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THISCOUNTRY MISREPRESENTED

United States Ambassador Day has the wrong name. With him, so far as public sentiment is concerned in the United States, it is midnight-the blackness of darkness. In his little tariff talk in England this republican protection hornblower, told his British andience that "the overwhelming prebonderance of sentiment in the United States was in favor of the protective theory." This assertion was made in blindness to the facts. In every election from 1876, until when the fight between the robber protection republicans and the democricy turned mainly upon high protection or a moderate tariff tax-one for revenue only, the democrats have triumphed. But for the money question in 1896, they would now have control. But for the vast boodle business organized by the great corruptionist, Mark Hana, there would have been a democratic triumph any way. A change of but 25,000 votes would have elected Mr. Bryan. So to tell an English audience that the peopie of this great republic were believers in the Chinese Wall economic arrangement-to rob 65,000 to enrich 5,000,000 of already prosperous people, was to misrepresent facts and conditions. We do not ourselves doubt that an election depending upon the one question-high robber tax or low taxes-would result in a tremendous victory for the latter, for the people. Ther is neither morality nor justice nor economic wisdom in a high tariff. If the underlying principle of such a tax can be just then the equities had about as well be abandoned. Of eighty works in the great British library in London on political economy by the leading writers upon that science from 'Adam Smith and David Ricardo to the pest of living writer's on economics, but two are in favor of protection. That is to say the authorities-those who have made political science and political economy life-long studies are almost entirely agreed in opposition to the great herisy of high taxation of the many for the benefit of the few. Protection refuses entirely that old principle of sound and safe economyto do good to the greatest number. Its fundamental postulate is to rob the many to enrich the few.

also announced that 40 per cent of the mills of South Carolina are running on

them on double time." If it is time south cannot complain in so far as manufacturing is concerned. If cotton and corn were not so low the skies would be bright for North Carolina farmers as for the manufacturers.

extra time, and a large number of

The Messenger refrained purposely from copying any of many recent comments upon the bearing of Judge Robinson on the bench. He is unfortunate in inviting so much unfavorable criticism from respectable sources. We like him personally and it affords us no pleasure to read from him a statement like the following that was sent some days ago, and has not been deemed so far as we have seen, by a Durham correspondent of The Charlotte Observer:

"This morning in the superior court Will Curry was tried and convicted of larceny. Judge Robinson, in sentencing the prisoner, made the following remarks:

"'I hate to send you to the workhouse, but I reckon I will have to do it. The next time you want anything do not steal it from one of these old saint like men, who have their faces turned heaveniward and appear to be so good but who will come up lacking in labor, and poorly paid, all for North the last great day, but come to me and I will not prosecute you.' " This is very bad and quite unworthy of Judge Robinson. The gentleman robbed "is a highly respected minister" says The Observer.

It is noticeable that the Christian ministers in Salisbury have held meeting to consider the Mormon in vasion and monstrosity. They will probably organize for a crusade against the emissaries of the Jo Smith religion.

In 1870 there were \$659,000 invested in cotton manufacturing in North Carolina In 1880, it had grown to \$1,523,000. In 1897 It had reached \$17,242,000-a great advance in twenty seven years. In the last four years it increased \$5,620,000.

We have received from Rev.W. L.Cuningging secretary, a copy of the journal of the North Carolina annual conference that held its sixty-first session at Raileigh on 1st December 1897, and concluded to the 6th. It is an octavo of 108 pages, and of interest to the membership of that large denomination in the state. The Messenger published at the time some of the important statistics. The membership numbers 65,216, and yet the increase of this great body was but little for the conference year-only

time to keep up with their orders. It is revenue from internal taxes. The Evening Post says:

> "All the despatches agree that the programme of severe economy in the house is exciting vast indignation among the rank and file who so dearly love to go in for the old flag and an appropriation. The big spending bills are to be cut to the quick. No river and harbor bill is so much as to be thought of, and public buildings are to be kept down in most miserly fashion. Why is this? The answer given the angry private members, with their beautiful private bills up their sleeves. is that Chairman Dingley says the state of the revenue is such that not a dollar can be spared which is not strictly necessary. Thus does Dingley the chairman act as, if he did not believe a word that Dingley the statisticlan and prophet says."

LETTER BOX

An accomplished mother and a lady of unusual refinement writes of date 31st January: "I subscribe to the Sunday Messenger for your editorials-religious and literary."

A distinguished and able Baptist minister, a scholar and writer of real gifts, privately writes from his home in North Carolina: "As I think of your heroic life of hard, unremitting Carolina and none for yourself, it makes me more hopeful for the future of humanity, and specially in these dark days, for the future of our own dear dear commonwealth. Your friendship has been one of my prescious treasurers." One such letter as that, from such a man, with such words of approval, are with us a full set-off, multiplied a thousand fold, to all that skunks and brayers may say against us though they bray ever so long and loud.

A noted teacher at the head of a leading institution of learning in Guilford county, with over 200 students, has asked this writer to contribute a paper on Poe for a publication he will issue. We were forced to decline, saying that a criticism of Poe would demand patient, careful work and we had not the time for it. He writes again, still hoping for the contribution. He writes: "If you cannot do this, can you send us some of your literary work on Messenger which you would be willing for us to publish."

STATE PRESS. The News does not for a moment counenance repudiation in any shape o form. Even if a county has made a bad pargain it must live up to its contract and for that reason we condemn the a tion of the commissioners of Stanly, Wilkes and Buncombe counties in their endeavor to repudiate the bonds issued in ald of the building of railroads. Every individual and every county and state should fulfill all the the obligations it has ssumed, but many of them are paying learly for their experience, in the matter of bond issues. Somehiw the people in many sections did not seem to remember that a day of reckoning must come. that bonds issued were debts to be paid. Perhaps in the future the people will not be so reckless in voting bonds.-Charlotte News.

When that old time honesty, honesty of judgment, character and conduct. which characterized our government and people before the advent of Russell-Butlerism and their few allies in various positions, shall return, prosperity will come, and our old state will go forward with a bound. Heaven hasten the day .-Raleigh Post.

But candor compels us to say, if Mr. Hancock expects this letter in which he seeks to vindicate himself to accomplish the result he will be disappointed. Nothing short of a thorough judicial investigation will accomplish that end. The young lady still insists in her letter to the governor the charges are true, the New Bern Journal and Newbernian say in the opinion of the majority of the people of New Bern the charges are true. With these facts confronting Mr. Hancock, we cannot see why he can hesitate for one moment what course to pursue. The truth is Mr. Hancock is guilty and Governor Russell ought to remove him or he has been grossly slandered, blackmailed and abused .- Washington Messenger.

We have a majority of 20,000 in North Carolina who voted for democratic principles in 1896. We must get these together again in order to redeem the state. If we attempt to do this by using the party's organization while rejecting the only thing that binds a party together, viz: its principles, we shall fail as inevitably as would a Christian church man preaching the doctrines of Islam. Fayetteville Observer.

'A citizen of Stokes county was in Win ston yesterday telling a good joke that was played on an enthusiastic republican of that county who has been telling his neighbors that all the people needed in order to live and be happy was to possess more confidence and patience in the pres ent administration. On Tuesday thi "confidence" republican slaughtered large hog. He left it hanging on a meat hook in the smokehouse all night. Next morning he went out to cut up his porker, when, to his surprise, the hog was gone. Hanging on the hook was a piece of paper upon which was written: "You seem to be able to live on confidence, but d-d if it don't take meat at my house. No name was signed, and this is the onl clue the "confidence" republican has to the guilty party."-Winston Sentinel. That Governor Russell is a violent man we all know, but that he would be fool enough to call out the state guard and

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MOLASSES AND NITRIC ACID TRY-ING TO UNITE

The populists and republicans in the congresss have held or are to hold a meeting. If they can get together on principle then black and white, sour und sweet, beauty and ugliness mean the same thing. In the congress the populists are reported also to have organized for campaign purpose. The republicans are for a robber grinding tariff tax and for the gold standard. The pops are not extreme protectionists, and many are for a low tariff tax, and all profess to be for silver. Yet they mix as if oil and water can mingle. Strange bed-fellows. In Tennessee in the county in which Chattamooga is situated, the populist leaders mave held a meeting to consider the return of their people to the democstacy. This should be generally done is not only Tennessee but every where. Most of the populists were democrats. There is far more agreement in princoples with the democracy than with the republicans. The democratic warty has been from Washington's administration until now the party, the only party of the people up to the starting of the populist party. All through the decades the democratic party has been the sole breakwater against federal usurpation and oppression. It has stood by the people and state rights and a rigid construction of the constitution on the other in every issue made as between federalism and aggression on the one side side. On the other hand the republican party has been the party of the money kings, of a strong government, of usurpation, of oppression of the south from its organization until the present time. There ought never to be any alliance, or any approach to it, between the centralizing, high tax party-the republican-and the party organized possibly in behalf of the people and taking the name of the people's party or populist. Sugar and acid are not more unlike. The only hope of the people in this country for protection against bad, hostile, oppressive legislation lies in the success and permanent dominancy of the party that began its life under the administration of Washington, and is a great, wigorous party in 1898-more than an hundred years after.

some 7,000 increase. The Western conference has a larger membership, and both together exceed 132,000. About 1858, the membership of the North Carolina conference (but one then) did not exceed 30,000-a gain in less than forty years of more than 100,000. There were but two deaths last year, Rev. Llanghorne Leach, born in Virginia, and Rev. William S. Black, born in South Carolina. Thus far in the present year there have been two deaths, Rev. Mr. Peeler, and Rev. Mr. McCall.

451. The Baptists reported, we think,

The new eight-page weekly at Shelby called The Southern Spindle and Loom is quite creditable. The two issues we have seen are well filled with instructive and interesting reading. Rev. B. F. Dixon, M. D., has become associated with Mr. J. P. Baddington the largest hog grown in a thousand in the editing of it. The Messenger wishes it success.

EDITORIAL ENTRIES.

The trial of Sheriff Martin and his deputies is going on at Wilkesbarre, Pa. After a long delay they are brought to trial for shooting down the workingmen at Lattimer, Pa., in September, 1896. The evidence of Miss Coyle is decidedly damaging. She swears that she saw the workmen shot while they were running, and the deputies laughed at the brutality, treating it as a good joke. The defence showed that there was fear of the strikers. Rev. S. E. Stafflett, pastor of Immanuel Reformed Church at Hazleton, testified that he passed the strikers on their way to Lattimer.

"They were marching four or five abreast, were quiet and orderly, and the only demonstration they made was to cheer the car as it passed. The witness said he saw no weapons.

"Returning on the same car from Lattimer, he again passed the strikers as they were approaching the sheriff. As the car neared the end of the column he saw the strikers there running, heard a cheer, and immediately afterward the shooting.'

The Interstate Canal. etc., in Philadelphia is a mere wreck. It was capitalized for \$1,000,000, but only \$300,000 had been issued. Mr. F. C. Grable was the promoter. The concern is now without a dollar. All gone glimmering. Big salaries eat up salaries. The securities are coubtiful, and more money cannot be obtained. In spite of the big salary the cashier is reported penniless. This is a bad case, and there are many just as bad doing business over the country and swamping people's earnings.

We copy this to show in what regard a scholarly educator at the head of a leading high school regards the literary work of the Messenger. We rarely publish extracts from letters, but could easily print extracts fortnightly from our Letter Box, all appreciative of the work we are doing. "One good deed dying tongueless slaughters a thousand waiting on it."

BREVITIES

The leading universities in the north have trouble with the liquor drinking question among the students. Princeton was much disturbed by it, and now old Yale university is in bad odor and the Young Women's Temperance Union are resolving to boycott the latter, and if possible to keep young men from entering it.

Did you read the account in Sunday's Messenger of that western hog in Alabama? It weighs 1,524 pounds, and is over ten feet long. It is probably years. Some years ago North Carolina had a hog that weighed, if we remember, between twelve and thirteen hundred pounds.

Sam Jones makes \$30,000. That is more than the twelve apostles of Christ realized from preaching, we may suppose, in their life time. Paul preached for probably forty years and he worked at tent making. Paul never got rich.

The latest count shows 2,169 daily newspapers in the United States. North Carolina has its share, but none is making as much money as the New York World or Herald.

That defaulting cashier in Baltimore, Richard Cornelius, who robbed a bank of \$161,812.78, leaving assets amounting to only \$5,123.65, was a very rapacious fellow. His salary was ample. He robbed the Preacher's Aid Society, of the M. E. church, of \$15,648.45.

The distinguished and excellent evangelist, Mr. D. L. Moody says that he has been taught by experience "that small gatherings result in a greater amount of good than mammoth meetings." The big ones usually resolve themselves into a general handshaking affair and many go out worse than when they entered, for they have

defy the federal government on account of as simple a matter as the railway commission litigation, we are not prepared to believe. Some Washington correspondents do not take the trouble to get facts on which to base their interesting stories.



-Charlotte News.

Kinston Free Press: While loading logs for Hines Bros. at Falling Creek last Saturday a log rolled against James Grant, colored. Both legs were badly torn and both feet broken, one foot being badly masked. He was brought to Kinston and at last accounts was getting on very well.

Spring and Winter Woolen Dress Goods Raleigh Post: Captain J. A. Ramsey, in Cashmere, 36 inches wide, at 16c: state engineer and agent, has recently received a letter written by a party in splendid Danish Cioth at 10c; Double Philadelphia wanting 100,000 acres of good Fold Fancies, lovely styles, at 1242c. agricultural land in a body in the east ern part of the state to locate a colony -Governor Russell yesterday granted pardons to John Leadford and Calvo Bleaching, no dressing, 1 yard wide, at. Landford, convicted of retailing liquor 6c; 1 yard wide, Unbleached, good at the fall term, 1897, of Mitchell superior court, and sentenced to six months on quality, slightly seconds, at 3%c; A A A the Rowan county chain gang .---- If Gov--Sheeting at 4%c. Check Plads at 3½c, ernor Russell does not control his war 4c, 4½c. Good Ginghams at 3½c. Apron trollys better we will insist that he put Checks, 4c; splendid Callico at 4c. A his fires under ground. He is getting absolutely dangerous. big lot of short lengths in fine Sea Is-

land, 1 yard wide, Percales, new spring Charlotte Observer: Mr. Geo. Gifford styles, worth regular 121/2, by the piece has a broken collar bone, as well as a at 7c per yard, length of piece from vaccinated arm. He was out riding several days ago. The bit broke and the 1 to 10 yards. horse began to run. Seeing that he was powerless to stop the animal. Mr. Gifford jumped from the buggy. He fell, with the painful result as mentioned above.---A man claiming Wilmington as his home, whose name I could not learn, arrived in Concord Thursday with some deeds said to have been found in some old papers of his father, that call for several tracts of land now in the possession of Mr. Crawford Goodman, who lives near Poplar Tent. No uneasiness is felt on the part of Mr. Goodman over the claims of this unknown man, as he (Goodman) fives on the land owned by his greatgrandfather.

The most encouraging demonstration against boss rule which has been seen anywhere in this country for a long time was made in Philadelphia yesterday, when about 400 leading republicans from almost every county in Pennsylvania organized a movement to end the sway of Matthew S. Quay over their party. Never before has the tyranny which bossism involves been so clearly pointed out, and as a student in modern politics the picture drawn of government in a great state during the closing years of the nineteenth century under the domination of one man deserves the attention of everybody who is interested in the development of democratic institutions .- New York Evening Post.

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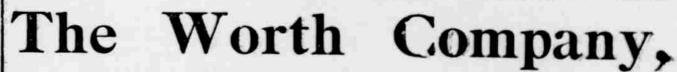
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HOME FOLKS.

That is a very ugly case on the part - of the violators of internal law-"moon shiners" as they are calledin Rockingham county, in trying to have hanged at law an innocent man under a false, fixed up charge. Such recoundrels might stand in awe of a wisit from Judge Lynch. In some states they would hardly be safe from ane midnight riders.

According to a report from Raleigh that appears in a Boston paper, there are great activity and doubtless good profits among the cotton mills in North

Dingley sends out bulletin's to prove that the ugly monster of a tariff bearing his name is a fine deficit breaker, because a successful revenue producer. The cunning Maineite is playing double. He tells two stories. His circulars tell one story, and his talks in the house give out quit other sounds. The New York Evening Post says

Dingley's deficit to date amounts actually to \$52,000,000. The robber tariff began to operate in July last, we think it was. The way he is trying to prevent the deficit from continuing to Carolina. The report says that they grow is to cut down expenditures. At are all very busy, and "more than 50 the old rate of appropriations his thing per cent of them are running on double | is a dead failure in spite of increased

added hypocrisy to their old sins.

There were some fatal errors in the little poem-a gem-by our friend, Theo. H. Hill, of Raleigh, in the Sunday Messenger of the 30th ult. The mistakes destroyed the sense, so we re-

print the poem with verbal corrections BEREAVED. Drear as the desert of a dream Wherein are no oases: More densely dark-intensely cold Than interstellar spaces.-

The heart bereaved-the home foriorn Of one whose radiant presence Transfigured midnight into morn-Frost, into efflorescence. -Theo. H. Hill.

When a man is suffering with an aching head, a sluggish body, when his muscles are lax and lazy, his brain duil, and his stomach disdaining food, he will, if wise, heed these warnings and resort to the right remedy, before it is too late. "Parker's Sarsaparilla." the "King of Blood Purifiers," makes the appetite keen and hearty-invigorates the liver-purifies the blood and fills it with the life-giving elements of the food. It is a wonderful blood maker and flesh builder. Sold by J. C. Shepard, J. H. Hardin and H. L. Fen- | er that it will show an unbusiness like treas. - Ganta di mara de la Unite 12. 1000000055.

Change in Management of Chesapeake and

Albemarie Canal.

Norfolk, Va., February 7 .- The special meeting of the stockholders of the Albemare and Chesapeake Canal Company, held at its offices in this city Saturday, was significant in that a new president and director were elected. Robert M. Cannon was chosen to the former position, vice Franklin Weld, resigned, and Warren G. Elliott, president of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, was elected a director, vice W. S. Brown of Erie, Pa., who declined to serve. For a number of months, it is said, a majority of the stockholders have been dissatisfied with the way the affairs of the company have been managed. It is claimed that Mr. Weld. recognizing that in his official capacity, he had not given entire satisfaction, tendered his resignation, which was at once accepted. It was currently reported that there had been a large defalcation, but this was denied by one of the officers of the company. He stated that for some time there had been a leakage, in that money which should have been devoted to one purpose had been diverted to other channels. An investigation is now being made. It is not anticipated that this will disclose and defalcation, but rath-

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