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A BANEFUL POLICY.

That governmental policy, by whatever name it may be called, which concentrates the wealth of a country in the hands of the few is a baneful policy.

No legislative body on earth has the right to take one man's money for the benefit of another man, and when that thing is done it is done not by right but by usurpation.

When the reconstruction policy had failed, and the South had secured possession of her State Governments and was sending solid delegations of Democrats instead of Republicans to Congress, we remember how they endeavored to run their force bill through the Congress of '74-'75, and were only prevented by the stubborn opposition of the Democratic minority under the leadership of the iron-nerved Samuel J. Randall, of honored memory, aided by James G. Blaine.

The invention of machinery has wonderfully increased the capacity for production, in factory, shop and on the farm, but neither is this an evidence of wealth for the greater production, unless where combines or trusts are formed to keep prices up, the lower the prices. The farmer who raises 1,000 bushels of wheat and who can market it for no more than fifty cents a bushel, is no better off than the farmer who raised 500 bushels and sold it for \$1 a bushel, nor so well off.

Unfortunately for Mr. Reed he cannot make rules for the next Congress. It will be hard on him, if the Democrats should take his own rules, ready made as they are, and apply them to Mr. Reed and other members of the minority.

MINOR MENTION.

The Philadelphia North American, Republican, after remarking that the result of last Tuesday's election was "not unexpected," characterizes it as "criminal folly" which turned over the popular branch of Congress to a party "which has only succeeded in proving its incapacity to conduct the affairs of a great people."

After the war was over and Federal numbers and resources triumphed over Southern valor, and the Southern States were about to go back into the Union, from which, according to the Republican contention, they had never been out, and it was feared that the Democratic party, with the assistance of Southern votes, might regain possession of the Government, they hit upon the idea of neutralizing the white Democratic vote of the South by enfranchising the recently emancipated slaves, and reconstructing the States that had seceded on a Republican basis.

When some one questioned the constitutionality of the proposed legislation bluff Thad Stevens, in a tone of disgust exclaimed: "No one is so fool enough to pretend that it is constitutional." And so on extra constitutional grounds the reconstruction laws were passed, not to "save the life of the Nation," which was the justification for unconstitutional enactments during the war, but to save the Republican party, which was a matter of quite as much or even more importance to them than "saving the life of the Nation," with a big N.

Some of the Republican organs have crawled out from the wreck of last Tuesday, gathered themselves together, and try to assure their dumfounded followers that they will be all right again in 1892, and will elect a Republican Congress in that year. They don't inform their readers why this will be, and it is well that they don't attempt it, for they might find some difficulty in finding reasons for the prediction.

The Land and Improvement Companies which have been organized in this State are doing much to build up and beautify the respective towns in which they have been organized. We see by the Salem Press that one of the companies organized in Winston Salem is laying off a tract of 600 acres in the suburbs of the latter town, dividing it into blocks, laying out streets, and otherwise improving it.

STATE TOPICS.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. will be held in this city on Wednesday, the 19th inst., and on the same day the stockholders of the W. C. & A. R. R., the M. & A. R. R., and the Florence R. R. will meet at the general office of the Atlantic Coast Line here.

—I know no blessing so small which can be reasonably expected without prayer, nor any so great but may be obtained by it.—South. —I do not call one greater and one smaller; that which fills its period and place is equal to any.—Watt Whitman. —Blessed is the man who at forty has the fire of twenty and the peace of seventy together in his soul.—Philip Brooks. —There is no house so small that it has not room for love; there is no castle so large that it cannot be filled with it. —Jesus Christ shall be dealt with according to their faith; not according to their professions, but according to their faith.—Henry.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Chairman Smith to Mr. W. P. Oldham—"God Bless You and New Hanover." Mr. W. P. Oldham, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of New Hanover county, received yesterday the following letter from Mr. Ed. Chambers Smith, Chairman of the State Executive Committee:

ROADS STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 7th, 1890. MY DEAR OLDHAM: The election is now over and the result shows a Democratic majority of about 50,000 for the State ticket and at least ninety majority in the Legislature. This is extremely gratifying to me, and I desire to express my thanks to you for the intelligent work you performed.

The Cape Fear & Cincinnati Railroad. It is announced that the Massachusetts and Southern Construction Company, which has the contract for the construction of the first 150 miles of this railroad, has sublet it to Keating & Co. of Ohio. This road is to run to Wilmington, to Southport, N. C., and thence to Conway, S. C. It will then branch off in three directions, one line to Charleston, S. C., one going to Salisbury, N. C., and the other to Greenville, S. C.

A Rice Trust. A telegram from New Orleans, La., says that an attempt is being made by Chicago and St. Paul capitalists to form a rice trust, to control all the mills in Louisiana. It is stated that the chief operators have about \$3,000,000 capital behind them.

Southport Coaling Station. The Southport Leader is jubilant over the opening up of business of the Cape Fear Coal & Contracting Company's new coal docks at that place. It says: "The steamer, 'Boskenna Bay,' loaded with 6,500 bales of cotton, from Wilmington for Bremen, stopped here on her way out and took a small load of coal. The importance of this coal dock here to the trade will be appreciated when it is better known. Steamers can load with a full cargo at Wilmington, only taking coal enough to bring them down here, and then coal up at this point, sailing without further stops to their destinations. During her short stay the 'Boskenna Bay' was crowded with visitors, who were cordially received by Capt. Legg and his officers, and shown over the steamer. Capt. and Mrs. Legg were on shore for a short time, and enjoyed the hospitality extended them by a number of our citizens. Capt. Wm. St. George took the steamer out."

Dr. Rev. Bishop Watson. A gentleman who had just received a private letter from Bishop Watson, dated October 26th, informs the STAR that he expected to sail from Glasgow for New York per steamship "Circassian" on Thursday next, November 13th.

—The ever adorable marvel of Providence is that in the spiritual creation God does not accomplish his will by power, but through the wills of his children.—Thom.

PERSONAL.

The Van Phou divorce case containing a Chinese Yale graduate, a wealthy New Haven girl and a mother-in-law in perfect working order, is now on the boards of the city.

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THE GREAT SWEEP.

What the Press Thinks of the Great Democratic Victory. N. Y. World. It is an eye for Democrats—on top. It is an eye for Republicans, because the people want the war taxes off and hands that hold bayonets kept off the elections.

—If all affection should be banished from the world, even from the Church, there would be much less "grumbling" in a variety of directions. Plain dealing is a great preserver of the peace. A good sister said to her pastor: "You are happy by my house the other day and didn't stop in." "My sister," said the plain-spoken preacher, "how would I ever get anywhere if I never went by anywhere?" There was no answering.—Never give way to melancholy. Nothing encroaches more. I fight against it vigorously. One great remedy is to take good views of life. Are you happy? Are you likely to remain so till this evening, or next month, or next year? Why then destroy present happiness by distant misery, which may never come at all, or you may never live to see it? For every substantial grief has twenty shadows, and most of them shadows of our own making.—Sydney Smith.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Two months ago the Census Bureau gave an estimate of the population of the country, from the returns received, indicating a total of 64,211,264. The official figures now put forth reduce this nearly 3,000,000. As a depopulator Porter beats war and pestilence.—N. Y. World, Dem.

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—About 63,000,000 is all the population which the country is to be credited with this year. This is probably nearly, if not quite 2,000,000 short of the actual number. However, the increase which will be revealed in 1900 will be especially great because of this omission, for it is scarcely likely that the next census will be as inadequate as this has been.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Rep.

—An old Scotch ballad makes a fisherman say of herring that wives and mothers oft despairing call them herring, because of the queer character of the fishing industry everywhere is shown by the fact that during the last twelve months eighteen vessels engaged in it have been lost from the port of Gloucester, Mass., alone, entailing a loss of eighty-five lives.—Phil. Record, Dem.

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CONGRESSMAN COWLES.

Cleveland Democracy Celebrating Their Victory. [Special Star Telegram.] SHELBY, N. C., Nov. 8.—The Democracy of Cleveland, feeling assured of the election of Congressman Cowles, are celebrating the event to-night with an immense torchlight procession and addresses by R. McBryan, of Asheville, J. L. Webb, J. A. Anthony and R. H. Ryburn.

REPORTS AS TO CONTESTED VOTES IN VARIOUS STATES. By Telegram to the Morning Star. MICHIGAN. DETROIT, Nov. 8.—In an extra edition just out, the Journal (Ind.) prints the following in regard to the Michigan election: "The alleged Democratic landslide in Michigan is likely to prove no landslide at all. In fact it is now claimed that the entire Republican State ticket, with the exception of Turner for Governor, and Huston for Attorney General, will probably be found to have the most votes when the official figures are footed up. This rather astonishing statement is made upon the authority of F. B. Egan, deputy Secretary of State. Egan is in the best possible position to judge of the result, and he makes this statement with the greatest confidence. He will not at this writing give the basis for the statement, but he says that the figures will show his position to be true."

CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—But few additional returns have been received to-day from the first or second Congressional Districts, in which the results of Tuesday's elections are still in doubt. Returns from 38 out of 47 precincts in the first district give Barkam, rep., 173 plurality. Eight counties in this district where returns are incomplete, gave De Haven, rep., 161 majority two years ago. Returns from 841 out of 487 precincts in the second district give Blaine, rep., 474 plurality. Two counties in this district, from which practically no returns have been received, gave Cleveland a male vote for Abner Taylor, rep. two years ago.

NEBRASKA. LINCOLN, Nov. 8.—A statement given out from the Republican headquarters, announces the election of the entire Republican ticket, with the exception of the Governor, by pluralities ranging from 1,500 to 6,000. Returns from all but six counties make the figures on Governor as follows: Richards, rep., 67,605; Boyd, dem., 69,880; Powers, ind., 68,417. The Independent headquarters claim the election of Powers by a plurality of 1,000, but concede the election of the ticket to the Republicans. The remaining counties will add to Powers' majority, but probably hardly sufficient to overcome Boyd's plurality.

CONNECTICUT. HARTFORD, Nov. 8.—The first set of unofficial returns from this State, thus far received at the Secretary of State's office, gives Morris, dem., a popular majority of 27. This is by the face of the returns, but the balance of 186 Republican votes thrown out in Bridgeport, or 38 Prohibition votes thrown out in one ward in Waterbury, because of the word "For."

COTTON.

The New York Sun's Report of the Market Yesterday. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Sun's review of the cotton market to-day says: Futures opened at 3 to 6 points advance, and turned easier, closing steady at 2 to 4 points advance from yesterday's closing prices. There was a buoyant opening on a smart advance from Liverpool, but when a certain amount of short interest had been closed up the demand fell off and prices gave way, the bears recovering courage on very favorable picking weather at the South and the promise of a further crop movement for the current week. Port receipts are estimated at 30,700 bales, an increase in price a very large overland movement, which will be shown in the statistics for November. Spot cotton here was quiet but steady.

BANK STATEMENT.

Report of the Changes During the Past Week. By Telegram to the Morning Star. NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Weekly statement of associated banks shows the following changes: Reserve decrease, \$3,346,255; Loans decrease, \$938,300; specie decrease, \$3,185,100; legal tender decrease, \$1,068,900; deposits decrease \$4,081,100; circulation decrease \$7,800. The banks now hold \$5,844,480 less than the requirements of the 35 per cent. rule.

SPORTS TURPENTINE.

—Clinton Canadian: The cotton crop of this county is the largest that has been made in many years.

—Asheville Citizen: The First Baptist Church of Asheville was organized December 6, 1839, nearly sixty-one years ago.

—Salem Press: The 300 acres recently purchased by the Winston-Salem Land and Improvement Company, south of Salem, is being laid off in streets, manufacturing sites, lots for residence, &c.

—Carthage Blade: Dr. Woodbury, a northern man, living near Jackson Springs lost his dwelling house, valued at \$8,000, and 23,000 feet of lumber by fire about two weeks ago. He had \$4,000 insurance.

—Durham Blade: From a letter received to-day from Wake Forest, we learn that young Luttrell, the student who attempted suicide Friday night by shooting himself through the head, has been taken home and is thought to be improving.

—Louisburg Times: A few days ago Mr. Wm. Meelin brought us a potato weighing 100 pounds. —Now here comes Mr. Howell Griffin with one weighing eight pounds and ten ounces. The potato crop, like all other crops in this section is very good.

—Lenoir Topic: The Linville Improvement Company has just finished the location of a road between Linville and blowing rock, along the face of the Grandfather mountain, a distance of 15 miles, which is expected by June, 1891, will be the finest mountain drive in the Eastern States, the length of the road being through most beautiful scenery.

—Mount Holly News: Several car loads of machinery have been received and placed in the Albion Cotton Mills. —A determined effort is now being made and we wish to see the show for success, to build a Presbyterial Church at Mt. Holly. A subscription list was started last Monday at noon and the first hour about \$400 had been subscribed.

—Raleigh News and Observer: The reward of \$800 offered by the Governor for Henry Barnes has been paid over to W. W. Smith and J. W. Johnson county, they having captured Barnes. —The Governor has authorized an exchange of courts between Judges Merrimon and Brown, by which Judge Merrimon will hold the fall term of Polk Court instead of Judge Brown.

—Oxford Day: Moore, the colored candidate for congress, got only twenty-four votes in this county. —William Chavis, a young colored man living near Berea, having declared his purpose to vote the Democratic ticket, was threatened with being hanged by the negroes of his neighborhood. This did not deter him, and while at the polls Tuesday he was told that his house was on fire. Hurray! he got back to the place in time. He had locked the door when he left home, his family being absent.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Capt. Jas. Dowd had some swine, potatoes, a cow, a turkey, which were last year's growth. They had been kept in sand and were perfectly preserved. —Dr. Abernathy has succeeded in curing 25,000 in ten months for the new college, and he intends commencing the work as soon as he returns home. The Doctor is very sanguine in raising the necessary sum to rebuild the college. —Presbyterial Church is to be organized at Newell's station next week. Revs. R. C. Reed, J. L. Williams, of Sugar Creek, and J. C. Coburn, of Newell, and Elder S. C. Durriford, of the commission to effect the organization.

—Wilson Advance: Died, at her home in this city, Saturday morning, Mrs. R. S. Kingsmore, in the 50th year of her age.

—Maxton Union: Rev. Mr. Price has severed his connection with the Alma church, and will discontinue his appointments there also, on account of his physical inability to perform the work.

—Raleigh Chronicle: Rev. W. M. Clark, who has been Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in this city for some time past, has resigned to accept the Rectory of a church in Frederickburg, Va.