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THE MISADVENTURE OF 1888.  
Gov. Hill's speech at Albany at the banquet given on his retiring from the Governorship, while in the main good and sound, has invited some criticism from those who regard it as a substantially "do-nothing" speech on the tariff question.

The East does not feel the need of this as much as the South and West do, for money is plentiful there and it can always be commanded at a reasonable and sometimes at a very low rate of interest.

The leading politicians of the East of both parties catch their ideas from the section in which they live and consequently do not understand and cannot feel in sympathy with the struggling people of other sections, and cannot speak for them.

These are the sentiments of a man who believes that there is patriotism in politics and that it is something more than a mere game to win power and the spoils of office, and there are thousands of Democrats in this country who endorse them and applaud their utterance.

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Gov. Hill may not have meant this, but that is what his language implies when he refers to the "mis-calculation" of 1888, and that is the construction that is put upon it by some of the Western Democrats who believe that tariff reform is one of the vital issues which now command the attention of the people.

tacking the McKinley tariff in sections, doing what they can to remove its most odious features, and that being done, devise some plan to abolish what is left by substituting something better for it. They don't question Gov. Hill's good intentions; they only question his good politics and judgment, in both of which, in this instance, they think he is in error.

THE DUTY OF THE DEMOCRACY.  
Last Friday evening, the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, the Business-Men's Democratic Association of New York gave a banquet, at which Mr. Cleveland was present, and responded to the toast of Andrew Jackson.

Gov. Hill may think this is good politics, and it may be for the State of New York, but it is not for the whole country. There must be something more than politics in what this Congress does, and it must be public approbation it must do all that in it lies to give the people relief from the most burdensome features of the McKinley tariff, and contrive some way, if possible, of giving financial relief by providing for an increase in the volume of currency, which can be done by removing the restrictions which operate against the establishment of State banks, and giving the National banks a wider scope.

The Democratic party has lately declared to the people that it was trusted and invested with power, their burdens of taxation should be lightened, and that a better and more just distribution of benefits should be assured to them. There is no doubt concerning our common sense in this regard.

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There is such a thing as expediency, but there is also such a thing as duty. Expediency should always be subordinate to duty, and never paramount. There may be times when expediency and duty may be together, and when expediency judiciously practiced facilitates and hastens the accomplishment of those aims to which duty points.

ing when, how and to what extent expediency should be recognized in party management. The expediency which is the inspiration of sagacity and the expediency which is the offspring of trickery, are two entirely different things, the one being the wisdom which triumphs, the other the mere cunning which overreaches itself, forfeits popular respect and loses what it strives to win.

One of the worst snubs that Fire-Alarm Foraker ever got was when the Republican caucus of the Ohio Legislature cast 63 votes for Sherman for U. S. Senator, and gave him 38. We thought Sherman would get there, but Foraker didn't. He thought the Ohio Republicans would take him at his own estimate, but they couldn't see it.

Mr. T. R. Lawther, well-known locomotive engineer, died yesterday morning at 1 o'clock at the residence of his son, Mr. Thomas A. Lawther, in this city. The deceased was born in Manchester, England, and had been a resident of this city about fifteen years.

He was defeated but never conquered, outnumbered and outcounted but never cast down or despondent. With a confidence and a heroism that commanded the respect and admiration of even his opponents, it rallied after the battle, formed its lines, and with duty for its inspiration and patriotism as its animating spirit, and principle for its slogan, it "carried the war into Africa," and triumphed at last by the very dint of its perseverance and devotion.

Minor Mentions.  
The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, of the 9th inst., in its review of the industrial progress of the South for the first week of January, says it shows "a healthy growth with a decided tendency of capital to seek investments in the South more freely than for many months."

The Washington correspondent of the Richmond Times writes of Hon. Mr. Grady, Representative in Congress from the Third District of North Carolina, as follows:

Mr. Grady has also ideas as to legislation to continue the Inter-State Commerce Commission to its legitimate field of operation. He says the commission, interpreting passenger traffic to be commerce, has entered upon the regulation of that traffic. That, he maintains, is beyond the constitutional jurisdiction of the commission, and I am for the Constitution at all times and under all circumstances," added the North Carolina member of Congress.

Killed on the Rail.  
Last Wednesday night, between nine and ten o'clock, Dr. Thos. Clark, of Littleton, N. C., was killed at Weldon, by a freight train running over him.

Receipts of Naval Stores at this port for the crop year—from April 1st to January 8th—compared with receipts for the same time last year are as follows:  
Spirits turpentine, 51,820 casks; last year, 59,172. Rosin, 215,341 barrels; last year, 266,498. Tar, 48,709 barrels; last year, 48,703. Crude turpentine, 18,015 barrels; last year, 18,299.

RIVER AND MARINE.  
While the British steamer Uplands Turner, from Wilmington, N. C., was docking at Liverpool Wednesday last, she parted a hawser and was slightly damaged by fouling the British steamer Autocrat.

Mr. James Grant, of Middle Sound, who had been sick for some weeks with grip, died yesterday morning at one o'clock. He was 78 years of age and for many years previous to the war a resident of this city, where he conducted the grocery business at the southwest corner of Market and Second streets.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Fifth Day's Proceedings—A Pickpocket Sentenced for Seven Years—The Davis Case, &c.  
The business of the Criminal Court was resumed yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge O. F. Meares presiding.

The pickpocket, W. E. Harris, who was convicted Tuesday, was brought into Court and sentenced to seven years in the State Penitentiary. H. McClammy, Esq., of counsel for the defence, made a motion for a new trial, which was not granted, and defendant appeared.

After argument on both sides, the Court continued the case until the March term, 1892.

State vs. Chas. Burnett and Robert Neal; affray.  
State vs. Aaron Fillyaw, Jno. Spencer, Monroe Toomer, Alex. Horne, John Bryant, and Sophie Unruh; assault and battery.

BURNED TO DEATH.  
Horrible Fate of a Little Six Year Old Girl.  
The Charlotte Chronicle of yesterday says:

A Chronical reporter visited the Orphanage yesterday afternoon to learn the particulars of the sad affair.

Miss Mackay, the matron, said that the child with one or two others, was in the school room of the Nursery Department studying the lesson.

The child referred to above was a ward of St. John's Church, of this city. Her mother, an outcast, died at the City Hospital last Spring. Mrs. Carmichael, wife of the rector of St. John's, took charge of the little waif.

THE WEATHER BUREAU.  
Important Changes in the Service That Went into Effect January First.  
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 8, 1892.

DRY COUNCIL.  
Mr. Rollins, route agent on the C. C. Railroad, tells the Charlotte Chronicle that the County Commissioners of Bladen have refused all applications for license in the county, and that not a drop of whiskey has been sold since Monday.

U. S. CUTTER GALLATIN.

Loss of the Steamer and Narrow Escape of the Crew—Two of the Officers Well Known in Wilmington.  
A telegram yesterday to Mr. D. L. Gore reported the loss of the United States revenue steamer Gallatin, off Manchester Mass., at 11.15 a. m. Wednesday last, and the safety of Mr. Fred E. Owens, Mr. Gore's son-in-law and First Assistant Engineer of the vessel.

The vessel is a total loss. The officers and crew were killed. The vessel was struck full of water. The vessel was 147 feet long, 23 feet breadth of beam, 10 feet draught, 12 feet keel.

THE CHILIAN OUTRAGE.  
Investigation of the Assault on the Crew of the Baltimore by Judge Advocate General Remy.  
By Telegram to the Morning Star.

VALLEJO, CAL., Jan. 7.—Investigation into the assault on the Baltimore sailors in Valparaiso began yesterday morning at Mare Island, in the presence of Judge Advocate General Remy, U. S. District Attorney Gaiter and U. S. Commissioner Hunt.

ALABAMA LYNCHERS.  
Two Women and Three Men the Victims of Mob Law—The Report Denied.  
MOBILE, ALA., Jan. 7.—News came last night from Womack Hill, Ala., the scene of the recent Sims outrages and hanging, that Neal, a brother of Bob, two other men, and Laura and Beatrice Sims, two daughters of Bob, were on their way from Womack Hill last night going in the direction of Lake, Miss., the rendezvous of the rest of the gang.

A BOLD THEFT.  
\$10,000 Stolen from Wells Fargo Express. By Telegram to the Morning Star.  
HOUSTON, TEX., January 7.—Late Tuesday night the branch office of Wells Fargo Express, at the Grand Central depot, was robbed of four packages of money amounting to \$10,000 or more.

BOTH COLORED.  
Jenks Macobson Shot by John Hambright at Shelby, N. C. [Special Star Telegram].  
SHELBY, N. C., Jan. 7.—Jenks Macobson, porter on the three C's passenger train, was shot and dangerously wounded by John Hambright, also colored. Macobson has been paying attention to Hambright's girl to the latter's dislike.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES GRANT.  
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Lincoln Courier: On last Monday-day death unexpectedly visited the home of Mr. Daniel Thorne, a few miles from town, and removed therefrom both Mr. Thorne and his wife. Mr. Thorne took the grippe Christmas day while in Lincolnville, where he had been home. On the Monday following his wife was seized with the same disease.

Charlotte News: Mrs. Will Robinson, of Poplar Tent, Cabarrus county, died yesterday at the residence of her father-in-law, Col. T. H. Robinson, after few days sickness with pneumonia.

Southport Leader: Miss Maud Galloway has been appointed postmistress of this city, in the place of her deceased father, the late Lewis A. Galloway.

Greenville Reflector: On Monday night of last week two barns on the farm of Mr. G. F. Evans, four miles above York, were set on fire and burned to the ground.

Charlotte News: The Old North State Mining and Manufacturing Company, which was recently incorporated in this city, has just received a scientific geological report of their property in Nash county, this State, and the report shows it to be the richest vein of gold bearing quartz ever discovered in North Carolina.

Kinston Free Press: Cotton goes still lower in price. Good cotton sold here yesterday at 12 cents.

Rockingham Acker: An assignment was filed at Rockingham in Robeson county, by Mr. Milton Lytle, last week. The assignment was recorded in this county, and places the liabilities at about \$17,000.

Fayetteville Observer: We heard a conductor on the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway say that, with a long and varied experience in transporting large bodies of people, he had rarely or ever had to do with a mob.

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