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THE WEEKLY STAR.

made in a decade. The McKinley tariff bill is proving a capital proselytizer for the Democracy, and in view of this fact, we are rather disposed to clap the gentleman from Ohio on the back and hail him as a collaborator, though an unwilling one, in the cause of reform.

THE REAL DANGER.

Henry Watterson, the brilliant editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, delivered an address before the Southern Press Association at Charleston, last Wednesday, in which he discussed various questions bearing upon the present or future welfare of this country. He saw no question of a public nature which would not in time beadjudged by the good sense and patriotism of the American people, as threatening and exciting questions in the past had been. The real danger, he declared, with which the country is threatened is the relation of money to the moral nature of the people.

He spoke not as a Kentuckian with peculiar borbionic or Blue grass ideas, nor as a partisan, ready to predict disaster because an opposing party is in power, nor as a socialist carping at the order of things which enabled one man to acquire so much more wealth than another, but as a citizen of the Republic observant enough to note the drift of events, to study the habits of the times, to note their effect, and with discriminating sense enough to discover the shadows where the more thoughtful and less penetrating observer sees only the sunshine.

He is right. The relation of money to the morals of the people, its corrupting influence, is not only the danger which threatens in the future, but is the bane against which this country has had to contend for the past quarter of a century, and which has done more to undermine public virtue, to destroy honesty, to imperil and curtail liberty, to crush the many and exalt the few, than all the other causes combined.

The blind, reckless, soulless, Godless pursuit of fortune has been the besetting national sin and national calamity. To-day the chief object in life of legions of Americans is to make money, not the competence merely which every thrifty man should seek, to live with comfort and enjoy life, but the fortune which will bring power and distinction.

A generation ago, even, it was not so. The wealthy men of that time would rank among the wealthy men of this day comparatively as paupers. But they were wiser in their way than their sons, and lived to better purpose, though but few of them could count their millions. Almost any of the large cities in the North to-day can show more millionaires than the whole country could in 1860.

It was during the war, when the country was reeling under the shock of contending armies, and amid the clang of swords and the blare of trumpets, the old order of things gave place to the new, that the speculative spirit which has since become so general, was developed and grew with such astonishing rapidity. While brave men fought, the grasping mercenaries sought Government contracts to supply the armies with food, clothing, arms, munitions of war, &c., and laid the foundations of colossal fortunes in a day, so to speak, while another class of mercenaries taking advantage of the carelessness and demoralization of the times, secured the passage of acts by Congress, granting them principalities of the public domain on various patriotic pretences, and others secured favoring legislation which gave them control of the money of the country, the control of commerce on land and sea, etc., and thus the foundations of other colossal fortunes were laid.

They became the creditors of the Government, lending it money to meet the emergencies of war, and took its bonds at a nominal valuation, and thus laid the foundation of other colossal fortunes. They controlled Congress, dictated the financial policies which they desired to prevail and thus laid the foundation of other colossal fortunes.

The money-making, speculative spirit grew apace, and when peace came it found the government practically in the hands of the men who had enthroned Mammon, worshipped him as he had never been worshipped before and made him the ruler of the land. They have been worshipping him ever since, and ever since he has been ruling. To-day he organizes syndicates, trusts, controls conventions, elects Presidents, Congressmen, Senators and controls them, passes tariff bills, and dictates the legislation to be enacted.

That's what money has been doing, that's what it is doing, that's the way it demoralizes and undermines public virtue, honesty and patriotism, and that's the way it becomes the real and mighty danger.

The total number of private pension bills introduced in Congress this session up to the end of last week was 3,237, and still they come.

STATE TOPICS.

The Monroe Register urges the Farmers' Alliance of Union county to establish a cotton factory at Monroe. If the farmers of that county have any capital to invest this would be a very good way to invest it, for then they would get the full benefit of the cotton they raise and the profits which go to others who handle the cotton as it passes from the field to the purchaser of the manufactured goods. In Texas, we believe, the Alliance has established a number of factories. There is also a field open for the Alliance now in the establishment of fruit and vegetable canneries, which do not require a good deal of capital and when well managed prove very profitable.

Congressman Sweeney, of Iowa, wants to exclude from the mails all newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, &c., which are devoted principally to the publication of criminal news, police reports, accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of immoral deeds, lust or crime. If he had included lying, he would have dealt a fatal blow at the Republic press.

Swearing is a luxury in Des Moines, Iowa, for which people who indulge in public are expected to pay the sum of \$30. It is hoped that from this source of revenue the town can become comfortable, and establish a pretty good system of internal improvements, as the Republicans have not yet entirely recovered from the effects of the last elections.

The Emperor of Germany complains that the people stare at him so in church that it keeps him from saying his prayers. The Emperor should wear blinds so he couldn't see the people staring at him, and then he might proceed comfortably with his devotions. When our President makes up his mind to pray no amount of staring can disturb him.

John C. Comfort, who is a candidate for Congress in one of the Pennsylvania districts, has the distinction of not only being the owner of thirty-five hunting dogs, but of paying taxes on them. If elected his constituents will have the comforting assurance that they have a representative who knows at least something about dogs.

"How to Raise the Devil" was the subject chosen for an address before the editors of Iowa, by one of them, at their recent meeting. Editors can generally do that thing without much instruction, but a sure way to do it is to get into the inner circle of the Republican party and then come out and tell what you learned.

The New York Herald correspondent says that when the news of the stay of execution reached Kemmer he threw his bible away and danced wildly around his cell and made the prison resound with "Where did you get that hat?" He will give his soul a rest now until the Federal Court is heard from.

Some editors have "patent outsiders" and some have "patent insiders." The fellows with the patent insiders can stand the rough and tumble and boarding house hash better than the others.

Charged with Larceny of a Watch. Richard Jordan, a colored man, living about four miles from town, was arrested yesterday on a telegram to Mayor Fowler from the authorities of Goldsboro, who said that Jordan was wanted there for the larceny of a watch stolen from the store broken open and robbed in Mt. Olive, Wayne county, 24 days ago.

One of the two burglars captured a day or two after the robbery was a son of Richard Jordan, and was found by the officers at the latter's house. Jordan deposited \$800 with the sheriff of Hanover as security for his appearance at the Mayor's Court Monday, and the Mayor of Goldsboro was notified by telegram that the arrest had been made.

Prospect of a Visitation from Rev. Sam Jones. Mr. J. M. Forshoe says that he has received sufficient assurances from citizens of Wilmington that the financial aid required to make the necessary arrangements to secure a visit and a series of sermons from Rev. Sam Jones will be readily furnished, and an invitation will be extended to the Evangelist for a visitation at such time in the fall as may be determined upon at a meeting to be held shortly of those interested.

Stocks of Naval Stores at the Ports. Stocks of naval stores at the ports May 3d are reported as follows: Spirits turpentine—New York, 599 casks; Wilmington, 1,233; Savannah, 5,607; Charleston, 1,088. Total, 7,817 casks.

Rosin—New York, 10,981 barrels; Wilmington, 14,771; Savannah, 30,509; Charleston, 18,885. Total, 75,076 barrels.

Tar—New York, 3, 073 barrels; Wilmington, 6,987. Total, 9,660 barrels.

The Light House Contract. The contract for supplying provisions for the Sixth light house district for the next fiscal year has been awarded to John J. W. Luden, of Charleston, at \$70 per man for the vessels and \$42.88 per man for the stations.

BAPTIST CONVENTION.

To Meet at Fort Worth, Texas, May 9th. The Northern Baptist Convention will meet at Fort Worth, Texas, on the 9th of May. It will, of course, be the most important meeting of the Baptist denomination this year, and a large number of Baptists from North Carolina will attend it. Reduced rates have been made, and on Tuesday, May 8th, at 9:00 p. m., the most talked of Baptist train will leave Atlanta for Fort Worth. It will be a solid train and will run all the way through to its destination as a special.

It is announced that tickets at one fare for the round trip, good for thirty days will be sold at the principal points to delegates and visitors by the Atlantic Coast Line, Richmond & Danville, Seaboard Air Line, and other roads.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

Forecast for May from the U. S. Hydrographic Office.

Fair weather will prevail generally over the North Atlantic, with occasional northerly gales along the American coast, and moderate northwesterly gales along the transatlantic steamship routes, north of the 40th parallel. Northerly in the Gulf of Mexico will occur less frequently, and of less duration, but are liable to be of great violence. There will be a notable increase of fog off the Grand Banks, due to the northward movement of the Gulf Stream and the southward extension of ice brought down by the Labrador current. Icebergs may be encountered almost as far south as the 40th parallel, and may be more numerous than usual east of the 40th meridian.

NAVAL STORES.

Receipts of naval stores at this port for the month of April as compared with receipts for the same month last year are as follows: Spirits turpentine—2,817 casks; last year, 2,091.

Rosin—24,397 barrels; last year, 20,492. Tar—8,183 barrels; last year, 8,587. Crude turpentine—745 barrels; last year, 509.

The stocks at this port, May 1st, as compared with stocks at same date last year, are as follows: Spirits turpentine, 1,323 casks; last year, 817. Rosin, 14,771 barrels; last year, 13,414. Tar, 6,987 barrels; last year, 6,048. Crude turpentine, 1,380 barrels; last year, 217.

Death of Dr. Thos. B. Carr. Dr. Thomas B. Carr, of this city, died in Clinton, N. C., last Friday night, of dropsy of the heart, aged 61 years. His remains were brought here last night and were taken to the First Presbyterian Church, where the funeral will take place at half past 9 o'clock this morning.

Dr. Carr was a native of Canaan, N. Y., and came to Wilmington some thirty-five years ago. He married the eldest daughter of the late Isaac Northrop and practiced dentistry here for many years. Later, he engaged in real estate enterprises and built a number of stores and dwellings. He had been in feeble health for several years past, and a few months ago removed to Clinton with the hope of receiving benefit from the change. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and Wilmington Lodge No. 319, to which he belonged, will attend his funeral.

The Savannah Regatta. The pilot boat regatta at Savannah was won by Savannah boats, Brunswick getting the second. Seven boats started, the Nece, Spruce, Odell and Wilder of Savannah, Grace and Telegram of Brunswick, and Addie of Wilmington, N. C. The Nece got first money, Telegram second, Spruce third.

The course was from Tybee to Warsaw buoy and return, thirty miles. Just a fair south-southeast breeze was blowing, and it neither lulled nor freshened during the race. The sea was smooth and everything favorable. The Nece got off first, and kept ahead all the way. The Spruce was second until near Warsaw buoy, when the Telegram and the Addie passed her.

All the boats were prettily handled. The Telegram proved a very fast sailer before the wind. Her corrected time was about two minutes longer than the Nece's and she was a minute behind the Addie finished fourth, Grace fifth, Odell and Wilder in order named. First prize \$800, second \$125, third \$75.

In July there will be a regatta for a thousand dollar prize.

Cotton Receipts. Receipts of cotton at this port for the month of April were 137 bales against 2,091, the same month last year. Receipts for the crop year to May 1st are 129,502 bales, against 151,470 to same date last season; showing a falling off of 18,972 bales.

The stock at this port is 3,068 bales against 1,638 at same date last year.

M. E. Church, South. The General Conference of the M. E. Church South convenes on Wednesday next, May 7th, in the city of St. Louis, Mo. The North Carolina delegation will be the largest in the body. The clerical members will be Rev. Messrs. Brooks, Reid, Sharpe, Cunningham, Black, Hudson, Mann and Swindell. Lay delegates—Messrs. Bain, Dixon, Carr, Odell, Tillet, Nicholson and Manney.

Foreign News. The Norwegian barque Ruth, Grestad, cleared yesterday for Fleetwood, Eng., with 4,148 barrels of rosin, valued at \$5,900, shipped by Messrs. Williams & Murray.

The British barque Ponselli cleared for Bristol, Eng., with 8,000 barrels of rosin and 350 casks spirits turpentine, valued at \$11,080, and shipped by Messrs. Paterson, Downing & Co.

Miss Mary Murref, "Charles Egbert Craddock" has returned to Tennessee to reside with her parents at the old homestead.

CHIPS FROM SAM JONES.

Picked Up by the One Who Saw Him Hewing in the Charlotte Tabernacla. [Reported for the Star.]

If I had a daughter half idiot, I'd give her to a dancing master to train her heels, because her head would not take training, and dancing would make her get around lively and fool some dude into marrying her. Then I would settle them in the country and say, don't come to my house, I might have company that day.

A dude is a corn on the devil's big toe; a dudine a wart on the devil's nose. Americans would say we are raising men and women.

When people send invitations to balls or offer drinks to professed Christians it is because they think they are hypocrites, and if they accept they are.

Have entertainments for the young people but leave the whiskey off. The woman who is rocking with the taint of whiskey on her breath is the biggest fool in the world, and the next biggest fool is the woman who stirs toddlers for her husband. God pity the man who would be a party to the damnation of men!

Don't go living where you could not afford to die.

The duties set up all the church bazaars, festivals, oyster suppers, &c. The women who have to get up these things because their husbands won't give them goods all the year on credit from one firm, and then say, "I'm going to quit you and trade with somebody else."

You promised you would serve God, and then say you'll quit if others don't do right. If you don't feel like a dog, you don't feel natural.

I catch infidels one in a while, but I never strike 'em. I throw them in the basket for hell; they are just the right size. Ingersoll's infidelity is worth \$200 a night to him. I pity the young man who pays a dollar a night to hear him, and then says it's worth nothing to him.

The will power of a man is his go-ahead power; his will, not power is his brakes. How many men have turned the last curve and not a brake on his conscience will stop him.

Baptists talk about John the Baptist. I go farther back, and say Adam, the Methodist, didn't he baptize in the Jordan? Preachers making people mad are like doctors with their patients; they never give up hope as long as they respond to treatment.

Ushers, put in a dollar when you start to take up the collection; a hen lays better when she has a nest egg. [No. 1000] Religion got about \$100,000; seems like the circus is sorter cleaning us up.

There could save, no man would ever go astray. I wouldn't have an almanac with the doctrine of election in it. The best explanation of the doctrine is found in the almanac which said, "man is elected 'cep'n he's a candidate," and thank God, in the race for heaven everybody can run independent. Your chance means heaven if you want it.

The idea of husband and wife quarreling? How can one quarrel? It reminds me of a woman I saw on a card playing by herself. I asked her who was beating, and she said, "I'm a little ahead."

Only a fool will drink and a scoundrel will play cards. If you can give me any stronger terms than these without cursing I'll use them. The worst objection I've got to saloon keepers is they are not as good as the liquor of the heads of families. I'll die by my principles. I'd rather be a man in my grave than a pusillanimous coward in the pulpit.

Preachers, don't brag about what you do see; turn your guns on what you do see.

If I was pastor of some churches I'd skin the deacons and elders rabbit fashion—cut a hole in their backs and pull 'em through.

I understand some of you church members don't like the way I talk. A man who always moves up or kicks when he is struck.

Keep good company. Some men when they are alone are with the biggest crowd, but when they get together with me, I don't know what to do with them.

The average society girl is no more like God's daughter than a Chinaman like a man. I'd rather be a pauper and feel like a prince, than be a prince and feel like a pauper.

If I start to Liverpool it is not the every-day incidents of the voyage which I dread there, but the great Propeller which throbs day and night. So it is not the things of this life, but the Everlasting Arms under me that bear me to the home beyond.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

Admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—When the Supreme Court of the United States met at noon to-day ex-President Cleveland was one of the lawyers within the space reserved for members of the bar. He was accompanied by Mr. Garland, Attorney General, and the usual formal style said, "I move the admission of Mr. Grover Cleveland, who is duly qualified under the rules." The Chief Justice directed that the requisite oath be administered, and this was performed by Mr. McKenny, Clerk of the Court. Mr. Cleveland then went over to the Clerk's office, where he paid his fee of \$10, had his name registered, and received his parchment. It was not generally known that he was not in town until the news of his admission to the bar of the Supreme Court was a surprise. Mr. Cleveland is of counsel in what are known as the Drainage cases, in New Orleans, and asked for admission in order that he might be qualified to appear in these suits before the Court. It is quite improbable that he will be reached at this time of the Court, and they will probably go over until next November.

SAM JONES.

His Talk to the Negroes—An Immense Gathering. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, May 1.—Fully 8,000 negroes were crowded into the tabernacle here this afternoon to hear Sam Jones. In a town of twelve thousand population such a sight was never before witnessed. Sam Jones talked to the negroes about stealing, lying, whiskey drinking and immorality. As long, he said, as the negroes were in the habit of making a rib of it, it can never amount to much. The most striking scene ever witnessed was at the close of the sermon, when Jones asked all those who were going to quit stealing, lying, whiskey drinking and immorality and hereafter lead an upright Christian life to stand up, and the entire throng rose in a solid mass.

CONTRACT LABOR.

Tim Lee Tells What He Has Learned of Violations of the Law at Norfolk and Other Points. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—A joint meeting of the House and Senate Committees on Immigration and Naturalization was held to-day to hear Timothy F. Lee, special agent of the Treasury Department, upon the subject of violations of the contract labor law in the South. Lee said his territory extended from Norfolk, Va., to Brunswick, Ga., and his duties were to investigate and prevent violations of the contract labor law. In that section of the country, he said, several hundred Canadian men came ashore every year, working while their loading contract on steamers. They did not do any more work than native laborers, nor did they work for less wages, and he believed his employers were benefited by their labor. They were more pliant, Mr. Lee thought, than native laborers, and were far more desirous of industry and legitimate trade is distinctly favorable, owing to damage to wheat and cotton and labor disturbances.

Accounts of many other wheat growers more definite and fresh show a lower official report than that of last month. The general average of prices is nearly equal to the average of last week ago. Notwithstanding the rise of 3 1/2c in wheat, due to reports of injury, sales here were 34,000,000 bushels, and exports, both of corn and wheat and flour, continue large.

Reports from other cities are generally favorable as to the volume of business, and the price of cotton has increased over last year ten per cent. At Boston wool is stronger on some grades that are scarce, and a better demand is seen, sales reaching 2,000,000 pounds, and yet no improvement whatever is detected in the market for goods there or here.

Difficulties in the clothing trade do not abate. An apprehension of failure causes an uneasiness in that and other cities. Chicago reports the usual increase in the movement of grain and flour, and the market for iron is "in the dumps."

Money has not been disturbed this week, holding steadily at four per cent, on call here, easier at Philadelphia, and in fair supply at other cities at rates as usual.

There is much less complaint of slow collections throughout the Northwest, but considerable in some lines at Philadelphia, Boston and New York. Good crops and large sales of farm products have made things comparatively easy at the West, but the effects of two successive open winters are felt in the Eastern markets.

The advance in Pennsylvania dividend does much to encourage foreign buying, and the tone of the stock market is decidedly strong. But exports of all products from New York are 18 per cent, below last year's for April; while imports have shown an increase of 18 per cent, and the country is a heavy excess of imports over exports for that month.

Business failures throughout the country during the week were: United States 185, Canada 26. Total 211, against 218 last week.

OBITUARY.

Death of Bishop Burgess, of the Catholic Diocese of Michigan—Sketch of his Life and his Labors. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., May 3.—Bishop Cooper Burgess, who was stricken with paralysis at St. Augustine deaneary recently, died at 1:10 o'clock this morning, aged 75 years. He has been in a declining state of health since the summer of 1887, when he remained conscious until near the end. Bishop Burgess was born in Kappenberg, Germany, in 1828, but came to this country with his parents when he was a child. He received his education for the priesthood in Cincinnati, and for many years was pastor of St. Philomena's Church in that city. He was chosen to succeed Bishop Lefevre, who died in 1870. Bishop Burgess' official career in this diocese was a notable and eventful one. He believed in vigorous work, and early took steps to strengthen the diocese both spiritually and financially. In 1875 he promulgated a series of orders, in which he required that Church or school property, when held or to be subsequently acquired, should be deeded to himself in fee simple, and not to his successor in office. This was the final authority in the contracting of Church debts and the extension of Church buildings, should be vested in him. He used his authority greatly to the advantage of the Church. During his administration Bishop Burgess succeeded in establishing nine Churches in Detroit, and his work will be known as memorable. "Knowing that he was subject to heart disease Bishop Burgess sent in his resignation, which was in due time acted upon, and Rev. John Foley, of Baltimore, chosen to succeed him.

—Henderson Gold Leaf: Four of the escaped prisoners have been caught. They were found on the Roanoke river, and three of them had crossed the Virginia line before they were captured. The grand jury at Granville Court last week found a bill against Mr. J. M. Carrin, agent for W. S. Kimball & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., for forming what is known as the "cutter trust," which has been organized in this State, it is alleged, to control the price of a certain grade of tobacco.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Public Debt Statement. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The debt statement issued to-day shows a decrease during April of \$7,690,917 7/8; decrease since June 30th, \$61,135,851 17/8; total interest bearing debt, \$808,855,358 9/8; total debt of all kinds, \$1,595,842,397 4/8; total debt, less available credits, \$1,015,530,779 8/8; cash in treasury, \$692,235,790 4/8; legal tender notes outstanding, \$3,406,810 16; certificates of deposit outstanding, \$5,700,000; gold certificates outstanding, \$134,642,438; silver certificates outstanding, \$92,392,348; fractional currency outstanding, \$6,912,549 9/8.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—After making a careful canvass of the House to learn what measure of support could be counted upon for the movement, the managers of the River and Harbor bill have decided that they will attempt to pass the bill in the House Monday, under a suspension of the rules, (which will require a two-thirds vote), if they can secure recognition.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Senator Jas. B. Beck, of Kentucky, died in the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad station at 4:15 this afternoon. He had just arrived on a train and dropped as he was passing through the main waiting-rooms. He was carried into the station master's office, and was dead when a physician reached his side a few minutes later.

An examination by physicians demonstrated that death was caused by paralysis of the brain. The body of Senator Beck was removed from the station to the House of Representative Breckinridge, of Kentucky, and later in the evening was embalmed. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. Major and Mrs. Goodloe, the son-in-law and daughter of Mr. Beck, now command the funeral arrangements for the funeral in the hands of the Kentucky delegation in Congress, and they will hold a meeting at Louisville, Ky., Mr. Beck's home, and will be interred there, where his wife and one daughter lie buried.

Acting Secretary Ramsey to-day isced orders for the Squadron of Evolution, last reported at Malta, to proceed to Brazil for duty on the South Atlantic squadron, and for Rear Admiral Gillis, now commandant of the Squadron, to proceed home on the flagship Richmond. It is expected that the squadron will sail for its new station in about two weeks.

While no explanation of the transfer is given, it is generally accepted to mean a desire on the part of the administration to foster and cement friendly relations with the South American Republics.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE FOR THE WEEK. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

The Outlook for Industries and Legitimate Trade Distinctly Favorable. New York, May 2.—The prospects of Silver legislation having become less distinct, some of the speculative markets have reacted from the recent advance. The same outlook for legitimate industries and legitimate trade is distinctly favorable, owing to damage to wheat and cotton and labor disturbances.

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