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outside interference or dictation, and to adopt such laws, regulations and modes of administration as may be most conducive to their peace, prosperity and happiness. The Republican party, once the most radical of States' rights parties, ignores State lines and believes in the supremacy of the Federal Government, in its right to make election laws and provide election machinery, to enforce the one and supervise the other through agents appointed by it, and responsible to it alone, practically making the elections mere farces, unworthy of the name.

Since the establishment of the Government nothing was ever proposed so fraught with danger to the liberties of the people as this, nor anything which the essence of despotic power so thoroughly permeated. This is, in brief, the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties on that issue, one in which the people of every State are interested, but especially the people of the South, for to them it means not only possible loss of liberty, but possible domination by the black race also.

We are again sending out bills to subscribers who are indebted to us for the WEEKLY STAR, and hope they will respond promptly with the cash. It is not fair to read a paper without paying for it.

SENATOR VANCE.
Between the mountains and the seashore there is no man in North Carolina who has a warmer place in the hearts of the people of North Carolina than Zebulon B. Vance. They feel that he belongs to them, and there are few of them, whether they agree with him in politics or not, who are not proud of the man and proud of his record, and who do not feel that in achieving well-earned fame for himself, he has honored the State which has honored and trusted him. Their trust in him is well founded, and they have good reason for their admiration and their love, for in a public life spanning thirty-eight years, from young manhood to gray-haired age, he has never failed his people and there never was an emergency in war or in peace that he did not come up to the full measure of stalwart, devoted, patriotic, heroic manhood. This is not written in the spirit of hero-worship, but in the heartfelt sincerity of one who knows him well.

Aside from his ability which has put him in the front rank in the Senate, his oratorical charms which have made him an irresistible power in forensic contests and given him national reputation, the inexhaustible fund of wit, anecdote and genial good nature which always make his presence pleasant, there is one thing which more than all these has given him his strong hold upon the affections of North Carolina, and that is his big, true heart, which always beats in sympathy with his people, and feels for them in their trials and adversity and rejoices in their prosperity.

He and his family are now at the Hammocks, by the seaside, where he will rest for a time with the hope of recovering his health, which has been somewhat impaired. While there, as everywhere, he has with him the warmest wishes of the thousands of North Carolina's sons and daughters, whose heartfelt prayer will be that he may be fully restored to health, soon be himself again, and that he may be spared for many years to lead by his valor and guide by his wisdom the columns that are battling to protect North Carolina from the spoiler.

A considerable number of subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR have recently changed their subscriptions to the DAILY STAR. This is a capital idea in all cases where the paper will reach subscribers three times or oftener every week. We have a good many subscribers to the DAILY who can only get the paper twice a week. Try the DAILY and keep posted during the campaign. Terms, \$1.50 for 3 months, \$3.00 for 6 months.

The floods in the West seem to be making a summer job of it. Hundreds of square miles of land are submerged on the lower Mississippi, and they have not seen the end of it yet, for storm follows storm in daily succession in the Northwest, and some of the rivers which empty into the Mississippi are higher than they have ever been known to be before. Above Burlington, Iowa, the Mississippi is twenty miles wide.

Henry M. Stanley as a stumper for a seat in Parliament is not as much of a success as he was when stumping through Africa. His wife travels with him, and they say she makes a better speech than he does.

The Philadelphia News, Rep., concedes Cleveland's weight as a candidate, but styles it "dead" weight. Wait till November, till Grover sits down upon Benjamin, and see what he thinks about it. It will be a "dead" weight on Benjamin.

SENATOR VANCE.
His Arrival in the City Last Evening—En Route to Wicksville—Mrs. Vance and Other Members of His Family in the Party.

Senator Zeb Vance and family reached the city yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, in President Elliott's private car, from Washington, D. C. As soon as the train stopped at Front street a few citizens and a STAR representative boarded the train and met Senator Vance, Mrs. Vance, one of his sons and Mr. H. Martin, his stepson. Senator Vance was interviewed by the reporter, to whom he said: "I left Washington this morning at half-past four o'clock, and had a very pleasant journey all the way through. He seemed to be much better than usual, and was in a cheerful mood and seemed to be in the same old jocular Zebulon of many years ago, although he was still quite feeble, and is suffering with sciatic rheumatism, and this is the reason he is going to the Hammocks to see if the sea breeze won't help him. If he notices a change for the better in his condition he will remain there during the month of July; if not he will only stay a week. He stated that now he was feeling much better and thinks he is improving rapidly."

Just before the reporter left he paid a high compliment to the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line, and said: "I hope the A. C. L. officials who have treated me so kindly will go heaven without having to pray." He said, also, the Wilmington & Weldon railroad was not only the prettiest, but the best road he had ever been over. To the friends who met Senator Vance he told a few anecdotes.

The Senator had very few visitors at the car, because it was generally understood that he would come down in the city, and for the additional reason that his friends thought that after the fatigue of a day's travel he would prefer not to receive company.

After bidding his friends good-by, the train pulled out at 7.15 for the Hammocks. Senator Vance says that if the seashore doesn't do him any good he thinks meeting his old North Carolina friends will.

SPECIAL MAIL FACILITIES.
The Post Mail Goes Through the Senate on Schedule Time—Wanamaker Welcomed.

The following from the Washington Post of June 30th, will be read with interest by the friends of fast mail service for the South:

The Senate yesterday agreed to the special fast mail appropriation which Mr. Wanamaker omitted to recommend, which the House passed by a large majority, and which the Senate Appropriations Committee struck out. This was the appropriation of \$106,000 for special facilities on seaboard lines South, the immense advantages of which have been amply demonstrated, and the discontinuance of which would have resulted in serious injury to a large section of country.

The Post has made vigorous contention for the appropriation, and is gratified to share in this triumph of justice and fair play over mistaken notions of economy or sectional or other considerations.

THE STATE GUARD.
Arrangements for the Approaching Encampment at Wrightsville.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch says: The arrangements for the encampment of the State troops are perfected. In the first encampment, July 21st, there will be sixteen companies, and in the second encampment, beginning August 4th, there will be seventeen companies. The force will be the largest ever in camp in the State since the first encampment of the State Guard in 1877. The camp-grounds are very attractive, there being a fine turf, and excellent water has been secured from the new tube-wells which were driven in May. There are 101 acres in the State's camp-ground at Wrightsville, thirty-five being devoted to drills. The rifle-range is up to 500 yards. The sea-coast battery, of two guns and four mortars, all ten-inch, is in front of the centre of the camp. There are four pavilions or mess halls, each holding 500 men.

CRONLY DAY SCHOOL.
The exercises of the Cronly Day-school took place Friday night, and we but voice the unanimous sentiment of those present when we say it was one of the most delightful entertainments—creditable alike to teachers and pupils.

WAR SCENES.
Last Night's Entertainment at the Opera House—A Graphic Presentation of the Days of the Confederacy.

"A howling success!" "Immense!" "True to life!" Such were the exclamations heard on all sides at the close of the entertainment in aid of the Veterans given in the Opera House last night. It is certain that interest in the days that thrived men's souls" does not wane with the passing years, and the scenes and incidents of those stirring times as reproduced last night brought forth the most unstinted applause from the child of tender years to the veteran who lived again for a time the old camp life, as the dust of accumulated years was brushed from the pictures hung on memory's walls.

The house was packed and the audience seemed from the first moment to be riveted with the occasion. The stage was tastefully decorated with Confederate flags, among them the battle-flag of the 8th North Carolina Regiment, sent from Fayetteville, and one made of the silk dresses of the ladies of Pender county for the 8th North Carolina Regiment. The programme illustrated in a most realistic manner the camp, the field, the home—the scenes being a delightful mingling of the humorous and pathetic. Prof. Miller's excellent Orchestra furnished the music, which added very materially to the success of the evening, and the strains of "Dixie," "Maryland, My Maryland," "Bonnie Blue Flag," &c., have lost none of their sweetness during the lapse of years.

The entertainment was opened by the overture, "Dixie," rendered by the orchestra, which was greeted with tremendous applause. The "Plea for the Veterans," which was to have been made by Master Swift Boatwright, had to be omitted on account of his sickness.

Part First, 1861, was opened by "The Soldier's Farewell"—an invisible chorus singing the well known air, "How Can I Leave Thee," after which "The troops came marching by," and as they passed, crowds of ladies clad in homespun cheered them and bid them Good-bye.

At this juncture a number of veterans entered the side door, dressed in genuine "rebel" style; some of their clothes evidently being relics of those troublous times, and their appearance was greeted with great applause. The W. L. I. Glee Club, composed of Messrs. A. Myers, F. Myers, M. Woodward, Beery, Cooper, Smith, McMillan, Taylor, Atkinson, Adrian and Price, then rendered in fine style, "Carolina's Sons are Ready."

Part Second, 1863, represented picket duty. "And each thought a different name, but all sang Annie Laurie." As the strains of this sweet old melody died away in the distance, sounded the notes of "The Star Spangled Banner," wafted from the Federal camp near at hand. They listened, and as the song was ended, they sent an answering message in the ringing tones of "Farewell Forever to the Star Spangled Banner." When this duet of song was over, the "Yanks" began to make overtures to the "Yanks" for an exchange of coffee for tobacco, which was finally consummated, and then the "Yanks" gave them "Yankee Doodle," to which the "Rebs" responded with "Dixie." In a moment the sound of that dear old song which at all times and under all flags, thrills the heart, "Home, Sweet Home," came trembling from the Yankee camp, and as the last note of the verse died away the "Boys in Grey," with bowed heads and tearful eyes took up the strain and in that grand old song the Blue and the Grey united, forgetting the cause for which they had left the homes of which they sang. The incidents portrayed in this scene were a reproduction of what really occurred during the "late unpleasantness."

Miss Annie Moore then recited most beautifully "The Charmed Life," a poem descriptive of the bravery of a young sergeant who risked his life to carry water to the wounded and dying of the enemy on the battle-field. It was a fine piece of word-painting and was enthusiastically received.

Part Third, 1864, was a most realistic delineation of home life during the war, and all did their part well. Mr. Geo. Parsley was "Grandpa," Miss Anna McRee, "Grandma," Miss Bessie Davis, "Mother," and an interesting family of "sons and daughters" made up the family, while Miss Irene Seibler, as "Dinah," was true to life in every movement.

The Confederate fashions, the struts to which the good housewife and children were reduced and the ingenious substitutes made by them where necessity demanded, both in providing clothing and food, were amusing and pathetic, and when Grandpa brought home a newspaper it was a real treat, especially a letter therein from General Lee to Governor Vance, praising the bravery of the North Carolina troops. The neighborhood call to this family by Miss Thalia Rankin was highly enjoyed by the audience, especially when she told how, in her indignation, she had "gone to the corner of the piazza, leaned way over the banister where she'd be sure nobody heard her, and said 'dama the Yankees!'"

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.
—Oxford Ledger: Mr. Louis D. Williford, a prominent farmer of Granville, died of a stroke of paralysis at his home near Berea Sunday night. He had an attack of measles prior to this.

—Louisburg Times: From every section of the country crops are reported to be in a very good condition, and with good crops a better feeling springs up among those who are disposed to blame the Democratic party for their past failures.

—Raleigh News and Observer: Gov. Holt has pardoned James H. Smith, H. B. Taylor, convicted burglars under in Wake county in 1885 and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary with Wm. Gooch in the murder of John Harris, a convict in 1887, seven years and was released because he was suffering from an incurable disease.

—Tarboro Southerner: At Tanner's Creek this morning the water was ponded up to a foot of the railroad track, and the embankment for a hundred or more yards was almost a wash. The engineer was on it this morning before he discovered it. Stopping and backing out was out of the question, so he opened the throttle to its utmost and dashed ahead. He landed safely, but with difficulty. At one place a rail sank twenty-three inches.

—Red Springs Comet: The colored people of Red Springs will establish a high grade school at an early day. They will erect a building of large proportions and employ an able corps of teachers. The school will be one of our progressive farmers who believes in a diversity of crops informs us that besides supplying his large family with butter he has also planted 100 lbs. of butter at 85 cents per pound, the product of 23 cents.

—Raleigh Chronicle: The crop of wild blackberries is worth thousands of dollars to North Carolina. In this section of the State the berries are not as plentiful as the people have as a general thing, caught on to the fact that the dried berries are a staple article of sale. But in the State of North Carolina there are thousands of pounds are dried each year. This year the crop is big and fine. People here can make many a dollar by drying the berries, which are to be had for the asking. The berries are not as big as those of the North, but they are not less profitable. Mr. Blyden, of Southern Pines, has, during the past few days, shipped 48 bushels from his place near the town of Southern Pines, N. C. Mr. S. W. Whitting, who grows the berries here, has received for those he shipped north 16 cents a quart, and they net him 13 cents. The cultivated berry is far bigger and sweeter than the wild ones.

—Chatham Record: The best yield of wheat that we have thus far heard of in this county is 69 bushels on one and three quarters of an acre, raised by Mr. A. J. Blyden. This was the result of an attempt of the prisoners in our county jail to escape one day last week, was frustrated by the vigilance of the jailor, Mr. H. B. Starn. The prisoners were one of the two locks on their cell door, but were discovered before they could break the other. A mule belonging to Mr. James Clark, of New Hope township, was killed by Sheriff J. C. Patterson, of Bainbridge, Ga. Carlisle came here several weeks ago from the river as a fisherman, but it leaked out that he was in command of Sheriff Patterson, of Bainbridge, Ga. Carlisle came here several weeks ago from the river as a fisherman, but it leaked out that he was in command of Sheriff Patterson, of Bainbridge, Ga. Carlisle came here several weeks ago from the river as a fisherman, but it leaked out that he was in command of Sheriff Patterson, of Bainbridge, Ga.

REV. THOS. DIXON.
The Indictment Against Him for Libel Dismissed.

NEW YORK, June 30.—The indictment which was found against Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., formerly of North Carolina, and pastor of the Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, for criminal libel upon Excise-commissioner Joseph Koch, was dismissed this afternoon by Judge Martin, upon the recommendation of the District Attorney.

KNOWS STEVENSON WELL.
The Rev. Dr. Van Buskirk Pays Him High Tribute.

The Rev. D. R. Van Buskirk, pastor of the Third Christian Church, in politics an earnest Republican, for several years held a pastorate in Bloomington, Illinois, which he resigned to accept his present charge in this city.