

THE DURHAM RECORDER.

"I KNOW NOT WHAT THE TRUTH MAY BE; I'LL TELL IT AS IT WAS TOLD TO ME."

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Corn Will Be King.

The production of corn in the United States last year was four hundred million bushels less than the average, and the country is that much short on corn. The Baltimore Manufacturer's Record gives the following facts:

"As the average crop of the United States for some years has been about 1,750,000,000 bushels, the production of the last two years is over 500,000,000 bushels short of the average. The country will, therefore, enter upon the next crop year with a very small stock of corn on hand—so small, indeed, that even should we have another 2,000,000,000 crop, as in 1891, it would require all of this enormous yield to make up for the deficiency of the last two years. Even should such a crop as this be produced prices would probably still be high, because of the decrease in 1894. Another small crop following the one of last year would necessarily mean exorbitant prices for corn."

Farewell to His Church

Sunday at the First Baptist church Rev. J. L. White preached the last sermon of his pastorate, says last week's Asheville Citizen, and was heard by large congregations. In the morning his sermon was more especially to the church, his text being from 2 Cor. 13:11: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Mr. White spoke affectionately to the congregation that he has served for three years, and which he leaves with reluctance. During his pastorate 410 members have been admitted to the church. His farewell visibly affected many of the hearers, who regret his being called to another field.

Mr. White and his family will leave for their new home in Macon, Ga., Thursday.

The Outlook at Washington

The outlook at Washington is not promising, says the Philadelphia Times, solely because Caesar has a party, Antony has a party, but Rome has none.

Our present financial troubles come from three causes, which may be briefly summed up as follows:

First—We have very bad financial laws, passed by Republican authority, which must be executed by the President and Secretary of the Treasury. They may have been wise when enacted, but they are now not only unwise but fearfully perilous to the public credit and private business, and new conditions compel their repeal or modification.

Second—The Democrats have a majority in the House and are presumably responsible for legislation. Their leadership has been so imbecile that it doesn't know what to do as a responsible party to meet the emergency, and if it did know, probably wouldn't do it.

Third—The Republicans have 127 members of the House, and they oppose everything and propose nothing. They prefer business and industrial distress to wise legislation while the Democrats are in power.

These are the causes which have prevented sound financial legislation in Washington. There are enough honest money Democrats in the House, who, if supported by the honest money Republicans, could pass a bill any day that would stop the drain of gold and restore public confidence in every business and industrial circle, but thus far not a Republican movement has been made excepting to oppose everything that has been presented by the majority.

The Republicans could move to amend; could move to substitute; could do anything to perfect any

financial measure before the House, but they find the Democrats divided by Populists and Agrarians within their ranks, as the Republicans will be whenever they shall be called to responsible action, and they refuse all aid to legislation solely to make the majority party appear responsible before the country.

The man who is more responsible than all others in the House today for the failure to legislate on the financial question is Thomas B. Reed, of Maine. He controls the action of the Republican party, and has thus far refused to permit it to give any aid whatever to remedial legislation. Such is the situation at Washington.

Eternal Truth

An eternal truth expressed by Thomas Jefferson: "The love of order and obedience to the laws, which so remarkably characterize the citizens of the United States, are sure pledges of internal tranquility; and the elective franchise, if guarded as the ark of our safety, will peaceably dissipate all combinations to subvert a Constitution dictated by the wisdom and resting on the will of the people."

Tragedy on the Sea.

Authentic details of the appalling catastrophe in the North Sea which occurred a few days ago are still meager, and it still looks as if the exact truth would never be known. It is definitely established that the vessel which crashed into the Lloyd steamship Elbe was the steamboat Crathie, plying between Aberdeen and Rotterdam, and it now seems probable that not a soul was saved out of the four hundred men, women and children who set sail from Bremen in the ill-starred vessel, except the handful of half-frozen persons who were picked up by the fishing smack Wildflower. How complete and sudden the whole tragical affair was is shown by the fact that boats which visited the scene of the collision were unable to find the slightest floating vestige of the Elbe. It is stated that neither of the two pilots was on the bridge of the Elbe at the time the collision occurred. This statement should be thoroughly sifted; on its face, however, the story told by officers of the Crathie is absurd. These men assert that they stood by where the Elbe went down over two hours, and hearing and seeing nothing, then sailed away. Such a story is incredible. All indications go to show that as soon as the Crathie could disentangle itself it cowardly made for port, leaving the passengers and crew of the crippled vessel to save themselves as best they could. Tragedies of this kind has often occurred on the waters, and THE RECORDER has recorded some of them, and judging from the facts published, the North Sea calamity looks like a case of unpardonable criminal negligence on the part of the officers of the Crathie, for they paid no attention to the signals fired from the Elbe before the crash took place, for according to trustworthy reports, the Elbe repeatedly signaled the Crathie by rockets, but the latter neither slackened its speed nor veered its course. This is the more significant because officers of the Crathie admit that there was no fog at the time, and that they discerned the color and funnels of the Elbe while they were yet some distance from the German ship.

Investigation, however, will undoubtedly settle this point. One great trouble with a catastrophe of this kind is that the lips of so many persons are forever sealed, which, if they could speak, would make the real truth known. Mean-

time, the whole civilized world is touched with sympathy for the multitudes of homes which have been darkened by this latest sea tragedy.

Pugilistic

Corbett is not doing much in the fighting line, but his oratorical department is working overtime. Here is his latest disquisition on things pugilistic:

"This fight is simply a business proposition with me. The glory don't don't count. I settled that in my mind when I went into the ring with John L. Sullivan. When I appeared there was a distinct hiss, and when the champion came on he was cheered to the echo. When I had him licked the people who had hissed me went wild with enthusiasm and cheered until they were hoarse, and what was there for Sullivan? The hisses. The public favor is a good thing for the champion, but it only lasts while he is champion. I don't propose to let anyone whip me. I shall fight Fitz and when I shall quit the ring for good, with championship honors, for I shall beat Fitzsimmons without any trouble.

As to the future of pugilism he said: "It has no future. The people and the press are against it and in a year or two all there will be left of it will be an occasional encounter in a barn for a thousand dollars a side. You cannot stand out against public opinion, and I will be the retired champion by that time. These accidents have done it—for they were accidents. It is not possible to hit a man with your fists and kill him. It is the impact with the ground that is fatal, but you can't make that clear to everybody, and pugilism will not last." Monopoly is getting in the same boat with pugilism, public opinion is against it, and when the press and the public get down on such things, they must go.

Texas planters are not so wild on the cotton question as you heard they were. It is true Texas has raised an enormous cotton crop, the past season, and does the same every season and while cotton can be raised here with less cost perhaps than in most cotton states owing to the fact that we require no fertilizers, still our people are fast realizing that it does not pay to plant cotton to the exclusion of other crops. Cotton at the present prices is not a paying crop, even in Texas, where it requires no fertilizers, and less labor to produce it than in any other of the cotton growing states. Human nature is the same here as in the good old state of Georgia, and you know we don't stick to anything very close unless there is money in it, barring politics and newspapers.—Italy (Tex) News.

Nothing could better illustrate the mental and moral confusion which possesses the men who are dragging the honor of Tennessee into the mire and ineffaceably disgracing and sully old man, whom they have duped to their heartless, selfish and shortsighted schemes, than the irrelevant black guardism with which they assail every one who dares to question their proceeding. Truly whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.—Louisville Courier Journal.

They want to make an attempt at robbery with a weapon punishable by death in this state. This, of course, will compel the robber to kill the chief witness against him in self-defense.—Houston Post.

"Governor" Kolb has broken out with another "message" to the Alabama legislature. Why is not this howling Pop, put in jail or sent to the senate?—Louisville Times.

Texas, this winter, has had six weeks or more of splendid hog-killing weather, and now the snow

King comes down to linger in the wheat field and make perfect the grain grower are getting the laugh on the cotton grower in Texas.—Dallas Times.

A significant incident of the passage by the senate of the Nicaragua canal bill, was the choking of an amendment compelling the company to employ only American laborers. When the Union Pacific bill went through congress a quarter of a century ago the argument was made that it would give employment to the idle citizens of this country. As a matter of fact the road was built by Asiatic coolies, imported by the shipload. This was the first Chinese influx.—St. Louis Chronicle.

STATE NEWS.

News and Observer: The National Farmer's Alliance and Industrial Union with delegates from nearly every state and territory in the Union, will assemble here in its annual session next Tuesday.

Raleigh Visitor: At 3 o'clock Friday morning Dr. Sam A. Williams, representative in the house from Warren, died at his boarding house here of pneumonia. His sickness dated from the beginning of the session. It was reported, and in fact published a week ago, that he was dead. He was a practicing physician and was 71 years of age. He was widely known and esteemed in his section of the state. His body left here at noon Friday for Warrenton, escorted by a joint committee. Both houses of the legislature adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.—Friday morning there was a destructive fire reported at Cary. The large flouring mills there were burned. The loss is a heavy one, although partly covered by insurance.

Charlotte News: The Asheville and Spartanburg railroad will be sold in Spartanburg, on February 15, by James Swan, special master. This road is now leased to the Southern railway. It is understood that Inman, Swan & Company will be the purchasers and that it will be run in connection with the Port Royal and Western Carolina railroad.

A barn belonging to a Mr. Kurteson at Plum Tree, 12 miles from Cranberry, was burned Sunday night, cremating 12 horses. Four of the horses were being used by Hale and McClure, Knoxville drummers. These men lost \$2000 worth of samples in the fire and their hacks were also burned. The loss is estimated at \$4000.

THE HOG QUESTION.

It is impossible to estimate how much the effect which the hard times and the low price of cotton would otherwise have had on the south, says the Atlanta Journal, has been broken by the fact that this section last year produced more corn and meat than ever before in its history. It was easy for Georgia to send twenty-five car loads of provisions to suffering Nebraska, and for several other southern states to spare large supplies from their cribs and smoke-houses for the same cause. The experience of last year should encourage our farmers to continue in the sane line of sensible conduct.

Plant plenty of corn and raise an abundance of meat, should be the motto of every farmer in the cotton states.

The Charleston News and Courier has offered practical encouragement in this direction to the farmers of South Carolina. It will give \$100 in gold to the two farmers in that state who shall raise the two largest hogs this year, \$80 to be the first prize and \$20 the second. A third prize of a morocco-bound set of the Encyclopedia Britannica is offered for the farmer who shall raise the hog showing the largest gain at the lowest cost.

The competition for these prizes will undoubtedly be lively, and many a farmer who fails to get one of them will find his own reward

in an increased supply of meat and in hogs of which any man might be proud.

The News and Courier is to be commended for offering these premiums. The newspaper which causes two hogs to grow where one grew before, and big hogs to take the place of little ones is entitled to be called a public benefactor.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 1895.

A very shrewd politician said to your correspondent today: "The outlook today is that there will be no financial legislation this session of congress. The president is getting ready to issue a \$100,000,000 worth of bonds. I know this to be a fact and that the bonds are being printed at the bureau of engraving and printing. The administration does not now expect any financial bill to become a law and depends on this large bond issue to tide over the present stringency." Secretary Carlisle is not in the least disturbed about the condition of the treasury. He thinks there will be an increase in the revenues of the government in the spring sufficient to supply the needed funds. I hope he is right in his calculations. There is no denying the fact that chaos expresses in a single word the financial situation among democrats here. The silverites threatened all day yesterday to introduce a bill as opposed as possible to the president's policy. There is a clique of senators who favor compromising the differences in the party, if such a thing is possible. Faction fights are the order of the day, and it is impossible to predict what a day may bring forth.

Late this afternoon the President nominated Holmes Conrad, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and J. M. Dickinson, of Tennessee, to be assistant attorney general. Solicitor General Maxwell resigned his position because he could not get along with Attorney General Olney.

A Mr. Oliver, of Georgia, but a native of Sampson county, N. C., has just been appointed consul general to Merida, Yucatan.

There was a lively fight in the house today between Mr. Breckinridge of Kentucky and Mr. Heard, of Missouri. The lie was passed and but for the prompt interference of members and the sergeant at arms they would have come to blows. Both gentlemen were before the bar of the house and withdrew their remarks, but Mr. Breckinridge afterwards intimated that this was not the last of it. The inference is that the Kentucky colonel is going to fight.

The reception at the white house last night to the judiciary and the members of congress was brilliant and well attended.

Prints News

Southern Tobaccoist: The American Tobacco Co., meets at Newark, N. J., February 15th, an annual business. Four-one year term directors will be elected.—The Blackwell Durham Tobacco Co., is prosperous and everybody rejoices it is not a trust complicated company. Nobody should envy the lawful profits, but we covet the gift and grace of giving, spending and being spent, to all such good purposes, the gain gotten without greed, which is so justly and freely accorded President Carr, of that company.—The gist of Judge Fuller's trust decision is that the Government don't assume to control private business or to pass upon trusts, unless it effects matters of monopoly, etc., between State or States and other countries. It says it won't do for the Government to meddle in private affairs and hints that it is better to bear monopoly and trusts or fight them under State laws than to make Government laws regulate affairs, for which probably others now urging the fight and innocent parties would be ultimately sorry.

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The Day of Reckoning

The work of destruction, as it is outlined by the introduction of the bills approved by Butler, goes merrily on at Raleigh. The forces of the combine are in high glee. As Populists they have seated one United States Senator who believes in protection, which they denounce, and as Republicans they will seat another who believes—or did—in tariff reform, which the radicals denounce. They are turning out Democrats from the Assembly as fast as they can reach the contested cases, and without allowing the evidence on which it is done to come before the body which votes on the matter. "The day of reckoning done come," says Lusk in the jargon that draws applause from the dark galleries of the Senate. The combine boast that they will undo twenty years of legislation at this one session. They will leave not one stone upon another.

We have to wait and possess our souls in patience, see what bills are passed and how they are taken by the people; but this is pretty certain: if the Rep. Pop. combine goes on in the spirit in which it has begun it will as surely overreach itself and fall outside the breastworks as night follows day. There is not so much as a pretense that there is to be much legislation in the interests of the people; it is mainly for the offices; mainly on a plan to give the greatest possible opportunity for holding power in the State indefinitely; to inflict as much injury as possible on the Democratic party, to humiliate its ablest men, to tear down mainly for the mere sake of tearing down. For the party or combine that legislates in this spirit the day of reckoning cannot be far distant.—Asheville Citizen.

The Atlantic & Danville Railway Company.

The principal office of this Company has been removed from the city of Portsmouth to West Norfolk, in Norfolk county, Va. The general executive offices are now located in the Dodson building, in the city of Norfolk, Va. All communications intended for the officers of this company should be addressed to Norfolk, Va., instead of Portsmouth, as heretofore.

G. M. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Bad Ellis, a farmer and Methodist preacher, living four miles from Aurora, Mo., became sud-

denly insane Friday morning. He cut his wife's throat and shot his little girl through the head, killing them. He then blew his own brains out. He was a widower until a week ago, and he married a widow named Rickman, who also had a little girl. The latter was saved by being absent at school.

The Augusta, Ga., Chronicle is so much opposed to mob law that it thinks the following suggestion ought to be enacted into a law: "The proposition to pass a law making the immediate removal of the sheriff compulsory when he allows a prisoner to be lynched, and to give the survivors of the dead man's family right to recover damages against the county in which a lynching occurs, are practical steps. If the people and the officer are convinced that it will cost something to practice mob law, there will be an increase in the respect for the law."

Got Away in Time

The Winston Journal says an American Tobacco Co. agent, under pretense of being a jobber, spied out the mechanism of the Briggs' cigarette machine at Thomasville, N. C., lately. The expert machinist got away in time to save tar and feathers along with his report. The report is the probable basis of the American Tobacco Company's infringement suit.

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