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POLITICS AND SELFISHNESS.

It would not be such a difficult matter to adjust our currency system on a satisfactory basis if it were not for the politics and selfishness that enter as disturbing factors.

MINOR MENTION.

The exporting of American wheat this year—of which we had about 60,000,000 bushels more than needed for home consumption—has been remarkably sluggish notwithstanding the shortness in the world's supply and the ruling low prices.

The new banking bill is getting dull on the other side, which may account for Herr Ahlwardt's presence in this country, where he thinks the Jews are having too much of a good and easy time.

Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

Two men who attempted to steal \$100,000 worth of rails from the Union Pacific railway pleaded guilty of petit larceny, were fined \$50 and sent for ten days to jail.

They have some very unaccommodating people in Chicago, where a woman the other day declared that she would commit suicide if any one would promise to pay her funeral expenses.

A Chicago juror failed to attend to the roll call the other day, but his absence was satisfactorily accounted for when it was learned that he had been arrested the night before while engaged in burglaring a house.

Mrs. Hoke Smith says when a woman takes her place in the business world as a man she must not expect men to show her any more consideration than do each other.

The Washington dispatches yesterday stated that the Republicans in the Senate concede the Finance Committee to the Silver men, a concession which has a big streak of politics in it.

There is little hope for a return to these landmarks now, for we have strayed too far from them and a generation has grown up under the teachings of the new system, who would have to be educated out of nearly all that they have been educated into and grown up with.

State banks which were destroyed to make way for banks based on Government bonds or rather on a national debt, to perpetuate which the national debt must be perpetuated.

A narrow escape from being embalmed and buried alive is reported from the town of Wilkesbarre, Pa., where a woman apparently died one day last week.

When he came they found the woman surrounded by her family; the doctor administered stimulants and the embalming and funeral were indefinitely postponed.

Sensational journalism is practiced to some extent in New York, but the New York Times is one of the journals that does not engage in it, depending on real merit as a newspaper and on a safe and intelligent discussion of the topics of the day.

If you have not already done so, we take this opportunity to suggest that you take similar action, should it meet with your approval.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Ann Wright, relict of the late Wm. A. Wright, Esq., took place yesterday afternoon at half-past five o'clock at St. James' church.

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THE O. E. & Y. V. RAILROAD.

Meeting at the Produce Exchange—Committee Appointed to Investigate the Proposed Extension of the O. E. & Y. V. R. R.

A called meeting of the Produce Exchange, to which members of the Chamber of Commerce and citizens generally were invited, was held yesterday at 11 a. m. in the rooms of the Exchange.

Mr. Boney, presiding, stated the purpose of the meeting, read the following letter, viz: To the President of the Produce Exchange, Wilmington, N. C.

DEAR SIR—The Greenboro Industrial and Immigration Association have adopted and transmitted to President Mayor of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, resolutions setting forth the rapid growth and development of our section, and arising upon them the extension of his road over the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

As this is a matter of mutual interest, I trust that you will be glad to see that you take similar action, should it meet with your approval.

Mr. Irzeld Meares addressed the meeting in reference to the interest manifested by officials of the B. & O. R. R. Co. in a proposed road from Southport to Wilmington to connect with the C. F. & Y. V. Railroad for a through route to Chicago.

Mr. D. L. Gore spoke in favor of the B. & O. R. R. connection, and suggested that a committee be appointed to lay before the railroad company the great advantages of the port of Wilmington.

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DR. HOGUE'S ANNIVERSARY.

The reception given last night by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church at Rev. Chadbourn Memorial hall to Rev. P. H. Hogue, D. D., and wife, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of Dr. Hogue's pastorate, was attended by a large number of people, not only members of the congregation of the First Church, but others in the community.

The visitors were graciously received by Dr. Hogue and Mrs. Hogue, assisted by the ladies' reception committee—Mrs. D. G. Worth, Mrs. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., Mrs. R. W. Gibson, Mrs. E. B. Bost, Mrs. R. W. H. Hogue, Mrs. A. J. Howell, Jr., Mrs. P. Peasall, Mrs. Walker Taylor, Mrs. D. E. Winstead and Mrs. W. M. Cumming.

The occasion was one that will long be remembered by all present and was a touching manifestation of the love and respect of the First Church for their pastor and his estimable wife.

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RALEIGH HAPPENINGS.

Successful Applicants for License to Practice Pharmacy. Plummer Batchelor's Suit for \$7,700. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11, 1895.

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DUKE CIGARETTES.

High Grade Tobacco. Absolute Pure. FIRE ON A U. S. WARSHIP.

Spontaneous Combustion of Coal on the Cincinnati that Came Near Firing the Magazine. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 11.—A special to the Times Union from Key West, Fla., says: Yesterday about 2:30 p. m., smoke was discovered issuing from the coal bunkers next to the magazine on board the United States steamship Cincinnati. The bunkers had not been opened in three months and had been opened by spontaneous combustion when discovered the fire had so far progressed as to have the walls between the bunkers and the magazine red hot. The fire was extinguished by the use of water. The magazine was enclosed had been burned away. As soon as the alarm was given every man on the ship fled to the boats and the danger was soon over. A few moments more and the magazine would have exploded, killing every man on board and wrecking the ship. The cause of the fire was the spontaneous combustion of the coal. The discipline of the crew averted what might have been one of the most serious calamities that has ever happened on board an American merchant ship. It is considered by the navy as a miracle. The fire broke out on the morning of yesterday noon until this morning, no communication was had with the shore to report the incident.

RIDDLED WITH BULLETS. A train from Frankfort, Ky., was fired upon at Eminence, Ky., December 11—shots were fired upon a train-load of Louisville Republicans at this place last night as they were returning from the inauguration of Gov. Bradley. All the windows in the last car of the long train, which left Frankfort at 7:30 p. m., were shot at in all directions through a quantity of splinters of wood work in the coach. There were several ladies in the coach and the excitement was intense. At the first volley everybody lay flat on the ground. The train was just coming in at Eminence, and in a moment it came to a standstill. Three men were seen along the track, and as the train started up again about ten more shots were fired through the windows. Fortunately only one person was hurt. One man's neck was cut by heavy pieces of glass that flew in all directions through the car. Many members of the Garfield Club, of Louisville, were in the coach. It was here that Gov. Bradley broke off the joint debate with Gen. Harbin because of the disorder of the Democrats present. The attack on the train is believed by some persons to have been the outcome of this.

THE COTTON EXPOSITION. To be Held in Chicago in the Fall of 1896. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—F. D. DeBarraud, who is at the head of the movement to have a Cotton Exposition in Chicago under the auspices of the Southern States, has written to Malcolm McNeill, who is conducting the Chicago end of the enterprise, that he is meeting with great success. He expects to be in Chicago shortly after the holidays and to bring with him a committee composed of representatives from every Southern State who will meet a Chicago committee and discuss the whole matter. The Exposition is now assured. It will be held not earlier than August 15th, 1896, and will continue according to the plans for about two months. Merchants from the Northwest will be in Chicago about that time. The exhibition will be called to the Southern exhibit.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND. Westhead the Gale on the Steamer Val at Hatteras. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, December 11.—The storm which settled over Hatteras yesterday has abated and to-night the wind is only blowing at the rate of ten miles an hour. The vessel successfully weathered the gale, but the Presidential party has done so. The Presidential party has done so. The Presidential party has done so.

MYSTERIOUS BURNING. Of Two Dissolute Women in the Woods Near Morganton, N. C. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 11.—A special from Morganton, N. C., to the Citizen gives the news of the mysterious burning of two dissolute women in the woods near that town last night. When last seen this morning they were both drunk. This morning their charred bodies were advanced that they built a fire, and fell into a drunken sleep, burned themselves to death.

SUICIDE IN CHARLOTTE. W. N. Father Found Dead in His Room. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 11.—W. N. Prather, a baker and prominent citizen of Charlotte, was found dead in his room this morning with a rope around his neck. His death had, however, really been caused by an overdose of morphine. He was a sufferer from melancholia and dyspepsia. He was a prominent Mason.

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