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An Austro-German treaty of alliance is reported from abroad, and a Franco-Russian alliance by way of offset. This news would indicate the nearness of a climax to the crisis which has now been in existence for some time, both in the newspaper fraternity and holding at Christendom, so to speak, on the rack of political anxiety.

It is the southern farmer, with his western brother, who is levied on to make the northern manufacturing millionaire. Should such an arrangement be allowed to continue? To quote Speaker Carlisle, "Whoever asserts that one class of men or one species of industry has a right to exact tribute from another for its own benefit, or has superior claims upon the consideration of the government, asserts a doctrine utterly at war with the first principles of our political system."

The protective tariff of the Republic is "protection" to the monopolistic proprietors only. While the bounties it exacts from the body of the people are paid to the mill "bafons," as our western friends call the bosses, the latter pay the men, women and children they employ the lowest possible "pauper" wages known in America. This is a sort of protection agreeable enough to the monopolist, but anything but agreeable to the employee and the rest of the people of the country. The workingman should look at the practical working of a system with care. There seems to be a well-defined rule that the more complete the monopoly the lower the wages paid. It behooves all workingmen to note the fact.

The other day the Evening Post said that the bill authorizing the Treasurer to buy bonds with the fund deposited by the national banks to pay their notes would not increase the amount of money in circulation, and now comes the Financial Chronicle and says in substance the same thing. And yet very clearly the operation will have that desired effect.

The Treasury holds \$307,800,000 gold and \$227,400,000 silver and \$28,400,000 greenbacks, \$25,000,000 subsidiary coin and \$6,600,000 trade dollars—a grand total of \$595,400,000—and then about \$60,000,000 are deposited in national banks, making the government treasury about \$655,000,000. Against this there are certificates and liabilities outstanding to the amount of \$344,000,000, leaving aside to redeem greenbacks if need be, another \$100,000,000 is the amount deposited by the national banks and \$110,000,000 is the amount of surplus on hand. If \$100,000,000 now held as a deposit for the national banks be used to buy bonds on the market, that money will leave the treasury and will enter into circulation. The bonds bought will take its place in the treasury vaults and the circulation of the country will be increased by that amount. And that is exactly what we want.

SOMETHING ABOUT STATE FINANCES. The record of the Democratic administration of State finances is one that reflects the highest honor on our people. It should be a source of pride and satisfaction to every citizen. Abroad the good fame of our State has been re-established and at home the people feel that their money matters are honestly, faithfully and economically attended to. But it is well to keep the facts in mind.

In inviting attention to the matter we most necessarily go back to the period when the Democrats took charge. In July, 1868, the Radicals obtained possession of the State under the Canby Constitution. From July 1 to September 30, the end of the fiscal year, they spent \$203,000. The next fiscal year they spent \$776,476, of which \$106,104 was for interest on the old debt. The next fiscal year, ending September 30, 1870, they spent \$1,117,476, of which \$208,470 was interest on special tax bonds and \$1,776 was interest on the old debt. That left, outside of interest, \$907,230. The expenses outside of interest the year before were \$670,372, and the last year they had possession \$907,230. They were on the well. There is no telling what they would have spent the next year, if the money had held out and if the people had not ejected them neck and heels.

But so happened that the people rose in their might and elected a Democratic Assembly that fall and the legislature held the purse strings. The Democrats paid no interest, but the penitentiary was under contract and while the Radicals had only begun that business in their time, it was in full bloom when the Democrats came in.

In 1874 the expenses were \$439,000. In 1875 the Radicals levied a tax of 80 cents on the hundred dollars' worth of property. In 1871 the Democrats levied 30 cents on the hundred dollars' worth of property and in addition 12 cents on the penitentiary and 10 cents to meet the Radical deficit in the Treasury, making a total of 52 cents. In 1874 the tax, including the pen-

tionary tax, was 31 1/2 cents, and this was reduced that year to 23 1/2 cents, which was continued until 1878. In 1876 the State began to pay interest on bonds issued to buy in the Western N. C. R. R., which had been sold under a decree of court and bought by the State. This interest amounted to \$59,500, and the next year the State began to spend about \$33,000 a year for iron, &c., in building that road. In 1875 the State also began to build the Western Insane Asylum, which cost the following year \$55,000. The total expenses for 1876 were \$520,000.

In 1870 the Colored Insane Asylum at Goldsboro was begun, costing that year about \$20,000; and the penitentiary cost that year \$138,610. In 1880 the State made a contract for the sale of the W. N. C. R. R. and stopped paying interest on her bonds and stopped appropriating money for the building of that line. But we then began to pay interest on her notes, which interest is still paid, amounting annually to about \$114,000.

In 1879 taxes were reduced to 24 cents; but to pay this interest on the 2 per cent debt, they were increased to 25 cents for 1881 and 1882, and again reduced in 1883 to 25 cents.

In the meantime the Insane Asylum at Morganton and the colored asylum at Goldsboro were maintained, and the unfortunate man or woman brought a suit to have the State's dividend from the lease money paid to them instead of being paid to the State Treasurer. The Federal Court so decreed and Mr. Phillips was appointed Receiver to do that. We may as well call him an "Assistant Treasurer." He received State money and paid it out to the bondholders for interest. He received, we believe, after 1872 about \$190,000 a year, and he was State money and it was paid out for State purposes by this "Assistant Treasurer." So, as a matter of fact, the public receipts ought to be computed on what the "Assistant Treasurer" received; and the true expenditures are what they together paid out.

In 1883, however, that debt was arranged in part, and a large part of that money now does not go into the hands of the "Assistant Treasurer," but goes into the hands of the State Treasurer, who pays it out for interest on the new bonds.

For instance, in 1883 Treasurer Bain received from that source \$124,320; the same in 1884; in 1885 he received \$125,000, and in 1886 \$143,820. This makes his receipts approximately larger than they used to be; but this dividend money goes to pay interest on these bonds just as it did when Mr. Phillips got it and paid it out. In 1884, for the same reason, he received \$105,858 and for 1885 they were \$501,274.

We do not know yet what taxes were collected in 1887. But the rate of taxation has been decreased from 25 cents on the hundred dollars to 20 cents. Here then is the record of the Democratic party. We have managed to re-arrange our State debt and pay interest on it. We have built and maintained the penitentiary; also the Western Insane Asylum; also the Goldsboro Colored Asylum. We have appropriated large sums to normal schools; to the disabled Confederate soldiers; also made provision for the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and yet we have reduced taxes for State purposes steadily until now they are only 20 cents on the hundred dollars.

In the meantime there has been some little increase in the value of property. That is, since the Democrats got control in 1870 they have managed affairs so wisely that property has slightly increased in value all over the State. But we have also provided for the assessment and valuation of railroads, and that has swelled the aggregate valuation of taxable property in the State. Any man can see what his taxes are this year and compare it with what the same property used to pay. The difference should be credited to the Democratic party.

Now we say this record is most commendable. It is the record of the most sagacious and judicious course ever taken for the expense incurred in establishing the Agricultural Bureau. That Bureau has not been of the great service hoped for, but it has been an effort made in the right direction. We have not been afraid to try to do good to the people. We have tried. How far the attempt has been successful each must judge for himself. We hope the result has been worth more than the cost. We have not been niggardly or stingy in dealing with the people's matters; but we have been careful, honest, prudent and economical. The wants of the State, the needs of the people, vary each year, and we have sought to meet these wants as they have arisen. Every man who will consider a moment, we are sure, will say, Well done, good and faithful servants!

Alexander Items. Of the News and Observer. TAYLORSVILLE, N. C., Feb. 3. Superior Court for Alexander county is in session this week, Judge Boykin presiding, Frank I. Osborne, our very able solicitor, prosecuting, and convicting nearly every case. This is Judge Boykin's first court in Alexander county but all speak highly of him and he will long be remembered. Hope he may get back again. No cases of very great importance on the docket, though court is taking up the entire week. Several interesting cases have had to be continued. Taylorsville is beginning to build up. Several new buildings are now being completed and several brick business houses will go up in the early spring. R. Z. Linney, Esq., is having red serpentine rock gotten out and the

foundation dug for building a stone house for business. It is more suitable for tobacco or some kind of factory. A tobacco factory is badly needed and would pay well, and a large store or two would help build up the country more than anything else. No better place for the business. Rev. A. Walker White, pastor of the Presbyterian church at this place extended a letter of invitation to him by the church of Corpus Christi, Texas, and will leave for his new field of labor in a few weeks.

While the road hands were at work on the public road from this place to Wilkesboro, one and a half miles from Taylorsville, on January 25th, they dug up a human skeleton on the roadside. It is now in the possession of Dr. H. McD. Little at this place. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney has accepted the call extended him by the Baptist church of this place. "Alex."

Commercial Epitome. N. Y. Commercial and Financial Chronicle. FEBRUARY NIGHT, FEB. 3, 1888. The weather has become more agreeable. The severe cold and violent storms of last week are followed by a milder temperature and clear skies. Railroad transportation is no longer obstructed, and general trade has made good progress. The only serious drawback is the Reading strike and its complications. Congress makes slow progress with legislation affecting finances and trade, but the opinion is general that the deficit report will come by and by, and that nothing radical will be proposed or carried, and the subject causes little uneasiness anywhere.

The speculation in iron for future delivery was sluggish at variable and unsettled prices early in the week, but on Wednesday became active and buoyant, continuing down to near the close on Thursday, when there was some reaction toward lower prices. The market was a slight further advance but a quiet closing. Lead on the spot has shown a hardening tendency. The demand was only moderate, but there was a general disposition to hold for higher prices. The close was quiet at 7.80c for prime city, \$8.05 for refined to the Continent and 8.75 for South America.

Pork has been marked up 25a50c per barrel. The business fairly active and prices advanced. Pickled hams are also showing improvement, with a good business today at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4c for bellies. Other "hog" products, such as beef, butter and cheese, show very little change.

The speculation in options for Rio coffee has been active at widely fluctuating prices, in which, however, the decline exceeded the advance. Today, however, there was decided buoyancy, especially in the summer months. Coffee on the spot has been more freely offered at lower prices, but today was steadier; fair cargoes quoted at 16c, with sales of No. 6 at 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c.

Raw sugars have been dull owing to the stopping of many refineries by what is known as the "Sugar Trust," and there is a further decline in values. Quoted today at 4 1/2c for refined Cuba and 5 1/2c for centrifugal, 96 deg. test, with the latter in bops at 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Refined and 96 deg test. The tea sale on Wednesday went off at steady prices.

Spirits turpentine closes quiet at 40 1/4 to 1/2c and rosins at \$11.01 to 1.15 for common to good strained. Wool is more active at full prices.

The speculation in cotton for future delivery at this market opened depressed on Saturday last, in sympathy with dull foreign prices and some expectation that better weather in the South would lead to a freer movement of the crop. Disquieting political news from the Continent was also an element of weakness. Monday was buoyant on a renewal of the speculative manipulation, in which summer months appeared more free as they had been relatively cheap than the spring months. A decline on Tuesday was caused by an increase in receipts at New Orleans, which in kind many of the bulk party to unload. A decline at Liverpool on Wednesday made a dull opening with the early months lower, but as the renewal of speculation there was a quick rally, followed again by a turn downward under pretty full receipts at the ports. Yesterday Liverpool further declined and advices with us yielded a few points after a stronger opening. The fuller crop movement and some rumors regarding the forthcoming statistics of the overland movement caused many bulls to lose confidence. Today the opening was weak, but steadier at Liverpool and reduced port receipts led to a demand to cover contracts, and there was a quick recovery, followed by an advance of a few points. Cotton on the spot remained quiet and unchanged until yesterday, when there was a decline of 1-10c. The market today was quiet but firm at 10 1/2c for middling uplands.

The figures indicate a decrease in the cotton in sight of 303,812 bales as compared with the same date of 1887, a decrease of 59,056 bales as compared with the corresponding date of 1886 and a decrease of 11,420 bales as compared with 1885.

The totals show that the old interior stocks have decreased during the week 19,672 bales and are tonight 41,417 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at the same towns have been 10,978 bales less than the same week last year, and since September 1 the receipts at all the towns are 105,117 bales more than for the same time in 1886-7.

Secretary and Managers. The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed the following storekeepers and gaugers: Abel A. Cowan, at Salisbury, N. C.; W. H. R. Lineberger, at Dallas, N. C.; James Carmichael, at Hillsboro, N. C.; and Chas. F. Bradshaw, at Oaks, N. C.

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CU RITUCK. A LARD OF CORN AND WATERMELONS AND POTATOES. COR. OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER. Tryla, N. C., Feb. 3.

Our farmers are busily engaged in selling and shipping their corn. Corn is now bringing fifty cents a bushel delivered at railroad sidings or on the railroad. The shuck industry is now a paying one in our county. This makes a clear gain to our farmers of about 25c on each bushel of corn raised, which is a large saving in the aggregate, as this is mainly a corn-producing section. A considerable part of the shucks will bring from thirty to fifty bushels of corn to the acre, with proper cultivation and good attention, year after year, with an occasional year's "crash." Considerable cotton is raised in this part of the county. Watermelons are extensively cultivated in the southeastern portion. Sweet and Irish potatoes, early peas and other truck are raised throughout the whole county. O.

Forecast for 1888, by Rev. I. R. Hicks, with explanations of the "Great Jewish Period," upon which our Planet is now entering mailed, to any address on receipt of a two cent postage stamp. Write plainly your Name, Postoffice and State. The Dr. J. H. McLean Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

—Eleven year old Mary Wilson, a crippled inmate of the Hospital for Raptured and Crippled Children, confesses to having caused the recent fire in that institution, and is now locked up on a charge of arson in the first degree.

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—England's great botanist, Dr. Thomas Irvine Do-well, is dead.

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—A Georgia planter killed his wife, son and a female relative with an axe and then hanged himself. He is supposed to have been insane.

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