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EDITORIAL BONBONS.

Let the world beware of treading on the tail of Uncle Sam's coat!—Cleveland Leader.

It is doubtful if Edison, by using the most powerful X-ray known, could locate the shriveled soul of a petty politician known as Vest.—St. Louis Star.

It is a good thing that earthquake didn't hit Spain. It would naturally have been considered conclusive evidence that Maceo isn't dead, if it had.—Chicago Post.

O, for brakes of common sense on the wheels now whirling in the overhauled heads of certain Senators and Representatives in the Congress assembled.—Boston Globe.

It is claimed by some people that all these airship stories which have been sent out from California were really intended as an advertisement for the wines of that State.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The illiterate foreigner in foreign lands will have to touch up his intellectual faculties or remain abroad. The Lodge bill may fairly be termed an incentive to universal education.—Boston Herald.

There are more American vessels on the Great Lakes than on oceans, and their combined tonnage is greater. Something must be done to revive American maritime commerce.—Buffalo Express.

Our friend Henry Watterson is already engaged in a desperate hand-to-hand conflict with the Cleveland boom of 1800 Henry, we regret to say, has a bad case of slaughter house on the brain.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

There is no information at hand on the subject, but it is safe to infer that all the speculative Senators were on the right side of the stock market Friday, and that their servants got their telegrams off promptly.—New York Journal.

Brazil has consented to pay one million dollars damages for injury to Italians in that country. That is a pretty good bill, but it may prove the cheapest way in the end.—Baltimore American.

This is an emphemistic age. A thief nowadays is called a "kleptomaniac," a murderer is called a "psychic epileptic," and an alderman is called "one of our best citizens."—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Washington correspondent declares there are only three genuine millionaires in the Senate—Cameron, McMillan and Wetmore. If this is so, several State Legislatures have been imposed on.—Chicago Tribune.

A New York court refuses to recognize the validity of North Dakota divorces. This may give North Dakota another boom, as it will compel people who want to remain to remain in the Flickertail State.—Minneapolis Tribune.

With Senator Quay declaring war on trusts and Senator Cameron making trouble with Spain, the Pennsylvania State Senate and House of Representatives should pass a joint resolution of self-congratulation.—Washington Times.

Senator Allen's anxiety to have the expenses of the Presidential campaign investigated may be due to a vague populist conception of his that the Senate could divide the surplus funds pro rata.—New York Advertiser.

It would take only about one foot of "Yankee Doodle" and a couple of rebel yells to clear the Rubi mountains of every Spanish soldier. They would follow Weyler to Havana as fast as their legs would take them.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

METHODISTS AND STATE AID.

Dr. Kingsbury, the able editor of the Wilmington Messenger, and also a leading Methodist, has the following to say in his paper in regard to the action of the Methodist conference on the higher education question:

"The North Carolina Conference adopted resolutions, the result of which is two-fold, to place the Methodist church in antagonism to the University of North Carolina now more than one hundred years old, and secondly to cripple its operations if the spirit and intent of the resolutions are successfully carried out. It is unfortunate for the state that the hostility has been so strongly and widely developed. The University is really the chief ornament and glory of North Carolina. It is a great thing for the people who love education and would serve North Carolina forging bravely to the front for higher and still higher education that they have so well equipped and progressive a school as that one located at Chapel Hill and to which 1,800,000 people vote a beggarly, miserly \$20,000. It ought to be \$50,000, so that the University might be pressed to the front without delay as the equal in all respects of Princeton and the University of Virginia or of any other foremost institution of learning in the South. It is perhaps unwise to give so little. Virginia sets a more liberal, a nobler example.

"The speech of Mr. L. L. Smith, of Hertford, was most timely, patriotic and broad, and we think wise and judicious. He is right in insisting that the church of Christ shall not become a political affair engaging in a scramble with worldliness for worldly ends. He said wisely and well as an able, conservative, prominent and loyal layman:

"The University ought to be the pride of the State. The church ought not to enter the domain of politics. There is no telling where it will end. John Wesley didn't stop and whine because tithes went to other churches and colleges. The great educational work of Randolph-Macon college, in Virginia, has not been impeded because the University of Virginia gives free tuition to every son of the state. We will make a mistake if we enter upon this line."

THERE IS NO LUCK.

In replying to the query, "Does not luck sometimes play a goodly part in a man's success?" Edward W. Bok, in the Saturday Ladies Home Journal, writes:

"Never. Henry Ward Beecher answered this question once for all when he said: 'No man prospers in this world by luck, unless it be the luck of getting up early, working hard, and maintaining honor and integrity.' What so often seems, to many young men, on the surface, as being luck in a man's career, is nothing more than hard work done at some special time. The idea that luck is a factor in a man's success has ruined thousands: it has never helped a single person. A fortunate chance comes to a young man some times just at the right moment. And that some people call luck. But that chance was given him because he had at some time demonstrated the fact that he was the right man for the chance. That is the only luck there is. Work hard, demonstrate your ability, and show to others that if an opportunity comes within your grasp you are able to use it."

Poison Oak.

"I was poisoned with poison oak several years ago and it would break out occasionally and cause me much distress. I took medicine from the doctors but they did not cure me, and last fall I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine has given me an appetite and done me more good than any other." Joseph W. Jarrell, Leaksville, N. C.

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EXPOSE THE BLOT.

Senator Allen's resolution for the investigation of the use of money in the late presidential campaign has caused more commotion than appears on the surface. There are a great many people who would dislike very much to see such an investigation made, for one or another reason, but it is needless to say that they are not among the supporters of the recent presidential aspirations of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Allen says he intends to push his resolution and nearly all of the silver democratic senators and all of the populists have indicated their intention to support it. Senator Allen says of the resolution: "I framed the resolution so as to include all parties, and I do not refuse to pass it. The matter is attracting attention all over the country, and certainly if there is a blot on the election it should be exposed and wiped out, or at least, a wholesome warning given that the offense is not to be repeated."

THE PRESS AND WAR.

The war in Cuba and the probability that the United States will recognize that republic as belligerents, and the second probability that the matter may get Spain and Uncle Sam into serious complications, is all the talk just now. The following is the sentiment of the different papers, to which they are entitled:

If there must be war, it is "powerful comfort" to know that it will be with somebody we can whip.—Baltimore News.

The attitude of our government in the matter has been of a character to put Christianity, humanity and civilization to shame.—Atlanta Constitution.

War is not the aim of the American people. But if war comes, as the result of an act which they consider just and fully justified, then they will meet it.—Washington Star.

Mr. Olney makes it clear to Congress that this government is a limited monarchy, and that the house of Cleveland will attend to all international questions.—Washington Times.

Mr. Cleveland will do whatever Spain requires of him in relation to Cuba. He is as much under the direction of the Spanish crown as the butcher Weyler himself.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

From the way things have been going for some time past, it begins to look as though Uncle Sam is determined to lick somebody, and doesn't care very much who it is.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

If the adoption of the resolution would be tantamount to an indirect declaration of war, or even a direct declaration, then let it be war. If Spain does not wish our friendly offices, she can have our unfriendly offices.—Chicago Tribune.

Crime on the Increase.

Crime is increasing. Look at twelve murderers in one, five county either just tried or awaiting trial. Look at the great county of Mecklenburg. There are nearly 400 cases to be tried before Judge O. P. Meares of the Criminal court. It is the largest criminal docket the old county has ever had. There are more than 100 prisoners in the jail and no place for others. And yet Judge Russell is reported as aiming to retire Judge Meares who has done a great work for the State, and to do away with his court. He ought to think long and look at his bearings closely before he recommends disastrous changes.—Wilmington Messenger.

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A MEMORABLE WAR.

The past year has been a memorable one and one that will live in history. It has witnessed the Cuban struggle, the English advance on the Sudan, and the Armenian massacres. It has witnessed also the Venezuelan imbroglio, the strained relations between England and Germany, and a Turkish Empire tottering to its fall. And doubtless the day will never arrive when there will not be wars and rumors of wars. Declaimers, with their rhetorical phrases, will denounce wars of ambition, wars of rapine and wars of conquest; yet war in defense of country and home appeals to the manly instinct of every people, and brings forth the great virtue of heroism and self-sacrifice. "We talk of peace and learning," said John Ruskin, in his address to the cadets of the Royal Academy, Woolwich, "and of peace and plenty, and of peace and civilization; but I found that those were not the words which the muse of history coupled together; that on her lips the words were: Peace and sensuality, peace and selfishness, peace and corruption, peace and death. I found, in brief, that all nations learned their truth of word and strength of thought in war; that they were nourished in war, and wasted by peace; taught by war, and deceived by peace; trained by war, and betrayed by peace—in a word, that they were born in war, and expired in peace."

MUST POST BULLETINS.

A law student at Wake Forest has made complaint against the railroad authorities at that place for failing to post bulletins promptly in regard to whether the trains are on time or not. He also made complaint against the agent there for refusing to allow a lady who was "dressed shabbily" to enter the reception room. In regard to the former the Railroad Commission passed the following rule:

"It shall be the duty of each railroad company to bulletin at every telegraph station along its line, and other stations, if possible, ten minutes in advance of the schedule time of arrival of its trains, whether such train is on time, and if behind its schedule time to state, as near as can be approximated, the time of its arrival. The bulletin board shall be placed in a conspicuous place at the ticket office, and all notices thereon, of arrival or departure of trains shall be erased immediately after the departure of trains."

In regard to the latter complaint the matter was referred to the superintendent of the division and he was notified to look into the matter.

If the agent did refuse to allow a woman to enter the reception room just because she was not able to dress as fine as some of her more fortunate sisters, he should be "fired" at once. He does not deserve the name of man.

PUBLIC OPINION.

Roanoke Times, (Dem.): The open and outspoken sympathy of the press and people of the United States with the Cuban revolutionists is not the result of ardent manipulation, but simply the predominance of the idea that the Anglo-Saxon race will eventually dominate this continent. Call it selfishness, aggressiveness, or whatever you will, it is in the air. It is the march of "manifest destiny," which means that in time the Latin races of North America must give way to the sturdy Anglo-Saxon from the pole to Panama.

Alexandria Gazette, (Dem.): Mr. Cleveland, though the head and front of the civil service reform law, is, apparently at

least, doing all he can to ridicule that absurd humbug. He has already included the charwomen employed in the government departments at Washington in the scope of its operation, and now commences the new year by subjecting all the employees of government penitentiaries to competitive examinations, as though the ability to answer quiz questions were a necessary qualification for guarding convicts.

Hebrew and Gentile Wed.

Mr. G. M. Wright, of Rock Hill, N. C., and Miss Susie Fine, the accomplished daughter of our townsman Mr. Moses Fine, drove down to Marion county, S. C., last Thursday and were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by our genial friends Captain Andrew Harlee, trial justice, notary public, or words to that effect. Moses is a Hebrew and Mr. Wright is a Gentile; so that our neighbor could not reconcile this proceeding with his religious belief, therefore a paroxysm of parental reliquis followed. Moses induced his daughter to return to his home to see her mother whom he described as very sick. His son-in-law informed us that he took his daughter into a room and stripped her of her wedding clothes, and with a loaded pistol pointed at Susie compelled her to surrender not only her clothes but eyeglasses with which she was enabled to see the charm of her lover. On Saturday Mr. Wright recovered the clothes through a writ of claim and delivery but the glasses Moses had destroyed in a fit of passion. Susie has lived in Maxson long enough to be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we cannot blame her for marrying a hard working mechanic who is a gentleman—and we trust that she may be able to help him to see a personal Savior. On the other hand we cannot blame Moses, holding the faith that he does, for deep feeling. We only blame him for passion when it was too late to prevent the marriage; and for breaking the glasses so badly needed. We trust that the gentle dove of peace will soon hover over father and daughter, who say what you will is Wright. We wish all parties concerned a happy future.—Lumberton Robesonian.

Kept His Burial Suit 20 Years.

Last Friday night at the home of his son-in-law Mr. Newton, at the Avon mill, Mr. Stephen Baker departed this life at the age of 81 years. Mrs. Newton was his only daughter. The funeral was preached at the house Saturday by Rev. O. H. Durham, and the interment took place at Shiloh. Shortly before her death, some 20 years ago, Mrs. Baker made her husband a suit of clothes of material which she had spun and woven with her own hands. All the time since he kept this suit with almost sacred care, that he might be buried in it. It was of a gray or mixed color and of a style prevailing in the good old days before the war. His long-cherished wish to be laid to rest in this suit made by his beloved and long-departed companion was gratified.—Gastonia Gazette.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a Bottle at R. Blacknall & Son's drug store.

ATTRACTING MUCH ATTENTION.

Senator Pettigrew's charge, made on the floor of the Senate an hour or so before adjournment for the Christmas recess, that the men who control the Union Pacific railroad have hatched up a scheme to make that road practically worthless, if the government forecloses its mortgage and takes possession, is attracting much attention and seems to be worrying the railroad lobbyists, who thought they had plain sailing ahead when the House set aside four days, beginning Jan. 7, for consideration of the Pacific railroad funding bill. This scheme, according to Mr. Pettigrew, is to get possession of the branch roads which are feeders of the Union Pacific, and upon which the government has no lien, so that if the government takes possession of the Union Pacific road a considerable portion of its traffic can be diverted. It is to be worked through the floating debt of \$8,000,000, which Mr. Pettigrew thinks was created for the purpose. This floating debt is secured by bonds and stocks of the branch lines, and Mr. Pettigrew thinks the best way for the government to protect its own and the interests of those who live along the line of the Union Pacific is to pay that debt and get those stocks and bonds. His resolution providing therefor was referred to the committee on Pacific railroads.

A Bale of Cotton 20 Years Old.

Mr. W. C. Mills, of this county, brought a bale of cotton to town recently which had been lying under his father's gin house ever since the fall of 1872. John Mills grew the cotton on his plantation in Chattooga county during that year, and in the fall, after it was picked and ginned, the price went down, and the old man decided to hold it, feeling confident that it would go to 20 cents a pound. Instead of that, the price continued to decline and during all these years it has lain there awaiting the rise in value that never came. Last winter the old man died, and his son took charge of his estate, and among the assets was the old bale of cotton, much weather-beaten, with the bagging very badly frayed and ties rusted, but the lint as white as on the day that it was ginned. The son tried to sell it, and it was purchased by Bass Bros. & Co., for 5.80 cents a pound, a fraction more than one-fourth the price for which the old man had held it so long.—Rome Ga., Dispatch.

Too Innocent Men Lynched.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—Prosecuting Attorney Aul, of Lafayette County, Mo., has expressed the opinion that Jesse Winner and James Nelson, who were lynched at Lexington, nearly a month ago by a mob of farmers from Clay county, were innocent of the murder of Winner's wife and two children. He stated he had secured evidence sufficient to cause the indictment of fifty of the lynchers, and he also stated that in his opinion the actual murderers were members of the mob of lynchers. He believes that the murderers worked up the sentiment against Winner, Nelson, and Lon Ackey, the culprit still in jail at Lexington, to shield themselves. He promises sensational developments.

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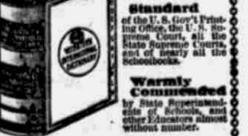
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