civil war. The law imposed on the several States yearly payments in proportion to their population; and after one payment the law was repealed. About \$15,000,000 was paid in, and this sum, with 15 per cent. commission, it is proposed by the bill to return. The total amount is about \$17,000,000, of which North Carolina's share is \$386,194. Some of the States made no payment at all, and the proportion assessed against each of these stands charged against it on the Treasury books yet. The bill, in proposing repayment to those States which paid, provides forgiveness of the debt to those which did not pay. The direct tax bill passed the Senate nearly a year ago by a vote of 48 to 10. When it came up in the House in the spring it gave rise to a protracted and acrimonious debate, and resulted in the famous "deadlock" which was only broken by a compromise which postponed consideration of the bill until after the election. When it was under consideration week before last the Southern Democratic members sought, to engrave on it an amendment providing for the repayment of the cotton tax, which was levied and collected just after the war, but were not strong enough to do so. The bill was amended, however, in some immaterial particulars, and now goes back to the Senate for consideration. There is much speculation as to whether or not the President will sign it when it reaches him. If he signs it, the money which is due to each of the States will be covered into the several State treasuries. We are not altogether clear—never having seen the text of the bill—as to whether the money will then go to the use of the State or whether the State treasuries will become more channels for its repayment to the individuals who originally paid the tax, or the heirs of such of the payers as are dead; but are rather of the opinion that it will revert to the individuals or their heirs.

The Confederate Veterans Convention.

Raleigh News Observer.
The convention of surviving Confederate soldiers which is to assemble to make efforts to secure an increase of the pension appropriation for their benefit will meet in Raleigh on the 22d of January, 1889. The time has arrived when the services of these disabled soldiers, and the claims of the widows and orphans of those who died in the service of their State, should be recognized. A large majority of these disabled soldiers have families, whom they cannot leave to go a soldier's home, and it behooves the Legislature to increase the pension appropriation. The Legislature four years ago appropriated \$30,000 per annum to be distributed to this unfortunate class of our citizens, and it gives them a little more than eight dollars per capita. The next General Assembly ought to increase the sum to at least one hundred thousand dollars. We no see that the matter has been pretty thoroughly discussed by the State press, and we have yet to hear of a single dissenting voice to an increase of the pensions. The people of Raleigh are preparing to give the veterans a warm welcome and hospitable entertainment while they are here, and it is to be hoped that here will be a full representation at the convention. All railroads leading into Raleigh have agreed to transport all delegates back and forth free of all charges, and the railroad authorities here are desirous of securing the names of the properly accredited delegates so that certificates may be issued to them.

Union Confidently Looked For.

New York, Dec. 31.—The conference of Presbyterians of the North and the South was continued to day. The proceedings were secret and the members positively declined to make public any part of their deliberations, stating that the same course was pursued at the last conference. It was inferred, however, that the Northern and Southern delegates were getting along harmoniously and that a union might be confidently looked forward to.

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