

THE DEMOCRAT.

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The politics of the paper is outlined in another column, concerning which we all agree. We again ask the public to aid us in establishing in our midst a first-class paper, and we confidently believe that they will do so.

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Peace across the sea.

Charlotte has had a big dynamite explosion.

Some of our exchanges think that Mr. Bayard is losing popularity. We hope not.

It appears that the great Illinois hangout is about to cease and a republican senator will be the result.

Mr. John S. Long's Memorial Address at Wilmington is a grand production. Virginia has not all the orators.

Postmasters are being changed at the rate of 100 a day. Pretty good for Vilas, but it will take a long time to do the good work at that rate.

Capt. Sam Ashe, editor of the News-Observer, has been appointed postmaster at Raleigh. An honor deserved. He was the choice of the citizens.

The Clinton *Constitution* says its latest name is *Courtesy*. Our latest name is *Commonwealth*. Of course any body can look at the top of our first pages and never miss our names.

The United States and Canada lose yearly over one hundred million dollars worth of property. This is a great loss. We suppose a large percent of this is caused by the incendiary.

The United States *Democrat* with Brick Pomeroy as its editor, is certainly a bold and outspoken democratic weekly. It takes the right view of civil service reform. Such a paper deserves success.

Why is it that most of our exchanges have in every issue something about U. S. Grant, much about him, and nothing about other men whom we are sure the people would rather learn about. How is Jeff Davis?

A woman's suffrage bill has been killed by a large majority in Massachusetts. Massachusetts is that highly educated State. She has killed this bill several times since 1865. But the advocates of the bill bring it up every year. The vote was 61 in favor of the bill and 180 against it. They still have hope. We are afraid that a few of the ladies of Massachusetts will have to wait a few years before they can lawfully cast their votes. They'll wait.

They tried to pass a vote of censure in regard to Mr. Gladstone the other day, but failed. The great Prime Minister's triumph was a success by a majority of only 39. If possible, Mr. Gladstone will guide the English afloat.

The New York *World's Sunday Edition* now amounts to over 150,000 copies. Quite complimentary to its enterprise. The Bartholdi pedestal fund is increasing, it now amounts to more than \$50,000. The *World* is attending to the fund.

An exchange says that more delinquent North Carolina negroes are going to Liberia. They seem to consider that a glorious land where they can eat, drink, look sleek and be merry. We suppose when they get to that longed for land they find out too late that there too they shall live by labor only. Work carries the living everywhere.

The citizens of Wake county who oppose the stock law had a big meeting in Raleigh last week. They adopted resolutions, one of which is as follows:

2. That as law-abiding citizens we counsel obedience to law; we nevertheless call upon all true men to unite and by such lawful methods as are left to the people, attempt at least to protect ourselves, our neighbors and our posterity from such unholy invasions of our time honored rights and privileges.

The Democrats will not be satisfied if the Republican officials in the South are retained in office. At the rate they are being turned out it would take eight or ten years to clear the deck. We do not know that it is possible to do the work faster, but we do know what was said in the last campaign and what Southern Democrats expect and have a perfect right to expect if the Administration does the best it can in driving from office Republican officials then no complaint can be made to justice. But the South has borne much and borne it for a long, long time. It is "mighty sick" of Radicalism. It looks to the Administration elected as Democratic to give it deliverance and at the earliest possible day.—*Star.*

The Representatives of "Northern Civilization" who delight to sneer at "Southern Lawlessness," had better put up shutters over their own glass windows. The telegrams within the past week told of the capture of four members of the Pennsylvania Legislature in a low gambling house; the arrest of several members of Illinois Legislature for rowdyism, and assault, while on the excursion to New Orleans; the arrest of a son of the New York Secretary of State for shooting another; The breaking open of two jails by mobs of Lynchers; the murder of two express messengers by train robbers; the outraging of a young girl at a public ball in New York by a police officer, four suicides in one city in one single day, etc., etc.—*Farmer and Mechanic.*

Ready.

Why is it that papers cannot act with consistency? The *Wadesboro Intelligencer*, and we believe it to be so true, as bold and as outspoken as any paper in this State, thinks that the State Press should have denounced social equality as was once practiced at Weldon. It has been stopped. But why did not papers which certainly knew of that state of affairs open their batteries against it? The *Intelligencer* published the editorial of the *Democrat* styled, "An Inevitable, Deep and Stinging." Our State reads papers all over it, that are not governed by fears but express their own thoughts without fear or compromise. We believe this is one sad deficiency in the Press.

Cholera Rivalled.

Yellow fever and the cholera have long been dreaded as contagious diseases. Smallpox alone has pretended to rival these as an epidemic. There is an epidemic at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, which is causing as great consternation as any of the foregoing. A body of Philadelphia physicians have pronounced it typhoid fever. They say that the germs of the disease found their way into the water of the town. And they think the disease will not be confined to Plymouth. People dying by the dozen. Constantly are people warned to take all possible precautions against sickness. Impure water perhaps causes more sickness among human beings than any other thing. It conveys many of the Lilliputian hostile to health into the human system. We can not be too careful in defending ourselves from such horrible scourges. The summer is upon us. Take care. Take care.

The Mormons have been steadily and actively at work not only in filling Utah with ignorant victims gathered from Europe and America, but they have been filling up adjacent territory with their emissaries and beggared creatures. It is marvellous that such blots upon creation should have been so long permitted to invade other States and Territories and spread their poisonous gospel of lust without molestation. The fruit of their course is seen in the reported actions of the Polygamists at Oxford Idaho. There they resist the execution of the laws of the United States and threaten death to all officers of the Government that shall attempt to arrest the scoundrels who are living in open disregard of decency and in constant violation of a law of Congress. It will be interesting to note what will come of all this.—*Star.*

Wake Forest College.

The prosperity of Wake Forest College is a source of pride no less than pleasure to all North Carolinians who are interested in the development of our educational institutions, and who see in the growth of our colleges an index of a strong inclination among young men to fit themselves at all points for the race of life that lies before them. The changes made at Wake Forest College during the last decade have been very noteworthy, and they are all in the right direction. Availing ourselves of a summary we find in the *Recorder*, it may be noted that the course of study comprises eight schools, and instruction is imparted by a learned and progressive faculty. Students have the advantages of a well conducted "reading room" an excellent library and a well equipped gymnasium. The reading room is large and comfortably furnished. The best periodicals in the United States are found on its tables. The library contains more than 8,000 well selected books. The gymnasium has all the appliances necessary for physical exercises and development. The two literary societies are equal to those of any college in this country, and the *Wake Forest Student*, published by the societies, is pronounced by competent critics one of the best college periodicals published in the United States. Here, then we have an institution which furnishes admirable training in every department, and whose good work is always seen at her commencements, for no boys makes a better appearance on commencement days than those of Wake Forest.—*News-Observer.*

Kleptomania.

Despite the sneers of the would-be knowing, the disease of kleptomania has an existence. It is usually exhibited by persons who have no motive to steal. Sometimes there exists in the mind of the sufferer the delusion that what he steals is his own property, or has been stolen from him, and that he merely reclaims his own. Sometimes he imagines that Providence orders him to steal. The case is recorded of a Scotch clergyman, distinguished for his learning, piety, and charity; he stole Bibles with a special view to the glory of God by the pro-rogation of the Gospel. His manse was a little "missionary society of stolen Bibles," and he was as much in earnest in the conversion of souls by the contraband process as the most enthusiastic foreign missionary could be in his calling. He was at last detected in wholesale Bible-stealing. It was further discovered that he had organized a wide missionary district, and left a Bible or a testament at every cottage where it was needed along the route. When arrested, he could not be persuaded that he had done wrong, declaring he had obeyed the will of Providence. There is this peculiarity sometimes in the case of kleptomaniacs, that their pilfering is confined to single articles. The case is reported of a lady who could not resist the temptation to steal silk stockings. Another lady would steal gloves whenever the opportunity was afforded. More curious than all, a wealthy English baronet had a mania for collecting pieces of old iron and broken crockery.—*Advertiser.*

Peace.

A few weeks ago it seemed that a struggle between the English nation and the Russian was inevitable. All Europe seemed to think so. America thought so, even so much that business men all over our land made their calculations for this year upon such consideration. Some of our State papers came out and advised the farmers to plant certain things, feeling sure that the war would bring those things in great demand. Now these hopes, it appears, have been blasted, and "Blessed Peace" will again rule. A final settlement, with-

out bloodshed, of the difficulty has not yet been had, though all the signs point toward such an end. If peace is finally established now, there are few men who believe that it will last twenty years and in the mean time the British Lion and Russian Bear will sharpen their fangs and claws for a final contest which will decide whether the control of Asia shall be in the hands of enlightened England or civilized Russia. It has been generally conceded that Russia has acted a bold, aggressive part in this matter, and that England has acted a cool, determined, peace loving, though somewhat intermittent and unbecoming part. England desires peace. William E. Gladstone, the great Prime Minister of England is a pure, peace loving patriot. He knows the wishes and the needs of England, he knows how and when to strike, and when he once believes it his duty to plunge England into war, Russia will feel her own inferiority and, we believe, will withdraw from Asia altogether. War now-a-days is horrible. The engines of war are destructive.

A Splendid Regeneration.

Last week in the presence of a distinguished company a memorial of the great Edgar Allan Poe was unveiled in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. The occasion has served to revive the controversy as to the great poet's manner of living and the manner of his death. An autograph letter from him written a short time before his death, repudiates with warmth the charge that he "was afflicted with intemperate habits." "I assure you, my dear sir," he writes, "on the honor of a gentleman that nothing stronger than water has passed my lips for many years." In corroboration of this we have the solemn assurance of the venerable Dr. John J. Moran, in whose arms Poe died, that the statement that he died in a drunk stupor or at all under alcoholic influences, is directly at variance with the facts. This seems very strong testimony; but if Edgar Allan Poe was as he himself declared a man of unimpaired faculties and a mild and unexcitable temper, we are at a loss to explain the strange disappearance of Poe. It is impossible to associate the name of the lamented poet with any mode of living but that of a cured slave of strong drink and opium. It is impossible to spit in the face of history by supposing that all his contemporary writers could have been either deceived in the man, or parties to a villainous conspiracy to blacken his character.

The judgment of history is apt to be true. Poe was brave and generous, cultured and refined and possessed of an intellect of great strength and beauty. In the respects of brilliant fancy and originality his compositions are indisputably at the head of American literature. Their weird, strange beauty stands out as a thing by itself, the like of which had not before been known,—something to love and to worship, but to copy which would be a profanation. Yet Poe the gifted, brilliant writer whose plaintive verses touch the chord of human passion and sympathy, was certainly Poe, the confirmed sot, who deliberately plunged into the wildest exercises, making his life one burden of sorrow, dying broken and almost friendless, an old, decrepit man in the days of his youth.—*Falcon.*

Is it Profitable?

This is a question that is not easily decided. Will any certain thing be a benefit for the present, or will something else be a greater benefit in the future? Prudence advises us to pursue that course which will in the long run be to our advantage, though it may be through thorns and thistles in the present. But men, unable to deny themselves and obey prudence, sacrifice certain happiness of the future to petty temporal whims. Profit to men may be of many different kinds. It may come in the shape of money—by far the most desirable to the average man—or it may result in mental happiness. At this day everything it seems has its price. Yes everything is bought and sold. Friendship, goodwill, self respect, politics, suffrage, public opinion and it seems all can go for a price. The mugwumps had a price. They—let the g. o. p. in hope that when the change came they would get office. Whether they acted their part for this consideration or not, they have been paid in such currency. Why certainly the mugwumps must be satisfied! Why, didn't they give New York to the democrats? Who would be President to-day if the mugwumps had not sprung up? Etc., etc. Yes give them all their wishes! Absurd it is to pay attention to the mugwumps. Just turn out every republican officer in North Carolina

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