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OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

WHAT THE PRESS OF OUR STATE HAS TO SAY ABOUT MEN AND MEASURES.

As it Appears to Our Brethren of the Quill in North Carolina—On Political and other Questions.

Ex-representative Willis, of Kentucky, says that, whatever other sections may think of Gresham, the South should be delighted with his recognition, for the reason that, at all times since the war, he had been its friend, never speaking himself of Southern people otherwise than kindly, nor ever allowing anyone else to speak unkindly of the South in his presence without remark.—Washington Correspondent to Observer.

A week ago the treasury borrowed \$2,000,000 of gold from New York banks to supply the demand for export, and the amount of gold now in the treasury, besides the \$1,000,000 held for the redemption of greenbacks is not much over \$5,000,000. This will not last long under present conditions, and Secretary Foster is racking his brain to find some expedient to meet the demands upon him.—State Chronicle.

The question of the public printing ceases to be a disturbing factor in State legislation, for this term of the General Assembly, at least, and we are glad to learn from the State Chronicle that the action taken has produced no unpleasantness and left heart burning in its wake. All is well then, for certainly to have the public printing done well as heretofore and the contract performed faithfully, at a saving to the taxpayers of the State, even if it be but \$3,000, is to have accomplished something on a very satisfactory line.—Charlotte Observer.

The Legislature is taking care of the public benevolent institutions. It will take a good deal of money to run the State Government the next two years. But that is right where the money is rightly applied. Taxation in North Carolina is not high. We do not doubt that our people pay ten dollars to the Federal Government by reason of the high protective tariff where they pay one for North Carolina purposes. Tens of thousands of them put a voluntary tax upon themselves for drinks, smokes and chews that is far greater than State tax burdens.—Wilmington Messenger.

The Free Press thinks an early extra session of congress more important to reduce the tariff than to repeal the silver law. It seems as if some prominent Democrats think the only thing the Democratic party was put in power for was to repeal the Sherman silver bill. If that is all the party does it will merit and receive the curses of the people. The Democratic party was elected to reduce the tariff, cut down the Federal pensions, conduct a more economical government in every particular, repeal the tax on state banks, and reform many abuses. As to the silver purchase law, we think it should not be repealed without some silver coinage law being substituted for it.—Kinston Free Press.

The bill introduced by Sen. Vance yesterday to appoint receivers of the fund in the possession of the State Alliance with a view to its distribution, is said to have caused surprise among the Third party members who doubtless have been looking to that fund as a sort of political nest egg for Marion Butler's next campaign. Of these alliance matters we know nothing; but the whole business ought to be ventilated. It has been surmised that several improprieties have occurred in connection with it. It seems that a movement is on foot to repeal the Alliance State charter and to grant a new one eliminating the feature of secrecy and making other desirable changes. The interests of the masses should be looked after.—News and Observer.

It seems to be pretty well settled that Mr. Cleveland will make Judge Walter Q. Gresham his Secretary of State. This will no doubt cause a cry to go up from extreme Democrats, as there are plenty able and willing members of that party willing to fill the place. The News worked for Mr. Cleveland's nomination and election, knowing that he had a way of his own in doing things, and knowing too, that he generally does right. We feel this way about Judge Gresham: In reading of the man we find in him a man that will not kill his conscience for party's sake, honesty coming in first. And these are the kind of men Mr. Cleveland takes to. Judge Gresham has influence and will be respected by all.—Burlington News.

A CURIOUS WELL.

Twelve miles from this place, in the little village of Joynesville, Southampton co., Va., is a very strange well.

It is perhaps 25 feet deep and is walled with brick. On top of the brick is a tremendous cypress gum and around the gum is an ordinary curbing. A long sweep draws the water. In external appearance, it is like all the other wells in this section. It is in the yard of Col. Jno. Dyer, and water from the well is used every day, and it is very good water.

Last May Col. Dyer's daughter went to the well one bright morning to try her fortune with a looking glass, as doubtless you have done in your youthful days. Imagine her consternation, when instead of the handsome youth she ought to have seen, a green and ghastly face appeared in the water below. Since that time, probably 2000 people have visited the well and most of them have been rewarded for their labor by seeing images of things, natural and unnatural, appear in the well below.

One Saturday last December, in company with some young ladies, I visited this well. Miss Dyer, the handsome daughter who possesses the magic power to show these wondrous sights, met us at the door and very kindly consented to show us the well. Taking an ordinary looking-glass, about 12 by 16 inches, she held it directly over the well, face down, as nearly level with the top of the ceiling as she could. The sun was shining brightly and the mirror cast a shadow on the bottom of the well. Taking our stand around the curbing and shading our eyes from the sun with our hands we gazed intently on the shadow of the glare. The shadow was dark but around it was brighter. Soon we saw a whitish light pass over the shadow. At first the cloud passed from right to left, then it seemed to come from the bottom of the well. When the light came from the bottom, we saw a calla lily clasped in a hand. Again the cloud took the shape of a wreath of white roses. These two appeared several times. At one time I saw the back of a man's head and shoulders, his standing collar being very distinct. We were there from noon till 2:30 P. M., and the cloud was coming and going a third of the time, but it generally passed so rapidly that we could not ascertain the image. While I was hitching the horses, the ladies saw the image of an old man with grey hair and wan cheeks.

A representative of the New York Herald spent two days there trying to solve the mystery. He filled three columns of his paper with an account of what he saw and gave the pictures of the well, Miss Dyer and a coffin that he saw in the well. His solution has not yet appeared.

Miss Dyer was educated at the C. B. F. Institute and disclaims any supernatural power. She is very courteous to visitors, holding the glass for hours at the time. She says she has no doubt that there is a rational explanation for the phenomenon and would be glad to learn what it is.

I think myself that it is due in some way to the reflection of sunshine, but in what way I can't imagine.

Perhaps some of the COURIER'S readers can solve the problem by experimenting on their own wells.

HOWARD A. FOUSHEE, Murfreesboro, N. C., Feb. 10, '93.

BUDAPEST, February 15th.—A carnival dance was given on Monday evening in Dutch Pereg. At 11 o'clock, when about one hundred persons were dancing in the hall on the first floor, a child playing in the cellar, dropped a lighted taper through the bung hole of a cask of petroleum. The cask exploded, killed the child, tore up the dance floor, and scattered burning petroleum among the dancers. A dozen persons, enveloped in flames, ran for the windows and doors spreading fire and panic among the rest of the company.

Half of the people in the hall were at the end from which there were no exits, and as the floor on the side near the windows had been torn up by the explosion, they were obliged to run the whole length of the blazing room to escape. Ten persons fell through to the cellar and were burned to death. Seven more, whose clothes had caught fire, died shortly after reaching into the open air. Three were trampled into unconsciousness in the panic and were burned as they lay on the floor. Five men and seven women whose clothes were half burned from their backs, are in a critical condition. Many others have slight fractures or burns. But thirty or forty persons escaped without injuries.

HAND TO HAND CONFLICT.

Republicans and Populists Fight for the Kansas Legislative Hall.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15.—A bloodless but exciting battle took place between the Republicans and Populists of the House at the entrance to Representative Hall this morning. The Populists who had possession of the hall in the afternoon adjourned yesterday till this afternoon, and, as has been the custom since the beginning of the session the Republicans expected to hold their regular morning session today, but last night the Populists swore in a large number of assistant sergeants-at-arms who were placed on guard and the doors and entrances to the Hall were locked this morning. No one was admitted to the Hall, except the Populists and members of the press and they were required to show a pass and ran the gauntlet of a dozen guards. The Republicans were fully informed of all these preparations to exclude them from the hall and last night a hundred men were sworn in as officers of the Republicans and at nine o'clock the members of the Republican House with their officers started for their headquarters for the State House.

The march through the long corridors leading to the Representative hall was unimpeded. The little column forced its way through the line of guards stationed at the foot of the stairs in the west wing and started up stairs. On the first landing was a crowd of Populist House officers under command of Adjutant General Artz. They were armed and, advancing, the Republican crowd were met with the muzzles of revolvers and Winchesters. The Adjutant General commanded them to halt, but no stop was made and the advance guards pushed into the crowd of Populists. Three or four of them succeeded in passing the door keepers after a brief struggle and getting into the hall, but the Populists succeeded in closing the door and barring it. The Republicans on the outside demanded admittance and when it was denied them, Speaker Douglas swung a large sledge hammer and began to batter the heavy doors leading from the cloak room. It took many blows to beat the passageway through, but the doors finally gave way and the Republican legislators surged in with a loud shout. The Populists promptly retreated and now the Republicans are in full power of the hall.

Ever since the opening of the session the Populists have had the committee rooms, sergeant-at-arms room and chief clerk room. These were all locked and guarded on the inside, but after the House had been called to order, the Republicans battered down the doors, and took possession of them without encountering any resistance. At 10 o'clock there were a few Populists in the Representative Hall, and the Republican House had settled down to the regular order of business as if nothing unusual had happened. The assistant sergeant-at-arms each wearing bright red ribbons promenade the aisles and lobbies.

LATER—Governor Lewelling has called out the State militia to eject the members of the Republican House from the Hall of Representatives.

The President Sends a Message to the Senate on the Hawaiian Question.

WASHINGTON, February 15.—The president sent a message to the senate this afternoon recommending the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States. It is accompanied by the treaty of annexations concluded between the secretary of state and the Hawaiian commissioners and a mass of correspondence relating to the question at issue. The treaty is brief, providing merely for the annexation of the islands under the present provisional government, and leaving the details of a permanent form of the government, etc., to the action of congress. The correspondence is very voluminous, going back many years and giving a complete history of the islands so far as negotiations with the United States are concerned.

Contrary to general expectations, the senate, in executive session, declined to make the treaty public immediately, but decided to first have the message and document printed for the confidential information of the senators. The papers were accordingly sent down to the government printing office to be put in type for confidential use, with a probability that the seal of the secretary would be released tomorrow.

Kentucky Chooses Her Senator.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 15.—Judge William Lindsay was declared elected United States Senator at the joint session of the Legislature today. He will proceed to Washington Saturday next to take his seat.

BLOODY FIGHT WITH DESPERADOES.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15.—United States Deputy Marshal C. B. Brookus had a bloody fight yesterday with John Lewellyn, his father and another man of Ivy, Madison county, near the line separating Buncombe and Madison. The two Lewellyns and the third man crossed over the line and Brookus, hearing the whereabouts of John Lewellyn, went to arrest him on a warrant charging him with violating the internal revenue laws. Lewellyn resisted and a fight ensued, in which Brookus was shot twice in the side and once in the leg. He fell, mortally wounded, but fired several times at his assailants and wounded all of them. Brookus is a young man of splendid character, while Lewellyn is said to be a desperate fellow, having been indicted several times for resisting State and various other officers. At last accounts the physicians say Brookus cannot live.

Gresham Acknowledges It.

CHICAGO, February 15.—Judge Gresham has admitted today, for the first time since his name has been mentioned in connection with the cabinet of President-elect Cleveland, that he had been offered and had accepted the position of secretary of state under the incoming democratic administration; but he could not be induced to talk at length concerning his appointment or the circumstances surrounding his selection. The President-elect had already made the announcement, he said, and there remained nothing more to be said.

When asked what time he would send in his resignation as judge of United States circuit court, he said he had no plans to make public. He simply declared to confirm the report concerning his appointment.

Cholera Spreading in France.

MARSEILLES, Feb. 15.—Twelve deaths of cholera complaint prevalent in this city were reported today. Among the cases is one in Velette, suburb was not infected before today. The authorities continue to give clean bills of health to vessels leaving for other French ports. Greek and Portuguese consuls however, refuse such bills to vessels sailing for Greece or Portugal. Physicians who have been appointed to investigate and report on the epidemic still withhold their statement. It is said that only one case of commacilli was found. In the other cases the results of the analysis were in the negative.

Oat Crop Killed—Brothers Quarrelled.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Feb. 14.—Farmers say that fall oats have been killed by the cold weather, and the crop will have to be replanted for the spring.

Yesterday Mr. R. C. Whitehead, an aged farmer living a few miles in the country, was wellnigh killed with a gate latch in the hands of his brother, Mr. Samuel Whitehead, who assaulted him for some misunderstanding about fencing some land. Mr. Whitehead was brought to town to have his wounds dressed. He was badly cut and bruised on the head.

The Spider Cure Not a Success.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 16.—The spider cure for typhus fever, which a Catholic priest from Oaxaca discovered, is now but little used. The National Medical Institution has just completed an exhaustive investigation of the cure, and has reported that results have all been negative. It is claimed by some physicians that the concoction has caused the death of many patients. To Jose Leandor Salomavir has been granted a patent by the Government for an antidote for smallpox.

Winston is Seriously After Water Works.

WINSTON, Feb. 15.—A bill was sent to the Legislature today, giving the Winston aldermen the power to call an election for the purchase of the Winston Water Works, now owned by a private corporation. The property is valued at \$75,000. The election will be for bonds amounting to \$150,000, half the amount to be used for improving the plant.

Blue Envelopes Galore.

FONT WORTH, Tex., February 14.—Railroad circles here are excited over the wholesale dismissal of passenger conductors and porters. A number of the oldest passenger conductors and porters on the Texas and Pacific, Cotton Belt, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and Union Pacific roads have received blue envelopes. No reason for the dismissals is given.

Track-Spreading Causes a Railroad Wreck.

ABERDEEN, N. C., Feb. 14.—Track-spreading caused the wreck of a local freight train passing here today at 6:30 p. m. No one was hurt. The fireman jumped out as the tender, in turning over smashed into the cab. The tender and five box cars went off the track. Engineer Watson remained bravely at his post.

DROWNED IN THE LITTLE YADKIN.

The Greensboro Record learns that Willie Woods was drowned near Dalton Tuesday about noon while trying to cross the Little Yadkin on a foot log. He slipped off and was carried down the angry stream. Another boy who was with him reported the fact and search was made for his body without success. It is supposed it was washed out into the Big Yadkin not far from that place and into which the Little Yadkin empties. The unfortunate boy was 13 years of age. He leaves a widowed mother who is grief stricken and who has the sympathy of the public.

A Massachusetts House-Burning Tragedy.

D. J. Collins, of Massachusetts, insured an old house for \$500—much more than it was worth, and then hired two men to burn it. They did so, and burned up two men in it. Collins was arrested Saturday, and committed suicide Sunday by hanging himself. He confessed the crime first and implicated the others. One of them is under arrest, and he has turned state evidence against the other, but he cannot be found. It is claimed by the guilty men that they thought the occupants were away.

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Death of Lieutenant Reynolds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Lieutenant Lovell K. Reynolds of the navy, while endeavoring to board a cable car was knocked down and run over. Both legs being crushed he died this morning. Lieutenant Reynolds was appointed to the naval academy from Alabama, graduated in 1871, and attained his present rank, that of Senior Lieutenant, in 1891. He was attached to the coast survey steamer Endeavor.

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The Third Term for Governor Boies.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Feb. 14.—The Dubuque Herald, the Governor's organ, proposes Boies for a third term. This is understood to mean that the Democrats instead of presenting Boies as a candidate for Senator, thereby forcing national issues into prominence, will conduct their campaign on state issues and send Boies to the Senate if successful.

We Take the Suggestion Most Kindly.

WASHINGTON, February 15.—It is suggested on good authority that North Carolina can get the second Assistant Postmaster General.

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