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Our telegraphic news service has recently been largely increased, and it is our determination to keep the STAR up to the highest standard of newspaper excellence.

REJOINER TO THE STAR. It is pleasant to discuss a question with a gentleman. Our esteemed and able contemporary, the Rockingham Rocket, makes an elaborate rejoinder to the STAR's reply to the Rocket's long comments upon an editorial that appeared in this paper.

As the Memphis Appeal urges so we say, it is high time to put the people on the free list. They have been grinding long enough in the mills of the monopolists and plutocrats. They ought to have a chance.

The STAR cannot see any justice, any propriety, any wisdom, in raising revenue upon the poverty of the country, and letting the wealth go free. The STAR cannot believe in taxing hundreds of articles that are in daily use and that cannot possibly be dispensed with unless to the positive discomfort of the people at large, and then letting certain harmful, useless articles—that are absolutely luxuries—go untaxed.

The present War Tariff averages over 45 per cent. It is monstrous. That tax is monstrous. It is monstrous because it is prohibitory in a great many necessities of life. It is unconstitutional. It is unconstitutional because it is not a Tariff levied for revenue.

Some of the Protective organs are demanding a still higher tax to protect certain articles manufactured in our country. They mean to have a higher tax than the necessities. But this is not the STAR's idea.

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We are too busy to read all of the many addresses sent us, but we did take time to read the Memorial addressed, a copy of which we have received from the author, delivered at Greensboro in May last by Mr. J. M. Leach, Jr.

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Island tens of thousands of poor white men have been debarred the privilege of voting because of laws in force. It is a matter of surprise that any reputable journal should publish such a positive falsehood, such an unblushing slander as the Forum lays before its readers in the article we have commented upon.

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The heavy rains up the Carolina Central Railroad, west of Lincoln, have produced great freshets. Old people in that part of the country say they have not witnessed such heavy rains since 1857. Many country bridges have been washed away. Some of them were fine iron structures. Among them were both the county bridges at Shelby and nearly all on the Second Road River, so that communication between neighborhoods in that vicinity will necessarily be suspended for several days.

A REPUBLICAN BATHHOUSE. Falsifying Foraker, Republican Governor of Ohio, is evidently of the Munchausen school of politics. His acquaintance with truth is evidently of a most distant kind. Of the preacher's text that he never touched it was said that the sermon would not have been in danger if the text had had the small pox. Foraker would never be in danger of death if that were the penalty for speaking the truth.

A Wooden Puzzle with a History. There is a puzzle, consisting of six pieces of wood in the shape of a dodecahedron at the office of Capt. W. H. Bixby which has quite a history. It was made by Mr. J. B. Mercer, of Lockwood's Ferry, and presented to Capt. Bixby. The wood is cypress, and was cut out of two large cypress stumps which were pulled up by the Atlas dredging machine.

Foreign Exports for July. The following is a statement of the amount and value of exports from this port to foreign countries during the month of July just passed: Austria-Rosin, 7,557 barrels, value \$8,488.

NAVY STORIES RECALLED. The monthly statement bulletined at the Produce Exchange shows a continued increase in receipts of spirits turpentine at this port since the beginning of the crop year—April 1st—as compared with receipts for the same months in 1886. The statement makes the following showing: Receipts of spirits turpentine to August 1st, 1887, 30,022 casks; to same date last year, 24,930 casks.

WASHINGTON. The President's Arrivals met by Southern Trip—New Free Delivery Post Offices—The Naval Board and the Atlantic. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—The President said to-day that he felt it to be an absolute necessity, that he should in every case request those cities which he proposed to send delegations to Washington to send delegations to visit them in the western trip to forego that formality and forward their communications by mail.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Kentucky election news is also coming and Kentucky voters are voting for a Union ticket. The vote in Kenton county, in which Covington is situated, gives Buckner, the Union ticket, a plurality of 1,000 votes over the Union Labor candidate. Bayley, Republican, runs 200 behind Union ticket. In Campbell county the vote for Governor was not yet received.

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TEXAS. A Single Hobber Steps Two Mail Coaches and Hobs the Pouches of their Contents—Mr. Jefferson Davis Writes a Letter Denouncing Prohibition. GALVESTON, July 31.—A special to the News from Austin, says the mail coach going, and the one coming between Austin and Fredericksburg, were stopped by highway robbers at Fredericksburg, Blanco county, Friday night, and the mail pouches robbed of their contents, with the exception of two registered packages, which escaped the notice of the robbers. The highwayman stopped the incoming driver where he was to meet the outgoing coach. He kept him bound and gagged until the other driver came up, when he stopped him. After despoiling the mail pouches the robber mounted his horse and galloped off. The amount of his booty is not yet known.

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