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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1893.

The negroes at James City are quiet and there is no longer any danger of trouble with them.

The Rev. Broughton, of Winston, has stripped the waist and tackled a horse's nest.

There were several severe earthquake shocks at Milazzo, Sicily, on the 22d.

And now the occupation of the professional baggage washer in North Carolina is gone.

After having suffered another stroke of paralysis, the stage career of Edwin Booth is probably closed, even if he recovers.

The \$40,000 bronze statue of Columbus has been unveiled at Chicago. It is 20 feet high and rests on a granite pedestal 30 feet high.

On some draperies taking fire in a church in Naples, a panic ensued, during which eight women and five children were trampled to death.

The war ships have left Norfolk and will give a grand display in New York harbor to-day. The President and other high government officers will be present.

That was a cruel murder committed by a mob at Denmark, S. C., last Monday night. The injustice and barbarity of lynchings must surely cause a reaction against this form of law-breaking.

"John Bull," the first locomotive that ever appeared on an American railroad, has just made a successful trip from Philadelphia to Chicago, where it will remain on exhibition during the World's Fair.

There is something in the tariff, after all. During the last campaign their party organs and speakers hooted at the tariff. Now read what the National Economist says:

The Populist movement made a mistake in trying to build on the bare ground beside the tariff platform; they should have built on top of it.

The Bulletin of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, just to hand—why can't we have these Bulletins on time?—strongly urges our farmers to raise an abundant food supply for man and beast and restrict the cotton acreage.

The following is from the Clear Lake, Oberster's Washington service. It will be seen that Mr. Henderson is taking care of his district, as usual; indeed it is said that he has had more postmasters appointed than all the other Congressmen from this State:

Postmasters: Caudor, Montgomery, A. B. Gaskill; Crenmont, Catawba, W. A. Hoke; Doble, Iredeh, A. S. McKay; Dunsmore, Buncombe, T. H. Howell; Enochville, Rowan, S. J. Deal; Hampdenville, Yadkin, Mrs. Cora A. Brown; Hugback Valley, Transylvania, J. M. Teague; Jupiter, Buncombe, C. L. Lott; Kingsville, Stanly, M. K. Kirk; Shore, Yadkin, Mrs. I. E. J. Croft; Startown, Catawba, J. T. Courad. This is mostly another swipe for Henderson and all are removals except the postmasters in Buncombe and Transylvania.

Be Specific. The great enemy of the people in this State is the machine politician, who has grown into an omnipotence that nothing short of a revolution can break his iron power.

The above bit of patience from Judas' paper, the Caucasian. Supposing for the sake of argument that it is true, what of it? Has the "machine" put corrupt men into office in North Carolina? Name them if you can, and tell wherein they are guilty of official sin. Has any of the State's money been stolen by "machine" men? If so, give the particulars. Is any man despoiled of life or property by the "machine"? Tell all about it, if it is true. Answer these questions and come forward with the facts. The people, who are not fools, want facts; they cannot be long deceived by the insane ravings of their betrayers.

The Russian government has ordered the expulsion of all Jews from Livonia and Courland. There are said to be 80,000 of these unfortunates in the two provinces.

We notice with pleasure that Col. Jno. D. Cameron has leased the Asheville Democrat and resumed the Asheville editorial. He is an able and gifted writer, and we hope he may achieve the success he deserves.

The American Press Association is furnishing to the "reform" press, so called, matter in plates at \$1.50 per page. The sample page sent us under the supposition that the WATCHMAN is still a Third party fraud, is full of gall and rotteness.

Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle recently received an invitation from Wall street bankers to go to New York and discuss the money situation with them. This he declined. Then they intimated to him that if he wished it they would go to Washington to meet him. This he also declined.

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Fanatical Superstition. We know that there are good, truly pious people in this country who are members of the Roman Catholic church, who are true Christians, as perhaps, any in any of our Protestant denominations; but, in this enlightened age, it is passing strange that the old mother church still holds to its ancient fanatical superstitious beliefs as portrayed in the conduct of many of its members to-day.

Fifty years ago, we venture, no American ever thought he would ever witness such a scene as recently occurred in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, when what has become an annual pilgrimage to "The Little Church on the Hill," there came off, and when, we are told, "ten thousand Catholic women crept on their knees up the 302 wooden steps that span the almost perpendicular side of Mt. Adams 200 feet, to the shrine of the Mt. Adams Catholic Church, and knelt before the sacred statue in silence three hours, which is supposed to grant all requests on this one holy day. None but women may approach, and on each step they must pause and say, "all hail Mary." They must speak to no one on the way up, nor allow their minds to wander from the blessing they wish to receive.

Little Rock, Ark., April 26.—A terrible cyclone almost wiped out of existence the little town of Jensen in Sebastian county last night. Nine buildings were demolished. Four freight cars were blown from track and a portion of the Frisco depot was carried away. One man and a child were seriously injured.

The President on the Currency. To a representative of the United States at a meeting of the public to accept newspaper reports concerning the intentions of those charged with the management of our national finances seems to justify my emphatic contradiction of the statement that the redemption of any kind of Treasury notes except in gold has at any time been determined upon or contemplated by the Secretary of the Treasury, or any other member of the present administration.

James City. The latest news from James City is that the negroes have finally consented to retire. A large body of State troops is on the ground prepared to assist the civil authorities if it should be necessary. Below we append a history of James City and the cause of the present trouble, as published by the News and Observer:

In 1863 many negro families were removed by "General" James from New Bern to the opposite side of Trent river. They put up rude cabins and made themselves thoroughly at home, believing they had been given the land by the United States government. Other negroes soon entered the place, and before many days had passed quite a large settlement had gathered—all believing the government had given to them the land they were on. James was no General and had no authority to give the land away. Peace reigned and the negroes became content with their new homes. They named the village, after their benefactor, James City. They drew up a system of government, elected aldermen and policemen, and the population increased rapidly. About ten years ago Mr. James A.

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A South Carolina Lynching.

A week or two ago a white girl, Miss Mamie Baxter, aged 15 years, of Denmark, Barnwell county, S. C., was violated by a negro. The occurrence created great excitement, and 20 different negroes were arrested, but were all discharged. Suspicion rested upon one John Peterson, and he, hearing this, made his way to Columbia and surrendered himself to Governor Tillman on Saturday.

Peterson was allowed to tell his own story of his whereabouts from Monday prior to the crime until the Sunday after. He claimed to have left here on Wednesday morning prior, to go to North's, where he remained until Sunday. His story was closely corroborated by three or four negroes from North's and partially so by one white man. The witnesses next put up were a white man and a negro woman. The former swore he saw Peterson here on Thursday prior to the crime, the latter that prisoner played cards here on Thursday night and left on Friday morning early, going toward the scene of the crime. Two white men swore that the woman with whom he claimed to have stopped on Thursday night told them that Peterson was here and was guilty of the crime in her opinion.

Peterson was then taken before Miss Baxter, nearly every one agreeing that the evidence was strongly against him. Miss Baxter and her little brother both failed to identify him. The return of the prisoner under Constable Weeks was slow, and the crowd in the meantime began to doubt the girl's ability to identify her assailant. Meantime her father returned and gave way to tears and rage, saying she would never be able to identify.

This excited the crowd and they began to clamor for hanging. When the prisoner arrived it looked as if he would be taken out and lynched. But the officer safely got him in the guardhouse. The popular excitement culminated at about 9 o'clock in the lynching of Peterson by an infuriated mob of 500 persons, who filled his body with bullets while it dangled from a tree.

There is every reason to believe that Peterson was innocent and that the mob in its fury wreaked vengeance on the wrong man. Miss Baxter, as stated above, failed to identify Peterson as her assailant. In fact she stated positively that he was not the man. After her father came to town and declared his daughter could not recognize the man who assaulted her he was added to the flame. Somebody had to die and somebody died.

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