

FATHER: Son, what is a city?

A collection of houses was the reply. How many inhabitants are necessary to make a city, was asked. The answer came—In North Carolina about three hundred, when it has a newspaper.—Wilmington Messenger.

A NEW word is credited to John L. Butler, of Harrisburg, Pa. It is "J. L. Butler's," and means a professed Democrat who is better acquainted with his party, in his own estimation, and is loaded with a set of prize-package principles which can never be put into practice.

"THE bones of the Republican Organ" that population has increased most in the Republican States indicates that the census managers have had an adequate conception all along of what they were there for."

"A city reader of the Star says that there is more destitution in the city than one would suppose."

Destitution is not confined to Wilmington. It is in all our towns and cities. Nothing is more blessed than charity. It blesses he who gives and him who receives.

HON. C. R. BRECKINRIDGE of Arkansas has been deprived of his seat by a vote of the House, but he will be returned to Congress, by the vote of the people by a large majority. He is a son of the great John C. Breckinridge and is the son of chivalry and honor.

"THE name of Capt. S. A. Ashe, of Raleigh, is being mentioned for the chair of history at the State University." We rather like the suggestion. Indeed we should be delighted but for the reflection that the press of the State would be a loser by the gain of the University.

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FOUR Richmond gentlemen are interested to the extent of two and a half millions in a mining enterprise soon to operate some newly discovered ore beds which are represented to be the richest in the world. They are about thirty-five miles from Seattle, Washington Territory.

THE Montreal express on the New York Central road was wrecked a few days ago by rails firmly fixed in a cattle guard. The engine and all the cars were thrown from the track, but no one was killed, some of the passengers escaping miraculously. This is one of the results of the great strike.

THERE is hardly any doubt that the Democrats will carry the elections this year, and it would be ungrateful in us to refuse to acknowledge that so far as the pending contest is concerned the big fat

—Richmond Dispatch.

WHEN Republican speakers come around and tell farmers that the McKinley bill benefits the farmer, tell them that "there is no section or a line in the entire bill that will open a market for another bushel of wheat or another barrel of pork; and if they want to know who says so, tell them that James G. Blaine says so."

THE Wilmington Messenger says: "The nomination of Mr. Rogers for the U. S. House in the Second District will prove an unusual surprise to everybody outside of that District. He is to us an unknown person. He may be like Mr. Crawford in the Asheville District, a very popular man with winning ways. We hope it will prove."

An Exchange says: The youthful King of Spain has not been out of the cradle long, but he appears to have a full appreciation of his position in life. One day recently he was served for lunch with the breast of a chicken cut into small pieces. He at once began to help himself without the aid of either spoon or fork. "Sire," said the attendant, gravely, "Kings never eat with their fingers." "This King does," responded his majesty, continuing his meal.

In a conversation with Lieut. Gov. Stedman, who has recently returned from an extended tour throughout the North-West, he corroborates what the Star has recognized for some time. He says that the reputation of Senator Vance is national; that he is everywhere recognized as one of the foremost statesmen of the Republic. He says that the Democrats of the North-West ever speak of him with love and admiration, and rely largely upon his courage, his ability and integrity to win the great fight for tariff reform.—Wilmington Star.

SENATOR VANCE made a great speech in the Senate on Tuesday, the 2nd of September. His concluding paragraph is as follows: Look over that free list, Mr. President, that free list, Mr. President, and no impartial mind can see a single solitary article which is largely imported of any particular benefit to the farmer in his business. He will see every one of them either for the benefit of the rich or for the benefit of the manufacturer. That is not right, sir; it is not just, sir; it is almost, I was going to say, impudently itself to thus oppress men who, as the instruments of the Almighty, answer for us the prayer He taught us to utter: "Give us this day our daily bread."

FORWARD INTO LINE

The perfect organization of the Democratic forces should not be longer delayed. Every club, every society, every order friendly to the Democracy should at once forward into line, preparatory to a general advance all along the line. In union there is strength, in concert of action there is power, and in the prompt concentration of forces there is the assurance of victory.

"Our brethren are already in the field." In Virginia the clarion voice of Breckenridge, of Kentucky, calls upon the countrymen of Washington and Jefferson, Jackson and Lee to come to the rescue of liberty. In Georgia Gordon is rallying the true and the brave from the mountains to the seaboard to rise in the majesty of freemen and crush the oppressor. Is liberty less dear of freedom less sweet to North Carolinians than to Virginians or Georgians? Rise, fellow-men, be forever fallen!

There is nothing more essential to the liberties of a people than a pure and capable judiciary. Judges are to be elected at the pending election. In the candidates of the Democracy of North Carolina for Supreme and Superior Court Judges are presented men of the best character, the highest integrity and the fullest capacity. Elect them, and the rights of the people are secure in the courts of the country.

The State is the custodian of the life, the liberty and the property of the people. Hitherto North Carolina has not been neglectful of her duties to her citizens, nor in different to her obligations to the strangers within her gates.

The present moment is crowded with responsibilities. Shall North Carolina continue to be a fond nursing mother to her children, and the wise guardian of their fortunes and their fame? Then we must elect members to the legislature who will be true to North Carolina. Men who will honor her at home, and see to it that she suffers no detriment from abroad. Let present status be preserved. Let no innovations come to hinder her people and hinder her prosperity. She is now on the high road to a bright and glorious future and paled by the hand that would throw an obstacle in the way of her progress.

The Craven county Democracy must put their shoulders to the wheel and elect Perry to the Senate and Hardison to the House. No part of North Carolina is so much interested in the status of the next legislature as the eastern counties of the State. Civilization and social order is involved. The Legislature must be Democratic, and Craven county must do her part in the grand consummation. The election of a Democratic Legislature means the continuation of county government; the return of Zebulon B. Vance to the United States Senate and the enactment of good laws for all the people, and the happiness of the people.

Forward into line, and carry your colors to the front!

THERE is a rumor that Emperor William is thinking of calling his marck back to office. We do not credit the report. The young Emperor is not given to taking back what he does, and the new Chancellor is doing well in his office.

THE consideration of the tariff is nearly ended in the Senate. The debate has been a long one, but it has thrown much light on the subject and leaves the honors with the Democrats. It cannot be but that the affect will be seen in coming elections.

Fort Barnwell Items.

The days are getting shorter. Mr. L. Wooten and wife, of Florida, have been visiting Mr. J. B. Wooten.

Many a boy and girl this year has devalued their father's entire fruit crop.

Miss Cora White, of Onslow, who had been visiting Miss Sallie White, returned home last week.

The people are becoming more law abiding in this section. There is always room for improvement.

The boom of guns can be heard in these parts now. Squirrels are furnishing sport for the huntsman.

The county commissioners have ordered an entire new registration for the county. Don't forget to register.

Behind the snowy hill is the mill wheel; behind the mill the corn field; on the corn field falls the sunlight, above the sun is God.

It is very patent that very much of the sickness throughout the village for the last decade has been caused by vitiated drinking water.

Rev. T. J. Baker commenced a protracted meeting at the Baptist church last week. Mr. Baker was assisted by Rev. Mr. Finch, of La Grange.

The merchants of this place are beginning to make room for goods for the fall trade. From the prospect now trade will be quite brisk here.

Many farmers have had better cotton, fuller and larger, but the average is where the cotton crop has been very much reduced. Some people have not the best crops they ever had, but scarcely any one has a sooty one. From observation, and what can be gathered from farmers of many years experience, it is safe to assert that never, certainly since the war, has the cotton crop been so generally good. A. J. H.

A Cyclone Near Havana. WASHINGTON, September 5.—A special received at 3 P. M. today from Havana reports a cyclonic disturbance southwest of that station.

Happiness is often at our side, and we rush to meet her.

One may be better than his reputation or his conduct, but never better than his principles.

Reviews and Reflections

For the last 19 years the Democratic Party has been the only party in the United States that has stood for the rights of the people.

It has since the death of Lincoln distinguished and talented people who have been the backbone of the party.

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