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THERE, AND HERE.
 We clip from the New York Herald the following in relation to the working of the secret ballot in a recent election in Norwich, Connecticut. The effect of the new method of voting has been to reverse the relation of parties, the Democrats now having majorities where for many years the Republicans have held possession. Not a shadow of suspicion is made to rest upon the new use of voting nor is there any claim to any new conviction or abandonment of old ones. It was the result solely of the perfect freedom—a compulsory one as it were—to vote as one pleased without dictation or interference, not led or driven to the poll to vote as his employer directed with the fear of peremptory discharge if he followed his own inclination.
 The Herald says:
 The secret ballot helped to do it, for in no part of the Union has political hollowness been more flagrantly and audaciously exercised. In some of the mill villages it has been worth a mill hand's job for him to vote openly, as he had to do under the old time ballot, for Democratic national or township officers. Often the hands employed by the most powerful corporations were driven to the mill towns in squads of thirty to forty to the polls and an overseer walked with the voters to the boxes to be sure that he cast the ballot the bosses had prearranged he should deposit.
 The Herald may be called a Democratic paper, and therefore the views and conclusions may be called in question by the other side. Nevertheless, the control of mill owners in a fact so well known, and so openly practiced that it has never been the subject of denial, qualification or apology. In fact the right to force the political opinions of the employe to conform, in their expression through the ballot, is claimed as a natural and inherent one; for what, it is urged, is more unreasonable than the hostile political attitude of employer and employe, or men whose interests are asserted to be identical, and whose action in the ballot should exactly conform?
 In other words while the Republican party of the North clamors for a free ballot and a fair count for the South, it takes no shame to itself in denying those essentials of unrestrained suffrage to a large class of voters in their midst. They make no concealment in driving swarms of factory hands, mechanics, miners and other wage workers to the polls and voting them like sheep.
 Yet now they are ready to plunge the Union again into war, are ready, in fact, to make it a pretext for doing so, to secure the unrestricted right of the negro to his vote, which they allege to be wrongfully obstructed or withheld. Certainly the mutuality of interest be good reason for dictation and guidance in one section, the same reason would hold good in another. And would act less unjustly and oppressively: for at the North, the operator is presumed to be intelligent, able to form opinions of his own; and, in voting under compulsion, does violence to his reason or his conscience. With him it is bread or starvation; alternations, in the choice of which necessity leaves little room for choice. Whereas, with the negro voter, if compulsion be ever used to control his vote—and it is not—in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, he has not the most shadowy conception of the questions at issue, votes as he is told to vote, and is made to do so to swell the strength of the party that makes the most use of him.
 If the Democrats of the South, in the life and death struggle for the preservation of the sacred interests of society, government and civilization, have resorted to measures that might be condemned under less exacting conditions, it will be found that they will be justified, in some instances, by the examples of those who denounce them. The essence of the secret ballot, or the Australian system, now finding so much favor in the Northern States, and in full use in some of them, is the compulsory detachment of each voter from external influence, instruction or guidance. The much denounced South Carolina system, which leaves the selection of the ticket to be voted through the intelligent choice of the voter differs nothing in principle, though varying in particulars, from the now much lauded Northern or Australian system. One is lauded as the solver of all the difficulties attending free and fair suffrage; the other is denounced as the flim of all woes to the negro and the sum of all iniquities.
 Whence comes the wide difference?
 The vast extent and possibilities of the United States are by no means appreciated by the inhabitants of the Republic, who have become so accustomed to large areas that they are blind to the significance of map measurements. The boom that marked the opening of the Oklahoma Territory led many people to think that they are already becoming crowded for living and working space. How far from the truth this is, is shown by a glance at the great area of Texas, and even of the north-western States. The largest county in the United States is Custer county, Montana, which contains 36,000 square miles—being larger in extent than the States of Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island. One-tenth of our present population could find a means of livelihood in this one county, and then it would not be so populous as Belgium. There is plenty of room in the West, and North-west for our colored population, therefore, when they are ready to move in that direction.

BURNING OF DR. TALMADGE'S TABERNACLE.
 Conflagrations are so much in the daily order of current events as to have ceased to excite any deep or lasting interest. Sometimes we are roused to something like sympathy when we learn that the people of a whole city are burned out of house and home; sometimes we are amazed at the magnitude of the destruction; sometimes we have a brief thrill of horror at an accompanying loss of human life. And sometimes we deplore the loss of some buildings, public or private, with historic association, or richly stored with the treasures of art whose loss is irreparable. But it is very rare that the burning of any town or edifice stirs up more than a transient emotion. The burning of Dr. Talmadge's tabernacle at Brooklyn forms a notable exception. Every Sunday in the year his voice has sounded in that pulpit and gone out to the remotest corner of this broad land; and every week his sermons are spread before ten thousands of eager readers, and fall upon their ears and eyes as living echoes of his thoughts and speech. The interest in those sermons is deep and universal, and the ruin of the place from which they were sent forth on their wide mission of usefulness comes home as a calamity to be mourned as great and individual loss. But such a tongue as that of Talmadge cannot be stilled by such a mishap; such a pen as his cannot be paralyzed by such misfortune. He did not draw his inspiration from the Tabernacle.
 "No pent-up utterance confined his powers."
 And in a little while his voice will ring out again from some other place to be equally familiar and endeared, and his winged messenger of love and hope and cheer will soon take up their accustomed flight to all the waiting eyes of his myriad readers.
The Alliance and Politics.
 Charlotte Democrat
 A Georgian remarked to us on the train concerning the Alliance that its great danger was its tendency towards politics. We replied that we thought that tendency its peculiar safeguard, and with Brother Dowd's permission we recast in here. We do not believe any organization can continue in America to grow in power unless it is secured with the salt of Religion or Politics. One pretains to the relation of men with God; the other to the relation of men with men. If one would throw the Masonic orders up to us, we reply that their strength is mainly due to their subordination of religious tendencies. Other societies get together taking as a common principle a problem that is often settled by natural laws. The Knights of Labor, for instance, were rightly striving for needed remedy of wrongs, but they attempted to tamper with supply and demand, a question which is settled outside of specific societies. It must be admitted that the only lasting and reasonable way for men to get remedies in America is through a coloring of the laws to their own shade. Attempts to do this are regarded as their privilege and they are upheld within these limits. Politics covers this ground, namely the choosing of men to speak the farmer's voice in the comments of the nation. Farmers cannot fix the price of a staple any more than they can under any other natural law. The Boycott is a deadly threat in any form is repugnant to people of the 19th century, especially in America, and invariably rebounds against the user. The Alliance has a great aim and a great impetus. Fight the laws that are against you—as citizens through politics. Be outspoken in this—but do not tamper with corners or specific acts of spite.
The Outlook.
 North State.
 The summer has passed and the autumn days are upon us. The early promise of abundant crops has not resulted in a full harvest. The freshets did great damage in the cotton belt, and entailed much damage upon the truck growers. The heavy rains in the tobacco belt curtailed the yield, but the high prices now paid for the weed will make up for the deficiency in crop. Middle and Western North Carolina is well satisfied with its harvest of grain; and the fruit growers can fancy what would have been their profits if transportation for orchard products could have been secured.
 There appears to be much growing interest in the construction of railroads, and the establishment of factories. Northern capitalists are beginning to look South for investments, and there is certainty that we are on the threshold of a new era in our material interests.
 North Carolina has been overlooked, while Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee have been largely sought by moneyed men who look favorably upon the future of the South. Lack of interest by people abroad in the resources of North Carolina, is mainly due to the indifference of her own citizens.
 Large areas of territory are uncultivated because too far distant from railroads, or for want of effort to induce immigration. The people by organized effort can easily help themselves and improve their condition. It will not do to sit quietly and wait for progress. It is only procured by pushing, earnest effort.
 The people of North Carolina can achieve success by working for it, and in that way only. Nature has done her part, and done it well. She has provided of neglect, and our people must be up and doing if they would realize great benefits.
 F. K. Sailor, chief clerk of the bureau of ordnance in the navy department is now on his first leave of absence for thirteen years. We must regard him as a dull "sailor" who has not been to "see" anything outside of Washington for so long a time.
 Dr. Parker Prays cream Van-Ola, Rosaline, Ogdaline and Diamond nail powder having now become the ladies' favorites, at F. L. Jacob's drug store, these popular manicure articles may always be found, together with pocket emery board, orange wood sticks, nail scissors, files and other such requisites. Also a complete line of drugs and toilet articles, in addition to the Hebe Soda Fountain from which ice cold drinks are dispensed. Corner Main street and Patton avenue.
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 No man will lose money on you, and when one offers goods below cost at wholesale, buy them, but don't touch them in other goods. Use common sense, price around, and where you are offered the best bargains
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