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We are glad to learn in a conversation with a gentleman who has been over a considerable part of Wake county that not only are the wheat, corn, tobacco and cotton looking well, but the fields show more careful attention than usual, and the people appear to be working with better heart than last year.

There is a good deal of talk about the parsimony of Congress in connection with the falling in of the floors of the old Ford Theatre. It must be recollected that notwithstanding the terrible strain engendered by the smash up, the walls of the building remain intact.

During the past week the New York banks have sent to Chicago and out West \$12,847,000, and have received \$4,829,000 of currency, chiefly from the South. This has helped the Western banks over the crisis, while the speculators not being able to hold their wheat, the price of that article has fallen so low that great quantities have been bought for export.

Much interest being manifested in regard to the address delivered by Col. Waddell at Trinity Commencement on Socialism, we are glad to learn that he will comply with requests to repeat it before the Teachers' Assembly at Morehead where he delivers the opening address on June 20th.

The acceptance of socialistic tendencies and ideas by our country population at the South is a development worthy of careful study. No people have heretofore been further removed from such influences and better grounded in the doctrine that each individual should depend upon himself in life.

Col. Waddell has thus rendered a public service in preparing his admirable address on the subject.

The Financial Chronicle figures up that the increased cotton acreage this year over what it was last year is about 7 1/2 per cent. The acreage two years ago was 20,838,000 acres; last year there was a decrease of twelve per cent, the acreage being 18,362,000, and for the present planting the acreage is 19,701,000.

The acreage of North Carolina is put at 1,002,885 acres, against 899,000 last year. If the yield is only an average one, the likelihood is that the crop will bring good prices and our people will be in good condition.

PENSION FRAUDS.

The attitude of the Republican party has been—that it alone constituted the people of this country, that it alone should be the repository of power, and indeed that it was the government. In its view, whatever could be turned to the advantage of that party was a patriotic work, no matter what other elements were involved.

The value of Burnett's testimony lies in his citing actual cases, and testifying from absolute personal knowledge. After having been years in the service of the Pension Bureau as clerk, special examiner, and reviewer of field work, he finally gave up his place rather than be longer a party to the fraud and extravagance that saturated the administration of the bureau.

It appears very clearly from this revelation that the policy of the last administration was to put as many names as possible upon the pension rolls, and to scatter from the Treasury of the United States as much money as possible among claimants for pensions.

Mr. Burnett's cases are merely samples, and represent thousands upon thousands. They show that pensions were granted for disability where no proof of disability was furnished and in the face of adverse reports from the examiners.

In short, it was impressed upon the force of the Pension Bureau, from the Commissioner through all the grades, that the object was not careful scrutiny, a strict compliance with the law, and the protection of the public Treasury from fraud and extravagance, but the passing of as many claims as possible in the speediest fashion.

The Journal of Commerce which has long been one of the leading papers of this country has ceased to exist. It was one of the five papers that formed the Associated Press of New York.

David M. Stone the editor desired to retire because of his advancing years, and he sold out to the Commercial Bulletin and the two papers are to be consolidated. The price paid was \$450,000. In his farewell editorial Col. Stone says: "I have been in the harness since 1849 and have given forty-four years of my life to the service without a single vacation."

ministry I have not written a line that could bring a blush to any honest cheek, or which I now wish to recall as untruthful or insincere. I have had no personal quarrels with any and have never printed an unkind word of others, whether in or out of the same profession.

This shows how exacting is the profession of an editor, but it also shows that when a man can say that during his career he has written no word untruthful or insincere, it is a great satisfaction to have enjoyed the privilege of talking to the people daily on important subjects for many years together.

The decision not to admit the testimony given before the Coroner's Inquest as evidence in the Borden case is a great point gained by the defence. In that testimony there were inconsistencies of statements and admissions that tended largely to raise suspicion that she was not candid in what she was saying.

Report of the Committee of Inspection. The Committee of the Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor to inspect the University, made a full and detailed report at commencement. We print a few extracts which will inform the people of the condition and management of their chief institution of learning.

GENERAL CONDITION. The general condition of the University is one of healthy, vigorous growth. The spirit that pervades it, from the President to the manager of the baseball team is pushing, hopeful and progressive.

QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION. The quality of the instruction given is in keeping with the character and quality of the men in charge of the departments and their scholarship and ability. No one doubts this who knows the standard claimed for it by the management of the University.

THE MORAL AND RELIGIOUS TONE.

Your committee as a body, and individually, were very favorably impressed with the high moral and religious tone of the University, as it applies to both the faculty and the students. We were informed that the students regularly attend some of the church services of the several christian denominations having churches in Chapel Hill.

THE HEALTHFULNESS OF THE UNIVERSITY. We inquired about the health of the students, and received the reply that not a member of the faculty nor of the student body was sick during our visit; that no professor had been sick during the year, and only one student had been seriously sick, and that he came in September, having contracted sickness elsewhere.

RELATIONS OF PROFESSORS TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE PRESIDENT.

After careful inquiry we concluded that the relations of the faculty to each other, and to the President, were most cordial and kindly. Not a jar, but peace and the kindness of friendship pervaded the entire faculty. All were working together harmoniously for the common purpose of serving together the best interests of higher education; and all were striving in generous rivalry to serve the University and the State to the very best ability of each.

of our worthy President, and aiding him in every way possible in the administration of the affairs of the University. They united in testifying to his wisdom, prudence, firmness, zeal and high executive ability.

RELATIONS OF PROFESSORS TO STUDENTS.

We found the very best state of feeling between students and the faculty, the faculty striving to be helpful to the students, and the students rendering much aid to the faculty in the general management of the University, and taking a great pride in making a good name for the institution. The faculty bore warm testimony to this, and expressed grateful appreciation thereof to the committee.

FREEDOM FROM POLITICAL AND DENOMINATIONAL BIAS.

The management of the University, we fully believe, from our investigations, to be free from political and denominational bias. We have seen no evidences of any such bias in either direction. The students are from families of every shade of politics and religion. We do not believe anything of the kind has any existence here. There is a bias for religion, the religion of our own Bible, the Christian religion.

Let it be religious! It must be religious. There is a common ground for the common good, broad enough for us all to stand on as Christian men and citizens of a Christian State.

IS THE UNIVERSITY WORTHY OF THE STATE?

We believe that the University is worthy of our highest efforts to maintain it and to broaden its influence, and to send out its light to bless the State in blessing its young men and broadening them for service. The State needs the University. The University is worthy of the State. Let us keep it so.

JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH, Chairman.

Commencement at Davidson College. Communicated.

Although commencement week at Davidson did not open very auspiciously as regards the weather, it nevertheless proved to be quite a memorable week in Davidson annals. The graduating class of 1893 has shown itself to be an unusually strong one, both as regards original capacity and added training obtained by four years work in the college.

Examinations were completed on Saturday last, and final preparations for commencement week brought to an end. On Sunday morning Dr. Daniel, of Raleigh delivered the baccalaureate sermon to a large and deeply interested congregation, and it may be safely said that many a sermon will probably be heard by the numbers who gathered to hear Dr. Daniel's sermon.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock were held the class-day exercises. Hearty laughter was frequently elicited and almost constant amusement furnished by the class history and the class prophesy, delivered respectively by Mr. V. R. Gaston, of Greenville, N. C., and Mr. John R. Schenck, of Greensboro, N. C.

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Governor's speech, though not pretentious and ornate, was terse and to the point.

At 8 p. m., Wednesday evening, the oratorical contest between representatives from each of the literary societies came off. An unusually large audience attended, and the speeches were quite generally pronounced better than the average here.

At last came the final and most important day of all, and at 10:30 a. m. Thursday a long procession formed on the beautiful campus and, accompanied by the Old North State Orchestra, of Statesville, marched up into the hall. There an immense crowd was gathered to witness the interesting exercises of the day. After an opening prayer by Dr. Pritchard, of Charlotte, the salutatory oration was given by Mr. Edward S. Tillinghast, of Raleigh.

Let it be religious! It must be religious. There is a common ground for the common good, broad enough for us all to stand on as Christian men and citizens of a Christian State. Denominational bias should have no place here, either in the faculty or in the board of trustees. We believe it has no place. It becomes us to see to it that it has no place.

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