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It is not only fashionable, but extremely easy to cry down monopolies and trusts at the present time, but the average business man as 'ell as the average working man, is only consistent as far as the crying is congerned, and then he stops. They will spend several hours in discussing the hold monopolies have on the people, and what remedies should be adopted, and then they give the preference of their trade to the very monopolies they have been howling against. The different attempts which have been made in the oil business is an example which can well be cited. Every time an oil company has started in this state, the business men have promised them their support, and every time when the Standard Oil Company came in and cut prices in order to freeze out their rivals, the business men, en masse, have deserted the new company and gone, bag and baggage, to the old company and assisted them in doing their dirty work. only to suffer even more, eventually by having prices raised still higher aftetr the competition is throttled. This is a matter of record, throughout the entire United States, and the Standard Oil Company, knowing the weakness of the business men in this respect will

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The Messenger.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Durham Sun: Jodie Seagraves was fooling with an old pistol on Chapel Hill street. While trying to take a cartridge out of the cylinder it went off and the ball lodged in one of his fingers. Raleigh News and Observer: The Raleigh chamber of commerce did well to protest against the propaosition to make the important matter of building good roads leading out of Raleigh a political job. Mr. McMackin, who has had charge of the work from the beginning, has done excellently.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. John Query, son of Mr. R. W. Query, of Newell, has one toe less this Christmas than he had last. He went out hunting Tuesday. While putting a cap on his gun he rested the gun on his foot. The hammer slip-ped, the gun went off, pouring the lead into Mr. Query's toe. He will know bet-Charlotte News: General Smith D. At-

kinson, of Freeport, Illinois, arrived this \$1.50; tar \$1.50; morning to spend the holidays with his Receipts to daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Cobb, who have recently moved to Charlotte. The general is a union veteran, but is much attached to North Carolina, he having married a daughter of the late Governor Swain, of this state. Winston Sentinel: One of the Roanoke papers learns from good authority that Rev. Mr. Broughton has accepted the call to the Third Baptist church at At-lanta and will go there in the near future. He was taken suddenly ill last Saturday evening. During that night and a part of Sunday he was considered dangerously ill and two physicians were kept constantly at his bedside. Monday he was reported as being better and slowly

Kinston Free Press: Mr. W. B. Carlton died Saturday morning of internal injuries received in attempting to lift a heavy box. He was 36 years of age, and leaves a wife and one child.—A few minutes to 10 o'clock on Thursday the alarm was again sounded. It was the bar of Mr. J. D. Sutton, on Gordon street. The loss to ex-Sheriff Sutton is between \$1,000 and \$1,500; insured for \$550. The building was owned by Mr. W. C. Fields and was probably worth \$400;

sured for \$200. The Boone Democrat says Mr. J. M. Brown, who was postmaster at Sands, Watauga county, for fifteen years, but was removed by the present administration, has received from the postoffice de-partment a draft for 1 cent in final setlement of his accounts. The Democrat adds that this is a record to be proud of, In Anson county a negro infant was left sleeping in a eradle in front of the fire. A coal of fire popped into the cradle, set the child's clothing on fire and

burned it so severely that it died in a Shelby Aurora: On Tuesday morning an unusually heavy electric storm, for midwinter, passed over Shelby. The res-idence of Mr. C. S. Caveney, at Belmont Mills, was struck by lightning and the inside torn to pieces, but, strange to say, no one was hurt. Mr. Vaveney's mother and sister were in a room which was splintered to pieces, but they were not hurt. Every room in the house but one, but they were not have the hurt. Every room in the house but one, but they were not Raleigh Post: At last one of the popu r Senator Pritchard at the last session of the legislature is to be rewarded with a federal office. Frank Brown, the representative from Jones county, is the man. He is scheduled to succeed Mr. Hannah as deputy clerk in the office of the United States marshal of this dis-

trict, when Mr. H. C. Dockery, the new appointee, takes hold. The salary of the office is \$1,200. Mr. Dockery has selected as his other clerk, the chief deputy, State Senator Sharpe, of Wilson county, The position is now filled by Mr. J. Clifford Carroll. The salary is \$1,600. Asheville Gazette: On the re-convenng of the circuit court yesterday afternoon it took up the charge against Andy Hunter for an assault with a goose-neck hoe handle on the Gaddy family in French Broad township. The defendant's insisted that Hunter was justifiable in the assault because of the vio-lent and dangerous character of Mrs.

as a woman of powerful muscle and the will to use it. He stated that if the in sundry able bodied and muscular men whom she had disposed of in Fitzsimmon style. Judge Ewart gave him the requested opportunity to bring in his men and show the court the condition of their olar piexes after their encounter with Fayetteville Observer: Last Wednesday night Mrs. Marion Smith died at the residence of Mr. J. A. McNeill near

umber Bridge, after a short illness. The leceased, who was a Miss McNair, was her 90th eyar. Mrs. Smith leaves a arge connection in Richmond county, ying to learn that a Fayetteville boy, Mr. Charles G. Rose, led the Sophomore class, of forty-five students, at Davidlege in the recent Christmas exoses, as the records of Davidson college will show from way back before the war.—Mr. Jas. Kirkpatrick arrived in pistol ball wounds in his body, which he soon had dressed by a physician. He received the wounds at his farm in Gray's Creek and was very weak when he reach-ed here. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that yesterday morning he ordered a negro employe off his place when the negro turned upon him with a pistol and fired five times, at a distance of not more than twenty yards. Two of the bullets took effect, the other three went wide of the mark. After emptying his pistol the ne-gro fled. He has not yet been captured. His name is Wm. Wilson.

Having used three bottles of P. P. P. or impure blood and general weakness and having derived great benefit from the same, having gained 14 pounds in weight in four weeks, I take great pleasure in recommending it to all un-

Yours truly, JOHN MORRIS. Office of J. N. McElroy, Druggist, Orlando, Fla., April 20, 1891 Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga. Dear Sirs:-I sold three bottles of P. P. P. large size yesterday, and one bot-

le small size today. The P. P. P. cured my wife of rheumatism winter before last. It came bottle, \$1 size, relieved her again, and she has not had a symptom since. I sold a bottle of P. P. P. to a friend of mine, one of the turkies, a small one, took sick and his wife gave it a teaspoonful, that was in the evenir and the little fellow turned over like h was dead, but next morning he was hollow-

ing and well. Yours respectfully, J. N. McELROY. Savannah, Ga., March 17, 1891. Messrs, Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga. Dear Sirs:-I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time and did not find a cure until Ifound P. P. P., which completely cured me.

Yours truly, ELIZA JONES,

16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga. An Indiana preacher-and this is notto be construed as anything against the state of Indiana; there have been fools on earth ever since the days of Solomon -managed to introduce a new style of oratory not long ago. He preached on the text, "Put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite." The text has its application, of course but the application should be very carefully made. It should not be expounded, for instance, as meaning that if a man is greedy he should eat with his knife, because he can eat more in that way in a given time. Neither should it necessarily be taken to meansthat every man who eats

certify with no uncertain sound, that Botanic Blood Balm, (B. B. B.) will cure to stay cured, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Ulcers, Sores, Blotches, and the most malignant blood and skin diseases. Botanic Blood Balm is the result of forty years experience of an eminent scientific and conscientions. eminent, scientific and conscientious physician. Send stamp for book of wonderful cures, and learn which is wonderful cures, and learn which is the best remedy. Beware of substitutes said to be "just as good" and buy better private Liverpool cables and were tutes said to be "just as good" and buy the long-tested and reliable Botanic Blood Balm, (B. B. B.) Price only \$1.00

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORT. Wilmington, N. C., December 24.
Receipts of cotton today—2,025 bales.
Receipts same day last year—7,55 bales.
This season's receipts to date—259,687 Receipts to same date last year-206,092 The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange.

Ordinary...... 2 15-16 Low middling..... Same day last year, 61/2c. NAVAL STORES.

Spirits turpentine-Machine barrels teady at 30%c; country barrels steady at Tar firm at \$1.05. Crude turpentine quiet; hard \$1.40; yellow dip \$1.90; Virgin \$1.90. Prices same day last year—Spirits tur-pentine 241/2c and 24c; rosin \$1.45 and \$1.50; tar \$1.05; crude turpentine \$1.40,

Receipts today-63 casks spirits tur-pentine, 303 barrels rosin, 744 barrels tar,

136 barrels crude turpentine. COUNTRY PRODUCE. Peanuts-North Carolina. prime 55@60c per bushel; extra prime. 65c; fancy 72½c. Virginia—Extra prime, 40@45c. Rice—Uplands, 65@80c; lowlands, \$1.10@ North Carolina Bacon-Hams, 10@11c; shoulders, 6@6½c; sides, 7½@8c. Chickens-Dull; spring 10@18c; hens 18@25c; roosters, 18@22c. Turkeys, (live), 7c to 10c per pound.

Timber at \$3.00 to \$5.00 per 1,000 feet. MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Eggs-Dull at 17c. Shingles-Per 1,000 five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.05@2.10; six inch, \$2.50@3.50.

FINANCIAL. New York, December 24.—Money on call firm at 3@4 per cent.; last loan at 3 per cent., and closed at 21/2@3 per cent.; prime mercantile paper 34.04 per cent.; sterling exchange closed firmer with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.84%.04.84% for demand, and at \$4.81\4.04.81\2 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.82\0.4.83 and \$4.85\0.04.83 4.86; commercial bills \$4.80½; silver certificates 57½@58½; bar silver 57¼; Mexican dollars 45%; government bonds weak state bonds dull; railroad bonds firm.

Del., L. & W..., 156 Am. Cot. Oil.... Fort Wayne..... 1681/2 Am Cot Oil, pre Illinois Central.. 103% Am. Tobacco 56% Am, Tobac, pre.112 Manhattan L....1091/8 People's Gas ... 971/8 Mobile & Ohio ... 28% Con. Gas 182

4's reg. 112½ N. J. Cen. 6's. 113 4's cou. 114¾ N. Caro. 6's. 125 2's. 88½ N. Caro. 4's. 103 5's reg. 114½ Pa. 6's. of '95. 1025 U. S. 5's cou.....114% S. Caro. non-fu. Ala. Class A.... 1081/2 South. Ry 947 La. N. con 4's ... 1011/2 Va. deferred ...

Liverpool, December 24.- 4 p. m.-Cot were for speculation and export and in-

3 19-64@3 20-64d value. The tendency of today's deliveries were 900 bales new dockets and 1,200 bales old continent 1,496; forwarded 2,784; sales none; stock 105,517. Total today: Net receipts 54,884; exports to Great Britain 18,142; to France 434; to the continent 20,152; stock 1,134,ports to Great Britain 110,901; to France | 42,127; to the continent 110,001 Consolidated: Net receipts 358,834; ex-

Total since September 1st: Net receipts 5,200,121; exports to Great Britain 1,667,-November 6.14; December 5.77. Futures closed dull, sales 120,700 bales: January 5.74; February 5.77; March 5.82; April 5.87; May 5.92; June 5.97; July 6.01;

August 6.05; September 6.04; October 6.05; November 6.07; December 5.73. Spot cotton closed quiet; middling up-lands 5 15-16c; middling gulf 6 3-16c; sales PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston-Firm at 51/2c; net receipts Norfolk-Firm at 51/2c; net receipts 3,786. Baltimore—Nominal at 5%c; net receipts 2,547; gross receipts 5,226.

Boston—Steady at 5 15-16c; net receipts 1,132; gross receipts 7,840. Wilmington—Steady at 5%c; net iptsc. 2.025. Philadelphia—Quiet at 6 3-16c; net eipts 186. Savannah—Steady at 5 3-16c; net ceipts 8,419.

New Orleans—Steady at 5%c; net seipts 19,643; gross receipts 20,156.

Mobile—Steady at 5%c; net receipts 20,156.

Cincinnati-Quiet at 51/2c; net receipts Louisville—Quiet at 5%c, net receipts
St. Louis—Quiet at 5%c; net receipts
1,297; gross receipts 6,190.
Houston—Firm at 5½c; net receipts
them arket took on a holiday character and fell at times into stagnation.

GRAIN AND PROVISION. Chicago, December 24.-The leading fuures were as follows: Open. High. Low. Clos. January December 221/4 Mess pork, per bbl-December ..

January 8.70 May 8.95 May 8.95 Lard, per 100 lbs— December January 4.521/2 May 4.70 4.571/4 4.521/4 4.721/4 4.70 May 4.70 Short-ribs, per 100 lbs-May 4.55 .4.57½ 4.55 4.571/2 Cash quotations were as follows: Flour

\$4,25@4.50. Wheat-Spot, firm: No. 2 red \$1.02% f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern New York \$1.03% generally firm all day on covering, closed entirely nominal at 4.6%c net advance. No. 2 red. December closed at \$1.01%c; May closed at 95%c.

Corn—Spot, firm; No. 2 35c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened firm and advanced on covering; closed nominal at 1,4@14c net advance. May closed at 34%@ 34%c; December closed at 33.

In this connection it is to be considered that gold received at San Francisco 34%c; December closed at 33,
Oats—Spot, nominal; No. 2 284c. Options firm all day with a light trade, closing %c higher. December closed at 28%c; May closed at 28%c.
Lard—Steady; western steamed \$4.82%; December \$4.80 nominal; refined continent \$5.15; South American \$5.40.

n; state and Pennsylvania ern fresh 20@24c,

Cotton Seed Oil-Dull; prime crude 150 8%c; do yellow 21%@22c.

Rice-Steady.

Coffee-Options steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points; ruled quiet and featureless with steady undertone under local covering, buying checked by larger Brazilian receipts and weak spot market, selling checked by exceptionally large United States warehouse deliveries; closed quiet and steady with Sugar-Raw strong; fair refining 5%c; centrifugal 96 test 4%c; refined strong. NAVAL STORES.

New York-Rosin steady. Turpentine Charleston-Turpentine firm; sales none; 30c bid, 30½ asked. Rosin unchanged; sales none.

Savannah—Spirits turpentine 'firm at 21c; sales 613; receipts 637. Rosin firm; sales 2,238; receipts 3,667. Quote: A B C D \$1.20; E F \$1.25; G \$1.35; H \$1.45; I \$1.65; K \$1.80; M \$1.95; N \$2.30; W G \$2.65; W W

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE CLEARED YESTERDAY. British steamship Magdala, Read, Bremen, Alex. Sprunt & Son. EXPORTS FOREIGN.

For Bremen, per steamship Magdala, 11,856 bales of cotton (5,838,716 pounds) valued at \$350,322, cargo and vessel by Alex. Sprunt & Son. VESSELS IN PORT. STEAMSHIPS. Hawkhurst, (Br.), 1,538 tons, Watson, Rio Janeiro, Alex. Sprunt & Son. Yearby, (Br.), 1,664 tons, Goldsworthy, Hull, Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Fram, (Br.), 1,405 tons, Tysland, Ham-burg, Heide & Co. Lucerne (Br.), 1,227 tons, Wallace, Glas-Falcon, (Nor.), 389 tons, Henriksen, Bahai, Paterson, Downing & Co. Poseidon (Nor.), 544 tons, Pattersen, Pernambuco, Heide & Co. Hans, (Swed.), 546 tons, Ebbersen, Bris-

tol, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS. Clara (Am.), 281 tons, Hatch, Punta Gorda, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. D. J. Sawyer, (Am.), 326 tons, Kelley, Philadelphia, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. Cora M., (Am.), 137 tons, Mitchell, Chraleston, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. Mable Darling, (Br.), 111 tons, Roberts, Dunmoretown, Bahama, Geo. Harriss, Bessie Brown (Am.), 220 tons, Lewes, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co. Roger Moore (Am.), 277 tons, Savannah, J. T. Riley & Co.

> Cotton Futures (Special to The Messenger.)

New York, December 24.—Christmas week has witnessed a trifle more activity in the cotton market, and the indications are that the dull spell cannot last much longer now. Owing to holiday liquidation, in which until today short covering has been the princichief liquidators, the longs were un- fined and 1.021/2 for common. Owing to ading. 'A decline of 1-64d in Liver. pool started the selling and prices here were 2 points lower at the opening. After the opening there was a fair demand and sellers were in the majority throughout the session. Receipts were very heavy. May opened at 5.96, advanced to 5.98, declined to 5.92 and closed at 5.92 to 5.93, with the tone of the market dull. The short covering that has occurred this week has undoubtedly left the market poorly fortiton—Spot fair demand and prices firm; fied to resist an enormous movement American middling 3 7-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 3,500 the forthcoming. The holds be forthcoming. The bulls, however. cluded 11,100 American; receipts 25,000 are not worried and claim that export-bales, including 20,400 American. Futures ers all over the south are short of im-American middling, low middling clause:
December 3 11-64d buyers; December and
January 3 11-64d buyers; January and
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March 3 11-64d sellers; March and
May April 3 12-64d sellers; April and May cember, has converted many operators 3 13-64d value; May and June 3 14-64d buy-ers; June and July 3 16-64d sellers; July to the opinion that present prices disand August 3 16-64@3 17-64@ buyers; August and September 3 17-64@3 18-64@ buyers; September and October 3 18-64@ buyers; October and November invesment buying has been enormous and unprecedented. Every one with cotton for sale has found, through the medium of the exchanges, some one dockets, medium of the exchanges, some one New York, December 24.—Cotton mar- to buy it, and usually come one not ket quiet; middling 5 15-16c; net receipts identified with the trade. This buying 843; gross receipts 5,430; exports to the has so far been the backbone of the market; whether it will keep up sufficiently to hold prices from now on is

problematical. If the January mevement should be as large as the indications seem to promise, we do not think it will. With the compliments of the season, we remain, RIORDAN & CO. (By Associated Press.) New York, December 24.-With a gire to even up outstanding contracts

Futures opened steady; sales 12,890 ton markets of New York, New Orleans bales: January 5.78; February 5.80; March 5.85; April 5.90; May 5.96; June 6.00; July 6.04; August 6.08; September 6.09; October and to avoid nick in marking new years. ton markets of New York, New Orleans and to avoid pisk in making new ventures. Today's market, therefore, while opening steady, at a decline of 1 to 2 points, ruled irregular and moderately active. English cotton market accounts were not as good as hoped for, while receipts were inclined to broaden out, which led to a little local liquidation, increasing the decline to 3 to 5 points. Sellers were conservative, however, and at best it was a small market. The close was dull at a net loss of 5 to 6 points.

New York Stock Market New York, December 24.—The local street railway companies' shares, which have been such a notable feature in the stock market all the week, opened with a further bound upwards this morning, and though there were sharp reactions during the day on profit taking, these stocks closed at the highest. Third Avenue made a gain of 22 points for the week. The week's gains were also extended in Metropolitan to 91/2 and in Manhattan to 51/8. The great buoyancy in these specialties spread through the list. The level of prices through the list. The level of prices of ter and fell at times into stagnation. There was no particular news to account for the movement of prices, though the bank statement, with its further decrease of over \$4,000,000 in the surplus reserves, had the effect of checking the activity in the market for the time being. In fact, the market did not take on the same animation again during the remainder of the day,

even when the announcement was 30% from England by tomorrow's steamer of \$500,000 in gold. Today's shipment of gold, while it in-dicates certain relief available in case of undue stringency in the local money market, also indicates the belief that 8.971/2 8.921/2 8.971/2 the present hardness of money rates is likely to endure for a considerable time without relief. It has come to be generally recognized that large imports of gold will be necessary to settle our existing trade balance with Europe as the expected import movement of merchanal goes not develop. But the present hardness of money, it was supposed, would be of short dura-Cures to stay cured.

Thousands of voluntary certificates received during the past fifteen years, certify with no uncertain sound, that

The marked weakness of foreign ex-change, which is now at as low a point as was reached during the gold movement of last September, has proved sufficient to bring gold, as shown by that gold received at San Francisco since August 1st and now in transit from Australia, amounts to \$11,875,000. The bond market has been much more quest this week than for some time and prices are little changed. Government bonds have been weak. The new 4's were up 14 and the registered 1, old 4's registered 4 and the 5's 4.

Dun & Co.'s Trade Review New York, December 24.-R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says: The weekly reports show remarkably large holiday trade at many points, the largest for five years. Morover, at the season when wholesale business usualdeliveries; closed quiet and steady with prices unchanged to 5 points net advance. Sales 6,250 bags, including May at \$6.25; February \$6.10. Spot coffee—Rio easy; No. 7 invoice 6%c; No. 7 jobbing 7%c; mild quiet; Cordova 8%g/lic. from unprecedented distribution to Santa Clausat work that usually begin their yearly resting spell somewhat earlier. Instead of 'decreasing, the demand for products show an unexpected increase in several important branches, Foreign traide continues satisfactory, even in omparison with the remarkable record of a year ago when exports ex-ceeded \$117,000,000 in December. The bank failures at Philadelphia, due to individual operations, cause no disturbance and commercial failures for the month have been less than half last year's to the same date.

The outgoing flood of grain is not checked by Chicago speculation, though more corn than wheat has been moving. Wheat exports, flour included have been 3,698,321 bushels for the week, against 3,568,805 the previous week and 1,546,443 a year ago, and in four weeks 15,766,895 bushets, against 9,039,587 last year, while corn exports for the week-4,540,828 bushels, against 1,751,740 last year—have been in four weeks 14,420,151, against 8,176,073 last year. Last year's corn movement was by far the greatest ever known, and about highland farming. Rice sheaves, this year's wheat movement for the with exacting thirst for water, refuse half year nearly ended has been close to reward toil in any soil of firmer conto the maxium reached in 1891. Wheat has varied little, closing 3 cents highhole; mut the best results are not ater for the week, after deliveries of surtainable unless irrigation be an availprising magnitude at Chicago, and corn able method of culture. Now. Russell closes nearly a cent higher. Cotton having farmed below such aqueous conhas also been moving largely and has ditions as are wrought by irrigation, or Cotton goods have further declined dirt, which singularly enough, since the process of irrigation is not invoked, is

risen a sixteenth of a cent. in prices of bleached, which meet active southern competition and the Fall River spinners insist upon a reduction of one-ninth in wages, other New England mills foining. Out of 101 New England works, 45 have passed dividends, 14 at Fall River, with 15 others paying 1 per cent. for the last quarter. The fall in the price of cotton when the mills were holding heavy stocks of goods placed this industry in a most embarrassing position. Woolen mills have begun buying domestic wool heavily, especially Montana and territory, as if assured of large business for the season about to open, Contracts of unknown magnitude have been made, it is said, many at previous prices, but others at a moderate advance. Wool is more firm, traders having disposed of 3,300,000 pounds territory and 1,500,000 other domestic at Boston and sales at three cities reached 7,809,100 pounds. There is a stronger demand for iron

ern pig is offered 25c lower., A striking feature is the unusual demand for the season in building cars, of which 4,000 ahve been ordered at Chicago by one trunk line and rails there have advanced to \$20 in new business, with sales here of 8,000 tons for home use and 2,000 for Mexico. Building conson come up and contracts for three drainage canals at Chicago. The Illinois steel works have eight months business booked with more orders offering. Pipe is dull and weak, but rods are quite active and billets have advaniced about 50c, The output of Connethsville coke (155,121 tone) is the largest for any week this year and contracts to supply a Mahonying furnace at \$1.60 for half next year have been made. Anthracite coal is 10 cents stronger, with colder weather,

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec., 19, 1896. Messrs, Ely Bros.;—I have used Ely's Cream Balm a number of years and find it works like a charm. It has cured me of the most obstinate case of cold in the head in less than 48 hours from the time I felt the cold coming on, I would not be without it. 232 Hart St. FRED'K FRIES. Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50c. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it. ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

The republican party in the state, always steeped in the deepest disgraces, makes plunder and pillage its watch-With its sullen, sleepless eyes it watches for new opportunities of disaster and quickly embraces them, offering no excuse save the gluttony of office. The populist party stands for barter with anyone and for anything. It does not strive to be a force within itself but hitches on the tail end of something else; and its organs excuse this cowardice and perfidity on the ground that other parties are unscrupulous and cannot be trusted. It never tries to win anything itself but is constantly endeavoring to beat something or somebody. The voters in the populist party have very little voice in its councils, since nearly all lines of action are prepared by men who are designing politicians and have ends to meet which they accomplish by influencing the pre-judices of their followers.—Concord



PUBLIC OPINION

The report made to the commissioner f Indian affairs of the management of a., is a most interesting showing. I emonstrates that there is a very siderable range of training for which the young Indian shows as much adaptabilyoung Indian shows as much adaptablity as do other young Americans. That the Indian youth can play foot ball is pretty generally conceded; but that Indian boys and girls are "as competent in the field and shop and in household matter the field and shop and in household matter and of the field and shop and in household matter the field and shop and shop and in household matter the field and shop and the field and s ters as the young Anglo-Saxon," under the impetus of proper handling and as-sociation, the public has not been able to concede. The experiment at Carlisle, however, goes far to establish the fact.— Philadelphia Record.

"Successful politicians of the partisan type" are very common both here and in England. Platt, Quay, Gorman, Dis-raeli, Chamberlain, among others are of this type, but in all these cases it has been found that this partisanship was incompatible with literary success, in any field but fiction. In fiction a writer does not need to be conscientious. Nobody expects him to put any conscience into his work unless he chooses. What he has to gence. But if any of these men choose to write history, or moral or philisophica essays, the question of their sineerity and truthfulness would at once some up. Do they believe what they say? Are they in the habit of making statements for other purposes than diffusing opinions honestly formed, and honestly held? Would they knowingly misrepresent a fact for the purpose of achieving concealed ends?—New York Evening Post.

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