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### THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

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Five hundred cow-boys have organized a young army to go to Cuba and fight for freedom of the island.

The six million Bryan votes are an obstinate set. They show no disposition whatever to come into camp and permit the 150,000 Palmer and Buckner votes to reorganize them. —Washington Post.

The pension warrants have been completed by the State Auditor and within the next ten days they will be in the hands of the register of deeds in the various counties. The total amount of these warrants this year is \$104,704.

The cigarette trust has found a loop-hole in the low prohibitory law and is throwing cigarettes into the State by the millions, but still they have not advanced prices of the weed which would put money in the farmers pocket.

An important conference of leaders in the late campaign for the free coinage of silver—Democrats, Populists, Republicans, Silver party, and American Bimetallic Union representatives—will be held in Washington about December 10th.

Seventy thousand destitute people are reported from the city of Chicago. Chicago was carried by McKinley and he should order Mr. Prosperity to move his wave up to Illinois and relieve the people fooled by Hanna's beautiful gold story.

Mexico is becoming a tobacco growing and exporting country. In 1889-90 the exports amounted to \$948,332, this year to \$1,700,000. It is said that the soil in the tobacco growing region is practically inexhaustible, and the area a hundred times as great as the tobacco area of Cuba.

A New York goat, of the Wm. kind, the other day disputed the right of way with nine cable cars, and held his ground notwithstanding the cable train had the assistance of a big policeman, until a Texas ranchman happened along and took a mean advantage of him with a lariat.

The Augusta Chronicle says public officials are public servants and as such are suggested criticism. Citizens who hold office are not the masters, but the servants of the people. It would be well for public officials to bear in mind that this is not a government of officeholders, for officeholders and by officeholders; on the contrary, it is a government of the people; for the people and by the people.

The Biblical Recorder speaks about one of the non-partisan Judiciary, Judge Norwood's drunkenness says: "This is not the first time such disgraceful conduct has been reported of Judge Norwood. He seems to be a hopeless subject of strong drink. He ought to resign for his own sake. If he does not, he ought to be impeached. The bench should be kept above reproach above all other parts of the government."

Anno domini 1897. In one fast-fleeting month Father time, his scythe swung across his bent shoulders, as he treads his way across the stepping stones of the years, will have crossed from '96 to '97. And then he will be only three years distant from the summit of a century. We are already past the gray dawn of the new century. The first rays of his sunrise are leaping up above the hilltop of 1900. —Charlotte Observer.

Uncle Sam's standing army cost the United States \$16,074,488 for the last fiscal year, and they didn't have any fighting to do either.

President Cleveland is represented as having said in the conversation he had last Saturday with a prominent Democratic politician that in his opinion one-third of the votes which Mr. Bryan received in the South were given him by Democrats who do not believe in free silver, but who voted the ticket on the ground of "irregularity."

The Wilmington Messenger says when a negro makes a speech as we are informed that Joe Holland made at the recent celebration of the Republicans saying, as we are informed, that the negroes would soon elect negro officers in this county and State, and pass laws compelling the whites and negroes to attend the same churches and schools, and the white people to receive negroes at their houses, then he becomes a danger to the community and should be dealt with as any other dangerous element that is left entirely alone.

#### CLEVELAND AND HIS FORTUNE.

If it be true, as several veracious chroniclers have lately asserted, that the good, large gentleman in the White House has managed during the past twelve years to lay up treasures, not only where moth and rust do not corrupt, but elsewhere, to the value of more than one million, Mr. Cleveland should receive hearty congratulations from every member of his flock. And he, in Mr. Wayne MacVeagh's inspired language of thanksgiving over McKinley's election, should be "prouder of this country than ever before." A million dollars is a great deal of money. No ordinary man could have accumulated so much, no ordinary country's opportunities would be so richly yielding in so brief a period, even though it were a period of riotous prosperity. When it is considered that a large part of Mr. Cleveland's period, says the New York Journal, of acquisition is commonly known and will be blazoned in the history as the Cleveland hard times, the marvel does not diminish. Nor is it lessened by contemplation of the fact, for which we have the authority of Mr. Cleveland himself, that the "communism of pell" during all that time has been rendering it increasingly difficult for the poor man to get along. Cleveland's administration will be known as the enemy of farmers and laborers, and friend of trusts and monopolists.

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agreeable necessity of the situation. What they cast their ballots for was the gold standard, and if they get that it is all to which they are fairly entitled in return. For the sake of the gold standard they were willing to abandon their party and give victory to a man they had no confidence in, victory to the cause of protection, victory to the trusts. They knew what they were about in the beginning, but after the returns were in the political effect of their defection was seen to be so great that vanity betrayed them into fancying they could mould the purposes of the Administration they had created. They have been fooled.

#### POWER OF CONJURATION.

North Carolina rabbit's feet have great powers of conjuration, and can drive away all evil spirits except Ireland county corn liquor. These feet are greatly prized by northern tourists and other suckers caught with queer bait.

To be genuine, you know, the rabbits must be killed in grave-yard to the dark of the moon on the seventh day of the seventh month by the seventh Son of a Gun (so to speak); and only the left hind foot of this grave yard rabbit is the genuine article.

The manufacture of rabbit's feet ought to be one of the State's most flourishing industries. One young gentleman turned out forty rabbit's feet as a net result of his work on Thanksgiving Day, and he has begun the industry on a limited scale.

But the possibilities of the industry are as yet untouched. It is yet virgin ground. Here is a chance for some Napoleon of business to win fame and fortune, furnishing the genuine article to a waiting and expectant world.

Who knows but that some day the rabbit foot industry will restore prosperity to the "Old North State," and all day long our children will play in front of our vine-clad cottages, and their merry laugh will mingle with the busy click of the rabbit's-foot factories! —Charlotte News.

#### LATEST STATE NEWS.

##### Items of Interest as Culled from Our Exchanges.

A new synod of the Presbyterian Church has been formed at Asheville, embracing twelve counties, ten ministers, and nineteen churches.

There were 350 conversions in the big Fife meeting at Henderson which closed a few days ago. Next Sunday Mr. Fife starts a meeting in Lenoir.

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We do hope that the next Legislature will increase the pay of our public school teachers. No class of people work harder and longer for such meager pay as do the North Carolina public school teachers. Many of the Western States public school teachers are paid seventy-five dollars per month. Here in North Carolina a first grade teacher spends twenty days in a miserable, crowded school room and gets thirty dollars for his work. Pay the teachers more, make the public school system better. —Monroe Enquirer.

Mr. John R. Barnard, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Henderson, died Dec. 5 of Bright's disease.

It carried us back to the days of '68 when we saw, at Dunn, in the town of Lillington, a white man on trial before a coal-black negro magistrate.—Ex.

Two weeks ago something happened at High Point that has caused a great deal of talk. A lady who had been sinking for several weeks had been constantly expressing a wish for a partridge. About 10 o'clock one morning a thump was heard against the door, and on going out on the porch a partridge was found fluttering, having broken its neck as it flew against the door. The woman firmly believes that the Lord sent her the bird.

Friday afternoon about 1 o'clock a terrific crash was heard out in tobacco row. It proved to be the collapse of the Greenville Tobacco Warehouse, the first house built on this market. The building gave way beneath the immense weight of snow on its broad, flat roof, and squashed to the ground, the heavy timbers and iron cross supports parting as though they had been mere sticks. There was no insurance. It is a total loss. —Greenville Reflector.

The Charlotte Observer says: The farmers of every township in Mecklenburg county are organizing to protect themselves from the influences wielded by the negro political leaders. They refuse to rent land to these negroes, and are putting white men in their places. In Providence township over 60 land owners have joined the organization and the negro leaders find it impossible to rent an acre of ground. The organization is also in good working order in Steel Creek and Sharou townships.

A distressing accident is reported from Person county says Durham Sun. A. L. Bradsher, a young merchant of Bushy Fork, on Wednesday evening, accidentally shot and killed Hardy Bradsher, an old colored man. Mr. Bradsher had been hunting. The old colored man went to the store for some salt just about the time Mr. Bradsher returned. While entering the store the hammer of the gun struck against the side of the door causing it to go off. The entire contents of both barrels entered the old man head killing him instantly. Mr. Bradsher is one of the most prominent and high standing young men of Person county, and has the sympathy of everybody who knows him.

The Tarboro Southerner says: Thursday night, Brinkley Downing, a negro Democrat of No. 13 township, was waylaid on the road by five men, who took off his coat and whipped him because he was a Democrat. Brinkley Downing has been a Democrat for many years and has often been abused and maltreated because of his political faith. Such intolerance is outrageous. Democrats, however, should make a note of this and similar occurrences and have a stop put to them. But a sad commentary it is on the intelligence of the white men. He can divide and vote as he pleases, but the negro is made to vote one way and that at every time against the best interests of the white man.

A special to Charlotte Observer Dec. 4 from Morganton says that A. C. Avery, Jr., son of Justice A. C. Avery, of the Supreme Court, was assaulted by two young negroes last night and stabbed in 5 places, perhaps fatally. When first attacked he knocked one negro down, but the other seized him about the waist while the first negro used his knife. Avery was unarmed, and lost a gallon of blood while seeking a weapon with which to return to the attack. "He found a billiard cue" the negroes had fled. Avery thinks the assault was premeditated because of his having knocked down a brother of one of his assailants during election week. He is very weak and his life hangs by a thread.

Mr. Leonard Morton is one of Onslow's farmers who doesn't lose any sleep in attempting to solve the financial puzzle, or rack his brain in a vain effort to frame a tariff measure. Mr. Morton is 67 years of age and is a firm believer in the theory that a farmer should produce everything he eats and wears, and up to this date has never purchased a suit of clothes; all the cloth his family uses is manufactured at home from the wool and cotton produced on his farm. Mr. Morton never purchased meat but once and then only thirty

pounds. That his plan is a good one, is demonstrated by the fact that he doesn't owe a dollar and never has the nightmare worrying over hard times.—Jacksonville Times.

Deputy Collector E. A. Moffitt left headquarters at Greensboro last Wednesday and was joined at Asheboro by a deputy marshal. About 5 miles from the old Russell gold mine, they found the blockade distillery of Lee Turner, a noted character, and were on the point of entering when Turner appeared heavily armed. He forbade the collector's entrance, but the latter boldly proceeded. In an instant Turner's rifle sent a bullet into the heart of the officer, but before he fell he returned the fire killing the blockader. Mr. Moffitt had been in the revenue service a little over 3 years, and regarded as a most efficient officer. His coolness and bravery prevented bloodshed on many occasions. He never fired except in self defense.

#### At Rest.

When in life we are in the midst of death. No one knows the day or the hour when we are to be called from this to another world. The reaper in the hands of death is clipping from our midst the young, the old, so we are all subject to the daily rounds. The above brings to mind the recent death of Mr. John G. Morgan, of Vance county. The subject of this sketch was a very prominent and influential citizen—not only prominent in one sense of the word but many. He was a strict member of the Baptist church and was always ready to lend a helping hand to the cause of Christianity. His many deeds of charity were lavishly distributed among the needy. His house was the home of the friendless and those who were in need never came away empty-handed.

To show his great goodness of heart he raised two families of orphan children besides his own, which was a large one. Among them were Mr. R. B. Morgan, of Chase City, and Mr. E. G. Morgan, of Danville, Va., who are men of prominence. His daughters are Mrs. J. A. Shotwell, Mrs. B. T. Hicks, Mrs. Vester Green and Mrs. James Perkinson. Mr. Morgan held some prominent positions in the county, such as commissioner, treasurer and magistrate, which shows the great confidence the people had in him. He was a bright light among the Masonic fraternity and was buried with their solemn honors. The bright character of this good man should be held up as a shining example to the rising generation, showing what could be done by honesty and punctuality in performance of duty. In the latter part of his life he became financially oppressed in trying to relieve his neighbors, but this calamity he bore with firmness and Christian fortitude.

It may be said of him that he has fought a good fight and finished his course. May our last end be like his. May God in His great goodness protect and defend the bereaved family and when called to the realms above in family union meet in a "house not made with hands but eternal in the heaven." A FRIEND.



A foul breath is one of the greatest afflictions that a man or woman can have. An affliction not only to themselves, but to those with whom they come in contact. A foul breath is a dreadful discourager of affection, or rather of the demonstration of affection. It would probably be more so if people only realized just what bad breath means. Bad breath is one of the symptoms of constipation. Some of the other symptoms are sour stomach, loss of appetite, sick and bilious headache, dizziness, heart burn and distress after eating. These things mean indigestion. They lead to dyspepsia and worse things. They all start with constipation, and constipation is inexcusable because it can be cured—cured easily, quickly and permanently, by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are a perfect remedy for this most common of all troubles. They give to nature just the little help that she needs. They are very mild in their action, and act without any violence whatever. In this, they are different from many preparations offered for a similar purpose. Sometimes the remedy is worse than the disease. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are mild, but they are infallibly efficacious. They do the work which they are intended to do, without disturbing the system in any way. They not only give immediate relief, but the benefit derived from them is permanent. You can stop taking them by and by and there is no danger that you will become a slave to their use. The drug-giver who tries to sell you something else "just as good," either does not know what he is talking about, or he makes more money on the other thing. If you care more for your prosperity than you do for your own health, take the other thing. If you value your health, insist on having Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. A free sample, of from 4 to 7 doses, will be sent to any address.

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