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SAURDAY, DEC. 15, 1888.

We have "The Looksmith of Lyons, or The Weavers' War," by Prof. William Henry Peck, New York. Street & Smith. Paper, 25 cents.

AGAIN the oyster war. Steam launches and Gatling guns are pressed into service. The Chesapeake is the scene of operations as usual.

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COL. W. H. S. BURGWIN, of Henderson, a delegate to the Inter-State Immigration Convention, at Montgomery, submitted resolutions in the convention, we see, proposing that in 1891 and 1892 the Southern States join together and hold a Southern exposition in either New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Kansas City or St. Paul, the exhibits to be exclusively of Southern products and manufactures. A good idea.

The Evening Review, of Wilmington, celebrated its twelfth birthday Wednesday, but so quietly that the fact almost escaped the attention of some of the Review's best friends. We count ourselves among the number of these and wish our contemporary many happy returns. The Review is Wilmingtonian, first, last and all the time, so to speak, reflecting the true sentiment of our chief commercial city. It fully merits the hearty support it receives at the hands of its busy, progressive and hospitable townspeople and of the State at large.

The direct tax refunding bill, having passed both houses, is now ready to be acted on by the President. It will probably reach him this week. The vote in the House was 178 to 96, the affirmative votes being cast by 137 republicans and 41 democrats. The latter, it is stated, included two Virginians, four from Maryland, six from South Carolina, five from North Carolina, two from Missouri, one from Louisiana and one from West Virginia, the remainder of the democratic affirmative votes being furnished by Northern and Western States.

The democrats from this State who voted in favor of the measure are put down as Messrs. Henderson, Latham, McClammy, Rowland and Simmons.

Our people should beware of the snares and pitfalls that are set for them in the offers daily made with great appearance of generosity and cheapness of radical protection papers. The literature thus held out is the vilest poison. If introduced among us it will leave its slime and work incalculable harm to every right political principle to which we hold. A friend of rare discrimination and judgment writes us on this point as follows:

"There is great danger that cheap radical protection papers may supplant to a great degree the sound political teachings of our papers all over the South. Every week almost I receive circulars, pamphlets, samples, prospectuses, combination offers, &c., and I suppose I am only one among the thousands who are thus enticed to get the most reading and most premiums for the least money.

"I mail you the last bid I received—one of them, for I received two of them by the same mail. You will find in one a copy of what I have to say to the publishers. I hope you will in your own way warn your readers against the wiles of such fellows. It seems to me time to talk plain; our welfare demands it."

"Our friend's reply to the offer made him, which was urged on the ground that 'every immoral suggestion is excluded from the columns' of the paper extended, was as follows:

"Don't you consider it an 'immoral suggestion,' that it is right for Southern farmers to be compelled by laws passed in the Congress of the States to buy domestic goods at prices fixed by 'protected' manufacturers while more than two-thirds of their cotton must go to Liverpool in competition with cotton made by pauper field hands in Hindustan and China?"

Best Butler once said that among all the charges made against him nobody had called him a fool. I would like to believe that you don't think me one.

The sample of the — you mailed me has not arrived, but you were kind enough four years ago to enlighten me during several weeks on my obligations to the manufacturers and millionaires of the country, and particularly to the loyal statesmen who are now proposing to 'raise sheep' in the South because the Democrats in Vermont and other States, dominated by 'great moral ideas' are counted in the representative population so as

to swell the radical power in Federal legislation! By Boss Quay or Billie Mahone. Yours respectfully,

That is the way to treat these offers. That is the way to put away the poison that is offered in these cheap radical protection sheets—to meet the implied insult to our intelligence involved in the offers. Let us tell the fellows who make these offers what we think of their methods and the principles they advocate. Let us do so without disguise or hesitation. Our friend quoted above puts it about right. Let us follow his example.

TREASURER LOUGHEE. Hurrah for our Board of County Commissioners! We commend their action of yesterday. As we understand the matter, they were entirely right in declining to extend the ample time that had been allowed the Treasurer applicant, so to speak, to make bond. They certainly did well in electing Mr. Lougee. He will make an admirable officer. We beg leave to congratulate him and the county as well on his election.

SOME time ago we had something to say about State pensions to our veterans of the late war. We held that those who were actually disabled and placed at a disadvantage in the struggle for existence should have prime consideration. One who was a gallant soldier and who is of the number we refer to above supports us in our view and writes as will be seen below. We commend what he says to those who are interested in the matter of pensions to Confederate soldiers—and who of us that loves his State and appreciates heroism is not? Here is the letter:

"I noticed something in the News and Observer in regard to the pensions of Confederate soldiers that has the right ring. The present pension bill, including widows, amounts almost to a farce, for the reason that it is paid to so many there are but a few dollars, a mere pittance, for each one. Now, think of it, widows, (and, as some said in the legislature of 1885, orphans) of the soldiers, after twenty-four years—children all grown up to manhood and womanhood—many of the widows married again—bringing all these in, while some men who have sacrificed limbs get nothing under that bill. I know of a number of one-legged men who left home in young manhood—in their teens—at the call of (Gov. Ellis for troops. They lost their leg for North Carolina or at least in obedience to their Governor's call. No human power can restore to them what they lost. I suppose not one of them—as poor as some of them may be—would be willing to take \$10,000 for the lost leg if they had it back again. Now, don't you think that North Carolina ought at least to keep them supplied with wooden legs? When Worth was Governor, in 1866, the State, in her poverty, supplied each one with a leg. Those legs were worn out long since. The last leg I purchased cost \$85 and charges. It is nearly gone. I am not able to purchase another. The State could make arrangements and get them much cheaper than individuals. There is great extortion in the prices. I suppose the best legs are held at \$150 or \$200, which is an outrage—none but the wealthy can enjoy the luxury. I don't suppose there are 500 men in North Carolina who can use or need wooden legs, but there are some who have been using them ever since the State furnished them in 1866, and they find them almost indispensable—I do think the State ought to do this much for them. Many such men deserve and need pensions, but I don't know that they will ever get them, but we are all well aware of one thing—that those who fought on the other side will all get good pensions now, whether needy or deserving or not, while the only thing Confederate soldiers can expect must come from their own States. You must pardon me for this long letter; I know you have a great big warm heart for the old Confederate soldier, especially those who were unfortunate. I have ventured to write to you and give you my ideas."

No words of ours could add to the force of an appeal like that. We submit it to the people of the State and their chosen representatives.

COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION. FOR APPOINTMENT TO WEST POINT. We are requested by Hon. F. M. Simmons to announce that a competitive examination of applicants for appointment to the vacant cadetship at the West Point Military Academy from the second district will be held at Rocky Mount on the 27th day of December, 1888. The examination will be conducted by Prof. Joseph Kinsey, of Lenoir county; Mr. Elias Carr, of Edgecombe, and Dr. Robert Stancill, of Northampton.

The New Annex Hall of Salem Female Academy, Salem, N. C. It is an elegant two-story frame structure, 70 feet by 90, in Queen Anne style, with roof of four gables and a deck. It stands in the rear of the old Annex, or Bagge House, the piazza fronting on the yard back of the two principal academy buildings. The first floor consists of a large entrance hall, two study parlors and class-rooms, while the second floor is divided into thirty six sleeping alcoves, neatly finished throughout in native pine and oak. Each room is wainscoted in oak, with hard oil finish. Gas is in every department, both rooms complete on each floor, with hot and cold water, and every modern convenience; sewerage and ventilation are exceptionally complete. Handsome Brussels carpets adorn the study-parlors, sofas are upholstered in olive green plush. The exquisite finish of the whole appeals to every artistic, beauty-loving eye.

Chat as to the Senatorship. We can ill afford to lose the services and the advantages of Ransom's experience with the incoming administration of the republican party, whose course and policy are as yet entirely problematic with the South. Let us have Ransom again.—Scotland Neck Democrat.

In discussing the senatorship the Charlotte Chronicle suggests that Mr. Frank I. Osborne, the solicitor of the Mecklenburg district, would not make a bad United States Senator in the event Gen. Ransom is retired. There is more in the suggestion than people who are unacquainted with Mr. Osborne might suppose. He is a man of uncommon ability. The Chronicle says truly that he is only two years younger than Senator Kenna, of West Virginia, and is a more accurate thinker—about which latter proposition, however, there is a good deal of doubt. But he has twice the ability and general fitness of the gentleman who are being boomed for Senator and would do the State no discredit in that position.

By the way, had you heard that Hon. A. S. Merrimon is sniffing the senatorship afar off? Fact. Another able and honorable man who did the State credit in the Senate for one term and is quoted in that body yet. And Gen. W. R. Cox, the best type of a North Carolinian, a cultured gentleman, a Chevalier Bayard, indeed. All honorable men.

We are not poor in senatorial timber. But we all want our two ablest and most useful men in the United States Senate, don't we?—Statesville Landmark.

There will be a sharp contest for the seat in the Senate now held by M. W. Ransom. There will be several aspirants for the position, but under existing circumstances we can see no reason why Ransom should not be returned. He has served his constituents faithfully, and in view of the fact that the President and both branches of Congress are to be republican, Ransom's experience is going to be in demand. The Courier trusts Ransom will be his own successor.—Asheboro Courier.

Ex Gov. Jarvis has resigned his position as minister to Brazil, and is expected to arrive at New York this week. A contest between him and Gen. Ransom will be one wherein "Greek meets Greek," and will excite intense interest among their respective adherents, and may result in the defeat of both and the election of Waddell or Alexander. We will see.—Chatham Record.

Whatever the cause may be, if his (Gov. Jarvis) name goes before the Legislature as a successor to Mr. Ransom he will prove quite a formidable opponent to that gentleman, as well as to some others in whose honor the Senatorial bee is buzzing. If Mr. Ransom is succeeded by either Col. Steele, Col. Waddell, Mr. Jarvis, Gov. Seales, Col. Armfield, or any of a half dozen others whom we could mention, we shall be satisfied.—Rockingham Rocket.

THE PUBLIC PRINTING. The faithful and efficient services of the NEWS AND OBSERVER throughout the late canvass entitles that establishment to the first consideration of the democrats when it comes to electing a State Printer. We hope they may acknowledge the valuable services handsomely.

A Sound Legal Opinion. E. Bainbridge Munday, Esq. County Attorney, Clay county, Tex., says: "I have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My brother also was very low with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. Am satisfied Electric Bitters saved his life."

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Mayor O'Brien, of Boston, was beaten for a fourth re-election Tuesday. The parabolic school and the influence of women workers and voters compassed his defeat. Thomas N. Hart will succeed him. The women took to election day work they say, like pickaninnies to watermelon.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer, produces natural sleep, quieting the children from pain, and is very pleasant to take. It softens the gums, allays all pains, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether rising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

General Boulanger has sent a circular to the electors of the departments of Somme and Charente-Inférieure announcing his intention to represent the department of Nord in the Chamber of Deputies and his consequent resignation of the seats for which he was returned by the first two departments.

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