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Swiftness of the day and the day's events may find their representative in the progress of the day until they grow gray in proclamation error and misrepresentation, but they cannot injure or destroy its grand principles. However, harm comes to it by the falsehood of traitors and, as has been truly said, "by holding out the idea that certain men are its embodiment." Men, as grass, spring up to-day to wither and die to-morrow, but the principles of Democracy will live as long as the human race exists. Yes, "men come and go but these live," and will continue to live.

False Charges.

The *Progressive Farmer*, the organ of the F. P. party, seem to have but one mission in politics and that is to vilify and misrepresent the D. M. party. When it charges the party with creating the present election law for the purpose of defrauding honest men of their votes, it knows it is uttering a falsehood; and again it is guilty of the same offence against truth, when it charges the Democratic party with being the friend of the "gold bug" and opposing free silver.

The editor of the *Progressive Farmer* is not such a fool as not to know the law election law was enacted for the purpose of protecting honest voters against the illegal registration of repeaters and non-residents; and he knows that a very great majority of the Democrats of this country are not only bi-metalists but advocates of the free coinage of silver. And he is also aware of the fact that the Democrats in Congress have just passed a bill that puts over one hundred millions of silver dollars in circulation just as fast as the mints of the government can coin them. Yet, in the face of these facts that paper, pretending to be the friend of the poor farmer, publishes falsehoods to mislead him. Why? Will the editor of that paper be honest and tell its patrons why he is attempting to fool them?

The Raleigh correspondent of Tuesday's *Observer* says: In an interview this evening with T. K. Bruner, your correspondent learns that he has a letter from Koidzumi, the Japanese who is so greatly interested in kaolin and who is impatient to get something done. Koidzumi guarantees to raise \$150,000 if a like sum is raised in this country to establish a stock company and bring Japanese workmen to North Carolina to the kaolin deposits, locate and equip a plant. The deposits considered best by experts are in Jackson county. Mr. Bruner has hoped to be able to interest some North Carolinians in this important matter but so far has no encouragement in the way of raising money. Acting on the advice of Col. A. B. Andrews, he writes the New York owners of 200 acres of the best kaolin with the view of inducing them to take stock and joining with Koidzumi and his colony. Mr. Bruner says he goes out of the State for aid with extreme reluctance. The class of ware which it is proposed to make is of the highest quality, dutiable at 40 to 60 cents here from Japan, the calculation is made that the wares can be manufactured nearly as cheap as in Japan, saving freight and duty and enabling them to be sold cheaper than foreign production.

The Iron Ores of the State.

The report of the Geological Survey on the iron ores of North Carolina is now ready for distribution. It is a newly printed and fully illustrated publication of 239 pages, prepared in the main by Assistant Geologist H. B. C. Nitz. It contains the results of the examination of all the more important iron ore deposits known to occur in the State. Total beds examined amount to 6,000 square miles, distributed through 23 counties in the central and western portions of the State. The ore deposits receiving most attention are the following: First, the magnetite and specular ores of Granville county; second, the brown hematite of Ore Hill in Chatham; third, the magnetite ores of Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties; fourth, the magnetite and brown hematite ores of Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties; fifth, magnetite ores of Ashe, Mitchell and Madison counties; sixth, brown hematite ores of Western Madison and Cherokee counties. Extensive deposits of iron ore are described in each of these and in other less extensive areas. Concerning the general

development of our mineral properties the report says: "Before the war the Southern people were engrossed not so much with the manufacture of pig iron when they could get it elsewhere, as with the cultivation of cotton, tobacco, etc., to which both soil and labor were naturally adapted. After the war a period of reconstruction set in; to-day the country is again on a firm basis and the people are looking to the development of their mineral and manufacturing resources." The report is said by competent critics to be one of great value, and one which reflects credit on the survey and on the State. It is accompanied by an excellent map which shows the location of all the important iron ore beds of the State. Persons desiring copies of the report can obtain them free of charge by applying to the State Geologist at Raleigh, enclosing 10 cents for postage.

The Tariff Bill as Reported by the Senate Committee.

The Democratic members of the Senate finance committee laid before the full committee Friday at 11 o'clock the Wilson bill as they have amended it. The changes made by the committee are chiefly reductions. Iron ore and raw sugar are removed from the free list, but many articles are added to it. In a long list of articles in the iron and steel schedules the duty is reduced by from one-fifth to one-ninth. This same is to be said of articles in the woolen schedule. There is no change in the cotton schedule, but collars and cuffs are advanced from 35 per cent. to 45 per cent. ad valorem. Lead ore is made dutiable at a specific rate instead of ad valorem, but in lead products there are no changes. Wool and lumber remain on the free list. The date at which the bill is to go into effect is changed from June 1, 1894, to June 30.

Raw sugar is made dutiable at 1 cent a pound and the duty is increased in proportion as the quality approaches that of refined sugar, upon which the duty is 1 1/4-10 cents a pound. The bounty on sugar is abolished. The duty on iron is placed at 40 cents a ton; on bituminous coal at 40 cents a ton; on coke, 15 per cent. ad valorem; on lead ore, three-fourths of a cent a pound. The internal tax on whiskey is increased to \$1.10 a gallon and the bonded period is extended from three to eight years. Playing cards bear a tax of 2 cents a package, as in the Wilson bill. On cigars and cigarettes weighing over three pounds a thousand and the tax is \$5 a thousand; on paper cigarettes, \$1 a thousand; on cigarettes with tobacco wrappers, 50 cents per thousand. The Wilson bill's rates on imported tobacco remains unchanged. The income tax remains unchanged at 2 per cent., but its incidence is broadened to apply to rents, profits, salaries "from any source whatever." Collectors of internal revenue, instead of deputy collectors, are to collect the income tax. Other minor changes of details are made. Certain exemptions are made of charitable funds, etc. The bill, as amended, was reported to the Senate last Monday.

The Richmond & Danville to the Front.

The Richmond & Danville Railroad Co. has issued the following circular offering special inducements to settlers: "Realizing that each section of this great land of ours is dependent to a certain extent upon the prosperity of the whole, we have no desire to depreciate any section, but to make known the possibilities which are within the reach of those who contemplate a change. We have received hundreds of inquiries from parties located in the North and North-west who desire information in regard to a milder and more congenial climate, the character of soil, etc. Those and all others who may desire information, we invite to visit points upon our lines which cover the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, and to induce immigration we will make to bona fide prospectors special concessions in rates from our Eastern Junction points.

"The climate and products of the last four States above named are well known, but Virginia and North Carolina have not been so fortunate in this respect. "The climate in these sister States (Virginia and North Carolina) is about the same, showing an average the year around of about 55° Fahrenheit, with no extreme heat or cold, which enables farmers to raise two or more crops upon the same land in one season. The soil is adapted to any crops which are raised in the Southern or Middle States, and is especially favorable for trucking, the profits of which are enhanced by reason of the close proximity to the best Eastern

markets, viz: Lynchburg, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. It is also admirably adapted to fruit and grape culture. "Without discriminating in favor of any party or of either of these States, we feel at liberty to direct special attention to the Blue Ridge section of North Carolina as being excellently adapted to the culture of fruit and grapes, the mountains and hillsides at many points being now covered by vineyards and orchards, which yield handsome returns to their owners, while the rich valleys are utilized for cereals and tobacco.

"Considering the productive qualities of these Virginia and North Carolina lands, they may be had at most reasonable prices and on accommodating terms.

"In order to protect ourselves against imposition, it is necessary to throw some safeguard around the issuance of reduced rates for prospectors, and as all prospectors, before starting on a trip of this nature, correspond with some land agency or real estate agent, we will request all applicants for these reduced rates to obtain identification at the hands of such agent or land agency as they may have corresponded with."

Inquiries may be addressed to W. A. Turk, general passenger agent, 1307 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Well, the expected has happened. The Senate has passed the Bland bill for the coinage of the seigniorage in the Treasury, without amendment, and the measure is now in the hands of President Cleveland. It was well known that when this matter was first broached the President thought it an unwise step to take and so stated to members of Congress, but he has been careful to express no opinion since the bill has been pending in Congress, and now those who are usually well-informed express the belief that the President will, in deference to the large number of Democrats who voted for the bill in both House and Senate, allow the bill to become a law without his signature, thus giving them the benefit of the doubt in his mind as to the wisdom of the bill.

The Democratic members of the Senate Finance committee had to resort to the very unusual expedient of asking the committee to adopt a resolution pledging each member to secrecy while the tariff bill is under consideration before they could stop the making public by the republican Senators of everything said and done at the committee meetings. Since the adoption of that resolution very little has leaked out of the committee room. The Democrats on the committee wish, in accordance with Senatorial custom, to reach an agreement with the republicans on the committee as to when the bill shall be reported and when the Senate shall begin its consideration. This they have up to this time been unable to do, owing to the unreasonable demands of the republicans who set as though they represented the majority instead of the minority. The Democrats will wait until next week and if the republicans continue obstinate will then report the bill and make their own arrangements as to when the debate shall begin. The Democrats on the committee are still confident that the bill will become a law by June 30.

It may be necessary to change the wording of the clause of the tariff bill which repeals the reciprocity law, on account of the marked difference among Democratic Senators as to what would be the effect if the bill becomes a law as it now stands. Senator Voorhees says it will repeal the law but will not affect the treaties made under that law; while Senators Vest, Caffery and others say that the repeal of the bill will abrogate the treaties. This is a very serious question to the sugar makers; also in its effect upon the revenue expected from the tariff bill, inasmuch as about two-thirds of the foreign sugar we use will come in free, regardless of the duty imposed by the tariff bill, if the treaties now in existence, including that with Hawaii, are to continue in force. The Senate Finance committee has inserted a clause in the tariff bill providing for the abrogation of the treaty with Hawaii, but it will be opposed by Democratic Senators and it is by no means certain that it will be in the bill when it is passed.

Representative Tucker, of Virginia, is happy. His joint resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the election of Senators by direct vote of the people will be favorably reported to the House. Speaker Crisp has promised to recognize Delegate Joseph next Monday for the purpose of calling up the bill for the admission of New Mexico as a State. The republicans are opposed to the bill and will break a quorum if it is in their power, in order to prevent its

passage. Efforts are now being made to have a quorum of Democrats present when the bill is called. If they are successful there is no doubt of the passage of the bill, as it will receive the vote of every Democrat present.

Secretary Herbert welcomes the opportunity given him by the House to officially lay before that body and the country all of the facts connected with the fine imposed upon the Carnegie steel company because of its failure to equip the armor plates it made for the government up to the highest possible standard of quality. The facts are all creditable to Secretary Herbert and to President Cleveland who stood behind him. There is a popular misapprehension concerning these armor plates which caused the contractors to be fined. They were not defective. They all came within the contract requirements, but they were below the best standard that the contractors could produce; hence the fine.

The sensation lovers are enjoying the testimony in the Pollard-Breckinridge case, now being tried here, but, thanks to Judge Bradley who is presiding over the court, the women are excluded from the court room and have to get the testimony from the newspapers. It is a dirty mess which should never have been carried into court.

General News.

Mrs. Carolina Ash, widow of the late Judge Ash, died at Wadesboro Tuesday.

The House of Congress has abolishing the office of commissioner and deputy commissioner of customs. The passage of the bill will amount to a saving of \$30,430 annually.

Mr. White, of Louisiana, the new Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, was sworn in last week, and Mr. Blanchard, his successor in the Senate, was sworn in as a member of that body.

A Birmingham, Ala., city convict while attempting to escape shot the street commissioner who pursued him, killed the officer's horse, then killed himself.

The Masons of Fredericksburg are making extensive preparations for the dedication of the Mary Washington monument. The Presidents, Mrs. Cleveland and many other distinguished persons will be invited.

The will of the late Col. J. M. Heck, of Raleigh, has been probated. A low estimate puts the value of his estate at \$400,000. Pretty rich man as wealth is counted in North Carolina.

Collector Carter has appointed Col. A. H. Baird, of Asheville, a special deputy collector. His principal duties will be the collection of arrearages of indebtedness on account of the wisky tax. His salary is \$1,200, with \$80 for expenses.

A Washington special to the *Charlotte Observer* says the Secretary of War has appointed Major William M. Robbins on the Gettysburg battlefield commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Forney. The appointment was made at the request of Senator Ransom and Representative Henderson.

The Times says Monday of last week Mr. Wesley Barrett, of Franklin county, lost by fire his cotton gin, grist mill and saw mill, together with 75 barrels of corn, 10 barrels of meal, 5,000 bushels cotton seed, 2 bales of cotton, etc., etc. It is all a total loss, as there was no insurance. Fire thought to be incendiary.

The Review says Deputy Marshal Edwin Wright was tried before United States Commissioner McBrayer at Shelby last week on the charge of being in collusion with blockade distillers. It was developed on the trial that every time against Wright had at some time been a blockade and the commissioner discharged the deputy marshal.

A Granville county man was attacked by a Jersey bull, which knocked him into a mud hole and rolled him over. He retained his presence of mind and pulling out his pocket knife he gashed the bull's throat several times. The blood gushed from the bull's throat and he backed sufficient to allow his victim to escape across a fence. A gun was then brought to him and he put an end to the bull.

The Globe says Jas. Rodgers, of Durham, loaded up Saturday evening and when he started home he could not walk straight. His companions charged him with being drunk but to prove that the charge was groundless Rodgers essayed to walk on the curb. To maintain his equilibrium he broke into a run and collided with an electric light pole. When they pricked him up his leg was broken in two places.

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After being in prison 58 years, Mariano Santa Ana was released from a Philippine Island dungeon last month, having reached the age of 117. His original sentence had been greatly increased by his making three escapes from prison. The unfortunate old man begged to be allowed to remain in confinement, claiming that it was impossible for him to earn his living, owing to his very advanced age.—Vancouver Dispatch.

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