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THE INTERNAL REVENUE LAW AND THE TARIFF.

Our more than high highly esteemed contemporary the Wilmington Star has been pleased to differ from the views we expressed the other week on the Internal Revenue and the Tariff.

This writer has, known fine tobacco to fetch from \$3 to \$75 per hundred pounds fifteen years before the "Internal Revenue" was ever heard of in North Carolina.

Just so, before the Revenue existed to oppress the planter and manufacturer, fine tobacco fetched good prices. We would ask the Star if it ever knew any thing called tobacco in those days to sell at 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 a hundred pounds.

The Star says: "The man who consumes pays." And so he does indirectly, but in a double indirect way the planter is the real sufferer; every manufacturer in buying a lot of tobacco counts the tax and the cost of hauling it to say nothing of the risks he must run to keep out of the clutches of unprincipled Revenue officers.

Our contemporary says: "What honest, law abiding class is oppressed? It is true it interferes with secret conspirators and sneaking violators of law, but that is all."

We must inform the Star that "moonshiners" are the parties who care least for it. They get for the product of their stills nearly as much as they could if the tax were paid, for "mountain dew," whether stilled from corn or fruit, sells readily at from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per gallon and black tobacco cannot be bought for less than that upon which the tax has been paid.

Will the Star inform the people how many millions of dollars are stored away in the vaults of the U. S. Treasury, after every chicken roguish North who lost an eye in the dark or a hand in a steel trap, has been pensioned if he happened to be as much as have seen the inside of a Yankee camp.

There is so much money hoarded in the U. S. Treasuries and sub-treasuries that the last one or two sessions of Congress have spent a large part of their time pondering what to do with it.

As to the Tariff the Star says of the Revenue that the man who neither smokes, chews nor drinks, (ours is mostly blockade), does not pay a farthing of the tax, so say we of the Tariff, that the man who neither eats, wears clothes, rides on railroads, nor enjoys any of the other luxuries or necessities of life, and when he wants to get away, ties a rock around his neck with a grape vine and jumps into the deepest mud hole he can find pays no Tariff.

While we are not for Pig-iron Kelly monopolies, we are not for tobacco and whiskey monopolies in the South. We say give us a Tariff to run the government, but away with the Infernal Revenue law, at least until the time comes when there is not so much money hoarded in the United States that Congress does not know what to do with it.

Austria has finally filled its vacant legation in the United States by sending Baron Tavera to Washington. The circumstances of the case are briefly as follows. In the beginning of the present administration our government appointed Mr. Keiley United States Minister to Austria, but the Royal and Imperial Apostolic Government intimated to our Secretary of State that there would be an objection to the acceptance of Mr. Keiley's credentials owing to his wife being of Jewish birth.

The Jefferson Appalachian Philosopher suggests the following possible effect of the decision of the United States Supreme court declaring that it is unconstitutional and a violation of the interstate commerce clause of the Constitution for a State to lay a tax on commercial travellers or "drummers."

"The States must raise revenue to carry on their governments, and if home merchants are taxed it is no more than right that those from other States who seek the privilege of selling goods should pay for their licenses, for in reality it is not the goods that are taxed, but the privilege of selling them."

The Stewart art gallery having been disposed of, the Stewart bric-a-brac is now being sold at auction. A pair of vases in pate tendre, whatever that is, brought \$2,900, Monday, and this is the highest price so far obtained for any set or any single one of the costly bric-a-brac.

Gen. K. S. Ripley, who commanded the Confederate batteries against Fort Sumpter, is dead. He was born in New York city where he died. Major Anderson who commanded the fort at the time of the siege was his classmate at West Point.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

We meet a great many people who seem to have expected the Legislature to make "times better." We are sorry they were predoomed to disappointment, but such is the case. Our State Legislature does not control the coining or circulation of money.

One of the saddest sights ever seen in Georgia was a wood wagon hauling Northern cabbage out into the country. It was enough to make a mortgaged mule lean up against the stable and weep tears of despair.

What then shall be said of North Carolina wagons doing the same thing? They not only haul out of our towns a few cabbage heads, but thousands of bushels of western raised corn, Irish potatoes of northern or eastern growth, thousands of pounds of western bacon, and many other articles which might be produced at home.

The Agricultural Department cannot prevent farmers from being humbugged by these fellows. A year or two ago these long wagons with sharp talking men went all over the eastern section selling a sixty-five dollar stove, taking mortgages upon every solitary thing about the house.

Pity is one of the sweetest virtues of the human heart, but its falling tears of warmest tenderness for human woe should not melt away the icy bars of justice, and turn the captive felon free. The law must be respected. Its majesty must be vindicated.

Henry J. Raymond, the journalist, once asked his contemporary, Horace Greeley, to permit him to use only parts of his letters in a famous correspondence in which Greeley had taken part. Greeley replied, "All, or none." Nevertheless Raymond used only the parts of the letters he wanted.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Gladstone has spoken vehemently against the new coercion bill framed by the Tories. He says conciliation cannot be attained should the bill pass.

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