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INSURANCE MONEY.

If Southern people ever intend to gain any wisdom or to make any exhibition of this rare quality that is gained by such hard and bitter experience at times, it looks as though the time had now arrived when they might learn a little more discretion at least in matters pertaining to their own pecuniary affairs.

Exactly how much money goes from the single State of North Carolina or even from the city of Wilmington, monthly and yearly, for the purpose of paying premiums on life policies and fire insurance risks, we are unable to state. But of this one thing we feel well assured, that if all this money was kept at home and divided up in risks among home companies instead of going North to pay large dividends to enrich stockholders of Northern companies, we might, in the course of time, be able to claim some moneyed men and capitalists among ourselves, and in our own section, and this surplus money might then go to the development of our hidden mineral wealth and the other numerous resources to which North Carolina can lay just claim.

Why should we not have our own insurance companies and why should we not employ our own native talent in various ways and thereby save much of the treasure that is forwarded to a foreign State in useless expenditures? As a matter of self protection this seems to suggest itself as the wisest course to pursue.

The Charter Oak Life Insurance of Hartford, Conn., which has been reckoned among the staunchest and most reliable of the insurance companies of the North, has recently come to grief. After much investigation and examination of accounts, the institution was finally reorganized under an entirely different management which the many friends and patrons of the institution thought would lead it safely out of the mire of threatened bankruptcy.

But hear what the latest reports from this reliable company are: "To-day the new President is confronted with the startling fact that the available funds to meet death and mature endowment fund have given out." Now this is a company which stood A No. 1, and which all classes of people had the utmost confidence in.

WE DON'T CARE.

We cannot, for the life of us, see why North Carolinians should be compelled to look abroad and find out what other people think on any subject of importance before making up their own minds thereon, and that, too, notwithstanding the fact that some of our papers must always look to Richmond or Baltimore before they can decide for themselves. It is nothing to us that Stephens or Toombs or Lamar should truckle to Hayes; it is for us to make up a verdict for ourselves in accordance with the facts of the past, the actualities of the present and our own good in the future.

TRUE INDEED.

We find in the Raleigh Register the following remarkable admission: "It is now twelve years since the war ended and there has not been twelve thousand immigrants brought into the State during that time. There were good and sufficient causes during a portion of the twelve years just past why immigrants

should not seek North Carolina as a place of location and settlement. Those causes have long since ceased to exist; and now there is every reason save one why immigrants should flock to this State by thousands."

This is good, sound, excellent Democratic doctrine and is surely remarkable as emanating from a Republican paper. Yet it does not argue that the leopard is about to change his spots. Thank Heaven! the "good and sufficient causes why immigrants should not seek North Carolina" no longer exist. The State has been disenthralled. Littlefield is a refugee from justice, Holden has been dethroned, Kirk has sought a more congenial clime, John P. stands dishonored and disgraced in his native State and Tourgee—oh! where is Tourgee? North Carolinians now govern North Carolina and the shepherd and the sheep no longer fear the ravages of the wolves.

COMMON SCHOOL EDUCATION.

The results of the vaunted "common school education" are shown aptly enough by the answers reported in the New York Tribune as given by candidates for teaching to a school examiner in Indiana: Question—What is affection in reading? Answer—It is affecting to hear a scholar when he gets up to read, to speak his words distinct and amid his punctuation. Affection is sympathy for the piece. Q.—Define sugar, sincere, calf. A.—1st I can't define. 2d, sincere, more sincere, most sincere. 3d, calf, calves, and calves. 'Generous, was defined as a person with a free will; 'sugar' a mineral; scissors, spelled sizzars; skull, schull; gnaw, pnaw. 'Pitch is a raising or lowering of the voice. Emphasis is to place more distress on some words. 'The Ohio river flows northeast and forms the northern boundary of Ohio. 'The Red sea and Yellow sea are in Europe. 'Brazil is in Asia. 'The beautiful scenery and fertile soil led to the discovery of America. 'The number of broad acres laying untilled led to the discovery of America."

AN INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACT.

Under this head, the N. Y. Sun, of Saturday, prints the following double leaded article:

After the argument upon the Florida case before the late Electoral Commission in Washington, Judge Bradley wrote out his opinion and his decision in full. He completed it at about 6 o'clock in the evening on the day before the judgment of the commission was to be announced, and read it to Judge Clifford and Judge Field, who were likewise members of the Commission. It contained first, an argument, and secondly, a conclusion. The argument was precisely the same as that which appears in the published document; but Judge Bradley's conclusion was that the voters of the Tilden electors in Florida were the only votes which ought to be counted as coming from the State.

This was the character of the paper when Judge Bradley finished it, and when he communicated it to his colleagues. During the whole of that night Judge Bradley's house in Washington was surrounded by the carriages of visitors who came to see him apparently about the decision of the Electoral Commission, which, as we have said, was to be announced the next day. These visitors included leading Republicans as well as persons deeply interested in the Texas Pacific Railroad scheme.

When the commissioners assembled the next morning, and when the judgment was declared, Judge Bradley gave his voice in favor of counting the votes of the Hayes electors in Florida. The argument he did not deliver at the time; but when it came to be printed subsequently it was found to be precisely the same as the argument which he had originally drawn up, and on which he had based his first conclusion in favor of the Tilden electors.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7, 1877.

It will be gratifying to numberless friends and admirers of the late Stephen A. Douglass to know that Mr. Hayes has decided after investigation to retain Robt. M. Douglass as Marshal of North Carolina. The charges against Mr. Douglass was made by one Hester, of unsavory record in connection with Southern affairs. It is understood that both the President and the Attorney General gave much attention to the case, and are convinced that there is no foundation for any charge, affecting the personal or official integrity of Mr. Douglass.

There is lobbying and lobbying, when Congress is here and when Congress is away; there is lobbying. The latest band is here in the interest of a Northern sculptor who wishes to finish the Washington monument by putting a bronze statue on it. There are manifest objections to this. It is a departure, for the sake of saving a little money, from the original plan. Suppose there should be another collapse of national interest in the structure after the legs of the statue were finished, or it was all complete but the head. It won't do Mr. Meads and Messrs. Lobbyists. Let us finish the work according to the original plan, or let it remain simply unfinished, and not make a pernicious and shabby pretext of finishing it. Unreasonable as the proposition is, interested parties are here, and have succeeded in converting Mr. Hayes to their views.

The organization located here, which received some two hundred mail contracts at the last letting, and sub-let them to others at a profit, turns out to be part of government officers. One cannot tell whether or not this duplex arrangement is in accordance with the reform policy of the administration, but it is clearly against law, and these speculating officials

will have to give up their contracts or step down and out from government positions. The attention of Mr. Key— or Mr. Tyner the Lord knows which— should be called to the subject.

Secretary Sherman has under consideration the rescinding of an absurd and infamous order by which, contrary to express law, his subordinates were and are withholding money appropriated by Congress and made the property of citizens, and over which the Treasury, except for the purpose of stating accounts, has no more legal control than it has over the North Star. There is a general willingness to cut down expenses, but this holding other people's money savors more of robbery than honest economy.

All the expense of carrying U. S. Troops to the North and West to protect the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania Railroads, will be paid by the Government. Millions upon millions of the property of these roads were saved by the troops. The payments, of course, go to these companies, as by no other roads could the troops be got to the points where railroad property was in danger. But isn't the means infinite which presents bills for such transportation?

On the 9th inst. the Republicans held their State Convention in Maine. Whether it shall be a convention of James G. Blaine, and invited guests, as in the past, or a non-committal affair like that in Ohio, or shall be made the opportunity of aspiring Republican for the overthrow of Blaine cannot be told as yet.

Mr. Garrett is the Father of the Great Riot.

He has little or no knowledge of human nature, and had experimented upon his operatives so frequently and so successfully that he had no idea they could make a successful strike. At last they had no alternative but to strike or die. He never kept up any relations of reciprocity or sympathy with his men, and yet indulged the dream, at times, that his mere monetary success would make him president of the United States. People in this country do not respect money dissociated with Democratic charity. Garrett will hardly die with the fame he expected. He is not popular in Baltimore with the rich; he is not known to the poor. A respectable man in many respects, he forgot his plain duty to the men he employed. He never sought to improve their condition, though they were very faithful to his interests. He cut down their pay three times in the course of a few months; and yet increased their work. Like another Pharaoh, he made his bondmen build bricks without straw. This man has been incalculably exposed and injured. He has not years enough left to retrieve his reputation as a great and good American.

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Foreign Travel.

We have "A winter on the Nile," by Gen. McClellan; "Sauterings about Constantinople," by Charles Dudley Warner; "Out of My Window at Moscow," by Eugene Schuyler; "An American in Turkistan," etc. Three serial stories are announced:

Nicholas Minturn.

By Dr. Holland, the Editor.

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Another serial, "His Inheritance," by Miss Traton, will begin on the completion of "That Lass of Lovrie's," by Mrs. Hodgson Burnett. Mrs. Barlow's story, begun in August, has a patios and dramatic power which have been a surprise to the public.

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Household and Home Decoration.

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