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THE BAGGING QUESTION.

The farmers certainly handled the bagging trust in an admirable and effective manner. The bagging syndicate will probably dissolve on January 1st, but the Boston Journal of Commerce says: "It is not likely that the agreement will fail of renewal by the various contracting parties. Though jute butts have advanced in price one-quarter of one-half of a cent a pound, raising the cost of bagging three-quarters to one cent a yard, the new list price of the combination is likely to be eight to nine cents for the standard grade. This price will not only be low enough to shut out foreign competition, but it will be high enough to pay a fair profit to the manufacturers. Complaint is made that sales of bagging have not come up to expectations, the substitutes having to a considerable extent taken its place. When the price had once been set at 12 cents, the combination were obliged to maintain it through the season to protect the Southern merchants and distributors who had bought at that figure."

North Carolina enterprise, however, has placed the farmers independent of the bagging trust. The Wilmington Star says: "The most formidable competitor of the jute combination, the Acme Manufacturing Company of this city, whose bagging has given such great satisfaction wherever introduced, but whose factory, unfortunately, was destroyed by fire a short time ago, will soon be in the field again. In a letter dated the 9th inst., to a merchant of Savannah, Ga., and published in the News of that city, the company says: 'We are now rapidly rebuilding, and about January 1st expect to be in operation again, and will then be glad to exhibit the whole process, machinery, cost of plant, manufacturing, etc., and prove at our works any claims we make for the business.' It is a big field for Southern enterprise and capital, and jute bagging cannot now be made cheap enough to do us any harm."

Nevada was admitted to the Union to serve a political purpose, but those responsible for its admission can hardly be satisfied with the result of their work, says the Charleston News and Courier. In the last election its total vote for Presidential electors was 12,278. In 1880, with a population of 62,266, it cast 21,660 votes for electors, the vote being about 35 per cent of the population. The fall to 12,278 indicates a decline in population since 1880 from 62,266 to 35,000. Of the 35,000 some 8,000 are Indians and Chinese. Yet this handful of people—and not a very wise or select people, either—send two Senators and one Representative to Washington, and has three electoral votes.

In addition to the ghastly list of dead and wounded, the business men of Birmingham, Ala., find that the recent riotous proceedings there have had a disastrous effect on business. The Daily Age-Herald says every class of tradesmen, even saloon men, declare that the excitement of the past week has seriously crippled trade, and in a great many lines the loss in the volume of trade was fully 50 per cent. Merchants say that people were too excited to think of buying anything. One merchant estimates that Birmingham has lost no less than \$250,000 by its week of horrors. Thousands of strangers visited the city during the week, but they were there through curiosity, and not on business intent.

The occupation taxes of Texas are among the curiosities of State taxation. The repeal of the drummers' tax law, which will necessarily follow the recent decision of the Supreme Court, has suggested the wisdom of revising the whole list. No less than sixty-two occupations are especially

taxed, and the revenue from some of these, it is said, will not repay the State for the printing and the work done in reporting collections. According to the last report of the Controller, the clairvoyants paid \$45 into the State Treasury, the bill posters contributed \$12, the pool sellers \$5; there was received on the licenses of ship merchants \$7, and among the other sources of revenue were taxes on cock fights, gas companies, hacks, telephones and wagon yards.

A special dispatch from Indianapolis to the New York Tribune says: "The statements published in many newspapers that the President-elect has offered Cabinet positions to different men are causing him much annoyance. A large number of letters are being received daily, commending or disapproving the selections that he is credited with having made. He cannot undertake to explain to each of these many letter writers that they have been misled by false reports. The simple truth is, as has been stated repeatedly, no man has yet had the offer of a Cabinet position, and it is the hope of the President-elect that the assurance that this is the truth will be accepted as sufficient answer to the untrustworthy reports to the contrary."

The Legislature of Alabama has passed an act looking to an amendment of the State constitution so as to provide for a special tax, not exceeding 1 per cent on taxable property, to be levied for school purposes—the tax paid by white citizens to be appropriated for the support of schools for the whites, and the tax of colored citizens for the support of schools for the colored people. The amendment will be subject to ratification by the popular vote. In North Carolina the negroes are educated almost solely by the pockets of the white tax-payers.

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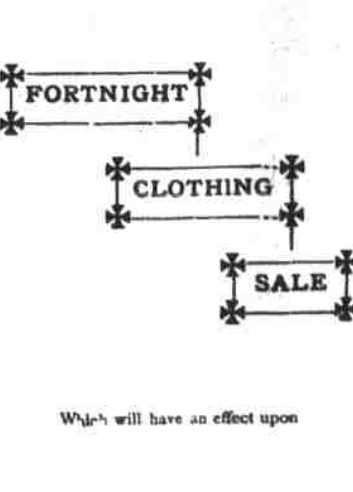
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Lv Wilmington	8 45 am	8 00 pm	8 15 pm
Lv Hamlet	5 45	5 00	5 15
Lv Wadesboro	7 30	3 37	
Ar Charlotte	9 35	3 37	
Lv Lincolnton			4 35 pm
Lv Shelby			5 07 pm
Ar Rutherfordton			5 37 pm

Eastbound Trains.			
Dec. 11, 1888.	No. 38 daily on Sunday	No. 28 daily on Sunday	No. 18 daily on Sunday
Lv Rutherfordton	6 00 am	7 45 pm	8 15 pm
Lv Shelby	8 08	11 15	
Lv Lincolnton	9 10	1 45 am	
Lv Charlotte	1 30 pm	8 30 am	
Ar Wilmington			8 30 am

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