

CHRISTMAS has come again, and all Christendom rejoices. The very mention of the word "Christmas" always excites pleasurable emotions in the breast of every one.

In what way, dear reader, do you enjoy Christmas? To each and all of its readers the Record extends the greetings of this joyous season, and wishes for them all "A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

THE INTER STATE Immigration Convention, that met at Asheville last week, was literally "snowed under". That city had been extensively advertised as a delightful winter resort, and probably was selected as the place for the convention to meet.

Fourteen States were represented, but the North Carolina delegates did most of the talking, a few of them thinking it their duty to do all the talking. Committees were appointed to carry out the purposes of the convention, and a resolution was adopted requesting the Legislature of every Southern State to appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of having a valuable exhibit at the World's Fair, to be held at Chicago.

TANNERS celebrated last of thirty days has been surpassed by Sweeney's last of forty five days. On the 5th of November an Italian crank in the city of New York, named Sweeney, began a fast of forty five days which he successfully ended on last Saturday night.

What was his object? Notoriety and money. Of the former he is getting a full share, as all the papers contain notices of his extraordinary fast and many of them have pictures of him. And of the latter (money) he is likely to get a plenty, as he is to receive \$1,200 for exhibiting himself this week in a dime museum.

VANCE will probably be re-elected to the Senate without any opposition. This announcement will add greatly to the full enjoyment of this merry Christmas times by many of his admirers. In the Progressive Farmer of this week appears an editorial, headed "Settled," stating that the correspondence between Vance and President Elias Carr "should, and we doubt not, will, ally all opposition to his re-election to the Senate."

The Force bill is still being discussed in the United States Senate. Many able speeches have been made by the Democratic Senators in opposition to it, and thus far only one Republican has spoken against it, and he was Senator Stewart, of Nevada. He made a manly and strong speech, in which he gave some cogent reasons why the bill should not pass.

Senator Vance made a very able speech last week, which we wish could be read by all his constituents whom he represents so faithfully and defends so courageously. In eloquent language he ridiculed the idea of the Republican party desiring the purity of elections, and in words of burning indignation recalled the experience of the South when controlled by that party.

The object, then, of the bill is to restore purity of elections. I presume some one will doubt that this is desirable, nay, that it is indispensable, in the manner in which the Senate and his associates propose to bring about this purity, it is war strikes one with wonder, coming from that source it may be well spoken of as the joke of the times.

Let us take this method for a moment and see what it would do to the Republican party, as represented by the supporters of this bill. We should find it is no more party which can guarantee construction. By the construction, it will be recognized, one-fifth of the voters of every State was suppressed by law.

The Republican party took full charge of these and their devices. Hearing and in support of their leaders stood the army of the United States and all the moral power of the Government then under the control of the great party who would restore to the party and freedom of elections.

The carnival of corruption and fraud, the tramping down of decency, the robbing of the sweatshop of the traditions of a proud people, the class of hell on earth which took place then, beggars the descriptive powers of plain history, and can only be portrayed by the genius of poetry. But neither Milton nor Dante's Inferno, and no modern poet has given evidence of a genius equal to the task, even when to his natural gifts are added the honors of nightmare.

The bill is not intended to preserve purity in elections. It is not intended to defend the Constitution of the United States against those who would substitute "processes of fraud, intimidation, and bribery" for honest elections. It is intended to restore, if possible, the Republican party and restore its hold upon power. To do this it is framed for the taking possession of all the election machinery in the Democratic States of this Union, so that the frauds may be committed by its own agents and inure to its own benefit.

intelligence and property of the South to the control of ignorance and poverty is not a new one. It has been tried. To the small man who really desires the welfare of his country the experiment resulted in a failure so disastrous that he would never desire to see it repeated.

It seemed at one time as though civilization itself would perish, but the very excesses of the men who were in control proved the means of their downfall. Exposure to the light of day enabled the oppressed citizens to estimate and overthrow them. The people rose and made a desperate effort to recover their lost heritage.

In this great struggle to escape negro rule and restore our State governments to the control of those who made them, and whose ancestors had established their principles in their blood, we had to be aided and the signals of Northern Democrats were everywhere. We had neither from you. You did not even stand by with indifference.

Republicans Against the Alliance. Some were too feeble-minded citizens of Franklin county, Ky., last week, against certain proposed bonds for allowing the Farmers Alliance the use of a certain piece of land.

Woman Attacked by Baroons. The House, N. Y. Dec 21. Mrs. M. J. P. of Franklin, Ky., a woman, was attacked early yesterday morning by a large number of baroons who were engaged in a strike.

Convict Camps in Georgia. Atlanta, Ga., Dec 22. The Georgia Legislature has passed a bill to provide for the establishment of convict camps in that State.

Opposing Senator Inquills. Kansas City, Mo., Dec 22. A special from Wichita, Kansas, says a convention of representatives from the Farmers Alliance of the Seventh Kansas Congressional district met here Saturday to take action upon the election of a senator to the United States Senate.

Twenty Miners Killed. Losos, Dec 20. A terrible accident occurred today in a mine at Sasnovice. A number of miners were leaving work, when the rope attached to the lift broke, precipitating the unfortunate men to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 100 feet.

Our Washington Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1890.

Senator Paddock who, like some of the other Republican Senators from the northwest, has a mind of his own as to how he shall vote, and who values the interests of his constituents above caucus decrees, gave Mr. Harrison a bad turn when that gentleman attempted to bulldoze the doughty Nebraskan into voting for the Force bill.

As a last resort to get the Republican Senators to line Mr. Harrison is said to have stated to several of them that he would consider the defeat of the Force bill an intimation that they did not wish him to be a candidate for a re-nomination in '92.

A Republican caucus has voted to change the rules of the Senate in order to pass the Force bill through. The programme is to debate the bill the rest of this week, then to take up the new silver bill approved by the same caucus, and pass it in its present condition.

The rumor is again current here, and generally believed to be true, that Mr. Harrison has fully made up his mind that Commissioner Raines is a heavier load than he cares to carry. He will ask for Raines' resignation, as soon as the House committee, which is pending to investigate the Pension office, makes its report, which will probably not be until after the holidays.

The House expects to vote on the substitute for the Senate subsidy shipping bill tomorrow. This substitute is a sort of a combination of the other two bills which has been suggested by the Republicans of the House.

Representative Wilson, of Washington, who took part in one of the notorious street matches on the floor of the House at the last session, was very near leaving another one with Representative Malloch of Maine, whom he accused of having turned down his honor, public buildings Spokane Falls.

Representative Mills has introduced a resolution providing for a recess from Dec. 22 to January 5 and it has been referred to the committee on Ways and Means to report the Sub Treasury bill not later than Monday, January 5 and fixing the following Monday for its consideration.

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While the appropriation bill, which passed this week, was under discussion in the House, the Democrats paid their respects to Secretary Noble Superintendent Porter and the Tailor's Census upon which the bill is based. If the census was a correct one which it was not, the bill would be as fair as could be expected.

A joint Congressional committee will undertake next week to make some of the gentlemen concerned tell something about the buying of American industries by foreign syndicates. They'd tell what they know it would be interesting.

Mr. Wagoner has succeeded in getting the House committee on Post-offices to report a resolution to the House setting aside January 1 for the consideration of the postal telegraph bill. He doesn't seem to be worrying any to get a one-cent letter postage bill through.

A number of striking miners in Alabama, who returned to work, have been fired on by party's men, and notices have been posted all about the mines, warning all striking miners not to return to work under penalty of death.

Many an otherwise handsome face is disfigured with pimples and blotches, caused by a humor in the blood, which may be thoroughly eradicated by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It is the safest blood-purifier in the market, being entirely free from arsenic or any deleterious drug.

Vance to be Re-Elected.

From the Progressive Farmer, 21st vol.

By reference to the correspondence between President Carr and Senator Vance, printed in another column, it will be seen that the Senator agrees to obey the instructions of the General Assembly, if it shall "unanimously" direct him to vote for the Sub Treasury "plan" of financial reform. It is now the duty of the people of North Carolina to meet in their several townships and indicate to their representatives in the General Assembly, their will as to whether Senator Vance shall be instructed to support the Sub Treasury "plan" or not.

This agreement of Senator Vance's to obey the instructions of the General Assembly in the matter of supporting the Sub Treasury "plan" should, and we doubt not, ally all opposition to his re-election to the Senate, which arose from his expressed opposition to the scheme of reform, to which the Alliance are committed. The Alliance have it in their power to secure for their returns the support of Vance by issuing instructions to him through the Legislature, and if they neglect to secure those instructions, that will not be the fault of Senator Vance.

The Progressive Farmer is delighted to know that a way to the composing of differences between Vance and the Alliance in North Carolina has been found, and it sees a splendid vista, lined with opportunity to make a careful and wise embodiment of Alliance principles in the phases of reform which will be brought before the next Congress. We see the way clear to the accomplishment of an end this paper has ever contended for, and we are content.

VANCE AND CARR'S LETTERS. November 20th, 1890. Hon. Z. B. VANCE, Black Mountain, Democratic county.

Dear Sir:—After carefully considering the political situation in our State, I deem it wise to write you and seek the following question: "If the Legislature instructs you to read and vote for the Sub Treasury bill of financial reform, will you carry out said instructions in good faith?" I hope that you will understand I do not refer in the slightest degree to your devotion to the people of North Carolina, but there are precedents where United States Senators have carried out instructions, and also precedents where they have disobeyed them. I trust that you will give me an answer at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully, ERIS CARR, PRESIDENT C. F. S. SENATOR VANCE'S LETTER. UNITED STATES SENATE, Washington, D. C. Dec. 6, 1890. Eris Carr, President N. C. Farmers' Alliance, Old Sparta, N. C.

Dear Sir:—In answer to your official communication of the 29th ult., which did not reach me until the 1st inst., I have to say that I recognize the old Democratic doctrine of the right of the people to instruct their representatives to the fullest extent to which it has ever been carried in North Carolina. I hold that the will of the people, clearly and unequivocally expressed, must be obeyed, and compliance would involve the representative in a moral wrong, in which case it would be his duty to resign and give place to a representative who would obey. Good faith in the observance of instructions and public progress are absolutely essential to a government based on the popular will.

Very respectfully yours, Z. B. VANCE. GAMBLING AND MURDER. WHEELING, W. Va., Dec 22.—Word has just been received of a terrible tragedy at Beamwell.

Saturday night several men were gambling and became involved in a quarrel. A man named Bedrick shot and fatally wounded five of his companions and was himself shot dead. A man took Bedrick's body, stood it up against a tree and riddled it with bullets.

A Mississippi grand jury has declined to bring in an indictment against a lawyer for killing a brother attorney who had improperly interfered in his marital relations; the jury say he acted in accordance with the sentiment of every honorable, brave, noble and virtuous man.

An eminent Presbyterian divine announced to his congregation in that he must take a vacation on account of bronchitis, the deacons raised his salary and gave him Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. He was cured. My daughter suffered greatly with neuralgia in the face and forehead and was unable to secure any relief. I saw Salvation Oil advertised, sent for a bottle, and one application gave entire relief. J. S. McCULLLEY, (Policeman) Residence 204 N. Bond St., Balto., Md.

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