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THE BURNING OF THE OBSERVER OFFICE BY SHERMAN. The death of General Wheeler recalls the capture of Fayetteville by General Sherman on the 11th of March, 1865, and the most notable event connected therewith, viz: the burning of the OBSERVER office, "BY ORDER." The two leading incidents of the occupation of Fayetteville, as described by the correspondents of the Northern newspapers attached to General Sherman's headquarters, were the destruction of the OBSERVER office and later of the Confederate arsenal. As a historical event, however, the burning of the OBSERVER office must take precedence by far, for it was the only newspaper office in the South which was subjected to such treatment; and it was not even an incorporated company, but was owned by its editors, The Confederate Arsenal, on the other hand, was the natural spoil of war, and while General Sherman did a foolish thing to destroy what he must have seen was soon likely to become a valuable asset of the government, which he was serving, there was no greater moral significance in the act than in the spiking of guns that cannot be carried off the field of battle.

who witnessed the destruction of the OBSERVER property. We have before us a time-stained copy of the New York Herald, of Saturday, March 18, 1865. This was the first issue of a newspaper published after the capture of Fayetteville had opened communication between Sherman's army and the outside world. 11 columns of its small type are devoted to the despatches from Fayetteville, dated March 12, 1865, of the correspondents attached to the two wings of the great army—Mr. D. P. Conyngham, attached to "The Right Wing," and Mr. E. D. Westfall, attached to "The Left Wing," and "The Cavalry."

BY THE REAL CONSERVATIVE. Immediately after Mr. Bryan's so-called defeat in 1896, the OBSERVER placed his name at the head of its columns as its nominee for the next Democratic nomination. He received the nomination again, in due course, and again was counted out, or defeated, by the money of the Clevelandites and Republicans, who had also persuaded many good people that he was an anarchist and an agitator. In reply, we insisted that he was the real conservative, in whose leadership the country's only hope of rescue from intolerable conditions. Sooner than most of his friends believed, the exposure of the hypocritical grafters whose money defeated him has opened the people's eyes to the truth, and where once he was discredited, we find now sincere recognition of his transcendent merit.

in the humblest but of the present; it is the glistering sail alike of the royal pleasure yacht and the ship of commerce; it is as essential in the hospital where it makes possible the surgery of the day as it is on the tented battle-field; it is the basis of the greatest manufacturing industry of the world, employing more than \$2,000,000,000 of capital and annually producing of manufactured goods an amount more than iron and steel; it is the dominant power in commerce; it brings to the South from Europe an average of over \$1,000,000 a day for every day in the year.

A WARNING TO CHURCH SOCIETIES. A singular case at law has just been concluded in Richmond with the conviction of a man named Burton, who has been sentenced to jail for six months for procuring money under false pretenses. The false pretenses chiefly consisted of the selling of tickets to a church entertainment by the issuing of a circular representing that the proceeds were to go to the poor, when in fact they were to be used in liquidation of the church debt. Burton, who issued the circular, appears to have been a professional conductor of entertainments of this sort, and he was assisted by a woman whom he represented as his wife but who was not, and by two "nieces."

LETTER FROM SCOTCH LASSIE. She Stir Up the Reconstructed in South Carolina. LAMAR, S. C. DEAR OBSERVER: "A long time we have thought a something to have sent you" just for the pleasure of reading on familiar ground, if nothing more. But "tomorrow and to-morrow and to-morrow creeps in this petty pace from day to day" and things find themselves still undone.

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