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VERY IMPORTANT. During the past two months bills have been mailed to about thirteen hundred subscribers to the WEEKLY STAR.

It is hoped every subscriber in arrears will read this notice, and that he will forward the amount due us at once.

It is unjust to the proprietor to read his newspaper without paying for it—fully as much so for the proprietor of the paper to eat the farmer's chickens and eggs and then fail or refuse to remunerate him.

We thank those of our subscribers who have paid us, and trust this appeal will not be lost on those who have not paid.

IT MAY BECOME FAMOUS. No administration to which has been entrusted the guidance of this Government in time of peace has ever had such opportunities presented to it of becoming famous as are presented to the present administration.

In addition to the other things that it is doing or will do, such as retrenchment in expenses of Government, removing the supernumeraries from the Government service, stopping frauds upon the pension office, and other frauds upon the Government, &c., there are now four measures, some of which have been and others of which will be presented for consideration, which, if carried through, would give this administration a lasting place in the civic history of our country.

One of these is tariff reform, which, after long and wearisome debate, is now approaching the consummation so devoutly prayed for by millions of the American people. This will break the shackles of trade, and give our commerce more freedom than it has had since the monstrous commerce-crushing protective tariff succeeded the commerce-creating Democratic tariff of 1846.

Another is the Fithian Free Ship bill which will help to restore the American merchant marine which was driven from the seas by the navigation laws and the protective tariff which combined made it practically impossible for Americans to own ships engaged in foreign commerce and sail them under the American flag, the protection of which they were denied under the navigation laws. Free ships and free trade naturally go together for without free trade there would be a limit to the demand for ships, and free trade the demand would be great and increasing for some years to come. The two together would expand our shipping and our commerce until within a decade the American flag floated from the masts of our merchantmen would be a familiar object in the ports of the world, as it was in the decade preceding the war, before the new policy had been entered upon which furtive from sight and made it a stranger, if ever seen.

Another is the adjustment of the vexed financial question and the adoption of a system to take the place of the national banks which will shortly expire by limitation, unless their existence be prolonged by the perpetuation of the national debt, represented by bonds issued. But this is not likely, for while possibly small issues of bonds might be made for short periods, there would not be enough to serve as a basis for national bank circulation.

It is evident, then, that some system must be devised to take the place of these banks, as agencies for the handling and distribution of money. The way for that is presented now in the proposed repeal of the State bank tax, which would remove the obstacle to the re-establishment of State banks and provide for the restoration of the status which prevailed up to the time of the establishment of the national bank system. This would put the troublesome financial question in a way of easy solution and enable the people of the respective States to supply themselves with all the money they

needed without any political agitation or any Congressional intervention. It would put the country just where it was up to 1861, when the people attended to their financial matters themselves and the Federal Government bothered itself no more than to coin the gold and silver presented for coinage and handed it over to the men who owned it with the Government stamp upon it. It could then be determined what necessity, if any, there might be for the coinage of silver and it could be coined accordingly.

Then to close up the quartette of measures we have the proposition to aid in the construction of the Nicaragua canal, which will open a short way to the Pacific and the countries bordering upon it and within it, and open a magnificent field for American commerce, too magnificent to fully comprehend now, so great are its possibilities. Here are these four questions, all closely connected, and the four combined presenting the finest opportunity, if accomplished, that any Administration ever had to become lastingly famous.

While tending to make the income tax more acceptable to the Democratic Senators who were opposed to it, the amendments agreed upon by the Finance Committee do not materially affect it. The limitation of time of operation to five years, although it has failed to placate Senator Hill, will, we think, be generally approved, for at the end of five years it can be determined if there will be any necessity for continuing it. No tax should be imposed longer than there is necessity for it, and as this is the main reason advanced for reviving the income tax now the five year term ought to be satisfactory until it is determined whether a longer term may be necessary. The opinion prevails among those versed in tariff matters that with the new tariff there will be before the end of President Cleveland's term of office a large surplus in the Treasury, which would not only make a continued income tax unnecessary, but will permit of a much larger reduction in tariff duties. With the revival in business, which has begun and will continue, and the reduced tariff, there will be an increase of imports with a corresponding increase of exports, the result of which will be greater prosperity and a more general distribution of money, which will result in an increased consumption of liquors, cigars, tobacco, &c., with a large increase in the internal revenue receipts. Unless the calculations of these experts in tariff matters be all wrong, the probabilities are that the surplus in the Treasury will be even larger at the end of Mr. Cleveland's second term than it was at the end of his first term.

Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agriculture, who is entitled to the credit of originating the Arbor Day idea, is now proposing the establishment of a holiday to be known as "Bird Day." Exactly how he proposes to celebrate it we do not know, but what he hopes to accomplish by it is thus set forth in a letter which has recently been published. "It is a melancholy fact," he says, "that among the enemies of our birds two of the most destructive and relentless are our women and our boys. The love of feather ornamentation so thoughtlessly persisted in by thousands of women, and the mania for collecting eggs and killing birds, so deeply rooted in our boys, are legacies of barbarism inherited from our savage ancestry. I believe that a public sentiment can be developed so strong and so universal, that a respectable woman will be ashamed to be seen with the wing of a bird on her bonnet, and an honest boy will be ashamed to own that he ever robbed a nest or wantonly took the life of a bird." There is more than a mere matter of sentiment in this, although, as a matter of sentiment, it appeals to respectful consideration, for this wanton destruction of birds has well nigh annihilated some of the most useful of our birds, and the result has been a vast increase in the destructive insects which prey upon the crops of the farmer and the fruit grower. With the mania for birds' feathers, encouraged by ridiculous fashion, millions of birds are annually slaughtered, and with the mania for birds' eggs, which is about as reasonable and excusable as the mania for feathers, the boys follow up the fellow with the gun and net, and what are left of the birds have to take their chances against the pugnacious and now almost omnipresent English sparrow, which claims the land. The farmer and the fruit-grower has enough to contend against without seeing his best protection against insects ruthlessly and senselessly destroyed.

The Populist Congressmen in Washington are not showing much sagacity in identifying themselves and their party with the Coxy

movement, as they are now doing in the interest they are taking in Coxy, Browne and Christopher Columbus Jones. It is not interest in the men alone, or the desire to see that they have a fair trial, that brings them to the police court to identify themselves with the arraigned and tender service of counsel, but the interest they give to the insane methods and demands of men who have no full conception of what they ask. They have encouraged this crazy movement from the beginning, thus identified their party with it, and demonstrated that Populism isn't any better than Coxyism. They underrate the intelligence of the American people when they suppose that they will endorse Coxyism or the men who endorse it, while claiming to represent the bone, sinew and honest toilers of the land.

The Wilson Mirror this week entered upon its 13th volume, enlarged, and form changed from eight to four pages. Mr. H. C. Herrick, formerly of the Martin County Star, has purchased a half interest in it and will be associated with Mr. Blount, of gifted pen, in the editorship and management. We always liked the Mirror and wish it much and continued prosperity.

Ex-Senator Edmunds says Speaker Crisp is the logical candidate of the Democrats for President. Mr. Edmunds never permits himself to run short on logical candidates. Last time he thought Mr. Carlisle was the logical gentleman. Aside from the logic of the remark in this instance there will be any necessity for continuing it. No tax should be imposed longer than there is necessity for it, and as this is the main reason advanced for reviving the income tax now the five year term ought to be satisfactory until it is determined whether a longer term may be necessary. The opinion prevails among those versed in tariff matters that with the new tariff there will be before the end of President Cleveland's term of office a large surplus in the Treasury, which would not only make a continued income tax unnecessary, but will permit of a much larger reduction in tariff duties. With the revival in business, which has begun and will continue, and the reduced tariff, there will be an increase of imports with a corresponding increase of exports, the result of which will be greater prosperity and a more general distribution of money, which will result in an increased consumption of liquors, cigars, tobacco, &c., with a large increase in the internal revenue receipts. Unless the calculations of these experts in tariff matters be all wrong, the probabilities are that the surplus in the Treasury will be even larger at the end of Mr. Cleveland's second term than it was at the end of his first term.

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THE FULLER CASE.

THE CONDEMNED MAN HAS ANOTHER CHANCE FOR LIFE AND LIBERTY.

The Supreme Court Grants a New Trial on Three Separate Grounds—All of Which are Speciously Stated in a Special Telegram to the Sunday Star.

The Supreme Court has at last rendered its decision in the celebrated case of E. J. Fuller, which has been awaited with so much interest.

Fuller, it will be recalled, was tried at the January term of the Superior Court of Cumberland county, Judge Bryan presiding, for the murder of B. C. Parker, and after a prolonged and exciting contest (elaborate reports of which were printed in the STAR), in which five lawyers spoke on each side, was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged March 16th.

Application for a new trial was made on several grounds, which, after exhaustive argument, Judge Bryan refused. The case then went to the Supreme Court on appeal, and the result is told in the following story:

RALEIGH, N. C., May 5th, [Special Star Telegram.]

State against E. J. Fuller. In the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

A new trial is granted on the following grounds:

First, that the Judge erred in allowing the State to challenge a juror peremptory after he had been tendered to the prisoner, the proviso in section 1300 of the Code requiring that such challenge be made before tender.

Second, that the Judge erred in holding that an affidavit to the effect that a juror had falsely sworn that he had not formed and expressed the opinion that the prisoner was guilty, would not warrant him, in the exercise of his discretionary power, in setting aside the verdict.

Third, that the Court erred in instructing the jury that when a prisoner was indicted under the act of 1893, the use of a deadly weapon raised the presumption of premeditation.

The Supreme Court holds that it is in the absence of actual proof would raise the presumption of murder in the second degree only.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

The Business of the Term Concluded—Juries Discharged—Prisoners Sentenced.

The present term of the U. S. District Court practically closed yesterday afternoon, with the final discharge of the grand and petit juries. During the day the following cases were tried:

Moody Strickland, illicit distilling. Not guilty.

Wm. Strickland, retailing liquor without license. Verdict, guilty.

Dan'l B. Tew, illicit distilling. Not guilty.

Peter Tindle, illicit distilling. Guilty. Asa Guin, illicit distilling. Not guilty. Thomas Smith and John Watts, retailing and peddling liquor without license. Found guilty and sentenced to thirty days in jail and \$100 fine.

John Thomas Hare, illicit distilling. Verdict, guilty; sentenced to thirty days in jail and \$100 fine.

Charles E. Tindle, illicit distilling. Verdict, not guilty.

Garry B. Draughon, illicit distilling. Verdict, not guilty.

M. Goin, illicit distilling. Verdict, guilty; sentenced thirty days in jail and to pay a fine of \$100.

Stephen Hare illicit distilling. Verdict, not guilty.

Nathan Strickland, illicit distilling. Not guilty.

P. A. Hyatt, distilling. Not guilty. C. M. Guin, distilling. Found guilty, and sentenced to thirty days in jail and \$100 fine.

Mark Sows, distilling. Guilty; thirty days in jail and \$100 fine.

Isaac Williams, charged with retailing without license. Case continued.

Sealed sentence was given in the cases of E. J. Graham, Andrew Parsh and Wm. Strickland, all convicted of retailing without license.

Judgment was pronounced on other prisoners convicted during the week and not sentenced, viz:

Jan. Cris, retailing, thirty days in Columbus county jail and \$100 fine.

Samuel Worell, retailing, thirty days in Sampson jail and \$100 fine.

THE FEDERAL COURT.

The Business of the Term Concluded—An Admiralty Case—The Suit Against the O. F. & Y. V. R. Co.—Sunday Orders Issued—Notice Given of a Motion to Set Aside the Appointment of a Receiver.

The U. S. Court adjourned yesterday for the term. In the forenoon, the case of Wm. St. George et al. vs. Jas. T. Harper et al., (in admiralty) was argued; libel in personam by plaintiffs for pilotage of a wrecked vessel. The Judge took the pleadings and reserved his decision.

In the case of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of Baltimore, vs. The Cape and Yadkin Valley Railway Company, and the Mercantile Trust Company of Baltimore, notice was given of a motion to vacate the receivership, and it was ordered by the Court upon motion of defendant, the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley R. R. Co., that the defendant have leave to file its answer, to the bill heretofore filed in the above entitled suit, and that notice of the motion to be heard in Charlotte, N. C., on the 14th of June, 1894, be served on the complainants, and that the Clerk of this Court certify to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, the proposed proceedings in the suit to the end that the motion may be heard in that Court at the time and place designated.

On petition of the receiver of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., an order was issued by the Court, authorizing the receiver to pay the coupons of the first mortgage bonds of the South Carolina Piedmont Railroad Company which matured on the 1st day of April, 1894; the said coupons being 8 per cent. upon the principal of said bonds, aggregating the amount of \$8,130. The road extends from the North Carolina State line to Bennettsville S. C., and was leased by the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. Co., in January, 1886.

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