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It is admitted that the WEEKLY STAR is a cheap paper at one dollar per year, but the impression that prevails with some of its subscribers that it can be published, and mailed free of postage, for nothing is erroneous.

PROTECTING THE FARMER.

The Republican farmer has exhibited a remarkable amount of interest in the farmer since the assembling of the Fifty-first Congress, an amount of interest never before exhibited.

For a quarter of a century they have been taxing the farmer to death for the benefit of a handful of manufacturers, coal and iron syndicates, &c., and every time they touched the tariff under pretense of revising it was to increase the tariff duties and to impose heavier burdens upon the farmer, who got nothing in return.

When the farmers began to organize for united action the tariff was one of the things which early called for their consideration, and among the first meetings they held resolutions were passed demanding equal protection for the products of the farm to that given to the products of other industries.

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When this list is inspected, the fraud becomes still more apparent. In the breadstuff is included nearly \$60,000,000 worth of Canadian barley which is not imported as a breadstuff but to make beer, for the double reason that our home farmers do not try to raise barley enough to meet the demand, and for the additional reason that the Canadian barley is better suited for beer-making purposes than the barley our farmers raise.

imported for the especial benefit of the farmer and stock raiser.

The next is flax and hemp, which are grown as articles of trade in but a few States, which do not raise enough to supply the home demand.

The next is leaf tobacco, used in cigar making, but a small quantity of which is grown in this country, and that confined to a very small area.

The next is composed mainly of potatoes, cabbages, &c., which it is cheaper to import from Europe and Canada than pay the railroad freight on them from the West.

The next is hops, which are raised by very few farmers, and not in anything like sufficient quantity to meet the demand.

The next is seeds imported for the special use of farmers, because our farmers do not give the attention to seed growing which they should.

Deduct from this list the value of the things which are not raised in this country and which cannot be successfully raised to meet the home demand and this aggregate of imports would be reduced to about \$10,000,000, (or about one sixtieth of the exports), on which there is protection and this too on products which are not generally grown by our farmers, and only in a few States.

STATE TOPICS.

There seems to be considerable excitement in Greensboro over the prospect of finding oil in paying quantities in a well which is now being sunk about a mile southeast of that city.

The colored delegates in the Republican State Convention at Raleigh seem to have had a good deal to say, which was quite proper, for they are the party, and some of them expressed their sentiments pretty freely about the white bosses, which was quite proper too.

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How long have you been reading the WEEKLY STAR without paying for it? This question is not intended for those who have paid in advance.

What mischief is old man Edmunds contemplating now? The concurrent resolution, introduced by him Friday, that when Congress adjourns September 9th it will be to reconvene November 10th means devilment of some sort.

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The Republican Senators sat square down on the proposition to put salt on the free list Friday. They should not do this. They will need plenty of salt when the remains are stirred up next fall.

CAROLINA BEACH.

Some interesting operations are going on near the Champion Compress docks, where Capt. Edgar Williams with his new Hercules wrecking boat is engaged in removing an obstruction in the river.

What manner of vessel it is and how many masts—perhaps hundreds of years—it has been sleeping in the mud at the bottom of the Cape Fear river, who can tell?

AT THE COMPRESSES.

Wilmington's receipts of cotton yesterday were 492 bales. The season opens early and lively, and the busy work attendant upon the handling of the crop is expected to begin with the coming week.

A Busy Season Ahead.

There is a fine prospect for a large increase in the business of Wilmington this season. Within the last year there have been built three new and important railroads to Wilmington or to connect with her railroad system—the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley, the Wilmington, Onslow & East Carolina, and the G. C. & N. railroad from the town of Monroe on the Carolina Central into one of the most important and productive sections of North Carolina.

A special dispatch to the STAR from Lenoir, N. C., says Col. W. H. Cowles was renominated for Congress by the Democratic Convention at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning on the one hundred and forty-seventh ballot.

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SUDDEN DEATH.

Capt. E. J. Pennypacker, Collector of the Port, carried off by heart disease.

Capt. Pennypacker had been a resident of Wilmington for many years, and was closely identified with its business interests. He was an officer in the cavalry branch of the Federal service during the war, was wounded in the fight at Hagerstown, Md., just after the battle of Gettysburg, and later, participated in the assault on and capture of Fort Fisher below Wilmington.

Capt. Pennypacker was about 64 years of age, was a native of Pennsylvania, and well preserved—appear to be made of people from your lovely city who have resided here during the season, and if they had all formally agreed to do their utmost to enhance the pleasure of one another, more pleasure could not have been evolved from their effort.

While I would not be guilty of any indiscretion, I may be pardoned for a personal allusion to those who have contributed most to the enjoyment of sojourners and visitors. Among them are Mrs. Isaac Bates, the popular wife of the President of the New Hanover Transit Company; Mrs. Victor Grainger, so well known to many; Mrs. C. J. Southernland and her two charming daughters, and the kind and courteous families of Messrs. A. D. Brown, J. C. Stevenson, Jas. W. Collins and F. A. Newbury.

To the social pleasure derived from association with the above married ladies, those from the up-country would not fail to add the kindly remembrance we cherish of the innumerable courtesies extended toward us by the different officials of the Transit Company, and especially by the clever and accommodating Captains of the *Cassport* and *Sylvan Grove*, and the good old representative of the "old country" who occupies the irksome double-dutied position of Superintendent of the Beach and conductor of the "fast express train" from the Beach to the Cape Fear river.

At the Champion yesterday workmen were engaged stringing the wires and putting in electric lights all over the building—incarescent lights all over the warehouses, offices and compress departments, and an arc light on the pier—taking the places of the gas lights heretofore used.

Exports Foreign.

The brig *Cameo* cleared yesterday for Petite Gave, Haiti, with cargo of 175,913 feet of lumber, valued at \$3,269,293 and shipped by Messrs. S. & W. H. Northrop. Also, the schooner *H. F. Green*, for Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with cargo consisting of 188,668 feet of lumber, 19 barrels tar, 19 barrels pitch and 3 casks spirits turpentine, shipped by Messrs. S. & W. H. Northrop and valued at \$3,479.

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Heroic rescue of two ladies at Wrightsville by Young Men from Wilmington.

Two ladies had a very narrow escape from drowning while bathing in the surf on Wrightsville beach yesterday afternoon, and only the courage and heroism displayed by Mr. Thos. M. Webb and several other young men who went to his assistance, saved them from a watery grave.

The ladies were Mrs. J. J. Hayes, whose husband keeps the Atlas House, near the pavilion at Ocean View, and her sister, Miss Irene Jackson. Both are good swimmers, but they were caught in the undertow and carried out beyond the outer shoal and into deep water before their cries for help were heard.

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COTTON RECEIPTS.

The cotton season of 1889-'90 ended last night. As reported by Col. Jno. L. Cantwell, Secretary of the Wilmington Produce Exchange, the total receipts for the crop year at this port are 184,916 bales; as against receipts the previous year of 159,299—A difference of 25,617 bales. The domestic exports the past year were 90,721 bales; foreign, 112,149—total 182,870 bales. The stock at this port is 2,160 bales.

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And whereas, while condemning the leaders of said majority and reprobatng their methods we entertain only feelings of kindness toward our fellow-Democrats who are supporting them, and whereas, the contest made during the present campaign has been conducted with a view to its final conclusion by the September Convention; Therefore, be it resolved, That this Conference of Democrats hereby puts on record its solemn and emphatic protest against the illegal and usurpation of action of the majority of said Convention as instigated by its leaders, and condemn as unpatriotic the intemperate and violent methods of said leaders.

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FROM RALEIGH.

Republican State Conventions—Congressional Nominations.

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The Republican Congressional Convention of the Fourth district reassembled this morning and nominated Alexander McIvor for Congress. McIvor is a member of the Alliance, and was Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1872.

First. The principles of the party as expressed in the platform of 1888, and endorsing Harrison's administration, are reaffirmed.

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