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A CRASH by the name of Walter H. Page has seen fit in one of his vagaries to defame the press and the people of North Carolina. Of course we will not undertake here to defend either the press or the people—they need no defense—but will expose the true inwardness of this young man's spleen. He is the son of a most excellent gentleman, A. F. Page, Esq., formerly of Cary but now residing at Bine's Crossing in Moore county, who sent him to Germany to complete his education, a few years ago. This proves to have been most unfortunate for our hero, just as it has been to so many young men who after their return from foreign parts have become "too big for their breeches". On his return to America he tried first one thing and then another, drifting from city to city, never tarrying long at any one place. Finally he conceived the brilliant and patriotic idea of revolutionizing his old State, of awakening her from her "Rip Van Winkle sleep", and reaching us all "a thing or two". With a flourish of trumpets and much ado he launched forth the State Chronicle at Raleigh, and a more pretentious sheet was never before issued. But somehow, or for some reason so soon abandoned his brilliant undertaking—as he had every other one—and, finding that his services were not duly appreciated, he shook off the dust of such a State and people from his feet and wended his way to America's metropolis, where he might commune with congenial spirits and his genius unfettered might soar aloft. From that city he has written many intonations to his old paper, The Chronicle in which he seems to take peculiar delight in slandering everything that pertains to the people who could not appreciate him while here. In one communication he goes for the press of the State with a vim, excepting from his denunciations only two papers by name—and by a strange coincidence those two very excellent journals happen to have him as their New York correspondent. Several months ago the Raven, and we presume many other papers in the State, received proposals to have him as a correspondent, which we did not accept. How much lacuna? Yes, this is the true inwardness of Mr. Page's attack on the State press—they declined to have him as a correspondent!

In his last communication he calls the leading man of North Carolina a set of "mummies", and accuses them in the severest terms. Well, we guess they can stand it if he can. But does it not show a quibbling fault? Does it not look like he was snouted and disappointed because the men of North Carolina failed to see him in the same light in which he beholds himself? Most people will think so.

We will conclude by simply saying, if such men as Vance, Ransom, Scales and the other leading men of North Carolina are "mummies" and Mr. Page is a tree man, then please give us some more "mummies".

THE FAILURE to establish the proposed industrial school at Raleigh by the State Board of Agriculture has been much criticized, and quite a newspaper controversy has been carried on. The action of the Board has been defended by Hon. Kemp P. Battle, a member thereof, in several communications to the Raleigh papers, which appear to us as conclusive of the question in controversy, and we must confess that it is with much regret that we feel forced to make this admission. We have heartily favored the establishment of the proposed industrial school from the inception of the project, and had hoped that the movement would be crowned with success at an early day, and yet we cannot condemn the Board of Agriculture for its action in the matter. When two such leaders headed and conscientious gentlemen as Gov. Scales and Dr. Battle act together so cordially and so earnestly, we could not condemn their action without at least giving them a fair hearing; and now that Dr. Battle has published his reasons we think their action does not deserve condemnation. And, as a friend to the project, the Raleigh would most respectfully suggest to those who so severely criticize these distinguished gentlemen that they are not thereby winning friends for the industrial school.

THE RIOT in the city of London and the outbreak against the Chinese in Washington Territory, accounts of which are published in another column, are sad illustrations of mob violence, and should satisfy all good citizens that there is no safety where mob law exists.

Gen. Hayes died very suddenly, at New York, on last Tuesday afternoon. His death will be longed with profound sorrow throughout the United States. He was one of the greatest generals in the Union army during the late war, and, as a brave man, ceased fighting the Southern people when the war was over. As the democratic candidate for President in '88 he received the support of the "solid South"—a sectional vote of every State whose people had for four years valiantly fought peace to his ashes.

The sixers have passed a bill to divide the Territories of Dakota and admit one-half of it,即 the State into the Federal union. The bill provides the Territory on the line of the forty-six parallel of latitude provides for the admission of the said territory as a State under the name of "Dakota". The bill provides that the remaining portion into a separate Territory under the name of "Michigan". Of course the object of the republican Senators in passing this bill is to increase his majority by obtaining the two Senators to be compromised State, but they will be compromised as the House of Representatives are not passing it.

A brief in London.

London, Feb. 8.—At seven o'clock this evening all three parts of the city in the middle of the National Gallery, Carlton Club and Reform Club, being so full of a noisy, excited audience, the police had already taken possession of the room intended for the Senate in regard to inform the members that no session was to be held. The public mind of the better part of the country is going so far as to say there is no real issue. One of them said, "I wish some one would disclose the public mind of the better part of the country that there is going to be any fight between the President and the Senate." There can be no entire victory for the President unless he refuses the information we seek, that is, to prevent the explosion of the Chinese dynamite. At the end of the session he can reappoint his men, or appoint another team that is all.

A few Senator Edmunds, who has been one of the leaders of this demagogic attack against the Administration, in a hurry called for a truce to be put to the proceedings. It was well known that the Riddderberger resolution presented by the Chair to the Senate in regard to inform the members that no session was to be held, the public mind of the better part of the country is going so far as to say there is no real issue. One of them said, "I wish some one would disclose the public mind of the better part of the country that there is going to be any fight between the President and the Senate." There can be no entire victory for the President unless he refuses the information we seek, that is, to prevent the explosion of the Chinese dynamite. At the end of the session he can reappoint his men, or appoint another team that is all.

Mr. Ridderberger is the republican representative from Va. He is still not in making eccentric propositions to the Senate, and something hard and sultry always expectant. But on this occasion he was sufficiently sober to refuse to be beaten. Merely ranged from zero to 8 degrees below.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—After sitting on the job by the Home Guards and the crowd had dispersed, the Chinese continued on their way to Chinatown escorted by the troops. Demands of the Home Guards were heard on all sides, and prominent citizens belonging to the organization were threatened with hanging by the mob. At last warrants were sworn out in the Police Court charging five of the Home Guards with aiding with intent to kill. A constable attempted to serve the warrants, but Judge Gossom denied that the guards were officers of his Court, and that he did not have them arrested, and before the warrants were served, however, they were determined to be hung. The guard was kept running all night to prevent the closing of the ranks. At St. Louis the courts and schools were suspended, and many persons had their hands and feet frozen.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 5.—All trains were delayed today. There were heavy drifts along the line. Merely ranged from zero to 8 degrees below.

Lake City, Pa., Feb. 5.—This is the most terrible storm known here in fact a century. The mercury dropped to 10 degrees below zero. Trains were blocked on all lines. At Norristown several trains were immobilized in the snow. On the Schuylkill valley line a locomotive was kept running all night to prevent the closing of the ranks. At Springfield the courts and schools were suspended, and many persons had their hands and feet frozen.

Baltimore, Feb. 5.—At 7 a.m. the mercury stood 2 degrees below zero, a temperature for this latitude the weather is moderate now. The weather is moderating now. Trains are still delayed.

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