

We publish an interesting and conservative communication today from President James B. Dudley of the A. and M. college for the colored race at Greensboro, N. C. We premise that this is the chief educational institution for President Dudley's race that has been erected and kept running by the sympathy and liberality of the white race in North Carolina.

The Messenger is not now, and never has been, an enemy of the negro race. It is a firm friend of White supremacy, believing that it is necessary in the south for both races. So it is not hostility to the negroes that leads us to express a fear or conviction that the negroes would vote against a constitutional amendment that would deprive tens of thousands of them of the right of suffrage.

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President Dudley writes in a truly moderate and intelligent manner. He shows discernment, judgment, and a sincere regard for the best interests of his people while not overlooking the interests of all classes, races and conditions.

We do not enter upon a prolonged examination of what he says. His communication will be widely read no doubt. The general good sense and soundness will strike most intelligent readers.

HOME FOLKS

The fiery New York Observer publishes a communication from Rev. Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, and says it is "a calm review of the recent troubles" here, and yet it does not change the Observer's former views.

"It is a pleasure also to reflect that there is rapidly emerging from the ignorance and prejudices of the past, a New North, with a clearer view of southern problems and a firmer conviction that "Blood is thicker than water."

So be it. The Messenger hails such signs with delight.

Rev. Elias Dodson was a well known clerical figure in North Carolina for a half century preceding his death which occurred in this city in December 1882, when visiting here. He was buried from the First Baptist church, Rev. James B. Taylor, D. D., conducting the services, assisted by Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Wilson, of the First Presbyterian church.

"Last May a year ago, when attending the Southern Baptist convention at Wilmington, I visited the grave, and thought, how he enjoyed attending our earthly convenings of the redeemed, with multitudes whom he had known

and loved, and with many saved through his instrumentality, and, better than all, with Jesus. At the funeral, years before, I had said: "Farewell, man of God! Thy toils and sacrifices are over. No more shall we see thee on earth. No more shall the lips now silent in the tomb, speak to dying men of a Saviour's love, or plead for obedience to the last command of our risen Lord. But thy memory will be embalmed in our hearts."

A WESTERN PAPER ON NEGRO SOLDIERS.

The conduct of the negro regiments in the service of the United States is still the subject of comment in the north. The press in many sections of that great division of the country have severely denounced the cunning, un-military, dangerous conduct of the negroes amounting to downright outlawry and even murder in several instances.

"The negro regiments had been a constant source of trouble since his arrival. He had never regarded them as part of the military strength of the army in the province on account of their bad discipline and irresponsible conduct. The Cubans feel keenly the presence of negroes in the town, where there have been many acts of robbery and bullying."

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"So of course the dear Cubans must not be subjected to what the southern people must learn to endure. The Interior also admits that complaints of similar conduct, though not attended with such deplorable results, have come from Puerto Rico. Yes, and if the Interior had kept its eyes open for other incidents in the south besides "southern outrages" it would have added, "from Chattanooga and from Madison and from Anliston, etc."

A BOSTON NEWSPAPER THREATENS COERCION.

The severest threat we have met with comes from the crazy Boston Transcript, the daily that published the lying, slanderous, bitter long communication written by some northern resident here. The Transcript boastfully declares that it would be impossible for Yankees to do as the whites did in this city. It says that Wilmington is "disgraced." The Transcript's forbears, it may be, were of the chief with burners in that land of "isms" and "extremes." It admits that Massachusetts has not allowed "illiterates" to vote—that they were "kept away from the ballot." In Vermont now there is a local township committee that has charge of ballots and that determines who may and who may not vote. They are a "superior people" up there. They know how to rid themselves of the rule of ignorance without the bullet. It admits this:

"Neither in Massachusetts nor in North Carolina can intelligence and ignorance be placed on the same level. That is one of the things that are impossible of performance." That is good so far as it goes. But if the south continues to set aside negro voters then the south (whites) is to be whipped into good behavior by the United States government. Let us give its own threat in its own words:

"The south is doing a great deal towards bringing the nation toward a frame of mind wherein it will believe that if six states permit lawlessness that disturbs forty the six may have to be coerced into respect for the harmony of the union."

SUGGESTED BY ERRORS.

In an article in current literature, a writer of verse of Tennessee birth says, that this state "has had somewhat to do in making history, and in furnishing the republic with a number of distinguished men—as Perry and Farragut in the navy, and Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson in statesmanship. But not until within the past quarter of a century has she drawn to herself any considerable attention in literary matters; and, strange to say, two of her women have brought her such prestige as she has in this respect. Of course, I refer to Mrs. Burnett and Miss Murfree, "Charles Egbert Craddock."

This sounds well, and we dislike to spoil it, but in with Jackson, Polk and Johnson—the only three presidents of the United States that were credited to Tennessee, of which they were citizens when raised to that high office, were all born in North Carolina, as were several others of the most distinguished men of that state in the past. Among them were General Zollicoffer, Meredith P. Gentry and others. Mrs. Burnett is not a Tennessean, but of English birth. Tennessee has unquestionably given birth to seven eminent and able men, jurists, statesman etc. North Carolinians always feel kindly

towards Tennessee, for she is her daughter. It is a fine state and has a still brighter future before her. She has been cursed, as her mother has, with some very scurvy demagogues and enemies, but she is now, we hope, free from them in a great degree. We do not know, but we suspect that General Bedford Forrest was born in North Carolina. If not a son, he is no doubt a grandson. General Bradley T. Johnson in his very interesting book on General Joseph E. Johnson, says that the great soldier held that Bedford Forrest was the foremost military genius of the great war.

BREVITIES.

Sampson got the lion's share of the \$700,000 the United States captured from the Spanish ships, and yet he did not fire a gun or help to capture a ship. That is a great injustice to those who did capture the ships and the money.

There are so many trusts forming now that The Philadelphia Record raises a heading—a department to record them. The last are the enlarged linseed trust and the flour trust. They are infamous things and should be stamped out by the government backed up by the people.

Senator Vest is the first democrat in the senate to oppose the Imperialistic movement. He has a resolution introduced against the acquisition by the United States of territory that must be permanently placed under colonial government.

Lieutenant Hobson is as modest and meritorious—as much of a patriot as he is little of a Shylock. He declines a \$50,000 offer to lecture. He says before his duty was performed in sinking the Merrimac his lectures would not have been worth 50 cents, and they cannot be worth \$50,000 because of duty done, or words to that effect. There is North Carolina blood in Hobson.

Maryland will give Admiral Schley a medal. He will also have several swords presented to him. He richly deserves them all.

We saw that Princeton had beaten Yale at foot ball, and that Yale had beaten Princeton in debate. "We were about to make the same comment that is made in the following (before seeing it) from The Baltimore Herald:

"But are honors even, for in the college curriculum is the rostrum as great as the gridiron?"

Senator Hoar denounces in the senate, the appointing of the people's representatives in the federal house as commissioners to negotiate for the executive branch of the government. This is probably well taken.

The proposed great standing army strikes The New York Evening Post that it "furnishes the most striking proof that we have yet had of the tremendous burdens the expansion policy is about to place upon the tax-payer."

The Baltimore Sun, one of the ablest of our southern exchanges, looking at the proposed "naval reserve," is moved to say that after "annexing everything in sight with a gay disregard to consequences, the people of the United States will be called upon to shoulder the burden of the protection of our new possessions against all comers. For this work, of course, the most essential agency will be a navy."

Now for subsidies "galore." See McKinley's message. The American people do not favor such a scheme.

In the town of Bedford, Pa., that has 2,800 inhabitants, there are 200 cases of smallpox. People will not vaccinate until too late.

Large exports continue. Corn and wheat shipments were immense. Cotton continues very low. In New England the curtailment in purchase of cotton is great. There is a better demand for cotton goods. Woolen goods are in better demand. The volume of business is heavy. Dun says: "Failures for the first week of December were in amount \$3,995,237, manufacturing \$1,381,058, and trading \$2,568,979. This week's failures have been 248 in the United States, against 312 last year, and 22 in Canada, against 29 last year." The south had \$4 for last week, against \$3 the preceding week, and 105 for corresponding week in 1897.

The pension business has run to seed long ago. Senator Vest, one of the truly very able men in the senate now, is right in insisting on more care in passing private pension bills. He thinks it is time to call a halt. The taxpayers have been thinking that way for years. When Grant and Garfield insisted that under no circumstances should the pension appropriations ever exceed \$31,000,000, it staggers belief that for years they have ranged from \$145,000,000 to nearly or quite \$170,000,000 each year. It is indeed time to cry halt and to stop the reckless, unjustifiable raid upon the people's pockets.

The condition of Havana as to health is wretched. Dr. Brunner, United States sanitary inspector there, reports 440 deaths for last week in November. He says it is an annual rate of 144 1/2 in 1,000 inhabitants. That is the highest mortality we remember to have seen reported for any part of the world, except in cholera or yellow fever epidemic. Strange to say, although the death rate at Havana is so very high, there were but four deaths from yellow fever. It is reported that half of the deaths were caused by malarial fever, consumption and enteritis. That looks very uninviting for fresh American troops to be sent there. We regret the First North Carolina is to be sent to such a death hole.

NORTH CAROLINA

General R. B. Vance is seriously ill at his home in Asheville.

Goldsboro Argus: Mr. Hugh L. Miller has been promoted to the responsible position of superintendent of the Navesaw Guano Works, one of the great manufacturing concerns of the south.

An unknown negro was found dead on the A. & N. C. R. R., near Boston Tuesday afternoon. He was discovered by another negro just as the incoming freight was nearing the scene. The negro who found the dead man waved the freight down and the conductor had the man removed from the track.

Lasker Gleaner: A gentleman who has just returned from Perquimans county where he formerly resided, says he was surprised at the great change in political sentiment in that county. In sections where heretofore the white people have voted the republican ticket solidly this year almost without an exception they voted with the democrats.

Raleigh Post: Winston, N. C., December 9.—Colonel Albert B. Gorrell, mayor of Winston, died of heart disease at 7:15 tonight. He was taken ill at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He was one of Winston's leading citizens and best business men. He was public spirited and aggressive. He was a brave confederate soldier during the civil war.

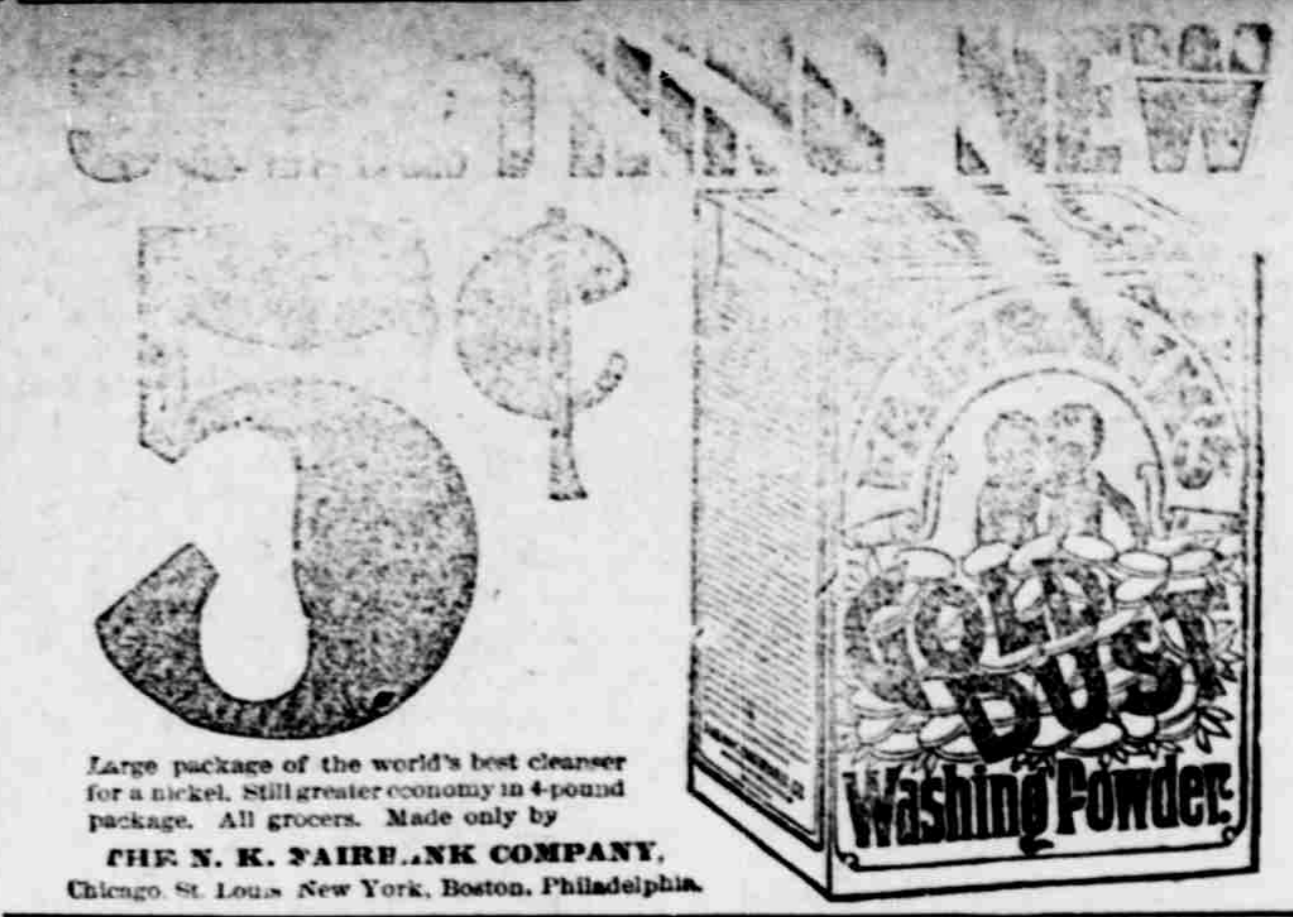
Charlotte News: The News' special Western North Carolina edition now promises to be the largest edition of a North Carolina newspaper ever issued. The writers are busy at work on the sketches of the various towns and cities in the western part of the state, and the sketches of the various churches, schools and business enterprises of the city.

Fayetteville Observer: A young man excellent and highly esteemed family connections in this city, and himself a good fellow when sober, went to the sanctification meeting in McKethan's hall last night, while drunk, and attempted to lay out the whole congregation, preacher and all. In the midst of his discourse, Rev. Mr. Brooks was violently seized around the waist by this young man, and but for prompt interference, it is said, would have been pitched out of the window.

Washington Progress: While the O. D. steamer Tar River, commanded by Captain Hill, was near the mouth of the river, and about the middle of it the crew discovered a nearby schooner, and saw the captain, which afterwards proved to be Captain Walter Ball, of Swan Quarter, knocked overboard by the jibing of the boom. The captain was alone on the sloop and the wind was blowing a stiff breeze. Just after the accident the boat rounded up in the wind and started across the river. The prompt measure taken by the crew of the Tar River saved Captain Ball from filling a watery grave.

Raleigh News and Observer: Talking yesterday with Senator-elect T. J. Jerome, of Stanley, about the big changes in the vote, he said that in his senatorial district in 1896 the fusion majority was 1,670. This year the democratic majority was 3,034. The change of over 4,500 votes in two years is nothing less than a revolution. Oak Ridge Institute maintains this year its pre-eminence among North Carolina and southern schools in point of patronage. Its fall term just closing has an enrollment 20 per cent higher than last year when it reached the high water mark and enrolled 282 students.—President Alderman, of the University of North Carolina, is at the Yarbrough. "The university is in fine condition," he said yesterday. "The boys are now in the midst of examination, preparatory to the holiday vacation, and foot ball is forgotten. Referring to the plan of having distinguished ministers of the different denominations to act a short time each as chaplain, during the year. Dr. Alderman spoke in terms of highest praise of the work done by Dr. Peyton H. Hoge, the first of these "university preachers." Dr. Hoge's time expires today. "His short lectures at morning prayers have been very fine and have accomplished great good," said Dr. Alderman. "He is limited to eight minutes each day, but in these eight minutes he has had some very wise and helpful things to say to the boys. He chooses such subjects as these: "Planning for Life," "Character," "Power of Habit" and the like.

Raleigh News and Observer: There is a demand in some quarters that Governor Russell be impeached when the legislature assembles. Those who favor impeachment must not have considered who would succeed Russell in case of removal.—Captain Edward E. Gayle, of the United States army spent yesterday in Raleigh. Captain Gayle is an old Raleigh boy, only son of the late Major J. B. Gayle for years the master machinist of the Raleigh and Gaston railroad. Captain Edward Gayle was appointed to West Point in the 70's by Hon. Sion H. Rogers, at that time a member of congress from the Fourth district.—The new bank at Carthage, of which Mr. Walter W. Mills is president, starts out in fine shape. Already it has \$10,283.22 of deposits subject to check. Its paid up capital stock it \$10,000.—News comes from Thomasville that Mr. Jack Mills, so long at the head of the Baptist Orphanage, is critically ill. This will be sad news to many a home in North Carolina. Mr. Mills' brother Professor L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest was here yesterday returning from Thomasville. He reported his brother as some better when he left, but fears he cannot recover.—Durham, N. C., December 9.—Two men went to the residence of L. T. Yarbrough this morning about 12:30 o'clock, and attempted to break in his house. They cut a slit of one of the blinds. Mr. Yarbrough heard them, and grabbing his rifle, stepped out to investigate. He saw two men. As soon as they saw him, one of them opened fire on him with a revolver, shooting twice. He returned the fire, letting drive at them three times. The men then ran off, and one of them dropped his pistol as he ran, which Mr. Yarbrough has as a memento of the occasion. On account of darkness it could not be determined whether the men were white or black. This makes the second attempt at the same place recently.

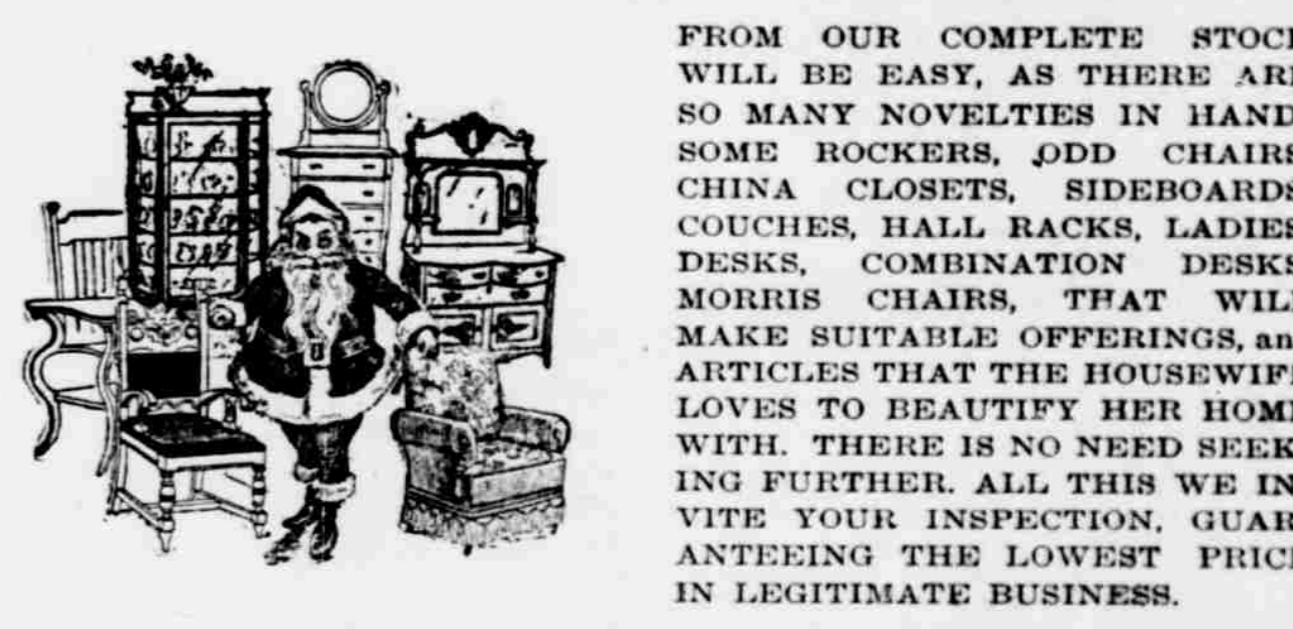


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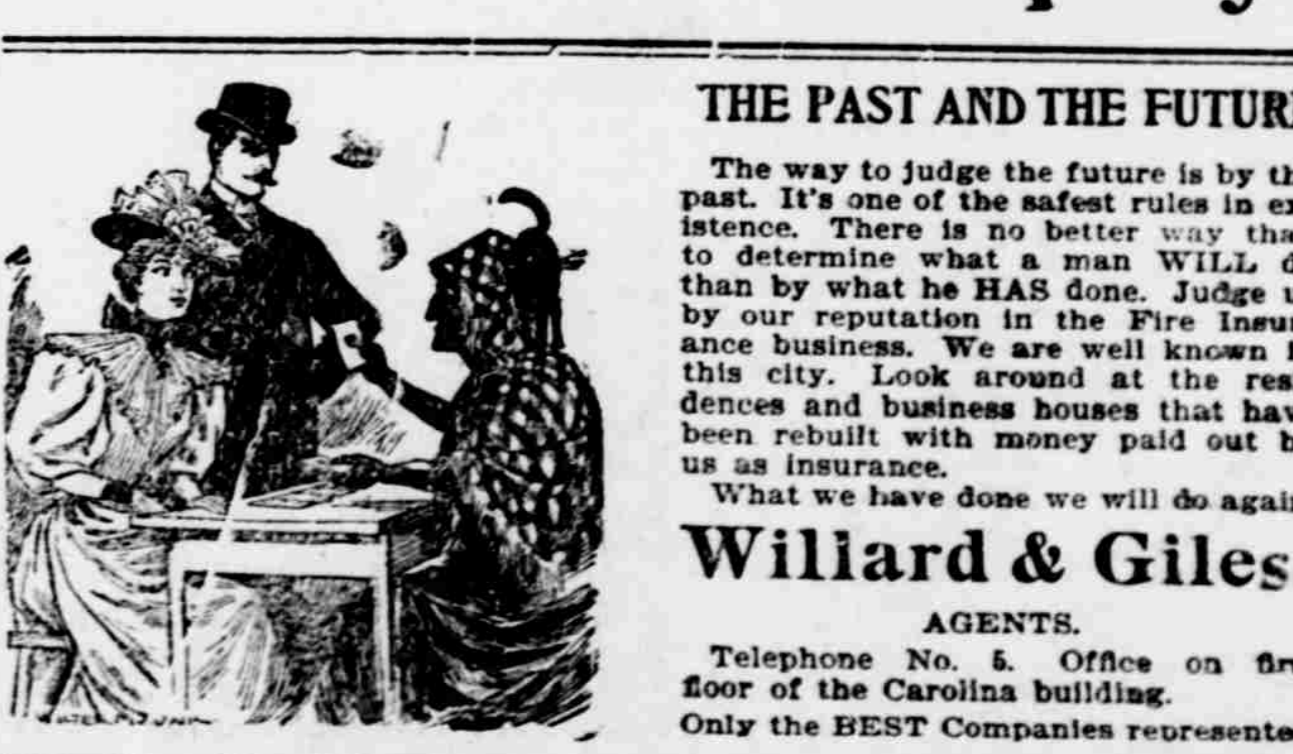
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