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alms to a future event, Mr. Lincoln wrote to Alexander H. Stephens, between whom and himself there had been warm friendship, a letter in which he asked, "Do the people of the South really entertain fears that a Republican administration would directly or indirectly interfere with the slaves, or with their masters about their slaves? If they do, I wish to assure you as once a friend, and still, I hope, not an enemy, that there is no cause for such fears."

This was the way Mr. Lincoln felt about it and the way he continued to feel about it until under pressure of an active few and in the excitement of war he signed, against his own judgment, convictions and solemn pledges, the emancipation proclamation, not as something which was right, and with the sanction of law, but as a military necessity. So the negroes are indebted for emancipation not to the love of Mr. Lincoln or of the Republican party for them but to military necessity. They owe nothing to the friendship of the Republican party, not even the right of suffrage, for that was not conferred upon them out of consideration for them, but to keep, through the votes thus created, the Republican party in power.

WE CAN BE THE PEOPLE'S FIGHT.

That portion of the American people who earn their living by the labor of hand or brain, as distinguished from those whose income is squeezed out of some one else, have been for some time coming to the conclusion that it is time for them to be looking after themselves, and putting a stop to the one-sided game in legislation which has been squeezing everything out of them and giving them nothing in return. Hence the growing demand for tariff reform, and the sentiment which is taking such a decided stand on the trust. It is the fight of the people, the toiling masses of town and country, shop and farm, against the few who have been enriched through the inequality of discrimination, favoring legislation, by tribute forced out of the many.

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stew to produce and make for the benefit of the elect-who "toll not, neither do they spin," but are arrayed in fine clothes, live like lords and ride in fine vehicles behind fast, sleek horses, driven by coachmen better dressed, better paid, better housed and better fed than ninety nine out of a hundred of the honest, hard-working toilers of this great democratic country, who have made it the richest, rich and great Republic which it is. It is time that the burdens should be lifted from the shoulders of the toilers, and that this odious, onerous, discriminating legislation against them in favor of the rich should cease.

STATE TOPICS.

The Asheville Democrat heartily endorses the suggestion made and several times repeated in the STAR, that we should have a State exposition of the mineral and other natural resources of North Carolina, and also agrees with us in the advisability of a geological survey of the State. Both of these are important matters, and if carried out would result in adding much value to property in our mineral bearing districts, and also be the means of leading to the investment of much money in our mineral properties. The developments of every day give additional reasons for the establishment of a geological survey.

The Asheville Citizen is doing a good work for the mountain country by the clever descriptive articles and others exhibiting the attractions, resources, progress and possibilities of the western portion of the State. The people of the country doubtless appreciate the clever and valuable work thus done, for they are the gainers by it. That the work is valuable cannot be doubted for sufficient evidence is furnished by the new enterprises which are carried out, and the rapid growth of the mountain city. In this good work the Citizen has the hearty co-operation of the Journal and Democrat.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gov. Richardson's Annual Message and Recommendations to the Legislature.

COLUMBIA, Nov. 27.—Gov. Richardson submitted his annual message to the Legislature today. The message was a long one, and covered a wide range of subjects. It was a careful personal examination of the state of the state, and a full and complete report of the progress of the state during the past year. The message was a full and complete report of the progress of the state during the past year. The message was a full and complete report of the progress of the state during the past year.

Concerning the settlement of the State debt (known as the "Brown consols"), amounting to about \$2,000,000, bearing 6 percent interest, payable semi-annually, and maturing July, 1893, the Governor suggests that the Legislature pass an act authorizing the issue of bonds and stocks, interchangeable with the consols, as the case with the Brown consols, bearing 6 percent interest, payable semi-annually, and maturing July, 1893, as the case with the Brown consols, bearing 6 percent interest, payable semi-annually, and maturing July, 1893.

Yesterday morning an inquest was held by Coroner Jacobs at the City Hall. Four witnesses were examined—H. H. Geisler, A. D. Murray, Dawson Quince and Henry Lane. They were all standing within a few feet of the parties when the accident occurred. Mr. Geisler testified that Mr. Rivenbark was loading his gun, had put in the cartridge, and was bringing the parties of the gun together; the plunger did not work smoothly—the gun being a new one—and pressed too hard against the cartridge, causing it to explode. It was altogether an accident. The testimony of the other witnesses was to the same effect, and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts, to the effect that the death of Mr. Rivenbark was the result of an accident.

The funeral of the boy took place yesterday afternoon from St. Stephen's A. M. E. Church, and was attended by a large number of colored people. Mr. Rivenbark was present, accompanied by several of his friends. The members of the jury were Elijah Lane, foreman, I. H. Weill, F. P. Williston, L. P. Thomas, Jno. H. Brown and Jno. H. Turner.

In Distress. The schooner H. S. Winship from Charleston, S. C., to Alexandria, Va., with a cargo of phosphate rock, was towed into port yesterday by the tug Alexander Jones. The schooner sprung a leak at sea soon after leaving Charleston, and the crew had to work night and day to keep the vessel afloat. When she reached Wilmington yesterday the men were so nearly exhausted that the harbor boat Marie was signalled to render assistance. The Marie ranged alongside the schooner, and with the aid of her powerful steam pumps kept the vessel afloat. The Winship is owned by Messrs. Geo. Harris, Sons & Co. She will have to discharge her cargo for repairs.

Gunning Accident. William Westerman, the sixteen year old son of Mr. H. Westerman, was shot with his own gun Thursday last on Wrightsville Road. He was sitting in a boat from the railroad trestle near the Hammocks and the gun striking against some of the timbers was discharged, the load of bird shot lacerating his right arm from the elbow to the wrist. His companions took him back to Wrightsville, where he was placed in a vehicle and brought to the city. The wound is a serious one, but fortunately no bones were broken.

The Cotton Seed Oil Mill. The cotton seed oil mill just beyond the city limits, near Hilton, is ready for business and will begin operations next Tuesday or Wednesday. The machinery was all in place and the workmen were giving the finishing touches to it yesterday. The mill is one of the best in the country. It is equipped with machinery of the most kind, has its own electric light plant, and every safe-guard to prevent loss or injury to property. Fire hydrants with hose attached are placed at convenient intervals within the grounds, and watchmen are employed to guard the place day and night.

Good Work. The steamer Guy Colin, Capt. Lewis, was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son with a large cargo of 7,935 bags of cotton, weighing 3,705,633 pounds, and valued at \$370,564, being 3,938 pounds to the ton register; and beating the cargo of the Lochmore fifty pounds to the ton register. The work was done by the Champion Press.

The Guy Colin took 6,490 bales from Charleston, S. C., and 6,390 bales from Galveston. This speaks well for Wilmington and the Champion Press.

New Business Enterprise. The Gleaves Hardware Company has been organized and will shortly begin business in this city, with Mr. Berry Gleaves and his wife and Col. P. W. Kerchner secretary and treasurer. The company will occupy the Heyer building on North Water street, and propose to do a wholesale business entirely. Mr. Gleaves, the president, has gone North to purchase goods for the trade.

Rev. W. M. Kennedy returned to the city last evening from Riley's Creek, where he has been holding a meeting of much interest. Mr. Kennedy has been pastor of that church for thirty-four years, and the mutual feeling between pastor and people is pleasant indeed. The pastor was entertained by Mr. Micks, of Warsaw, a part of the time, quite a number of persons professed conversion.

Foreign Exports Yesterday. Mr. John W. Bolles cleared the Norwegian barque Ruser for Bowling, Scotland, with 4,307 barrels rosin, valued at \$4,380.

Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co. cleared the Norwegian barque Ruser for Hull, Eng., with 150 casks spirits turpentine and 3,020 barrels rosin, valued at \$4,380.

Two Colored Clerks in the Charlotte Office Caught Robbing the Mail. CHARLOTTE, Nov. 27.—John William Brown and William S. Henderson, two colored clerks in the postoffice here, were arrested to-day by postoffice inspectors—Brown for rifling registered letters, and Henderson for rifling ordinary letters.

There have been numerous complaints of registered letters being rifled while in transit in North Carolina since October 1st, and upon investigation the local authorities at the Charlotte office. The inspectors have been watching Brown and Henderson for the last three nights, and they saw them both in the act of rifling the mails. A preliminary hearing was held before the United States Commissioner, and the case was referred to the action of the grand jury of the United States court. The accused are well known as rogues, Brown being secretary of the local branch of the United States Republican party, and Henderson being a well known character in the city.

Hillboro Observer: The colored people in the neighborhood of the depot were very much excited last Sunday night over the suicide of John Moore, a colored boy, aged about 15 years. While he complained of being unwell. He gave him to a colored man and told him to take it, he would have no further use for it, he intended to kill himself that night. About 8 o'clock he went out into the yard, and placed a seven-shot trigger against his left breast and pulled the trigger. The ball lodged in the region of the heart, and the boy fell dead.

THE LYNN FIRE.

Loss Estimated at \$5,000,000.—Eight Thousand Working People Thrown Out of Employment.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. BOSTON, Nov. 27.—Mr. John C. Paley has made a careful personal examination of the burned district in Lynn, and finds the losses of the companies of which he is U. S. Manager to be Imperial Fire Insurance Company, London, \$200,000; to \$35,000; City of London Fire Insurance Company, \$25,000 to \$40,000. Prominent manufacturers are now of opinion that the total loss will reach nearly \$5,000,000. The number of buildings burned were 296, of which 45 were brick blocks, 108 wooden buildings used for business purposes, and 143 dwellings occupied by 154 families. The number of laboring people thrown out of work is estimated at 8,000.

LYNN, Mass., Nov. 27.—Revised figures of the buildings destroyed so far as known are 48 brick buildings, 118 wooden blocks and factories, and 143 dwelling houses; 163 families are homeless, and 87 shoe manufacturing establishments have been destroyed. The city to-day is well patrolled by militia, six companies, 250 men in all, being on duty. Men are stationed at the entrances of the burned district. Guards are stationed at stores that are not partially cleared out, to prevent thieves from taking what is left. No one is permitted to pass the guards without a permit from the city clerk. Through the kindness of many families, a preliminary lodging last night in rooms hired at lodging and dwelling houses, and rations of food were distributed to the homeless. As yet no fatalities have been reported, which is a pleasing feature of the terrible disaster.

At 3 o'clock this morning the fire apparatus from Boston and other places out of town limbered up and took their departure. The city is now a scene of desolation. The view the ruins. Nearly all the leading business men are waiting for the bricks to come and specifications for new buildings are at this writing, in order. On the site of many of the principal business blocks, the principal public buildings and structures with their signs out. The Lynn Daily Item was the first to erect its little office by nine o'clock on the site of its former office, with the sign "Daily Item Office. All Ready for Business."

At 12:30 o'clock p. m. Mayor Newhall called a meeting in the city hall, and the room of the Mayor of those citizens desirous of aiding the sufferers. There were present between fifty and sixty of the prominent men of the city. The Mayor offered assistance in cash or anything else, and received from the mayors of Boston, Lowell, Haverhill and Brockton, and a number of neighboring towns. A committee was appointed to go over the ground and make a report of the probable loss. The Mayor also received from the mayors of Boston, Lowell, Haverhill and Brockton, and a number of neighboring towns. A committee was appointed to go over the ground and make a report of the probable loss.

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