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To EACH and all our readers we extend the greetings of the happy Christmas season, and wish them all a Merry Christmas!

A RAILROAD Commission should by all means be appointed at the approaching session of our Legislature. We regard it as the most important measure that will engage the attention of that body. The main argument urged against the creation of such a commission is that the charters of the most important railroad companies prohibit any interference by the State as to their rates and charges, and that such a commission could accomplish but little good. Still we would like to see the matter tested. There is a case pending now in the Supreme Court of the United States, in which a decision will be rendered this winter, that will determine the constitutionality of the attempt to interfere with such charters. If the States cannot thus protect its people against the extortions and unjust discriminations of these railroad companies, then indeed are we in a pitiable condition. Protection and allegiance are the reciprocal duties of a state and its citizens, and both are equally bound to perform these duties. We shall not attempt a constitutional argument as to the right of any legislature to regulate the rates and charges of all railroad companies chartered by a previous Legislature, but it would seem very strange if the creature can be greater than its creator. Railroad corporations are chartered at the public expense. Legislatures time and again have taxed the people of North Carolina and appropriated the public funds to aid these very railroad companies in constructing their roads, which charge our own citizens higher rates than the citizens of other States! Have we not the right then not merely to complain, but to demand protection? It certainly does seem rather hard that railroads that have been chartered by and at the public expense for the taxes of the people of North Carolina should be operated to the detriment and in the interests of cities in other States.

We have recently been informed of the unjust discriminations made against the citizens and towns of North Carolina. A merchant of this town recently ordered a lot of apples and chestnuts from another merchant in the town of Hickory, and on their arrival the freight was more than half the price of the articles. The apples cost $1 a bushel at Hickory and the railroad companies charged 60 cents a bushel for transporting them. Of course no more apples will be ordered from Hickory, for they can be brought much cheaper from Baltimore, and thus it is our North Carolina products cannot compete with the products of other States, and are cut off from market by the very railroads that were built chiefly with the taxes of North Carolina citizens!

Is it not time then that our Legislature was at least making the attempt to protect our people?

THE CHRISTMAS season will soon be here with all its festivity, its merriment, its open heartedness and also its sad recollections. That man must be less than human, whose heart is not softened at the approach of Christmas, and whose feelings are not warmed with the glow of our common humanity as heart goes out to hears. There is a mild and subduing something connected with Christmas that draws closer the bond that unites a man to his fellow men, and makes us realize "that all the world's akin." It is the season for happy family reunions, than which there is nothing more delightful. It is the time when the children are ecstatic with the visits of old "Santa Claus" loaded with his presents innumerable; it is the season when the old recall the pleasant memories of the past and are filled with a sweet content with the present; and it is the season when petty jealousies, unkind feelings, and past animosities give way to good will, generous impulses and all the better feelings that ennoble our humanity. What a life we would lead without the annual recurrence of Christmas! Let us, one and all, endeavor to carry with us through all the days of every year those pleasant, kindly feelings that are awakened in our breasts on the natal day of the Prince of Peace!

RAGSDALE will undoubtedly be re-elected if the utterances of the State press are any indication of the sentiments of the people. With remarkable unanimity the newspapers of not only North Carolina but of the country generally favor his re-election, and we doubt not they express the feelings of the members elect of our Legislature.

THE MIDLAND Company have refused to surrender possession of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad, which was leased to them in June, 1881, and which lease has been declared forfeited. Protracted litigation will be the result, which will benefit nobody but the lawyers engaged therein. Since the Midland Company have had possession of the road the towns and the country along its line have greatly prospered, for their management of it has been much more beneficial to the public than it was when under the control of its former managers. Then it was run as a political machine, as is alleged and generally believed in the interests of a favored class, but under the Midland management it has been run on strict business principles. In the language of the local editor of the Newberne Journal we would ask "What more is there in taking that road from hands who were making more money for the stockholders than any local management has ever done?"

Our Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11, 1882.

The agitation of civil service reform is kept up in this city the year round, but the Washington correspondents generally pay little attention to it during the long session of Congress, when the politicians are here to look after the interests of their constituents, and to endeavor to influence legislation in particular ways that is to the way in which the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people can be accomplished. The whiskey interest wants a reduction of tax, but they want an extension of the time for holding spirits in bond a great deal more, while nothing short of a complete wiping out of the tax on tobacco will suit the representation of that interest. The temperance people will be perfectly willing to assist the workers and chewers in making their point, but they will elevate their eyebrows to the utmost in horror at the bare suggestion of voting a penny of tax off of tobacco. Then the manufacturers of oleomargarine butter—he knows what he wants and is not afraid to ask for it. Massachusetts only claims points, but he has got a big chunk enough for a mess of Scandinavians. Of course he will insist on George Gorham's election as Secretary. Gorham has been Mahone's Moses in the party and had the administration to take him from the wilderness to the promised land, where he could feed on flesh pots and fatten. Mahone is the party and held the administration to the extent that allows its appointees to assess and collect taxes in the most arbitrary manner. There is much opposition in the Republican ranks to Gorham, and a year ago he could not be elected Secretary because certain Senators of his own party declared they would not vote for him. He did more than any other one man in bringing about the resolution of things that made the murder of Garfield possible.

Nothing has occurred here to give a more gratifying evidence that the political breakers of our Government have at last fallen forever to sectionalism and subordinated party and personal prejudice to justice and patriotism, than does the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the suit of the Lee heirs to recover the Arlington estate, now a vast Union burying ground. The estate was sold by the Government during the war for non payment of taxes. Although the amount of the tax was tendered, the Tax Commissioners took the ground that they would not receive the amount from any one but the owner in person, and as the owner, General Lee, was in command in the Rebel army, he could not or would not appear. The Court now holds that the Commissioners had no right to impose any condition, that they were bound to accept payment of the taxes by whomsoever tendered, and that the sale of the property under these circumstances was a taking without compensation, from which the Constitution protects everybody not convicted of crime. Four of the Judges—Waite, Gray, Bradley and Wood—dissent, but their opinions have not yet been published. Of course the Lee heirs will not now obtain possession of the estate, and do not seek it, but they will have to get its value from Congress and a movement to that end has already been taken by Senator Edmunds.

Another thing being quietly discussed among Republican leaders is what is to be done with ex-Senator Sawyer, present Secretary of the National Committee and prospective Statesman-in-waiting. The head of the National Committee is to be hereafter seen, and it is said that if Dorsey shall not join her resignation he will be ignored and a successor elected. The committee would not have been assigned positions to the liberal extent it has if those most versed in politics were not becoming exceedingly cautious. PRESS.

A Romantic Chapter from Life.

Methodist Statistics.

State News.

Salisbury Watchman: Almost a tragedy is about supposed to Mr. J. K. Burke at his home in this city, Saturday night. While he and family were seated around the fire in their sitting room one of his daughters accidentally knocked a large [illegible] of kerosene oil from the mantel to the floor, [illegible] the oil ignited and [illegible] Mr. B. was in the act of [illegible] under the excitement of the moment [illegible] to extinguish the flames. The act was extinguished by Miss Lelly Burke, who had the presence of mind to snatch up something near at hand with which the blaze was smothered. Mr. B. and one of the girls were slightly burned. On Saturday, the 2d inst., Arthur Carr, aged eight years, was driving Mrs. Mary C. Forrow, of Duplin county, and her four children, and from one to the seats to the [illegible] of Sheriff T. J. Carr. The recent rain had washed out a hole in the Maxwell swamp, the buggy turned completely over and dropped them all into the water. Arthur's foot became entangled in the wheel of buggy. He soon loosed himself and saw the two children struggling down the creek, he caught them and placed them on the bank, then he took the third one out, and on returning to the second found it could only see the corner of the child's shawl; he took hold of it and brought the mother and infant to the surface and placed them on the bank; then running his horse to Sheriff Carr's for aid. The desired help came, but found the infant nearly frozen to death, and all the rest suffering very much as the day was cold indeed.

Two students of the Virginia Medical College were arrested one night last week in the act of robbing graves in a Richmond cemetery, and were committed to jail to abide imprisonment.

The Greensboro' people were badly sold. The pretended Duke of Newcastle, whom they so flattered and honored, turned out to be only a drummer, and Brother Hussey of the Patriot is now catching it on all sides.

The movement to secure a location for the World's Cotton Centennial and Universal Exposition is being put into practical shape by the city authorities and commercial bodies of New Orleans, who have appointed committees for a joint conference to meet to-day.

In answer to a request from Pittsburg Pa. the Secretary of the Treasury has decided that a Cumanan now residing in that city could not bring into this country under the Chinese restriction a wife that he intends to marry in China, though if he was already married and his wife was in China she could come.

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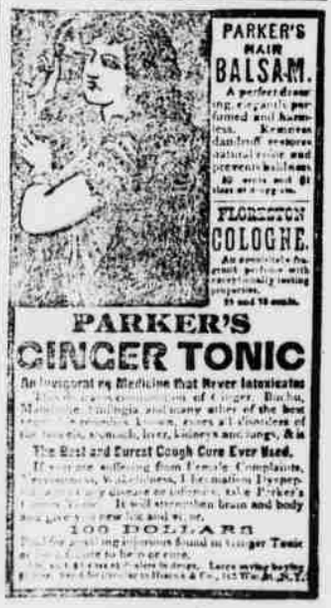
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