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LARGE CIRCULATION

RALEIGH, APRIL 19, 1892

IN A MIDDLE.

The political parties of the country seem to be about as much out of harmony among themselves as they are with other parties. The Democrats are split up in various sections. In Louisiana they are much more tolerant toward the opposing party than with the opposing factions in their own ranks.

The Republicans are fatally split in some parts of the South, having organized what they choose to call the Reformed Republican party with only white men in it in South Carolina, Texas and probably in other States. The Third or People's party, as they prefer to be called, do not seem to know exactly what they want, or how to get it. Their complaints against the old parties seems to be a finding fault with the natural results of conditions that exist, in an indefinite or generalized sort of way rather than a clear cut statement of the purposes of the party. And this indefiniteness has caused divisions in the ranks of this party.

As to the Prohibition party, it has lots of good men and good principles in it, and there are hundreds of thousands of Prohibitionists all over the country, but they are working and voting with the old parties and feel that this is not the time to change—"no time to swap horses now"—hence there is no absolute certainty of the success of the Prohibition party this time (?)

The one great cause for all this muddling and mixing up of things, is the individual desire for office. It is the one great burning thirst of the age. It is not only the case in this country, but in most of the nations of the globe. Two South American republics have recently experienced bloodshed and national crippling from the efforts of individuals to get or retain power. Russia, Germany and France are very unhappy along this same line. Inordinate ambition in the individual, and the pooling of interests for individual ends produces all the party divisions, all the party bitterness, all the communism and all the trusts in the land. This is not popular, but it is true, all the same.

ADDRESS.

The address before the local preachers' conference at Raleigh, July 23d, will be delivered by Rev. Dr. J. F. Crowell, President of Trinity College. The subject will be "the history of Local Preachers, and its bearing on Methodist Economy." An address will be delivered before the same body by Rev. W. P. Williams, of Davidson county, July 23d, on the relations of the church to high education.

AN APPEAL.

The VISITOR has heretofore expressed itself in no uncertain manner for the proper carrying out of the law in relation to cruelty to animals. We have recently had our attention called to a circular from A. M. Ballard, of Asheville, President of the "North Carolina Society," from which we make the following extract: The North Carolina Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals appeals to all humane people in the

State for their support and assistance. This society was organized two years ago under a legislative charter, with authority "to establish and locate branches at any place or places within the boundaries of the State." At the time of its organization it received a donation of five hundred dollars from a non resident of the State who has recently, unsolicited, sent another donation of fifty dollars, with an expression of gratification at the successful work of the Society thus far. This work has been hitherto almost wholly confined to Asheville and its vicinity, but the Society has from the beginning looked forward to the time when it could extend its work throughout the State, according to the provisions of its charter.

It believes that a systematic effort to that end ought now to be made. To make the effort successful it is absolutely necessary that every friend of the cause should lend the Society a helping hand; first, by financial support, at least to the extent of the cost of an annual membership, which is at present only one dollar, and second, by active assistance in executing the plan of extension adopted by the Board of Managers. All desired information about the plan will be furnished upon application to the Secretary and Treasurer Walter S. Cushman, of Asheville. Membership fees should also be sent to him and will be duly acknowledged.

PONY RACING IN CHINA.

Rider and Driver.

When an Englishman journeys away from his tight little island he takes with him his tastes and habits as well as his tub, and wherever he goes, wherever you find him, he sets up his individual little Britain on his own hook, and positively declines to do in Rome as the Romans do, or in China as the Chinese do. One of the first things he does when he settles down at any place for a stay is to get up some races, if there are enough of him to make a race.

Since 'way back in the seventies there has been a jockey club and race meetings at Hong Kong, under the patronage and management of Englishmen, governed by rules of decidedly English flavor, with English riders and China ponies.

Mr. E. Gilbert sends us the programme book of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for its spring meeting, which took place on the 18th 19th and 20th of February, and some of the stakes it offered suggest that it is quite worth while racing in China. The names have quite a chop stick flavor, to wit: the Wong nei chong stakes, the Foochow Cup, the Canton and Hong Kong Club Cups, and the Tai YenK Tong Cup.

Wherever there's racing there's a Derby of course, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club has its Hong Kong Derby, the conditions of which read: "Sweepstakes of \$30 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries, with \$500 added and for first pony and \$15 for second. For China ponies born in the Straits at date of entry (Saturday, 16th January, 1892) First pony, seventy per cent; second, twenty per cent; third ten per cent. Weight for inches. One mile and a half."

Some of these ponies carried as much as eleven stone, four pounds, and last year, with similar weights, the race was run in 3 1/2.

RATES FOR 20TH MAY CELEBRATION, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

For above occasion the Richmond and Danville Railroad will sell reduced rate round trip tickets to Charlotte, N. C., and return, at the following rates from points in same proportion.

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Hickory, 9.60	Henderson, 14.85
Goldsboro, 11.50	Greensboro, 11.75
Raleigh, 14.40	Selma, 14.50
Salisbury, 10.15	Statesville, 10.20
Wilkesboro, 15.30	Winston, 12.65
	Salem, 13.65

Similar rates, one fare for the round trip will apply from points in Virginia and South Carolina.

SLAVERY ON THE PACIFIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALA., April 17.—While a search party is trying to find some trace of over 400 unfortunates who went down last September in the ill-fated brig Tahiti at the mouth of the Gulf of California, the owners in New York have fitted out another vessel for the same traffic in Gilbert Island slaves, to supply the Guatemala coffee plantations. The vessel selected is the tramp steamer Montzerrat, which gained notoriety last year by carrying arms and ammunition to the Chilean insurgents and a cargo of general merchandise on which the consignees made a fortune.

The Montzerrat sails Monday ostensibly for Nansaim, British Columbia, but this trip is a mere blind. She will coal there, but will then shape a direct course to the Gilbert Islands, where she will take on board 6000 islanders. Her true destination is proved by the fact that she takes a passenger the King of Butaritari and his party. There are immense profits in this "black birding," as it is called in the South Seas, and the men who lost the Tahiti hope to recoup on this new venture. There are agents now on the Gilbert Islands employed in inducing the simple natives to sign the fatal contracts which consign them to a living death on far off coffee plantations.

The contract requires them to work on the plantations for five years at \$3 to \$5 a month. At the end of that time they are to be returned to their homes free of charge. It is safe to say that out of 600 or more that will be stowed away in the stifling hold and bunks of the Montzerrat not 20 will live to see the contract expire.

The Gilbert Islanders are home-loving people and have no idea of what the contract they sign calls for, and this the agents carefully conceal from them, as otherwise they know that no one could be induced to go on board the steamer. The Montzerrat will fly the Hawaiian flag to avoid complications with American authorities.

The Greensboro Workman tells a hard egg story. It states that a young man in the school at liberty ate twenty five eggs at one time, and next day went to school as usual.

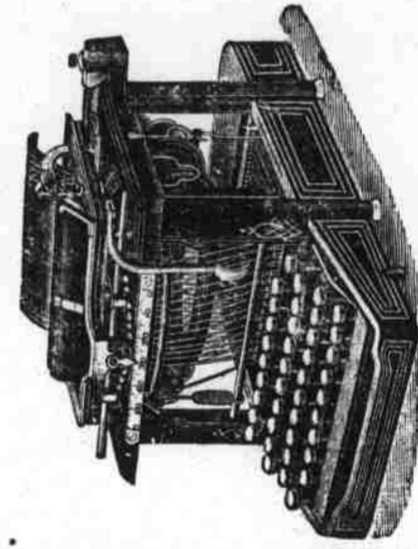
FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Mails received here today bring news that on March 29 a fierce battle took place at Trugilli, Venezuela, between the government forces and the revolutionists, and the former were victorious.

About 150 persons were killed and a large number were wounded. Business is said to be almost at a stand still at Caracas.

Affairs in Venezuela at present are in a state bordering on anarchy, there being no constitutional government. The terms of Palacio expired on February 2d, and there has been no election for a new President. Palacio still retains his position as head of the government illegally and by force. Any report that the trouble in Venezuela has been settled arises from ignorance or willful perversion of facts.

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