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"Western North Carolina," Historical and Biographical.

This is the title of a volume recently issued from the press of Edwards & Broughton, Raleigh, and published by A. D. Smith & Co. It is the finest work in typography and binding ever issued from the North Carolina press, and scarcely exceeded anywhere in the country, the volume being a quarto of 465 pages, bound in imitation Russian leather, gilt edged and printed on fine paper with large clear type; altogether a dress suitable to the subjects treated of in the book, and gratifying in every way to the pride of the North Carolinian.

The topics embrace contributions from various gentlemen of the State competent to illustrate the subjects of which they treat. Chapter 1, by Prof. George B. Hanna, of Charlotte, treats fully of the Geology of the State, embracing fully all its sections, and describing the character and localities of its mineral wealth. Chapter 2, by Col. J. D. Cameron, of this city, treats of "Western North Carolina: its area, topography and characteristics," embracing, besides a general review of the whole section, particulars relating to twelve of the counties. Chapter 6, by the same writer, treats of Buncombe county and the city of Asheville, with full particulars relating to each. Mr. P. M. Wilson, contributes a long and valuable article on railroads and the systems of the whole State, and there are many valuable contributions to State history by Judge Avery, Judge Schenck, Col. Wm. Johnson and other gentlemen well-known for their learning and intelligence.

There are many biographical sketches of gentlemen prominent in current state history illustrated with fine portrait engravings. Among these are those of Col. Frank Coxe, Capt. Nutt Atkinson, Mr. D. C. Waddell, Mr. Richmond Pearson, Hon. Thos. D. Johnston, Mayor Charles D. Blanton, Hon. C. A. Moore, Dr. J. A. Burroughs, H. A. Gudger, Geo. S. Powell and other gentlemen well known in the community.

Mr. A. D. Smith, the publisher, will be in the city on Friday to deliver copies of the work to his subscribers, and also to bring the book to the general knowledge of our citizens. We congratulate him on the production of a work so honorable to his enterprise, and so creditable to those who contributed to make it so finely illustrative of both the intellectual and mechanical abilities of the State.

Distressing Disclosures.

Either the late Maj. Barttelot, of Stanley's rear guard in Africa, was a brute or else there is being some tall lying done. The stories Stanley now tells of him—stories, rumors of which, it should be remembered, Stanley once denied and which he now tells largely on hearsay evidence—are such as tend to blacken Barttelot's memory forever. These accounts are in part confirmed by those who were with Major Barttelot and in part denied, the last mainly only as to non-essentials. According to them the major was fitted to lead a drove of cattle, but had a very poor equipment as a leader of men. He was over-bearing, arrogant and cruel to the point of bringing several of the natives to death for no good cause whatever. Indeed, he seems to have had all the characteristics of a native chief in the country where he developed them.

The whole matter bids fair now to come to a head in an English court of law as Stanley invites the relatives of Mayor Barttelot to sue him for libel, and they will probably do so. But, contrasting the present reputation of these returned African explorers with the halo of glory which surrounded them on their first return from the Dark Continent, and we have a very painful impression. A letter of Robert Louis Stevenson, in reply to one from a friend praising him and his work, had this in it: "'Call no man good till he be dead.' I may live to be hanged yet." The advice might be taken to heart when we are welcoming returned heroes from Arctic poles and dark continents.

Gen. E. R. Hampton.

This gentleman has announced himself a candidate for the position of engrossing clerk of the state senate at the coming session of the legislature. That General Hampton is capable, no one who knows him doubts, and when capacity and worth are coupled with such a marked degree of party service as characterized the course of Gen. Hampton during the past campaign, it would seem that his claim upon the democracy of North Carolina could hardly be made stronger. Should Gen. Hampton secure this position it will be gratifying not only to his personal friends, but to the democracy of the Ninth congressional district as well, as no man in the district did more to achieve the great victory than he.

"It now appears that Capt. Poe's nose is more severely injured than was at first supposed. Doctor Thaver says it is a compound fracture. The nose is not flattened, but there is a deep cut half an inch wide, right across the ridge. The cut went right through, cutting the artery. Poe was in a choking condition owing to the internal flow of blood."

We have been looking for news about as distressing as this for some time. It appears, however, that it is not a part of an account of a prize fight, but of a foot ball match in the original Greek between Princeton and Pennsylvania. Princeton and Pennsylvania are not, as might be inferred, substations to the California athletic club, but colleges where young men go to kick a globe of atmosphere surrounded by a thin coating of rubber, and incidentally, to give late night suppers and study when there is nothing more exciting.

THE decision of Justice Field in the California liquor case, an abstract of which we printed yesterday, would have been timely any day the last twenty years and is timely now. Those who prate of personal liberty, saying that it is no one's business what one eats or drinks, should commit to heart this sentence from Justice Field's decision:

"There is in this position the assumption of a fact which does not exist—that when liquors are taken in excess the injuries are confined to the party offending."

WE CAN all imagine the interest with which consumptives the world over are watching the disclosures now missing of Dr. Koch's cure for the terrible disease. Some there are, perhaps, whose lives may even be prolonged by the hope that at last, after scores of like announcements of cures found, a specific has really been discovered. And there are many, too, who may die with the thought that if they could have lived only a little longer health might have been regained.

If anybody else than Grover Cleveland received a telegram announcing that he was a seer and prophet he would throw the dispatch into the fire and conceal the fact that he had a correspondent foolish enough to write it.—N. Y. Sun.

AND yet a paragraph that flatters Charles A. Dana's work is very promptly printed in the Sun.

SENATOR STOCKBRIDGE, of Michigan, says: "I was over the state a good deal just before election and I was not able to discover any special cause for apprehension anywhere." The senator is a good judge of horses, but has about as much political perception as a tenderfoot cowboy.

DEMOCRATS WOULD WIN.

A Table That May Yet Have an Especial Interest.

From the New York Herald.

Should the next presidential election in any possibility be thrown into the house such state delegation would be entitled to cast its vote the political party having the largest representation in the delegation would control that vote. If this case the democrats would win, as votes stand on the following table:

DEMOCRATIC STATES.	REPUBLICAN STATES.
Alabama,	California,
Arkansas,	Colorado,
Connecticut,	Idaho,
Delaware,	Iowa,
Florida,	Nevada,
Georgia,	New Hampshire,
Illinois,	Oregon,
Indiana,	Pennsylvania,
Kentucky,	South Dakota,
Louisiana,	Vermont,
Maryland,	Washington,
Massachusetts,	Wyoming.
Michigan,	
Minnesota,	
Mississippi,	
Missouri,	
Montana,	
Nebraska,	
New Hampshire,	
New Jersey,	
New York,	
North Carolina,	
Ohio,	
Rhode Island,	
South Carolina,	
Tennessee,	
Texas,	
Virginia,	
West Virginia,	
Wisconsin	

Total: Democratic delegations, 39; republican delegations, 12; alliance, 1 (Kansas). In doubt, Iowa.

The following table shows the number of farmers' alliance candidates elected with their party affiliations:

	DEM.	REP.	ALL.
Georgia	—	2	—
Illinois	—	—	1
Iowa	—	1	—
Kansas	2	—	—
Minnesota	—	1	—
Mississippi	—	2	—
Nebraska	2	2	—
North Carolina	—	2	—
South Carolina	—	4	—
Tennessee	—	—	—
Texas	7	15	—
Total elected			25

POLITICAL NOTES.

Mr. Ewart was defeated in his own township by a majority of seven.—Hendersonville Guide.

The list of members of the new state senate has been sent to the keeper of the capitol. Of the fifty senators only nine are republicans and none of the latter are colored. This is the smallest republican strength ever in the senate.

The white republicans are in many cases very angry with Congressman Cheatham. They charge him with selling out the republican candidates to the legislature and county offices in several counties in his own district in order to make his own election sure.

In the ninth judicial district Thomas Settle, jr., republican, has defeated Barber for solicitor by about 400 votes. Settle is a republican. It is charged that disaffection on the part of some members of the Farmers' alliance was the cause of Barber's defeat.

The other day Secretary Noble was at Charlotte and was asked what was the disturbing cause Tuesday. He brushed up his grey brain matter and said he attributed the recent overwhelming defeat of the republican party to the fact that it was an off year, and there was little at stake.

The statement is made at Raleigh that a leading alliance man wrote letters in regard to the candidacy of Congressman Cowles in the eighth district, which were read on the stump in several sections by Faucett, his independent opponent, and that these letters nearly caused Cowles's defeat, as they urged alliance men to antagonize him.

Gracious! What Now?

From the Raleigh News and Observer.

It is in the air that lively times are ahead for us here in North Carolina. The News and Observer had hoped that the peace which has prevailed among our people would not be disturbed. And if trouble comes, we wish it to be seen by all men how it does come.

Hill for the Senate.

From the Raleigh Chronicle.

We hope that the New York democracy will send Gov. Hill to the United States senate, and that before '92, whatever of differences exist in the New York democracy may be healed.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

—Raleigh has organized a land and improvement company with Mayor A. A. Thompson as president.

—Senator Vance is at Gombroon, his mountain home, to put in two solid week's work on his farm.

—Dr. W. I. Busbee, a well know physician of Wake county, died recently, aged sixty-seven, after a lingering illness.

—I. E. Ratley, former principal of the graded school in Charlotte, has secured a position in the pension office at Washington at the salary of $1,000 a year.

—Henderson Gold Leaf: A horrible accident occurred in Warrenton late last Thursday evening, resulting in the death of the twelve year old son of Mr. Joseph Rodwell. He was run over by the train and instantly killed.

—Messrs. I. W. Durham & Co., formerly of Winston, but now of Charlotte, have been awarded the contract for the erection of the Noble monument at Anniston, Ala. It will be built of North Carolina marble and will cost $5,500.

—The pension warrants will be sent out on the 20th instant by the state auditor to the various registers of deeds, who under the new law will deliver them to the pensioners, certifying to the auditor as to the delivery. The amount expected for pensions for 1890 is about $87,000.

—A Winston dispatch says: While having been appointed on the Kowan circuit, Rev. S. D. Franklin, a Methodist minister, was thrown from his buggy and not much injured. He was a prominent Mason and was highly spoken of for the Oxford Orphan Asylum superintendency.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stimson of Crab Orchard have a little child about two years old, who went to sleep last Tuesday night, and up to last Saturday night all attempts to wake it, had proved without effect. It seemed to be well, its breathing being perfectly regular, but several doctors tried in vain to rouse it out of its heavy sleep or stupor.—Charlotte Chronicle. Mesmerism?

—There is an old woman who has a daughter and four grandchildren who come over the southern part of the county in the summer and autumn months. The children, one of whom is a cripple, are as wild as the cattle that roam over the pastures. They seem restless and half frightened when near anyone. In the winter they migrate to the southern part of South Carolina, but none is Paris. When night overtakes them they crawl into the nearest barn and have many a night's sweet repose. They are said to be exceptionally bright, and the daughter has been very ill lately. No reason can be assigned for their strange way of living.—Concord Standard.

"Protection" That Was Robbery.

From the Philadelphia Times.

It is winston, wicked taxes on the necessaries of business and of life that now threaten, and most gravely threaten, the life and health of protection. The country is not long willing to pay taxes for the sake of taxes. It is more than willing to pay for protection alone; but it can't, it won't submit to the exercise of taxes on consumers in the name of protection. Yet all parties are pledged to reduce taxes. The policy of protection to the origin of labor has been prostituted to the most capacious greed; it has built gigantic combines and trusts until nearly all that labor buys must pay tribute to this organized robbery of the masses for the benefit of a few.

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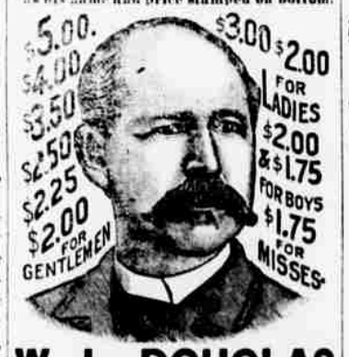

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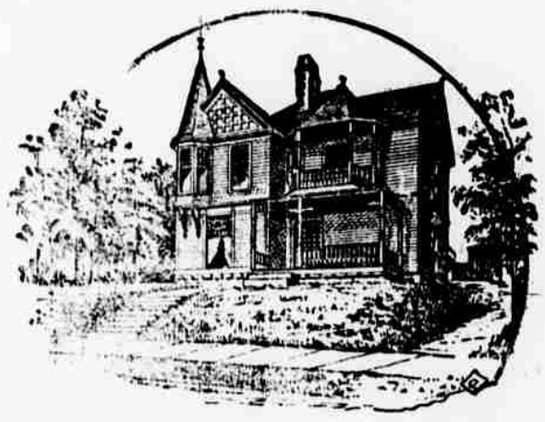

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