

Coffee Speculation.

It is sometimes a misfortune to the common people of the country that great wealth is possessed by a few individuals. There are few instances of men of great wealth who were satisfied with their pile. As a general rule there is no limit to human avidity, and the wealthier are often the most eager to gain more.

Consumers are using less coffee today than for years before. The sales in this town have fallen off in some instances to less than one-half; and what is true of this market, is probably true of all Southern towns, and it may be throughout the country; for the outraged public sense of justice and fairness revolts at the idea of being victimized by a few insatiable cormorants fattening on the life-blood of the hard toilers in the land.

National Drill.

The winners of the first prizes at the National drill at Washington were: Regimental—First Regiment of Virginia. Battalions—Washington Light Infantry. Company—Lomax Rifles, Company B, 1st Alabama.

Speaker Carlisle said in his speech to the Kentucky Democratic Convention, Wednesday: "The man who thinks it is the right and duty of the government to take the earnings of one citizen by taxation, or otherwise, and give them to another, differs very little from the man who denies the right of property altogether. If the government may rightfully compel you by law to give any part of the proceeds of your labor or your skill to another man, why may it not, with equal right, compel you to give him your horse or your land?"

That puts the whole subject of the protective tariff in a nutshell. The government is daily enforcing a measure which robs one man for the benefit of another.

By the burning of the Belt Line horse car stables and adjacent property in New York, on the night of the 20th of May, 1,150 horses and 145 cars were burned. One hundred families lost their all, and were turned into the streets. Only one life lost and that an old lady who was sick and was frightened to death. Loss \$1,000,000.

Many of the merchants in Charlotte have agreed to close their stores at 7 o'clock, each evening of the week, Saturday excepted. This is sensible and worthy of imitation.

By an accident on the Pennsylvania Railroad last Friday, six persons were killed outright and a number of others injured.

A terrible explosion in a coal mine in Lanarkshire Scotland took place last Thursday. Seventy-five lives lost.

Financial Affairs of Charlotte. We copy from the Charlotte Observer of June 1st, the following, over the signature of "No Knight": It presents rather a gloomy picture.

Taxes both in city and county, are exceedingly heavy, and their collection utterly ruinous. Hundreds of tax and execution sales are going out at enormous costs and sacrifices, and as to the city of Charlotte we have little or nothing substantial to show for \$69,000,000 of annual tax levies. Trade is slack; enterprises at a stand; capital stagnates. A little show in "fuss and feathers" is paying dear for the whistle, for sewerage is incomplete; water expensive and insufficient; the public lights are not as good as formerly; the city street car track a cheat on the town and a nuisance to all vehicles. With an immense outlay for fire companies, and with all the safe guards of brick and stone walls, slate or metal roofing, and expensive outfits and equipments for the men, our buildings are more exposed than ever before, and insurance higher. In county matters things are equally bad.

Tra-Kin Items.

Editor Watchman.—This is an unusually hard year upon farmers. Last year the season was very unfavorable to almost all kinds of crops. Very little corn was raised, and what little was raised, sprouted and rotted on the fields before it could be hauled in. The tobacco crop was very inferior, and most of it has been sold at from one to five cents a pound, scarcely enough to pay for hauling it to market. Money is therefore, exceedingly scarce, and yet most farmers are having flour to buy at from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per sack, and corn at from 80 to 90 cents a bushel, or shift as best they can for the rest. Those of us who have good clover fields, are fortunate indeed, as with plenty of that, stock will keep in good order with very little grain.

For this year we have had a very favorable season. No hard, washing rains, but just enough to keep the land in good plowing order. The crops have been well worked, so far, and corn and cotton are growing finely. Wheat and oats are exceptionally fine. Indeed, I have not seen a finer prospect for wheat for many years, and I think that a heavy crop is now almost an assured fact.

Most of our tobacco raisers sowed seed beds as usual in the spring, but prices have ruled so low, that not one out of ten or probably more, have planted any at all. Such prices are ruinous to the farmer, and unless there is a decided improvement, the culture of the weed will be entirely abandoned by us.

Year after year we have been mortgaging our crops to procure fertilizers, and when they were gathered in the fall, it usually took at least three-fourths of the quantity we did make, consequently, we have been getting poorer and poorer every year, until finally, as if with one accord, the farmers very nearly all concluded to make no more mortgages for fertilizers. I have no idea that one cent of fertilizer has been bought in Franklin as heretofore. Indeed, I scarcely know of any one who used it. We saw we could not stand it, and every one went to work to make as much home made fertilizer as possible, and it is astonishing the quantity we did make. Compost heaps were made with cotton seed, manure, scrapings from the hog pen and hen roost, stable manure, etc., on which all the soap suds were poured. Every row of cotton was fertilized abundantly with this, also a large amount of the corn crop, and it is now showing a decidedly more beneficial effect than the commercial article would have done. I have never seen corn and cotton with a better stand, or looking more flourishing than at present.

And now, when we sell our crops in the fall, we have the consolation to know that the proceeds will go into our own pockets, and not to pay off a mortgage. If farmers will pursue this course hereafter, and diversify their crops a little more, and always raise a small amount of home made manure, they will soon get out of debt and have longer and fuller purses with which to supply themselves and families with some of the comforts and luxuries of life.

Your correspondent of last week (E. P. H.) is right in urging all farmers to join some "Farmers' Club." Men in every other branch of business, have their organizations and clubs. Why should the farmer not have the same. There is no doubt that much good would result from well organized and properly conducted Farmers' Clubs. We have one at Franklin Academy which was told us in a flourishing condition, and we trust that much good may grow out of it, and we advise all our farmers to join it.

The health of Franklin is very good at this writing. The assessors and tax list takers will commence operations at Ellis' school house on 7th June. May 30th, 1887. W. R. F.

Thyatira Grave Yard.

Messrs Editors.—The writer, with your permission, would call the attention of your many readers in Rowan and elsewhere in Western North Carolina, to this venerable old burying ground, the Thyatira Grave Yard. Here is entombed the dust of hundreds of the old pioneer settlers of this part of the State, and many of their descendants to the present time. Year after year, as the existing generation has met its appointed day, and the graves, trees, weeds and bushes are cut off, whilst the stone is done to preserve the ancient monuments, that mark the graves of the ancestors of many of the best families in North Carolina. Many of the old soapstone, slate and granite tombstones have disappeared under the accumulated soil and nearly all are partially so, whilst the moss and beating elements have made it almost impossible to decipher the lettering and designs that the ancient sculptors cut upon them. Ought not something to be done to restore and beautify the resting place of those old pioneer fathers and mothers who planted, nursed and guarded the infant Presbyterian Church in Western North Carolina, and many of them watered with their blood the soil of our liberty. A few hundred dollars will accomplish this. Many of the wealthy families scattered over the State can trace their ancestry back to the old part of the grave yard at Thyatira Church. We will mention one—the Brandons: Old Col. Brandon, of revolutionary fame, was buried here. The writer knows the grave of Col. Alexander Maj. N. F. Hall, an old citizen. Maj. H. was directed to the spot to have the grave dug, by Mrs. Mariah Cowan, the only person who knew the spot where the old Col. B. was buried, and when they dug to mark the grave, and when they came to the depth of the vault, they found a part of the skull and the cue and tucking comb of the Revolutionary Col. B., and the body of Col. Alexander Work Brandon was deposited in the same grave. While the name of Col. A. W. B. is inscribed on the monument, nothing is said of the revolutionary hero, and in a few years all evidence of this fact will pass away. The descendants of Col. Brandon in North Carolina are many and among them some of the most distinguished and wealthy families exist. The writer mentions this one instance to show that it is more than probably that contributions could be raised outside of the congregation to restore and beautify this sacred old burying ground. At any rate it is taken off the leveled, the accumulated soil, which makes it dangerous for persons to walk among the running ivy and other vines which cover the ground several inches in depth, and the sunken and fallen tombstones restored to their former position, and the lettering made plain by a stone cutter. This done, many a relic of antiquity will be brought to light for the future North Carolina historian. J. T. B.

John Newton Johnson, a southern planter from Marshall county, Alabama, called on Walt Whitman, the poet, in Camden, May 19th. He had travelled 700 miles in two days to see the gray haired lord, whose letters he carries at heart, both his and social gayer. J. T. B.

Davidson's Semi Centennial.

All the arrangements for the semi centennial celebration of Davidson College have been completed, and a successful time is assured. The program is a deeply interesting one for the benefit of our people we give it entire: June 12, 11 a. m.: Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., Charlotte, N. C. June 12, 8 p. m.: Missionary Sermon before Y. M. C. A.—Rev. W. A. Hall, D. D., Lynchburg, Va. June 14, 11 a. m.: Annual meeting of Trustees. June 14, 8 p. m.: Annual Reunion of Literary Societies. June 15 beginning at 10 a. m.: Semi Centennial Address before Alumni and Literary Societies—Hon. A. Leazer, N. C. Historical Address—Rev. J. Rumpfle, D. D., N. C. Address on Denominational Colleges—Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., President of Davidson College, S. C. June 15, beginning at 3 p. m.: Commemorative Addresses: 1. Administration of Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.—Hon. J. G. Ramsay, N. C. 2. Administration of Rev. Samuel Williams, D. D.—Hon. A. White, S. C. 3. Administration of Rev. D. Lacy, D. D.—Rev. R. Z. Johnston, N. C. 4. Administration of Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D.—Prof. J. R. Blake, S. C. 5. Administration of Rev. G. W. McPhail, D. D.—Rev. W. A. Miller, Ga. 6. Administration of Prof. J. R. Blake, Col. A. R. Banks, S. C. 7. Administration of Rev. A. D. Hepburn, D. D.—E. C. Smith, Esq., N. C. June 15, 8 p. m.: Oratorical Contest by Representatives of the Literary Societies. June 16, 10 a. m.: Exercises of Commencement Proper. A complete accommodation will be provided for all visitors. Board and lodging can be had for \$1.50 per day. Quite a number of private houses will be opened for the accommodation of the public. Persons wishing to procure accommodations should apply at once to W. J. Bingham, who will assign them to boarding places.

For and Against Union.

ARGUMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CONVENTION. A St. Louis special says: The attention of the General Assembly of Southern Presbyterians was entirely occupied Thursday by discourses on the advisability of organic union with the northern church. Rev. J. M. Potts strongly advocated the union, just as it can be accomplished safely and honorably to the satisfaction and animosity engendered by the war should be over. Episcopalians and Baptists had united with their northern brethren, and now was the time for the Presbyterians to do likewise. The northern Presbyterians were drifting into southern territory, building churches, establishing missions and becoming a part of the South. Many people had united with the Congregational church because they believed the Presbyterian church of the South was a church in sectionalism. It was time that Presbyterians were forgetting the quarrels of past issues that were dead. Rev. C. R. Vanhook, of Lexington Va., spoke against the majority report. He thought the church could not change its relations as quickly as business men and politicians. There were three different religious differences between the northern and southern church's doctrine, viz: Creed, principle and ecclesiastical polity. The speaker was opposed to allowing such a wide latitude to women as in the northern churches. He laid particular stress upon the color line, and after a time he said you will see an elegant black gentleman offer his arm to your white girl and she will gratefully accept it. People from Virginia to the north will not have their relations with the colored race decided by the Northern church. The church must teach that slavery was a moral relation, not necessarily a civil institution. He would as much expect to revive slavery in the days of Rome as now. If it was in his power to revive slavery now, he would do it. He advised the assembly to be careful and go slow.

Elsewhere.

The bodies of 600 Chinese are to be disinterred this week at San Francisco and shipped to China. Ben Perley Poore, the veteran newspaper correspondent, and for several years clerk of the Senate committee on printing, died at Washington, May 30th. Louisiana has adopted a very queer Sunday law. Saloons, cigar and barber shops are to be closed. Theatres are allowed to remain open. There are some queer ways of legislating morality. The cotton caterpillar has made its appearance in South Carolina. In the Pee Dee swamps they have been so thick that a train was known to stand still. They were on the rails and caused the wheels to slip.

A Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Huntington, W. Va., May 31.—This morning the boiler of the elevator at the foot of 20th street exploded, killing T. H. Kane, John Kelly and W. K. Anderson, and badly injuring John Jones, the engineer. Newman and Chancy Bossinger, besides a dozen or more others whose wounds are not considered dangerous. John Perry is missing. There were thirty men in the elevator at the time. The engine was run by an old locomotive boiler that had been condemned from the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad and the engine was inexperienced. The elevator was completely wrecked.

So Easy.

From Tid-Bits. "Oh Katie, do tell me how you make that lovely shell lace insertion. Is it hard to make?" "Oh, no! It's easy as anything; you simply cast on twelve stitches and then knit two, over twice, narrow, knit one and slip it back, slip two over it, knit one, knit three, pull again, drop one knit six, and so on right through. "Is that all? Why, how easy it is!" And yet there are men who swear that women can never remember anything.

A Deadly Boiler.

Nashville, Tenn., May 29.—A boiler of the Natchez cotton factory at Natchez, Miss., exploded this morning at 6.45 o'clock. Many of the employes were killed and injured.

State Cleanings.

The town of Kernersville has been sued by one of its citizens for the sum of fifty cents.

Hon. D. H. Starbuck, a prominent citizen of Winston died very suddenly last Thursday night.

A stay of execution has been ordered in the case of John Jones, sentenced to be hung in Wilmington on the 17th inst.

At their meeting this month the trustees of Davidson College will elect a professor of Natural Philosophy.

The Government has purchased a site for its new building at Wilmington, getting a front of 165 feet for which \$15,000 was paid.

The Goldsboro Messenger has been purchased by a joint stock company and will be removed to Wilmington. It will be published daily and weekly.

The assayer of the Charlotte mint shipped \$12,175.74 worth of gold bullion last week, which represents the work of six days by the mines in that vicinity.

W. J. Wallace, of McDowell, has recovered judgment for \$2,000 damages against the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company for injuries received while traveling on one of its freight trains.

At Reidsville, Wednesday, two negroes were arrested and placed in jail for having attempted to burn their store, which was insured for more than the worth of their goods. After the fire was put out it was discovered that they had removed their goods.

While Henry McNeill, colored, of Richmond county, was sitting in his yard after his day's work, Tuesday last week, talking with his sister, an assassin, to whose identity there is no clue, crept up behind him and shot him dead. No motive for the deed can be divined.

Montgomery Advertiser: It is thought that Montgomery has a man with the largest feet of any man in the State. The gentleman to whom we refer lives in our piney-woods. He has never been able to find a Northern shoe large enough and he sent a special order to a Northern factory, to have a pair made to order, but they refused, saying they had no larger enough by about four numbers.

A man named Moffett has just entered suit against the city of Asheville for \$5,000. He alleges that during a very cold spell of weather last winter, for some offence, he was arrested by police and placed in the guard house for the night; there was just a fire or other comforts, and this condition of things brought on a case of sickness which came near causing death, and from which he has never recovered.

Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, May 20 1887. Editor Watchman:—To-day a committee of North Carolinians appointed by the North Carolina Democratic Association of this city visited Alexandria, Va., and decorated the resting place of a number of Confederate soldiers. These soldiers died in the federal prison in Alexandria and were disinterred and removed from Alexandria Soldier's Cemetery to the churchyard of Christ's Church, in December 1879, by the Southern Memorial Association of Alexandria.

Beneath this mound, which is about 12 feet square, lie the remains of thirty-four Confederate soldiers. On one side of this mound and inclosed with it is a plain marble slab, telling all that is known of these heroes of the Lost Cause. Six States are here represented: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. South Carolina more largely than any of the others, having a total of fourteen. The names of the five North Carolinians buried here are: Wm. T. White, Sergt., 3rd, N. C. Anderson Broth, 3rd, N. C. Wesley W. Skipper, 30th, N. C. Lemuel Cheney, 44th, N. C. Gambril Cox, 1st N. C. The publication of these names may disclose to relatives or friends the whereabouts of some of the brave boys who left the grand old North State in 1861-65 and returned home with their arms in honor and fame on a hundred bloody fields and who while immortalizing themselves and their deeds set all the world an example of soldierly devotion, courage, duty and patriotism.

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Burned to Death.

Mr. Charles T. Bahson writes us from Farmington, Davie county, saying that Thursday night, a little before midnight, the residence of Mr. Joseph F. Cuthrell was entirely destroyed by fire with all its contents. Ernest Cuthrell, his son, who slept up stairs, was suffocated, and being unable to escape was consumed.—Terre City Daily.

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