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The President's Message.

President Cleveland has sent his annual message to Congress. The two leading characteristics of the message are its unhesitating and uncompromising advocacy of tariff reform and civil service reform.

In the matter of tariff reform the message is in close proximity with the Chicago platform and the attitude and tendency of the Democratic party.

He accepts the most liberal interpretation of civil service reform and is plainly of opinion that it should be extended in its continued intelligent execution. In fact he writes prettily and patriotically about this law which many good Democrats very heartily despise and compliments the commission and the P. M. General for having extended it so as to include the operatives of the free delivery system.

On the financial question he takes the position that the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act will suffice for some time to come and is as silent as the everlasting mountains in regard to further silver legislation by this Congress. He intimates a belief, however, that there may yet be an international agreement on the coinage question. He seems to think that it will be several years before we will be again troubled with the money question.

He briefly touches on army and navy matters. He evidently thinks that the country is supplied with vessels enough to exempt it from war with foreign nations and throws out the suggestion that Congress be more economical in making appropriations for the building of war-ships.

He favors an income tax but not in its broadest sense. He would impose such a tax only on incorporations and inheritances.

He says some sensible things about pensions. He advocates pensions for deserving Union soldiers but says the boards of pensioners who obtain pensions through deception and perjury should be ferreted out and punished for defrauding the government. In short he sees no reason why the pension roll should not be thoroughly renovated and corrected and made a roll of honor.

He admits that the Hawaiian matter has been a perplexing one for the administration to deal with. In the light of Minister Blount's report it is clear to his mind that the monarchy of those islands was overthrown by insurgents acting in conformity with the representative this government. It has always been the policy the United States to seek entangling alliances with none and he has instructed the representative of this government to repair as far as possible the wrong committed by representatives of the former administration. In the near future he will give Congress some further advice on this matter.

The President's several suggestions taken together provide pretty effectively for the needed change in our present system of legislation, tarring the financial question. The message represents the attitude of a majority of Democrats throughout the country and suggests nothing to which the Democratic party has not committed itself since its gain of popular approval.

Congress met in regular session Monday. Our Senators and Representatives have returned to Washington wiser and better men we hope.

Congress presents the country with a Christmas gift in the shape of a new tariff bill. The only bitter to this sweet is that it has not yet become a law.

We understand that the President will appoint Mr. Thomas H. Jernigan of this State Consul General at Corea. Mr. Jernigan is an experienced diplomat and will make an excellent official in the foreign field.

OLD FORK FRAGMENTS.

I have been waiting, "Micawber" like, for something to "turn up" in the way of news for a good while, so that I might send some interesting items to the paper, but having despaired of being gratified in that respect I have decided to give you the best that I have.

The farmers are for the most part pretty "blue" and I expect the merchants are for the most part wearing a suit of a similar color, as the interests of these two classes are so closely allied that whatever disaster happens to one is bound to effect the other. We can only hope for "better times," and I trust the one who will not see the "righteous forsaken" nor his seed begging bread.

"There is a heart, there is a hand, We feel, but may not see, We've always been provided for, And we shall always be."

Mr. Green Cadden, of this vicinity, related to me a few days ago how he captured alive and unborn a tremendous owl a few nights since. This midnight thief made a raid on his chickens, which were roosting in a dense grape-vine near the house. Hearing a cry of distress amongst them, Mr. C. proceeded to investigate, and finding his big-eyed majesty entangled in the vines through which he had vainly attempted to escape, he caught him by both legs and pulled him down, though he said not without some trepidation, owing to his ponderous looking talons and fierce beak. However, with the aid of his son-in-law, Mr. Gibson, they quickly beheaded him with an axe.

The health of the "Fork" is remarkably good, no serious case of sickness within her borders. Mrs. Mrs. M. Kay remains indisposed, but we hope she may soon be reported upon the convalescent list. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McCullum, of Allendale, spent a day in the "Fork" last among relatives.

Mr. Curtis Hamer and family are in South Carolina spending Thanksgiving. By the way how many turkeys fell victims to the occasion in your town? We poor country-folk are saving our fur Xmas, the stringency of the times not allowing us to indulge in two so near together, but we having a luxury in the way of fresh hog meat. Cause: "Bacon so high and no money to buy."

Since my last fragments went to press "The Squirr" and myself have been on a "long journey" viz: to Rock Swamp South Carolina, well really it seemed a lengthy way to me, but I saw many fine farms and much more evidence of thrift and prosperity than is seen up here. Quantities of cotton, ready for market, lay contiguous to almost every dwelling, fine houses and hogs seemed more abundant, while potatoes, hay, &c., were in profusion. They are far in advance of us in the way of small grain also, much of that crop having already attained to beautiful stands. We passed through a region of country known as "Maple," and inhabited by a singular and peculiar race of people known as Mapleites. These people differ in color and general appearance from any I ever beheld and are almost indescribable, neither white, black nor yellow, but a kind of "Spanish brown." They are densely ignorant, although some of them are really wealthy, owning large farms, good houses, cotton gins, etc. Yet when asked to direct us four miles distant they were unable to do.

"AUNT BECKY."

Killed His Rival.

The following article is taken from the Atlanta Constitution of recent date: WAYCROSS, GA., Nov. 26.—J. Leslie Norment, who is charged with having murdered James Robinson, a well known detective, in Robeson county, North Carolina, on Christmas night, 1891, passed through Waycross yesterday on the westbound fast mail on his return from a visit to his mother near the scene of his crime. He has been spending several days in that community, concealing himself from all except his most intimate friends. He is a fugitive from justice and the Governor of North Carolina offers a reward of \$200 for his arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Robeson county. In addition, private rewards are offered to the amount of \$300. The crime for which he is wanted is one of the most cowardly murders every committed in that community.

Norment is a handsome man, with beautiful black hair and moustache. He is six feet high and weighs about 150 pounds. In the fall of 1891 he fell deeply in love with a pretty young lady, Miss Alice Pate, who lives near Rowland, N. C. Early in December James Robinson, a handsome young man, came into the community and boarded with the father of Miss Pate. Robinson was a detective and was trying to locate a notorious criminal. He was very popular in the community and his excellent behavior made him many friends. Norment grew jealous of him and threatened to horsewhip him if he did not leave the community.

On Christmas night there was a

family reunion at the Pate residence and a number of friends were invited to be present. Among them was Norment. He began to drink freely and at 10 o'clock called Robinson out to the front gate. He concealed himself behind a huge oak tree which stood between the house and gate. As Robinson passed the tree Norment shot him three times in the back with a thirty eight calibre Smith and Weston pistol. Robinson fell to the ground and Norment stabbed him in the head and back.

The shooting alarmed the inmates of the house. Some of them rushed to the scene and found the dead body of Robinson lying on the ground in a pool of blood. The affair caused tremendous excitement. Norment fled as soon as he had committed the cowardly deed and told several parties that he did the killing. He told his mother, who is the author of the Lowrie history, that he killed Robinson because he was jealous of him.

LUMBERTON ETCHINGS.

Mr. Sandy McLeod has returned home from school for a while.

Mr. N. Brown, of our town, was appointed by Collector Simmons clerk of the Bonded Distilled Spirits Accounts. Mr. Brown is a clever gentleman, a rapid accountant, and will do old Robinson great credit. We must congratulate brother Simmons.

While we are congratulating, we will include Mr. W. W. Carlyle in the number of a girl they say.

Thanksgiving day was unanimously observed here. There were services in both the Baptist and Methodist churches in the morning. Mrs. O. C. Norment gave a dinner party to her pupils on Thanksgiving day, and fading from the gleeful voices as we passed by, together with Mrs. Norment's hospitality, we know the little folks enjoyed it almost beyond measure.

Mr. James Butler of Cumberland and Miss Annie Regan were married at Zagan's church Thanksgiving evening at 7 o'clock by Rev. F. B. McColl.

Dr. T. A. Norment, Jr., who has been at Davidson for some time will spend a while at home before returning.

Rev. F. B. McColl will leave Tuesday morning for Wilmington to attend the Eastern Conference.

Mr. Alonza Hedgepeth, one of the recent good riders at Rowland was in town Monday. He says there are seven or eight applicants for membership there. Hurray for Rowland Lodge No. 55 Knights of Pythias.

Resolutions of Sympathy by Maxton Lodge 4170 F. & A. M.

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has by the hand of death removed from our midst Mrs. Annie E. Cottingham, the beloved friend and beloved companion in life of our much esteemed and worthy brother, A. J. Cottingham, therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we mourn with brother Cottingham, not as those who have no hope, but that we might set our hope in God and not forget the words of God, but keep his commandments.

Resolved 2d, That we commend brother Cottingham and his motherless children to Almighty God, our Supreme Master above, and to Jesus Christ our elder brother, who has said a sparrow shall not fall without his notice.

Resolved 3d, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to brother Cottingham, also to the MAXTON CHURCH for publication.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. WEATHERLY, J. T. POOL, Com. W. I. THOMPSON, Maxton, N. C., Dec. 1st, 1893.

In Memoriam.

Another harper was needed in heaven, another voice to swell the chorus of the redeemed, and God sent for Lucy, the oldest son of John E. and Eugenia Stables last Thursday. On Friday, 10th inst., the remains were tenderly and lovingly consigned to their last resting place in McColl cemetery. Here a very touching and beautiful tribute was paid to their little friend by the Ready Worker Mission Band of which Lucy was a devoted member. Miss Maggie Willis, the President of the Band, had a large cross of evergreen placed at the head of the mound, a crown of white chrysanthemums suspended over this, and then the members of the Band each deposited at the foot of the cross, thus forming a lovely pedestal from which the cross seemed to rise. It was met that Lucy should be covered with flowers for he loved them dearly. He was a serious, thoughtful child and the patience with which he bore his last sickness (pneumonia) was wonderful. His gratitude to his friends and physician was expressed over and over, and he even talked of his little play-mates that he had known at Miss Meade's School. Lucy's was a beautiful death—until the death agony came he sang the praises of Jesus, Surely as the grand words of "Jesus lives of my soul" came from the feeble lips—his soul soon to sing Hallelujah in heaven—one could say with St. Paul "Oh, death where is thy sting, oh, grave where is thy victory."

The bereaved parents who mourn not without hope have the sympathy of many friends.

"He lives in all the past He lives, nor to the last Of seeing him again will I despair. In dreams I see him now, And on his angel brow, I see it written, 'Thou shalt meet me there'"

The Circus.

J. Sparks' circus showed an Layton's lot here last Monday afternoon. The trapeze performances were excellent and very fine shooting was done by the Bartlett family. Nothing could have been better than the way the trained horses and dogs went through their parts, the animals showing an intelligence that seemed almost human. Prof. Van Vrankew was given a horse to tame that was owned by one of our citizens and was so stubborn that he had never been able to drive him either in harness or under the saddle. In a short time he had him under complete control and since then he has had him hitched up and has been able to drive him without trouble. There were no "fakes" accompanying the show and it was equally as good as those for which we have been used to paying double the price—Delaware Democrat.

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NOTICE.

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