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WHAT CAUSED THE RIOTS.

When the war between the States ended every one was trying to give the reason of our failure. We heard probably a dozen or twenty causes assigned for our overthrow...

ONE CURSE WITHHELD—NO FAIRING.

The South has had many and great afflictions during the last sixteen years. It has been laid waste by invading armies filled with the spirit of the Vandals and Visigoths...

and the latter rains have fallen, and the earth has not forgotten to bring forth its rich, teeming harvests in due season.

When we read the accounts of the famine in some districts in China, and in India, we can but think that in having food our people have escaped an awful visitation.

THE SOUTH IN SCOTLAND.

In the recent Pan-Presbyterian Council, held at Edinburgh, America seems to have had the bouquet for eloquence.

OUR CLIMATE.

The climate of Wilmington from January to January is the finest we know. We venture the opinion, sustained by figures, that the average temperature is better in Wilmington than in any other town in the State.

THE SOUTH BEGINNING TO BE APPRECIATED.

There is no doubt that the Southern people behaved admirably during the late riots. Their conduct was in striking contrast to their Northern neighbors...

forbearance they have made a name for history. In estimating them fairly it is hard to say which is more worthy of the world's highest admiration—their invincible, hardy, courage in battle, or their forbearance and magnanimity under slander, insult and oppression.

We are glad that many Northern papers appreciate the conduct of our people during the recent Northern rebellion. The New York Journal of Commerce has this to say of our "well-behaved sections."

"The Southern papers do not praise the orderly and law-obeying conduct of the Southern working man during the recent strikes a whit too highly. It may be said that poverty and suffering are not so common among the laboring classes of the South as among those at the North and West, and therefore the former had not the motives for an uprising which actuated the riotous demonstrators and pedestrians in other sections."

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THE MARRIAGE MAN.

Mr. G. A. Miller, a native North Carolinian, and former editor of the Columbus (Ga.) Star, wrote a very interesting account of the late Peter Stewart Ney, some years ago.

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COLONEL FRED HOLLIDAY, ONE OF THE PROMINENT CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, IS A FRIEND OF REPUDIATION.

"But the road to prosperity is not through the door of repudiation—that is the road to ruin. And I would not beckon her office she may have seen better. Indeed, what would the office be worth, when you? It would be a barren scepter, if not a disgraceful prize."

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WILMINGTON AND NORFOLK—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

We are indebted to the officials at the Custom House in this city for the following comparative statement, as between Wilmington and Norfolk, of the business transactions at each port, respectively, during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1876, with foreign ports.

Imports—Wilmington, value, \$93,883; Norfolk, value, \$21,415. Exports—Wilmington, value, \$2,411,400; Norfolk, value, \$7,053,841.

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Raleigh News: Adjutant General Jones has received a letter from Chas. Halgh, of Fayetteville, tendering his resignation as Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Battalion of the North Carolina State Guard.

Capt. A. A. Malver, died suddenly at his home in Moore county 31st ult.

The Fayetteville Gazette says: "Capt. Malver was a native of Robeson county; he was a gallant soldier during the war, and was commended for his services by Gen. Sherman, who formed part of Gen. Matt. Ransom's splendid brigade."

Salisbury Watchman: A citizen wants to inquire, whether, and had the audacity to ask us to advise on the subject.

Diek Wallace, a negro, famous for his activity in radical electioneering, has come to grief. He is now in "Greenwood," or the "County institute," as you like. He has been dealing extensively in iron and steel.

Charlotte Observer: It is a fact that on day before yesterday, about noon, there were within a space of forty yards on Tryon street, seven dead loads, with peaches, four filled with watermelons, two of grapes, and two containing flour and meal, and they did not all disappear.

Elizabeth City Economist: Jesse Brickhouse left Tyrol, a few weeks since, abandoning a wife and three children in need and destitute of provisions. It is reported that the light-house, at Whale's Head station, was struck by lightning on Sunday and three lives lost.

Charlotte Observer: Yesterday morning, Jack Brawley, a negro man who drives Mr. H. T. Brawley's carriage, was from the vehicle, while it was in motion, near the Air Line depot, and broke his leg between the knee and ankle.

Asheville Citizen: Some excitement was created on our streets, Monday, over the statement that Mr. Rollins, President of the Western Division W. N. C. R. R., had compromised the Littlefield debt, and had received some thousands in Florida bonds.

Wilson Advance: Mr. Alex. Green arrived last Saturday in charge of 53,000 young sows from Massachusetts, which were deposited at Barfoot's mill the same day.

Rocky Mount Mail: The crop prospects in the neighborhood of Ringwood, Halifax county, were perhaps never better than this year. The village is located in the centre of a fine farming section, and within two miles of the great viaduct and wire manufacturing of Garrett, who we heard had now on hand over 100,000 gallons of fine grape wine, and whose weekly sales amounted to 1,000 to 1,500 gallons.

Raleigh Observer: As will be seen by reference to the order of the Commissioner, Geo. M. Smedes, Esq., in our advertising columns of to-day, the creditors and bill holders of the Bank of Crenden are notified to present and make proof of their claims before him at his office, in this city, before the first day of October, 1877.

The Commission of Agriculture on yesterday received a letter from Mr. J. W. Lang, of Brooks, Maine, asking for an official report from his department of such made in North Carolina as were purchasable and suitable for the establishment of a colony for his people. He desires to buy in one tract, or near enough together that they may have a society of their own in the event his reports are true concerning the extraction of Northern people in the South.

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