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ABSTRACT TARIFF PROBLEMS.

The Sun has recorded recently two instances in which United States customs collectors have displayed almost supernatural wisdom in interpreting the tariff law of this glorious Republic.

"Wild Animals" was the classification under which a bushel of snails imported from Italy by a Louisville fruit dealer had to pay duty in the Custom House here.

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The Monroe Enquirer is in favor of applying the lash to young thieves. It says "one good whipping is worth a whole year in reformatory."

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Clark Howell has come out for Gorman for President. How is Clark getting along with that vice-presidential bee which has been buzzing of late in the Constitution office?

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It cost the defenders of the cup \$600,000 to defeat the Shamrock, it is said.

Fayetteville's Mail Delivery. Fayetteville Observer, 11th: The promised inspector having arrived, work began to-day on the enlargement of the postoffice building.

Vol. XXXIV. Annual rental of \$400 with a premium of \$400,000, an increase in the premium of 25 per cent. at the beginning of every term of 100 years being provided for.

In other words, the demand made by the Colombian Congress is for a sum of money and rental just double that for which the Hay-Herran treaty provides.

There is no probability, of course, that President Marroquin will be able to negotiate a treaty containing such provisions. There are intelligent men in the Colombian Congress, and they ought to know that the limits of the sum which the United States are willing to pay for canal concessions is stated in the Hay-Herran treaty.

It may be that President Marroquin will be given power to exercise his judgment as to the amount of money Colombia will accept for the concessions. It is a matter of no consequence whether he will or not, unless he is given authority to accept the terms of the Hay-Herran treaty, because it is practically certain that our Congress will not agree to the payment of more money than that treaty calls for.

The New York Herald wants to know what the President is waiting for; why he doesn't proceed with negotiations for constructing the canal on the Nicaragua route. Our understanding is that the time which Colombia has for ratifying the treaty does not expire until Sept. 22. That being the case, it is not probable that the President will take steps for the adoption of the Nicaragua route until after that time.

Dr. Dewey has written to the Sun a letter about his alleged expression of a wish for the battering down of poor old Beirut. The incident has added to the gayety of nations," he writes, "and I am quite willing to be the sacrificial instrument for such enjoyment. Now, however, that it is closed, I rise to remark that I never said anything of the kind."

Washington Post: With a record of 50,000 killed, 150,000 in hiding, and several hundred villages burned by the Turks, the Bulgarians are almost up to the point of losing their temper and declaring war.

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Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, is also for the reaffirmation of the Kansas City and Chicago platforms. Those platforms are badly decayed, Senator, and therefore dangerous to stand upon.

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CARNIVAL THIS FALL.

Junior Order of United American Mechanics Are Debating the Question.

Enterprising Lodges Preparing to Give Elaborate Entertainment of Some Character and Street Fair Idea is Reasonably Popular.

COMMITEES BEING NAMED. The committee on the question of giving another street fair here or something of a less pretentious nature in the way of a bazaar or one night entertainment, an elaborate and highly enjoyable character some time in the near future.

A Carnival this Fall! Once again the voice of the squeal may be heard in the land and the battle of confetti may rage with its old-time fury along the streets of Wilmington's carnival town.

George Washington Council has taken the initiative in the carnival or bazaar idea and Friday night appointed a committee to confer with another to be appointed this week by Jeff Davis Council. The joint committee will hold a conference as soon as practicable and decide whether to give a carnival or bazaar, many deeming the latter named to be perhaps the safest and almost equally as profitable.

Ownership of a Child. Preston Curtis, colored, of Fayetteville, was committed to jail by Constable Savage Saturday upon the charge of having drawn a knife on Wm. H. Howe, a well known colored stevedore of this city.

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Rockingham Anglo-Saxon: Dr. J. H. Williamson, of Wolfe Pitt township, relates how, after living for, well, we won't say how many years—without lightning rods on his house, he at last decided to have some put up.

PROGRESS OF SOUTHERN PORTS.

Gradual Shift of Exports to South Atlantic Coast Ports—Wilmington. The Charlotte Observer of yesterday says editorially: "The growing importance of Southern ports is strikingly displayed by export figures, these showing a reduction in the value of goods shipped through North Atlantic cities and an increase in those going out from ports further South.

BEFORE CORPORATION COMMISSION. Matter of Freight Transfer at Proctorville. Two Companies Chartered. [Special Star Telegram.]

MAJ. CHAS. M. STEDMAN'S CANDIDACY. Solicitor Brooks, His Manager, Says That the Prospects Are Bright. "Mr. Aubrey L. Brooks, of Greensboro, solicitor of the Fifth District, and the manager of the gubernatorial nomination campaign of Major C. M. Stedman, who has been in Raleigh this week," says the Raleigh News and Observer, "speaks most enthusiastically and confidently of his expectation of seeing Mr. Stedman nominated by the Democracy of North Carolina for Governor."

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT. Well Known Business Man of Niagara Falls, S. D., Arrested on Serious Charge. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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TRIPLES, RUSSIAN, TRANS-CASPIAN. Sept. 12.—Seven persons were killed and twenty-seven wounded in an encounter between several thousand Armenians and the police and troops which occurred yesterday at an Armenian church near Elizabetpol.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

J. E. Arnold, of Long Town, has sold \$600 worth of tan bark, says the Elkin Times. The Aldermen of Raleigh have decided that officers of the city must pay their debts or lose their jobs.

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Storm in the Gulf. Northeast Gale With Low Pressure Falling at Tampa, Fla. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT. Man Killed at the State Fair Grounds in Milwaukee in a Five Mile Race Against Time. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

Excursion Train Wrecked. Three Persons Were Killed and a Number of Others Injured. By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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