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TAPPING! RAPPING!! THERE'S KNOCKING AT THE GATE. "Perched and Sat and Nothing More."

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Just after the killing of Duncan in that matchless play of Shake-speare, Lady Mackbeth, who before has had the access and passage of remorse stopped' begins to have "compunctious visitings of nature." The fiendish character departs. Fear and anxiety sieze upon the mind. "The damned spot" will not out. All the perfumes will not sweeten that bloody hand. Thus recking with blood and her mind beset with terrors she hears "knocking at the

What is the knocking? The horror of the dark deed repeating itself in the soul, the conjuring of a bloody imagination full of "the deep damnation of his taking off." Peace has departed nevermore to return to own genius paints the scene. that troubled mind. The darkness that brings rest to the innocent comes to her lader with horrors. Noise is approaching danger and, silence is dreadful. Remorse rends the soul. It is in this condition that parition? The soul of the poet she, standing in the room, stained with the blood of the murdered king, imagines knocking at the gate. What a sound was that! How real! how awful to the guilty mind in the still night to hear that knockingknocking. And bear in mind that nothing was knocking. It was only the agitation of a soul upon which crime had set its seal, a soul tempest tossed with no heven of rest.

This is always the fate of guilt. It may escape the law, the censure and even the observation of men, but in every guilty soul there is an executioner whose vigilance suffers did not forget that there was a "pure no escape and whose punishment and beautiful soul." How pleasing surpasses all the tortures invented such a life! When it is done we by men. It is conscience the troubler of the waters and the god of them in memory and they continue the billows of the soul.

Men sometimes cause vice to take the place of virtue. When they deal out the rewards of the discriminations in favor of the deserving are not always very marked. Wrotig not always very marked. Wrong rewards that come of a pure, noble doers not only often escape punish and dutiful life, it is still well with els. Corruption stalks along the the great highways with confidence. EN speaks there is no confusion of judgement. The good, the true, the Another Democrat on the Third Party. pure then wear the crowns-the bad, the false, the corrupt are turned away.

It is the same principle, that dwells in the soul, justice, whose, verdict upon evil is remorse. He that hides a dark soul and foul though Benighted under the midday, sus, Himself is his own dwngeon.

Then how priceless is integrity! How smooth and calm are the waters upon which its bark glides along!-How sweet and pure the breezes which fan its sails. It is "the immediate jewel of the soul." The sweetest flowers bloom along the path of virtue.

The contrast is the chief personage in the late great tragedy enacted at Washington, which sent a thrill of horror through our nation, is striking and instructive. The dying President by the sea side with composure "heard the great waves breaking upon the farther shore and felt upon his already wasted brow the breath of the eternal morn. The wretched assassin, the foulest product of the age, alone, face to face, with the awful crime, in cowardly fear awaiting the grinding of the gods, drinking the cup of bitter woes, the shadows thickening around him, heard and still hears that dreadful

This mind torture is not confined hend my meaning. to the low and the base. Brutus. the "noblest Roman of them all," whose stab in Cosar's side was the

most unkindest cut of all"-was he quite at rest while still reek-The great English dramatist

portrays the meeting of the celebra-ted assassin and the spirit of his vic-tim in which the brave old Roman is suddenly overwhelmed with a sense of the enormity of his crime and he at once becomes a plebian and a coward. Alone, in his tent near Sardis with the darkness of night around, thus,

Bratus.—How ill this taper burns! Ha comes here!
I think it is the weakness of mine eyes, That shapes this monstrous appartition. It comes upon me.—Art thou anything? Art thou some god, some angel or some dev That nack st my blood cold and my had speak to me, what thou are

Standy Speak to me, what thou art, Chost of Cacsar,—Thy skill spirit, Brutus. Brutus;—Way Const Wou! Ghost:—To tell thee thou shalt see me at Phi

Does this inward trouble only come when blood has been shed The vulture eats into the soul of the wrong doer of every grade. It was the ghost of a wasted life, that haunted that wayward genius Edgar Allen Poe. With mind as luminous as the stars, he became a vagahond and an outcast. At least he was brought face to face with the dread accuser. His the lonely night time he hears tapping-rapping at his chamber door. In stalks a stately raven bird of evil omen from "night's Plutonian shore." Who can mis take the import of this appaling ap-

preying upon itself, and torture begins. It was this that, Perched upon a bust of Palas Just above my chamber door, Perched and sat and nothing m

. This was the fowl whose firey eyes now burned in his bosom

But this is shade. The picture of human life has many bright and beauteous colors. How sweet the truth, that life may be free from these terrors and sceptres! perfect illustration is the life of our lovely poet Longfellow! Emerson. his friend and contemporary whose memory age had dimmed, at the funeral forgot the poet's name, but he gather up thy beams and place to give us light, like

The spent shafts of the setting sun. That are gathered when the day is done And placed again in its golden quiver. Though all may not be able to run the smooth course of Longfellow and have in an equal degree the ment but frequently wear the laur- us when misfortunes befall if we can only say with the bereaved Cardinal Wolsey,

(Express Correspondence.)

EDITOR CENTRAL EXPRESS .- Sir: Will you be so kind as to allow space in your valuable columns for a few words in regard to the political sentiment of the prohibition, or third party in this the southern part of Chatham county. Many of us in this part of our county are highly in favor of W. T. Walker for our next Governor, owing to his temperance or prohibition principles; in other words we are strictly prohibitionists. Hence, I feel it my bounden duty to vote against him and do everything in my power to get others to do the same; feeling assured that there is no chance of his election, and, that every vote cast for him is a step in the right direction to set back the cause of prohibition at least five or ten years. Therefore, I am too loyal and too much interested in a cause so grand and of so much importance to do anything that would jeopardize or impede its progress. We are prohibitionists in deed and in truth, not merely because some one else advocates it or for the name, but for the good of the cause and the party. ned!

Consequently, I do not just yet propose to let imprudence and haste sound, that knocking-kneckingknocking. The agony may end
here but what then. Who can tell
what doom is in reserve for the

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have worked so hard. This may

Throne and came to attune our disthe field until the fourth of Novemwhat doom is in reserve for the worked so hard. In may receive the great realms where sound strange to some, though I cordant earth.

Justice reigns supreme? What, do not propose any explanation in still knocking? "What, will these regard to my views, believing that the most obtuse mind can appress to Revelation we the most obtuse mind can appress to Revelation we

Yours respectfully, T. M. Johnson, Osgood, N. C., Aug. 7th, 1888. THE GREATEST BOOK.

THE BIBLE.

A Biblical Address by one of Moore County's College Student's.

(Express Correspondence.) The product of the modern press

lmost defles estimate. In 1885 the Library of Congre cknowledged 8302 deposits schedul-

There are 15,000 periodicals in our own country alone.

ed as books

But of all books the Bible is the oreatest.

It was written within the space of ,000 years. The greatest intellects, aided by divine inspiration wrote this Book. It should be interesting to us because it is a history of the world-the dwelling place of us all and all of our ancestors.

Again it should interest us because it is a history of our own race from its first appearance till the death of Christ, and it contains prophecies about what is to befall us in the last days.

But it should especially interest us because it is a history of Christ. All books are written with purose and have a centre of attraction.

This book has the grandest centre of attraction of any ever yet published, for Christ as it were is the hero of this Book.

The Bible affords us the clearest nsight into that complex thing known as human nature.

It gives us a clear graphic account of creation, and of the flood which deluged the earth, the Jews also, God's own chosen people.

In portraying simple and affecting scenes it stands alone. For example the story of Mose

and of Ruth and of Mordecas. Its characters are for the most

part models of virtue, charity, morality and integrity. The faith of Abraham, the

Jaremiah and Esekiel.

ed with a simple grandeur which we look in vain for elsewhere.

The works of Shakespeare "are

ittributed to Shakespeare.

Shakespeare.

In the Temple, by the Jordan, at Bethlehem, all over Palestine and all over Asia, in the Islands of the sea, in every land and beneath every sky has this blessed Book been read. our thoughts.

How tender and touching are all

of its words of hope and comfort. We are wanderers from God. The Bible is a letter written from

Tod to us.

When first the world was formed and fashioned in the most perfect manner, it stood forth the ideal

and an ideal man.

stars rolled on in their proper spheres in perfect harmony. In all the universe there was no discord. When suddenly there is a jar,

discord. What is the matter?

Our world is wrong!! Had sin-You know when any musical instrument is out of tune instead making harmony it makes discord:

find the impress of Christ on every

All the old testament tells of him and prefaces his coming.

The new testament tells of him while he was on earth.

Aside from its divine inspiration and the plan of salvation, the Bible

interests us as a mere boook.

Do you wish for narrative.

Where can you find better than in

Do you desire stories of thrilling adventure and hair-breadth escapes These can be found here.

Do you desire, an estal beautiful liseourse? Within this Book you

can find that which is simple and as smooth as the crystal brook Do you desire philosophical disourse? Bible which no giant minds, no tions; towering intellects have ever yet

fathomed. Like the deep and mighty river placid bosom in beautiful repose rests a pure white flower, soft leaves sparkling with the silvery water, the Bible is a grand story, flowing on in its unbroken course, while here and the Republican party for Governor there is a beautiful story felling of Indiana and to give an honest some great truth.

Do you wish to learn music? In the Bible there are musical passages which have never been equalized.

In your imaginative thinking the

grand orchestras of David, the sweet singer of Israel and Solomon his son-we can almost feel the chards of our souls thrill with pleasure as declare: we listen to the grand strains filling the air with sweetest melody.

The Bible is suited to all the learned and ignorant—the la borer as well as king. All other books perish by the ruthless stroke books perish by the rational destroy. Read it and let it be your teacher and

You will find it an infallible ource of truth. It will be your safe guide arth, your solace and portion in the hour of death and your introduction into the everlasting palace of

D. M. M.

One of the Wilmington pers remarks that the Confederate veterans who marched down to Camp Pender to see the "boys' and pay their respects to the ience of Job, the sweet strains of Governor, tried to give the David, the unsurpassed wisdom of "rebel vell," but made a poor out at Solomon, the prophetic visions of it. The fact was due, not to any lack of physical vigor or enthusiasm, The simplicity for the most part but simply to the further fact that while we now pledge our votes and of the new testament is all portray- the hearts of the old soldiers were influence in opposition both to said Of the Democratic Senators whose almost too full to permit of any utterance whatsoever. Their reunion was a most affecting occasion, remaster-pieces. Men have spent their calling incidents made tender in the whole lives studying them. Vol-extreme by the lapse of time—sugumes have been written to prove gesting memories almost too sacred spirit of friendship towards the Kenna will be their own successor. that Shakespeare never wrote them to be referred to above a whisper. workingmen of Indiana that he shall It was a noteworthy incident that All however grant the universal when the veterans formed in line himself in an attitude of hostility to popularity of the works usually before the Governor, all the veteran their interest or lend himself to his soldiers on the reviewing stand, Con-But the Bible has been read in federate and Federal, for there was thousands of places and by thous- one Union veteran-Col. Woodruff, ands of people who never heard of as if moved by a common impulse, and bring upon his own head final went down without a word, though with a look into eachother's eves, locked arms in column and proceeded to the left of the veteran line, wanting in harmony. In Wake most of them in the brilliant uni- county some of its nominees are It enlarges our views and elevates form of officers of the State threatening to retire from their can-Guard, and took their places along- didacy, Rumors says that not all side their brethren who had indeed the nominees in Rockingham will smelt powder. Strong men wept and accept. There never was a more unthe eyes of more were not without wise political movement in the State. moisture when these old heroes met The folly of the project will be seen How we should delight to read to fight their battles o'er again. ere long by many. There are oththis letter written to us from our The suggestions of the occasion ers, however, who will not see it unwere touching in the extreme. The til too late. "vets" did not "vell" loudly because their hearts were too full for them Man, the crowning glory of the world was placed in it—the perfect tears at the best. We are getting man. Thus we have an ideal world far away from the war now, and to do so. Their voices were full of time is hallowing every memory Then the sun, moon, world and connected with the time that tried men's souls, while the veterans of the Times' correspondence: the conflict are falling about us daily .- Raleigh News and Observer.

that Col. Waddell is surpassing himself by his speeches. He is delightenthusiasm. Few of our speakers tors.

Democrats: Free salt; Republicans: Free whiskey.

Indianapolis Workingmen Against Harrison.

(From Springfield Republican.)

A large and significant mass meeting of laboring men was held in Indianapolis last week, and it split on a proposition to urge ex-Governor Porter to accept the Republican nomination for Governor. About 150 ately following the expiration of the men went to the Governor's house. where nothing significant passed except an interchange of courtesy and compliment. The remainder, about There are depths in the 2,000, passed the following resolu-

Under a call from the political friends of Benjamin Harrison, pubflowing with undisturbed tranquili- lished in the daily papers of Indianty, while here and there upon its apolis for a mass meeting of loboring men for the purpose of considering the propriety of urging Hon. A. G. Portor to become the candidate of of Indiana, and to give an honest expression of their feelings upon that subject, now, therefore, we, a popular gathering of workingmen representing the several industries of the great city of Indianapolis. irrespective of party, here assembled,

> (1) We are unalterably opposed to the election of Benjamin Harrison to the Presidency of the United States, because his life and official record fully denominate that he is blindly wedded to the corporate powers of the country, and has no proper regard for the interests of labor.

> (2) That we are not to be longer deceived by a system of extortationate "war taxation," although denominated "protection," which demands tribute from the millions of wage workers for the benefit of wealthy trusts and combines. (3) That we demand cheaper nec

ssaries of life, a wider market for our products, and that the American home shall not be transformed into a grog-shop and our people debauched by cheap whiskey.

(4). That to become a candidate on the State Republican ticket is to adopt Benjamin Harrison's record and the platform on which he stands,

any person who shall espouse him. Therefore be it resolved, that we personal enemies, who would thus Kee?' use him in an hour of dire extremihumiliation and defeat.

The third party is reported to be

THE visit of Mr. Augustin Daly's company to Stratford-on-Avon was the most interesting event of last week in the English dramatic world. An instructive incident is the one reported in the following paragraph of

bert asked: "What do you think of All the reports which have reached us, whether public or private, say "Weel, ma'am," said he, slowly suspending his work, "there be people be the same,

The name of Mr. Daily has been enrolled along with those of Mary

laths and free shingles.

A MARCH SESSION OF THE SENATE. The Next Senate Bids Fair to Be REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- In accordance with the usual custom, the Senate will be convened in special session early next March, immedipresent Congress. No matter how the Presidential election may resultthis special session will be necessary. Should President Cleveland be reelected his Cabinet must be reappointed and should General Harrison win, the Senate will be called together to assist him in organizing his administration. If the Republicans elect their presidential ticket they will almost certinly control the Sen-

Democratic

At all events, the next Senate will be very nearly equally divided politically. The terms of twenty-six Senators-thirteen Democrats and thirteen Republicans -will expire on the 3d of next March. Of the out-going Democrats eleven are from Southern States, one from Deleware, a State as reliably Democratic as any in the Sonth, and one from New Jersey. The latter is the only State that can be considered doubtful in the list that must choose successors to Dem-

ate: if they lose the presidential elec-

tion they are likely to lose the Sen-

Already the Democrats have gained one Senator from the Republicans.

'They have chosen Mr. Barbour to succeed Mr. Riddlberger from Virginia. Therefore, unless some unexpected and remarkable political revolution should occur within the South betweet now and November, the Democrats are sure to hold their own in the next Senate. If they re tain New Jersey, they will divide the Senate equally with the Republicans, assuming that the latter suffer no further losses; and the political status of the State to choose successors to outgoing Republicans makes it quite certain that they will remain faithful to present party affiliations, as the Southern States are to remain Democratic.

If, then, New Jersey elects a Democratic Legislature, the political control of the next Senate will probably depend upon the casting vote of the terms are now drawing to a close, Messrs. Beck (Ky.), Gibson (La.) and Walthall (Miss.) have been re-

"Me Likee Hallison."

"Do you like the Republican party,

"Yeh. Me publican." "And are you a sinner, too?" in-

quired the scribe. But the joke was ost. Kee merely grunted and said, 'Me no sabee.' "Don't you like the Democartic

party, too, Kee?" "No. Dlemelats no good."

"Why not?" "Dlemclat Plesident no likee Chinaman. Publican Plesident. Halli-

son, he likee Chinaman." "Where did you hear that?" "Publicans telle me."

"Why do you like Harrison?" "Me likee Hallison' cause Hallison kee me. Hallison go to Clongless. He say, 'Let Chinaman come to Mel-

"Who told you that?" "Publican. He my fiend. He tell me bout Hallison and Mahton. He say Melican man no likee too

"Don't you like President Cleveand?

"No, me likee Clevelan'. He glodlam Dlemclat. He no good. all about nowadays as is denying say, 'Damnee Chinaman, they no ing the people and awakening great their Saviour, and I think they must good. Me no letee Chinaman come to Melica. They workee too cheap." "Wouldn't you vote for Cleveland if you got a chance?"

Democrats: Give the builders free laths and free shingles.

Republicans: Give the builders free whiskey.

Samee Mencan men. Chinaman yen for New York, being for Hallison and flire off flireclackers for Hallison. Chinaman no yell for Springfield, Worcester and Hartford, Cleveland. He no good.—Cleveland and will accompany them to New York.

FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE.

Difference Between the two Parties.

Democrts: We propose free lum-Republicans: Free whiskey.

Democrats: We propose copper be Republicans: Free whiskey.

Democrats: We propose to reduce the tax on steel rails from \$17 to-\$11 per ton.

Republicans: We favor the entire epeal of the internal revenue laws rather than surrender any part of our protective system.

Democrats: We propose to reduce the tax on 8 yards of fine gingham. rom 46 to 40 cents.

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Democrats: We propose to cut down the tax on a dollar's worth of starch from 82c to 41c. Republicans: We favor the entire epeal of the internal revenue laws

our protective system. Democrats: We propose to reduce the tax on horse shoes from 76 percent. to 43 per cent.
Republicans: We favor the entire

rather than surrender any part of

epeal of the internal revenue laws rather than surrender any part of our protective system.

Democrats: We propose to reduce the tax on ten dolars' worth of pottery from \$5.80 to 4.00. Republicans: We favor the entire repeal of the internal revenue laws rather than surrender any part of

our protective system. Democrats: We propose to abolsh the duty of 35 per cent. on con-

Republicans: We favor the en-gire repeal of the Internal Revenue laws rather than surrender any part of our protective system.

Democrats: We propose in behalf of cheap paints to reduce the tax on flax seed from 55 per cent. to 22 per cent. Republicans: We favor the entire

epeal of the Internal Revenue laws rather than surrender any part of our protective system. Democrats: We propose to take

off the tax of 25 per cent. on curled hair for mattresses.
Republicans: We favor the entire epeal of the Internal Revenue laws

rather than surrender any part of our protective system. Democrats: We propose to revise the tariff, reduce the taxes on me-

cessaries of life, and make wool, salt and lumber free. Republicans: We favor the entire repeal of the Internal Revenue laws

rather than surrender any purt of our protective system. Home Revolt Aggainst Harrison.

(Fansville Ind. Rulletin, Rep.)

Evansville is the first commercial and manufacturing city of the great State of Indiana, the State which is the home of the Honorable Benjamin Harrison, Republican nominee for the Presidency of the United States. Yet, in this city of such vast importance, the Republicans,

with very, very few exceptions, are utterly disgusted at the action of the Chicago Convention. Every man in this community knows that the Bulletin is as true to Republican principles as it is possible for any paper in the world to be. Those principles, we love and honor and hope to see prevail, not-withstanding the fact that the Republican candidate for the Presidenica. Chinaman velly good. Me let cy, has proved himself, by his rec-ord on the Chinese question, to be an enemy to American labor and opposed to liberal views by his fanaticism on the temperance question. On all hands and among all the Times' correspondence:

In the course of a conversation with the venerable guide Mrs. Gilwith the venerable guide Mrs. Gilman eats rats and smokee opium, but

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In the course of a conversation with the venerable guide Mrs. Gilman eats rats and smokee opium, but publicans all over the Union to understand, once for all, that Evans-ville, the first city of manufactur-ing importance in Harrison's own State, has no earthly use for him He and will not give him its support.

Throne and came to attune our distance of a structure of November 1 the field until the fourth of November 2 the field until the