

FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE.

In some respects this is a great country, the greatest country in the world, and yet in other respects it is in a condition of shameful dependency on other nations.

MINOR MENTION.

The Star contends that the best use to which State convicts can be put is in making new and improving the old highways, a fact that no State has yet, as far as we know, caught onto.

USES OF COLLEGE TRAINING.

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SPRITS TURPENTINE.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. Daniel Sifford dropped dead Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Stadelers Creek. He was about 60 years old.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, presiding elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

England, the creditor nation of the world, which has made her wealthy, or rather the wealth of her wealthy (for the masses of her people are poor enough) by lending money on her own terms to more needy and less thrifty nations, and when she got them in her debt being shrewd enough to influence them to adopt her monetary system.

Opinions may differ as to what may be the best monetary system, but however they may differ as to this, no nation can be permanently prosperous which lets another nation say what its monetary system shall be.

Another bank failure yesterday. Fifteen or more banks have failed within a month. Gold fake papers before the election intimidated voters by threatening the prosperity of every bank in the United States if Mr. Bryan was elected.

We can always find clews to the coming good times in the optimistic predictions of Henry Clews, who never is, but always to be blessed. This man can find more unsatisfactory conditions in the present hour, any brighter prospects in the future, than any other man.

So many persons have been poisoned by canned food of late that it is a question whether the use of tin for this purpose should not be prohibited. Among the rest twenty-five cavalrymen at West Point suffered the other day from eating canned head cheese.

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Lincoln Democrat: On Wednesday morning about 10 o'clock Mr. Joseph Jetton was missing from his home, and upon inquiry and investigation he was found in his barn dead. He was about 76 years old.

Morganton Herald: A Berkshire hog weighing 654 pounds, gross, was killed at the State hospital on the 16th inst. The net weight was 606 pounds. This is the largest porker so far reported to us.

Oxford Ledger: Lemuel Sullivan, a prosperous farmer of Wilson county, had been to town Tuesday and was on his way home when he struck his horse which was very fiery, whereupon she began to furiously kick. Mr. Sullivan was knocked from his vehicle, and lay senseless until found by some neighbors a short time afterwards. He died in a few hours.

Franklin Press: We are told that a very rough looking specimen of humanity has been camping along the range of the Nantahala mountains for several weeks past, ranging from the head of Burningtown to the head waters of Coweta. He has an old frying pan and an ax, and lives on what he can pick up in the way of corn and meat.

Warrenton Record: Mr. Plummer W. Green quietly passed away last Tuesday afternoon, at his residence in Warrenton, surrounded by his devoted daughter, sister and brother and friends. Mr. Green was blind. He has been blind for many years, caused by injuries received in the late civil war, through which he served as gallant a soldier as was in Lee's army.

Wilmington, Fifth Street church, January 3. Wilmington, Grace church, January 9. Southport, January 16, 17. Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24. Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31. Wilmington, Bieden Street (old), January 31. Baraga circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7. Clatsop circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14. Brunswick and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21. Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28. Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7. Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14. Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21. Columbus circuit, at Evergreen, March 27, 28. Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (old), March 28. Waccamaw circuit, at Shiloh, March 30. Magoola circuit, at Magoola, April 6, 7. Bieden circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

Gaffer—Queer never could stand property. Bland—Why? Gaffer—Just as soon as he began to make money the pig swooped down and arrested him for consoling—Phil. North American.

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found a permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla?

TWINKLINGS.

Dombey—When your wife gets angry don't speak to her. Capt. Cattle—She won't do anything else—Till Bits.

His Poignant Grief: What on earth are you howling so hard about, Freddy?

Well, what if he did? You've been whipped before and the occasion doesn't call for such heartrending grief.

Tommie—I've got \$8 in my bank. Mr. Freshman—Indeed. Where did you get it?

Tommie—Every time sister Lil gets a new beau he gives me ten cents to stay out of the parlor.

First Motorman—I believe I will buy a bicycle and learn to ride it. Second Motorman—Nonsense. You won't be able to run into wagons on a bike.

First Motorman—I know that, but people who are walking will not be able to get out of my way getting off the train.

How many men did we kill in that last battle? asked Weyer. You said 8,000, replied his secretary.

The General thought a moment, then he said: "Well, that's a round number. Let it go at that!" Atlanta Constitution.

No, there is one thing, my daughter is not being married for her money. I have made inquiries and find that her intended is not only free from debt, but that he's had excellent examinations.

What on earth is he marrying her for, then? Judge.

Tommie Tompkins—Pa, was Sam Duckworth, who's the other day a politician or statesman?

Tompkins—Nobody knows yet, my son; his real estate hasn't been appraised.

I don't see the use of puttin' Mammie in short pants, said Mammie's brother, who was sitting in a chair when she had appeared in her new bloomers.

Well, I don't care, retorted Willie. "You say you can't climb a tree as you know you can't, so what's the use of puttin' up a bluff that you're a boy?" Omaha Bee.

Not to Make Experts, but to Fix Men For Large, Intelligent Work.

It is not entirely safe to claim that every child of success even of legitimate success, will be promoted by a college training.

I had a boy for whom it was my special ambition to send him to college. So far from helping his prospects in that direction it would probably damage them.

There are a great many things that can be best done by the man who does not know too much, or, at least, by the man whose intelligence is concentrated on the one thing he has to do.

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LADY DAY OF MARCH.

IMPORTANT IN BOTH SECULAR AND RELIGIOUS CALENDARS.

Why the 25th of March is Venerated in England—What Happens if It Falls on Sunday—How it is Celebrated in the Beginning of One of the Year's Quarters.

The 25th of March is an important day both in the secular and religious calendars. It is the first quarter day in the year and as such comes home to most of us who have before our eyes the year of payment of rent or the year of payment of taxes.

It is a very good medicine, especially in Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength.

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But the 25th of March, or the Annunciation, is most regarded, as it is the anniversary, according to St. Augustine, of the great event to which it is so religiously devoted.

In Rome, in the early part of the century, it was used to be celebrated with great pomp and splendor. We read that the windows were hung with crimson and yellow silk draperies and occupied by masses of most gorgeous attire.

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Bank

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, December 29.

SPRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet. 8 1/2 cts per gallon for machine-made casks, and 8 1/4 cts for country casks.

ROBIN—Market firm at \$1 45 per bushel for Strained and \$1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quiet at \$1 00 per bushel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Dull. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 39@37 1/2 cts; rosin, strained, \$1 85; good strained \$1 40; tar \$0 95; crude turpentine 1.10, 1.40, 1.80.

MARKETS. Market quiet on a basis of 6 1/2 cts for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 4 1/2-5 cts; No. 1 5-5 1/2; No. 2 5-5 1/2; No. 3 5-5 1/2; No. 4 5-5 1/2; No. 5 5-5 1/2; No. 6 5-5 1/2; No. 7 5-5 1/2; No. 8 5-5 1/2; No. 9 5-5 1/2; No. 10 5-5 1/2; No. 11 5-5 1/2; No. 12 5-5 1/2; No. 13 5-5 1/2; No. 14 5-5 1/2; No. 15 5-5 1/2; No. 16 5-5 1/2; No. 17 5-5 1/2; No. 18 5-5 1/2; No. 19 5-5 1/2; No. 20 5-5 1/2; No. 21 5-5 1/2; No. 22 5-5 1/2; No. 23 5-5 1/2; No. 24 5-5 1/2; No. 25 5-5 1/2; No. 26 5-5 1/2; No. 27 5-5 1/2; No. 28 5-5 1/2; No. 29 5-5 1/2; No. 30 5-5 1/2; No. 31 5-5 1/2; No. 32 5-5 1/2; No. 33 5-5 1/2; No. 34 5-5 1/2; No. 35 5-5 1/2; No. 36 5-5 1/2; No. 37 5-5 1/2; No. 38 5-5 1/2; No. 39 5-5 1/2; No. 40 5-5 1/2; No. 41 5-5 1/2; No. 42 5-5 1/2; No. 43 5-5 1/2; No. 44 5-5 1/2; No. 45 5-5 1/2; No. 46 5-5 1/2; No. 47 5-5 1/2; No. 48 5-5 1/2; No. 49 5-5 1/2; No. 50 5-5 1/2; No. 51 5-5 1/2; No. 52 5-5 1/2; No. 53 5-5 1/2; No. 54 5-5 1/2; No. 55 5-5 1/2; No. 56 5-5 1/2; No. 57 5-5 1/2; No. 58 5-5 1/2; No. 59 5-5 1/2; No. 60 5-5 1/2; No. 61 5-5 1/2; 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