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TARIFF AND MONEY TINKERING

There are several different kinds of statesmen in this and in other countries, too. We have an assortment of them, the real statesmen (not very numerous); the men who imagine themselves statesmen (quite numerous); and sham statesmen (too numerous).

Thirty odd years ago the new order of statesmen introduced a new order of things and under pretence of fostering and building up our "infant industries" they concocted a tariff which they called by the delusive but catchy name of the "protective" tariff.

What was the result of that Chinese wall erecting business? Up to that time the American wheat grower and cotton grower found markets in Europe for every bushel of their surplus grain and every pound of their surplus cotton.

We called attention several days ago to the fact that the pension roll instead of decreasing is growing larger and expressed the opinion that no material, if any decrease in expenditures might be expected for some years to come.

When the high protective tariff interfered with this mutually advantageous exchange of products the nations which had been trading almost exclusively with us began to look for other sources of supply, where they could trade on the same terms, and the great leader in trade, the shrewdest and most thrifty of all—England—turned her eyes to India for cotton and wheat, to Egypt for wheat, and to Russia for wheat and pork.

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CAPITAL CITY NEWS.

THE LAW AS TO ESTABLISHING ELECTION PRECINCTS. The Supreme Court advised to attend to the matter without delay.

MINOR MENTION. For years political agitators of the Republican school have been inveighing against the South, and even now attempts are being made in the Congress of the United States to place the South in a false and scandalous position.

The Sultan didn't want to let Said Pasha slip his grip because he was the "possessor of too many important secrets."

England proposes to bar out American sheep on the pretence that they are scabby. It isn't the scab so much as the desire to pander to the English sheep-raisers who find the American sheep interfering with their business.

The New Orleans papers are howling because their town is infested by gangs of fellows who beg in day time and steal at night. That's what comes from having such a genial winter climate.

The Philadelphia Record is in the lead with its almanac for 1896, a valuable publication with much useful information conveniently arranged and compactly presented.

THE CITY MARKETS. Fresh Meats Abundant—Game Scarce—Poultry in Part Supply—Vegetables Poor in Quantity and Quality. With the exception of fresh meats, the display yesterday afternoon of supplies for the family market basket were rather meagre.

GOV. CARR'S OUTING.

His Visit to Southport—Honorable Mention—Gaining on Smith's Island—Returned to Wilmington—Will Leave For Onslow County To-day.

The Southport Letter of yesterday says: "Gov. Carr had for some time planned a trip to Southport in the winter season, at which time this place and section has a peculiar charm to up-country visitors."

Yesterday morning Gov. Carr and party, through the courtesy of Dr. Eager, with Capt. J. W. Harper and Mr. A. E. Stevens, went to Southport, N. C., spending the day in the pine groves and enjoying a hot lunch under the Cape Fear life-saving crew.

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THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Its Fifty-ninth Session Met Wednesday at Elizabeth City. Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 11.—The fifty-ninth session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South convened this morning at 8 o'clock.

Rev. W. L. Cunningham was elected Secretary. The Bishop conducted the opening service. A few of the preachers have not yet arrived, owing to the storm upon the sound yesterday.

Rev. J. N. Ivey, of Wilson, preached in the Methodist church to-night a very stirring and edifying discourse that was full of Gospel truth.

Rev. G. A. Oglesby of Washington District, requested that the name of Dr. J. N. Jones be substituted for that of ex-Gov. Thomas J. Jarvis, as lay delegates.

Five delegates were admitted to Conference on trial, five advanced to the class of the second year and five admitted into full membership of the conference.

Rev. M. L. Miller, a Congregational Baptist, presented a certificate of recognition and subscribed to the doctrine of the Methodist Church.

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ALEXANDER COLLIE.

END OF A ONCE WELL KNOWN BLOCKADE RUNNING KING. His Activity During the War—Well Known in Wilmington, Where His Brother Resided—Highly Interesting Reminiscences of a Local Nature.

The death of Alexander Collie, briefly referred to in the telegraphic department of the STAR yesterday, revived a feeling of interest among our older citizens in a remarkable man. The following fuller account from a Washington special to the Richmond Dispatch will be read with interest.

About two weeks ago there died in New York City, in obscurity, the famous Confederate blockade runner king, Alexander Collie, of Manchester and London, Eng., though at his name indicated, he was a genuine Scotchman.

For nearly twenty-five years Alexander Collie had been a fugitive, and had concealed his identity under the name of George McNeil, which he took from the maternal branch of his family. He was only known to a few New York people, who respected his name in the name known, and but for an accident he would have been buried in Potter's field.

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NAVAL STORES OUTLOOK.

Georgia Operators Report a Fairly Profitable Season—The Stores of Supply Will Not Be Exhausted for Many Years. The naval stores handlers and producers, says the Savannah News, are now busy clearing up their year's business and beginning work for the next year's crop.

The season for cutting boxes began November 18, the time allowed by law, and since that date the operators have been hard at work cutting boxes for the new crop.

The scarcity of turpentine axes has been making it difficult for the operators, and is likely to have a very material effect in reducing the amount of new timber cut this season.

The danger of destruction of timber on the market is small, and it will be just as good for another year's cutting as for this year and worth more money, perhaps.

A leading naval stores factor who was asked about the results of this year's work for the operators said that the majority of the operators had made some money, but that the business was a lot better than it was last year.

The prices have averaged fairly well throughout, he said, and while the receipts have not been as large as we were hoping for, the operators are satisfied as a rule, are in fairly good condition. The average turpentine farmer has made more money this year than the average cotton farmer or other agricultural producer.

When asked about the crop and the condition of the territory tributary to Savannah, the factor said: "You can't tell anything about what the crop is going to be. The crop this year was the largest ever produced. The crop next year may be still larger for all we know. The outlook for the territory is all stuff. The men now in the business will all be gray-bearded, and most of them will be dead and gone before the territory really begins to show signs of decay."

The new territory opened up every year, with the extension of operations and the bringing in of territory which has been held out will make up for what is exhausted each year.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

They Have Proved a Success in South Carolina. Why Not Try Them in Wilmington? The STAR has not given up all hope of seeing the experiment of artesian wells thoroughly tried in Wilmington.

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FIRES IN NEWBERN.

J. W. Stewart's Residence and Congdon's Dry Kin Nearly Destroyed—Gov. Carr and Party Returned to Raleigh. [Special Star Telegram.] NEWBERN, December 14.—The elegant residence of Mr. J. W. Stewart was partially consumed by fire at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The loss is very heavy on account of water and the excitement in efforts to remove furniture and children. David Rumley and Lloyd Hollingworth first saw the fire and it is their prompt action that the whole block was saved. The Atlantic Engine Company did splendidly.

Congdon's dry kin was nearly consumed by fire at 8 o'clock and much valuable lumber burned. Governor Carr and party returned to Raleigh this morning.

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DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

Mr. George Cronenberg is No More—The Accident Was Fatal. The subject of the following notice, which is from the Columbia State of yesterday, was a brother of Mr. H. Cronenberg, the well known photographer of this city. The State says: The State yesterday mentioned briefly the accident on the Norfolk & Western road, whereby Mr. George Cronenberg, formerly of this city, had been seriously injured. His brother arrived at the scene of the accident and found that the young man had just died of his injuries. Those who knew him will hear of his death with sincere regret. He was a kind and noble-hearted young fellow and none knew him but to like him. At the time of his death he was the road foreman of the Norfolk & Western. Several years ago when stationed at Florence he was nearly killed by a young lady of that city, who died some time ago, leaving a young child. They are provided for by insurance carried by their father on his life. The remains passed through Columbia yesterday en route to Florence to be interred by those of the late wife of the deceased. Members of his family accompanied them to their last resting place. Gen. Miles had a busy day inspecting the artillery school and post at Fort Monroe. He complimented Col. Frank, commander, on the thorough course of instruction and excellent results obtained by the school.