

## Press and Carolinian

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### WHY THE CROWD WAS NOT LARGER.

The staff correspondence of some of the great newspapers who were here on President's day were struck with the absence of any enthusiasm on the part of the crowd. Mr. James Creelman, the well-known correspondent, says that "Mr. Cleveland went away from Atlanta a surprised and thoughtful man," adding "there was no mighty shout like that which he heard when he came to Georgia in 1887. There was nowhere the slightest evidence of hostility, merely polite indifference mitigated by curiosity," says the Constitution.

"Mr. Gibson, of the Philadelphia Press, says that while the utmost respect was shown the president, the people were cold and undemonstrative. 'The gratitude of the audience was stifling.' The same correspondent remarks with surprise upon the absence of the farmers and country people from the crowds that gathered to meet the president, and says that when Mr. Cleveland visited Atlanta in 1887 it was the farmers of the south 'who made up the great crowd that cheered him on the way.'"

Mr. Donnan, of the Chicago Times-Herald, says that "not only was the crowd cold in the presence of the president, but when he stood before them and delivered his address he failed to secure a moiety of the applause which greeted an inferior band as it passed in front of the reviewing stand during the parade playing the air of 'Dixie.'"

Secretary Carlisle, sitting on the platform, studied the audience before him for some time, and then, turning to an Atlanta gentleman, expressed his surprise that so large an audience should be so finely dressed. He suggested that it was a mark of exceptional prosperity. The Atlanta gentleman explained that the audience was mainly composed of city and town people, the farmers having failed to put in an appearance because they were taking advantage of the fine weather to pick their cotton.

And no doubt this is the true explanation not only of the absence of the large crowd that was expected, but of the lack of enthusiasm.

There is always a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in large crowds—especially in such a tremendous crowd as greeted President Cleveland at the Piedmont exposition that Atlanta held in 1887. Comparing the gate receipts of the two events we find that the crowd which greeted Mr. Cleveland the other day was only a little more than half as large as that which gave him such an extraordinary ovation in 1887. Eight years ago the majority of the people who greeted Mr. Cleveland were made up of the farmers of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi and their wives and children. This year these farmers are busily engaged in saving their cotton before the rainy season sets in.

This was understood, of course, by those who were interested in the matter, and was indeed anticipated by the managers of the exposition. Under these circumstances it is queer that Mr. Morton, of the cabinet, should seize on the first opportunity to make himself ridiculous after the return of the president's party to Washington. He told a press representative that "every granger in the crowd" who shook hands with the president "insisted on saying a few words, the general tune be-

ing, 'We've got lots of 8 cent cotton, and we want honest money for it.'"

As a matter of fact the farmers of the South were conspicuous by their absence from the crowd, and if there were any stray ones on hand every sensible person knows that they would not be guilty of making the idiotic remark attributed to them by Morton.

### OLD JOHN SHERMAN.

No Longer a Candidate, He Will Go as a Delegate to Aid McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Senator Sherman, despite his years, will in all probability be an active participant in the Republican Convention of 1896. The role will be a new one for the Senator. In the conventions of 1880, 1884 and 1888 of his party he has been a candidate for President, either active or passive, and of necessity absent from the convention. He was a silent figure in the proceedings of 1892. His announcement that he is not a candidate on account of his years, that he has at last given up the ambition of his life and is now outspoken for McKinley, is made for a purpose.

The Senator has been asked by friends of McKinley to become one of the delegates at large to next year's convention, and will in all probability be requested to present the name of Ohio's favorite son. The information comes from the friends of McKinley. The McKinley boom has always carried a long line of spectacular features, but this latest of Honest John Sherman holding the ribbons over the fractious and spirited Ohio Republican team and keeping the skittish Foraker in the traces whets the interest of politicians here to a razor edge.

### Millionaire Mackay's Trick.

Millionaire Mackay tells a story of a contest he had with one of his foremen. The foreman was something of a naturalist and trained one of the enormous grasshoppers of the west, as Mark Twain trained his frog, until he could jump about ten feet. Then he interested Mr. Mackay in the insect. Mr. Mackay went out and caught some hoppers and backed them against the record breaker, with the result that he was beaten every time. Then he became determined to win and sent several of the hands out to hunt for the strongest jumpers they could find. But all to no purpose until one day he discovered a wet spot on the table near where the foreman's hopper had sat. Investigating the matter, he found that the spot was very strong ammonia, that the foreman had a vial of ammonia with a dropper in his sleeve, and that a drop of the ammonia made a grasshopper jump hard enough to beat the record every time. So Mr. Mackay provided himself with a dropper and then went to another battle. The same morning he managed to get hold of the foreman's dropper, emptied it and filled it with chloroform, instead of ammonia, and then kept the foreman with him until the last minute. The grasshoppers were brought forth, and Mr. Mackay's flew through space, while the foreman's only heaved and heaved, finally rolling over and going to sleep. It was not until the third contest that the foreman found out the trick.

### She's Got The Bulge.

She looked on her rivals in scornful  
And called them presumptuous presumers,  
As she purchased two hoop skirts this morning  
To put in the legs of her bloomers.

And as on her wheel she proceeded,  
Her spirit grew terribly proud,  
And she said as they blushed and receded,  
"I have now got the bulge on the crowd."

—Louisville Times.

The bicycle has been abused a good deal lately, but some good words have been said for it, too. Miss Frances E. Willard says as a temperance reformer it is a daisy. We don't know about that, but the man who navigates a bike must carry a level head, and mighty little booze.

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## THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Mr. Frank McRavy of Massachusetts is a nice elegant gentleman and all that, but this way of doing business, going out all night and catching a 'possum and then putting it in a bird cage and shipping it to Massachusetts and telling the people at his old home that it is a sweet singer from North Carolina, and that the people here live on them —? Thunderation! What was the man thinking about? Did he take us for soft shell crabs and the people at his old home for suckers? Southern people always ship 'possums in a box or tied by the tail; and it is a well known fact that instead of singing, 'possums always make the other fellow sing.

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Cairo—that is Cairo, on the Mississippi river—seems to be a very important point of some kind. In the winter months they tell us if the thermometer gets down to Cairo it will freeze and burst the pipes; and now we are advised that the water in the Mississippi river is so low that a steamboat can't go above Cairo. Thunderation! Cairo must be a sooner! We hear (never saw it) that there is a street down in Atlanta at the Exposition named Cairo. Wont somebody head off Cairo?

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It is a matter worthy of conjecture as well as absolute certainty that it never rains but it pours. There had been no rain in this section or the woods in seven months—no, weeks—until last Wednesday night, when it commenced with a sleet, which is the next hardest thing after a rain, and then it rained all night and all the next day etc. It was a sweet, lovely rain. One of those easy slow going coaches that has been so long sighed for and prayed for.

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There was a very lively disturbance among the earth and things thereon in this part of the country last Thursday morning at 35 minutes after 4 o'clock, Central time. The whole face of the earth swayed, plunged, dived, rocked in symmetrical but short quick undulating motion and produced a dream of bliss quickly succeeded by one of fright and unsatisfied alarm. In fact it was a small sized earth quake. So did we. But ours was a man-quake.

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The PRESS AND CAROLINIAN printed an extra number of papers last week containing an account of "the write up" or "right down" by the editor, of his trip to Atlanta, but they were all disposed of, so far as we were concerned, before Thursday night, the date of their issue.

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I was fully intent upon writing up a full history of the mining industry in North Carolina until I got a letter from Col. I. Y. Sawtell, P. O. Box 27, Atlanta, Ga., in which he says: "You sha'n't beat me in being clever if you are better looking." I knew Col. Sawtell "enduring" the war and I have no desire to tackle him.

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Here is a bit of news from Salisbury. We "made a bust" in not taking note of the name of the newspaper from which we clipped it. Still she goes. We are for Mr. Caldwell for Senator, Governor or any thing else he wants or will take. Any man who can get up in a Democratic convention as he did and forego personal feeling is a fit man to represent a people anywhere. Here is what the Salisbury paper says: Said a gentleman in the eating room at the depot last night, to Hon. C. F. McKesson, "I am for Joe Caldwell for the next U. S. Senator, what do you think of it?" Mr. McKesson replied, "I'm for him for anything he wants." Trim said!

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That there was a seismic or other kind of dyspeptic disturbance on the morning of Nov. 1st, (last Friday) in the suburbs of Hickory and throughout the adjoining United States, is one of those events which indicate that Hickory has got a foot forward and a hump on its back and is rolling upward and onward the same as if there were a million people in the town and they were all millionaires.

### Jefferson's Tomb.

On the tomb of Jefferson, at Monticello, he is described as the author of the Declaration of Independence, the founder of religious freedom in Virginia and of the University of Virginia, but there is a significant omission of the fact that he was twice president of the United States.

The Mount Airy News has been given a 4 pound sweet potato which grew on the top of a rock.

## ENGLAND AND GOLD.

FORCES THE WORLD TO THE GOLD STANDARD.

Because She Owns All the Gold—The People Must Pay About a Thousand Per Cent for Money.

The Washington Correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution recently said:

Speaking of this policy of Great Britain, a prominent free silver senator said to The Constitution correspondent today.

"The world does not seem to realize that England today controls all the gold-mining property in both hemispheres, and that she holds the commercial prosperity of every other country by the throat as long as they can be hoodwinked into maintaining the gold standard. She controls the gold mines of Australia and this country. The latter fact is not generally known. But take Colorado, for instance. There is no gold producing property in that state which is not partially or mainly controlled by English syndicates. As soon as the gold fever broke out in South Africa she began her machinations in the Transvaal, Mashonaland and Matabeland, and now the gold and diamond properties of south Africa are in the possession of her subjects. As soon as gold was discovered in the Yukon valley, in Alaska, John Bull was there looking after his interests, and today has a claim for what is known as 'Forty-mile Neck,' along which the mines are situated. This will raise with the United States just such an issue over the boundary line as she has today with Venezuela. England, to hold her commercial ascendancy and force tribute from every country in the world, must own the gold of the world, and that is what she is determined to do by strategy and diplomacy if possible, but by force of arms if necessary. By controlling the rich gold mines of the world, her subjects obtain their product, I venture to say, at a cost not exceeding \$2 an ounce, and people of the world buy it in exchange of their products for \$18 an ounce. It is not until the enormous tribute England yearly levies on commerce and exchange is fully realized that the world will rise in its might and break its shackles."

### GENL. WALLACE'S MOTHER.

Filed Suit to Recover \$50,000 Damages From a Railroad.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 26.—Mrs. Zella Seguin Wallace, through her attorneys to-day filed a suit against the Terre Haute and Indianapolis railroad for damages to the amount of \$50,000. Mrs. Wallace was a passenger on the Vandalia train that was wrecked near Coatsville on the 28th of last January. Three people were killed. Mrs. Wallace avers that she has suffered concussion of the spine; will never be able to recover the use of her body and that she will have to give up her avocation, that of an opera singer, which was worth \$10,000 a year.

Lay it on Mahomet, gentlemen. The old man has a lot of sins to his credit, and one extra makes no difference, after all. It is said that this prophet invented the bloomers, or, at least, he was the first man to encourage their inventor. It appears that as the prophet was at the turnstile of Paradise watching the Houris flitting about among the old Mussulman rounders who had broken in up there, a beautiful girl presented herself at the gate and demanded admission.

"Impossible!" exclaimed Mahomet, as he looked at her, "the faithful ones would never stand such a lavish display of petticoats. Why, my dear, they would be absolutely shocked at the spectacle."

"Oh! is that all," retorted the complacent damsel; "that fault is soon remedied," and with this remark she stepped behind some bushes, after requesting Mahomet to look the other way, slit her skirts up the middle and fastened them with strings around the knee. The result was bloomers. Mahomet uttered a cry of joy, and one second later presented the bloomer girl to the other fellows as the latest up-to-date Houris.

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### They Say Let Her Spray.

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"Pshaw, Brother, you're a goose! Think. Or you'd have found out sooner! One hard boiled egg with every drink Unless you take a schooner."

—The Tailor.