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sitions that has been often exposed in almost every newspaper opposing Protection. The STAR has taken a part in it and long ago. The want of candor on the part of Senator Edmunds is deplorable. Let us copy from the Times, a great paper in Mr. Edmunds's own party in the past, but now a supporter of President Cleveland. That paper says: "When Mr. Edmunds undertakes to prove that the abolition of duties does not increase the price of coffee in the coffee market after the repeal of the duty in 1878, we hardly like to determine whether he is ignorant of the fact that an export duty was immediately placed on coffee or whether, knowing the fact, he conceals it. It is not probable that the Senator would deliberate on an act so silly as to make a dishonesty as the latter, and it is almost as improbable that he could have avoided learning the fact. We are tempted to conclude that he made up his paper on the point as he might make up an argument before a court on the facts supplied in the brief, with the view of winning a suit out of a sense of responsibility for them. But in that case, who furnished the brief? who furnished the facts? who furnished the cause for complaint? More cruel betrayal of a confiding and innocent old statesman was never perpetrated. Nor is the case of coffee, cited by the Senator, any stronger. It shows that he had fallen within six months of the repeal. He ought to have known that the average price of all imported tea in 1873 was 54 cents, in 1880 it was only 16 cents."

THE N. C. INSANE ASYLUM—A REMINISCENCE. A copy of the annual report of the Superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum for 1887, has been received. It makes a favorable showing. Dr. Grissom says: "I am gratified to be able to say that in 30 years of its existence this institution accomplished more satisfactory results in the treatment of the insane than any other of its kind in the South. It has out of a sense of responsibility for them. But in that case, who furnished the brief? who furnished the facts? who furnished the cause for complaint? More cruel betrayal of a confiding and innocent old statesman was never perpetrated. Nor is the case of coffee, cited by the Senator, any stronger. It shows that he had fallen within six months of the repeal. He ought to have known that the average price of all imported tea in 1873 was 54 cents, in 1880 it was only 16 cents."

During the Low Tariff period—1850-60 the increase in the value of farms was \$2,738,469,881. This was for ten years. During the High Tariff period—from 1860 to 1880—the census shows, the increase was \$8,329,051,769. But this was for twenty years. The latest concerning the Crown Prince is that Prof. Virchow says "that the disease is probably not cancer, but perichondritis, which is just as fatal, only slower." There is no comfort in this.

At his death Chancellor Mell was 74 years old. He was a native of Georgia. Carolina Beach. In view of the largely increased river travel last season, the Messrs. Harper and the New Hanover Transit Company will put on a fast and comfortable side-wheel boat to serve all points on the lower Cape Fear, in addition to the Passport. The selection of the new boat will be made from two Chesapeake boats, two Delaware boats and a Harlem speeder; all very fast and reliable light-draft craft. The gentlemen interested say that they have not entertained any proposition to charter a boat of less speed than fourteen miles an hour, and are determined to put on the staunchest and swiftest vessel ever run on North Carolina waters.

As far as the Passport is concerned, no credentials are required. Capt. John Harper will take the boys and girls and sick babies under his wing on the side-wheeler, and is under bonds to make the beach in forty-five minutes and Southport in one hour and fifty minutes. Captain Snell will take the wheel on the Passport. The schedule will give two trips to Southport daily and as many as necessary to the Beach and will be varied by an occasional trip outside.