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FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1899.

THE "POOREST STATE."

The publication known as S. A. L. Magundi, issued by the Seaboard Railroad system, contains the following which carries with it a very timely suggestion to our own people as well as makes an excellent and truthful statement as to the condition of affairs in the State. It says:

"Old North Carolina is reaching out for the front of the procession now, in industrial development. Our people generally are in better condition than they have been since the war, and better prepared to put their shoulders to the wheel and help rush the State forward along such lines. The State is forging ahead as never before."

"As evidence in detail of our rapid progress we present the following list of new mills in North Carolina, taking from that conservative authority the New York Journal of Commerce: Aragon Mills, Gastonia; Coolseemee Mills, Hairston Falls; Cumberland Mills, Cumberland; Daniel Manufacturing Company, Lincolnton; Delgado Mills, Wilmington; James, A. L., Lanesburg; Kingston Mills, Kingston; Ladshaw & Ladshaw, Salisbury; Mt. Pleasant Mills, Mt. Pleasant; Robbins Manufacturing Company, Goldsboro; Roxboro Mills, Roxboro; Tolar, Hart & Holt Mills, Fayetteville; Watkins, W. H., Sanford; Weldon Cotton Manufacturing Company, Weldon; Yount, J. P., Newton. The mills which are being enlarged include those at Charlotte, Concord, Raleigh, Hillsboro, Forest City, Gastonia, Waxhaw, Salisbury, Lowell and Franklinton."

The Baltimore Herald says this is a capital showing for "the poorest of all the States."

Which moves the Charlotte News to speak out as follows:

"That allegation that North Carolina is the poorest State in the Union has gone forth and has done the State incalculable harm. It is a base libel on a State that possesses as much natural wealth as any Commonwealth in the Union, and that has more taxable property than many others. At the present rate, in a few years we shall rank as one of the country's wealthiest States."

Many of our own people and press are not blameless for the impression which has gone forth concerning our people and State which the News properly characterizes as a libel. North Carolina is not the "poorest State," in any sense, nor are her people paupers; yet if the calamity howlers and demagogical portion of the press were to be believed we are all this and more. For one purpose or another, all bad, as often growing out of personal malice as assinine demagoguism, the people have been told they were impoverished, down-trodden, robbed until only pauperism and its attendant evils constituted their daily life, and this in the face of a constantly increasing production in every line of human endeavor, and along a great many more lines than but few other States or people can boast.

But few of our people are rich, as the world estimates riches in these days; none of us have as much of this world's goods as we wish, never have had and never will have; but there are more people according to the population, enjoying the necessary com-

forts, and fewer who suffer for the lack of them than any State of the forty-five now comprising the Union can boast.

Our people are neither slaves, paupers, nor degraded. They are an energetic, honest, God-fearing people, who enjoy the fruits of honest toil, and strive constantly for better things, with reasonable assurance that their constant and faithful labor will produce these better things.

We feel indignant when we hear a calamity howler, or read in one of their papers that the old State is impoverished, and "growing poorer" and her people oppressed and down-trodden. North Carolinians are incapable of being anything of the kind, and we are gratified to note this repudiation by our Charlotte contemporary of the gross libel. Let all the good citizens frown down this attempt to belittle our people. Of course we all know it is done hoping thereby to reap some personal benefit, in some way, but uncondemned and unrepudiated is still calculated to do all the people harm.

The people of this old State are doing better, collectively, at this time than they have ever done before; when reverses or calamities have visited the country they have suffered less than others. Let us all insist on the truth, and encourage happiness and perseverance and contentment with the best that can be done rather than discourage and detract and deceive and libel.

IT SHOULD BE SETTLED.

The North Carolina Baptist of Fayetteville well says:

"We are getting so tired of these 'friendly suits' about State matters. The last one to bob up is the one between Treasurer Worth and the penitentiary directors to determine the contest about the payment of claims. To be sure no other State has had so much of this as North Carolina has had for several years. Each Legislature is followed by a string of suits. We much prefer the garments of peace."

And in giving expression to its fatigue over this class of contentions our Baptist friend reflects the sentiments of the people.

But to recur to the matters at issue.

On the 1st day of January, 1899, the outstanding, unpaid debts of the penitentiary were \$121,935.47, as follows: Open accounts \$83,262.54 Pay rolls 8,672.93 Due State Treasurer 30,000.00

Total \$121,935.47

The Legislature authorized the sale of State bonds to the amount of \$110,000 to pay the debts of that institution. These bonds sold for \$120,294.

The act authorizing this sale was ratified on the 6th day of March.

The Treasurer contends that this bond money can only be applied to debts due and unpaid on the 31st of December. The above items show what these debts were at that time. Let him then apply that bond money to these debts, and there can be no occasion for any law suit, "friendly" or otherwise.

If the Executive Board of the Penitentiary, under a misapprehension—if you please—one, however, the Treasurer likewise labored under for awhile—committed an error in including the expense account from the 1st of January to the 6th of March in their warrants for settlement, the Treasurer committed a like error in paying some of them. And while there are two distinct funds involved, necessary to be kept separate, yet these errors are only clerical, and can, with a little labor, be easily corrected. The Treasurer is guilty of the additional error, against his own present condition, of applying the assets of the institution, which, the debts being provided for by the issue of bonds, should have been applied to current expenses of the year 1899. It is as incumbent on him to retrace his steps and correct his own error as it is on the Executive Board to correct their's by making their warrants on the bond fund apply only to the debts "due and unpaid on the 31st day of December."

The Executive Board should give to the Treasurer a warrant for his \$30,000 of last year's debt on the bond fund, and the Treasurer should transfer to the account of the penitentiary for the expenses of the current year, which would include all incurred since the 1st day of January, the sum he has applied out of the assets to his last year's claim.

That this may involve some work in the bookkeeping department may be true; but the people furnish clerks for such work, and prefer such errors or mistakes be corrected by such extra labor rather than by law suits and unseemly contention in the courts. The additional clerical labor will not cost as much as lawyers' fees will amount to. Let the matter be settled.

State Senator Cordill, of Louisiana, was in New York the other day and was interviewed by the New York Tribune upon the workings of the new Constitution in that State, the material feature of which is similar to the fifth section of our own pending amendment. Mr. Cordill said: "There is not much politics in Louisiana at present. Everybody is content-

ed with the conditions as they now exist, and there aren't any fights on hand. The suffrage question will be a dead issue in our State for at least a quarter of a century. Louisiana, you know, is one of the three States which have attempted to deal with it. Mississippi took it up first. Then South Carolina and then Louisiana. The constitutional convention, of which I was a member, met last year in New Orleans, and we endeavored to profit by the experience of the other States. To show that we did, and to show the confidence that the people had in the new order of things, New Orleans last week voted \$14,000,000 for water supply and sewerage purposes."

Commenting upon which the Wilmington Messenger well asks— "If that law works so well in Louisiana, brings so much quiet and secures so much confidence in the stability of things, why shall it not do so in other States?"

Leaf by leaf the roses fall!

Possibly the tide has begun to turn, and the overloaded piratical crafts which have recently ventured upon the financial high seas will become objects of care for the wrecking companies.

"The National Shear Trust has filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy. There are other trusts organized to shear the consumer which will in due time come home shorn. A few days ago the promoters of the trust in question issued a statement showing assets of \$1,270,297, against liabilities of \$301,000; but the monopoly couldn't pay its notes," so the Philadelphia Record informs us.

We have no doubt that sooner or later the pirates who have organized under the forms of law without capital, conscience or capacity will go to destruction by natural causes.

The New York Press says:

"New England's latest bank embezzler neither smoked, chewed nor drank." Not infrequently these so-called virtues are made to cover a multitude of much worse sins. In this case the man speculated crazily."

The Florida Times-Union says:

"The administration keeps two censors—one at Manila to cut out the facts, and another at Washington to supply the gaps thus left." Are you certain the "gaps" are filled in with "facts"?

New Jersey lawyers have just organized a bar association. Capital unlimited, but only "preferred" stock issued.

WORK OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Supt. Mebane Talks Enthusiastically of His Trip to the University.

Prof. C. H. Mebane, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, returned yesterday from Chapel Hill, where he went to deliver a lecture before the teachers and students attending the Summer School. Prof. Mebane spoke of the old and the new teacher. Speaking of his trip, the superintendent said:

"I had a most pleasant time. Last night I had a splendid audience of cultured men and women, such as a public school man seldom has the privilege of addressing. I found college men, city school men and women, private school men and some public school teachers."

Referring to the results accomplished by the Summer School in general, Prof. Mebane said:

"I am sorry that the impression in the public mind seems to be that these schools are simply recreation, a sort of jolly good time for the young folks. 'One only needs to go and see for himself to be convinced that this idea of the Summer School is erroneous. 'I found at the University about forty-five young men and women this morning doing actual work in the Department of Physics, making their own apparatus, preparing something of practical value to take home with them. Good work in history, geography and the other studies is also being done. Of course there is, as there should be, some time for recreation, but I was surprised at the amount of work that is being done."

"What is being done at the University is, no doubt, also being done at Wake Forest and the other summer schools. The result of these schools will certainly be of great service to the cause of education in our State—to give not only zeal and enthusiasm, but also to make stronger and better equipped teachers for service in the classroom. The pity of it is that so few of our teachers have the means to attend these schools—I mean so few of the public school teachers."

Two Actions for Divorce.

Proceedings in two divorce cases were instituted in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court yesterday.

The actions for divorce were brought by Mrs. Emma Overby against Charles Overby and Mrs. Ida Butler against J. W. Butler. Mr. J. C. L. Harris is retained in both cases by the parties instituting suit.

The complaint in only one case was filed yesterday—that of Mrs. Emma Overby against Charles Overby. In her complaint the plaintiff makes the statutory charge, and alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married to each other in Harnett county in December, 1888, and that in October, 1894, the defendant wilfully abandoned the plaintiff and has lived separate and apart from her since that date.

The Edgecombe Club.

The Edgecombe Club of Tarboro was granted articles of incorporation yesterday by the Secretary of State. The officers of the club, until a regular election shall be held, are: S. S. Nash, president; W. S. Howard, vice-president; D. Lichtenstein, John L. Bridgers and George A. Holderness, governing committee.

BIG DEMAND FOR CENSUS JOBS.

All Ex-Fusion Office Holders on the Hunt—The Supervisors Named.

There is a great demand among the faithful Republicans and Populists, the majority of whom have been swept from office as a result of the Democratic victory last November, for positions in the census department. Republican officials and those supposed to have pulls are being flooded with petitions from place seekers.

In other States the Democrats have been recognized in the apportionment of the census pie, but in North Carolina the Republicans divided with the Populists. The list of census supervisors for the State has been completed and is as follows:

- First District—Wheeler Martin, Williamson N. C.
- Second District—Augustus M. Moore, Greenville, N. C.
- Third District—David J. Lewis, Whiteville, N. C.
- Fourth District—Joseph J. Jenkins, Pittsboro, N. C.
- Fifth District—J. T. B. Hoover, Point, N. C.
- Sixth District—Walter B. Steel, High Point, N. C.
- Seventh District—Gustavus A. Bingham, Salisbury, N. C.
- Eighth District—Osmond F. Pool, Taylorsville, N. C.
- Ninth District—John A. Hendricks, Marshall, N. C.

Trained Nurse.

Miss Nannie Lon Crowson offers her professional services to the city of Raleigh as a trained nurse, and by permission refers to Dr. James McKee, Dr. A. W. Knox, Dr. W. I. Royster, Dr. H. A. Royster and Drs. Lewis and Battle.

UNHAPPY IN A REPUBLICAN CAMP.

Richmond Dispatch.

Verily, there must be great demoralization and discontent, not to say the seeds of mutiny, in the Republican camp, when a paper hitherto so faithful and subservient to the powers that be as the Philadelphia North American breaks forth in an article on the Philippines war in this strain: "For the sake of our soldiers, for the sake of the country's prestige in the world's eye, and, lastly, for the sake of the Republican party, President McKinley must rouse himself." Judging from the North American's record and environments, its "lastly" is not the least of the considerations that moved it to the outbreak. But that apart. Whatever the regnant inspiration of our contemporary, the words quoted, taken with the rest of its article, constitute a most emphatic and significant recognition of the fact that Mr. McKinley has put this country in sore straits.

MISTAKES BY SOME ONE.

New York Journal.

It is true that India is not all inhabited by a single race; but there is one solid block of 85,000,000 Hindus; there are nearly 20,000,000 of the warlike Mahattas, and there are nine separate races, each of which is more numerous than the entire population of the Philippines. There are 300,000,000 people in India, spread over an area of over 1,500,000 square miles. England keeps them all in perfect order with a force of 75,000 white and 140,000 native troops. But we, it seems are too feeble to keep the peace, not among 7,000,000 Filipinos in the 115,000 square miles of the Philippine Islands, but among 2,000,000 Tagalos in a district of 20,000 square miles, on the island of Luzon, much of it within range of the guns of our fleet.

JUDASES STILL LIVE.

North Carolina Baptist.

A Free Will Baptist preacher was caught in Johnston county the other day by revenue officers. He was at his blockade still, running it at a lively gait. He ought to be given a long term. Such cases do not argue anything against Christianity. They only show that Judases still live.

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