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### Strange Things.

There are many things about us that make us wonder. Heavily too poor to pay a cent to his regular doctor, who year in and year out adds to his weekly list, ministers to the sick, and the young and buries the dead; yet when some sensation, posing as an evangelist, comes along with trite sayings and stage action, his purse is in the strangers' hands. He who owes their drug-purse and standard medicine prescribed by physicians, doctor and reputation, a street fakir a dollar a nostrum he could get at any apothecary for five cents.

### Revenue Receipts.

DURHAM, May 21.—Interest receipts for the past six months have aggregated \$121,100, an increase over the like of 1895, of \$1,008,196. Compared with the ten months receipts from spirits show an increase of \$1,051,216; ferrous liquors an increase of 287; oleomargarine a decrease of \$194,084; and miscellaneous receipts a decrease of \$185,919.

### L. STREVEN, of the

port leader, one of the best papers in the eastern part of the State, has bought the Western Journal from E. W. Harper, who ran it so successfully the past few years. Harper, one of the best and most beloved citizens of his county, came into the plant by accident of circumstances, but to the taste for the business, doubtless glad to be rid of it, though it has been among the best paying newspaper property in the State.

### Next legislature should by

laws make some enactments to stop the frequent killing of the people by railroads. It occurs to me that the most effective way to do this would be to make it a misdemeanor to walk on a track, with a fine of \$10 for each offense. In the mean time we suppose it would be better for the city fathers to order an ordinance to the effect of applying in the corporate

### The good people of this

country would throw the pirates aboard, take hold of the ship and themselves pilot the vessel to the coast, there is yet time to save the country from the pirates, trust, combines, syndicates and other corporations, the only idea is to gather from the debris and of a God favored land machinations have been

### Chinese are looked upon

as a pest, still under the ignorant cloud of the Dark Ages, they are ahead of American civilization in one thing. They never make head bank robbers, politely religious Sunday school attendants, embezzlers, but the heads of every bank when the defalcation

### Revolutionary Records.

A "find" of great value to the student of history and heredity has been made in the office of the auditor of the state. The official records of the North Carolina Line in the Continental army have been discovered. When Sherman came to Raleigh with his blazing torch he destroyed in pure wantonness many of the rarest and most valuable records of the state. It was thought that these records of the revolution had met the same fate that befell so many other valuable state documents.

In searching through the records of the office a few days ago Mr. T. Palmer Jerman, chief clerk, came upon the official pay-list of the North Carolina Line. The only official records of the North Carolina soldiers of the revolution heretofore accessible were those of the pension office in Washington, and as few of the survivors applied for pensions, the list amounted to little.

In his address at the late meeting of the sons of the American revolution, at Richmond, the secretary general, Mr. Franklin Murray, spoke of the incompleteness of the revolutionary records, and especially those of North Carolina; to become a member of the sons of the American revolution, the applicant must produce an official record of the service of his ancestor in the revolutionary war. This omission in the records has prevented many persons of undoubted revolutionary ancestry from proving their descent from a continental soldier.

The records include the complete accounts of the pay masters of the North Carolina Line in the revolutionary army. Mr. Jerman, in the auditor's office, will make any researches that may be desired in these records, and will issue certificates of extracts from these official documents.—News and Observer.

### SPANISH BUTCHERY OF WHAT FEW

Cuban prisoners they capture goes on, but from the meagre accounts we are able to get the Cuban's are retaliating in the ratio of 16 to 1.

THE bill appropriating \$125,000 for a government building here, is more than apt to pass the House, but there is no money in the treasury to meet the appropriation, and there isn't likely to be for some years.

SOME boarding-house coffee is so weak you have to let it rest awhile before it can be swallowed. It hardly ever gets strong enough to tackle the hash. Some political aspirants have records like their coffee. They had better rest them.

THE purchasing power of a dollar has been enhanced one hundred per cent; the Congressman's \$5,000 buys twice as much of the necessities of life, real estate or other property, but the farmer and tradesman gets only half for his stuff. It is no wonder Congress does nothing to increase circulation.

### CHAIRMAN HARTY OF THE NATIONAL

Democratic Executive Committee, has given it out in most emphatic language, that delegates who propose to bolt the convention if it doesn't adopt platform in accord with their views, will not be admitted. If this is adhered to there, will probably be gold and silver convention setting in Chicago at the same time, both of which will nominate a National ticket.

The gold reserve in the Treasury has dropped to \$111,110,736, and already the administration is contemplating another bond issue and farther mortgage on the country.

### Gold Standard vs. Low Prices.

That the appreciation of the dollar has operated to depreciate all other values, is too palpable a fact to admit of reasonable dispute.

In this country alone, the depreciation in reality, from wages &c, since the demonetizing act of 1873, amounts to more than the cost of all the wars in which this country has been engaged—including our successful struggle for independence in 1776.

Who sustains this loss? The producing classes—the power and laboring man. The debtor classes have been forced to purchase a constantly APPRECIATING dollar, with universally DEPRECIATING commodities with which to discharge their obligations.

The best statistical authorities estimate that farm values in the state of New York have declined 50 per cent in the last twenty years, or a total of \$200,000,000. Here in North Carolina, the declination has been in like ratio.

The doubling of the value of gold by the demonetization of silver did this.

Who are the beneficiaries of this monstrous system of systematic robbery of the poor? That class of demons denounced in Holy writ from Genesis to Revelations, and immortalized forever by Shakespeare as the users and Shylocks who fatten at the expense of Humanity's heart blood.

How long will it be, oh ye Gods, before the American voters will recognize the vampires who are sucking their life blood—sapping their manhood, and apply the remedy? Desperate diseases require Heroic treatment, and just now, there can be no compromise either with Shylock or the Devil. Use the right of suffrage, while it is yet in your power—liberate yourself and posterity from this worse than Egyptian bondage of the gold power. It requires the breaking of old party ties, the anti-christ of patriotism, and the dethroning of corrupt party gods, so much the better. You will come out of the contest redeemed and purified.

### From Charlotte Observer.

It was an unique and worthy idea which impelled Capt. S. E. White, of Fort Mill, S. C., to erect in his town a monument each to the women of the confederacy and the slaves of the south. The monuments were dedicated yesterday and the story of the exercises is told in the news columns of this paper. The thought and the deed do Capt. White the utmost credit. The women were the inspiration of the confederacy the negro an important factor in its support. The devotion and confidence of the women strengthened the arm and steadied the aim of the soldiers in the field, while the fidelity of the slaves during the contest upon the issue of which depended their freedom, is beyond all praise.

### The Laurada's Safe Return.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 22.—The steamer Laurada entered the bar yesterday and was met at quarantine by J. A. Huau, agent of the Cuban Junta and a number of friends of Cuba. The Laurada's captain reported that he had landed safely on Cuban shore nineteenth of the ammunition. While attempting to land the last load smoke was seen on the horizon and fearing it to be from the tunnels of a Spanish man of war, the steamer pulled up anchor and started northward. After communicating this information the Laurada headed seaward. After communicating this information the Laurada headed seaward, ostensibly for New York. The Three Friends cleared from this port to-day with arms and ammunition consigned to Key West. The revenue cutter Boutwell has been ordered to see her across the three mile limit.

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### Crop Bulletin.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 25, 1896.—The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Crop Bulletin, issued by North Carolina climate and crop service, for the week ending Saturday May 23, 1896, indicate a very favorable change nearly everywhere. The first part of the week continued very warm and dry, but commencing the 19 favorable rains occurred nearly every day over large portions of the state. The drought, however, continues to prevail in some of the western counties, in southern portions of the central district, and especially over the southeastern and coast region. The temperature was above normal every day during the week, and where sufficient rain fell crops made rapid growth.

Central District.—With the exception of local areas in Montgomery, Anson, Stanley and Forsyth counties, the entire district received copious rains this week from the 19th to 23d; the rains were quite heavy and washed lands at a few points. Hail was reported in nine counties with some damage to crops, necessitating some replanting, but less than might have been expected. A very favorable change resulted from the timely breaking of the drought, and crops are now making splendid growth. Setting sweet potato slips made much headway, and the transplanting of tobacco is approaching completion. Some corn was planted to replace failed crops, and some cotton was damaged by hail. Early and well worked cotton is quite large for the season. Irish potatoes and vegetables now doing well. Rains came too late to help wheat much, it is beginning to ripen, apparently with good heads, though short, oats practically a failure. Water melons doing extra well.

### Let Us Weep.

Durham has many causes of thankfulness to the great arbiter of trade—and all else, for a generous distribution of her opportunities as the first and greatest tobacco market of the state, which for many years, it was.

Before W. T. Blackwell, who built the market, and per se sequence, the town also, met with the misfortune of having to settle the debts of so many other people, the tobacco market here was first and foremost both in quantity sold, and in prices.

### SENATORS BUTLER OF NORTH

Carolina and David B. Hill of New York had a tilt in the senate on Thursday over the former's prohibitory bond issue bill. Mr. Hill it appears, resorted to Tammany obstruction methods, and delayed farther discussion for the time. Mr. Butler gave notice that the matter would again be called up, in such manner it is evident he does not intend to be choked off, or miss the opportunity of putting his brother senators on record in this important matter.

### CARDINAL GIBBONS, who

belongs to a "church and state" sect, a Catholic whose church in the earlier days made and unmade kings, is out in a letter saying the Catholic church, an acknowledged power in the politics of America, will support no man who interferes with religious or political liberty in this country. This it appears is a sort of retort on McKinley's action with the American protective association, and is significant as to where the Irish vote will be polled.

### NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON FOOT

for a combination of the opposing factions of the different tobacco trust syndicates, with the intent of centering their combined interest to the detriment of the poor devil who catches horn worms in the broiling sun, and goes to bed with only a salt herring and a piece of ash cake on his stomach. God help this country, and save to the laborers at least the semblance of justice.

### SOME WASHINGTON, D. C.,

correspondents are sending out to North Carolina papers intimations that Tom Settle is fixing to bolt the Russell nomination. These fellows are off their base. Tommie can't afford this, and he knows it as well, or better, than the scriblers who penned the report.

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