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A SPECIAL CODE.

Experience, the shrewdest expounder of a principle, the most acute logician, the wisest of all councilors, is some profound thinker took occasions to remark, like the red light at the rear end of a railway train—it illuminates only the path gone over. This may not be the exact wording, the fine shading of the profound thinker, but I care not so much for his wording as for his idea, not so much for his shading as for his truth. Swinging behind a train which at times rushes wild through my fancy there is a red light, and its dull rays fall upon a path gone over, one leading out from a newspaper. One morning it came out broad in association, boastful in big type, declaring it had come to stay, but ere the afternoon had come a man whose political pull had put him into the sheriff's office as a deputy stood at the entrance of the court room—where nothing had been done—tacking a card on the door, driving shingle nails into the soles of a once buoyant hope. Well, that was all there was to the code, and it wasn't much, surely—an idle lesson learned at lazy noon—but what followed was an experience. I set out upon a stroll down through the express districts of west Tennessee. The weather was charming, a pink June, and the sun set that evening with a glow that promised romantic adventure. Rain was pouring down a week later, and romance was nowhere in sight. I went to a barn and lay in the hay to wait for lightning. Lightning struck the barn, and I tumbled out, stunned, scared half to death, and took to my heels across a meadow. Some one cried stop, and then a gun went off. I stopped, and a man ran up and arrested me. Lightning had set the barn on fire and of course I was accused of it. I went with the man and stood near while he wrote out a warrant for my arrest and then acknowledged that I was aware that I was in custody. By this time a number of furious citizens had arrived, and I began to fear less they might not wait for the slow processes of the law. My experience with the daily newspaper had taught me something of legal procedure, and I asked the justice if I might have a change of venue. "What's that?" he asked. "Thank you for a change of venue," said I.

This set them all laughing. I had never asked for such a thing before and did not know the exact wording. I felt sure that I couldn't miss it if I were only polite. But I did miss it and they poked merciless jests at my ignorance. After awhile court was called to order, mirch was put aside, and I was told that the charge against me was exceedingly serious: that I must defend myself or spend much of my future time in prison. "I have but a very short defense," said I. "The truth is that I didn't set fire to the barn. I had no matches about me, and I was too wet when I went in there to set fire to anything. The things were set on fire by lightning."

"We grant all that, your honor," replied the man who had taken the prosecution of the case, "but what right had he in the barn? And besides let him prove that the lightning would have struck the barn if he hadn't been in there. To my certain knowledge, this barn has been standing for the last 20 years, and I can prove that it was never struck before. It is well known in science that certain people attract lightning, and the law plainly says that doing showers these people should keep out of barns."

"Yes, sir," answered a lank man at the rear end of the room. "You s'ndiced science for a number of years didn't you?" "I was professor of it for a long time, sir."

"Well, can you tell by examination whether or not a man is an attractor of lightning?" "I ought to, sir, for I was examiner for this part of the state."

MISLEADING STATEMENTS.

Those Democratic editors who assert that the House of Representatives endorsed the Senate bill when they accepted it, while thoughtlessly and hastily. The House did not such thing. It was distinctly and emphatically stated by all the speakers who had anything to say in reference to it, including Speaker Crisp and Hon. W. L. Wilson, who had charge of the House bill, that the Senate bill was not such a bill as the House desired, but was accepted as the best that could be secured at this time. They could have expressed their dissent from the Senate bill in no more emphatic way unless by rejecting it entirely, the result of which would have been to go before the country without any tariff legislation at all and with the McKimley bill in full force for time indefinite, for there is no certainty that the Democrats will control the next House of Representatives, and they certainly would not if they went before the country without any tariff bill. To have done so would have been not only the culmination of stupidity, but from a party standpoint suicidal. The Democrats in Congress who differed from the Senate bill saw this and like sensible men decided to accept it.

As further evidence that they did not endorse the Senate bill the Democrats in the House promptly followed up their acceptance of it by passing four separate bills putting sugar, iron ore and bituminous coal, three of the main articles of contention, and barred wire on the free list. This fact alone, if there had been no other expression of dissent by the House, would put to rest the assertion that it endorsed the Senate bill. It is a mistake, also, to denounce the Senate bill as no better than the McKimley bill, for it is a decided improvement on the McKimley bill, and gives a reduction of duties which ranges all the way from 10 to 100 per cent. A bill that does that is certainly a gain to the people, and a decided movement on the line of tariff reduction.—Wilmington Star.

In reading an account in the Leasburg Mirror, of the 17th annual meeting of the Gospel Temperance and Prohibition meeting at Purcellville, Loudoun county, Va., we noticed that Mrs. Sarah E. Hodges conducted the religious services, the first day, and Mrs. Elizabeth Yates, of Maine, delivered the address of the evening. She advocated female suffrage as necessary to the abolishment of the saloon, &c.

Before the meeting adjourned, a terrible storm came up, the wind blew the tent down which had several thousand people under it, one person was killed instantly, and 50 others seriously hurt. Some people will be inclined to say it was a special act of the Almighty to show his displeasure at the total disregard, which those people had, for what the Apostle Paul said about woman's sphere; but we do not think so. This storm in our opinion would have come up, even if the congregation had been engaged in much better work.—Danville Times.

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Coming to the Front. The activity of North Carolina in the manufacturing line in recent years is attracting general attention. Along the railway lines in the Old North State travelers see at every station one or more new factories, and the majority of these enterprises are cotton mills, although there is, of course, a fair proportion of tobacco factories. We do not believe that any other form of development would create a more favorable impression. Foreigners and Northerners alike are surprised to see these unmistakable evidences of material progress, and they sound the praises of the State long after they have crossed the border line. North Carolina is in line with Georgia in this regard. The people of these two States have come to the conclusion that the factory is the thing. In every Southern community where the manufacturing experiment has been tried the result has been successful and gratifying in the highest degree. It is building up towns, making new markets for the farmer, and increasing the value of farming lands. The purely agricultural era of the South is a thing of the past. Now, that our factories in Georgia and North Carolina are shipping their products to every quarter of the globe, and running on full time, and even double time, during the dull season, it is not likely that such an object lesson will be mistaken by anybody.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Rep-Pops. The Republican leaders who attended the Pop-Rep convention at Raleigh have but one idea, but one reason for existence. They are besotted with the thought that through a combination with the Pops, they may be able to get control of this State's government, have a majority in the Assembly and elect two United States Senators. To do this they are actually prepared to endorse the Pop ticket with its two wicked Democrats, one Pop, and two Republicans. So evident is the intention to surrender principle for a possible chance at the office that it would surprise no one to hear that the Republicans in State convention assembled had endorsed the administration of President Cleveland for the sake of possibly securing the support of his admirers. The whole move of the combiners is one to disgust every decent man. The Democratic party should like to be proud of its enemies, but it is impossible to regard this Pop-Rep. side-show with anything like respect. That such a surrender of principle should succeed in North Carolina is impossible. The Rep-Pops are nearer the promised land now than they ever will be again.

Slight Security. The practical friendship is illustrated by the following anecdote: A gentleman had long been attached to Cardinal Mazarin, and much esteemed by his minister, but little assisted in his finances by court favor, one day told Mazarin of his many promises and his dilatory performance. The cardinal, who had a great regard for the man and was unwilling to lose his friendship, patiently explained to him the many demands made upon a person in his situation as minister, and which it would be politic to satisfy previous to other requests, as they were founded on services done to the state. "My Lord," replied his companion, "all the favor I expect at your hands is this, that whenever we meet in public you will do me the honor to tap me on the shoulder in an unreserved manner." In two or three years the friend of the cardinal became a wealthy man on the credit of the minister's attentions to him; and Mazarin used to laugh, together with his confidant, at the folly of the world in granting their protection to persons on such slight security.

The Ramsours Beat Columbus to the Place. In a Populist powwow, held in Morganton some time ago, Rev. Mr. Whitener, a Populist statesman of Burke, arose and declared that one of his ancestors was the first white man to set foot on Lincoln county soil. "That's a u-d-h-e!" shouted an irreverent person in the audience. "There were Ramsours in Lincoln county before Columbus discovered America!"

Not Now a Candidate. "Did you notice that Mr. didn't speak to me as he passed?" "Yes, I did; but you ought not to be surprised at it, as he is not now a candidate." "Do you mean to say that he can't even speak to a man except from selfish motives?" "Yes." "If that's the kind of man he is, I don't want him to speak to me."

Hundreds of Negroes Striking CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 11.—Hundreds of the imported colored workmen in the south end of Connelville region did not go to work this morning, in keeping with their promise to the labor leaders to join the ranks of the strikers. The latter are jubilant at the prospect of all the negroes coming out. The colored men say they will not work at the old rate. The negroes have been paid \$1.50 per day and their board found, up until the first of this month. Organizers are actively engaged among the colored men today to get them to induce their fellows who are still at work to strike on Monday.

Treasury Gold Building—Belief that the Tide is Turning. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—A gratifying increase of \$115,000 in gold was made by the Treasury department today, bringing up the gold reserve to \$52,779,000—a gain during the past few days of nearly \$300,000. Exchange is several points below the shipping point, and now that business is not subject to such wide fluctuations, it is not considered likely that gold exports will be resumed. The prediction is freely made that Europe will be sending gold to this country within the next twenty days.

Bad For Breckenridge. LEXINGTON, Ky.—The poll of Woodford, the adjoining county to Fayette, Colonel Breckenridge's home county, shows that Owens will carry the county by about three hundred votes. With Fayette, Woodford and Bourbon against him, Breckenridge is certain of defeat. Colonel Breckenridge arrived here. His wife did not accompany him as was expected. He spoke at a barbecue in Bourbon county and in the Lexington opera house for the second time since the scandal.

A Masonic Picnic a Great Success. MOCKSVILLE, N. C.—The Masonic picnic was a success. There was an immense crowd. Maj. R. R. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., delivered a finished, scholarly address on Masonry. Capt. Chas. F. McKesson, of Morganton, took the Confederate veterans and made a fine impression on the audience. His talk was filled with practical, solid thoughts and the people were delighted with him. About \$700 will be sent the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

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New Hospital Building. Plans are now being prepared for an isolated building to be erected on the State Hospital grounds and which is to be used as a hospital for sick inmates and for the treatment of certain classes of insane patients. Several architects have been here this week submitting plans for the building, which is to be of brick with slate roof, is to be two stories in height and is to contain about forty rooms. The estimated cost of the building is from \$10,000 to \$15,000.—Morganton Herald.

Mr. Compton Resigns the Chairmanship. BALTIMORE, Aug. 11.—Naval Officer Barnes Compton, chairman of the Democratic State Executive committee, in compliance with the administration's civil service views, has resigned the chairmanship. It is generally understood that several other Maryland Federal office holders will follow Mr. Compton's example.

Inquisitive Youngster. Child, at Washington: Who are all those men lounging around outside of the Capitol? Parent: They are United States Senators, my child. "Are there any more Senators besides?" "One." "Where is he?" "He is inside making a speech?"—Texas Siftings.

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