

**THE GOLD LEAF.**

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VOLUME TWENTY-FOUR.  
With this issue the GOLD LEAF enters upon the twenty-fourth year of its existence. Last week rounded out the twenty-third volume, the first issue of the paper having been given to the public December 15th, 1881. During all these years it has not changed hands or varied from its purpose to be a clean, honest, useful paper, having the best interests of its town, county and State at heart at all times. In what measure we have fulfilled that purpose or how far we have fallen short of it we leave it to the public to say.

We take this occasion to express our grateful appreciation of the moral and financial support given us in the past and shall endeavor to merit a continuation of the same kindly consideration in future. Further than this we have no promises to make, preferring rather to let actions speak for themselves.

**THE RAILROADS THEMSELVES TO BLAME.**

A great deal is said about the feeling against railroads and the certainty almost of the average jury to decide against them in a suit for damages. This is true and it is to be regretted. But the railroads themselves are largely to blame. Their grasping greed and reckless disregard of individual interests, manifesting itself in unequal and extortionate charges and tyrannical if not brutal methods are responsible for the prejudice existing against them.

By way of illustration the following case is cited: A car was loaded with wood at a point on the Southern Railway. It remained there several days—a week, we are told—after it was loaded. The railroad suited its convenience about moving it and then not until complaint was made, giving as an excuse that their trains were loaded and they could not handle it sooner. The car was finally hauled in here in the midst of the deep snow last week. Arrangements had been made to handle the wood the week before—when it should have been delivered and while the weather was good—but the consignee had to wait the good time and pleasure of the railroad, and when it did come it was impossible to get it out as expeditiously as would have been done under more favorable conditions. Before the time limit for holding the car expired consignee started to throw the wood out at his own risk and release the car, but this was objected to and stopped by the railroad. Then a charge for demurrage was made. This looked like an unreasonable demand under the circumstances (in view of the fact above stated), and payment was refused. The car was then sealed and further delivery of the wood withheld. The railroad had the victim in their power and they knew it. There was but one thing to do, pay the demurrage charges or submit to the confiscation of property of greater value. He preferred to be held up for the lesser amount.

We understand full well that the railroads must have rules and regulations for the conduct of their business, but it is a bad rule that will not work but one way. But railroad rules are only made to work their way and with them it is "the public be damned," as the late Mr. Vanderbilt, who was himself a railroad man, once exclaimed.

The Southern Railroad may not be the meanest railroad in the country, although we believe it is somewhat that reputation, but it has more ways of getting itself hated than any road we know.

King Cotton has more to fear from the "Wall Street weevil" than its has from the boll weevil.

Old "King Cotton" is having a good many ups and downs these days—more downs than ups.

It appears that Mrs. Chadwick doesn't take much stock in "frenzied finance," though she has a number of frenzied victims.

"The Simple Life" may suit some folks, but Theodore Roosevelt and Tom Lawson take more to the strenuous and frenzied sort.

The Greensboro Record observes that the enterprises about which so much is said are generally the last to mature. The fellows who have anything to do, do it and let some one else do the talking.

The low price of cotton should induce farmers to go in more for "hog and hominy" next year. Raise your home supplies first and then as much cotton and tobacco as you can, and there will be no danger of overproduction and consequent low prices. And even if prices should be low the farmer who is out of debt and has enough to live on can stand the loss a great deal better.

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**GOV. VARDEMAN'S PLAIN TALK.**

A press dispatch from Jackson, Miss., dated Dec. 13th, says Gov. Vardeman made the opening speech at the cotton and corn carnival there, and after welcoming the visitors he took occasion to say some things of a political nature, for which he has been severely criticised. In touching on the attitude that Southern representatives should assume in their fight against the reduction of Southern representation, Governor Vardeman said:

And instead of going to the Congress of the United States and saying that there is no distinction made in Mississippi because of color or previous condition of servitude, tell the truth and say this: "We tried for many years to live in Mississippi and share sovereignty and dominion with the negro and we saw our institutions crumbling, we saw the public funds squandered, we saw the civilization that our forefathers had fought for passing away, and the law of self-preservation being the first law, we observed it, we rose in the majesty and highest type of Anglo-Saxon manhood and took the reins of government out of the hands of the negro and negro, and, so help us, from now on we will never share any sovereignty or dominion with him again."

And this is the honest truth. Gov. Vardeman is everlastingly right, damn and denounce him as they may.

**Mrs. Longstreet's Book.**

Atlanta Constitution.  
The old comrades in arms and all Southern admirers of the late General James Longstreet will learn with much satisfaction that the excellent book written by his wife and published since the great commander's death, "Lee and Longstreet at High Tide," is meeting with wide sales and widespread appreciation. Already the book has taken a place among the permanent works of civil war history, and, indeed, it fills a niche in the literary pantheon of history that has long demanded such worthy occupation.

Mrs. Ellen Dortch Longstreet, the talented widow of this military hero of the Southern Confederacy, was peculiarly fitted to write such a book. Not only does she possess literary genius in an unusual degree, but she possesses, what is prerequisite in a historian, the plodding, patient quality of getting down to the root of fact. Her authorities are unquestionable and her use of them is convincing in vindicating her position and end, which is to establish the truth of history for the honor of the dead soldier's name.

This the author has done, and she has done it with no excess of personal or partisan zeal, notwithstanding her relation to the illustrious commander. She maintains the judicial attitude of the historian most admirably, fortifying her statements of fact by the official records, by the best authority available, and what is equally valuable and interesting by the personal testimony of General Longstreet himself. Happily, the general was at his wife's side when the bulk of this biographical history was written, and he has made clear many hitherto disputed incidents in his martial career.

The student of war history cannot afford to neglect reading "Lee and Longstreet at High Tide." It is as the sun of truth piercing and dispelling the mist of misapprehension, detraction and misapprehension. Having read it, General Longstreet will be mentally accorded the high and honored place he earned in the hearts of his countrymen by valorous and faithful service of his country in its hour of supreme need. Both the quality of his patriotism and military genius must be acknowledged generally and generously, let the passions and bitterness of the past be what they may.

More than this, Mrs. Longstreet's book is a beautiful memorial appreciation of the dead soldier, containing many of the innumerable eulogies and tributes to his memory that appeared in the press of the whole country. In this and other respects it is peculiarly a work of love, gracefully and tenderly performed.

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**A Beautiful Sentiment.**

That was a most beautiful sentiment voiced by Mayor McClellan at the meeting of the Southern Society New York the other night. Mayor McClellan is a son of the Federal general, and his language is all the more effective because of that fact. Mr. McClellan said in part:

"You people in the South, a century ago, fought for your ideal of wrong. Still later you fought, and the world said you lost. Lee and Johnston and Stonewall Jackson were idealists, every one, and so were Washington and Jefferson and their associates. But at that time, say you, their dreams came true, while the others dreamed in vain. Ah, me! no man has dreamed or lived in vain who has sought for lofty inspiration. The spirit of '61, like the spirit of '76, was idealism, and now that we can look back after nearly a half century and see that unhappy fratricidal strife, through the vista of years, we can appreciate that in the broad and true sense there was no vanquished, but that all were victors in that they fought for what they deemed the right, and in fighting for it, fought like men and gentlemen."

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**RALEIGH LETTER.**

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 19.  
There never was a time when the Assembly of the General Assembly was so near at hand that one heard so little about the selection of the next speaker.

Although that important office is to be filled in about three weeks, and has been usually sought by many of the leading legislators, no one can tell today who the next speaker will be.

The organization during the past week of the Southern Press Association at Atlanta, the meeting being participated in by several North Carolina newspaper men, is an important development in improving telegraph news service of the evening newspapers of the South. Mr. John C. Drewry, president of the Raleigh Evening Times, was elected chairman of the executive committee and the active chairman of the board of directors.

The strenuous call for more immigrants for North Carolina is growing in volume in certain quarters. If we are to judge by the language of some of the appeals along this line printed in the newspapers, anything that wears pants will be welcome.

We beg to enter a protest. There are "immigrants" who land in this country from some of the countries of the old world who do North Carolina a great service by locating in other States than this. We do not need nor want the riffraff of Castle Garden dumped upon our shores. There is not room in the most homogeneous State in the Union for foreign anarchists and "socialists," the very breath of whom is poisonous to our well-being and prosperity. But we do need and we will welcome desirable classes of immigrants, be they Americans or foreigners—and no other kind. It is therefore absolutely necessary that care and discrimination should be exercised by the managers of any concerted effort to induce outsiders to come among us—and we wish to emphasize and accentuate the fact as forcibly as we can.

The temple committee of the Masons, having in charge the erection of the Masonic Temple in Raleigh, met last evening in the office of Grand Secretary Drewry. Already the committee has possession of the former Mann store on West Hargett street. Last night the arrangements were fixed, propositions submitted and accepted which will place in its hands the property of the Raleigh Savings Bank, on the corner, the site for the temple. Under the agreement the present occupants have six months in which to give possession, but it is hoped that by early spring they will have secured other places for temporary abode so that work may begin. If not, then at the end of six months it will begin. The committee spends in securing the site \$30,000. It has \$100,000 available and desires to add \$200,000 to this, that details of the magnificent building planned may be perfected, and it is greatly encouraged at the bright prospect. It is stated that the money in the committee's hands has increased by judicious investment, and that now every dollar subscribed has increased to more than a dollar. There were present at the meeting Grand Master W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte; Messrs. John W. Cotton, of Tarboro, Past Grand Master; A. J. Harris, of Henderson; S. H. Smith, of Charlotte, and other Grand Secretaries John C. Drewry, of Raleigh.

The Secretary of State today granted papers of incorporation to the Bank of Southport. The authorized capital of the institution is \$20,000, of which \$5,000 is paid in. The incorporators are D. I. Watson, H. W. Hood, E. C. Viton and others.

The trustees of Rex hospital have elected as superintendent to succeed Mrs. Lawrence, deceased, Miss Nora Phillips, of Washington, D. C., who has secured a high place in her profession by years of capable work and by the high sense of duty that distinguishes her personality. Miss Phillips comes of old North Carolina stock, being a daughter of Dr. Sam. P. Phillips, a sister of Dr. Charles Phillips, a niece of the famous Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer. Her selection as superintendent will meet with general and hearty approval. The new superintendent is a native of Raleigh and removed to Washington when her father was made solicitor-general of the United States many years ago. LEWEXAM.

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