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We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There is a rumor of a terrible accident on the Western North Carolina railroad—several people killed.

T. F. Parker, Esq., is in Virginia on business, and is not expected home till February.

S. P. Ravenel, Esq., was expecting his son home yesterday for the holidays.

ARRIVALS AT THE HIGHLANDS HOUSE.—A. J. Topping, A. Howe, Franklin. J. H. Lockery, Elmira, N. Y. A. S. Austin, Birmingham, Alabama.

The boys had a little experience last Sunday afternoon. Down Bear Pen mountain inclines a wooden rail track, by which, in a former period, logs were got down on a truck. The boys thought they would have a ride, and twice they came down with a rush and a hurrah. On the third trial, however, the truck left the rails, and bounding along over the rocks and stumps, was overturned. Two of Mr. Fritts' boys were badly hurt, the eldest being stunned and bruised. With help he managed to reach home, and has been in bed since, but we are glad to learn he is doing nicely. It is wonderful no bones were broken.

We have received from George Stinson & Co., of Portland, Maine, the well-known Art Publishers, a magnificent, full length steel engraving of General Grant. It is after Anderson's celebrated photograph, which was made while the general was still in full vigor, and represents him in his sturdy, manly strength, as the people wish to remember him. It is, undoubtedly, the best portrait ever made of the general. Messrs. Stinson & Co. are in need of agents for several important, popular, new publications, and offer inducements that should be heeded by those in need of profitable work; those who write to them will receive, free, full particulars.

DIED.

Near Highlands, on the 20th inst., Molly T. Arnold, aged 15 years.

FRANKLIN CORRESPONDENCE.

Franklin, Dec. 23.

A merry Christmas to all, and especially to our neighbors at Highlands. Wonder how we from the chilly North used to enjoy Christmas among the icebergs of that region. A late Pennsylvania letter says: "The north and south roads are already blockaded, and the teams go through the fields." Ugh! Those who cannot get away, God help them; but those who can, come, and enjoy the balmy weather of this Switzerland—we have no pity if they longer delay.

Mr. T. Nye, after receiving great benefit in health by stopping here for six weeks, has left for Florida. He will return on his way home (Attleboro, Mass.) and also intends visiting Highlands.

Mr. A. W. Jacobs is arranging to return and manage his farm on the Cullasaja. Mr. S. H. Norton takes the place of salesman in E. Cunningham's store.

Our public school is enjoying a two weeks vacation. Our genial friend Howe and Mr. J. Lockery, of Elmira, N. Y., are paying a flying visit to Highlands. Mrs. Lockery is still quite ill from pneumonia and whooping-cough.

A jovial party met at Mr. Burke's, one mile east of town, on Tuesday evening—were so well pleased with the Jewitt organ that the Baptist Society has decided to purchase one forthwith.

CHRONICLER.

WHAT DOES FREE TRADE MEAN?

Free trade means direct taxation to raise about \$350,000,000 a year: it means the competition of American labor with the pauper labor of Europe and Asia; it means the breaking down of large manufacturing enterprises in this country and throwing thousands of working men out of employment; and then would come high prices again, and American gold would flow to Europe for goods which, under the protective tariff, are manufactured here cheaper than they could be obtained from Europe under free trade.—*Newberry Observer.*

The above is a fair specimen of the arguments of Protectionist journals.

As the expenditure of government for the current year is estimated at \$240,000,000, supposing it was all raised by direct taxation, it is \$110,000,000 less than the above statement. And what the people pay indirectly in the enhanced price of goods, is many times more than they would have to pay if taxes were levied directly. Under the present system, the poorest classes pay the most of the taxes, in forced levies, in the high prices of what they consume, on such articles as sugar, woolen goods, crockery, spirits, tobacco, beer, &c.

American laborers do, and have always, competed with what the *Observer* calls the pauper labor of Europe, though European laborers are no more paupers than American laborers. A pauper is one who is supported by some public provision. That definition exactly applies to the manufacturers of America, who are supported by a public provision called the *Tariff*, which, while raising \$180,000,000 for government, robs the people of many times that amount in the enhanced price of goods paid the American manufacturers.

Take the article of sugar alone. Good sugar is retailed in England at 1½d. (three cents), and there is some as low as 1d. The same quality is sold here for eight to ten cents. Say the addition to the price by the tariff is five cents per pound, the amount the people of America pay annually to the sugar growers of Louisiana, as a forced gift, amounts to \$15,000,000. Just think of it! Fifteen million dollars, Congress says we must contribute annually to the support of the nigger laborers of Louisiana, as they can't be expected to compete with their black pauper brethren in the West Indies and Brazil! So say the influential sugar growers in Congress.

The same operation, to a greater or less extent, is carried out on every article manufactured in America on which the *Tariff* places a duty. All these interests have their representatives in Congress, and they spend millions of dollars—and they can afford it—to influence legislation in their favor, and to hoodwink the people.

The balance of the *Observer's* article is of the same character. To say that free trade would break down manufacturing enterprises and throw thousands of men out of employment, is mere assertion, and will not bear the test of examination. If high prices followed, that would be likely to set the machines and men at work. And if goods are cheaper under a protective tariff than they could be obtained for under free trade, what are the manufacturers afraid of?

The *Observer* assumes that prices are now low, and that free trade, by closing the American shops, would make them high. The very opposite is feared by American manufacturers. Prices are now high, and they fear a reduction. If goods which, under a protective tariff, are manufactured here cheaper than they could be obtained from Europe under free trade, how is it we are importing goods annually to the amount of \$600,000,000, in the face, and in defiance of, duties averaging 45 per cent? The state-

ment of the *Observer* is absurd, but no assertion can be too absurd for a protectionist to make.

Supposing the *Observer* to say: "Sugar, under our protective tariff, is manufactured in Louisiana cheaper than it could be obtained from foreign countries under free trade," the nonsense with which that paper stuffs its readers would be more apparent.

What, then, does free trade mean? It means freedom to buy and to sell. It means that every body be allowed to buy where it seems to them best, and sell in the best market they can find. It means the right of every man to do as he pleases with his capital and business. There is that freedom in the States, one State with another. Why should it not work equally as well between nations?

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I will sell the said lands for cash, at the Court House door, in Franklin, Macon county, N. C., on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1886, to satisfy a deed in trust executed to The Aultman and Taylor Co.

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