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The President has been enthusiastically received everywhere in the course of his journey. He realizes doubtless the solidity of the South socially as well as politically.

The Cincinnati Enquirer pertinently asks: "What are we to do about all those rebel flags that Republican Secretaries of War, from Stanton down, have returned to the ex-rebel States? Ought not the Republican party to be abolished?" We pause for a reply.

CINCINNATI doesn't get anything from Washington in the shape of conventions, but she is going to have genuine gondolas, it appears. She will be our Venice. St. Louis is likely to be the convention city—from its central position and accessibility.

Prof. A. A. Benton, of Delaware College, has been tendered the chair of theology and ecclesiastical history in the Episcopal University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., we see it stated. He is well-known in this State, being, indeed, a native of North Carolina, we think, and is distinguished for learning, particularly as a "Grecian." It is thought he will accept the tender and we hope he will. We should be glad to have him nearer home.

We note with pleasure that the encampment of the State Guard is to be held at Wrightsville, the charming summer resort near Wilmington, which has a wealth of fine old country seats where hospitality reigns supreme, abundant shade from magnificent specimens of the live oak, the magnolia and the pine and all the pleasures of immediate proximity to both the ocean and the sound. The decision means a very happy sojourn for our soldier boys this summer by the sounding sea and a very pleasant occasion, too, for the Wilmington people, who will simply "spread themselves," it may safely be said, in order that the duties of camp-life may not weigh too heavily on the flower of our youth.

The State Democratic Executive committee did well in electing Mr. C. F. Lumsden, of this city, and Mr. W. A. Hoke, of Lincolnton, to fill the vacancies existing in its membership. Mr. Lumsden is a young man of whom this community is justly proud. He is of the highest personal character and in the last campaign in Wake, in which he ran for the House on the nomination of the Democratic party, he developed ability as a canvasser that surprised those who knew him best—perhaps even himself. He is of sterling stuff and we rejoice in any honor that may come to him. Mr. Hoke is a young lawyer of marked talent and ability. He is already prominent and so far as he has made a record for himself has amply upheld the prestige of the distinguished name he bears. In the choice of the two gentlemen named the Democratic party and the State are to be congratulated.

The whole South will mourn the death of Mr. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist. He was a philanthropist indeed, showing his faith abundantly by his works, which works were done, moreover, while he yet lived and not put off until he could have no further use for the money the gift of which they involved. To this section he was peculiarly generous and his munificence came at a time when aid was more sorely needed by the Southern people than at any time in the history of the country and was the more appreciated, of course, because of that fact. His Louisville Home for Southern gentlemen without friends or fortune is one of the most beautiful of charities and a fit type of the delicate and refined benefactions of the noble departed. Mr. Corcoran was also one of the most liberal patrons of art in this country and probably did as much good in this way as in the line of strict beneficence. The Corcoran Art Gallery in the Federal capital, one of the largest and most complete in the United States, will remain a magnificent monument to his memory. He has lived well, and goes to his long home, therefore, with blessings unmingled with anything less creditable. He has been one of the country's purest philanthropists and his name will be written in large letters as such in the country's history.

SENATOR HAWLEY'S SPEECH. We have read with care the speech delivered by Senator Hawley in the Senate against the Blair bill. Senator Hawley was born in Robeson county, in this State, and is now a Senator from Connecticut, to which State his father moved in his boyhood. He is a man of parts and deservedly ranks among the foremost of the Republican statesmen. We take an interest in him because he is a North Carolinian, although his politics are usually very bad. His speech on the Blair bill came in at the last and was among the most thoughtful delivered on either side. In addition to his own varied research, he had had the benefit of such suggestions as had fallen from others in the course of debate, and with great ability made his points strongly and with marked effect. In much that he said he had our entire sympathy and we commend parts of his speech as clear statements of historic truth. For instance, how admirably is this stated: "Nothing relating to the rights of the States was settled by the war—

save this: A State cannot be the final writer of its contracts. The Constitution of the States cannot be allowed, upon its own judgment that the Constitution has been violated, to go out of the Union—in short the question of secession. That is all. Otherwise the Constitution remains exactly as it was and the relations of the States just as they were." Of course he excepts the three amendments adopted since the war. And so he recognizes as still subsisting the old battle between the parties as to the proper construction of the powers of Congress, a contest that runs back to the days when Washington was President.

It is interesting to observe that Senator Hawley realizes the issue and takes his stand on the old Democratic States' Rights side of that question. He rests his case as to the unconstitutionality of the Blair bill on the ideas announced in the celebrated "Virginia Resolutions" on the subject, in opposition to Secretary Hamilton's construction of the Constitution, and on the ideas embodied in Madison's Report to the Virginia Assembly on these resolutions. And these papers embodied the creed of the States' Rights party.

The particular question involved at this time hinges on the construction of this clause in the Constitution:—"Congress shall have power to lay taxes and to pay the debts and provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States, &c." Senator Hawley quotes Jefferson and Madison and Story, and stands by them in their construction of this clause, adhering to their doctrine. Their construction was that the power given in the section is to levy taxes, and the purposes for which the levy is to be made—the purposes for which the power is to be exercised, and the only purposes, are to pay debts, to provide for common defence and general welfare.

They held that the section did not vest in Congress power to provide for the common defence and general welfare, but that whatever power Congress had as to those matters had to be found in particular grants elsewhere written in the Constitution. The applicability of that doctrine and its bearing on the Blair Bill were disputed by others in the Senate, but Senator Hawley not only stands by the doctrine but argues that it is applicable to the measure and that it establishes the unconstitutionality. But the strength of his speech is not all expended on that point. He argues with great power against the expediency of the measure. And yet while his speech was so able, it was made in a body, a large majority of whose members had previously committed themselves by having voted for the bill at previous sessions, and therefore its full effect is not so apparent in the Senate vote, although the vote against the bill in the Senate was much larger than ever before.

How far it will serve to change the current of opinion in the House is to be seen. It had always been said that if the measure could be reached in the House it would pass by a two-thirds vote—but of late it has been announced that the measure was losing ground rapidly. Indeed, as one of the signs of the times, we notice that Mr. Simmons, as if despairing to get the Blair bill through the House, has since Mr. Hawley's speech, introduced another measure intended to avoid the constitutional and other objections urged by Senator Hawley, and looking to the distribution of the surplus among the States by means of a loan for educational purposes.

We would greatly prefer Mr. Simmons' bill, because it is thought to get rid of the constitutional point, and because it does get rid of the objections which we have had to some of the provisions of the Blair bill. Indeed it seems necessary now that the measure should be reached in the House and we trust that Mr. Simmons' bill will meet with favor all along the line, and that even Senator Hawley may see his way to giving it his able and hearty support.

North Carolinians in Congress. Tuesday in the House Mr. Cowles reported on a committee on expenditures in the Department of Justice, a resolution referred to the committee, which, on motion of Col. Cowles, was read as follows: Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, requested to furnish this House, at the earliest practicable day, with a statement showing the amount of compensation and fees carried by the several district attorneys of the United States, and also by the several marshals for district courts of the United States, and the amount actually allowed and paid under existing law, said district attorneys and marshals on account of such earnings, fees and compensations, with a statement of the fixed salary of each; and also the number of assistant district attorneys doing service in the respective districts and the amount of compensation paid to each of them. Said information to cover the years of 1885, 1886 and so much of 1887 as practicable.

The report of the committee was read, as follows: The committee on expenditures in the Department of Justice having had under consideration the accompanying resolution, report the same back with the recommendation that the same be adopted. Mr. Johnston, from the committee on public buildings and grounds, reported back with amendments the bill to provide for the erection of a public building at Statesville, N. C., which was referred, and with the accompanying report, ordered to be printed. Mr. Henderson presented resolutions of the Rowan county Medical Society, to abolish import duties on all medicine, medical and surgical instruments.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of Mary Allison, of Transylvania county, for reference of her claim to the Court of Claims. Mr. Nichols presented the petition of citizens of Raleigh for an increase of the compensation of fourth-class postmasters. —At a colored Sunday school at Hayneville, Ala., the scholars are expected to bring either a penny or an egg every Sunday. As a result of this school last week was able to throw nine dozen eggs upon the Hayneville market.

Down the River. Tarboro, N. C., Feb. 23. A float down the river from Tarboro on one of our pleasant little steamboats lacks a good deal of being the most enjoyable trip you ever had. If you don't believe it, try it, and if you are not pleased, especially if the weather is not too awfully awful, then call me a "dead-head," said to say these things anyway. Your reporter has made this trip more than once and knows whereof he speaks. This morning the "Green-ville" is the boat, and Capt. M. S. Mayo is in charge—a cleverer, kinder steamboat captain it would be hard to find. At first sight he seems to have a crust about him—looks stern—all captains do—but tap him and you find what you thought was a crust is no crust. He is a business man and means business; "only this and nothing more." Unless you want the earth, Capt. Mayo will please you, certain.

We left Tarboro at 6 a. m. Ah! there's the rub. That means that you are aroused about 5. I wonder why the boats leave Tarboro at this heathenish hour! The captain says he don't like it, but can't help it. It gives an opportunity, however, to reach his destination, Washington, before night during the entire year. One thing is certain, rising at 5 a. m. and stirring around much gives you a good appetite for the splendid breakfast awaiting you at 8. When breakfast was announced this morning all hands were ready, and a good breakfast it was. This scribe thinks he knows a good meal when he eats it, and the one we had this morning was first-rate. This is the verdict of all the passengers.

Capt. Mayo has been serving meals and running the boats on the river here for eighteen years. His boat, the property of the Tar River Transportation Company, of which Mr. A. Forbes, of Greenville, is president, is run in connection with the Clyde Line, of Baltimore. His rival, the "R. L. Myers," is run in connection with the Old Dominion Line, of New York.

Mr. Edward Clark, of Washington, N. C., has a small freight boat on the river also, by the name. These rivals have had a pretty lively time this season. Heretofore the Greenville and the Myers, according to understanding, have been charging \$1.50 a bale freight on cotton from Tarboro to Norfolk, and all went well until the appearance of this free-lance, the Beta. She put down rates on cotton to 75c and then the fun began—for the merchants, but death to the boats. As a matter of fact now the boats are making no money handling cotton. These figures ought not to be. "But competition is the life of trade," they say.

We have quite a nice company of passengers down the river today. I notice Judge Shepherd, on his way home from Duplin county, where he has been holding court, and his sister, Mrs. Harris from Wilson; Rev. R. R. Acree, pastor of the First Baptist church, Petersburg, Va., on his way to hold a revival meeting for Rev. J. W. Wildman, in Greenville; Mr. Donald Gilliam, of Tarboro, on his way to attend Superior Court in Washington, where Judge Montgomery is presiding; Miss Agnes Cotten, of Tarboro, who has just gotten off at Center Bluff, and other ladies whom your scribe does not know; and last but by no means least, the irrepressible, ubiquitous commercial evangelist—several of him in number. But here we are at

GREENVILLE, and ye reportorial pencil drops for a while, till a little looking around is gone through with. Mud and water! I should say so. Rain has been falling steadily for 24 hours, and everything is in a soup. The people are going ahead just the same, and everything has a business appearance. Greenville is excited just now over the building of the Scotland Neck & Greenville railroad. That the road will be built there is little doubt, and it would help Greenville very much. The town is doing well, but a boom in business would be a great thing for it.

There are three good churches here, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopalian. Prof. John Duckett has the largest school in Eastern Carolina, except the Davis School. This session he has an enrollment of 137 pupils. There are 5 professors besides the Principal. Prof. D. has been teaching here for 3 years, and the school is growing all the time. Mr. B. F. Sugg has a large foundry and marble yard, both in successful operation. Allen Warren has a fine nursery which is the home of the famous James grape. The large mercantile houses of A. Forbes, Lang, Skinner & Co., and others, are all doing a good business.

Two good hotels, the Macon House, Dr. James proprietor, and the King House, Mrs. King proprietress, offer rest and refreshment, to the traveling brother at reasonable rates. In the town there are six physicians, four of whom are named Brown, with Dr. Hagan at the head. Congressman Latham lives here, and Henry Skinner is hard by, who is mentioned for Lieutenant Governor. Here are fourteen lawyers, most prominent in this profession being the firm of Tucker & Murphy, rising young men.

Mr. D. J. Whitchard is the young, popular editor of the Reflector, one of the best weeklies in the State, it is said. Greenville is a pleasant town to visit, and with the enterprising men, cultured and beautiful ladies, good school and prosperous churches, it must be a good place in which to reside. Your reporter tips his hat to the nice little town and turns his face toward Tarboro, up the river. On the return trip the boat "R. L. Myers," of the O. D. Line, is taken instead of the "Green-ville." The "Myers" is larger and more commodious, though not quite so fast as the "Green-ville." Capt. David Hill contests the honors with Capt. Mayo for the best bill of fare and best accommodations generally. When both are about as good as can well be, who can decide which is the best? —Even throwing kisses is attended with more risks than is generally supposed. A Waterbury, Conn., doctor has discovered this in his sorrow. While thus engaged on the rear platform of a railroad train the brakeman shut the door, so badly mashing the doctor's fingers that he is now proscriber in a suit for \$1,000 damages.

Greenboro Letter. GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 23. Judge Gilmer presides at February term of the Superior Court, which is now in session, and so far it bids fair to be an occasion of unusual interest. The charge to the grand jury on Monday was most thoughtful and comprehensive, and the scope embraced some subjects, touched very sparingly, if at all, by the average of the judiciary. In his administration he impresses an audience with his exceeding kindness of spirit. While conscientious and faithful it is observed that he dispenses with much of the hauteur and rigidity so common with the profession. There is a decided element of mercy in this. He is at home, literally, among this people, and comes to settle disputes among his own kindred, giving this his kindness to all in manifest. In his charge to the jury he said there was no duty he had to perform that so impressed him with the dignity of the office as this, the holding up to them their true relation to society and to the country. In addition to the ordinary crimes against society, he laid special stress on gambling, whether on inclosed premises or not, selling liquor to minors on Sunday, disturbing public worship, schools and teachers institutions, the public health, the selling a receipt for the adulteration of liquors, frauds of all kinds, whether by actual transaction or by word, slander, obstructing railroad or telegraph service, breaking or defacing tombstones.

He was especially emphatic on the curses that infest towns and cities, the nameless moral leprosy that blights the young, disgraces the older and hurts everybody—seduction, in felony, and required vigorous treatment at their hands—cruelty to animals, &c., &c. Under these instructions I doubt the jury had a new and enlarged conception of their duties. A jury was out all last night on a "conspiracy case," and one that elicited much interest. Mr. J. L. May, editor and proprietor of The Sumnerfield Sheep, is also ticket agent of the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad. Mr. May had published a certain article in his paper, to which Capt. Murphy, conductor on the railroad, took exception, and on the 17th opportunity stopped his train, went into Mr. May's office and gave rise to a vigorous fist-fighting. Dr. Lash, of Walnut Cove, interfered and put a stop to this entertainment. Mr. May sued on the charge of a "conspiracy," implicating both Capt. Murphy and Dr. Lash. It was a hotly contested case. The jury were out all night and stood 11 to 1. The Judge reviewed the case, read the newspaper article in question and fined Capt. Murphy \$25 and costs. The new graded road is in full bloom at last and Prof. Ford is happy and the teachers are fat, sleek and smiling from long rest. The boys are out in shoals and just as noisy as football can make them, the school book sellers are in clover and parents generally would gladly wring the necks clean off of all the school book makers, or committees or whoever they are, for changing books twice every session. Ours words are now in order and rebellion is brewing. "Mark the prediction."

The Morgan-Crittenden murder case is just now getting well under way. A special venire of 200 men was ordered, from which to select a jury. Most of today (Thursday) was consumed in preliminaries and making out the jury. The court-room is packed almost to suffocation. It will be hotly contested on both sides, as some of the ablest counsel in this part of the State is employed. Mr. Strayhorn, solicitor for the State, is assisting J. A. Barringer, Esq., Ex-Judge Thos. Ruffin, Messrs. J. T. Morehead and J. E. Boyd, of the defense. I hope to keep the readers of the NEWS AND OBSERVER posted each day as to its progress and true status. The accused, Morgan, is charged with shooting Crittenden to death as he came up the steps from a basement bar-room under the McAdoo House. W. A. Brame is accused of complicity. Up to this writing the requisite number of jurors has just been secured. From indications nothing of equal interest has transpired here for many years. Public sympathy seems not yet to have been arrayed specially on either side. Tomorrow will be a field day for the lawyers.

A matrimonial "slyceon" goes howling over this latitude just about this time, after a fashion that makes all bachelor trash feel like they are "left" if good earnest. The devastation has been going on for two or three months, until the crop of marriageable damsels has dwindled to a remnant. Last night at 8.30 a solid, good audience had assembled in the West Market Methodist church to witness the taking off of Miss Marie Williams of this place, by Mr. Geo. Sartin, of Danville, Va. The altar was heavily decorated with hot-house vegetation. Rev. J. E. Mann, pastor, stood to officiate. Prof. Fasolt, of Greensboro Female College, presided at the organ, assisted by Mr. Sid. L. Alderman on the flute and Messrs. T. and J. Woodroffe with violins.

With the steady beat of the exhilarating wedding march, four bridesmaids passed up the aisle, a couple on each side—then on the right, Mr. Hazel, best man leading Miss Lee of Danville, took his stand with his fair partner just in front and the two separated for the bridal couple, who just then entered by the right. A deep hush fell on the audience as the few sentences were spoken by the minister which made them one. The ring ceremony was used. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark brown, the dress of new and second hand. The party left on the 9.40 north bound train. Still another. This morning at 9 o'clock at the residence of Hon. Jno. W. Payne, Federal Court clerk, Miss Maude Brea, one of the bridesmaids of last night, was led to the hymenal by Dr. G. W. Whitsett, surgeon dentist of this place. Rev. J. E. Mann officiating; only a small party of select friends in attendance. They departed on the Raleigh 10 o'clock train for a visit to the parents of the groom in Graham county. The brides are extensively known in the best society of our sister cities, and have a host of friends here. Greensboro throws after them the traditional shroud. Long may they wave!

—It is said Mr. Gray, of Chicago, is on his way to Richmond, Va., with the purchase money for Libby prison.

The Paris in Russian securities on the Berlin Bourse was due to small holders in the country realizing at any price on account of a fear of war with Russia.

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