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Whaling off Morehead.

The great whale capture of the Lookout Tuesday, by the hardy Morehead fishermen attracted crowds of visitors from Morehead and vicinity. Many would have gone down from New Bern had a train been run so that a visit to the interesting scene could have been made and the visitor have gotten back home the same day. These great monsters of the deep never fail to attract attention.

The first whale of the season, as we announced, measuring over forty feet in length, was caught last week. Tuesday three more were discovered sporting off the shore, chase was given and there not being men and boats enough to manage all, the largest one was selected, attacked, killed and brought to the ocean side of Shuckford's banks where he is now being cut up and tried into oil.

The whale gave his captors a three miles run before victory crowned their efforts. When first struck he was about five miles out, and when about eight miles out, he succumbed to the three harpoon wounds and eight hour shots of his assailants.

A whale's most vulnerable points are under his two immense fins, this on one side brings the weapon near his heart, and on the other also touches a vital spot.

When a whale is to be taken, the first object to be attained is to make fast to him, so that he cannot escape. This is done by having lines which can be let out at great length attached to the harpoon. After he is thus secured he is shot with bombs which explode after they are buried in his body.

The boats used in the chase are long, swift-moving ones, built especially for the business.

Five boats made the attack; the victim having been selected, a boat ranged close alongside and the first harpoon was imbedded deeply in his flesh. Then down the whale went winding off the line as he went.

A whale, sound or wounded, can not long remain under the water. Not being a true fish they have to come to the surface at short intervals to breathe, so the watch was kept and when the whale made his appearance it did not take long to plant another harpoon in him. Again he sank and then with a third harpoon being made fast to him the firing began. The three harpoons and eight shots did the work.

Boats then towed him as close to the shore as the hugeness of his body would permit, the incoming of the tide largely aiding in this work.

In color he is velvety black on the upper portions and white below.

Measurements showed his dimensions to be as follows:

Length, between 55 and 60 feet; breadth, (from side to side) 20 feet; width, (from back downward) 12 feet; each fin is ten feet long and 6 feet wide, the flukes of his tail, 16 feet from one tip to the other. The bone in his mouth measures seven feet.

He will be cut up where he lies, and then tried out in huge kettles on the shore.

It is estimated that the whale will make 40 casks of oil and that his total worth will be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Twenty-five men are interested in the returns.—New Bern Journal.

Our Law Makers.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3rd., '94.

Excitement running high in Congress. President Cleveland has displeased many influential members of his party who claim that they had a right to expect different treatment for the Bland bill for the coinage of the seigniorage at his hands. It is needless to repeat the angry threats heard on all sides, because such threats are not really factors in future legislation. The situation is one that requires calm consideration on the part of those who are in a position to control future legislation, and that can only come after the excitement has had time to exhaust itself. Nothing is ever accomplished in Congress by going off half-cocked therefore the longest-headed and most conservative men are laying low and saying nothing.

Senator Peffer is determined that the administration shall issue no more bonds without express authority from Congress, if he can prevent it, and, as the first step towards prevention, he has introduced a resolution directing the Finance committee to prepare a bill repealing all laws authorizing such issues.

Senator Kyle has published a letter denying a published interview that made him say he endorsed Coxey's army. He calls Coxey's scheme a silly one that cannot possibly accomplish any good result. The other populists in Senate and House agree with him and it is distinctly understood that they do not endorse either Coxey or his army.

A unique delegation in the shape of forty women, mill-workers, from New England are in Washington for the purpose of protesting against the tariff bill as it now stands.

Some western Congressmen do not hesitate to say that certain changes made in the tariff bill by the Senate committee on Finance were made with the deliberate intention of causing the income tax to be dropped from the bill, and that this round about way of killing the income tax was resorted to because the committee lacked the nerve to openly drop it, preferring that it be done by vote of the Senate.

The men in the House who knocked out the sliding sugar bounty put by the majority of the House Ways and Means committee in the original Wilson tariff bill have been putting their heads together for the purpose of devising a scheme that would give the Senate a hint of their opposition to the sugar schedule of the revised tariff bill, and they think they have discovered it. They propose to put an amendment on the regular legislative and executive appropriation bill providing for the repeal of the sugar bounty of the McKinley law, and they express confidence that it will easily pass the House, which has placed itself on record as favoring free sugar and no bounty.

Another construction put upon this move is that the men behind it are doubtful about the Senate passing the tariff bill and want to make sure of abolishing the sugar bounty. As yet it is only a project.

The House after wasting a week because the democrats could not muster a quorum of their own to dispose of several contested election cases this week succeeded in getting a

quorum and business was resumed. Judging, however, by the past the quorum will not remain long, more shame to the absentees.

Vivid Picture of Drunkenness.

A programme of rare interest to temperance workers of the District was carried out at the First Congregational Church yesterday afternoon. It was the first of a series of meetings under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Luther Benson, the eloquent temperance orator, of Indianapolis, was presented to the assemblage, and, although complaining of illness and nervousness incident to rapid traveling, held the vast audience as if in the hollow of his hand, while he painted picture after picture in glowing words of the misery and degradation entailed on suffering humanity by the demon drink.

"Paint a picture," said he "and start by depicting on it everything that is horrid, revolting and disgusting. Then place on it a deserted home, with a mother and her innocent children suffering the pangs of hunger and clothed in rags. Paint on it trees whose fruit is poison. Put on it scenes of the most shameless degradation. Trim it with bleeding hearts, and then turn on it all the horrors of hell itself and you will not have one tithe of the truths about intemperance. Man's tongue and ingenuity could not conceive a lie evil enough, distorted enough, to approach the evils of intemperance. It is the evil of evils and crime of crimes. How this grand Republic of ours would grow and glow but for the rum cancer which is destroying thousands of bright young lives annually. Could we but stop the traffic, it would depopulate our penitentiaries, jails, calaboses, and almshouses, and the bright sunlight would be streaming through their open doors. Instead of locking up a man with whiskey in him let us lock up the whiskey before it gets in to the poor man.—Post.

The North western Lumberman presents its report of pine product in 1893, in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The grand total output in 1893 fell below the total in 1892 to the amount of 1,302,999,965 feet of lumber, and in shingles there was a comparative decrease of 828,827,077. The total product last year was smaller than in any year since 1886 when it was 7,425,368,443 feet less than that in 1885, years of restricted production which followed the industrial and trade depression of 1893 and 1884.

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