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The Morning Star.

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THE OYSTER INDUSTRY.
The Star has in many editorials called attention to the importance of developing the oyster industry of North Carolina. It has especially considered the New River oyster grounds and their importance to Wilmington. With the resources of New River fully developed and railroad connection with this city a great canning industry would be developed here as well as an extensive shipping business of fresh oysters, fish, &c.

mined opinions should be allowed sway. The whole people are directly interested. The whole people through their representatives should be heard, and such legislation should be perfected as far as possible as will best subserve the public interests.

NEW COUNTIES AGAIN.
The Statesville Landmark has a judicious editorial on the movement to create several new counties, and especially one out of Iredell and Rowan and Cabarrus. How many counties it is proposed to erect during the present session we cannot say, but some half dozen sets of men are urging the creating of as many counties. The Landmark says:

"It is one of the accidents of fortune that some people are far from their county towns and others near it. It has always been so and will always be so. All of us cannot have a court house next door any more than all of us can have a great many other things that we would very much like to have."

As a general thing movements of this kind originate with a very few, who are on the make, and who are themselves not greatly suffering from inconvenience. The Landmark shows that the proposition to erect a new county out of the territory of the three counties named would be a monster in shape like other counties that have been made in obedience to the manipulations of axe grinders. It says:

to the people in the pine section, but it is less productive now than it was a few years ago. Mr. Knight has done well, however, to bring the matter before the readers of a Northern paper, as it is evident but little is known of it.

THE PERIODICALS.
St. Nicholas for February is of course good. It is always good. Among the contributors are Prof. Boyesen, Mrs. Burnett, Frank Sherman, Washington Gladden, W. H. Hayne and Mary Mapes Dodge, and these alone would make a good number. But there are a dozen other contributors, and no doubt some of them are clever. Mr. Burnett is the best of the contributors. St. Nicholas is the charm of many a household and gladdens all the year round many a dear little girl and boy in this broad land of ours. Its price is \$3 a year and it is luxuriously illustrated. The Century Co., publishers, Union Square, New York.

The Sanitarian for January has been a band for a week or so. It is a most useful publication and well merits the attention of all interested in sanitation and cognate subjects. Among the discussions in the current number are: Health Insurance; or, the Financial Relation of the Medical Profession to the Public; Woods Hutchinson, A. M. D., lecturer on Hygiene, Iowa Coll. of Physicians and Surgeons; Existing Methods of Sewage and House-Refuse Disposal in Towns; Alfred Hill, M. D., F. I. C., The Work of the Plumber and the Modes of Conveying and Disposing of Sewage; F. F. Powers, C. E., The Old Roman Life Tables, and the Probabilities of the Duration of Life as Compared with the Present; Judge J. P. Bradley, U. S. Supreme Court; Are Small-Pox and Cow-Pox one and the Same Disease? Geo. Fleming, LL. D., Principal Veterinary Surgeon of the British Army; National Adulteration Bill. Price \$4 a year. Published at 113 Fulton street, N. Y.

SENATOR MORGAN ON THE SITUATION.
For Democrats to Consider.
REPUBLICAN SPIES.
Mr. Morgan—Now let us have the naked truth. That is the way to get at what is right in this matter, and I am a little surprised that Senators are not willing that we should have it. I have not very much personal connection with the Departments of this Government. I do not worry them very much about business matters. Nevertheless, I have on frequent occasions been led by very strong suspicion to men who have been in office a long time, who have had chances to form combinations and cliques and rings in different departments, are basely, steadily, continuously acting as spies upon this Administration, for the purpose of collecting up all the little matters that they can, and that they communicate them to the Representatives of the Republican population in this country; and I have not any doubt that to-day there are gentlemen in this Senate better informed of what goes on in the Treasury Department of the United States than Mr. Manning can be. Take the Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service. There is a man who has a very large number of employees under him. How many? Four thousand—my colleague says between 7,000 and 8,000. He is a pronounced, steadfast, fixed and talented Republican, a man who has more arbitrary power to control his subordinates than any other man I know of in the government of the United States. It would be, I think, a discredit to a Democrat to go to the President and ask for the removal of that man. There would be no ground that could be taken in regard to it, except that stated by the Senator from Kansas, deliberately, and with so much of intelligence, that "the material is too short in the Democratic party to fill up the offices." That would be all.

THE BOMBASTIC MEMBER.
Charlotte Chronicle.
Ex Governor Brogden, the member from Wayne county, who introduced a bill to amend the law so as to allow cock-fighting in New Hanover, has levelled his gun at our contemporary, the Wilmington Star, and fired a bombastic shot at that journal. But the Star can stand the ex-Governor's pop-gun wads; they are harmless when we consider that some years ago he withdrew from the Republican party and endorsed the present system of county government, and that now he has changed front again and is doing all he can to defeat the present system. Such a record possesses little weight or sincerity. He treats his political opinions as he would a garment to put on and take off a leisure.

Spirits Turpentine.
Some of the Granville farmers recently obtained \$52.80, \$70, \$53, \$65, \$58 and \$65 for fine tobacco in the Raleigh market.

that there are more men who have been drawn beneath the Democratic banner into the present party organization of intelligence and principle than were ever found in one party in the United States before. That is the party we belong to, and I think that out of that number, whether the President concurs with me or not, it is quite possible to get officers enough to fill up the quota in the city of Washington. I concur with the venerable Senator from Delaware, that that man mistakes his opportunities and puts too much at peril who deliberately leaves the administration of affairs, for which he is responsible, in the hands of his enemies. I have not any doubt at all, indeed I could point out, if occasion required it, quite a number of men in the offices of this country to-day who are Republicans who are not worthy men. I will not say that you cannot point out Democrats who are not worthy men, either, but I say that it is the duty of the Administration to put the Commissioner of Pensions and the commissioners of other bureaus and the heads of other departments in such position that they will feel that they are safe in their surroundings. That is the legitimate duty of government, and without which there can be no proper vigor in government, and without which there can be no proper inspection of the conduct of inferior officers and servants—chiefs of the divisions in the departments and bureaus of this Government. I insist upon it that it should be done, and I hope that the Administration and the heads of departments will take warning from this debate this morning and will not any longer allow themselves to be put in a position of jeopardy and distrust.

CURRENT COMMENT.
Hereafter the people who admire consistency would like to hear less from the present Senators of Alabama about the love of home rule and the right of a State to manage its own affairs without being meddled with by the general government. It is a mockery to preach such a doctrine in theory and ignore it in practice, simply because Alabama is supposed to be the gainer by a few millions scooped from the national coffers at the expense of a great principle that her people have always professed to love. That was a bad day's work in the Senate yesterday, and we believe the future will confirm the prediction that the endorsement by that body of the Blair bill will prove a dangerous precedent. A little more legislation like this by a Democratic Legislature, and the party had better change its name and embrace the principles and creed it has grown old in fighting.—Montgomery (Ala.) Dispatch, Dem.

The spectacle of Mr. Randall appealing to the magnanimity of the real tariff reformers in the House to allow him to secure a consideration for his sham tariff reform bill is too grotesque to be in the least pathetic. Mr. Randall's chief function in Congress for some years has been that of obstructing bills to reduce the war tariff. If he had experienced an actual change of heart and now came forward professing and sinning purpose to serve the tax-payers as faithfully as he has served his employers, the Pennsylvania protectionists, we have no doubt that he would get a warm welcome from the tariff reformers and a hearing from the House. But the reduction of the tariff burden is not his object.—N. Y. Times, Rep.

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