

WE ARE WAITING.

Several days ago we propounded a plain but polite question to the Constitution and we are waiting for a reply.

The hope even yet of attracting attention of our neighbor to our "plea for light," and evoking an answer to our anxious inquiries, we repeat what we said last Friday, which was as follows:

"Our friend, the Atlanta Constitution, is constantly urging that we return to the bimetallic standard. The Constitution ought to know what it is talking about when it discusses the currency and indulging for the moment the wild supposition that it does, we beg leave to ask it a few questions.

- 1. How can we return to the bimetallic standard?
2. When did we ever have a bimetallic standard?
3. What nation has the bimetallic standard?

These are plain queries and we urge the Constitution to answer them. We know that our neighbor has whole stacks and great gobs of financial wisdom and we implore it to let some of it gush forth on these appeals for information.

If the Constitution refuses to reply, men and fellow-citizens, what shall we do? We suppose we must continue to grope."

Again we beg the Constitution to let us have the benefit of its effulgences on these humble requests for information.—Atlanta Journal.

THE PRESSING OF THE PULPIT

In view of the controversy in the First Presbyterian church over the request of Mr. Talmage to be permitted to conduct both the morning and evening services it is no wonder that Dr. Sunderland bemoans the fact that we have no press censorship in this country. In his complaints, however, he stated much truth and for that reason he can be forgiven. He said:

"We all feel, I think, the truth of this when we confront the mass of daily publication. We have here no censorship of the press, that ubiquitous, omnivorous, salacious, mendacious, venal gossiping, censorious, judgmental, charitable, beneficent, most generous and indispensable monster, the champion giant in all contests, the power which makes and unmake public opinion, photographs the face of society, and tries beforehand every government project, and every law case in church or State of every name and nature under heaven. The courts in a large sense have come to be simply the formal registers of the decisions of the public press."

The press is not only a great power in shaping both official and public opinions, but it is honestly entitled to its proud and honorable position as a public mentor. Unlike the courts who have heretofore been the judges of the people the press is unselfish in its efforts to do good and looks for no rewards except the confidence of the public. It has no special interest in either attacking or recommending certain projects or measures except to protect the rights of its readers, and for that reason it deserves the commendation rather than the criticism of such able men as Dr. Sunderland.—Washington Times

"Are you aware," asked a correspondent of the New York Sun, "that Secretary Olney wrote the message recently sent to Congress by President Cleveland?" The reference is to the British Venezuelan message. "Of course we are," says the Sun, the most critical paper in the country and the highest authority upon literary style. "The document," it says, "speaks for itself." The Sun then considers the message in detail, quotes the last paragraph and declares that Cleveland wrote it. It is probably correct, all the way through. Mr. Cleveland's style is entirely distinctive, and the last paragraph of the Venezuelan message sounds like him while the body of the document does not. There is little, however, in the point raised except that it is a matter of interest in a literary sense. There is nothing unnatural in a President having a special message on foreign questions written by his Secretary of State.

She can write a message and that he does write messages; and everybody knows besides, that whether or not he wrote a word of the message in question, he signed his name to it and will stand by every word in it—Statesville Landmark.

Ingenuity in getting out newspapers appears to have no end. In Vienna newspaper rapskins are issued daily, and in London newspaper towels have a large circulation. The newest of these useful journals is published in Madrid. It is called La Tela Cortada (The Cut Cloth) and is an illustrated comic weekly. After being read it is put in water, where the ink disappears and a fine handkerchief remains.

The Chicago Dry Goods Reporter says: It is important to note that many of the most acute financiers in this country are backing with investments their opinion that we are about to enter upon a period of pronounced and general prosperity.

To Pay the Highest Penalty. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 12.—Gov. Carr has issued a warrant for the execution February 13, at Newton, of Thomas Covington for the murder of James Brown, superintendent of the Long Island Cotton Mill.

Brown owned a store near the mill, and having ascertained that it had been robbed, went one night to watch for the thief. The following morning his daughter found him lying on the floor of the store dead. He had been shot three times.

Covington confessed that he had gone to the store to steal and found Brown, who rushed at him with a pistol. He sprang on Brown, wrenching the pistol from him.

An effort was made to secure a verdict of murder in the second degree. Covington was superintendent of the spinning room in the cotton mill.

How They Name the Baby.

The Lapps, who received the doctrine of Christianity only a short time ago, are still pagans at heart, and still give pagan names to their children. The Lapp baby in its half-moonlike case, is simply crossed with water and named.

The Caribs, like Christians, have a godfather and godmother to assist in the ceremony of christening, but the duties of these two, instead of being to provide a handsome present, is to bore holes in the child's ears, lower lip and in the nose, from which jewels and ornaments are hung.

In Mexico the priest delivers exhortations to the infant on the miseries to which it is born. If the child is of high birth, a sword is put into its right hand and on the left is fixed a shield. If the baby is a mechanic's son, the sword and shield give place to the instruments of his trade in life. Then the priest takes the child to the altar, draws a drop of blood from his body and immerses it in water.

Cuban History in Brief.

In 1534 and again in 1554 Havana was destroyed by the French. Matanzas was the first city to fall into the hands of the insurgents. Cruelty and injustice to the natives has always been the creed of the Spaniards.

The present revolution began February 24, 1895, when the republic was proclaimed by Marti.

In 1848 President Polk offered Spain a million dollars for the island, which offer was refused.

The constitution of Cuba, modeled on that of the United States, was adopted September 23, 1805.

The revolution of 1868 lasted ten years before Spain succeeded in compromising by promising reforms.

A triangular blue union, having a single star and five stripes, three of red and two of white, is the flag of the republic.

Very little reliable news of the present insurrection can be obtained, owing to the censorship of the press and the mendacity of the leaders of both sides.

The first serious revolution took place in 1848, under the leadership of Narciso Lopez, who in 1851 repeated his attempts to free the island from Spanish control.—Chicago Times Herald.

Shot His Brother Dead.

COLUMBIA, S. O., Jan. 13.—At 12 o'clock Saturday night Calvin Price shot and instantly killed his brother James in the upper part of this county.

The two brothers were in Columbia Saturday and James Price drank heavily and became drunk and irritable. When returning home at night James began to quarrel with his brother about a division of land and shot at him several times. Calvin Price gave him a slight flesh wound in the arm.

James Price swore that he would kill him and at midnight went to his home with that intention. His brother Calvin killed him instead.

BACK

Democratic Members Justify Their Action for Staying Out of the Joint Caucus.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 11.—The Democratic members who stayed out of the joint caucus are preparing a manifesto to be sent broadcast, and in which they define their position with regard to Senator Blackburn, for whom there is now absolutely no possibility of their voting in the joint Assembly. The manifesto states that Blackburn has broken faith with the party by preaching free silver after a sound money platform had been adopted by his party and in fighting the Democratic nominee for Governor. These acts gave him no right to their allegiance and they would decline to vote for his election as United States Senator.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 11.—Representative Isaac Wilson, of Nelson county, who got up from a sick bed to go to Frankfort and vote for Blackburn in last night's caucus, died this morning. Wilson's death breaks the legislative tie and gives the Republicans a majority of one on joint ballot.

The Body Recovered After Being in Water 57 Hours.

The Observer of Saturday noted in its Mt. Holly correspondence a distressing affair which occurred there Friday—the drowning of a little child in the river near Nims' Mill. The parents of the child—Mr. and Mrs. Crott—worked in the mill. Diligent search was made Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, but the body of the child was not recovered until Sunday. Fully 400 people stood on the banks watching and assisting those who were making efforts to recover the body. When its little body was brought to the service, the mother swooned. The body had been in the water 57 hours. Dr. Eddleman held a post mortem examination. He said the child had had an epileptic fit, Messrs. Norgett and Hays, of the factory, recovered the body.—Charlotte Observer.

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North Carolina Republicans.

At a meeting held at 926 E street southwest, by the North Carolina Republicans temporarily residing in this city, it was resolved to organize a Republican Association of North Carolina, to work in the interests of Republicans in that State in the coming campaign.

The following officers were elected: J. Green, president; Messrs. Turk and Carey, vice president; E. W. Twines, secretary; H. Cole, treasurer; H. G. Gussion, chaplain; G. H. Henderson, assistant secretary; Maurice Corbett, sergeant-at-arms. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the president.—Washington Times.

The two most critical times in a woman's life are the times which make the girl a woman, and the woman a mother. At these times, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is of incalculable value. It strengthens and invigorates the organs distinctly feminine, promotes regularity of the functions, always drains, and puts the whole delicate organism into perfect condition. Almost all the ills of womankind are traceable to some form of what is known as "female complaint." There are not three cases in a hundred of woman's peculiar diseases that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will not cure.

Forging Ten-Dollar Bills.

St. Louis, Jan. 14.—The police and federal authorities are trying to apprehend a gang of forgers who are flooding the city with bogus ten dollar bills. The bills have been raised from genuine two dollar bills of the series bearing the portrait of ex-Secretary of the Treasury William Windom. The figures and lettering are erased and the forged denomination cleverly inserted.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

The Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide at This Port, as Seen by Our Reporter.

—Mrs. G. T. Crowell and children have gone to Charlotte to visit relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hathcock have returned from a visit to relatives at Barium Springs.

—Master Charles Montgomery returned from Trinity last night on a short vacation.

Mardi Gras, New Orleans, La., and Mobile, Ala. Tickets on sale February 14 to 17, 1896, inclusive; final limit fifteen days from date of sale. Fare for round trip to New Orleans, \$34.50; to Mobile, \$20.10. Free-class tickets limited to continuous passage in both directions will be issued.

"Old, yet ever new, and simple and beautiful ever," sings the poet, in words which might well apply to Ayer's Sarsaparilla—the most efficient and scientific blood-purifier ever offered to suffering humanity. Nothing but superior merit keeps it so long at the front.

North Carolina Abused by Its Own Senators.

Shot the Man Dead Who Attempted to Take Liberties with Her. BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Mattie V. Anglier, wife of Frank Anglier, a cigar dealer and pool room proprietor, shot Charles H. Parker, thirty-three years old, agent for the Leavitt Machine Company, of Athol, Mass., in her husband's store at 1,431 North Charles street, shortly after noon today.

Parker was taken to the city hospital where he died at 2 o'clock. He had two bullet wounds in the back of his head and another in his left breast.

Mrs. Anglier, who is locked up in a cell at the Central Police station, is a frail little woman thirty years old.

To the police officer who arrested her she made the following statement:

"This man came into our place several days ago and attempted to take liberties with me. My husband was not well and he knew it. He grabbed me about the waist, and after freeing myself I told him if he attempted such a thing again I would murder him. I was afraid of him and put a revolver in my pocket to defend myself with, should he interfere with me again. He came into the store today and approached me again. When he got near me he attempted to catch hold of me. I then drew the revolver and shot him. I don't regret it, because I did it in self-defense. He should have let me alone and I would not have shot him. He had no right to enter our store."

The Angliers are Italians and have lived here for some time. They are known as respectable and thrifty people and have several small children.

Miss Willard at Greensboro Thursday.

Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will hold a conference of the State workers in Greensboro on Thursday next, January 16th. The subjects claiming the attention of the conference are of general interest and the session convening at 2 o'clock is open to the public. Mrs. Woolf, of Guilford College, will speak on "Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools," and Miss Gordon on "Juvenile Temperance Work and the Work of Young Women in Temperance Work Reform."

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A Blind Doctor and Horse Trader.

There is a family in Montgomery county of which the father and mother are both blind. They have always been blind and were some years ago married. The have several children who are not blind, nor is their sight the least impaired. The man and wife go from place to place in that section of the country and give musical entertainments, which are said to be real fine. The name of the man is Page. He is a remarkable being, as he prescribes and deals out medicine in different shaped bottles and boxes and trusts to his memory for the proper stuff when he has a call. It is said that he is considered a good horse trader—that he can feel a horse and tell its color and its age.

Shot for Ruining His Home.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 13.—At a late hour this Saturday afternoon at Cades, Williamsburg county, William R. Cade, who is just twenty years old, killed W. L. Sanders, a one-armed man from North Carolina and a guest at his home.

Cade claims that Sanders was intimate with his wife and that when confronted with the facts Sanders advanced towards him with an uplifted chair. Cade and wife are from prominent families and the murder has created a big sensation. Cade is now in jail.

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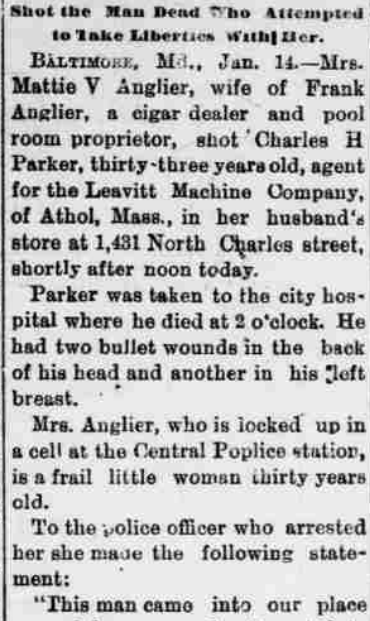
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly appointed and qualified administrator on the estate of the late Dr. Solomon Furr, deceased, all persons holding claims against the said deceased are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned duly authenticated on or before the 20th day of November, 1896, or this notice will be plead as a bar to their recovery. Also all persons owing said deceased are notified that prompt payment is expected. L. M. MORRISON, Administrator. This, Nov. 19, 1895.

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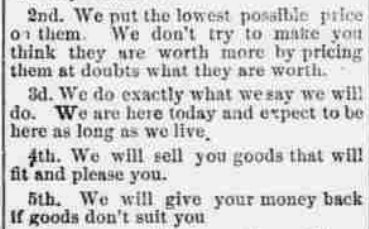
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