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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In the appointment of brother Sierrall Postmaster at Concord the JOURNAL is more than pleased.

"It is a public necessity as well as public virtue to bow to the law lest the chips fall where they may."

Senator Polkitt, of Georgia, serves notice to the aspirants to his shoes who took it for granted that he was out of the race that they were somewhat too previous.

Three Western States have had from enough to spoil their peach crops, but scarcely enough to spoil their rice crops.

C. L. Ricker, of Chicago, brings suit to compel the Secretary of the Treasury to sell him the entire issue of the new bonds.

The worst blizzard in years is raging throughout Kansas and adjoining States. Many trains had to be abandoned and railroad traffic is almost stopped in some sections.

Congressman Enoch, Populist, of Colorado, on Monday introduced a bill in the House giving women the right to vote for members of Congress.

If thou canst not make thyself such an one as thou wouldst, how canst thou expect to have another in all things to thy liking—Thomson as a Kemptis.

Jules Simon, the great French statesman, said this, and it is eternally true: "No people are worthy of liberty who do not respect the liberty of even their enemies."

When Joseph was about to send his brethren back to their father with their sacks filled with corn, his first words were: "See that ye fall not out by the way, for behold ye are brethren."

Mrs. Harriet Morrison, of Jackson, Miss., Monday presented at the Philadelphia mint what she supposed was eighty-five pounds of gold, but which was a base metal worth three cents a pound. She had loaned \$60,000 on it.

A Nevada man has made a proposition to a committee to let them buy him alive for a standard period for \$500, and the citizens are so glad of the chance that they are chipping in the quarters right lively.

It is said that 16,000 persons have been converted from the error of their ways and joined the church in Illinois since the first of last September. This holds out a prospect that the State will continue permanently in the Democratic column—Star.

The subcommittee of the Senate Finance committee will probably not be ready to report the tariff bill until next week. The indications are that sugar and iron ore will be put on the dutiable list, and that slight change, if any, will be made in the income tax schedule.

New York medical circles are interested in the case of a boy who is being kept alive by artificial respiration. This is very much the condition of the Republican party at present.

A Connecticut court is wrestling with the riddle whether oysters are real estate or personal property. There may be a stage in the oyster's existence when this is an open question, but when a man gets outside of a dozen or two the case is far as the oyster goes closed, and it becomes without a doubt personal property.—Wit. Star.

It is really astonishing to see the unanimity of sentiment among Northern people and in the Northern press as to the unfortunate effect the income tax would have upon the rich. They regard the whole tribe of Pincoyans as unmitigated liars who will swear falsely. So said—Wit. Messenger.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Republican New York Tribune is jubilant over the "split among North Carolina Democrats." They must get together, keep together and disappoint the enemies of good pure government and an honest clean ballot: Judge Harris is the correspondent.

In the early part of the war a company, in attempting to execute a military evolution, got all tangled up, but the captain was equal to the occasion. Rising to his full height he shouted, at the top of his voice, "Men, dis-tangle to the front." Will some brave captain please give the same command to the Democrats of North Carolina.

The people and court of Lebanon, Ind., believe in prompt punishment for crime. Frank Hall, a negro, who originally assaulted a white woman, a week ago, Saturday, felt a noose around his neck three times Monday, placed there by a friendly woman leading a mob. He was rescued each time by officers, was finally subdued into a courthouse pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twenty-one years in prison.

CLEVELAND.

We once heard a father say to his son, "never talk about a thing you know nothing about." That old man had a head on his shoulders. If we were advising a young man just commencing journalism, we would probably say to him, never write upon a subject of which you know comparatively nothing. It is easier to give advice than it is to follow it.

Senator Pugh once said in a campaign speech, that he had been "studying the tariff fifty years and knew nothing about it" and now we have to confess that having written much and often about Mr. Cleveland, we are constantly being surprised at what he does, and what he does not do.

We do not believe the half that is said to his detriment. We do not believe that he is the embodiment of self-interest; that his appointment in the State of New York is made for the sole purpose of destroying Senator Hill; or, as asserted by the Chicago Tribune, that offices are auctioned off like cattle in the market and knocked off to the highest bidder. On the contrary, we have unbounded confidence in the patriotism, honor and honesty of Mr. Cleveland, and believe that all his appointments are made with a line regard to the demands of the public service. He is governed by his own judgement, and his opinions are no doubt very much influenced by past associations and present complications, but that they are honestly entertained is not to be questioned.

We differ very widely with the President upon some matters of public policy, but we cordially approve of his position on the tariff and the Federal Election Law. Indeed on great questions, effecting the public, excepting the currency, Mr. Cleveland is soundly Democratic.

In politics, as in religion, it is well to be tolerant in non-essentials, but absolutely uncompromising when fundamental principles are involved.

The great trouble of the country is to finance.

Money with which to defray the expenses of the Government meets the demands of commerce, and gives to the people a circulating medium.

It is no fault of the Democratic party that the treasury is empty. A bankrupt government and an impoverished people is a legacy bequeathed us by the Republican party. It is true that at the close of the Harrison administration there was a show of prosperity. The country was in the condition of a bank that had been rifled and whose cashier was about to skip before the public had notice of the impending collapse. The condition of a bank becomes known when honest and capable men investigate its affairs; and so it is with a government.

The policy of the Democratic party is to lighten expenses and lift burdens from the necks of the people, but honesty is an essential requisite in all civilized governments, and is no part of the policy of the Democratic party to repudiate debts or violate contracts.

The Secretary of the Treasury did not want to issue bonds. He says: "I did it very reluctantly. I hesitated a long time, sometimes I feared I was awaiting too long, but the situation at last became so critical that I felt it my duty, and especially in view of what I regarded as a very uncertain prospect of securing any immediate relief by congressional legislation." Thus it is seen that Mr. Carlisle throws the blame for the issuing of bonds upon Congress.

It was suggested to Mr. Carlisle that the silver in the Treasury be used. But to this he replied that "certificates are outstanding against what we have except about \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000."

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Investigating to Give Publicity to Our Climate and Sanitary Influences—Raleigh Will Entertain Them

Today a prominent party of Northern editors and physicians are to be in Raleigh. Unless they have formed plans which do not admit of change we hope they will be in New Bern at the Fair next week.

The following clipping from the News Observer-Chronicle tells of their coming, its object and the way Raleigh means to receive them.

The Chamber arranged to receive and welcome a number of prominent editors of Medical Journals who will be here on the 19th. They are making a tour of the South for the purpose of ascertaining the climate and sanitary influences of the section and giving publicity to the same.

Among the gentlemen composing the party are: Dr. W. C. Wiley, editor of English Medical Monthly and Past Surgeon General G. A. R. wife and daughter, Danbury, Conn.; Dr. A. N. Bell, editor of the Southern, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. H. H. Hyatt, editor of Medical and Surgical Reporter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, Surgeon General U. S. A., retired list, and wife, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Ferdinand King, editor of Polytechnic, New York City; Hon. Clark Bell, Esq., editor of the Medical Monthly, New York City; Dr. P. D. Coates, editor of the Journal of Inebriety, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. T. Bailey, editor of Brooklyn Medical and Surgical Journal, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Howard Van Rensselaer, editor of Medical Annals, Albany, N. Y.; Dr. W. Blair Stewart, editor of Medical Annals, Albany, N. Y.; Dr. W. B. Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Martin Griffin and wife, representing the Connecticut press.

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JOHN L. WEBER.

Professor of English Literature in Trinity College, a Defiant.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 14.—John L. Weber, ex-School Commissioner of Charleston and now Professor of English Literature in Trinity College, a defiant in the strike of over \$1,200. Weber left Charleston about a year ago to go to Trinity College. When his annual report reached Superintendent of Education Mayfield he fell that officer found a discrepancy in the financial part of it and began a quiet investigation, which resulted in the discovery of the shortage. Weber raised a number of school certificates, a species of forgery common in cases of this kind, and was fined \$1,200 for his appearance in court.

Efforts were made to suppress the facts and prevent criminal proceedings being instituted, but the matter was decided to do this. Weber will be prosecuted. He was quietly arrested over a week ago and given bond in \$1,500 for his appearance in court.

Weber was at one time on the staff of the News and Courier and was a writer of the English Medical Monthly and Past Surgeon General G. A. R. wife and daughter, Danbury, Conn.; Dr. A. N. Bell, editor of the Southern, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. H. H. Hyatt, editor of Medical and Surgical Reporter, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, Surgeon General U. S. A., retired list, and wife, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Ferdinand King, editor of Polytechnic, New York City; Hon. Clark Bell, Esq., editor of the Medical Monthly, New York City; Dr. P. D. Coates, editor of the Journal of Inebriety, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. T. Bailey, editor of Brooklyn Medical and Surgical Journal, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Howard Van Rensselaer, editor of Medical Annals, Albany, N. Y.; Dr. W. Blair Stewart, editor of Medical Annals, Albany, N. Y.; Dr. W. B. Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Martin Griffin and wife, representing the Connecticut press.

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WAS IT THE OLYMPIA?

The Unknown Steamship Which Sank on the Dreaded Diamond Shoals.

The unknown steamship which sank on the Diamond Shoals, Cape Hatteras, is believed to have been the British steamer Olympia, which sailed from Massachusetts on February 1, for Philadelphia, a steamer of the Erie Line Steamship Company. The descriptions furnished by the life savers tally with the vessel to the opinion of those who know for fact, while she has been reported having run aground on Philadelphia Shoals for several years past.

The life savers along the North Carolina coast and vessels arriving at Currituck Sound, have seen the steamer on Saturday, February 4, drifting in a broken down condition on the shoals, which run across at that point from Cape Hatteras. She was towed ashore, and being unmanageable and helpless, sank on Saturday.

No one of the crew is able to ascertain the name of the steamer, but she had a light-colored smokestack, which corresponds with the Olympia, whose hull is colored. She was towed ashore, and being unmanageable and helpless, sank on Saturday.

A Three Round Contest at Jacksonville.

The following is in a note signed W. O. P. sent us from Jacksonville, N. C. "We had a prize fight here the 11th. There was lots of people here to see the fight. James Day, from Ontario, and John M. O. Quinn, the light weight North Carolina. Quinn chased Day on the third round. They are under a \$200 bond."

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Steak's Another Watch—It Cracked on the Head and Dangerously Wounded

Edward Murphy, the vagrant, tough, and that who for nearly three months was an expense in jail to the taxpayers of Craven county, and who was finally run out of New Bern as a dangerous character by the city authorities, has been cracked on the head and is now in a Richmond hospital, likely to die. He says that the blow was given by a piece of iron that he doesn't tell how he came to receive it.

It will be remembered that he was recently arrested on two charges, highway robbery and prize fighting, but evidence was not obtained sufficient to convict either. The Richmond Dispatch tells of his last fight as follows:

Ed Murphy, pugilistic name, who came here from New York some weeks since, and is figured in Police Court records as a vagrant, was on the night of February 1st, now lies in the almshouse in a precarious condition. Murphy was arrested Tuesday by a piece of iron that he doesn't tell how he came to receive it.

When the officer arrived at the station with Murphy, the latter was so badly injured that he was unable to stand. An examination showed that he had a deep cut on his head, and Dr. A. Monteiro moved to the almshouse. Before being moved Murphy stated that he was a fight Friday night, and was struck on the head with a piece of iron. He declined to give the name of his assailant, and Murphy made the acquaintance of McIntosh, a fellow-prisoner in the city jail.

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Interesting Historical Exercises at the Collegiate Institute in Commemoration of His Life.

Washington's birthday is the 22nd of February, at Thursday but as Prof. Hodges remarked it comes this year in Fair week, and the Fair smashes dates in New Bern, so it was decided to hold the school celebration of the day Friday that it might not be interfered with by the interest in the Fair.

The first piece on the programme was the building of the name WASHINGTON by a number of the smaller pupils, each putting on a letter of the name in position after the recital of a short appropriate selection.