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### Pension Due.

The northern press and politicians have howled for pensions to United States soldiers, their widows, cousins and aunts. The nation is nearly bankrupt from payment of money to people who never smelt powder. We saw here in Durham yesterday an old man bowed down with extreme age and extreme poverty who served in the 36th Regiment of United States troops during the Mexican war, and shares, or should have the distinction that regiment gained in the fierce contest at Monterey.

Uneducated, poor, old and without friends, this old man surely entitled to a pension, which he would doubtless have had long ago had his knowledge and means enabled him to properly present his claim. Two of his company, Capt. Norwood's, are still living in this section, who will certify to his claim, and we trust he is now on the road to get something.

### Badly Needed.

Increased travel to and through Durham makes additional hotel facilities an imperative necessity. Not that we have not one of the best arranged and best kept hostleries in the state—for such is the Carolina, but that we need another where the elaborate elegance will not require so high charges.

The Durham correspondent of the News and Observer calls attention to this matter in yesterday's issue of that paper, and suggest a suitable location for the new structure. It was rumored last fall that some time this summer, R. H. Wright would build a handsome hotel on his property on the corner between Royall & Borden's and the depot, to be run as a \$2.00 a day house and specially arranged for the traveling men. Such a house would receive large patronage if well kept, and would add much to the general good of Durham; and it appears to us, would also pay a handsome interest on the capital invested. It is to be hoped Mr. Wright will carry the idea out.

A large proportion of the paying patronage of a hotel in these days comes from the commercial travelers, very few of whom are allowed more than two dollars a day in their expense account for hotel bills. Apart from this, there are many other visitors to Durham, who rather than exceed this amount, resort to restaurants and cheap boarding houses. The Herald hopes another hotel will be built at once. As to locations there are several, all good, and we suppose obtainable at moderate price.

### Charged with Filibustering.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—John D. Hart, owner of the steamer Bermuda, Capt. O'Brien, master, and Mate Murphy, who are charged with aiding in setting on foot a military expedition against Spain, were this afternoon held in \$1,000 each by United States Commissioner Bell for their appearance in the United States District Court on May 13. Second Mate Simonson was released.

Almost a score of witnesses were called, and all testified that the Bermuda had taken on board about eighty men from the steamer Atlantic City, which sailed from Tuckahoe, N. J.; that there were arms and ammunition on the steamer; and that they were discharged from the vessel on the Cuban coast.

The Spaniards in Cuba have gone a little too far in their arrest and treatment of Missionary Diaz, a naturalized American citizen, representing American Baptist. They may monkey with our politicians, but must keep their hands off our missionaries.

### The Agony Over.

The meeting of the populist and republican leaders in Raleigh Friday marks an epoch in the political history of North Carolina that will be remembered for days and years. With avowed principles of government at utter variance, there was a temporary coalition to fight they pleased to call the "machine democrats." But, the affinity being like that of oil and water, and the principal purpose of fusion being accomplished, each party assumes populists for a joint ticket—the slogan being so much in the ascendancy here that he who runs against it will meet his Waterloo. The boys are out of suspense now, know where they are at, and considerable shifting of sails to suit the new wind may be looked for. We append the text of the propositions made for fusion which were rejected.

The republican demands were:

1. In the apportionment of the several offices to be voted for the republicans shall nominate and the populists endorse the following candidates: (1) Governor, (2) attorney general, (3) auditor, (4) one justice of the supreme court. The populists shall nominate and the republicans endorse: (1) lieutenant governor, (2) secretary of state, (3) treasurer, (4) superintendent of public instruction, (5) one justice of the supreme court.

2. That there shall be complete co-operation between the respective parties in congressional and legislative districts and counties, as 1894.

3. That the agreement heretofore made between the respective parties, according to the senatorship to the republican party, is hereby ratified and confirmed and the populists are to support the nominee of the republican party.

4. That under existing conditions each party shall run its own electoral ticket.

To this the following reply was sent, and the conference ended.

"Gentlemen: I am instructed by the state executive committee of the people's party to respectfully inform you that your proposition for a basis of the credit of their victory and the right to assume dictatorship of the other.

The consequence has been, that the populists, dominated by the reform democrats in its ranks, have refused to grant the republican demands for the larger part of the spoils, and have announced they will keep house for themselves—having both a North Carolina and a National residence. It does not appear to us they could have done otherwise without a retraction of their principles. While this is so, it is evident there will be local fusion in many of the counties where it is of mutual advantage to the controlling politicians and office holders.

We suppose there will now be three candidates in the field for Governor, or that there will be an understanding between the silver democrats and the co-operation between the republican party and people's party in this state is declined.

Very Respectfully,  
H. W. AYER,  
Secretary.

An opportunity is here opened for the democrats, and it remains to be seen what use they will make of it.

SINCE newspapers have been disseminated, a free press has been the bulwark of civil liberty, while an independent clergy has saved the cause of religion. Yet, the union of church and state always has, and probably always will, mean tyranny and oppression. It is an unholy alliance on independent soil, which we trust this people will not be called on to endure.

### That Sanitary Resolution.

It was matter of universal comment, and universal regret yesterday that the resolution of Commissioner Martin introduced before the town board at their regular meeting Monday night failed to pass.

The resolution was, in effect, that in view of the exceptionally hot weather, and the amount of disease germ breeding debris in the town, that the board appoint a special sanitary police who should go on duty at once and have the town cleaned before a rain should come and farther decay and disseminate the uncleanly piles whose scent already rises on the evening air like the most villainous stench that ever offended human nostril.

We regret this resolution was lost. It was only a matter of some \$10 cost to the town between putting on the sanitary officer now, and the first of May, the time set for him to assume the duties of his office. The amount is so small to put in the balance against the health of the city, and possibly the lives of some of its citizens.

We must think the gentlemen of the board had not given the matter due consideration, and that today their votes would be different. If we are correct a call meeting can easily be had, at which the reconsideration and passage of Mr. Martin's resolution will be agreeably in order.

### Failures Continue.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 18.—Three assignments were put on record today. The George H. Foster Company, wholesale liquor dealers rectifiers, of East Lombard street, filed a deed of trust to John H. Wright, who gave bond for \$70,000. Charles R. Benjamin, trading as the Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and Norfolk Newspaper Syndicate, executed a deed of trust to C. Marten, who filed a bond for \$30,000. Sylvester Ruth, trading as S. Ruth & Sons, and also an individual in the business of manufacturing tin cans, assigned to Charles E. Suter, who filed a bond for \$20,000.

The office seekers are not to be envied what little peace of mind they get just now. This courting of the people is quite as adroit a business as seeking the "yes" of a coy maiden, and equally as uncertain in results. They are all the time distracted with doubt and vexed without uncertainty. Sometimes they are ready to exclaim to the voting masses in the words of the disconsolate King James.

"Who would wish to be thy King?" "Thou many headed monster thing," but then the spoils of office appear in the dim distance, and he yields to a hopeless and inevitable doom.

THE reunion of old Confederate Veterans in Richmond, Va. on the occasion of the laying of cornerstone of the Jeff Davis monument, June 30th to July 2nd inclusive, is probably the last chance that will be offered during life, for so many of them to meet their old comrades. The thirty-one years that have passed since they won glory and never dying fame has much thinned the ranks, and the death rate increases as the years go by.

### Gen. Thomas L. Clingman.

A few days ago the RECORDER called attention to the condition of General Clingman and the shame of it. Assistance now—a little comfort and ease—a little soothing of the ravages age has made upon this old patriot statesman, will be of more worth to him while living than all the post mortem eulogies pen can write or tongue utter—more christi in justice than the master sculptors of the world can fashion in the most towering and artistic marble shaft. His condition is a reflection upon North Carolina, and were the legislature in session, no matter what its complexion, General Clingman would be provided for immediately. As it is not, will not some state philanthropist of means advance the necessary amount and take chances of reimbursement by the state? As pertinent to this matter, we copy the following from an editorial in the New York Mercury of the 19th:

"This is a life of ups and downs—and the downs are in a majority. However rich in this world's goods a man may be, there is no assurance that the closing years of his life may not be clouded in poverty.

The story is told that General Thomas L. Clingman, one of the most distinguished citizens of North Carolina, has made application for admission to the Confederate Soldiers' Home. He is 83 years of age, poor and helpless. Before the war he represented his state in the lower house of congress and in the Senate. He was prominent in national politics—a powerful orator and an able writer. During the war he made a brilliant record as a gallant Confederate officer.

It is, indeed, pitiful to see a man like this depending upon charity in his old age. The humane owner of a race horse which has made a brilliant record on the turf will kindly and tenderly care for the noble animal when his days of usefulness are gone. But here is a man, of once powerful intellect, who devoted his life to the service of his country, of whom North Carolina and the whole South ought to be proud, driven by extreme poverty to seek a home in a charity institution.

It is said the present hot wave had its origin in Montana, but that it is turning cooler there now. It is still hot here—hot enough for August, and the temptation to lay aside winter clothing is very great, but people should remember that April's smiles, like woman's, are not always to be depended on, and that they are likely to be followed by clouds and cold storms. Such phenomenal weather makes extreme caution necessary to keep off pneumonia and other unpleasant and dangerous sickness.

REV. W. N. CLEVELAND, brother of Grover, who was dismissed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Chaumont, N. Y. says his dismissal was caused by the opposition of political bigots who called him a copper head. He must have been wrongfully charged. It is hard to believe the goldhead president has a copper-head brother. One of his congregation is credited with saying he could not see how it was possible to be a christian and a democrat.

THE two North Carolina contested congressional cases, Martin vs. Lockhart and Thompson vs. Shaw, have been postponed till May 4th, and four men are having agony longer drawn out.

SOME people are relying upon getting a living out of the different campaign funds this year. It is a very uncertain chance of getting anything to eat. They had better plant corn, and work it.

### News of Interest.

HAVANA, April 20.—The Rev. Albert Diaz, the American Baptist Missionary and his brother Alfred, who were arrested last week, are still held "incommunicado," therefore nothing definite can be ascertained regarding the charges against them further than it is generally understood that they are of a political nature.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 20.—J. D. Bryant, of Lumberton, was found dead today near Hope mills on the track of the Atlantic Coast Line. He was horribly mangled and was unrecognizable except by the papers found on the body. It is supposed that he was killed by the Florida vestibule train last night. Bryant was a white man, thirty-five years of age.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The House committee on elections No. 2 today decided to adjourn to May 4, when a vote will be taken on the cases of Mitchell vs. Walsh, from the eighth New York district; Martin vs. Lockhart sixth North Carolina, and Thompson vs. Shaw, from the third North Carolina district.

H. H. HOLMES, the multi-murderer and incarnate fiend, has professed religion, and will join the Catholic church before the day of his execution. While christian people believe the "thief on the cross" was saved, but few will take stock in any profession Holmes may make. So putrid a creature morally and mentally is as likely to attempt to deceive God as man.

It is a sad commentary upon North Carolina that a man who has rendered such distinguished services as General Clingman, should in the sunset of a long and useful life, be an applicant for admission into the Old Soldiers' Home. Means should be furnished for his comfort amid his familiar surroundings during the few days he has to live.

SENATOR Marion Butler was called to preside over the United States Senate on the 15th. This was quite a distinction for a new member—looks like the old parties are coquetting with Miss Mary Ann, and doubtless acts as a soothing salve for the wounds inflicted by party spite's vindictive arrows.

Down at Raleigh yesterday the chiefs of the populist, republican and fusion clans met to see who should take charge of North Carolina and her affairs. It is a goodly land and is much coveted by each. What they did has not reached us yet, but their action, whatever it was or may be, will be an important factor in affairs here for some time to come.

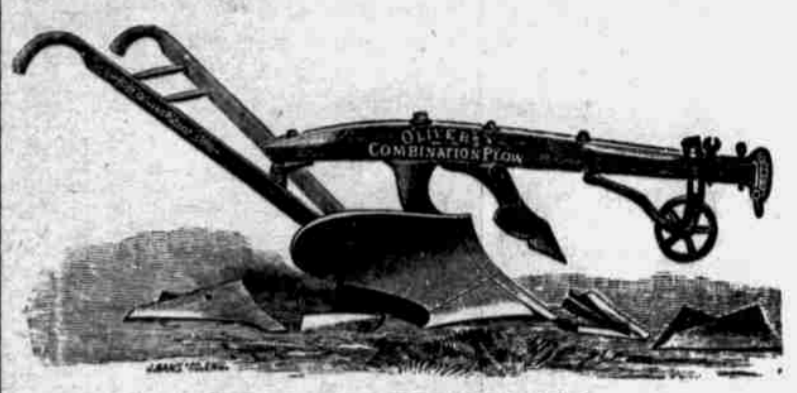
THERE is another cause of sympathy for the Cuban patriots just come to light. They issued two million bonds and have them on sale in New York. This should endear them to President Cleveland, and secure their prompt recognition.

SOME old fogies teach the doctrine that it is unconstitutional to have taxation without representation. They are way behind the age. Things have changed. It is now representation, and a heap of it, without taxation.

THE sporting season is on. The race track and base ball leagues opened up business last week. Both are very exciting and most excellent preparatory gambling schools.

THE women folks are in the lead these days. We notice that on the tandem bicycles the men put the women in front every time. In case of a collision there is less danger to the man in this arrangement.

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## Some Wonderful Things We Are Doing.

We are doing some wonderful and unusual things in the clothing business this week. For instance, we are selling some genuine all wool suits, well made, fit right and first-class in every particular, worth \$7.50, for just plain \$7.50. Some clothing houses have to sell (in order to do any business at all) a suit worth (so they say) \$15, for \$7.50. We don't. People are willing to pay us what the goods are worth. For instance again, we are selling a good fancy cassimere suit for young men and old men, good patterns, made up well and will fit well, for plain \$5 a suit. They are not worth \$8, but they are worth \$5. Some clothing houses have them in their stock marked down down (?) to \$7. We are selling piles and piles of all kinds clothing, some cheaper than these and some better, and in every instance giving our customers the worth of their money and sending them away satisfied. "Your money back if you want it" says so.

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