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THE ARMY BILL

The defeat of the Democrats by the want of fidelity and devotion to principle on the part of thirteen of its own set is a great misfortune to the country.

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The House was asked to vote blindly and loosely, and to appropriate twenty-six millions without question.

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The main body of the Russian Army in Asia Minor are now marching on Erzerum, as Kara is no longer in the way.

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The lines which the Wilmington Star attributed to the Earl of Derby were written by Phillip Stanhope Worley, and sent to Gen. Lee.

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Major Robert Bingham writes us of the date of the 20th instant, that there has been but one mild case of diphtheria in Barracks, and it yielded to treatment.

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THE TWO SECTIONS AS COTTON MANUFACTURERS

Recently a Northern writer has undertaken to show that the advantages in cotton manufacturing are altogether in favor of the North.

Mr. Abram Hewitt is one of the leaders. He has never done any good for the Democratic party yet.

The New York Sun has this to say in regard to the Democratic defeat: "No attempt was made to investigate the contract which the War Department had lawfully entered into for the fiscal year, covering the whole of the extra and part of the regular session."

Mr. Atkinson, of Boston, is a high authority on cotton spinning, &c. He has given force to the absurdity we have referred to, and other writers have followed in his wake.

Some of the more intelligent Northern writers clearly discern the superiority of the South over the North in regard to cotton manufacturing.

"Possibly, local capital, as a result of local pride, may now and then build a new cotton mill. But it will be like raising a boat up stream against a current, and dividends will be small, and the owners having money to invest where it will do the most good, are not going to put it into cotton manufacturing in New Hampshire."

"The water power in the South is just as good as ours." "The climate: These streams, by reason of the mild winters, are never troubled with ice. No care has to be taken to protect wheels or buildings from frost."

"The State debt of Virginia amounts to \$41,220,752.76. This is the amount to be 'readjusted.' Let the Virginians stick to the bull-punch and they will have no trouble in liquidating the sum total."

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Remark by Gen. Butler: "Hayes is doing well, so well that I really wish he had been elected."

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Now these are the matured views of a far-seeing New England man who is willing to look at things as they are, and to regard stern facts under a true light.

Two or three days ago we briefly remarked upon the failure of the penitentiary to reform thieves and punish crime.

On application of John Carroll, he was granted license to retail spirituous liquors in the city of Wilmington for three months.

From information since received, we learn that the accident occurred to the Northern bound train, which left Columbia at 12 M. on Friday.

There is general regret, chagrin, and even indignation here at the failure in courtesy to the visiting military, but the reflections on the judges are unjust.

Conductor Kline, who was rescued about a half a mile down the stream, where he was found clinging to the limb of a tree, is reported badly cut on the arm.

"We agree heartily with the opinion of the Recorder." "And we believe it the duty of the press to agitate the subject until the people are unanimous in instructing the next Legislature to propose that constitutional amendment restoring the whipping post, and which amendment was so unfortunately omitted by the last Constitutional Convention."

"The South is indeed poor. With its negroes went its basis of credit. We doubt, however, if the North is not destined to be poorer in the end. They have more comforts in that part of the Union, and more debts. With broken banks, and tens of thousands of failures, and tremendous strikes in real estate, we do not know that they are to be envied."

"The bottom has not yet been reached." Mind you, Philadelphia was filled up last year with millions of visitors, and made 'stacks of money.' And still there is heavy shrinkage. As with Philadelphia, so with other cities throughout the plethoric North.

COURT COMMUNICATIONS

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The engineer and conductor discovered the obstruction, but before the train could be stopped the rail had come in contact with the cow-catcher, by which it was broken in pieces and the train passed safely on its course.

The accident occurred at night and the train being going at full speed, the result would in all probability have been a fearful one. The rail was, no doubt, placed on the track by some designing villain with the view of wrecking the train, as it was found actually chained to the posts, and no effort should be spared by the authorities to ferret out the scoundrel who could thus lead himself to a scheme which might have eventuated in a wholesale destruction of life and property.

The attempt to throw a train off the tracks on roads connecting with this city, during the past week or two.

The Late Drowning Case. From a letter received from Mr. H. L. Leary, who is a special coroner, and has inquired over the body of the late Thaddeus Moore, we learn that there was a mistake in the statement that the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning.

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Spirits Turpentine

Walden News: Capt. J. M. Grizzard's gin was destroyed by fire on Tuesday, together with about twenty bales of cotton. Loss about \$2,000. Insurance \$1,000, in the Capital City.

Wilson, Adams: We have been requested to announce that Ned Rice, a negro preacher, who has been expelled from the Baptist Church, on account of his immoral conduct. The race track presented a lively scene last Tuesday, over 100 persons having attended to witness the contest between 'Henry' and 'Barnes' 'Dick.' The presence of ladies for the first time, was a new feature, and lent an additional attraction to the occasion.

Raleigh News: U. S. Marshal Hill returned yesterday from Albany, N. Y., to which point he took two prisoners, Charles Lawton, sentenced to one year imprisonment, for robbing the mail at Martinsville, N. C., and Conrad Hansman, convicted of robbery of the mail and forgery of a money order at Wilmington, N. C., and sentenced in two years confinement at hard labor. A gentleman of this city who was out several miles in the country yesterday, says he has never seen the water courses rise faster than they did yesterday. It was the event of the day, the water rising fast, and damage from the high water seriously apprehended.

Elizabeth City Carolinian: The receipts of the Fair only amounted to \$400 33; the expenses and premiums amounted to \$424 75. Attention has been called to the fact that the fair is making their appearance in different parts of the county, and numbers of them are being shot. The Oranston Ball at the Albemarle House last Thursday night was the best ever held here, and was never so excellent. Elsewhere we will have spoken of the very excellent address of Gen. Leach at the Fair. The address was a most interesting one—it was comprehensive, but it justly suited the people. It is especially appropriate for the occasion. It aroused a new inspiration among our farmers and made them all go home better satisfied with their condition, and with increased love for their State and section, each one resolving to do more for improvement and progress.

Salem Press: Judge Cox is given up to be a true gentleman and a just judge as has ever been known in the County Superior Court. The members of the Baptist Church met yesterday evening at their recent fair in the hall. Some fine cabbage were shown by one of our farmers the other day, weighing over seven pounds a piece. A crate of fine, genuine article, was found in digging the well for the water supply company, east of town. Mr. Jas. R. Dodge, accompanied by his son, Col. Richard Dodge of the U. S. Army, Mr. J. R. Dodge, and lady will remain several months in the New County. Sandy Armfield, colored, living in Winston, was found dead in his room about 3 P. M., last Thursday. On Saturday morning the 10th inst., in the yard of Mr. Robert's, a young boy, Davis county, a horse belonging to Robert's, was found dead, having been literally disemboweled by a large hog, running at large in the yard. One of Mr. Robert's fine young hogs, which was badly hurt in a similar manner. We are often shown specimens of Indian arrowheads, hatchets, etc., picked up in the old field near the shore of the river, east of town, and along the Yadkin River.

Charlotte Observer: The belief that the people of Charlotte live over one year gold mine is very generally entertained here, and one of our citizens having had what was literally true, he has decided to go to delving right in his yard, and has sunk a shaft to the depth of thirty feet, has taken up a quantity of ore that is right well impregnated with the glittering treasure. We understand that the State jury of Wilkes court which assembled on the second Monday in October, is still in session or is supposed to be. Judge Cloud adjourned court when he took a sudden leave, and left the grand jury in session, telling them that they were not to go home until they found bills against every overseer in the county who had not put up sign boards and worked on the drainage, and the managers of the races extend a special invitation to the ladies to be present. Provision will be made for their comfort and convenience. A horse was killed here from Gaston county that Lou Stone mentioned in our paper about a week ago, having shot himself in the neck with a pistol which he did not know had a cap on it—lying very ill at his home, and his physicians have expressed great doubts as to his recovery.

Charlotte Observer: The fall races still continue to be the uppermost topic. The skating rink is largely attended every night when it is kept open. The change that has taken place in the case of a fair trial in a State Court, was disproved yesterday when one of these was acquitted in Mecklenburg Superior Court of a trespass alleged to have been committed by him in the discharge of his official duties. Dr. Jones leaves this morning for Pittsboro, Johnston county, having been summoned to the bedside of his brother-in-law, Ex-Governor Fletcher, who is lying in the hospital. The most interesting event in the theatrical line during this winter, will be the coming of Fannie Davenport. The remains of Mr. Zack Lee, formerly a well known and popular actor, buried near on the North Carolina Railroad, passed through this city yesterday morning for burial at Company Shop. Gen. J. R. Trimble, the noted Confederate commander, was in the city night before last, and a part of yesterday. Yesterday afternoon, at five o'clock, Mr. Charles N. Price, of Salisbury, was united in marriage to Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. Murphy, of this city, residence of the bride's father in this city. The Swannanoa tunnel, on the Western North Carolina Railroad, is two-thirds completed.

Charlotte Observer: Prof. Kerr gathered several specimens from the Sparrowhawk quarry, near the city, said to be the only place in the State where the rock is found. It will be many a day before the people of this community forget Judge Cloud, and longer still, probably, before they will ever encounter another one who combines within himself all the qualities of judge, jury, sheriff, lawyer, witness and plaintiff or defendant, just as the notion takes that Mr. James W. Wallace comes forward with the champion sow of the world. She is ten years old, and during her existence on this earth, has been the mother of one hundred and forty-nine pigs. All of which have been raised, and the average weight, when converted into pork, was a hundred and fifty pounds, making a total of 23,850 pounds, which, being sold at the rate of ten cents, makes the net profit of \$2,385.00, or a profit of one hundred and fifty cents per pig. The annual conference of the Colored Methodist Church of North Carolina meets in Salisbury next week. It is supposed that the meeting will be the largest collection of preachers ever assembled in any one place in North Carolina. It is estimated the total number of clerical and lay delegates will exceed ten hundred. Bro. Hood, will preside over the colored Methodists.

Small Party: The admission of Mr. Metcalfe, of Missouri, Saturday, reduces the Democratic majority of the House of Representatives to thirteen. There are now 201 members, of which 152 are Democrats and 139 Republicans, with one Congressional district unrepresented—that of Colorado. The Senate now stands, with the new Democratic Senator from Indiana, Republicans 38, Democrats 34, Independents, (Mr. Davis, of Illinois), 1, with three vacancies, 2 from Louisiana and 1 from South Carolina. With Mr. Sharon, of Nevada, absent, and counting Mr. Davis with the Democrats, with whom he has voted on some questions, the Republicans have but two majority. The Senate has not been as closely divided for forty years. Granting the Republicans a majority of four or even five, it will be noticed that three votes are only required to destroy their vote on almost any question that may arise.

The Suspected Cuban Cruiser: New York, R. I., Nov. 22. The vessel suspected of being for Cuba is the steamer Estelle, built at Bristol this summer. She lies in the stream off Bristol, and near by is the revenue cutter Samuel Dexter, with her guns mounted. The Estelle has not got her clearance papers, and the Collector at that place, per order of the Treasury Department, refuses to give them to her unless she presents an inspector's certificate. The local Board of Inspectors of steam boilers have refused a certificate on the ground that her boiler is larger than allowed by law. This of course, is not the real reason. The government, until satisfied also, is not intended for the Cuban insurgents, will refuse to let her get up steam, and a further will remain at Bristol until further notice. She was built for Herman Kobbe, of New York. No doubt exists that she is for Cuban agents. Her builder says she recently ran fifty miles in three hours and can be made to go faster. She is 120 feet long and will carry 100 tons.

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