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The Extravagance of Having a Navy.

No one who has watched the course of events in connection with our efforts to establish a navy can help being struck with the enormous expense that is attaching to that branch of our service; the last wrinkle is for nickle-plated armor; why not gold and done with it?—an expense over and beyond anything predicted even by those not friendly to the building of a fleet. There is hardly a party question in the matter. Mr. Cleveland's secretary of the navy has been warmly commended for starting what the present secretary of the same department is praised for carrying out; and the opposition to the expenditure of millions for war ships has been of a very slight character.

But we are not a fighting nation. We stand, or should stand, for peace with all the world; for arbitration as a settlement for disputes rather than for fighting. This last is a relic of barbarism, hardly more commendable than the duel or the street brawl. Our true dignity as a nation should say that we do not even contemplate the possibility of any government declaring war on us. That philosopher, M. Quad, whose humor girdles the earth with smiles, once said that it would cost us some billions to establish a first rate navy; it would not cost us ten cents to mind our own business. And he was right. Moreover a great navy is a permanent inducement to interfere where we should not; a kind of chip on our shoulder and a standing invitation to "thread on the tail of me coat."

We have been led into these remarks by noting from time to time how the expenses of our little navy grows, and that so far it is accurate to say that we have blundered in almost every ship we have made. What else was to be expected? England, a war bully of the first class, is rudely told almost periodically by experts that her navy is useless. Only recently one of her best new war ship had to be ignominiously towed home, her coal supply giving out some days in advance of expectation, revealing a blunder that makes of an expenditure of some millions a wicked waste of tax-payers money. Several of our own best new ships fail to hold anything like the speed the test trials allotted to them. The Baltimore proves to be a tub so far as speed is concerned. And the voyage of the white squadron only revealed that in every port the Chicago, Boston, Yorktown and Atlanta are humbugs in size compared with the war ships of the first class naval powers.

No; we are in poor business when we try to get on to war footing; business that does not befit us; business that has little warrant in either morality or a proper regard for economy. Our assurance of safety lies in our isolation and in our refusal to mix in affairs that have no real concern to us. Is there any temptation to attack us to be found in the fact that even Chili has a navy far superior to us? Not the slightest. Our enormous resources and our ability to fight if compelled to are thoroughly well known. They form ample protection. Any minor power attacking us would do so knowingly at the risk of its life; and none of the great powers could spare from home a force sufficient to give us a moment's uneasiness.

Democrats should set their faces hard against entering on a series of expenditures that mean an enormous increase of taxation in one form or another and, after all, no navy worthy the name.

Where Are His Friends?

Northern newspapers ought to know that the states most sought in the south by northern men for investments are those forever safe from negro domination. Put that in your pipe and smoke it.—Wilmington Messenger.

Which reminds us. A relative of a secretary of war of one of the comparatively recent administrations visited Asheville two or three years ago and was so charmed with the city that he would have come here to live permanently but for one thing. He said: "I find I can't stand so large a propotion of negroes." Now this man was one of the early abolitionists, a native of Massachusetts, and a republican everlastingly. But, like most northern republicans, he learned from contact with the negro that his regard for him was something in the abstract. When it came to living in the same community with large numbers of the race that perpetuates the republican party he wasn't there.

THE case of Minister Mizner, who indirectly caused General Barrundin's death, gets no better very rapidly. A Washington telegram says it is known that additional reports have lately been received from Minister Mizner, which put a worse face on the whole transaction and would render the publication of the official correspondence all the more embarrassing for the state department.

CONGRESSMAN EWART was home on Sunday last. Barring a severe cold and hoarseness, he was in fine health and spirits.—Hendersonville Times.

Mr. Ewart realizes by this time that if he is to meet Crawford even a cold is more of a set-back than he dares to risk.

IF A discussion of the relative merits of tower and pole lights is to be started in Asheville THE CITIZEN warns its readers to prepare for the worst. In other cities where a similar question has arisen entire communities have been rent in twain before the matter was settled. The fact is, there is much to be said for each system, and probably the most effective service would be secured by combining both of them. Where there are many trees the tower lights are least satisfactory, but for open spaces they have advantages the poles have not. An objection to the pole light, in our opinion, is the strong glare in the eyes and its failure to diffuse light equally over the area each pole is devoted to.

WASHINGTON dispatches say that Speaker Reed "is silent under the stinging blow dealt him by the president in the appointment of collector at Portland" It seems that it was Blaine's man who was appointed collector and that thus Reed is ignored. Well, the attempts of President Harrison to be as great a force in politics as Reed are amusing; but they are not effective.

WEST Asheville property is increasing in popular favor, judging by the Heck-Green transfer. But as a matter of fact, all property in and around Asheville is increasing very rapidly in value and it would be difficult to lose money invested in real estate almost anywhere here or hereabouts.

Human Nature the Same Everywhere.

From Henry Watterson's Speech.

I stand in this great and free city to Boston to call a halt upon fifty years of sectional crimination and recrimination, born of hideous misconception, and alike discreditable to the south and the north, and to proclaim and maintain that there is not a particle of difference between the north and the south, between the northern people and the southern people, but that body and soul, they are exactly alike; that the blood which ebbs and flows here in New England, warming to generous deeds and ready to pour itself freely upon the altars of truth, and swelling with noble rage and scorn against all that is cruel and mean and base, is the same blood which courses through the veins of Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas. I am here to put my foot upon the falsehood that the people of the south are doing anything or have done anything that you yourselves would not have done had your places been exchanged.

True, Every Word of It.

Correspondence Charlotte Chronicle.

A man who had been crossed in love went to the rock [Blowing Rock] once in a fit of desperation and threw himself over suicidally, when the wind was blowing downward. It changed suddenly and he was blown back. He got over his melancholia, and shortly after, in order to convince a doubting friend that the blowing properties of the rock were genuine, he threw himself over again, when a gale was blowing up the valley. There was a sudden change of the wind again, and the mangled remains of the man were afterwards picked up at the bottom of the crag.

That's It.

From the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

This fact may as well be looked squarely in the face. The white people of the south, as a class, will never consent to be governed by the blacks. This is not simply because the blacks are blacks, but because they are in a large part ignorant, shiftless, immoral and generally unfit to be trusted with serious political duties and responsibilities.

Anything to Please.

From the Greensboro Workman.

Suppose you organize your cooking school on a traveling concern, and let it travel to the state giving the people lessons at home. That would look like it.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

It is expected that Captain Rogers, of Northampton, the democratic nominee for congress from the Second district, will resign on account of ill health.

"Nothing short of a revolution can defeat us this year in Wayne county. I expect a democratic majority of full 500," So said a prominent politician who ought to know.—Goldsboro Dispatch.

The Davidson county convention nominated for the senate S. E. Williams, and for the house J. Leonard and J. G. Surratt. A resolution was passed instructing the members of the legislature to vote for Vance's reelection.

Brower failed to meet Williams, according to the advertised appointments for joint canvass. Official duties, was the plea. Brower is a great fraud and this sudden solicitude about the performance of his duties is a good joke.—Greensboro Patriot.

In the Burke county democratic convention Col. Calvin Houk, president of Burke county Farmers' alliance and a disabled confederate soldier, was nominated for the house. Vance was endorsed and cheered. Col. Houck said: "Vance has done and is doing more for the farmers than any man in this country. I will be certain to vote for him."

THE LATEST NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

—The case of W. R. Hogue, a police officer, who shot and killed Julius Jones, a negro in Raleigh August 5, has been postponed to January owing to Judge Boykin's severe illness.

—The report of the state chemist on the Phœnix oil well at Greensboro establishes the fact that protroleum is there. It remains now to be demonstrated whether it exists in a paying quantity.

—We hear that the collections at the tabernacle are not satisfactory. It is said that it costs $200 a day to keep up the meetings and that the receipts are not much more than half that amount.—Wilmington Review.

—A stock company has been formed at Raleigh for the purpose of publishing an agricultural paper on a very extensive scale. It will be the largest publication of its character in the south with a paid corps of contributors.

—Shaw University, colored, Raleigh, has opened for the year. There is an increase in the number of students direct from Africa. These now represent all parts of the Dark Continent, and most of them will study medicine and surgery. Several are from the Congo Free State.

Two weeks ago a house of a party of women of bad repute, near Dallas, was torn down by white caps and the women whipped and ordered to leave the country. A day or two ago the house of a woman near Lowesville was visited by a crowd of white caps and she was severely whipped.—Charlotte News.

The medal presented to Grand Sire C. M. Busbee at the Raleigh banquet cost $105, and is of gold, with four diamonds. It is an escutcheon, with a chain, and bears the emblems of the "Patriarchs Militant." On it is the following inscription: "Presented to Charles M. Busbee, Grand Sire, by the Odd Fellows of North Carolina, 1890."

SOME MORE SAM JONESISMS

HOT SHOT POURED INTO THE AMEN CORNER.

Sam Jones Continues to Talk Right Out in Meeting at Wilmington—How Church Members Help the Devil—Where the Meanest People Are.

From the Wilmington Messenger.

I have seen the day, my brethren, when my official board called on my wife, when there was scarcely anything to eat in my house and when my wife didn't have a decent dress, and when my elbows were out of my sleeves and I did not have a decent rag to put on. I have had those old stewards call on my wife and say, "Sister Jones we can't raise one dollar for your husband, haven't raised ten dollars in three months and worse is coming to worse; beg him for your sake, and the children's sake, to change his manner of preaching." I have gone into my home and seen my wife as sad as death and she told me what the stewards said; I have gone out and gotten down on my knees and I have said that I would lead my wife and children out into the streets, bareheaded and hungry, I will pay the costs for the privilege of preaching the truth, and I have poured the gospel into them and God sent the power and old men that had been back-sliders in the church for twenty years would clap their hands and say, "Glory to God for the faithful preaching we have had;" and before I left there they had paid me twice as much as any other preacher got in that circuit. I know the influence they bring to bear on a fellow. I have been there. I never would let them ride on me; no sir, I am not a saddle animal.

In announcing the incidental collection about to be taken up the Rev. Sam Jones said: I never was in a town in my life that there was not such a rumor going about the streets: "Jones wouldn't come until they guaranteed $2,000, and he won't preach for less than $50.00 a sermon. That's a lie, and when I say it you may think to yourself I am telling a lie. I will give my right arm if you can find a man in all Wilmington to whom I have ever spoken of money in connection with his meeting."

You ministers have gone over the country preaching that salvation is free until half of you are about to starve to death. (Laughter.) Like the old negro that said, "Brethren the water of life is free, but the pitcher costs something, and I is the pitcher." (Laughter.) It suits a methodist preacher to be poor, he has to move so often. All you have to is just to pick up your blacking brush, call your dog, and you are ready to go. (Laughter.)

When the devil comes to Wilmington he just puts his hands in his pockets, walks around and lets the church members do his work. Some members of the church will work for the devil all the week, and then come to church on Sunday and want God to pay him for his work.

I am sorry for a poor little preacher that is doing all the pulling. Some of them are not doing much then. (Laughter.) Just about where you were when we started. You are like the old darkie who was beating his mule, and a friend rode up and said, "Uncle, your mule is dead." "No, sir, he's just got a thick hide and a short recollection."

Do you know these deacons and elders and stewards begin to inquire around for a minister they will get next year; they caucus on him, and some fellows will nominate so-and-so and they will say, "Well, is he cautious? Is he prudent? Is he conservative? And the plain fact is, is he a pusillanimous puppy and can we boss him when we get him?

I asked one minister why he didn't turn that fellow out for getting drunk. He said: "Brother I have not sober fellows enough to make a jury to try him." That's a terrible state of things; not enough good members in the church to try a bad one and turn him out.

I have seen a clever old Episcopal sister mash her bonnet and halloo like a panther. (Laughter.) God bless you; when you get it right you will squeal. An old grave sister said: "Brother Jones I never shouted in my life." And I said you old goose you never had anything to shout about. (Laughter.)

The meanest church in the world is the church that will pack a poor preacher in on ice box, and then cuss him all over because he doesn't sweat. (Laughter.)

Some of you old women have been threatening to bring your pocket books. You old goose, you had better quit threatening and do it, it's time. Sister when you go on the street car, do you threaten to pay the nickle, or do you pay it?

The devil never made a drunkard, never ran a still house, nor a gambling hell or a saloon. The devil gets one man to manufacture whiskey, another one to sell it and another fool to drink it, and now you see he has got the thing going on all right.

I expect if the laws of North Carolina were enforced on the churches, every church in this town would furnish some men for the chain gang. Desperate state of things ain't it?

If you preachers love souls get down off of this platform, go through this audience and help bring souls to Christ. That is what we want now, and don't you get mad and go home.

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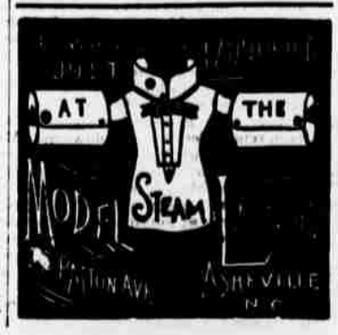

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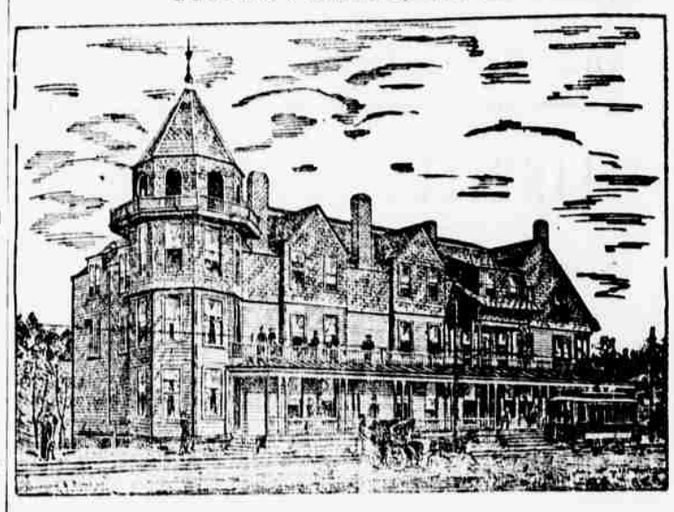

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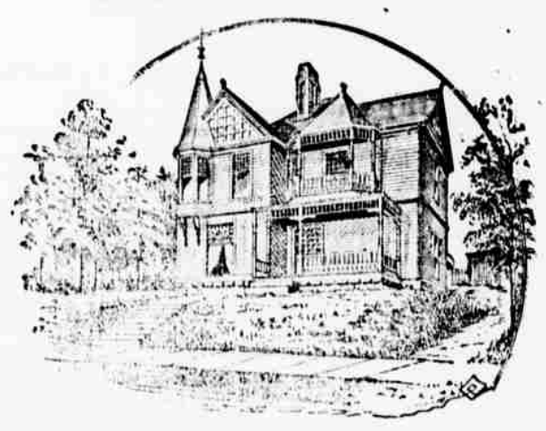

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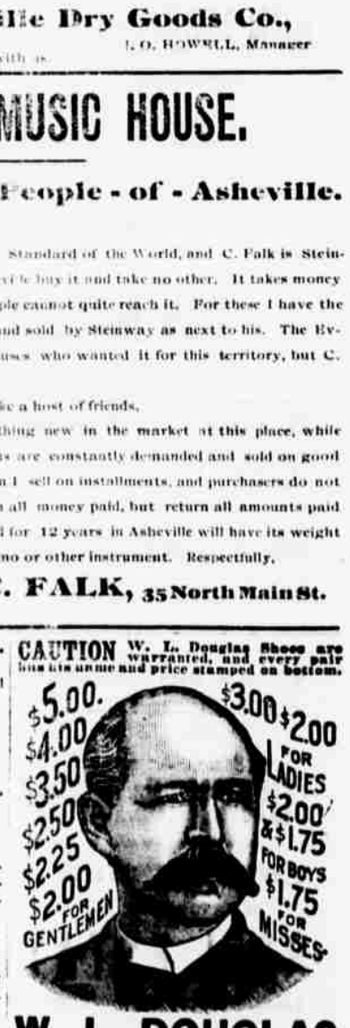

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