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CATCHING THE FEVER.

The LEADER'S continuous efforts to make the State of North Carolina realize that it possessed the greatest harbor, with a site for the development of the greatest commercial port on the South Atlantic Coast are beginning to have effect, and to be believed. With a cordial frankness and hearty interest, the Wilmington Messenger and Star, fall into line and fairly boom Southport. The LEADER has often been accused of boomer its native city, but has claimed that it only published the true situation of this harbor and city, which time would more than prove as correct. The situation is too well recognized now to need boomer, if such a thing were necessary. The LEADER has persistently published facts, which justify all its predictions for Southport as being the "Future Great" of North Carolina.

THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

The elections of last week, cannot be said to have varied greatly in their results, from what an impartial observer might have predicted beforehand. The local issues in several of the States had their effect, notably, prohibition in Iowa, and the personal record of Gov. Russell, in Massachusetts, while in New York the control of the democracy was too firm a one to be shaken by the local cry of "Tammany." In Pennsylvania, State issues were not allowed to influence the republican vote, especially at a time so near a Presidential campaign. The free coinage plank in the democratic platform in Ohio, undoubtedly did much to lessen Campbell's vote, although the issue was the National one of tariff, and the result brings the tariff issue prominently to the front, as unquestionably the issue of the campaign of 1892.

No distinctive victory can be claimed for either of the great parties. Both are satisfied with the results, and prepared to battle for the supremacy next year.

THE CHICAGO WAY.

The organization of the Brunswick, Western and Southern Railroad Company, is not a scheme, but an enterprise, and this fact is pretty well recognized already in Brunswick County, as is seen in the large number of signatures of qualified voters who attached their names to the petition asking for an election to vote this Company one hundred thousand dollars of County bonds, as an attestation of goodwill and encouragement to the Company. The fact that within three days, one quarter of the voters of Brunswick County signed a petition calling for a popular County subscription to aid a railroad enterprise, might in some cases indicate an undue haste, a thoughtlessness on the part of such signers. But no such imputation can be alleged in this instance. The entire course pursued by the gentlemen who have secured the charter of the Brunswick, Western and Southern Railroad, has been one entirely different from that followed by others, who have talked railroad in this County, as to inspire confidence at once, and enlist the whole County to the support of an enterprise which not only promises, but fulfills.

The plan of action of the gentlemen who organized this railroad company is perfectly characteristic of the individuals who compose it. Their coming was not heralded. Public announcements were not made of what they propose to do. They knew all about Southport and Brunswick County, and the result of a railroad built from the greatest deep water harbor on the South Atlantic Coast, making interior connections with a country needing an outlet to such a port. No other Southern scheme presented such possibilities, and with Chicago astuteness they saw

it and acted promptly. A few days was sufficient to secure property for terminals. Money was paid on contracts. Without hesitation, and in an open manner, the Company came before the people of Brunswick County, and their Commissioners, frankly asking for their good-will, co-operation and assistance in building a railroad which could not fail to be mutually beneficial. The previous action of this Company had been purely business, no bills, contracts met promptly, and no talk. Its course before the Commissioners and people of Brunswick County in asking for a vote for a bond subscription, was business-like. It did not ask the County to spend one cent, or to be put to any expense, but at once placed at the Commissioners disposal the necessary money to pay all election costs. As a guarantee that the Company meant business, if the County did, fifteen hundred dollars were put up as a forfeit in case the Company failed to fulfill its contract with the County.

The action of the Brunswick, Western and Southern Railroad Company, in this matter, can better be appreciated when it is known that it could have called for an election to vote for a subscription of bonds to its road, without paying one dollar of the expenses of such an election.

From the very first, the position of the gentlemen of this Company has been manly and business-like. If they have put up their money and talked after wards, surely no fault can be found with this course. Knowing how often the people of Brunswick County have been disappointed about railroads, and fully confident in their own resources and abilities to carry out their part, they have not hesitated to assume all risks and expenses.

The number of signers to the Company's petition, the Commissioners' acceptance of the assurances offered by the Company, and the Company's money guarantee as a forfeit for non-fulfillment of contract, are sufficient evidences of the sincerity of both parties, and that Brunswick County will soon rejoice in what so many despaired of ever seeing, a railroad.

REFINED HYPOCRISY.

The plain people who can have no possible interest in the personalities of politics, to whom candidates are but accidents and prominent persons only figure for a brief space of time, who have seen great leaders rise and fall again, their cycle run, must enjoy, if they are thinking people at all, the refinements of hypocrisy that distinguish and disgrace public movements of every name, degree and class. About every little while the larger communities of this country are treated to an exhibition of public morality that is truly charming. Good people, whose goodness is usually measured by their prominence, raise their hands in holy horror against the venality of public officers and the derelictions of quasi-public corporations, and having raised their hands on high and their voices aloud proceed to get a lot of their unthinking and unseeing fellow-citizens to raise their hands, too. The people who join these leaders are usually carried away by the show of morality, and make themselves believe, after having assumed that there is immorality and injustice in the places they are told it is enthroned, that their whole duty is to work for the overthrow of that injustice and immorality. Of course the poor public, or the fraction of it that becomes active, will have no leadership other than that of the people who call their attention to the abuses and the injustice, and are utterly unmindful of the fact that these very persons are human, and can "pray upon occasion, talk of heaven, turn up their goggling eye balls, rail at vice, disseminate, lie and preach." And so the people are led away by the mien that looks like the innocent flower, but is the serpent under it. The people go mad, are put out of the sphere of sane argument and must be let run their course before they discover that they have been made tools and fools of.

As a general principle it may be set down that a gentleman or set of gentlemen whose time is very valuable, and which may be converted into a large amount of wealth when employed in behalf of private purposes and private business, very rarely get away from that private business so far as to prevent the conversion of their energy, talent and time into corresponding value in cash. Even when such gentlemen lead public movements, it is safest to test their disinterestedness before it is trusted. Hypocrisy is a valuable agency and method even to such gentlemen; for it makes easy, in the name of public spirit, what would have been difficult of accomplishment on its merits as private enterprise. It used to be that patriotism was held the last refuge of a scoundrel. It is getting now that the quality is used as the first step towards blinding the eyes of the people toward the schemes that will be worked during the period of their blind ardor in following the lead of the adventurers who use it to

befuddle the people. So that, with this phase of human activity ever in view, it may be a fair question to ask squarely and to investigate closely in the case of every public movement what there is in it for the promoters. This is true of political movements as well as of quasi-public movements, so much so, in fact, that when some of the really good people cry out against abuses, it is really well to ask whether they do not wish the people at the moment of the outcry, committing the abuse to be enjoined and restrained that they themselves may have opportunity to step into their shoes and continue the evil in their own way and to their own profit.—*Detroit News.*

PRESS COMMENTS.

The Scotland Neck Democrat has entered upon its eighth volume. The Democrat has greatly improved in appearance and matter and deserves the credit which is due to its successful management.

REVIEWS.

"Thanksgiving Dinner" is the appropriate opening article in Table Talk for November in which Mrs. Rorer gives some tempting menus for the most important dinner of the year "Giving a Club Banquet After a Domestic Fashion" contains suggestions for any body of women who wish to get up their own entertainment inexpensively. "Capricious Washington" as usual is the embodiment of the social gossip of that interesting city. All subscribers are urged to take advantage of the opportunities of "Housekeepers Inquiries" conducted Mrs. S. T. Rorer.

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NORTH CAROLINA EDITORS.

—Altogether, we think the "People's Party" a bugaboo which can raise the hair, like quills upon the fretful porcupine, only upon the soft craniums of very timid people.—*Fayetteville Observer.*

—One of the reasons many farmers do not now take a daily paper is that they do not have time to go after it. Most of them would take one or more daily papers if their mail was delivered.—*Goldsboro Herald.*

—Alliance men wear no party colors. If they want to take part in party caucuses, or party conferences or party conventions, they have a perfect right to do so as members of such party.—*Progressive Farmer.*

—The peace and safety of different committees are practically in the hands of the magistrates. If they are not conscientious and painstaking in their work the community suffers. Their jurisdiction is a matter for them to study carefully.—*Scotland Neck Democrat.*

—If the sum voted by the Democrats each year for the education of the negroes were stopped then education of the negroes in North Carolina would practically stop to a very great extent. The whites have really paid millions of dollars in this State to give schooling to the negroes.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

—The South is back in the Union and is not responsible for the condition that suggests the narrow policy of choosing a President or Speaker from the Northern States. This section has not enjoyed the honor of furnishing the man for either of these places in thirty years.—*Charlotte Chronicle.*

ONE OF THE HANDSOMEST.

Our bright contemporary, the Southport LEADER, comes to us enlarged from a six column to a seven column folio, which means the addition of more than four columns of matter of the former size. It also appears in a new dress of type and is now one of the handsomest, as well as one of the best of our weekly State exchanges. The LEADER is a credit to Southport and this section and its enlargement and improvement otherwise is evidence of substantial prosperity. Mr. C. L. Stevens, the editor is live and progressive, and the Messenger wishes him a continuance of the success he so richly deserves.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

Both air and water abound in microbes, or germs of disease, ready to infect the debilitated system. To impart strength and vigor necessary to resist the effect of these pernicious atoms, no tonic blood-purifier equals Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

It is very seldom that an election occurs in which either party can be supported with entire satisfaction by men of critical minds. There is generally ground for the exercise of discrimination and a careful weighing of considerations, and in that process it is the more important that should decide.—*N. Y. Times.*

OUR CALIFORNIA LETTER.

SAN JOSE, Cal., October 28, 1891.— It still remains an open question in the minds of many residing East, how California escaped the great political tornado which swept with irresistible force over the country on the 6th day of November last, carrying dismay into the ranks of the republican party, blasting the hopes of many new aspirants for political fame and retired to private life some of its most eminent statesmen. To explain what remains a mystery to those who take an interest in political affairs, the theorist, who is guided more by fancy than by logic says: This memorable cyclone was suddenly checked in its course westward at the Sierra Nevada, a mountain range stretching along the northeast border of the State of Oregon, whose summit is 16,000 feet above the sea, and proved an effective barrier against the windy declamations of party bosses masquerading over the country under the guise of statesmen, predicting the dire calamities that would inevitably follow the passage of the McKinley bill. Those who reject this theory, claim it was not the "steep Sierras" but her schools that proved the potent agency in holding the State fast to her moorings. They point with pride to her three Universities and Lick Observatory, then refer to the late census to show that with one or two exceptions, no other State in the Union has made such ample provisions per capita for the education of her youth as California. The course of instruction given in her schools is designed, not only to develop and cultivate the mental forces, but to invigorate both mind and body of the pupil by the attention given to his athletic training, which inspires him with confidence in his own manhood, and prepares him at a later period to fight successfully his battle of life.

It may be justly said of the "native sons of the golden West" they have minds of their own, do their own thinking, and follow where their judgment leads. Men of this mould may be safely trusted to look sharply after their own personal affairs, and the public interests of the community where they reside. Their motto is: Stand close to all, but lean on none. And if the crowd desert you, stand just as fearlessly alone. As if a throng begirt you. The manly sentiment expressed in the above lines is entirely ignored by the "Distressed Patriot," who continues his doleful cries and fallacious reasoning, in his vain efforts to show how the business of the country has been paralyzed during the last two years by National legislation and foreboding still greater evils unless averted by restoring his party again to power. Some writer has said, many men claim to be firm in their principles, when really they are only obstinate in their prejudices. Does not our own experience and observation justify us in endorsing this truth. Are we not often influenced by party leaders to vote, not only against our own better judgment, but in opposition to our business interests, when, if we would with unprejudiced minds give the same thought and careful consideration to public measures designed to promote the general welfare of the country, as we give to our private affairs, we would come to more correct conclusions.

However much political parties here may differ about "cause and effect," in this they agree, California is a highly favored State, and at no former period has she enjoyed greater prosperity. Those who till the soil, whether as agriculturists, horticulturists or vinticulturists, have been rewarded with immense crops for which they will receive more coin than in any former year. Many old mortgages will be paid, and many new ones recorded. Orchard lands that net from \$200 to \$250 per acre annually, are considered a good investment here and money can be obtained (often from farmers who have a surplus) to purchase it.

In Kansas mortgage statistics are gathered up by the political bummer and offered in evidence to show the distress that prevails among the farmers in that State, what caused it, and how it may be remedied. In California mortgages are referred to, to show the thrift and enterprising spirit of the hustler who is seeking his "million" and rejects nothing offered, except the sympathy and condolence of the calamity orator who he says; should be sent to Kansas, or transported to Russian Siberia. J. T.

REDUCED RATES.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad will sell Round Trip tickets from all stations in North Carolina to Raleigh, N. C.; good until Dec. 3rd 1891 at greatly reduced rates.

Special day tickets on sale every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the Exposition, good for seven days from date of sale, at one cent per mile; this is a very low rate and should induce great numbers to attend the Exposition. For schedule of trains and rates call on your Station Agent or write to W. E. KYLE, General Passenger Agent.

POLITICALLY CONSIDERED.

When the women do get a chance to vote a number of very pert election officials will be hunting around for a refuge from the storm.—*Chicago News.*

The Republican fight in Pennsylvania was not so much in favor of Quayism and its methods as against the big Presidential bee that was known to be buzzing in Gov. Pattison's bonnet.—*Washington Post.*

"Mr. Cleveland was nominated in 1888, not because the politicians were clamorous for him, but because the great Democratic public demanded it. And he will be nominated in 1892 because the great Democracy, rank and file, will demand it. Cleveland's nomination is a foregone conclusion, and even those politicians who are against him are beginning to concede that "looks" Cleveland."—*Richmond, Va., State.*

The Democrats have carried the State of New York, electing Mr. Roswell P. Flower, their candidate for the Governorship. This result is of great importance from the point of view of national politics. It means that the Democracy will work with untiring zeal and the best prospects of success to carry the State in 1892. It means, moreover, the nomination of Mr. Cleveland in that year. The victory was won distinctly upon the national issues with which Mr. Cleveland has identified himself. Tariff reform and sound money were, at the instance of Mr. Cleveland's friends, made prominent planks of the Saratoga platform, and success on such a basis in the pivotal Empire State must give an immense impetus to sound doctrine on these subjects.—*Baltimore Sun.*

A GREAT MAGAZINE.

The great American periodical, *The Century*, is going to outdo its own unrivaled record in its programme for 1892, and as many of its new features begin with the November number, new readers should commence with that issue.

In this number are the opening chapters of

"THE NAULAKHA," a novel by Rudyard Kipling, the famous author of "Plain Tales from the Hills," written in collaboration with an American writer, Wolcott Balestier. It is the story of a young man and a young woman from a "booming" Colorado town, who go to India, he in search of a wonderful jeweled necklace, called "the Naulakha" (from which the story takes its name), and she as a physician to women. The novel describes their remarkable adventures at the court of an Indian maharajah. Beside this, *The Century* will print three other novels during the year, and a great number of short stories by the best American story-writers.

The well-known humorist Edgar W. Nye ("Bill Nye") is to write a series of amusing sketches which he calls his "autobiographies," the first one of which, "The Autobiography of a Justice of the Peace," is in November. This number also contains a valuable and suggestive article on "The Food-Supply of the Future," which every farmer should read, to be followed by a number of others

OF GREAT PRACTICAL VALUE TO FARMERS treating especially of the relations of the Government to the farmer, what it is doing and what it should do. This series will include contributions from officers of the Department of Agriculture, and other well known men will discuss "The Farmer's Discontent," "Co-operation," etc., etc.

A celebrated Spanish writer is to furnish a "Life of Columbus," which will be brilliantly illustrated, and the publisher of *The Century* have arranged with the managers of the World's Fair to print articles on the buildings, etc.

One of the novels to appear in 1892 is

A STORY OF NEW YORK LIFE by the author of "The Anglomaniacs," and the magazine will contain a great deal about the metropolis during the year,—among other things a series of illustrated articles on "The Jews in New York." In November is an illustrated description of "The Players' Club," founded by Edwin Booth, and one of the features of the splendidly illustrated Christmas (December) number is an article on "The Bowery."

To get *The Century* send the yearly subscription price (\$4.00) to the Century Co., Union Square, New York, N. Y.

THE QUEEREST PAPER.

J. W. Withers, the Queen's printer of New Foundland, was in San Jose Tuesday and left in the afternoon for San Francisco, intending to stop over at the Leland Stanford Junior University to inspect that institution. Mr. Withers has about the easiest time of any newspaper publisher on this hemisphere, and he conducts about the most peculiar paper. He is allowed to print

no editorials whatever and no comments in the form of news. His paper is published once a week and contains all the official announcements and orders. For these good rates are paid by the Government. He is also paid \$4.20 a year each by the Government for copies sent to all members of the legislature. He is allowed to print first-class advertisements of reliable firms.—*San Jose Mercury.*

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