

The Messenger

A FIREHAND.

We clip the following from the editorial column of a paper published by negroes in a town of this state. We are surprised to see such sentiments expressed by a man of that race who has education enough to edit a paper and who professes to be a leader of his people. The self-respecting, thoughtful negroes should suppress this man. He and his party will do his race great harm. There is no place in our state for firebrands. They should not be tolerated no matter to what party they belong or of what race or color they are. To our friends of the negro race, and to the Messenger claims the privilege of being a friend to every self-respecting law-abiding member of that race. We say repudiate the editor of the paper which publishes such incendiary as the extract we give below. Fair to you to have a man who is to be the exponent of your ideas to give utterance to such ideas. Refuse him. Refuse him the right to speak for you. You and the white people have got to live together in this land. It is much better that both races get along peaceably and quietly—living as neighbors should live. Such language as the following, published in this negro's paper will not conduce to the cementing of the friendship and cordial relations between the two races. The editorial of The Laurinburg News above referred to says: Ask your preacher does he read negro journals, and trade with colored merchants. If he tells you, "No, I tried to patronize them but they wouldn't treat me right," brand him as a race traitor, living on an innocent, trusting public for right guidance. Tell him, "The white man has wronged, beaten, kicked, bruised, burned and riddled our black bodies with bullets to scorn, and if he can so trustfully forgive and forget so great a wrong and trade with white merchants, why not forget and bury your prejudice for a fellow man in business and labor for our human salvation, as well as spiritual."

THE ELECTION.

Was there ever an election held in this country with such astounding results? No one can account for it. The public men and the leaders in both parties are trying to explain the cause of the landslide which put Mr. Roosevelt in office with the greatest popular majority of any man who ever ran for the office of president, but none of them has yet given the true reason. There were in fact only three issues before the people in this campaign—the tariff, our foreign policy and Mr. Roosevelt's personality. The last named was the chief issue and it won with a whoop. Mr. Roosevelt with his strenuousness, his spectacular performances, his daring and bold life on the plains and in the wilds of the west captured the American people. He was the candidate of the young men of the nation. He got their votes. They elected him. Instead of his being a burden and a drawback to his party he was its leading spirit in the contest. He pulled his party through in many instances. Where his party's local candidates were too much of a drag for him to pull through he led them far and away. Look at the election returns in some of the states and you will be convinced of this fact. Take Massachusetts. There Mr. Roosevelt's majority was way up in the thousands while the democrats elected their candidate for governor. The same condition existed in Minnesota, which state he carried by over one hundred thousand majority, yet the democratic candidate for governor was elected. In Wisconsin the LaFollette state ticket was elected, though Mr. Roosevelt carried the state by an overwhelming vote. So it was in other states. He was the star performer in the political play. He led the party every where. The democratic party was never before so overwhelmingly defeated. It was completely snowed under. Never have we known it to meet such defeat. But it is not dead. It will come to the front four years hence with a ticket and with leaders unterrified by this defeat. This party may be defeated but it cannot be annihilated.

The city affairs of one of our neighboring towns seem to be run somewhat on the Star Chamber order. The Times, of Wilson, we think, has just cause of complaint which it makes in the words quoted below. We do not suppose the men who compose the board of aldermen of that city ordered that the press should be denied access to its record of business transacted. The man who refused The Times must have been acting without authority and we believe he will never again take such arbitrary action. The Times says: Not being able to attend the meeting of the board of aldermen Tuesday night we went to Mr. John R. Moore and requested him to let us see the minutes of last week's meeting. He refused to do so, saying he had orders not to let us see the minutes. The people always are prone to believe there is "something rotten in Denmark." When public officials endeavor to cover up their official actions. We have seen nearly all the aldermen and all whom we have questioned say it was not done by their consent.

SALARIES VERSUS FEES.

The board of trustees of Charlotte township has taken action on the question of paying salaries to all county officers instead of the present plan of fees for county officials. It recommends that the county commissioners request the legislature to pass an act making this change. This action was the result of the report of a committee appointed several months ago to investigate this matter. The report was in favor of the change from the fee system to that of salaried county officers. The board of magistrates for the township adopted and endorsed the finding of the committee. The report stated that while the facts were very hard to get at, it was found that the combined fees of the offices of clerk of the court and register of deeds exceeded \$9,000 annually and it was believed that they would amount to \$12,000.

While we have nothing to say about the perquisites of the two offices in Mecklenburg county above mentioned, we do think that the proper way to make compensation for these and all other offices in the state is by fixed salary. The fee system should be abolished. There is too much temptation in it. This inducement to create business should not be put in the hands of any man. The legislature should grade the salaries according to the work of the offices. It should be known of all men what each county office pays. No man should be elected to an office and be granted the privilege to make as much out of it as he can. That is not right in principle nor in morals. It puts too much temptation before the office holder. Every man should be told when he goes into an office what his salary will be. His pay should not depend upon what he can make out of the people who come before him for the transaction of the legitimate business of his office.

AS TO EXPLANATIONS.

Among the many attempts to account for the results of the recent election we find the following in the editorial columns of The Raleigh Post: We will say by way of parenthesis that The Messenger was from the first in favor of the nomination of Mr. Cleveland by the democratic convention and so stated. It did not hesitate to say that it thought he was the strongest man the party could nominate.

It will be impossible to explain the defeat of the national democratic ticket to the satisfaction of all the voters. There are many things that may be cited as contributing directly and emphatically to the disastrous result. Many foolish things will be alleged, but the former mayor of New York, Hon. Robert A. Van Wyck, has come as near to telling the whole truth about it as any man, and he might have made it stronger by saying that the convention was pandering too much to factions in its platform declarations. This is what Mr. Van Wyck says: "I don't want to put myself in the 'I told you so' class," he said, "but everybody who read the interviews with me published just before I went to Europe, knows what I thought then, and that's what I think now. I said then that if democrats nominated Cleveland they would have a cinch. I say now that they deliberately threw away that cinch. The St. Louis convention simply preferred Roosevelt to Cleveland. That is all there is to the situation."

"Do you remember six years ago today?" was the remark made to the Messenger man by more than one citizen yesterday. It was the anniversary of the Wilmington revolution, which occurred on the 10th of November, 1898. How thankful the people of our city ought to be that that occurrence is six years behind us and not an outcome of the election of the present year. We do not mean to decry that affair. The men of Wilmington acted nobly on that occasion. They did their duty. But all who were engaged in it will admit that it was a disagreeable affair and none of them care to go through it again. The affair was forced upon us. None of us wanted to take the course we did. Duty called and the white men of the city responded. They may regret the necessity which called forth their action, but they cannot regret having done their duty. The citizenship of Wilmington is to be congratulated upon the different conditions existing at this election from those of six years ago.

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COTTON FROM ARGENTINA

The American Cotton Manufacturer, which is closely watching the movement on the part of those Britishers who are trying to make Africa a competitor of the cotton in cotton production business, says in its issue of the 9th:

We have received, by way of London, England, a sample of seed cotton grown in the Argentine Republic. It resembles in many characteristics the medium grades of Upland American grown in the Carolinas, but is of a rather more silky nature.

In length the staple varies from three quarters to a full inch. It apparently contains less than the normal proportion of the short fibres, which in the process of manufacture find their way into the waste, house, but how it would compare with our own varieties after the tearing of the fibre from the seed by the gin is not certain. It is a matter of some knowledge that the saw gin has little to recommend it to the user of cotton, its one redeeming feature being its large production, low cost of operation and convenience. The other side of the question unfolds many demerits. At this, its first stage in the many mechanical manipulative processes through which the fibres must pass on their journey to the finished article, the delicate staple is torn forcibly from the seed, cut, curled, napped, butchered and its strength and value much deteriorated. This occurs under even the most careful and expert process, but when the gins have been for a few seasons mismanaged by the traveling "gin tinker" the maltreatment of the cotton is almost beyond description.

This is a common occurrence in our own cotton states, where the machinery for its treatment from the field in the course of preparing it for transport to the factory had its origin, and has grown and spread until it would seem that the sensible handling of the valuable saw gin would be fully understood and its objectionable features eradicated as fast as possible.

What then will happen to the foreign grown cotton, when its preparation is altogether in the hands of the people without mechanical experience and unskilled in such work? The only reasonable inference is, that although the samples of the product of Argentine grown cotton, when examined in the seed appear to compare well with our own product as to size after ginning an inferior comparative grade will probably be shown by the South American product. The plant from which the cotton was gathered belongs to the "green seed" variety, but the fibres do not adhere to the seed so tenaciously as does the American variety. The color is very white.

The many efforts which are being made to extend the cultivation of cotton, covering as they do almost the entire potential cotton belt of the world, will undoubtedly have some ultimate effect. Should the prices keep near ten cents a pound many of the new lands can surely compete with us, but if the price should ever drop to very near the cost of production, or the American cost be materially increased, then the foreign grower will be in a much stronger competitive position.

Russia has a population three and a half times as great as that of Japan, still the latter has a million more children attending school than the other country. That tells the tale. That shows why the Japanese are so far ahead of the Russians in every thing which goes to make the true and patriotic citizen.

A Question of Knowledge.

Two men in Kansas City were having a heated argument concerning the location of a certain theater in New York city, says The Chicago Record-Herald. The one insisted that the house stood on lower Broadway, while the other was equally confident that it was up town. Finally the first man, becoming angry, exclaimed, "Perhaps you think you know more about New York than I do? How often have you been there?" "Once," was the epigrammatic reply. "Well," exclaimed the other, in triumph, "I've been there five different times, and I ought to know more about it than you do."

The vanquished one was silent for a moment. Presently he spoke with a smile on his face: "How long did you stay in New York on each of the five visits you made?" "The other scratched his head a moment before replying, and said: "Well, each time I was there for two or three days. How long did you stay on the only visit you made?" "Seventeen years," was the calm reply. That ended the conversation.

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The great actor, Ermete Novelli, now in South America, has a son who lives in Florence, to whom was born a bouncing boy, says The Pall Mall Gazette. The young Novelli, in haste to let his father know that he had made him a grandfather, telegraphed: "Ermete Novelli, Buenos Ayres: Boy, Enrico." Several hours later he was called to the telegraph office, where the following conversation took place: "You know we could not let your dispatch pass."

"Not let it pass! But why, if you please?" "You know you said it was a boy." "And if I did, what then? Is it not true?" "Well, that is what we do not know yet." "What! are you crazy? I know it." "Well, anyway, public order demands that it should not be made public." "Made public! Am I making it public by telegraphing to my father? And in any case, what has the birth of my son got to do with public order? Excuse me, have you all taken leave of your senses?" "Your son," gasped the other; "we thought you were telegraphing about the Queen."

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT.

A Dinner in Honor of Miss Elizabeth Ellis—Coal Burners on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Goldston, N. C., November 10.—One of the most enjoyable and unique events of the season was the six course dinner last evening at the Kennon Cafe. The enjoyable affair took place in the private dining room and was given by Messrs. Edward Niel and James Hartsell in honor of Miss Elizabeth Ellis, of New Bern, who has been the guest of Miss Daisy Smith. At the plate of each lady in the party was a dainty souvenir pin and carnations, while the tables were handsomely decorated with pink and white carnations. The invited guests were Miss Ellis with Mr. James S. Hartsell, Miss Daisy Smith with Mr. F. L. Merritt, Miss Annie Beaman with Mr. F. L. Rogers, Miss Ophelia Howell with Mr. Edward Niel, Miss Mattie Lee with Mr. F. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Griffin. During the course of the dinner some very clever toasts were offered to the guests of honor.

The Atlantic and North Carolina railroad now has two coal burning locomotives in use and two others are now being overhauled in the shops and being converted into coal burners. The company is erecting a coal chute in this city and they will have one at New Bern and at Morehead City. When the passenger engines have all been converted into coal burners the schedules will be cut down several minutes between here and Morehead. The freight engines will continue to burn wood for some time. The Howland Improvement Company, the lessee of the road has a quantity of wood on hand and when this is consumed all the engines will be converted into coal burners.

Cheap Rates to Tampa.

On occasion of the South Florida Fair and Mid-Winter Exposition, Tampa, Florida, November 14th to 26th Seaboard Air Line will sell tickets to Tampa and return for \$21.75. Tickets on sale November 15th, final limit November 30th.

We do not suppose, Spencer Blackburn cares whether he could vote or not in his congressional district just so he secures the right to draw the salary of the office.

Chile has had five cabinets since the first of the year. Seems that stirring times in Chile have got lost in the international news shuffle.—Atlanta Journal.

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