

W. H. HARPER - Proprietor. T. HANCOCK - Local Reporter.

Business failures for the past week numbered 228, against 193 for the same time last year.

It is hard to say which is the worst Congressional evil, the cold tea or the absentee.

Bradstreet reports a decrease in the volume of business since the beginning of the month.

You can easily fill the public eye if you only have the dust.—Siftings.

The New York Advertiser ascribes the failure of a liquor dealer to a fear of free trade. Possibly free drinks did it.

The income tax is very popular with the people at large, however unpopular with nabobs and subsidized blowers.

Hard time croakers had better stop before crossing the track and look out for the prosperity locomotive.

Sam Small undertook to publish an Administration paper at Oklahoma. But he has abandoned the effort and left the town.

The Mikado of Japan is a cold-blooded wretch. When his mother-in-law was taken ill he called in 432 physicians. And yet she lived.—Post.

After meeting for 26 years in succession at Washington, D. C. the National Woman Suffrage Association has chosen Atlanta, Ga., for the next convention.

The belief is current in Washington that another bond issue of \$50,000,000 will be necessary. And this, in all probability, will be followed by others.—Star.

All the Brazilian fleet, except the Niobher, have joined the insurgents. The insurgent army from the south is advancing on Rio, and business men there are practically panic stricken.

"I am not aware that I have joined any temperance society," said the editor. "What's up now?"

"Well, I wrote, 'Let the galled jade squeak,' and it reads: 'Let the galled jug leak!'"—Atlanta Constitution.

A sufficient number of Democratic members of the House of Representatives have signed the call for a caucus to consider the propriety of amending the rules so as to compel members present to vote.

Tommy—Maw, what is a average man? Mr. Figg—He is a man who is pleasant and smiling down town all day, but who comes home and gives his wife fits to make up the average.—Indianapolis Journal.

An old lady who had several unmarried daughters fed them largely on a fish diet, because as she ingeniously observed, "fish is rich in phosphorus and phosphorus is useful in making matches."

If the Sugar Tax is restored the Democracy will lose many a vote. The New York World says: "During the campaign of 1892 cheap sugar resulting from taking off the duty on raw sugar was the leading and most potent feature of the Democratic argument."

The poor fellows in Boston are in great straits notwithstanding the seasonal steps taken to give them work and supply them with food. Five thousand of them crowded around the State House and demanded bread, and far a time a riot was imminent. Much allowance is to be made for those in distress who would labor if the way was open to them.

Lord Rosbery has been informed by the Ambassadors of Germany and France that London is especially infested by Anarchists. In the vast city they find a hiding place and laboratory and the sympathy of cranks. The foot cranks regard the fend crank. The latest bomb thrower in France got his outfit in London.

The insurgents at Rio refuse to allow water boats to visit the mercantile in the harbor. A British captain applied to the commander of a British man-of-war protection of a scowling water and was refused. He then applied to Admiral Pennington, who had the water boat protected by the American flag.—British flag in Rio tripped the British flag in the dirt and give three cheers for "Uncle Sam."

Mr. Prendergast is still on exhibition in Chicago. In October last he committed as wicked a murder as ever happened. He is a malicious scoundrel of the worst type. There is not a doubt of his guilt. The pretense of his insanity is rot and a mockery. There is now alleged argument a question of giving the bloody wretch a new trial.

Newport News, Va., promises to be a very busy place for some time to come. The great shipyard there, it is stated, has contracts already on hand for construction and repairs which will give employment to many hundreds of men for two or three years. As a pointer, 250 mechanics arrived at Newport News yesterday from New York, and will immediately go to work at satisfactory wages. In the meantime the Chesapeake and Ohio, now a great trunk line road, is using its influence to build up the export trade of Newport News. It has already reached large figures.—Baltimore Sun.

"MUDDLED."

The political situation is badly "muddled," and there is no indication of its clearing up. Why cannot the Democratic party go forward on its high mission without constantly floundering in the mud?

In an article on the late Pennsylvania election, the Philadelphia Record, after referring to the effect of Tariff agitation says: "But it has in greater part been due to the demoralization and disorganization of the Democratic party consequent upon an incapable, inefficient and headstrong leadership."

The Republican party is fighting for life. It has had the help of men who are fighting for subsidies which they have so long enjoyed that they look upon them as property rights. Although the Democrats have the means and munitions of war, the possession of executive power in both the State and the Federal Governments, and the prestige of victory, they have simply laid down and let everything go.

They have squabbled among themselves, and attempted to meet the solid shot of the enemy with fireworks."

If the above paragraph had appeared originally in the New Berne Journal, or if it had been written by the able editor of the Fayetteville Observer, it might have been said that it came from the hand of a man suffering with a sore head and a malicious heart.

But, it is the language of the Philadelphia Record, a rich and powerful Democratic paper that has stood by the "machine" obeying its orders and asking no questions. What does the Record say? Listen.

"It has in greater part been due to the demoralization and disorganization of the Democratic party consequent upon an incapable, inefficient and headstrong leadership."

Whose leadership? The Record mentions "the possession of executive power in both the state and the Federal Governments. It seems that this strikes Cleveland and Pattison, and as Harry is Chairman of the National Executive Committee, and therefore General Manager of campaigns and special guardian of Pennsylvania Democracy, he gets it square between the eyes."

Now, wherein does the situation in North Carolina differ from that in Pennsylvania? Simply in the fact that in one the battle has been fought and the other the campaign is about to open. The Democratic party is as badly muddled in North Carolina as it ever was in Pennsylvania. Are we of the Old North State to learn nothing from the Pennsylvania Waterloo? The cause that led to disaster in Pennsylvania may lead to irremediable ruin in North Carolina. It is a fact, to which we cannot close our eyes, that there is demoralization and disorganization, but whether it is due to "incapable, inefficient and headstrong leadership" this depends on the eye.

The truth is this demoralization must end even if it necessitates a change of leaders.

NATIONAL RESOURCES.

The resources of Monarchies, and Republics differ very widely. In one arbitrary power is the controlling force. In the other love of country is the supreme incentive.

The people of the United States, by a large and almost countless majority are attached to their Government. They are proud of its past and confident of its future, and when convinced that is in danger they fly to its rescue and save it. This is the unending fountain of our national resources. American party conflicts are but incidents in the history of a people pressing forward to the highest human attainment, and that party will have the confidence and support of the people that shows the higher and better adaptability to progressive development in whatever augments national glory and exalts American character.

Why am I a Democrat? Simply because, my reason having been convinced that the Democratic party is the guardian of constitutional liberty, I cannot repress the ardent desire to contribute to its success and participate in its blessings. You are a Republican. Why? Because you believe in the principles of the Republican party and have an abiding faith in its destiny. Both of us are controlled by patriotism, and so long as it is the inspiration of patriotism that impels us to action the liberties of the people are secure.

The talk so common about bankruptcy and "the credit of the country gone to the dogs" is unadmitted nonsense. The People is the Government. Nowhere, in all the world, can there be found a people whose resources are so great as ours. These resources may be hampered for a time, but the moment financial disorder threatens the downfall of the Republic the people will fly to its rescue and save it.

Why is it that the United States has no large standing army? It is simply because there is no need of it. Let the occasion arise and eight millions of people will fly to arms.

There never has been a moment in our history when Patriotism was not superior to party. Administrations rise or fall as they are true or false to the public.

The question of the pontiff.

MR. CLEVELAND.

From "condensed telegrams" in the Charlotte Observer, we learn that "President Cleveland yesterday denied emphatically and indignantly, reports that he was in any way about to undergo an operation."

Elsewhere it has been stated that Mr. Cleveland, irritated by the failure of the Senate to promptly pass the Wilson tariff bill, and annoyed by the Silver agitation in the House, will leave Washington for his recreation in duck shooting. His destination is supposed to be the North Carolina Sounds.

It is understood that the President is now on the waters of the Old North State.

In common with all patriotic Carolinians, we welcome Mr. Cleveland to our territory and hope that he will find the anticipated benefit and enjoyment.

The President ought not to be "irritated" by the condition of affairs at the capital. He set the example of independence of party, and he ought not to make any faces over having to take a few drops of the medicine he has administered in large and drastic doses.

We are entirely with the President in wishing the Senate to pass the tariff bill, and we expect them to do it, but we are not with him on the silver question. We like silver. When a child we were never so happy as when we had a silver quarter, and to this day the "gangling" of silver is music to our ears.

If Mr. Cleveland's irritability is produced by the rattle of silver he will never recover, for the cause of his ailment will never be removed. God give us silver and no man can take it from us.

We repeat the wish for Mr. Cleveland's enjoyment on our sounds and for his complete release from all sorts of annoyances. All men have their troubles, and he is the better prepared for prosperity who has successfully met the bitterest assaults of adversity.

Mr. Cleveland has it in his power to accomplish great things. He has only to set the example of stern and undeviating fidelity to the Democratic party to have it followed in the Senate and in the House. He can yet make his administration a brilliant success and crown his brow with a diadem of glory. Will he do it? We shall see.

A full-lifed picture of Andrew Jackson would be a shield and ornament in the business office of the President.

ANOTHER TURN OF THE TIDE.

The Brazilian Fleet Joins the Insurgents at Est

London, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from Buenos Ayres concerning business affairs says: "President Peizotto has stopped all telegraphic communication between Rio de Janeiro and Bahia."

It is reported from Montevideo that the whole Government fleet, excepting the dynamite cruiser Nichero, has gone over to the insurgents and has sailed for Rio Janeiro. The insurgent army of the South advances unchecked.

The Government troops sent to oppose it have accomplished nothing, and apparently fear to join battle with the insurgents. Business men at Rio are partially panic stricken.

ATLANTA IN THE SWIM.

Will have an Exhibition in 1895, on a Million Dollar Basis.

ATLANTA, Feb. 23.—The City Council of Atlanta today voted and to the proposed cotton States International Exposition to be held in Atlanta in 1895 to the extent of cash assistance in the sum of \$75,000.

The clearing house banks of Atlanta have contributed \$10,000.

A preliminary fund of two hundred thousand dollars will be asked from the citizens of Atlanta next week, and so enthusiastic are the business men of the city for the success of the Exposition that already more than that amount is pledged.

Elopement and Assignment.

WINSTON, N. C., Feb. 23.—H. E. Satterfield, a butcher, of Salem, skipped today, carrying with him Miss Lora Shore, a 17 year old school girl and all the money he and his partner had. Satterfield has a wife in Salem. He and Miss Shore were met this afternoon in a buggy going toward Lexington.

Wm. G. Grinstead of Granford College and Paul Grinstead of this city assigned today. Capt. R. B. Glenn, trustee.

Liabilities aggregate \$6,352; assets not known.

WATER-VALE INVESTMENT.

Water-Valley Investment Co. has just issued a prospectus for the sale of a large tract of land in the State of Virginia.

The prospectus is a very full and complete one, and contains a full description of the land, and the terms of sale.

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