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THE ISSUE ABOVE ALL OTHERS.

While the question of taxation and the evils inseparably connected with present rates and methods of collection, together with the question of how to dispose of the existing surplus in the treasury and provide against a like plethora in the future, may well engage the attention of statesmen as giving rise to issues sharply drawn between the two great parties, we would call attention to the issue, as far as the South is concerned, that overtops all of these. It is not every one who talks tariff—high or low—that knows anything, practically speaking, about it. Even grave legislators have been twitted with a want of sufficient knowledge of the subject to qualify them for an advantageous discussion of it. The member from Buncombe, at a session of the North Carolina Legislature, put a peremptory period to a tariff discussion by calling time on the gentlemen engaged in it on the ground that not one of them would know the tariff if he was to "meet it in the road."

THE DEATH OF A GOOD MAN.

When the clouds have fallen upon the coffin-lid and the first burst of surprise and excitement comes to be merged into the solemn hush of reflection that succeeds an important death announcement, the curious mind starts the inquiry, "who was he, where did he live, and what was his life?" The papers have recently announced the death of a man about whose history a great many are ignorant, and yet America has produced few greater men. He was not a politician, not so much a man of the people; he made no claim to statesmanship and, therefore, his record is not to be found among public annals where the fame of so many worthy men is preserved. He was not ambitious and, therefore, sought no honors along the line usually traveled by the American citizen. He enjoyed the honors of life only as they came to him from the plain performance of high duty on behalf of the race. He was a benevolent man, public-spirited in the sense of uplifting mankind; and wherever charities were to be dispensed, human wants to be supplied, and society conditions to be ameliorated and changed to betterment, there we find him and all the glorious record of his life. He was born in Georgetown, D. C., in 1798. He began business in Washington in early life; failed at first and with heroic courage started again, meeting with reverses from time to time until, by dint of perseverance and the pursuit of honest methods, he had accumulated a fortune. That fortune belonged not to him alone and, ever thus recognizing the claims of duty upon him, he bestowed his donations with a lavish hand, the aggregate of his contributions being quite five millions of dollars. He sported no title, aspired to no position under government, although he was the courted patron of political parties and the social companion of Presidents. He was known simply as "Mr. Corcoran, of Washington," and wrote himself—W. W. Corcoran. His numerous benefactions will constitute his fame, and while

the Democratic party. We rather pity than blame our negro fellow-citizen for the state of things that finds him always and persistently arrayed in politics against those to whom, in other matters, he first comes for advice and help. Not cheating him in one particular, we would scorn to do it in any other. We dare not, on our conscience, take advantage of him by leading him against his interests, if seeking our advice or direction. We respect no Democrat who would abuse the negro for the way he votes. He is the victim of circumstances—of influences almost, we may say, beyond his control. But the Democratic party has a right to expect that unselfish, patriotic white voters shall stand together in the next election, as they have done in the past, to prevent the recurrence of Republican rule—made possible only by a solid negro vote. If there is to be no division in the negro vote, then there are a thousand reasons why the white men of North Carolina should present a solid front in opposition.

THE NORTH WAS THE LOSER.

From the Wilmington Messenger.
Mayor Hewitt, of New York, is considered to be a practical man who deals not in unnecessary sentiment. Addressing the Southern Society of New York on Wednesday last, he said:
It is a conflict between the manufacturing States of the North and of the South, and the victory is already perching upon your banners. [Great applause.] In the future production of this country, it will be registered in successive censuses, in fact before the lapse of the century, that the Southern States of the Union will far outstrip Pennsylvania and the other manufacturing States of the North. It was the North that lost by the outcome of the rebellion, not you. The victory of the North was, in reality, its defeat, and in future the greatest friend and supporter of Constitutional Union will be the South.

It is well to see ourselves as others see us, to lay aside our philosophy occasionally and to consider the philosophy which others proclaim. The more we are drawn out of ourselves, the better for us. Mayor Hewitt is a great manufacturer himself. He is interested in a great industry. He has made a study of his own important business and he ought to know, and is generally credited with knowing, what he talks about when he discusses economic questions.
The Messenger has repeatedly printed in its columns the encouraging predictions of progressive Northern men as to Southern resources and Southern progress: "For perhaps we who have these blessings of Nature and we who have wrought the great work of the past two decades, are less appreciative of our endowments and of our accomplishments than those who, not being of us, have watched our labors from the plane of self-interest. What to us may have seemed commonplace and uneventful, has appeared to them as marvellous, because, up to 20 years ago, we were content to remain a purely agricultural people. Time brings many changes. It would not be at all miraculous, if in the course of two more decades we should realize that we are outstripping Pennsylvania and other manufacturing States of the North. We do not expect to accomplish this marvel alone; but we do look forward to the time when capital which cannot be invested in the well-worked field of the North will rush to our young and, as yet, partially undeveloped country, recognizing that here, indeed, are the richest and most generous resources. As Mr. Edward

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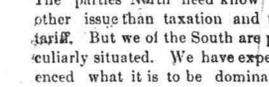
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