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Entered the Post Office at New Bern, N. C., as second-class matter.

Physicians of George W. Childs, the great Philadelphian, say he is dying.

The Wilson bill passed the House and mills and factories are starting in every direction.

The tariff bill having been discussed in the House, the Hawaiian debate begins.

Miners are on the war path in West Virginia as well as Colorado.

Chairman Wilson is said to be very much worn by his labors on the tariff bill. It is said that he will go to Florida, with his wife, next week, and may visit Mexico.

In the late Congressional election in New York, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Fellows and Fitch, Tammany Democrats, one Democrat and one Republican were elected. There were many Democrats who did not go to the polls.

The Washington Post says: "There is evidence at hand to show that the post-office end of the pie counter has been relieved of its annoying obstruction."

The legality of the bond issue is established. Judge Cox, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has refused to grant an injunction against Secretary Carlisle.

Many are complaining of appointments secured by Bansom and Simmons. Some people think that those who complain are not in it. No pie was ever big enough to give every one a slice who wanted it.

Senator Gorman has appointed the Senatorial Campaign Committee with Senator Ransom at the head. What Gorman and Ransom don't know about managing a campaign is not worth knowing.

W. A. Collier, president of the Appeal-Avalanche company, of Memphis, brings suit to have the receivers removed on the ground of a conspiracy. The company has lost \$90,000 in the last three months. The debts amount to \$465,000.

In regard to old North Carolina people we have the testimony of the Marion Record that Mrs. Sallie Caswell of Burke county is 105 years of age and the Wayneville Courier asserts that an Indian called Big White, in the Soco country, is 115.

Though the effort to get in an amendment putting cotton on the free list during the consideration of the tariff bill under the five-minute rule failed, still the reduction in the duty of cotton bagging in the Wilson bill is very material. The present duty is 32 per cent. In the Wilson bill it is reduced to 15 per cent.

A scientist has discovered that people eat more in cold than in warm weather. He may have also observed that they wear more clothing in winter than in summer and that they maintain fires more constantly. Science is constantly making discoveries, but it sometimes overlooks very common phenomena.

Hon. William L. Wilson, chairman of the executive committee of the National Association of Democratic Clubs, has called a meeting of the committee, to be held at the Ebbett House, Washington, on the 19th of February. Mr. Wilson states that the meeting will be a very important one. Mr. J. S. Carr represents North Carolina in the committee.

That was an excellent object lesson that brilliant Bryan, of Nebraska, got off. A rich woman in New York, with \$3,000,000 of income annually, lives in a hotel for \$600. He asks and no man can answer nay: Who will say that it is just that she should pay the same amount of tax to support the Federal Government that is paid by a family with an income of \$500 or \$600?—Messenger.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Rio de Janeiro Jan 31 says: "All the foreigners are delighted with the result of the American admirals' conduct. The commanders of the foreign fleets held a conference Wednesday to discuss the action of Admiral Benham and resolutions were adopted fully endorsing the course that he pursued."

At the 26th anniversary of the Home for Mothers, Widows and Daughters of Confederate Soldiers in Charleston Tuesday, a gift of \$20,000 from a Baltimorean, was announced. The name of the giver is withheld. This home, which is the oldest in the south, was founded and has been managed by women. This gift materially adds to its fund and is the occasion of great satisfaction.

Secretary Gresham, when he arrived at his office the other morning, was surprised to see many indignant diplomatic representatives of foreign Governments, who showed him notices of subpoenas which they had received ordering them to appear, under penalty of fine and imprisonment, at a certain theatre at the hour of performance. The Secretary had some difficulty in making them understand that the whole thing was an advertising scheme of the play known as "The Country Squire."

BE TRUE TO YOURSELF.

Self-honesty is much condemned, and when it is so it deserves to be anathematized, but the careful attention to one's personal affairs is the mark of a wise and prudent man. It is well for one not to think too highly of himself; but no man is respected who does not respect himself.

"The times are out of joint." Admit it; but what of it? The times are what men make them. If every man lived the life that he should, rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's, this would be a delightful world, with nothing to offend or make afraid. But this is not the case, and, therefore, the times are out of joint. Every one is concerned for himself, and consequently community is complex and heterogeneous, with every man the artificer of his own fortune.

If a man sees the whirlwind he will reap the whirlwind; "whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

"How can a man be true to himself?" By having faith in God and man, and living in daily contact with the good, the beautiful and the true. Soul elevation is the result of elevated thought; and association with the virtuous leads on to virtue.

The converse is true. Can a man harbor pitch and not be defiled? Neither can he go with the vile and not be contaminated.

Be true to yourself in business. How? By taking advantage of the unsuspecting to gain a penny or a dime? No, no indeed! But by being to the line, and making each transaction the pledge of that which is to come, build for yourself a monument more enduring than brass.

"To thysell be true, and it will follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

THE PASSAGE OF THE WILSON BILL.

The Wilson bill has passed the House and gone to the Senate. The passage of the bill is matter of gratulation, but the matter of its passage is no less gratifying.

A month ago the passage of the bill by the House was regarded as doubtful, and a little later it was boastfully claimed by the opposition that there were thirty-eight Democrats in the House who would vote against the bill; but when the test came only seventeen Democrats voted against it, and the bill passed on a vote of 204 in its favor and 140 against it. A majority of 64 for the bill.

There has been much speculation as to how New York, Connecticut and New Jersey—the three States which with the solid South give the Democratic majority in the electoral college—would vote. There was no doubt that would be the position of the Democracy of these States on the old issue of protection, but the incorporation of the income tax made the fate of the bill doubtful, inasmuch as new New York and all New England was supposed to be opposed to an income tax. When the vote came in the New York delegation was evenly divided, the yeas and nays showing eight for and seven against the bill.

Of the three Democrats from Connecticut two were in favor and one was against the bill. Of the four Democratic Congressmen from New Jersey, three were for the bill and one against it.

It is evident that the majority for the bill would have been much greater but for the income tax, which was incorporated in the bill after much Democratic opposition. It was this feature of the bill that divided the Democratic members from New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. On the question of protection as presented by the Republican party the Democracy of New York, Connecticut and New Jersey are solid in their opposition.

It is pleasing to know that the eloquence of Crisp and Wilson contributed to the fortunate result, but a greater pleasure springs from the evidence furnished to the fact that at the decisive moment the Democracy united its forces and swept on to victory.

It will be very gratifying to most North Carolinians to learn that Senator Vance, "the good gray head," has improved in health, and continues to improve, since he reached Florida. God grant his full restoration to health. He is needed in North Carolina now as much as he was in war times or in the black days of reconstruction.—Wil. Messenger.

Mr. F. A. Richardson, the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, who has unusually good sources of information, and who is never sensational, gives an account of the estrangement between the President and the Democratic members of Congress which is truly distressing. He states that at the card reception at the White House on Tuesday of last week, given especially in honor of the Congress of the United States, "the Republicans present largely outnumbered the Democrats. It was difficult to pick out a Democratic Senator."

This absence, he adds, "was so conspicuous as almost to be embarrassing, and it even elicited comment from the unusually reticent tongue of the President." This won't do. Our leaders should pull together and bear and forbear with one another.—Richmond Dispatch.

SIMMONS AND RANSOM.

"Not a few persons are asking why Senator Ransom does not secure Simmons' immediate confirmation. These persons should know that Senator Ransom does not secure Simmons' immediate confirmation because he can't. The nomination of Mr. Simmons was made to the Senate. The Senate referred it to a committee of which Senator Vance is a member and Senator Ransom is not. Senator Ransom has nothing to do with it until the Committee makes its report to the Senate. If the Committee reports favorably, the confirmation will immediately take place; but if the report is unfavorable it will be very difficult for Senator Ransom to procure a confirmation.

For many years, in the recent past, crime was rampant in this country. This was not because civilization and christianity had lost their influence and the moral sense of the people was blunted, but it was because an apparent license was given to crime in the failure of courts to execute the law.

As a natural consequence people lost confidence in the ability of the courts to deal with crime, and, in many cases took the law into their own hands and become themselves the dispensers of justice.

Fortunately a reaction has taken place, and the judiciary is being restored to its high position in the respect and confidence of the public. Several cases have recently been tried which must have their influence in the suppression of crime and the consequent elevation of the courts in the estimation of the people. We refer to the conviction of Fuller, in this State, and the convictions of Dr. Hinkle, Lewis Redwine and Harry Hill, in Georgia.

All of these convictions were surprises; not because there was any reasonable doubt that Fuller killed Parker with malice aforethought; not that there could be a doubt that Hinkle shot down his victim in cold blood, or that Redwine defrauded the Gate City Bank, and Harry Hill forged the name of Fannie Lowry Porter, but the surprise was that persons of social standing and family influence, defended by lawyers of great ability, could be convicted of high felony in the courts of the country.

It is a humane provision that "every man is supposed to be innocent until he is proven to be guilty," but there is an imperative demand for punishment in every case in which the guilt of the accused is clearly established.

Anarchism in London. LONDON, Feb. 5.—Another meeting of the unemployed was held at Tower Hall, in which the Socialist leader, Williams, announced that a demonstration would be made in Trafalgar Square on Saturday.

He declared that if the police interfered with the procession of the unemployed would send them to heaven. This statement was greeted with cheers by the assembled mob. Continuing, Williams declared that a piece of explosive the size of a penny, which could be carried in the pocket, would remove two lines of police. Again the crowd broke out into appreciative cheers as Williams denounced his dangerous plan, and an angry cry of shouting: "It should be done."

Williams further said that if the foreign Anarchist, reinforced the unemployed there would be warm work for the police. The speaker was repeatedly cheered.

To Blockade Rio. LONDON, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro late this afternoon says: Admiral Da Gama has given forty-eight hours notice that he will blockade Rio and has dispersed his fleet accordingly.

This step is intended to assert belligerent rights for the insurgents. The action of the foreign commanders is awaited with anxiety.

British Tug Seized by Brazilians. RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 3.—The British tug Cardiff was yesterday seized by President Peixotto, on the ground that she had been smuggling dynamite to the insurgents.

A large quantity was found on the vessel. The affair has caused a sensation scarcely less than that caused by Admiral Benham's action.

Deposits For Bond Purchases. NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The total payments into the sub-treasury to the close of business to-day on account of the new Government loans amounted to \$29,229,000, of which \$7,729,000 were paid to-day.

Of to-day's payments \$4,379,000 was in gold and the remainder in legal tenders and treasury notes.

Sale of Raleigh Street Railway Decried. RALEIGH, Feb. 3.—Judge Seymour, of the United States Circuit court, arrived here this afternoon on his way to Greenville, S. C., to hold a term of court.

While here he signed a decree ordering the sale of the Raleigh street railway by R. T. Gray, commissioner, the sale to be held unless the default interest and all the floating indebtedness is paid within thirty days.

The sale will be made after five weeks' notice. The suit was brought by the Mercantile Trust and Deposit company, of Baltimore. The judge also took action in the case of Donnell Gilman, of Tarboro, against Louis Hilliard & Co., of Norfolk, and of the latter firm against Brown and others, of Pitt county.

You can never tell what a slight odd may lead to; it is best, therefore, to give yourself the benefit of the doubt, and cure it as soon as possible with Ayer's Cherry Balm. A few days' delay, sometimes ten days' delay, may result in serious consequences.

AFFAIRS AT RIO.

SITUATION OF INTERESTS GROWING DESPERATE. Magnificent Sight of American Fleet Ready for Action—Young Insurgents Anxious to Attack It.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 2.—The negotiations for arbitration of the differences between the Government and the insurgents have been continued during the past week. Admiral Da Gama's written proposition has been submitted to Rear Admiral Benham, commander of the United States fleet.

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JOHN WRIGHT STANLY.

Sketch of this New Bern Patriot and His Valuable Services to the Revolution—Collateral Incidents.

Prize Essay by Miss Clementine Whitford.

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A HISTORICAL BARK.

THE OLD MEMNON HAS REACHED THE END OF HER CAREER.

A calling vessel that ran Away From the Famous Alabama—Story of the Race History of the Bark Since the War.

The old bark Memnon, one of the most ancient craft, on the Pacific coast, will go to sea no more. She has fought her last, bitter, and most exciting race, and will be towed to the marine cemetery at Capt. Parker's dock, where she will be consigned to the wrecker's hands.

The Memnon was built in Boston in 1858, and when she started on her first voyage was one of the best vessels afloat of her size. For several years she was the pride of the western ocean and could show her heels to any craft in the trade.

She was one of the very few American vessels that when chased by the pirate Alabama succeeded in making an escape. The Memnon was on her way from Liverpool to Boston at the time and fell in with the Alabama when about half way across the Atlantic.

The Alabama concealed her identity until she got within half mile of the Memnon, when the Confederate flag was hoisted to the head and the astonished crew of the Yankee was obliged to recognize the true character of the strange steamer. The captain of the Memnon called all hands aft, and in a very few words told them that capture meant many long months in prison, and that he proposed to escape if possible.

The crew were no more anxious to visit a Confederate prison than the captain was to be sent there, and in order to square away the yards the command was obeyed in a very short time.

It was blowing a gale from the northwest at the time, and the bark was under her topsails, but as soon as the yards were squared the men aloft and sail after sail was loosed and set. The men took no time to cast off the gaskets. Every sail was hoisted and, in almost less time than it takes to tell it the daring Yankee was dived away to the eastward under a cloud of canvas that threatened to tear the mast out of her every minute.

Captain Semmes of the Alabama had no idea that the bark would try to escape and was obliged to give chase. He was quickly on deck, however, and set shot after shot at the flying Yankee in hopes of crippling her.

At the same time the Alabama crowded all steam and sail, but a stern chase was a long one, and in a breeze like the Yankee bark was as fast as the Alabama and just a trifle faster.

In spite of everything Semmes could not do the Memnon slowly but surely drew away from her pursued, and as the Alabama dropped farther and farther astern the hopes of the Yankee were revived.

The chase lasted until night, and when the pirate steamer gave it up and hauled off to look for something not quite so speedy. But if the Alabama gave up the race the Memnon did not, for she never started racer she ran and she had put several hundred miles of ocean between the Alabama and herself.

She then resumed her course for New York, where she arrived after a rough passage of 31 days. After the war she was placed in the East Indian trade and then was sent out to this coast. She has traded to China and the Australasia colonies, and was too old for that which was engaged in the coastwise trade.

She has also made several voyages up to Alaska and has always made good time for her owners.—San Francisco Chronicle.

UNHORSING THE YANKEE PICKETS.

Clever Use of a Confederate Cavalryman to Secure a Horse.

The Confederate cavalryman was often puzzled as to how to provide himself with a horse. The authorities gave him the choice to keep mounted or go into the ranks with his musket, as horses were not furnished to the Government.

He was discontented and became a foot soldier and he would risk much in his efforts to get a horse from the enemy. In the fall of 1863 the rebel cavalryman had his horse killed in a skirmish near Warren, and as the best chance was then to capture one from the enemy he put his wits to work to devise the ways and means.

He waited until the benighted pickets and not far off, on the pike, were the cavalry pickets of the enemy. He procured a coil of telegraph wire from the railroad, and when twilight came on stretched this wire across the road, fastening one end to the fence and the other end to a convenient tree just high enough to catch a cavalryman about the belt.

When matters were thus arranged the cavalryman he started down the pike and tripped in plain view of the enemy.

It was not long before three of them gave chase, mounted on good horses. It was now too dark for them to see the wires, and on they came, determined to have a prisoner. The chase was sharp, and quickly over, so that by the time the rebel schmer had passed through and under his trap, the enemy was upon him.

The sequel is not hard to guess. Two of the pursuers were quickly and most unceremoniously unhorsed and the third being so much astonished and frightened at their fate as to turn and beat a hasty retreat. The two horses, without their riders, continued down the road, and were easily captured by the Confederate, who, by his clever ruse, became their owner, and kept his place in the cavalry.

The two pickets left to themselves hurriedly made their way back to their comrades as crest fallen and astonished as two men could well be.

The hero of this incident tells the tale himself, and adds, he rode one of these horses to Appomattox, and from there to his home, and that it was one of the best horses he ever owned.—Washington Post.

None but the Best. In making any farm product profitable, two things are to be considered: These are the cost of production and the selling price.

In estimating the cost of production it is well to bear in mind that the value of time and labor are the same, whether devoted to the growing of a good quality of product or a poor one; and with stock, the value of the feed and the time required to care for the animals are nearly or quite the same whether the animal is a good one or a poor one.

In many respects it cost as much to raise inferior grain or fruit, or get ready for market an animal of poor quality as it does to produce the same. But when ready for market the difference in price is often very considerable.

With all farm products the better the quality the more the competition and the better the price. There is always a market for the best, while this can hardly be said of the lower grades.

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