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Spirits Turpentine

—Tarboro Athletics and Wilson

Lightnings, Jr., played at Wilson

on Thursday and Friday. Score on

Thursday—Athletics 9; Lightnings 10; Friday—

Athletics 1; Lightnings 2.

—Shoe Heel Union: Mr. J. H.

Hill, shoe and harness maker at Laurin-

burg, was found dead near the railroad

track on the 29th instant, about one mile

west of Shoe Heel. Cause of death un-

known.

—Winston Republican: A col-

ored woman in Winston, N. C., was

an infant some time since that had no

arms. It was well developed in every

other respect. From the arm pits two

stubs protruded. The child lived two

weeks.

—Baltimore Manufacturers' Re-

cord: The copper-producing region con-

fined to the counties of Prince and Gran-

ville is known as the Blue Wing dis-

trict, and has only attracted slight atten-

tion in the past, but from all appearance is

destined to prove a valuable and reliable fac-

tor in the general make-up of the State's area

of metalliferous production. The eminent

Dr. E. M. Davis, a State geologist, ex-

pressed the opinion in his report that this

section would eventually prove of consid-

erable importance. It is expected that the near

future will verify this assertion.

—Charlotte Chronicle: The Dem-

ocratic party of this district is to be con-

gratulated. It may be that history is to re-

peat itself in the State of North Caro-

lina, as it was in the case of Oliver—

Oliver H. Dockery is nominated, and it is

whispered around to last effect. The

information was given by the late

Governor of the State, and the

Governor's Convention to the effect

that Forsyth county was dissatisfied with

the nomination of Oliver H. Dockery, and

threatened to support an independent, we

learn to-day, by a telegram from Winston,

was altogether erroneous. Mr. C. B. Wat-

son did not attempt to resign, and For-

syth did not threaten to bolt.

—Charlotte Observer: Col. R.

A. Johnson, of the Massachusetts and

Southern Confederate Soldiers' Home, at

the Central yesterday on his return

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in the 1,000. We have not noticed

what it was for last week. But Sa-

vannah is the afflicted city. The

mortality there among the negroes is

as high as it ought to be if the yel-

low fever was scourging the town.

So great is the mortality that the

Northern papers are discussing it,

for it is certainly very alarming.

For year ending the 30th of June

the death rate in Savannah was 17.41

for whites, and 33.38 for negroes. It

is claimed that all is done that the

whites can do. The white rate is

high, and the negro rate is very

great. A comparison with other

American towns of corresponding

size would bring this out. There

must be very imperfect sanitation.

It is contrary to reason that so many

deaths should occur here. We have

not been able to see why it is not

just as fair, just as equitable, just as

sensible, just as much in accord with

democratic institutions to tax the

necessaries and the incomes as it is

to tax the every day comforts and

necessities of the laboring classes.

Thus believing the STAR has main-

tained that the internal tax on whis-

key, tobacco, beer, cigars, &c.,

should not be abolished, but that the

mode of collecting should be changed.

That would get rid of all complaints

about the "red legged grasshoppers."

Again, the STAR has never been

able to see why "moonshiners" are

deserving of the profound sympathy

of reputable newspapers any more

than any other class of systematic

and deliberate law-breakers. We do

not believe a great and important

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gratify the unreasonable demands of

a few hundreds of men who live by

violating the laws of their country.

If all that is said by the McKinleys

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posed to wiping out the tax on whis-

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that of all taxes under the sun that

is positively the very best.

The STAR does not favor raising

all of the taxes by a tariff. It be-

lieves in taxing the luxuries. It be-

lieves that the class of Democrats

who favor the abolition of the tax on

the luxuries under the internal system

and favor taxing blankets, shoes,

clothing, medicines, trace chains,

axes, crockery, &c., under a tariff

are very blind and erring and are not

such friends of the laboring millions

as the name they profess to fight

under would indicate.

The STAR favors a large reduction

of the tariff.

The STAR favors bringing down

the tax on the necessities under the

tariff to the lowest possible amount

allowable—to the free list if possible.

The STAR believes that the luxu-

ries are the chief things to tax.

The STAR believes that all luxu-

ries, whiskey, brandy, spirits, beer,

wines, tobacco, cigars, &c., can best

bear the tax. They are in no sense

conducive to life or happiness or for-

tune, and are not necessary. They

are hurtful luxuries.

The STAR favors a change in the

manner of collecting the internal tax

because there has been a great prej-

udice excited against the present plan,

and it has made enemies to the sys-

tem itself, which is all right as we

hold.

The STAR hopes never to see the

Democrats—the party of the people

—adopting an exclusive tariff sys-

tem by cutting off large and

important revenues derived from

taxing hurtful and unnecessary

luxuries. We are opposed to

dear blankets, dear wool hats, dear

trace chains, dear medicines, dear

clothing, dear window-glass, dear

crockery, dear hardware, dear cot-

ton ties, and are not in favor of free

drinks, free "chaws," free snobs

and free dips. If that is not sound

horse-sense and genuine democracy

—a government for the people—then

make the most of it.

The winter wheat crop has turned

out to be very much larger than it

was last year. The Agricultural De-

partment at Washington has issued a

supplemental report in which it gives

the winter wheat at 295,000,000

bushels as against 212,000,000 for

1885. The New York Times places

the total crop for the year at 420,

000,000 or 427,000,000 bushels. It

says:

"But if there shall be no more than 420,

000,000 in all, there will be an abundant

supply for the quantity used in the last

fiscal year for consumption, seed, and

export was only 416,000,000 bushels. Crops

abroad are on the whole in pretty good

condition. The country carried over on July 1,

1887, will not be less than the surplus with

which we began the current crop year."

indirect—he does not have to pay it

down at one time and take a receipt

for the same as from the sheriff.

We believe that there is no more

reason why the people's shoes, hats,

clothing, crockery, hardware, &c.,

should be taxed than that whiskey,

cigars, beer, tobacco, snuff, wines,

cigarettes, &c., should be taxed. We

believe that the rich man's income

should be taxed just as promptly and

regularly as the poor man's necessa-

ries are taxed. Thus believing we

have not been able to see why Demo-

crats should desire to raise all of the

taxes to carry on the Government

on foreign goods that are really the

necessaries of life—the commodities

of every man who toils daily for his

bread whether in office or workshop,

in store or counting room. We have

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