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IN EVERLASTING ANTAGONISM.

John Sherman, in his speech at Cincinnati, discovered that there was no cause of opposition between Republicans and Democrats. He and Voorhees were one on the tariff for protection, and so all differences were removed.

THREE CONVENTIONS.

There are three conventions in session, or soon to be in session, in all of which the tariff is to be considered. One is to meet in New York, one in session in Chicago, and another in Philadelphia.

Why, so burdensome and unnecessary is the present taxation that as extreme a Stalwart sheet as the Washington Republican is moved to say this:

"Why should tobacco be taxed any more than any other staple? Its production and manufacture are a great industry in a section impoverished by war and great industrial changes. The whiskey tax will do for revenue only. Then, if a revision of the tariff were possible, it would be desirable. It probably cannot be done."

AN IMPRACTICABLE PROPOSITION.

The STAR has in several articles set forth its views with reference to the proposed reforms in the system of Federal taxation. We are in favor of a reduction of the internal revenue and a reconstruction and reduction of the present onerous and unequal high protective tariff.

We would favor a total wiping out of the internal revenue system if we thought it could be done judiciously and safely.

Our friend of the Raleigh News-Observer, commenting upon an editorial in the STAR, says: "The situation is this. The internal revenue can be abolished and the tariff left as it is, and we will still have more revenue than legitimate expenses. So, in order to get rid of the internal revenue system, we need not increase indirect taxation by impost."

If Voorhees and others of the same stripe are anxious to unload and get

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over the fence into the Republican pastures the sooner they go the better for us.

The Democratic party means to make a square fight for all time in behalf of the people and their liberties, and they mean, too, to insist that the present iniquitous high protective tariff shall be readjusted and regulated so as to afford revenue and not prohibition; and that the internal revenue system shall be reduced as fast and as much as the requirements of the country shall allow.

There was never any sense in the policy set in motion by the Radical party to make the generation that fought the war pay the debt. Neither England nor France, nor any other country, ever attempted such a stupid performance.

There is no mistake as to the fact that the swiftest and most earnest friends of wiping out the internal revenues are the most active and most pronounced advocates of a very high protective tariff. This is very significant. It looks as if there were a cat in the meal tub, or a wheel within a wheel, or another Trojan horse, or a bit of political and economical jugglery in this advocacy on the part of the ultra Protectionists.

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Reduce the internal revenue tax and readjust the war tariff as the plank upon which the STAR stands.

A VERY STRONG GOVERNMENT.

Whatever other effect the speech of Emperor William, of Germany, may have it appears to have produced a very unfavorable effect upon the Liberals, and to have been heard without the faintest demonstration of satisfaction in the Reichstag. The policy of Bismarck has not always been agreeable to the Emperor, but he has been able to secure his ends by resigning. The old Emperor could not do without the services of the ablest statesman Germany ever produced, and, with the exception of Count Cavour, of Italy, doubtless the ablest statesman of Europe during the century. The result has been that the Emperor yielded and the Minister remained in office. The recent disgust of Bismarck at the readiness with which his friends were beaten in the elections caused him to resign again, and with a similar result. The Emperor assumes the responsibility of measures that are distasteful to a majority of the German people, and thus shields Bismarck to some extent from the censure his course was calculated to excite. The people would receive his resignation with most marked equanimity, we have no doubt.

It is now reported that the wily and able Chancellor is not in despair of controlling a majority of the Reichstag. The Conservatives and Clericals will control 185 votes, and Bismarck is suspected of maneuvering so as to get control. There are some four or five parties in the body and they are not agreed among themselves as to certain lines of policy. It is thought that they may split up to enable Bismarck to hold a majority. But this is speculative merely. Americans as a class, know but very little of German politics or the real structure of the Government. A man in Germany has less liberty in 1881 than an Englishman enjoyed during the reign of the Tudors. We find an instructive paragraph in the New York Sun in regard to the German Parliamentary system. We copy a part:

"And here we must bear in mind that his position is essentially different from that of a Prime Minister in other parliamentary governments. Indeed, the political regime of the German empire is not a parliamentary government in the modern sense. There is nothing corresponding to it in the present century, but the role of the Reichstag is precisely analogous to that of the English Parliament in Tudor times. The Tudor sovereigns never recognized the right of the Reichstag to control the executive department, the functions of the House of Commons being practically limited to the supply of ways and means, and to petitions for the redress of grievances. The Ministers of the Reichstag, corresponding to the cabinet officers by virtue of the royal will, and were not in the least dependent on the support of majorities in the House of Commons. Just such is the position of Bismarck in the German empire. He holds his office of Chancellor by the fiat of the Kaiser, and even in the case of his assistants has persistently repudiated the principle of a Ministry accountable to the majority of the Reichstag. Indeed, the German Empire has sacrificed by its own hand much of the influence which an English House of Commons exerted even under Tudor Kings, through its power over the purse. The amount of revenue assignable to the army and navy has been irrevocably fixed in advance for a term of years, and thus the material force at the disposal of the Reichstag cannot during that period be lessened in any way by political change. It has always been improbable, therefore, that Bismarck would resign his office of Chancellor, and that his successor would accept of a resignation merely because the elections for the Reichstag had failed to result precisely as they wished."

There can be no greater mistake than to suppose that the British Government of to-day is as oppressive as any of the Continental Monarchies. It is the most liberal and progressive of all the Kingdoms of the world, and whilst there are still existing abuses that need rectification, there has been immense progress in behalf of the people since the year 1830. We advise all who would understand this to read MacKenzie's "History of the Nineteenth Century." He was a Scotchman who died during the year. It is short, but excellent. It can be bought in good readable form for some twenty cents. A larger and more interesting work still is Justin McCarthy's "History of Our Own Times." He brings it down to a year or two back. This, too, can be bought in cheap form. Both works are very instructive and entertaining.

The Register of Deeds issued three marriage licenses during the past week; all to colored couples.

A Note from the County Superintendent.

Editor STAR:—It is to be regretted that the eloquent words upon the subject of education, which are continually glowing in the STAR, do not reach the class most to be benefited thereby. It is that large class of parents who are indifferent about the education of their children that we wish to get at. This is to be done, I think, by direct personal appeal to the child and the parents themselves, by showing them how "degrading willful neglect in this matter now is, and how that education is their only safety and welfare. It is to be hoped that your words will kindle a missionary spirit, and that good citizens will set in the matter and talk to the indifferent and urge upon them its importance. There are men who are quietly, earnestly and effectually laboring in this field—the school committeemen in the various districts in this county, particularly in Wilmington. And the teachers—faithful men and women—are successfully at their work.

Respectfully,
JOHN STOKES,
County Superintendent,
Castle Haynes, Nov. 17, 1881.

The Carolina Canal.

Referring to the recent transactions in connection with this road, the Raleigh News-Observer of the 16th inst., says: "There having been much surmise as to the purpose of the purchase of the road, we made some inquiries and gathered that the object of Mr. Robinson and his friends is to enhance the value of the railroad property, both as to old and new lines, and that there will be no discrimination of any sort. Mr. Robinson's policy has always been to build up the various lines which he controls, the idea being that the prosperity of the people and of the railroads is one and inseparable, and that one cannot succeed without the other. He is not a speculator, but an investor in railroads. We gather these ideas from a prominent gentleman, who says that in these changes North Carolina has nothing to fear from Mr. Robinson's control of lines."

Shot Through the Hand.

Mr. Hill Hout, of Rocky Point, Pender county, met with quite a severe accident a few days since. He was in the act of examining a loaded pistol, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, a No. 2 cartridge going into the palm of his right hand and penetrating through to the skin on the back, from whence it was cut by the surgeon who was called in to dress the wound. At last accounts he was getting along very comfortably, under the circumstances.

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The McLaurin and Braddy Shooting Case.

We were enabled yesterday to get fuller particulars of the shooting of Mr. T. B. Braddy than were contained in the necessarily brief paragraph in our last. It seems that there had been an old feud between the parties, and that Mr. Braddy went to Mr. D. W. McLaurin's mill and told him he understood he (B.) intended to horsewhip him (M.) on sight, and asked him if he reported his correct, but before he could use up on Mr. McLaurin the latter commenced firing on Mr. Braddy, one ball taking effect in the head and another in the thigh. McLaurin then had his wagon hitched up and sent the wounded man home, and also sent a messenger for a physician. Braddy was not dead at last accounts, but it was certain he could not live. Both are prominent residents and planters of Marion county, S. C., and have large families. Braddy being about 40 and McLaurin about 50 years of age. It is reported that McLaurin went to Marion Court House on Friday and delivered himself up.

Foreign Shipments.

The following comprise the foreign shipments yesterday: The Norwegian barque Jens Nilsen, Capt. Berg, for Liverpool, by Messrs. Williams & Murchison, with 1,859 bales of cotton, weighing 638,848 pounds, and valued at \$73,890; the Norwegian barque Abena, Capt. Beruldsen, for Havre, France, with 1,430 bales of cotton, weighing 669,029 pounds, and valued at \$78,650; and the schr. Alpha, Capt. Salisbury, for Jerome, Hayti, by Messrs. Northrop & Cumming, with 83,879 feet lumber, 50,000 shingles and 25,000 brick, valued at \$1,800.88. Total value of foreign exports for the day \$154,940.88.

Western North Carolina Railroad.

Governor Jarvis, Senator Vance and State Treasurer Jarvis, railroad commissioners, held a meeting at Clinton, yesterday, and decided to extend the time for the completion of this road.

The Governor of New York has appointed Hon. Charles S. Benedict, of Brooklyn, as Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, in place of Judge Andrews, promoted to Chief Justice. Judge Benedict is now Judge of the U. S. Court of the Eastern district of the State of New York, which office he has had since 1865.

NORTH CAROLINA AT ATLANTA.

Minerals and Agricultural Products. Correspondence of the Charleston News and Courier.

Add to this again a soil producing all the cereals of the finest qualities, delicious fruits of every variety, the great staples of cotton and tobacco, adapted to the most varied systems of agriculture, with lands so cheap as to come within the means of all, and offering to those wishing to make investments, whether in mining lands, in farming lands or in timber lands, a field of selection so varied as to meet every taste and want. In addition to the great

LEADING COMMERCIAL MINERALS.

to which attention has been made, there is a bewildering display of others that are also of great importance in the arts and in commercial value. For example, corundum is displayed not only in massive form, from which the finest emery wheels and grinding powder are made, but also in the gem form. From Western North Carolina in this exhibit there are beautiful specimens of exquisite genuine blue, pink and white sapphires, known in the trade as "Oriental gems;" beautiful and valuable cut and polished garnets, amethysts, aqua marines, cairn gowns, the "Hiddenite," rutillated quartz and rare liquid-bearing crystals.

There are also in the North Carolina department of the Richmond & Danville exhibit numerous and fine specimens of all the material used in the manufacture of porcelains, such as kaolin, feldspar, porcelain clay, barytes, manganese, chrome ores—so valuable for the manufacture of bi-chromate of potash—nickel ore, zinc, soapstones of great variety, pure talc, plumbago, asbestos, hones and whetstones, and a superb display of black, white and flesh-tinted marble. It will not do to omit the fine display of mica, for which the mines of North Carolina are so celebrated, and furnish more than 75 per cent. of all the mica consumed in the United States.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

It contains perhaps the finest show of bright tobacco from North Carolina and Virginia ever made before at any time or place. The prices attached to the various samples show a value ranging from twenty dollars to one hundred dollars per hundred lbs. The belt in which this bright tobacco is grown lies almost wholly in North Carolina, to-day without a rival in the production of this indispensable variety and without a competitor in the markets. The samples shown of all varieties of wheat, corn, oats and rye are surpassed by none in the perfection of grain, showing the adaptation both of soil and climate to the successful cultivation and perfect development of these crops.

Deserving of especial mention in connection with this exhibit is the display of dried fruits, peaches, apples and blackberries. The fruit is dried in the sun, and rivals the process dried fruit in beauty of color and surpasses it in quality. In fair fruit years the shipment of this product alone over the line of the Richmond & Danville Road is from eight to nine million pounds; the shipments of the firm making the display, Hall Brothers, of Hickory, N. C., alone amounting to 1,600,000 pounds per annum.

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Raleigh Recorder reports as follows: Mt. Harmony Church, 4 baptisms; Emmanuel Chapel, 26 additions; Redville, 13 baptisms; St. John's, 9 baptisms; Wakeboro, 39 professions.

Tarboro Southern. The steamer of Greenville proceeded to Washington Monday. She has been stuck to the bottom of the river for a week, but the rise in the river the last few days enabled her to get off.

Raleigh Visitor. The North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference convened at Atlanta Springs church, in this county, to-day. Quite a large number of delegates passed through the city this morning on their way to the conference.

Raleigh Farmer and Woodman. We record as a fact, M. C. Starnes, a farmer of Cumberland, that a premium of \$25 was awarded at the recent State Fair held at Raleigh, to Mr. James Preston Thomas, of Orange Township in this county, for the best exhibition of the products of the field and farm.

Wilson Advance. Mrs. Theresa Adams, wife of George Adams, died near this place on the 19th, aged about twenty-one years. We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Emily E. Boye, mother of Dr. P. M. Boye, of Statesboro, which sad event occurred Sunday morning, November 13th, of paralysis.

We learn from the Statesville American that ten prisoners, escaped from Iredell county jail last Saturday night by going through the "opening," which was made for a scowpiper, to the roof of the jail and thence letting themselves down to the ground by means of blankets tied together. Seven of the number were U. S. prisoners and the others common law. None of them have been re-captured.

Greensboro Protestant. Quite unintentionally we have omitted heretofore to make a note of the improvement in the Wilmington Mosaic STAR, which consists of new and beautiful type. The STAR is an admirably concocted paper and it seems to us, comes as near as possible to being what one would seek for in such a line. Among all our secular Southern exchanges none can claim a higher position.

Greensboro Tribune. Bishop G. P. Pierce will attend the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, South, which will convene at Durham next Wednesday. From the first of July to date there has been collected in this district \$140,000, more than in any other district in the same time last year. There are now about twenty-five distilleries in the district, with a large number preparing to start.

David Alexander, of Tyrrell, gathered 30 bushels of good rice from 2 of an acre. He planted 1 of an acre in sweet potatoes. He writes that Elizabeth City Economist: The cost of cultivation was at the rate of about \$6 an acre. The land is a stiff, gray, clayey soil. I measured and housed from the 2 of an acre 75 bushels of good potatoes at 12 cents a bushel. One acre at the same rate would have paid \$180.

Charlotte Observer. Next week the fast mail from the North will reach Charlotte at 8 o'clock in the evening, instead of 12.30, as heretofore. The connecting night train to the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta road will be put on Sunday night. Sheriff Alexander yesterday received from Raleigh a respite for Ben Brown, the burglar, who was to have been hanged on the 23rd inst. at the State Prison. The respite is until the 14th of April, when the execution is to take place in accordance with the sentence. Gen. D. H. Hill arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the Air Line.

The Index-Appal says: "Miles Darden, probably the largest man on record, born in North Carolina in 1798, died in Henderson county, Tennessee, January 23, 1877. He was seven feet and six inches high, and in 1845 weighed 1,000 lbs. His death his weight was a little over 1,000 pounds." This went the rounds of the State press long ago. The STAR published the facts at length a year or so ago.

We add to our collection of natural curiosities the perfect foot of a horse, exhumed yesterday by Mr. P. Salter, on Craven street, near Johnston, from a depth of three feet below the surface. This perfect foot is almost perfect in shape, and shows the signs of the shoe nails. Wild turkeys were never known to be as plentiful as they now are on the north side of the Neuse. We were shown a telegram yesterday from the President of the Potomac Dredging Company, to Superintendent Bowen, now here, stating that President Marshall Parks of the New Bern and Beaufort Canal Company, had secured a dredge for work on the old Hatteras Creek.

Raleigh News-Observer: The cholera is playing havoc with the chickens in this section. Turkeys are coming in market now in considerable quantities. They sell at one dollar each. James Phelps, changed with the cholera in Louisiana, at Milton, North Carolina, on November 11, is at large. A hundred dollars reward is offered for his apprehension. He is about thirty-five years old, slow of speech when spoken to, about five feet eight inches high, weight about one hundred and forty-five pounds, has sandy, Auburn hair, blue eyes and dark eye-lashes. The reward is offered by the brothers of the deceased. Address Thomas Bell, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Senator Jarvis, Governor Jarvis and Treasurer Worth compose the board of commissioners of the Western North Carolina Railroad. They will avail themselves of this opportunity and hold at Clinton the meeting they intended holding at Raleigh this week. We learn that many matters of much moment are to be considered by the commissioners. Governor Jarvis and Dr. Worth will return to Raleigh to-morrow.

Weldon News: We regret the death of Miss Annie Bowers, daughter of Mr. R. D. Bowers, which took place at Halifax on the 8th inst. Miss Bowers had been ill for some time of that fatal disease consumption. Her case will be heard by Hon. W. A. Moore has been spoken of as Judge of the Supreme Court to be voted for next year. Blind Tom, the musical genius, will give a concert in the musical talents at Literary Hall on Monday night. Many of the cotton fields are green, the weed having taken a second growth. We are informed by Sandy Long that he has some cotton of this second growth that will mature in a few days.

Senator Ransom's speech at the Barbours fair is said to be among his best. The people who heard it were perfectly enthused by it. Rev. W. P. Blake has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Tisbury and will hereafter preach here two Sundays in each month. Rev. J. F. Carter takes charge of the church at Tisbury.