

There is a local option movement in Rockingham county.

The famine in China is unabated and the death rate is daily increasing.

The sugar trust has been dissolved; due no doubt to watering the stock too much.

Nearly 50,000 uniformed troops were in the grand procession in New York, May 1st.

Prohibition was defeated in Massachusetts recently by a majority of forty thousand.

Vice-President Morton had his life endangered by a railroad collision at Baltimore, April 16.

Guilford Battle Ground Celebration, Saturday May 4th. It will be a grand day for old Guilford.

There is to be a local option election in Raleigh in June. The parties on each side have commenced the contest.

There were several thousand military companies in the grand procession in New York Tuesday—some of them from southern States.

A large carpet mill at Lowell has burned down. Loss \$200,000. From five to seven hundred operatives were thrown out of employment.

Governor Fowle and the Governor's Guard left Raleigh on Saturday to attend the great centennial celebration in New York on Tuesday.

Is it true that Ben. Harrison retired from the U. S. Senate after six years service without having made a single personal friend in either branch of Congress?

Another horror broke out among the Oklahoma mob—the small pox! This dread disease on a fellow in the shelterless abodes of a prairie is not pleasant to think of.

A fearfully fatal disease resembling typhoid fever has broken out in Japan, caused, it is thought, by bad rice. Forty out of sixty persons have died in 24 hours after the attack.

The Czar of Russia continues to be the subject of hate by parties of his people, who write and publish threatening pamphlets, of late threatening letters are found on his table.

Every man employed on the train of 14 freight cars which went through the bridge at Third Creek recently, on the W. N. C. R. was discharged from the service of the company.

Wanamaker is one of a firm of a large clothing establishment which sent out circulars of their business to the 60,000 postmasters of the country. Private business backed by official power.

The reports of the Centennial celebration in New York on Tuesday are voluminous—too big for our paper even when bled down. The crowd was so great as to make citizens of the city feel small.

The proprietors of the Atlantic Hotel, at Morehead, are making vigorous efforts to put that establishment in fine condition for the entertainment of guests this summer. R. B. Raney is to be manager.

Trouble is feared between 150 white men discharged from a Rolling Mill in Chattanooga and the negroes put into their places. The company made the change as a matter of necessity to economize.

The Askev paper mill in Wake county was recently sold at auction and bought by a syndicate at \$15,500. They will put in new machinery and run it in connection with other mills owned by the purchasers.

A railroad accident near Hamilton, Ohio, resulted in the death of 17 passengers. Two were killed outright; the others were caught between three telescoping cars which took fire immediately, and they were burned beyond recognition.

It is said 15,000 negroes have left the State this year, and the movement is still gathering force. A negro orator at a public meeting in Raleigh said there were 100,000 ready to go. In answer to some reflections made by one of his orators to the effect that the negro was badly treated in this State, a writer well says, a dissatisfied negro is of no value here—let him go.

Gov. Fowle has accepted an invitation of the Southern Society of New York, to participate in a dinner to be given May 21. All the southern governors have been invited and are expected to be present. It will doubtless be a very pleasant gathering.

And now a chewing tobacco trust is talked of, and Lorillard, Jr., of New York, is said to be working it up. It is to embrace all the leading manufacturers of the country. The best chewing tobacco is made by the tobacco raiser himself—pure and unadorned.

A rejected lover in Albermarle county, Va., sought revenge in shooting the lady—fired two shots into her. She was wise in rejecting such a fellow even if he had killed her. But the laws of the country should make it impossible for him to repeat his murderous conduct.

Connecticut will vote on prohibition this summer, and it is feared the result will be like that in Massachusetts. These New Englanders who believe themselves to be wiser and better than the people of any other portion of the country really only have more money than their neighbors.

State Business—licensing liquor shops and building court-houses, jails, penitentiaries and asylums.

State Economy—taxing the liquor traffic thousands and paying hundreds of thousands for keeping up the system.

State Morality—permitting drunkards to be made and then punishing them for the crimes they commit.

The South in certain directions is pressing forward. The Baltimore American, Pro., says that in 1888 it made 200,000 more tons of pig iron than in 1887. If the South will begin to boom in farms there will be great cause for rejoicing, for the progress will be permanent.—Wilmington & Co.

Exactly true. Farm progress is far more important than any other interest in the South, because on it depends all permanent prosperity.

Wilmington has strawberries and peas from the truck gardens near the city.—The Wilmington Messenger also speaks of non-combustible cotton on exhibition there.—And further it says "To our mind there is a preceptible tendency on the part of the people of all New England to re-embrace the doctrines of the Democracy." Hope the Messenger is a wise seer.

A man was white capped in the suburbs of Cincinnati, April 27, for bad treatment of his wife, who supported him, while he spent his time in liquor shops. "They tied him to a tree, took down his trousers and belabored him most unmercifully for half an hour. His screams attracted a great crowd of men and women, but no one interfered to rescue him." Did it cure him of his evil ways?—or will they have to cut his throat to do it?

The N. Y. Herald pretends to see evidences in the South of a stronger and more efficient republican party than has heretofore been known. But how is the Harrison administration seeking to build up such a party? If by turning white men out of office and putting negroes in their places a stronger and more efficient republican party can be built up among us, then the administration is co-operating with the Herald "over the left," as the boys say. No better way to keep the negroes "solid" for the republican party could be adopted, and while they stand solid against their white neighbors of the South—why, does any one suppose that the white men will break ranks and join the republicans, negroes and all! The white men of the South banded together for mutual protection against ignorance, incompetency and venality and they are likely so to remain while there is sufficient cause.

The Charlotte Chronicle has spoken out against the desecration of the Sabbath by the railroads in doing unnecessary work on the Lord's day, putting it on the ground, chiefly, that a day of rest is due to railroad people.

There are weighty reasons why the Sabbath should be observed, especially by a people professing Christianity. The General Government (the people's servants), going through the mockery of swearing by the God of the Bible, is the great exemplar of wickedness in this matter, and the people, sanctioning the mockery, assume the guilty. The penalty, when it comes, as come it will, will fall on government agents, railroad corporations, people and all, for that all are guilty. It is a crime of as high grade as any denounced by the terms of the decalogue. If ever God spoke to man on earth, He said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it keep it holy." A people that practically denies this, practically denies every other revelation accredited to the Almighty.

Hereditary Succession. The "Farmer's Voice," a Chicago paper published in the interest of the productive classes, arraigns the Harrison administration on the charge of instituting hereditary succession in his appointments to offices, as follows: "Not only are high positions secured by dishonest incompetents through scheme and juggle, but bullet-headed millionaires deliberately buy their way into the United States Senate.

"Harrison's administration has, however, gone still a step farther, and revived the principles of hereditary succession, which we supposed was left behind in Europe when our forefathers came to this country. Col. Frederick Dent Grant and Hon. Robert Todd Lincoln have been appointed ministers to the courts of Austria and Great Britain. This was done because they were the sons of their distinguished fathers. Both of these gentlemen are worthy citizens, but no one even suspects them of qualifications beyond those of millions of their fellow-countrymen. Both of them are simply commonplace men of average ability and education, and on their merits could have no claim to the high positions that have been given them.

"We regard this act of President Harrison as a dangerous innovation, for it brings a door wide open to the violation of the aristocratic principle of hereditary rule. If the sons of Generals and Presidents are of right entitled to high positions, it follows that the sons of Senators and Congressmen have a right to positions of lower grade.

The people of the northern section of the country are about as much to blame for this departure from Democratic principles as the President, by their man-worship of Abraham Lincoln and Gen. Grant. Not satisfied with heaping undeserved honors, especially on Gen. Grant, they seem to take it for granted that Fred should be honored for his father's sake if for nothing else. The rule in a republic like this is that "worth makes the man and the lack of it the fellow," and that every vessel should stand on its own bottom. The people of the country should demand the observance of the rule, and condemn every departure from it.

Commencement at Union Institute. The commencement exercises at this Institution, in Union County, Prof. O. C. Hamilton, President, will take place on the 15th, 16th and 17th May. It will be on occasion of large interest. There will be six gold medals distributed among the pupils, who come from several different counties in this State and South Carolina. There have been about 100 regular pupils at this school during the year, and from 40 to 60 boarders.

Soldiers' Home. The soldiers are beginning to speak out on the subject of the proposed "Soldiers' Home." Two of them speak through the Charlotte Chronicle, of May 21. One of them W. B. Caldwell, of Huntersville, we believe sounds the key note of these old veterans when he says—"We want no pauper soldiers' home. What we want is a pension to help us along, and stay among our own people."

The Heroes of Apia. WASHINGTON, April 27.—Secy. Tracy to-day sent a long letter to Rear Admiral Fimbel, commanding the United States naval forces on the Pacific station at Apia, Samoa. After reviewing at length the official reports and newspaper accounts of the disaster, and commending and praising the conduct of the United States officers, Secretary Tracy said: "In reply to your request and that of Captain Farquar for a court of inquiry, the department has to say that it deems such a court unnecessary. It is satisfied that the officers in command of the ships at Apia did their duty with courage, fidelity and sound judgment, and that they were zealously and loyally seconded by their subordinates; that the hurricane which caused the destruction of the vessel was one of those visitations of Providence, in the presence of which human efforts are of little avail; that the measures actually taken by yourself and officers under you were all that wisdom and prudence could dictate, and that it was due to these measures that so large a proportion of the crews was saved; that the catastrophe, namely to have put to sea before the storm had developed, could only have been justified, in view of the grave responsibilities resting upon you at Samoa, by the certainty of overwhelming danger to your fleet, which could not then be foreseen; that you rightly decided to remain at your post, and that the department, even in the face of the terrible disaster which is involved, approves absolutely your decision, which has set an example to the navy that should never be forgotten. To conduct a court of inquiry under the circumstances would seem to imply a doubt on the part of the department where no doubt exists, and instead of ordering an investigation it tenders to you and your command, its sympathy for the exposures and hardships you have encountered, and its profound thanks for the fidelity with which you have performed your duties in a crisis of appalling danger."

The yacht Coronet, which has sailed around the world for over a year, has returned to New York in good condition and with all well on board. She left Gibraltar thirty-two days ago and encountered at least a half dozen storms, without any serious mishap. The Coronet in March 1887, raced across the Atlantic ocean with Mr. Caldwell H. Cole's yacht Dauntless. In a stormy run of fourteen days and nineteen hours she reached Queenstown twelve hours ahead, winning \$20,000. This voyage around the world just ended, has cost Mr. R. T. Bush, her owner, who had his family on board, fully that amount. We ought to be leading maritime power of the world. We lead in yachting, and the Americans are superior in seamanship, the finest navigators and the most daring.

Washington Letter. (From our regular correspondent.) WASHINGTON, April 29, 1888.

President Harrison has refused to extend the time for the Railway Mail Service to pass under the rules of the Civil Service Commission. Consequently no appointment can be made in that branch of the Government service after May 1st, except through the Civil Service Commission. This action was taken in opposition to the wishes of Postmaster General Wanamaker, who had asked to have the time extended.

The President and the rest of the administration with its wives, daughters, sons, cousins and aunts, to say nothing of grandchildren, left here on a special train (furnished them free) shortly after 1 o'clock this morning en route to New York to take part in the Centennial celebration of George Washington's Inauguration. The office seekers and Congressmen disappeared with the appointing powers, but most of them will probably be back by the last of the week.

The most thoroughly disappointed man in the United States—Billy Malone of Virginia—had quite a long interview with the President on Saturday, and it is said that he made a most piteous appeal for recognition of some sort. He is no longer choice about what he gets. He started out by demanding a Cabinet position, but now he humbly asked to be allowed to name a few of the smaller Federal officials in Virginia, and it is by no means certain that even that privilege is to be allowed him.

President Harrison as a lawyer must be familiar with the old English legal maxim which says "the receiver of stolen goods is as bad as the thief," but his action in cutting the acquaintance of his old friend W. W. Dudley, who organized the doubtful voters of Indiana into "blocks of five," and stole the state, proves that he does not believe in the aforesaid maxim. It has been hinted around Washington for some time that President Harrison had refused to speak to Col. Dudley since the latter was unfortunate enough to get shown up in the "blocks of five" business. Could it be because the President disapproves of such crookedness? Why, Dudley has been one of his crookedest and ablest lieutenants for lo these many years, and it was for just such work that he, by special request, had Dudley made treasurer of the Republican National Committee. Gen. Harrison did not seem to object to the crookedness then, on the contrary he accepted all the benefit therefrom. But when Col. Dudley was stupid enough to be caught, Gen. Harrison's virtue developed, and he resolved to have nothing more to do with such a very wicked man as Dudley. It is strange that every body else should know all about Col. Dudley's dark ways all these years and that the President should have been entirely ignorant.

Dudley, himself, has made the rumored snubbing a certainty by giving out a letter which he wrote to a gentleman in Indiana, who had asked his influence in getting an office for which he was an applicant. The following paragraph from Dudley's letter tells the whole story: "Perhaps there is no one in the whole country who has done as much for Gen. Harrison during the last twenty-years as I have, but because our Democratic friends down in Indianapolis have started the hue and cry on me, brother Ben does not seem to feel that he can afford to recognize me as an acquaintance, and consequently I don't take dinner at the White House as might be expected."

If President Harrison believed his friend Dudley had been such a rascal that he could not afford to recognize him as an acquaintance, would he not have been more consistent to refuse the fruits of that rascality—the Presidency? No sane man doubts that New York was carried by the same methods as Indiana. If Col. Dudley is a thief, who is the receiver of the stolen goods? Private Secretary Halford says that the President's health has not been better in twenty years than it is now. This story is gotten up for out-of-town consumption; it will not pass here where people can see the President's chinky face and the watery looking puff under his eyes.

Senator Stewart continues to pound away at the silver question, but he has not yet been able to persuade the administration to increase its monthly purchase of bullion. He says he still hopes to do so.

Senator Sherman and Quay who have been saying uncomplimentary things about each other, have shaken hands and outwardly made up, but they have both doubtless made up their minds to get even with the other at the first opportunity.

The General Land Office will investigate the charges that Government officials took advantage of their official positions for taking possession fraudulently of choice town lots and homesteads in Oklahoma before the bona fide settlers arrived.

Natural Soap. "The natural soap mines of Owens Lake, Cal., are thus accounted for by one of the company now working there: He says that the waters of the lake contain a strong solution of borax and soda. In these waters there breeds a grub that becomes a fly. The flies die in the water and drift ashore, covering the ground to the depth of a foot or more. The oily substance of the flies blends with the borax and soda, and the result is a layer of pure soap. These strata repeated from year to year, form the soap mines, where large forces of men are now employed."

A gushing young fellow, in whose bosom the sap of Spring poetry is rising, writes us that he has a penchant for the poetical. But we tell him right now his pen-shaft bores us.—Wilmington Mirror.

General Foreign News. LONDON, April 27.—The captain and engineers of the abandoned steamship Danmark have officially certified that the Danmark's engines were in perfect order except that they had to be stopped twice on the way by trifling repairs; that on the morning of April 4th the steam-pipe was found to be loose and that in the afternoon the shaft broke. All reports to the contrary they deny in detail.

LONDON, April 27.—An international anti-slavery congress will be held at Lucerne in July next. The papal delegate will preside, and Dr. Windart and Count De Mun, well known German and French Catholic leaders respectively, and other prominent papists will attend.

VIENNA, April 27.—The strike of the employees of the Tramway Company, has entirely ended and the directors of the company have resigned.

THE HAGUE, April 27.—The King of Holland will go abroad on May 2, with the hope of securing a complete cure of his disease.

ZANZIBAR, April 17.—Rev. Messrs. Taylor, Edwards and Hooper, who were captured by Brusbie, chief of the insurgents, and held by him for the ransom of £1,000 have been released on payment of the sum demanded and have arrived here.

"Oklahoma or Bust," has been the cry of late. Some were lusted when they got there, and others will remain 'till they do bust, and then take foot transportation for home again.

BALTIMORE MILLINERY STORE. <OPENING> OF <SPRING MILLINERY.> THE FINEST LINE OF HATS, BONNETS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, LACES, &c. ARE NOW ON EXHIBITION AT THE NEW MILLINERY STORE OF MRS. SUE V. FLEMING, OVER BOSTIAN & McCANLES' STORE, April 21st. VIRGINIA PAPER Co, MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALE PAPER DEALERS, RICHMOND, VA. Highest cash prices paid for rags and all other grades of paper stock. Correspondence solicited. 2:22m. SUBSCRIBE TO The Carolina Watchman.

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