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A Warning Against Liberalism.

"Not long ago," says a Philadelphia clergyman, "I made an earnest appeal during a Sunday morning service for contributions to support a certain branch of the church work."

Did You Ever Think About It?

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Blood is Life.

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Hon. William J. Bryan will make two birthday banquet speeches. This was the compromise arrived at after two delegations—one from Omaha, the other from Chicago—had labored with the silver champion to induce him to be the guest of honor at their respective celebrations on the evening of January 8th.

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NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

STATE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE GATHERED FROM OUR MANY WIDE-AWAKE EXCHANGES.

Real and personal property in North Carolina during the last year has declined \$10,000,000. That's a tremendous slump and one that cannot be easily explained.

We notice more accounts of the slaughtering of fine porkers, mentioned in our exchanges this year, than ever before. The average weight of those reported is about 325 pounds.

The Fayetteville Observer tells about little Blanche Lancaster who was playing under a shed at Park-ton, a few days ago, when suddenly the roof fell in killing the little girl almost instantly.

The crop of tobacco grown this year in Surry, Stokes and adjoining counties is of a much finer quality than that of 1895, and prices have averaged up pretty well with the wool. The result is having a wonderful effect on the farmers' purses.

A special from Asheville to the Charlotte Observer says: Rev. J. J. Glenwood, a Baptist minister, entered his barn near Candler, Saturday morning, to feed his stock, when he was caught and crushed by a cow, receiving internal injuries from which he died Tuesday.

The Wadesboro Messenger says Miss Dolly Newton, of Lilesville township, Anson county, was walking with a can of concentrated lye in her hand when she stumbled and fell and the can burst, a part of its contents flying in her eyes and ears.

The Attorney General says the magistrates elected by the people do not qualify until the first Monday in next August. He also says the failure of officers elected in counties to file a statement of expenses forfeits the office and the clerk must fill the vacancies after August 1st in case of magistrates.

The North Carolina Board of Agriculture reports the following mills in the State: Cotton spinning or weaving mills, 174; Hosiery mills, 15; Knitting mills making underwear, nets and cords, 10; Calico mills, 1; Silk mills, 1; Woolen mills, 3. Several new mills of similar character are now under construction.

Governor Carr has ordered a special term of Forsyth Superior Court to be held for the trial of six cases of Judge Hicks to preside. Court be Judge on the second Monday in January. The architect and contractor are confident that the courthouse will be completed in time to hold the special term in the new temple of justice.

Rev. J. C. Hartsell, a supernumerary minister of the North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, died at his home in Shelby last Wednesday. He had been in failing health for several years. He was the preacher at Elkin some years ago. The writer first met him at Elkin and afterward at a protracted meeting at North Wilkesboro.

The Charlotte News says: Lead is coming into more general use in North Carolina, it may be judged by the number of bullets flying around lately. Was there ever so much pistol shooting heard of in the State? Tar Heels are getting entirely too careless with their guns. The Charlotte paper might have added that "lead" is killing too many people for North Carolina to be real healthy.

Bryan on Silver.

William Jennings Bryan, in the December number of the North American Review, discusses the effect of the election upon the silver question. The issue upon which the election turned he describes as "the greatest ever submitted to the American people in time of peace."

North Carolina is making quite a reputation for crime. Murders are being committed nearly every day some where in the State. A lot of hanging is needed.

State Treasurer Worth says he expects State officers to be inaugurated January 13th. Cy. Thompson says he does not know the date, but thinks Russell will regulate it.

Mr. Bryan counsels the successful party to remember that thousands of Republicans have been held to their party this year by the pledge that they will try to secure international bimetallism. In regard to the gold standard Democrats, Mr. Bryan is assured they cannot do so much in 1900 as they have done this year.

China thought she would whip Japan roundly; Spain thought she could whip Cuba in six months; in fact both sides usually go into battle counting on victory. One of the leading papers of France announced the other day that war with Spain will mean war with Europe.

Hon. William J. Bryan has given out the following statement: "I hope that those who have written me since the election will not be impatient if they do not receive answers promptly. I have four persons assisting with my correspondence, but we are considerably behind. The mail exceeded 2,500 letters per day for a while after the election, and even now I could not answer the letters as fast as they arrive if I could spend every hour of the day at work."

One day last week a boy named Cox, about 13 or 14 years old, was caught in a belt about the lapper room at the Altamash cotton mill, and so severely injured that he died a day or two later without gaining consciousness. He was found on the floor, and the belt, a large leather one, was broken, and as no one saw the accident, it is not known how it came about.

An interesting bit of information as to the policy that will be pursued by the incoming administration is the statement from a reliable Republican source that the two Criminal Circuit Courts—one in the East and the other in the West—will be abolished.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has affirmed the sentence of death pronounced against Scott Jackson, at Covington, for the murder of Pearl Bryan.

A prominent physician is quoted as saying that children will have no diphtheria, a scarlet fever or worms if they eat freely of onions every day.

THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

EXTRACTS FROM THAT PART OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE RELATING TO THIS SUBJECT.

Following are extracts from the report of the secretary of state under the head of Spain: "The situation in the island of Cuba has largely engrossed the attention of the department of state during the past year. Its efforts to obtain trustworthy information and to insure due protection to citizens of the United States and their property and interests within the theatre of disturbance have been ably seconded by the consular representatives in that island."

"As regards the character and scope of the hostile operations which now affect the greater part of Cuba, the reports of our consuls are properly confidential and while precise as to the several districts touching which reports have been received, the nature and source of the information obtained are such as to make detailed publication impracticable, so that the department is not in a position to do more at present than state its general deductions as to the position of the contending parties."

"No prominent seaport has been attacked by the insurgents or even menaced beyond occasional raids upon the outskirts. A large part of the twenty-two hundred miles of the irregular coastline of Cuba, comprising the comparatively unsettled stretches of its western extremity and the inhospitable mountain shores of its eastern port, is practically in the hands of the revolutionists. The character of these shores, filled to the westward with shallow indentations inaccessible to any but light vessels of small tonnage, and to the eastward with rocky locks dangerous to approach by night and affording insecure anchorage for larger craft, lends itself peculiarly to the guerrilla warfare of the interior, so that the insurgents, being relieved of the need of maintaining and garrisoning points upon the coast, are effectively able to utilize a considerable part of it as occasion offers to communicate with the outside world and to receive clandestine supplies of men, arms and ammunition. The situation in that quarter as regards the ease of surreptitious access and the difficulty of repelling illicit traffic, finds a not unparallel in that of the Cornish and Welsh coasts of England and the Scottish highlands in the last century, where a few adventurers were able to smuggle supplies and land rebel emissaries or forces, baffling the watch of maritime forces much greater than those maintained by Spain along the diversified shores of Cuba."

"While thus in fact controlling the greater part of the interior area of the whole island of Cuba, from Cape San Antonio to Cape Mayai and enjoying practically unlimited use of an equally large part of the coast, the revolutionary forces are scattered, where no where united for any length of time to form an army capable to attack or siege and fit to take the defensive in a pitched battle. Assembling suddenly at a given point, often in a single night, they make unexpected sallies or carry devastation to the tobacco and cane fields of Cuba, and at the first sign of pursuit or organized assault, they disperse only to reassemble in like manner at some other spot."

"So far as our information shows, there is not only no effective local government by the insurgents in the territories they overrun, but there is not even a tangible pretence to established administration anywhere. Their organization, confined to the shifting exigencies of the military operations of the hour, is nomadic, without definite centres, lacking the most elementary feature of municipal government. There no where appears the nucleus of a statehood. The machinery for exercising the legitimate rights and powers of sovereignty and responding to the obligations which de facto sovereignty entails in the face of equal rights of other states, is conspicuously lacking. It is not possible to discern a homogenous political entity, possessing and exercising the functions of administration and capable, if left to itself, of maintaining orderly government in its own territory and sustaining normal relations with the external family of governments."

"In opposition to the nomadic control of the interior and the undefended coast by the insurgents, the Spanish authority continues in the capital cities and the seaports. Its garrisons are there established. From them its naval operations are directed and executed. Most of its functions proceed as in time of peace. Its customs and municipal revenues are regularly collected, and with the exception of the temporary restraints, alleged to be due to the admitted existence of a state of hostilities, foreign commerce with the island is kept up, although largely diminished by the natural contraction of the Cuban market of supply and demand. As to those parts of the island with which the country and its citizens maintain legitimately normal intercourse, the Spanish power is supreme, although often exercised in a vexatious and arbitrary way, calling for just re-pression."

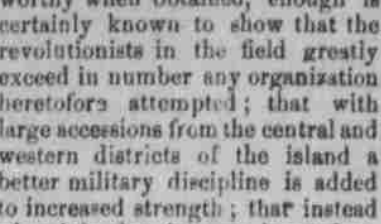
"Although statistics of their military strength are attainable with difficulty and are not always trustworthy when obtained, enough is certainly known to show that the revolutionists in the field greatly exceed in number any organization heretofore attempted; that with large accessions from the central and western districts of the island a better military discipline is added to increased strength; that instead of mainly drawing, as heretofore, upon the comparatively primitive population of eastern Cuba, the insurgent armies fairly represent the intelligent aspirations of a large proportion of the people of the whole island, and that they purpose to wage this contest, on better grounds of vantage, to the end to make the present struggle a supreme test of the capacity of the Cuban people to win for themselves and their children the heritage of self-government."

"A notable feature of the actual situation is the tactical skill displayed by its leaders. When the disparity of numbers and the comparatively indelible character of the central and western Vega country are considered, the passage of a considerable force into Pinar del Rio followed by its successful maintenance there for many months must be regarded as a military success of a pronounced character."

"From every accessible indication it is clear that the present rebellion is on a far more formidable scale as to numbers, intelligence and representative forces than any of the preceding revolts of this century, and that, despite the constant influx of fresh armies and material of war from the metropolis, the rebellion, after nearly two years of successful resistance, appears to day to be in a condition to indefinitely prolong the contest on its present line."

"The only apparent aim on either side is to cripple the adversary by indiscriminate destruction of all that by any chance may benefit him. From whatever point of view we regard the matter, it is impossible not to discern that a state of things exists at our doors alike dangerous to good relations, destructive of legitimate commerce, fatal to the moral vexatious and trying because entailing upon this government excessive burdens in its domestic administration and its outward relations. This situation cannot indefinitely continue without growing still worse, and the time may not be far distant when the United States must seriously consider whether its rights and interest as well as its international duties in view of its peculiar relations with the islands do not call for some decided change in the policy hitherto pursued."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report



A special dispatch to the Citizen from Key West says: The steamer Whitney brought Havana news in relation to Maceo and Weyler. Passengers state that Weyler is now encamped ten miles from Artemisa and his army is scattered along the trocha and through the Pinar del Rio district.

Weyler is completely hemmed in, and if he attempts to move he will be compelled to go to Artemisa. Small bands have crossed the trocha into Havana district, and are attacking the outposts and villages of that province.

Insurgents numbering 7,000 are encamped in Havana province, twenty miles from Havana, and will go to Maceo's assistance when needed. Spies in Havana are keeping the insurgents posted as to the movements of the Spanish troops. A movement is on foot to capture Weyler if he attempts to go to Havana by rail. Firemen and volunteers in Havana are being sent to Weyler's relief. Heretofore these troops have been used in the defense of the city.

Since Tuesday's raid on Guanabacoa the city has been attacked almost every night, and Thursday night 250 Cuban cavalry rode for two hours through it. The damage done amounts to thirty-six houses burned, and a large quantity of supplies and ammunition seized.

Reports received from all parts of Pinar del Rio indicate that a great mortality follows the recent epidemics, which are spreading throughout that section. Of all the diseases epidemic in nature cholera seems to be the only one which has not visited that section.

A. L. Bradsher, a young merchant of Bushy Fork, Person county, on Wednesday evening, accidentally shot and killed Hardy Bradsher, an old colored man. Mr. Bradsher had been hunting. The old colored man went to the store for some salt just about the time Mr. Bradsher returned. While entering the store the hammers of the gun struck against the side of the door, causing it to go off. The entire contents of both barrels entered the old man's head, killing him instantly.—Durham Sun.

Chicago is one of the great food-distributing centers of this country, and yet it is reported that there are 800 families in that city on the verge of starvation.

Rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

Jim Davis, a negro, who on Saturday last killed a 13-year old boy and seriously wounded another aged 11, son of Jos. Williams, his employer, was lynched near Memphis, Tenn.

Avoid An Early Grave. How often do we hear, that the avenue to an early grave was opened by neglecting a slight cough and cold. Profit by this truth, and provide yourself with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which instantly cures all throat and lung affections.

Mr. Monroe Davidson, of Greenville, Ga., says, May 21st, 1895: "I have used Royal Germetuer for Kidney Troubles from which I have suffered from boyhood. It gave me relief in a few days, and is the only medicine that has ever given me any permanent relief. I take pleasure in recommending it to any one suffering from any kind of Kidney trouble. I believe it is the best thing that old people can use for debility and nervousness." New package, large bottle, 108 doses, \$1. For sale by Taylor & Banner.

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Madrid Newspapers.

The Madrid, Spain, newspapers are greatly excited over the references to Cuba and Spain contained in President Cleveland's message to the United States Congress and declare that intervention of the United States in Cuba would be unbearably humiliating to Spain.

El Correspondencia Militar says that Spain has forces more than sufficient to punish any interference on the part of the United States in the affairs of Spain.

The general opinion here is that the reference to Cuba and Spain contained in President Cleveland's message to Congress shows that it is the intention of the United States to conform more and more to the Monroe doctrine every time a case arises to which the principle is applicable.

The Cabinet, after debating the text of the message, will form some definite judgment, which it is believed will result in a modification of the relations of Spain with the United States.

The Herald says the President's message foreshadows the intervention of the United States in Cuba in March next, but adds that Spain will repel the arrogance of the American Government.

A Boston man, who was in the habit of dining at a restaurant, discovered after tipping his favorite waiter for several years that the waiter owned several houses in the city and had a bank account that made him a bloated plutocrat, compared with the gentleman who had been tipping him. The tipping has ceased.

Evangelist Fifo began a meeting at Louisburg Tuesday.

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