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THE SISTER STATES.

Carolina and Virginia News Packed in Paragraphs.

Efforts and Energies, Incidents and Industries, Accidents and Achievements.

Hon. Wm. E. Russell has been inaugurated to succeed himself as Governor of Massachusetts.

Senator Vance has returned from the Holy Land and now fills his chair in the United States Senate.

The county commissioners of Bladen county have refused to grant license to sellers of the hellish drug.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Legislature for the reestablishment of the whipping post.

Dr. A. W. Miller, the distinguished Presbyterian divine of Charlotte, died at that place on Sunday afternoon last.

Senator Jno. W. Daniel, of Virginia, and Senator David B. Hill, of New York sit side by side in the U. S. Senate Chamber.

The sentence of DeWitt, the Charlotte colored burglar, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Dr. Sten H. Rogers, the ex-Assistant Physician of the N. C. Insane Asylum one of the parties who preferred charges against Dr. Eugene Grissom, died last week in Abilene, Tex., of pneumonia.

On Wednesday of Christmas week Mr. Morgan Long, a well-to-do farmer of Ashe county, died of pneumonia, and on the same evening his son, aged 17 years, died of grippe and a hurt received from a saw.

At least two thousand negroes have left the state in the past six days, and are being hired by hundreds by agents from both states.

The condition of ex-Governor Alfred M. Scales continues unchanged, except the gradual wasting away and inability to take solid food.

Opines, too, seem to have been unavailable to produce sleep.

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TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

The Appalling Result of an Explosion in a Mine.

Men, Women and Children Gathered at the Mouth of the Pit Crying for Their Loved Ones.

McALLISTER, ILL., Jan. 10.—An appalling disaster has just occurred at Mine Eleven, owned by Osage Coal and Mining company at Krebs, four and a half miles east of here, in which two hundred men were killed and many more wounded.

At the time of the explosion there were three hundred and fifty men in the shaft, most of whom were waiting for the cage to take them out.

The foot of the shaft is one mass of dead bodies. Eighty-five men came out by an old entry and forty-two were saved by the shaft.

Most of them were more or less buried or bruised. The day men had just changed off and reached the surface when a puff of smoke was seen to issue from the mouth of the shaft.

Immediately after this a terrific report followed which could be heard for some distance in the surrounding country.

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THE WORLD TRAVERSED.

National and Foreign News of Interest to Many.

What has Happened in the Old and New Worlds Since the News Last Greeted Its Readers.

The Rhedive of Egypt is dead. Appropriations for the World's Fair have reached \$30,000,000.

According to the showing of Mayor Grant, New York city has paid in interest on borrowed money \$14,000,000 since 1884.

The Maryland legislature was canvassed last week as to its choice for next President. Result: Governor, 52; Cleveland, 47; and Hill, 3.

On Thursday Senator Peffer introduced a bill providing for a loan by the National Government of \$100,000,000 to the people of Indiana.

The forces of Garza, the Mexican rebel leader, are being swollen by constant volunteering of other Mexicans. They will rendezvous at Monterey.

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OLD TIMES IN MOUNT AIRY.

Another Letter from One Who Lived Here Many Years Ago.

LOCK, KY., Jan. 10, 1892.

After considerable procrastination, I will continue my reminiscences of Mount Airy thirty-seven years ago.

Well, I quit of describing the young ladies that attended William O. Reed's school. To the best of my recollection, there were between 12 and 15, one of whom married either in school or soon after.

She was from Virginia, and was a beautiful and accomplished young lady, but not my favorite. I will say I had a favorite in that group. I do not say she was the fairest, richest or most refined, yet I had and felt an interest for her I felt for none of the others, simply for the reason that she always seemed to sympathize with me when I would make some awkward blunder.

I never saw her point her finger at me and giggle when I was called up to declaim and would be so bashful that my whole frame would shake as though I had an ague. I can never write or read of the noble women of North Carolina, but my mind is centered upon another, the dearest, to me, of all womankind, though she was not brought up in the surroundings of a city, nor in an affluent home, and could not dress according to modern style.

But she wore the old-time cap and round spectacles, and aprons of her own make. She knit my socks with her own fingers, seated by the broad fire-place, by the light of a tallow candle of her own make.

Her face was crossed with many a wrinkle; her shoulders were stooped with the burdens of a long life, yet how oh! how soft and gentle that hand when we were sick, and such a voice to soothe pain! There was no one that could fill up a room with so much peace, purity and light.

That one was my mother! Though many years have passed since she fell asleep in Jesus, yet I feel at times that gentle hand laid lightly upon my brow and hear her soft, earnest prayer to God in behalf of her wayward boy! She was born in Surry county and buried beneath its soil.

My father also lies in the same county, and those of my brothers and sisters that have died, except one, are likewise buried in Surry county, and those that are living are still there.

Then, Mr. Editor, are you surprised when I tell you that the YADKIN VALLEY NEWS is a welcome visitor to me? Please pardon the digression, and I will return to Mount Airy.

I told you in my last letter that I boys were under the assistant, Mr. Summers. Well, he was a nice, genteel young man, and took great pains in trying to advance his students. But all of us big boys had a kind of vindictive feeling toward him, simply because he was permitted the privilege of "gallaunting" the school girls and we were not. He could have one on each side, but we were forbidden by the school discipline to be "gallant" or have any correspondence whatever with the girls. We imagined ourselves as competent to take care of them as Mr. Summers, or Mr. anybody else, so far as that was concerned.

For this grievance we took spite out on Mr. Summers, and allowed no opportunity to pass without vexing him to the fullest extent of our wits. Well, he was not only a good educator, but also a good jumper. He challenged the school to jump against him. We were to mark our best jump, and when he came from dinner, with apparently little effort he would jump just a few inches over. After a while we gave it up. The school-house of Mount Airy then stood in the suburbs of town on an eminence and was surrounded by a most beautiful grove of young oaks, which not only made a beautiful play ground for us boys, but also a pleasant shade for the villagers' cows. Will, we put our heads together (when we found we could not beat our teacher at jumping) to play a trick on him.

So, one day we dug a pit in the ground, about a foot square and one or two feet deep. We filled the hole nearly full of the softest mud we could find, placed small and nearly rotten sticks over the top, then covered the sticks with dirt and made the place look very natural, making our mark a few inches behind the pit. Mr. Summers came up with his usual smile, viewed our jump, and, as usual, jumped! Into the pit he went and fell one of the hardest falls, perhaps, he ever got. He was the most besmeared man I ever saw, and we got half an hour more play time! Every one of us deserved a whipping.

G. J. HODGES.

IT SHOULD BE IN EVERY HOUSE.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with pneumonia after an attack of "St. Grippes," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good.

Robert Barber, of Cookport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try It. Free Trial Bottles at Taylor & Bauner's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

TARIFF REFORM!

It Must and Can be Democracy's Only Slogan.

SEND FREE SILVER TO THE REAR

New York, New Jersey and New England Congressmen Speak Out in Plain Language.

From the Atlanta Journal.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—The object of the democracy in entering the next presidential contest is to win.

Principle is better than success; but success in a single line of policy is better than failure in the scatter-gun process.

To win the presidential election, we must not only carry the states that we have been accustomed to carry but we must defeat the enemy in the doubtful states.

How can we do it? The answer comes from every democratic congressman from these states.

"Make tariff reform the issue."

I have put three questions to democratic representatives who reflect the sentiment of the party in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York:

1. "What should be the issues presented in the next democratic platform?"

2. "What prominence should be given to tariff reform?"

3. "What effect would the insertion of a free silver plank have in the doubtful states?"

Mr. Crosby, of Massachusetts: "Tariff reform should be, by all means, the paramount issue, and the most prominent features of the tariff reform should be towards giving free raw materials."

"It is not only best to ignore free silver; but we should declare for a sound currency and against free silver."

"If the party does this, we stand a good chance of carrying Massachusetts. To declare for free silver would not only lose Massachusetts but would lose every eastern and northern state, not excepting New Jersey. The south has not the selfish motive of the west and should be as much in favor of a second currency as the east."

Mr. Stephens, of Massachusetts: "Tariff reform should be the main issue in the next campaign. To give us free raw material is about the most important phase of tariff reform."

"To put a free silver plank in the next national democratic platform would cause us to lose Massachusetts and make all New England doubtful. To declare against free silver would help wonderfully throughout New England and change Massachusetts from republican to the doubtful column."

Mr. O'Neil, of Massachusetts: "Make the issue on the tariff and nothing else."

"To put in free silver would lose New York. It is needless to say that it would lose all New England."

"Say nothing about free silver, and we can carry even Massachusetts and win the election beyond a doubt."

Mr. Coullidge, of Massachusetts: "The fight should be made on the tariff."

"Insert a free silver plank and we would lose every New England state. Omit free silver and we will carry Massachusetts and every other doubtful New England and northern state."

"Why, on a free silver platform, only one democratic congressman from Massachusetts could be re-elected—O'Neil, whose district is democratic two to one."

Mr. Wilcox, of Connecticut: "Tariff reform and economy should be the issues. Cut down taxes and cut down expenses."

"Don't mention free silver. On that the party is divided. To put it in the platform would make Connecticut doubtful. Leave it out and we will carry Connecticut beyond question and stand a big chance of carrying all the doubtful states. Connecticut is strong for tariff reform, and the sentiment is growing everywhere."

"To pass a free silver bill would diminish the circulating medium, for it would put gold at a premium and take more gold out of circulation than it would put silver in circulation. The farming people would not be for free silver if they understood the question."

"If the present house passes a free coinage bill, it will either be defeated in the senate or vetoed by the president. Then the republicans will claim the credit of stopping the devilment that the demo-

crats have tried