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Wasn't so long ago, was it, when we heard about the Democrat's being hopelessly divided and about there being so many different kinds of Democrats?

After this panic, we won't hear so much from Republican orators who told us through five campaigns, that "under Cleveland's administration the fires went out in the furnaces."

When will the state see the last of destruction that came from Republican rule in reconstruction days?

Now a new syndicate is threatening to give some foreign government a number of the fraudulent reconstruction bonds so that the state can be sued.

BRYAN AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

It has grown customary for certain enemies of Mr. Bryan to criticize him as Democracy's old man of the sea hanging around the party's neck and preventing its return to power. These utterances come from those whose bitter prejudices do not permit them to do Mr. Bryan the common justice to which even the vilest are entitled.

Mr. Bryan has been the nominee of the Democratic party twice simply and solely because he was the choice of the Democratic party twice. If he is the nominee a third time it will be because he is a third time the party's choice. Then what becomes of all this talk about Mr. Bryan as a dog in the manger? It is pure rot. The very fact no man can successfully contend against him for the nomination, shows that the Democratic masses prefer him. And if they prefer him, why should Bryan give way to some candidate whom they do not want? He was swindled out of the presidency in 1896.

In 1904, these same critics said if Mr. Bryan would get out of the way the Democrats could succeed. Bryan got out of the way and the result was the most ruinous defeat that the party has suffered in thirty years. In view of their miserable performance isn't it about time for them to quit talking of Bryan's failure?

Mr. W. X. Reid Cashier.

Mr. J. W. Blackwelder asked the board of directors of the Hickory Banking & Trust Co., at a recent meeting to release him from the position of cashier on account of not being able to endure the confinement.

Mr. Blackwelder has been courteous and exceedingly pleasant in serving the people and has also made a success of the business. A better successor could not be found than Mr. Reid, who is ever ready and willing to serve the people in his usual genial way.

Editors should avoid needless repetition in their writing. As an example of that bad habit we note the announcement of an exchange that an applicant for a counsellorship "was prominent in Republican politics in San Francisco" and that that he "was a notorious grafter."

A Domestic Tragedy.

A sad domestic tragedy was aired before Justice W. F. Brum on Monday morning. Monroe Harris, a ginger cake gentleman was the defendant and his spouse who is several shades darker figured as the injured innocent.

Mrs. Monroe deposed and "allowed as how she spent Sunday at mama's and at Miss Sallie Busses and Mun he lay up in de house all day and hit Sunday and he drinkin liquor."

Mrs. Mon returned home amid the gathering shadows of evening when after a spicy conversation with her Lord and master, so she affirmed, he sprang on her and choked her.

A fat lady of color came forward and told dramatically how Mrs. Mon dashed into her yard scarcely able to speak. "She said" continued the fat one sinking her voice to a dramatic whisper: "Mon choked me." "And de slobber hit wuz running out'n her mouf."

Called to the stand in his own defence, Monroe turned a hateful glance upon the portly form of his mother-in-law and pointing dramatically at her exclaimed:

"Boss, thar sots my trouble. Thar sots my trouble. My mother-in-law is the cause of it all."

"Y'r honor kin I say a word?" Angriily interrupted the abused relation. "No" said the Justice. "You keep quiet." Monroe denied the choking but admitted the lying up and drinking down. "Two dollars and cost" said the Justice.

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Do not risk your by taking any but the genuine. It is in a yellow package. W. S. Martin & Co.

Strange how quickly the scale turns. Only a few months ago the rail-roads were so prosperous their business had outgrown them, now they are on the verge of bankruptcy and people are asked to believe that a passenger rate which has been in force only ninety days caused all the trouble.

Mrs. Setzer Dead.

Mrs. Jon. Setzer whose failing health was hardly noticeable died very suddenly Tuesday night. Her death was a shock to those about here. She leaves her husband and a little babe 2 or 3 months old to miss her.

Her remains were taken Wednesday morning to her former home at Statesville for interment.

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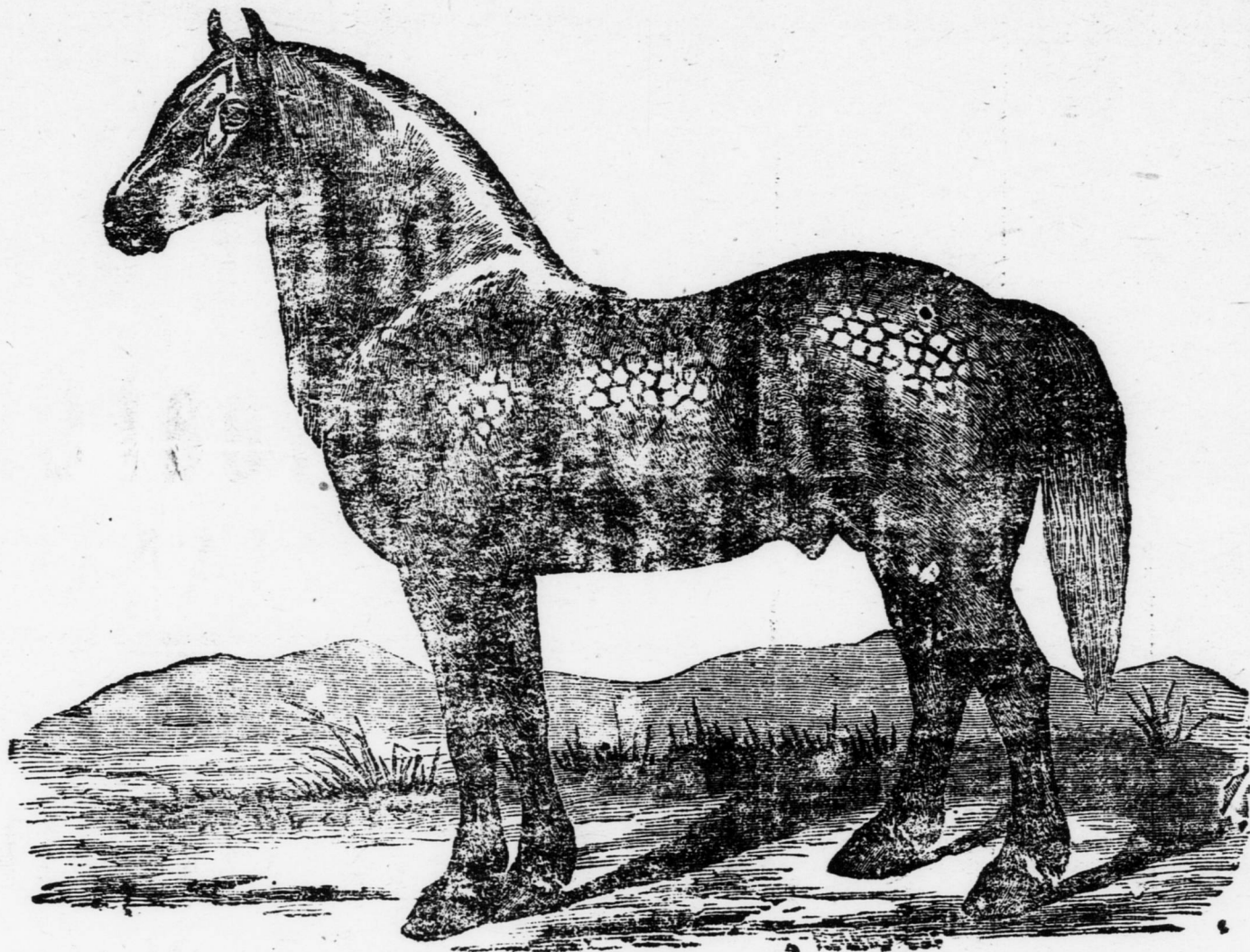
Union prayer service will be held at the different churches of the city every night during next week. Every body cordially invited to attend.

Extra Session Called.

Gov. Glenn, has issued his proclamation for a special session of the general assembly of North Carolina to begin on Tuesday, January 21st. The proclamation states that the extra session is to change, modify, straighten or repeal the railroad passenger rate of 2 1/4 cents a mile passed at the last session of the legislature and also the law concerning unjust discrimination in freight rates.

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HICKORY, N. C.

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New Year's Greeting.

We wish to thank our friends and customers for the liberal patronage given us through the past year, which alone has made it possible for us to enlarge our stock and improve our facilities for the coming year 1908.

We hope to better merit the continuance of the patronage of our old customers and offer to those who are not already customers the most desirable merchandise and liberal treatment.

Wishing all a prosperous New year.

MORETZ - WHITENER Clothing Company

We wish you a prosperous
NEW YEAR

The Hickory Banking & Trust Co

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Van Dyke Book and Art Shop
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