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Sometimes it is whiskey instead of patriotism when a man gets real noisy.

It seems that our fellow-citizens who were about to run for President have subsided.

The dentists are strengthening their organization. They are disposed to "all pull together."

A fresh Thaw trial will begin in January. It is plain that Thaw still has a little cash left in his jeans.

Mr. Taft is a very large man, and people are disposed to weigh anything he may say on political questions.

There is one good thing about the telegraph strike, if the people can't send messages they will save lots of money.

Some new coal veins have just been found in Pennsylvania. That gives us at least one more winter in this country.

The Durham Sun says there are female angels in North Carolina. Of course he refers to the local editor of his paper.

Two factories at Thomasville had to stop work last week for lack of water for the engines. That town is really dry now.

A few indiscreet people are still talking panic. We hope it won't come, but, if it does, we won't have cash enough to participate.

The railroad magnates may be pretty hard-hearted. But, fellow-citizens, just take a peep at some of the enemies they have made.

If Mr. Kitchin really desires that a portion of the newspapers in this State be suppressed, he ought to start the ball himself and suppress a few.

Fairbrother's Everything says that a town is known by its live men. Not always. Some towns are willing to do ten times as much for some dead men as they are for the living ones. That is when sentiment runs away with sense.

NUMBER RAILROADS IN STATE.

Those who read certain newspapers in North Carolina and find that but one system is "cussed out" will probably be surprised to learn that there are thirty-six different railroad companies operating in this State. They are as follows:

The Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern, Aberdeen and Asheboro, Aberdeen and Rockfish, Atlantic and Western, Caldwell and Northern, Carolina and Northwestern, Carolina Valley, Cashie and Chowan, Chowan and Orlander, Chiff-side, Dover and Southbound, Durham and Charlotte, Durham and Southern, Durham and South Carolina, East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, Kinston and Carolina, Lawndale, Linville, Mount Airy and Eastern, New Hanover Transit, Norfolk and Southern, Norfolk and Western, Northampton and Hertford, Raleigh and Charleston, Raleigh and Western, Raleigh and Southport, Randolph and Cumberland, Red Springs and Hanover, Oxford and Coast Line, South and Western, Warrenton, Wellington and Powellville, Whitney Company, Virginia and Carolina Southern.

LAI D ON THE SHELF.

The Industrial News had the following inquiry a few days ago:

"By the by, what has become of that North Carolina anti-trust law that we heard so much about while the Legislature was in session? If it is well for the Federal Government to play at trust-busting, why should the State content itself with criticizing the game from the grand-stand?"

Of course the anti-trust law passed by the Legislature was pure buncombe, a grand-stand play, and it was quietly and respectfully placed on the shelf in an out-of-the-way place. Drastic anti-trust laws have long been a specialty in the North Carolina Legislature. Occasionally they are dug up and used during campaigns. But when it comes to trust-busting, other weapons are used, and said weapons have to bear the blame of failure. If the trusts were put out of business there would be nothing left to start the next fight on.

The South Carolina Legislature does not call for lower rates, but it wants better railroad service. Now that is something worth thinking about.

Many people stand ready to predict what would happen if Mr. Bryan were elected President. But no one is brave enough to predict his election.

Both sides must remember that all of the telegrams sent over the wires are sent by less than 5 per cent of the people. If 95 per cent can do without them, the 5 per cent can.

If the watermelon trust doesn't recognize the press early and often, we will see that there is something doing when the next Legislature meets.

We are sorry for the men who lost money in manufacturing bicycles and for the employes of the factories. But there is satisfaction in viewing the prospect that the building of them may be stopped.

A New York man swallowed \$400 in cash the other day. That is nothing. Since the rise in hotel and boarding-house rates almost any boarder can swallow \$400 at one time, and still feel hungry.

Johnny Tempest Graves desires that the name of Oyster Bay be changed to something else. Mr. Graves is rapidly showing qualifications that will eventually land him in the Presidential chair.

Owing to the foggy weather and the distance, we are not certain whether Japan is running a free advertisement or wants a whipping. But we still adhere to the claim that Uncle Sam is ready for either horn of the dilemma.

We have always heartily favored capital punishment; but if we were on the jury in Halifax County court, and the fellow who shot a man for playing an accordeon should come before the bar of justice, we would try to find some excuse and hang the jury.

OPINIONS IN A NUTSHELL.

Oh, well, telephone if it's important.—New York Mail.

Wall Street is acting as if it had been soaked for a big fine, too—or something equally bad.—Philadelphia Press.

Secretary Taft must be coming to the conclusion that the man who gets the Presidency earns it.—Philadelphia Press.

What a demand for wireless telegraphy the present blockade of the wires should serve to create!—Philadelphia Record.

Benjamin Franklin would probably say that the whistle which calls men out on strike is one that costs too much.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The primary system works both ways. It saves us John Sharp Williams, but it lost us Carmack.—Philadelphia Record.

Russia is described as a nation of cursers. If violent language was ever excusable, it is in Russia's case.—Washington Star.

Governor Magoon's policy of catching insurgents dead or alive may dampen the ardor of the fiery sons of Cuba.—New York Sun.

Rockefeller may be right when he claims to pull the cart in which the people ride, but he doesn't pull it for two cents a mile.—Philadelphia Press.

In the contest between the telegraph companies and their employes, both sides appear to have a first-rate chance to lose.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The telegraphers' strike has made it a little more difficult for some of the market operators to hear bad news from Wall Street.—Washington Star.

Americans pay \$1,000,000 a year for life insurance. How many millions of that is spent in calendars and picture cards is not stated.—Baltimore Sun.

Fortunately the Pole is in cold storage, and Peary will find it just as well preserved when he reaches it as if he had it now.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Standard Oil Company is to be sued for giving short measure. The company has lodged no such complaint against Judge Landis.—Chicago Post.

And the Persians are beginning to throw bombs. Civilization is making its way in Asia. Teheran is not so far off from Denver as the maps indicate.—Chicago News.

One difference between King Edward and an American President is that the former can swing around the circle without making speeches.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mrs. Esher Davis celebrated her one hundred and twelfth birthday in New York by dancing a break-down. Can't keep young people from being frivolous.—Baltimore Sun.

Heavy thinkers are still discussing the question, "Can a woman become an angel?" It is certainly a wonder if she can after being married a while.—Washington Post.

It is announced that the Empress Dowager of China is about to retire. This is the only form of practical joking indulged in by that elderly and celebrated lady.—New York Sun.

A woman writer boldly discusses "Women and Their Backs." If she would compile all that is said behind them, it might prove to be mighty interesting reading.—Washington Post.

There is nothing in the present strike situation, however, that will serve as a good excuse for further delaying the numerous scheduled dashes for the North Pole.—Washington Herald.

Farmers of the South, when waited on by walking delegates of the Cotton Pickers' Union, merely gave them a thrashing, and the wheels of industry hardly stopped buzzing a minute.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A new law in Alabama makes it a misdemeanor to carry a pistol less than two feet long. If that doesn't cure some men of the gun-toting habit, we miss our guess.—Washington Post.

Champ Clark's prediction that Mr. Bryan will be elected President seems to have aroused nothing but the suspicion that Champ has contracted the habit of talking in his sleep.—Washington Post.

The bear which tried to save himself from the President's big-game gun by becoming a common house-breaker and getting chased by officers of the law proves to the nature fakirs that Davy Crockett's coon really existed.—New York Tribune.

Coxey is reported to be preparing to lead another army, but has not announced where. Why not adopt the World's suggestion of some months ago and lead the proposed pilgrimage from Wall Street to Sagamore Hill?—New York World.

"Moonlight kisses in Jersey cost you \$5.65 each, if a policeman catches you taking them," admonishes the Baltimore Sun. Surely, however, the policemen are not so hard-hearted that they refuse to be fixed.—Washington Herald.

The Philadelphia editor who, wishing to compliment the Elks while the Grand Lodge was in session, wrote "The Elks thinks twice before he acts," and found it in print, "The Elks drinks twice before he eats," has a grievance against the "devil." If charged with libel, however, he may prove truth in mitigation.—New York Herald.