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So the New York police were outwitted by a North Carolina mulatto! This is rather rough on "the finest."

We now know why the fireman of the engine in the Chatsworth disaster was not killed. His name was Axle Applegreen.

It is gratifying to note the prospect of a settlement of the fisheries problem. The appointment of a commission affords us this much.

TARIFF reduction and revision to the point of relief for the people seem not to be so far ahead. The prospect is a most encouraging one.

ONE North Carolina editor says of another "His pen flows like Tennyson's." Rather a doubtful compliment, since the brook flows ever.

It has come at last. A man has been fatally shot in Florida for incessantly phoning a piano day and night. We have long expected such a tragedy. Those who persist in making life unendurable as the Florida man did will do well to take warning.

In most sections of the State the crops are superb. The people generally feel lifted up. The prospects are for such a harvest as has not been known in years. We should be grateful accordingly and appreciative of the blessedness of living in a land like this.

It is an old saying that no law was ever made that a coach and four could not be driven through and the counsel of the Chicago bootleggers seem about to verify the adage afresh, making a way of escape moreover for the convicted anarchists as well as their own clients. Justice verily seems to drop her sword often now-a-days.

There is no more important factor in the onward progress of the State than the North Carolina Teacher which begins its fifth volume with the September number. It has proven its value and should receive the hearty support, not only of the teachers of the State, but of every class of citizens. It is sprightly, suggestive, practical, up with the times.

latest North Carolina paper, Messrs. Oliver & Lomax being the proprietors and Mr. R. J. Oliver, the editor. It announces with refreshing straightforwardness and candor that it is not intended particularly to "fill a long felt want," but is published in the interest of Reidville and surrounding country "and of the proprietors." Long may it wave!

The Iowa democrats met in convention on Thursday, nominated a State ticket and adopted a platform endorsing the administration, calling for a revision of the tariff to a revenue basis, favoring the internal revenue tax on liquor and tobacco and the abolition of the Internal Commerce Commission and opposing summary legislation. Rather "off" as to the internal revenue, and first in the field, it is perceived, with regard to expressing the dissatisfaction that exists touching the inter-State law.

The question asked Senator Stanford was as to whether or not certain money which passed through his hands had been used for the purchase of legislation. He said he could not answer and Judge Field sustained him in his refusal to be clever. He now consents to give in some testimony but it is to be done in his own way and in the form of a deposition. He thus escapes cross-examination at the hands of the investigating committee and is lucky accordingly, though there is no knowing how long his luck will last.

GREAT doctors are gathering at Washington from all quarters of the globe for the International Medical Congress which is to be held this week. The foreign delegates come accredited either by their governments or by the leading medical institutions of their countries. The indications are that the meeting will surpass in extent and importance any similar gathering that has marked this generation. We wonder if the health of the capitol will be improved by the presence of so much medical wisdom!

The drawing cards of the colored State fair are to be John Sherman and William Mahone, whereupon the Richmond State remarks: "In this instance the Virginia Outlook thinks he is using the South-Hating Sherman, and the South-Hating Sherman thinks he is using the Virginia Outlook."

Honors are therefore easy, and the white folks will enjoy in their way as much as the darkeys will in their's the amusing exhibition the couple will make.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CENTENNIAL. Philadelphia is making elaborate preparations for the celebration of the centennial of the adoption of the Constitution to be held within its gates this month. It is desirable that the Old North State should be represented in a manner becoming her ancient renown, her participation in all that has made the country great, her patriotism in every generation since the first colonists landed on our shores.

To this end all of us should lend a hand, urging a general interest in the celebration and endeavoring in every other way to secure for North Carolina as creditable an appearance on the occasion as possible.

The Governor, with his staff, is expected to be present and the State will be as well represented in a military way by the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry as it could be. Still there should be as large an attendance of North Carolinians generally on the occasion as possible and we trust our people will realize the fact and seek to combine patriotism with the pleasures of sight-seeing by making the trip to the Quaker City.

The celebration is to be held on the 15th, 16th and 17th days of this month and will be well worth witnessing in all its features. The Governor and his staff will be up her head among the proudest States of the Union and we are anxious, therefore, to see her put her best foot forward on the occasion for which the Philadelphians are providing magnificently.

In the coming election the Prohibition Party will be a disturbing element. It always is. At the north it flies its banners and usually casts a handful of votes with the result of making doubtful States still more doubtful and thus preventing election victories from being fully realized. But that is about all. There is no need for a Prohibition Party. Prohibition is a local matter, and is properly determined by local option elections.

In North Carolina adroit republicans are rejoicing at what they believe to be the appearance of a Prohibition political party, as they know that the negroes are safely moored in the harbor of the republican party and that the bulk of any new political organization advocating prohibition would come from the democratic ranks, and that such a withdrawal would largely weaken the only adversary the republicans have to fight. We trust that democrats throughout the State will not be led into an organization whose existence as an active political force will only tend to the damage of the democratic party, without advancing one jot the end aimed at. In local option elections, where party politics do not enter, the most stalwart prohibitionist can find a field for his work; but we trust we shall not see the democracy of the State weakened by a withdrawal of votes from the republican party which can accomplish nothing.

Ben Butler's latest is a speech in favor of pensioning confederate soldiers, and a question immediately arises as to what he is after. We trust he isn't thinking of moving south. We have evil influences enough already in this section.

WHY I AM NOT A HEATHEN. A Rejoinder to Wrong China Foo--By Yan Fuen Lee. From the North American Review.

I draw a sharp distinction between religion and ethics. Religion pertains to the heart. Ethics deals more with outward conduct. Religion inculcates principles. Ethics lays down rules. Religion without ethics is like a disembodied spirit; ethics without religion is a body from which the soul has fled. The most intelligent form of heathenism, namely, Confucianism, never taught the "relations and acts of individuals toward God," the Ruler of the Universe. Confucius inculcated a lofty morality, but left religion to shift for itself.

"Born and raised a heathen, I learned and practiced its moral and religious code" by worshipping the prescribed number of idols, and I was useful to others, though not to myself, because I helped to fatten the lessees of the temples, incense-vendors and idle priests. "My conscience was clear," because I knew not what I was doing, "and my hopes as to the future life were undimmed by distracting doubt," simply because they were never very bright. In fact, I not precocious enough to think much on the subject.

Christianity has demonstrated its fitness to supply my spiritual needs. Its authenticity as a history no reasonable man can deny. I believe, I accept its truths, as I hope to be happy in this life and to enjoy a blessed immortality in the life to come.

Do you wonder that I am a Christian? I cordially invite all heathen, whether American, or English, or Chinese, to come to the Saviour.

John, the Presbyterian. From Tid-Bits. Miss De Garmo: "I fancy the clergyman who preaches at the Laurel House Sundays is jealous of his belief."

Miss Bloxham: "Indeed!" Miss De Garmo: "Yes; he preached about John the Baptist this morning, and every time he alluded to him as John the Presbyterian."

A Little Rusty. Drake's Traveler's Magazine. Countryman (to bookseller): "My wife wants me to get her a Testament."

Bookseller: "Yes, sir. New Testament, I suppose?" Countryman: "Well, I dunno. If you've got one that ain't too much used up I reckon a second-hand one will suit her just as well."

OBSERVATIONS ABROAD.

Made by a Raleigh Gentleman. American tourists, as a rule, set their faces toward that Mecca of travel, London, and hurry through Liverpool, Chester and Manchester, while Chester alone, the least in importance, offers an experience which would fill a chapter. The city has figured in history for two thousand years and more, and its past is well preserved in the quaint old buildings with their upper stories overhanging the street, and in the ancient Roman wall which even now is in a fair state of preservation. The Cathedral, with its fine gothic architecture and the unsurpassed wood carving of its choir, is the pride of Chester. In this building, grouped about one of the columns, are the flags borne by the English troops at Bunker Hill. Looking at the bullet-seamed stuffs and tattered silk one could almost imagine he heard the whispered command of the gallant Prescott: "Wait till you can see the whites of their eyes, boys."

Liverpool is but a short ride by rail from Chester. It is curious to note how little is known of the size of the United States, and of the individual States, by the average foreigner. The other occupant of the carriage in this ride from Chester to Liverpool, on learning the place of my residence, at first thought North Carolina in Central America, but when he was not so, and apologized for his mistake by saying that it was a very small State. My State pride would not allow this to pass, so I assured him that, while she was not as large as some of the others, yet the extreme length of North Carolina from east to west was equal to the distance from the south of England to the north of Scotland.

Every visitor to Liverpool is impressed with the stone docks which run along the city's water front for more than eight miles and which afford safe and commodious anchorage to her vast shipping. Strolling along these docks one sees ships of all nations and from every quarter of the globe. The streets and ways just here are so narrow and the traffic so great that the horses are hitched to the trucks one before the other instead of abreast as with us, in order to save space. Back of the docks are the granaries and huge warehouses, dingy and dusty with age and long use, but holding untold wealth. It is a busy scene and one never to be forgotten. The shipping interests of Liverpool can be better appreciated when we consider that here is the chief seaport of a nation which governs one-fifth of the habitable globe, and whose commerce is by no means confined to her own dominions. Yet with it all there is not the same feverish haste and bustle which is to be met with in our own centres of trade.

We can take a wholesome lesson from our English cousins in this. In everything they take their time and abstain from fretting and jarring the mechanism of brain and body by undue haste and worry. Every Saturday is a day of rest. At noon all business closes and while this half day of recreation in each week is abused by some yet the benefit to both employer and employed is perceptible. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

The Exchange buildings of Liverpool are ranged on three sides of an open square. It is here on the pavement of this open court, called the "flags," that the trading is done. The "flags" cover an area equal to about one-fourth of our Capitol square at Raleigh, is paved with concrete and exposed to all weathers. It is an evidence of an Englishman's devotion to custom and aversion to change that the members of the Exchange still congregate in groups about this bleak court, in winter and summer alike, although many deaths are said to be directly traceable to this exposure. There is no trading room as in the exchanges of the American cities, where buyers and sellers, under the expressive nicknames of "bulls" and "bears," meet in a sort of demoniacal auction and bawl themselves hoarse. Two heads together, and fingers busy with note book and pencil, are the only visible signs of a "trade" on the "flags." There is an enigmatical monument to Lord Nelson in the centre of this court. There could have been no special reason for its erection just here except that space permitted. From the numerous monuments to Nelson all over England it is evident that the nation does not intend that Trafalgar shall be forgotten.

The district between Liverpool and Manchester is thickly populated, and for miles before reaching the city of Manchester proper the traveler passes by factory after factory on either side of the railway and as far as the eye can reach. The smoke from thousands of towering chimneys literally "shuts out the light of heaven." The largest machine works in the world are in this district, and it is the very centre of cotton manufacturing. The mills of Manchester and the immediate vicinity supply the world with nearly two-thirds of all the cotton goods used. That the business transacted in the Exchange here is tremendous can readily be understood. The membership of the Liverpool Exchange is about three thousand, while the Exchange of Manchester numbers more than eleven thousand. The place where the representatives of the different interests congregate for purposes of trade is a dome-capped chamber of huge proportions, and for some reason which I could not discover Tuesdays and Fridays are the days on which the greatest volume of business is transacted.

From Manchester to Glasgow and to Edinburgh the traveler passes through a charming country. It is a pleasant change from the smoke-begrimed district to spend along through the Cheviot and Lammemoor Hills, and to gaze from the carriage windows upon dissolving views of hill and dale--to see the blue heather and

to watch the flocks of sheep grazing on the mountain slopes. Nothing can surpass the beauty of the approach to Edinburgh when seen as I saw it, bathed in the soft light of early morning and with just enough mist hanging in the air to make one feel sure he was in Scotland. Unwilling to miss anything of a scene so beautiful I walked from the station. All was still in the streets and the great glum Castle on its high perch seemed a grim sentinel keeping watch over the slumbers of the city. As I turned into my hotel the first rays of the sun were just driving the mists from the crests of Arthur's Seat and Salisbury Crag and tipping with gold the turrets and battlements of the old Castle.

It is not generally known that old and new Edinburgh are so separate and distinct as to form practically two cities. The narrow streets, tiled roofs and chimney-pots of one take you back to the life of centuries ago, while the broad thoroughfares and handsome buildings of the other will compare favorably with any city of the world. Formerly the old and new portions were separated by a sheet of water. This has now been drained and the depressed basin laid out in a small park, beautiful with well kept walks and brilliant flowers. To the tourist who in his youth has listened to the tales of border life and warfare, and who is fond of Sir Walter Scott, the old city is abounding with interest. Here is the Canongate, whose paving stones and gutters often ran blood in the fierce fights of rival clans and in the feuds of the powerful nobles. Here are the fortified houses of Montrose and Argyle and others, still standing just as they were, one now doing service as a house of refuge for those who are too poor to pay for a night's lodging. A great change this from the proud company which used to gather in its halls to talk over fierce hates and bitter feuds and to make history. Along High Street and Canongate from the Castle to Holyrood almost every house and close has a history, and the thick walls and barred windows tell how necessary it was for a man's house to be his castle as well in those days.

The Castle, as your readers all know, stands upon a high rock three hundred feet above the vale below, and covers an area of about six acres. The citizen of Edinburgh, proud of its famous fortress, will tell you that it has never been taken but once, "and then, sir, it would not have happened but for treachery within." He will tell you how the loyal garrison held out against all odds while "Prince Charlie" was holding his brief court at Holyrood, and gathering together his undisciplined band to make a romantic episode in history and lose the heads of many gallant Scotch gentlemen.

In Holyrood is preserved the room of the ill-fated Queen Mary just as she left it. On a stand by the bedside is the baby basket of James the Sixth, afterwards James the First of England, containing all the little articles of his royal babyship's toilet as was so seen 'tis to be almost uncanny. The only portrait which hangs upon the walls of this bedroom of the fair queen is of Elizabeth.

Near Calton Hill stands the monument erected to Burns, and it is a commentary on Scotch thrift that the visitor is charged a fee for entering this shrine of their greatest poet, while they let him die in severe poverty. I left Edinburgh with regret, for I could have lingered long amid its beauties and associations. The pleasure of my visit was much enhanced by the courtesy of Capt. Johnson, a most estimable and well informed gentleman. Capt. Johnson is an uncle of the wife of Mr. C. B. Edwards, of Raleigh.

From Scotland's metropolis it is little more than an hour's ride to Melrose Station within sight of "fair Melrose Abbey." A short drive from Melrose brings you to Abbotsford, the beautiful home of Sir Walter Scott. Here again departed greatness is made to claim a moneyed contribution from the visitor, and the present owner, a descendant of Sir Walter, must reap a rich harvest of shillings since each who enters is required to pay one shilling for the privilege, and the number of visitors in a single day frequently mounts well up into the hundreds. But the house is full of interest and at every turn you are reminded of the heroes and heroines of the great author and of his daily life and pursuits. In the library there is a portrait of the head of Mary Queen of Scots painted after the execution. The face, though wearing the hue of death, is still beautiful. The picture leaves a lasting impression on the beholder. But enough for the present. Something more of England and London, a world within itself, must be reserved for some future letter.

ORANGE PRESBYTERY. Cross Roads Church, Alamance County, N. C. SECOND DAY. September 3, 1887. The Presbytery met at 9:30. The attendance was very large, and the large, new and remarkably substantial and neat church was filled with delegates and visitors and the congregation of the church.

The Rev. W. R. Coppage, of Montgomery Presbytery, Virginia, was received as a member of the Presbytery, and will at once enter on evangelistic work in Person county. Mr. Charles D. Price, of East Hanover Presbytery, Va., was received in the Presbytery and licensed to preach, and will at once, as evangelist, supply the churches of Warrenton, Littleton and Weldon. Mr. J. E. Mebane was received, under the care of the Presbytery, as candidate for the ministry. Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of Henderson, the agent of Presbytery for home missions, made a most interesting and thorough printed report, in an able speech sustained and urged the re-

port and was ably sustained by Mr. Samuel Watkins, of Henderson. Plans were then adopted and will be presented to all the churches, and must result in greatly advancing this important work. Mr. R. P. Pell, who had been previously licensed, appeared before the Presbytery for ordination to the full work of the gospel ministry. The examination is very thorough and Mr. Pell stood an excellent examination in Latin, Greek and Hebrew, church history, church government, sacraments, theology, written exegesis on selected passage of scripture, etc., and then delivered his trial sermon from the text Second Corinthians, third chapter, eighteenth verse, which was well prepared and delivered and unanimously approved, and Mr. Pell was enrolled as a member of Orange Presbytery.

In the absence of Mr. W. S. Primrose, treasurer of the Presbytery, Mr. A. M. McPheeters was appointed treasurer pro tem. The Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston, evangelist of the Presbytery, made a most important report, which was ordered to be read from the pulpit of each minister in the Presbytery. The Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and the ministers of all other churches present were invited to take seats in the Presbytery as corresponding members. The Rev. J. L. Currie, agent of foreign missions, and Rev. T. H. Darnall, agent of publication, and the agent of education all made most interesting reports.

Dr. Bell and Mr. Gillespie appeared as commissioners from the Second Presbyterian church of Greensboro asking that a commission of Presbytery be appointed to organize their church should the way be clear. The commission was appointed to discharge its duty in October. The evangelists in different parts of the Presbytery, Rev. W. F. Thom, Rev. E. W. Smet, Rev. S. O. Hall, Rev. A. Currier, Rev. R. P. Pell and Rev. Dr. Johnston and the ministers appointed to do missionary work all made most encouraging and interesting reports. The committee on minutes of general assembly made no report on the action of the assembly in regard to Organic Union, as the matter will be reported and acted on at the next meeting of the Presbytery in the Spring, after the important committee of the Southern Assembly has met with a like committee of the Northern Assembly, which will be this fall, probably in the city of Baltimore.

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