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OVER in Morocco the Spaniards are having a warm time of it. The tribe of Riflians are at war with them, and in a battle last week the Spaniards lost their general.

It is said that over a hundred thousand people attended the funeral ceremonies of Carter Harrison in Chicago last week. That makes it a high honor in which he was held by his people.

THE great fair at Chicago made \$21,000,000. That means that it has more than paid its indebtedness and has some money left. That makes it a financial success in this great year of panics and losses.

TEMPORARY commissions have been issued to Messrs. Simmons and Elias, and they will now enter upon their duties as collectors in their respective districts. Their appointments, however, have lapsed and they will have to be reappointed.

THE Raleigh bar has unanimously recommended Mr. R. H. Battle, of Raleigh, for the position of circuit court judge to succeed the late Judge Bond. There are many candidates in the field, and it will doubtless take the President a good while to consider the merits of each one. The pay is \$6,000 a year.

SINCE Prendergrast killed Carter Harrison last week, a regular cyclone of cranks has broken loose in New York, anxiously traversing the metropolis to kill somebody. Several have been placed behind the bars for demanding large sums of money from rich men.

CONGRESS has done one good thing, if it never does another. The Senate has refused to confirm the appointment of C. C. Astwood, the New York negro that Mr. Cleveland appointed as consul to Colair, France. We are glad of this, because we are opposed to sending negroes to represent the United States at white governments.

CORROX dropped down in price about the time the final vote was taken on the repeal bill, but it has again gone back to its original place. The advocates of the repeal said prosperity would come to the country if the bill went through. We are now waiting for a little prosperity.

"DAVID B. HILL is the best Democrat in New York State," but that is rather a poor compliment to pay him; for, if we are to judge from present appearances there are no sound Democrats there. New York democracy and North Carolina democracy are as different as a yellow dog and a mountain stag.

MR. HORNBLOWER has after all, failed to get the plum. The Senate has adjourned without acting upon his appointment and so the appointment lapses, and Mr. Cleveland will have to appoint him again, if he still desires him to have it. It is to be hoped that Mr. Cleveland will look elsewhere than New York for a man. Somehow we can't help believing that he could find a more euphonious name elsewhere.

COL. J. H. HOGUE, of Virginia, who was appointed Consul general at Amoy, China, last spring, has lost his place by his delay in going to his field. He set out last week for China, but was stopped in San Francisco by a telegram, announcing his removal from the place. It is said that the President was induced to remove him on account of certain charges against him as to his integrity and sobriety. Delays are dangerous.

CONGRESS is now talking of adjourning, but if we can see an inch from our nose, they've got no business adjourning yet. The silver question is a small one compared with the tariff. We have all the while thought that the tariff ought to have been the first thing brought before the attention of this congress, and it ought now to be brought up and reformed before any Christmas turkey is eaten by anybody.

BUT Congress has adjourned since the above was put in type. THE DEMOCRAT joins his many friends throughout the State in sympathizing with editor J. P. Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer, in the death of his estimable wife, which occurred at Statesville a few days ago.

"OLD FOGY" SENATORS.

The November number of the Forum has an article in it concerning the Senate of the United States. We don't know who the writer is. He forgot to sign his name. But there are some things that he says in the course of his remarks that are interesting, if not amusing.

He divides the present Senate into five classes: (1) Senators of the old type and traditions; (2) Senators who are professional politicians and have won their seats by political manipulation; (3) Senators who have reached their positions mainly by reason of their wealth; (4) Accidental Senators; (5) Old fogy Senators.

In the first class we noticed among others the names of Senators Sherman, Hawley, and Mills. They are perhaps the best known ones under that head, and according to the writer's view come nearer representing the old glory of that body, when Webster, Clay, and Calhoun were the great lights.

In his second class of professional politicians the best known examples are Senators Hill and Gorman. He says these men owe their positions to the methods used by word politicians. Among those who secured their seats in the Senate because of their wealth are the two Nevada Senators and Brice of Ohio. In the class of accidental Senators the best known are Allen of Nebraska and Peffer of Kansas.

Among those of his fifth class, old fogy Senators, we find quite a long list of them all from the South. We quote one of his paragraphs:

"(5) The old fogies of the Senate include many men who originally could lay claims to Senatorial fitness but who have grown old mentally or temperamentally and are now rather hindrances than helps to the nation's progress. This class is naturally large from the Southern States because of the strong and almost pardonable tendency to honor the dignitaries who did conspicuous service a generation ago, many of whom too, owe their seats to the fact that, but for the salary they receive, it would be difficult for them to earn a living. This class includes Mr. Bate, of Tennessee; Mr. Berry, of Arkansas; Mr. George, of Mississippi; Mr. Gordon, of Georgia; Mr. Harris, of Tennessee; Mr. Jones, of Arkansas; Mr. Ransom, of North Carolina; Mr. Vance, of North Carolina; Mr. Huntton, of Virginia."

It is altogether a remarkable production. In reading it one can almost hear the hum of the gold bug's wings. But it is a well written article and contains a great deal more truth in it than error. But does it contain the whole truth? Are the great States of the South sending "old fogies" to represent them in the highest legislative body in the world?

Our nameless writer thinks so, but the Southern people hasn't discovered it yet, and where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be otherwise. We have expected the Wilmington Messenger to comment on the article in question as its scholarly editor is a regular reader of the Forum, we believe, and we shall be glad to know his opinion.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

"While the American people every day remember with praise and thanksgiving the Divine goodness and mercy which have followed them since their beginning as a nation, it is fitting that one day in each year should be especially devoted to the contemplation of the blessings we have received from the hand of God, and to the grateful acknowledgment of His loving kindness."

"Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of the present month of November, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to be kept and observed by all the people of our land. On that day let us forego our ordinary work and employments, and assemble in our usual places of worship, where we may recall all that God has done for us and where from grateful hearts our united tribute of praise and song may reach the throne of grace. Let the reunion of kindred and the social meeting of friends lend cheer and enjoyment to the day, and let generous gifts of charity for the relief of the poor and needy prove the sincerity of our thanksgiving."

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MAXTON AND DUNN.

TWO NEW TOWNS OF RAPID GROWTH.

Robeson, Cumberland and Harnett.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

DUNN, N. C., Nov. 4, 1893.

If railroads were as careful to make intersections with each other at points possible for towns to grow up as they are to cross in the most hopeless places, there would be more flourishing towns built at the railroad crossings. These reflections were suggested to me while waiting an hour or two Monday night at Pembroke in Robeson county, near the place made memorable in North Carolina history by the name of Henry Berry Lowry. It is at the crossing of the Atlantic Coast Line from Wilson to Florence with the Carolina Central from Wilmington to Hamlet. The people of Scotland Neck and Eastern Carolina generally remember how the Scotland Neck and Kinston road was run half way between Bethel and Robersonville, almost killing both these towns and crossing the Albemarle and Raleigh road at a place most forbidding for a town. About such place is Pembroke.

From this desolate crossing I took the train for Maxton, which was formerly known as Shoe Heel. After changing its name several times the present name settled upon the town, and it is a good name for a good town. The people are very kind and hospitable to all who come within their gates.

The Robeson Baptist Association was the occasion that called me to Maxton, and I found everybody in readiness for it and glad to welcome all delegates and visitors. My two days' visit to the Association was made more than ordinarily pleasant by the warm hospitality which I enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop. One doubts no longer that life is worth living after spending a day in such a home.

The Baptist church in Maxton was too small to hold the crowds that attended the meeting of the Association; so the Presbyterians kindly tendered the use of their church to the Baptists, who gladly accepted the offer and held all the sessions of the Association in the Presbyterian church.

Rev. Mr. Pittman, of Robeson county, was presiding officer, and E. K. Proctor, Esq., of Lumberton was clerk. These gentlemen have held their offices for some time and serve the Association so faithfully and satisfactorily that there is no desire for a change.

Mr. Pittman is a preacher of great influence and Mr. Proctor is one of the leading young lawyers of the State.

The business of the body was dispatched with ease and rapidity, and every object that came before it was well considered and equally well sustained.

Robeson county is one of the best counties in the Southern part of the State, and there is considerable progress there, especially along educational lines. Within the past year a fine institution of learning has been opened at Lumberton, with Prof. John Duckett, late of Hamilton, principal. The people of the county are very enthusiastic and expect to make it a great institution. It has an endowment of several thousand dollars and has enrolled 125 students already.

In Robeson county the turpentine business still flourishes. The people are prosperous and do as little grumbling as in any section I have seen throughout the State.

LITTLE RIVER.

Leaving Maxton on Thursday morning I travelled by way of Fayetteville to Dunn. At Fayetteville everything was in a bustle for the Fair. Trains were crowded, streets were thronged and things had a sort of buzz that made one feel like he was in a pretty good town.

Dunn is perhaps the most remarkable town in Eastern North Carolina. It has a growth of only about seven years, and already it rivals and outstrips many other towns in the State that are twenty years old and more. As I propose to visit Dunn again in the near future, I will wait until then for further comment on the town.

From Dunn I rode with my travelling companion, Mr. J. C. Caddell, some twelve miles across the Cape Fear river to Mt. Tabor church, where the Little River Baptist Association was in session.

Although the meeting was held in Cumberland county, most of the churches composing the Association are in Harnett, and so most of the representatives were from Harnett. I saw many of the school and play-fellows of my boyhood days, and also some who had been counselors to me in my earlier years. This was a great pleasure to me, and when on my return, I crossed the old Cape Fear in a canoe I felt the thrill of my school boy joys and lived

a little while in those old days again. The Little River Association was presided over by one of my old school-fellows, Mr. H. Y. Smith, and Rev. J. A. Campbell is the efficient clerk. Notwithstanding it is comparatively a young body it does a great deal of work for the various fields of labor that engage the Baptist denomination, and its usefulness is felt and acknowledged by the denomination in all its work.

One of the most pleasant and well-ordered homes I have ever visited is that of Rev. D. D. McBryde, of the Presbyterian church, at Little River Academy. In company with my companion, Mr. Caddell, I spent a night in this home, and more social and hospitable people I have never met. A large family of handsome sons and beautiful and accomplished daughters, makes this a most interesting home, where all the pleasures of old time country refinement are enjoyed to the fullest extent; and where the stranger, going out from such warm and bounteous hospitality, sees more of the sunshine of life by reason of such kindly greeting and pleasant converse with those whose delight it is to do good, even to the passing guest or stranger.

The educational interests of Harnett have much improved of late years; and it seems largely due to the efforts of Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal of Duke's Creek Academy at Poe's and who is also county superintendent. His school is in a flourishing condition and bids fair to grow in numbers and usefulness.

After spending a night at the pleasant home of Mr. Hatcher with a number of my old friends and acquaintances, and enjoying his open-handed hospitality, I return to Scotland Neck for a day's rest, having had no more pleasant trip during the whole of the time I have been out in the interest of Wake Forest.

A peculiar and very unfortunate accident occurred in New York city a few days ago. A boiler burst in the middle part and sent one part of it through the thick walls of a house to the street, struck two laborers and knocked their mangled bodies against a tenement house on the other side of the street, and then shot like a cannon ball across the street, striking a saloon and wrecking the whole building. It also paid its respect to a street car as it went along, tripping up the horses and overturning the car. Five or six men and eighteen horses were killed.

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RANSOM DECLINED IT.

A telegram sent out from Washington on the 4th says that Senator Ransom has declined the position of United States Circuit Judge, which had been tendered him by the President. The place was made vacant by the death of Judge Bond. Mr. Ransom feels like he owes his duties to his people by serving them in the Senate and thinks some younger man than himself ought to have the place.

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