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We couldn't say these things if we were not absolutely sure of our ground. But come and see and learn.

Thomson Co. The People's Store

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them.

Calling Names Right Out.

The Democracy wants the man nominated who will maintain the dignity of his office, discharge its duties faithfully and fearlessly, and who will, so far as his duties go, protect and promote the substantial interests of all the people.

Mr. Cleveland Declines to be a Candidate.

From Princeton under date of November 25th, ex-President Cleveland wrote to Dr. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, a letter from which this extract is made:

How the World Pays a Man.

The man who goes into the open market with nothing particular to sell and with a poor quality of brains to sell that little, won't get much for it. This is the reason why the modern college seeks to give a technical education.

Cleveland Responsible for Prosperity.

It cannot be denied that Grover Cleveland did more to purify the pension lists than any other president the country has had, and he would have brought about sound tariff reform had it not been for Senator Gorman and other self-seeking politicians who thought more of their own personal advancement than they did of the welfare of the country.

NO REMOVAL OF WHITE CASE.

Judge Allen Denies Motion of Defence—The Defence Makes a Motion for Continuance.

Charlotte Chronicle. Salisbury, Nov. 24.—Judge Allen, of the Superior Court, this afternoon denied the motion of the defence for the removal of the White murder case to an adjoining county.

The defence this morning filed 36 affidavits alleging that Thomas J. and Chalmers White, who killed Russell Sherrill at his home at Mt. Ulla last September, upon his refusal to marry their niece, could not get a fair trial in this county.

Judge Allen stated that he would reserve his decision until after the noon recess. Upon the re-convening of court at 2:30 this afternoon the judge stated that he had decided to deny the motion for a removal, but that if upon the selection of the jury it appeared that any considerable number of the special venire had formed and expressed an opinion that the prisoners were guilty as charged that he would not be precluded from reconsidering his decision.

Counsel for the defence then gave notice of a motion for a continuance of the case, and Judge Allen set to-morrow morning as the time when he would hear argument upon the matter.

Killed Him in Self-Defense.

Fairbrother's Everything. Once upon a time two cronies were sitting up with their dead pal and one of them concluded he must get a drink before the saloons closed. The other one said he must go too, but, with a shade of decency the first one said it would not do to leave the corpse. So it was agreed, finally, to take the corpse—and they put a hat on it—got it between them and walked to the saloon. Standing the corpse up against the bar they ordered drinks for three. The two drank their whiskey and walked out leaving the corpse still and motionless.

North Carolina and the Presidency.

The Washington Post a few days ago interviewed a number of Congressmen upon the subject of the Democratic presidential nomination.

Mr. Page, of North Carolina: "The Democrats of North Carolina are for any man the Democrats of New York State are satisfied to nominate. I think Senator Gorman is the favorite in our State, although Judge Parker would be highly acceptable. North Carolina Democrats, however, are not disposed to allow personal preference to stand in the way of party success, and if it should be the judgment of New York Democrats, which State we must retake if we are to elect a President, that some other man would be a stronger candidate, we will gladly fall in line for that man, whoever he maybe."

Mr. Webb, of North Carolina: "The democracy of North Carolina will abide by the judgment of the majority. Any man acceptable to the East will be acceptable to North Carolina. Our only prospect of success is by re-establishing the alliance between East and South. The Democratic party has nothing to hope for from the West. Democrats down our way would gladly vote for a man even personally distasteful for the sake of defeating the present incumbent of the White House. I think they personally prefer Senator Gorman because of his great fight for the South when the force bill was before Congress."

What the Farmer Will Get Out of the Cotton Crop.

Charlotte Times. The cotton farmer has struck it rich this year. As a rule, cotton has gone up after the farmer has sold his crop, but this year he has sold very little cotton under 10 cents per pound. Think of what this brings to the South! Supposing the crop will be ten million bales—and it will not miss that much either way—and the cotton alone will bring \$500,000,000. The seed out of this cotton will sell for \$80,000,000. This immense sum of money distributed as it has been is obliged to put the Southern farmers in comparatively good condition. Yes, but some one says, what did the farmer himself get out of it? Did he get the profits or did the merchant and the speculator reap the harvest after the farmer had done the work? In the first place, it will cost at the least calculation \$250,000,000 to cultivate the cotton crop of the South; that is, to get it to the point of picking it out of the fields. Then it will cost at least \$50,000,000 to pick the crop, making the round sum of \$300,000,000 which will go direct into the pockets of labor. This is one great advantage the cotton farmer has. There is no other crop, so far as we know, where such a large per cent of the cost of production goes into the hands of the laborer.

Then, too, it does not require skilled labor to make cotton. It is true intelligent labor gets its reward here, as it does in every vocation, but the most ignorant man in the community can make and gather a cotton crop, and get just as much for it on the market as anyone else. From this calculation it may be seen that cotton, at a fair price, is a most valuable crop to produce. It is especially a good crop for the farmer who makes his compost and does not rely upon commercial fertilizers, which are always high, and used as they often are, are of little value either to the land or to the growing crop. However, this article had no object beyond suggesting that the man who planted and cultivated and picked his cotton, had a good share in the profits.

A Wilkes County Hermit.

Absher Cor. Wilkesboro Hustler. Meridy Richardson, a hermit, who moved to this section last spring from Horse Creek, Ashe county, is digging a cave or hole in the ground in Carter mountain, where he says he is going to stay this winter. He is very feeble minded and wild natured, does not want any one to visit him. He keeps a gun and shoots at all prowlers or possum hunters who go near his hut. He owns five acres of land and has placed \$5 in one of his friends' hands for the purpose of keeping Sheriff Johnson from selling his land for taxes. His taxes seem to be a great burden to him. He says "he is afraid Sheriff Johnson will come around and sell his land when he is not at home." How he lives or what he lives on this writer is not able to say.

Funny Things in the Talk About Old Man Cleveland.

Greensboro Record. There are some amusing things about the talk of the nomination of Cleveland for another term. About every day we see where some dear brother is tearing his shirt and declaring that no one except those who bolted Bryan in 1896 and 1900, wants him nominated, while the very next thing we run across is where some hoary headed old Pop. is willing and somewhat anxious to take the Old Man. The ex-chieftest of Kansas, a Bryan of the Bryanites, says he is not stuck on him, but that the country will be safe in his hands and as between Roosevelt and the Princeton man he is for Grover, yet he has not given up hope that the Populists will some day come into their own. These things are significant and it shows that when a man gets right down face to face with the proposition and leaves his fool prejudices behind, he acknowledges that Cleveland is not only a safe man, but a man who can be elected. The gentleman from Kansas is not the only Populist who is willing to take Grover; others have said as much and while the fact may militate against the Old Man, still it shows there is a strong current of wind blowing the sage of Princeton toward the Democratic goal. In the meantime, he just keeps on shooting rabbits and birds and ducks and after awhile he will bring down the biggest game of his life.

Raising Apples in Haywood.

Charlotte Observer. "Yes, raising apples, says," said Mr. John Farrior, who gave up the jewelry business in this city to go to Waynesville and manage a large farm that is pretty well covered with all kinds of apple trees. "I paid less than \$10,000 for the farm," said Mr. Farrior, "and I have already refused \$20,000 for it. This year was an off year and I raised only half a crop of apples, but that meant 10,000 bushels, which I sold for 60 cents a bushel. Next year I expect to raise over 20,000 bushels."

Madison County Ordered to Issue Bonds to Pay its Debts.

Asheville Special, Nov. 20th. Judge E. B. Jones, of the Superior Court, has decided that Madison county must issue \$70,000 worth of bonds with which to pay its indebtedness. The county will appeal from the decision of Judge Jones and the case will be heard in the Supreme Court of North Carolina and unless the decision of the lower court is reversed the opinion of the Supreme Court will mark the close of a legal war that has been for years waged between the creditors of the county and the commissioners of Madison.

Forgot What he Wanted to Ask.

Montic Journal. Sometimes the lawyers are accused of talking just for the sake of the talk, but this charge doesn't lie against them. They always have some end in view, but it has turned out that at least one lawyer forgot what his end was. In Chief Justice Flow's court the other day, the lawyers wrangled for hours on the admission of testimony. After one of them had contended for a long time to the judge that he ought to be allowed to ask a certain question, and the opposing lawyer had objected strenuously all the time, the court said, "Well, go ahead and ask your question." The lawyer looked confused at this, hurriedly turned appealingly to his associate, and then said, "Your honor, I've forgotten what I wanted to ask him."

Charlotte has Only Bellows Factory in the South.

Charlotte Chronicle. A manufacturing enterprise in Charlotte of which but little is known by the public is Mr. George Newcomb's bellows factory, on Pine street, between Ninth and Tenth. This enterprise is of interest for the reason that it is the only bellows factory in the South, and one of the few in the entire country. The business was established by the present owner's father prior to the civil war and has been conducted continuously ever since. Although the business is conducted in a quiet way, a ready sale is found for the output all over the United States. Practically all the bellows sold in this section are made in Charlotte, while a great many are shipped to the Northwest. This is only one of the many small manufacturing enterprises which add to the wealth and prosperity of Charlotte and assist in making this city a manufacturing center.

The cotton manufacturers of the South will meet in Charlotte on December 8th. The object of the meeting is to discuss the curtailment of cotton production.

Mrs. Silas Bracklin who, as Miss Belle Gregory, was a few years ago pronounced the most beautiful woman in America, was burned to death at Morristown, Tenn., last Wednesday night.

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Misses' and children's coats at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00.

These are the season's latest styles, very beautiful and attractive.

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Millinery.

Our special ready-to-wear hats are still in the high prices. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$14.00, \$16.00, \$18.00, \$20.00. They are certainly popular sellers and are winning a widening popularity purely on their merit.

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