

The Commonwealth.

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BADLY MIXED.

The political situation in North Carolina, and all over the Union for that matter, is truly a study for one who has any aptitude for unraveling such knots. Russell declares he will not come down, which is evidently not what the Populists have counted upon.

What will they do? Do the Populists want free silver and good government? If so, why did they not endorse Bryan and Sewall for the national ticket and Watson and Mason for the State ticket?

Place seems to be a stronger incentive to many than the principles of free silver or the principles of anything else.

Tom Watson's "where am I at?" question certainly applies to the politicians now.

CONCOMITANT EVILS.

A few days ago while busy at our desk we were disturbed by sounds of a human voice floating into our window laden with harsh words of profanity. We stepped to the window and looked out on the streets and saw a man partially intoxicated talking to some colored men near him.

We turned to our work and tried to forget the face, the voice, the intoxication and the profanity; but they come back now several days after and suggest the concomitant evils of drunkenness and profanity.

Drunkenness is admitted by all sensible people as not only a great evil of morals and manners, but also a great drain on physical manhood and a channel through which one's earnings are squandered for naught.

Profanity is also regarded by all sensible people as a great evil of morals and manners and also a most despicable example to set before the young.

The two evils often go hand in hand. Most generally the man who gets drunk will swear, but not always will the man who swears get drunk, but generally one is not surprised to hear a drunken man swear.

It does seem that the thousands of object lessons of personal injury would deter men from drunkenness, and a regard for good manners would deter them from profanity.

"SOUTHERN LITERATURE."

Such is the title of a handsome little book by Louise Manly and published by B. F. Johnson & Co., of Richmond, Va.

The Southern school boy and school girl, as well as the older student, has never known enough of the productions of Southern authors; and "Southern Literature" is designed to stimulate to a more general and thorough knowledge of Southern writers.

It is a comprehensive review of the productions by Southern writers with extracts and criticisms. It covers the field from 1579 to 1895, giving the names of the best Southern authors and extracts from their writing to show the student their style. It also contains an appendix with a full list of Southern authors.

The book is very handy for schools and academies and its general use will be a means of impressing pupils in our schools of the importance of studying the literature of our own people.

Among the authors referred to in the book, from whose writing extracts are taken, are several North Carolinians, among them Zebulon Baird Vance, "Christian Reid," Francis L. Hawks, and others.

THE COMMONWEALTH commends it to those of our teachers who wish to acquaint their pupils with facts and styles in Southern authorship.

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MR. BRYAN NOTIFIED.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, Democratic nominee for President, chose New York City as the place where he should receive the formal notification of his nomination. Madison Square Garden was the place, and the gathering was the largest of the kind ever seen in that great city.

The meeting was held Wednesday night of last week, and there were from twelve to fifteen thousand people present to hear Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance. It took an hour and forty minutes to deliver it. Mr. Bryan read most of the speech from manuscript; and while it was a great speech, much more logical and argumentative than his speech which so electrified the Chicago convention, it was not received with so much enthusiasm. The public had expected another display of eloquence, but were disappointed; for there were few passages in the entire speech that could be called eloquent.

And perhaps this was better. Mr. Bryan knew that the speech would go out to the world through the newspapers, and that millions of people would be reading it within a few hours from the time he pronounced his last sentence.

And doubtless he prepared the speech with that fact before him, and so wisely chose to make it a sort of campaign document of facts on the great financial question to which he and the Democratic party are committed. The greater part of the speech was devoted to the silver argument of the financial problem, and the arguments were well and strongly presented.

There has been some effort on the part of the New York papers not in sympathy with Mr. Bryan's silver views to discount his speech because it did not bristle with dazzling bursts of eloquence as did his speech at Chicago; but it would have been out of the ordinary course of human affairs for it to be such. Madison Square Garden, with the public waiting two or three weeks, was a very different place from the convention hall in Chicago with the thermometer of enthusiasm already almost bursting; and it will be better in the campaign that Mr. Bryan's speech was such as it was in New York, for it is a sort of text from which those less posted may preach the free-silver doctrine with more force.

POPULIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Populist State Convention was held in Raleigh 13th. Congressman Harry Skinner of Greenville was chairman and Hal Ayer secretary.

The convention made the following nominations for State offices:

For Governor, W. A. Guthrie, of Durham; for Lieutenant-Governor, Oliver H. Dockery, of Rockingham; for Treasurer, W. H. Worth; for Secretary of State, Dr. Cy. W. Thompson, of Lenoir county; for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chas. H. Mebane; for Auditor, Hal W. Ayer, of Raleigh; for Justice of the Supreme Court, Walter A. Montgomery; for elector, Z. T. Garrett of Vance.

There was a strong fight over the nomination of Attorney General, and Zeb. Vance Walser was the principal name for the place. The selecting of Attorney General, one Justice of the Supreme Court and one elector, was left to the Executive Committee. Hal Ayer was elected chairman of the State Executive Committee.

The convention was not harmonious. Senator Butler completely dominated, and there were none to kick against the boss rule of Butler except Col. Harry Skinner and Capt. Kitchin. They both kicked against Butler's thumb-screw power and the willing obedience of the convention to his wishes; but it was all of no avail. Butler had the convention in his pocket and worked his schemes well. Capt. Kitchin declared that he left the Democratic party on account of "boss rule" and he finds it stronger in Senator Butler than he ever saw it in the Democratic party.

Col. Skinner was equally displeased with Senator Butler's summary way of dictating things, and expressed himself quite vigorously on the subject. But all the same Senator Butler has his thumb on the Populist pulse in North Carolina.

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ADVERTISING SALOONS.

We have been requested by a few of our patrons to drop a certain advertisement from the columns of the Dispatch. If we were publishing a temperance organ or prohibition paper, the ad. would never have appeared in it, but as a matter of business our columns are open to the public for the advertisement of any legitimate business, and we hope that more good than harm may come to all parties concerned by this course. At the same time we are sorry it offends any of our patrons. A newspaper does not necessarily endorse the business of every advertiser in its columns. We do nothing more than the secular press generally, and the ethics of the Dispatch is not set above the average. We would not be understood as attempting to vindicate either side of the temperance question.—Lexington Dispatch.

We do not question the right of the Dispatch to publish advertisements of whatever character it chooses. That is a matter for it to decide. We object, however, to its statement that "we do nothing more than the secular press generally." We do not believe there are two dozen secular newspapers in North Carolina that would insert a saloon advertisement. The Times does not wish to pose as a "holier than thou" paper, but we wish to say that we would not insert an advertisement of a bar room or beer saloon at any price. And we believe that a large majority of the secular press of the State occupy exactly the same position.—Concord Times.

The Times expresses our sentiments exactly. There are a great many papers in North Carolina that do not publish saloon advertisements, the Reflector being among the number.—Greenville Reflector.

The Lexington Dispatch recently inserted a bar room advertisement in its columns and some of its readers "kicked." The Dispatch says that it does nothing more than the secular press generally when it inserts such advertisements. The Dispatch is simply off when it makes this statement. Very few of the secular papers of North Carolina advertise for saloons. Many of the editors would not, advertise for saloons at any price. We are glad to say that the Enquirer has not been "tempted" with such an advertisement.—Monroe Enquirer.

THE COMMONWEALTH joins the Times, the Enquirer and the Reflector in condemning the statement of the Dispatch in saying the "secular press generally" advertises for saloons. This paper has never advertised for saloons under the management of the present editor, and it never will. We have no personal fight or grudge against any saloon keeper, but we are so thoroughly convinced that the liquor evil overshadows all other evils we could not lend it any countenance in the matter of admitting such advertisements into our columns no matter what price should be offered. A saloon could not buy space in this paper for a thousand dollars a column for each insertion.

APPRECIATIVE BRETHEREN.

Concord Standard.

At a meeting of the editors of the State at Morehead City last year, a movement was inaugurated to present to Mr. John B. Sherrill, editor of the Concord Times, the popular and efficient Secretary of the Association, with some token of their appreciation of his great efficiency and uniform, courtesy. A committee was appointed to purchase the gift. It was composed of Joseph Daniels, E. J. Hale, and W. C. Erwin. A few weeks ago a beautiful silver service was purchased, and on Thursday, July 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill were the happy recipients of same. It is a very handsome silver tea service of six pieces, comprising coffee pot, tea pot, sugar bowl, cream pitcher, slop bowl and waiter. The design is beautiful in its simplicity, the pattern following closely the old Colonial style. Engraved on the waiter is the inscription: "Presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sherrill by the N. C. Press Association, July 15, 1896."

A sad accident occurred in Oxford Wednesday of last week. William Royal Hobgood, son of F. P. Hobgood, president of Oxford Female Seminary, was killed by a young man named Edmunds. A number of persons were out shooting bats, when Edmunds' gun went off over his shoulder and killed young Hobgood, who was about six feet from him. Deceased was a young man of exemplary character, and would have graduated from Wake Forest College next commencement had he lived.

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STATE NEWS.

A boiler explosion at Troy Monday killed five men and injured four others.

Mr. B. N. Duke of Durham has donated \$500 to the Odd Fellows Orphan Asylum at Goldsboro.

The directors of the insane asylum at Raleigh have decided to make additions to the male department of the institution to cost \$19,000.

Policeman Blackwelder of Charlotte has worn the uniform forty years, and the Observer of that city proposes that he be retired on a pension for life.

The crop bulletin gives a very discouraging crop report of the State. It now looks like crops have been considerably cut off all over the State.

The Confederate Monument erected in Windsor by the Bertie County Confederate Veterans Association, was unveiled last Thursday. The oration of the occasion was delivered by Hon. Thos. W. Mason.

The Populist, a paper published at Lumberton, says that Rev. C. H. Martin, Congressman from that district, ought not to be requested by the people to give up the gospel ministry to which God has called him. The paper suggests that the Populists ought to nominate some one else in Mr. Martin's place.

Mr. William H. Hayne, of Augusta, Ga., son of the beloved Paul Hayne, is in North Carolina spending some time at Blowing Rock. Mr. Hayne's poetic powers are inherited, and the Charlotte Observer hopes that "the sublime scenery of the 'Land of the Sky' will inspire him to awake the strings of his clear harp in divers tones."

Capt. Junius W. Goslen, editor of the Union Republican of Winston, fell as he stepped from a street car Monday, his head struck the stones on the side walk and he received injuries from which he died in about three hours. He was the leading editor in the Republican party in the State.

A special to the press from Winston a few days ago said:

"Mrs Susan Walker, a widow lady of this city, has been an invalid for six years, suffering with spinal disease. To-day she astounded the members of her family by getting out of bed and walking without assistance. Mrs. Walker has great faith in prayer and she tells her friends that she had been unusually earnest in her supplications to God for the past few days. She believes her walking is simply an answer to her prayers."

Two men, Rufus Hackney and Anthony Harrington, were in love with the same girl near Carthage. She gave Hackney \$25 to keep for her. Meeting she asked him for the money. He told her he had lost it. His rival, Harrington, coming up at that time ordered Hackney to give over the money to the girl or he would kill him. Hackney protested that he had lost it. Whereupon Harrington drew a long knife and cut him about the neck. Hackney ran into the woods. Harrington pursued him, killed him, returned and told the girl what he had done and made his escape.

Readers of this paper may remember that some months ago we published an account of strange noises at a certain point of the Central Carolina railroad not far from Wilmington. The railroad experts had vainly tried to ascertain the cause, but could not.

The Greensboro Patriot has printed the following in regard to the solving of the mystery:

"A section of the Carolina Central division of the Seaboard Air Line, near Wilmington, N. C., has attracted much interest among railroad experts for some time by reason of peculiar noises made when trains passed over it. The section is about six miles long, and the passage of trains over the rails was accompanied by a squeaking and grinding noise, the cause of which has only recently been discovered. On account of the mysterious sounds this section of the track had the reputation of being haunted among the residents of that section of the State. Recently Vice President St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line, had the track carefully examined by experts, and it was found that owing to defective measurement when constructed the gauge was slightly out of the standard, and that the rails were not in line with the balance of the track. The six miles have been relaid, and since then the noise has ceased."

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