

NEWS FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

STATE PRESS.

The Baptist state convention went on record with the other large religious bodies of the state in opposition to the lax divorce law that prevails in North Carolina. With all the churches united in this matter such force should be brought to the coming legislature as will secure a change of this very bad and disgraceful law.—Greenville Reflector.

"What nonsense it is to attempt to place upon President Roosevelt's message the responsibility for a stock gambling panic in Wall street," indignantly protests the republican press. And what nonsense it was to impute the financial panic of 1893 to the Cleveland administration. But the republican press insisted upon doing this, and does so to this day.—Winston Journal.

In spite of republican charges of extravagance in the management of state affairs, the Aycock administration will close in a few weeks with a comfortable balance of over three hundred thousand dollars in the state treasury. Contrast that with the depleted condition at the close of the Russell administration, and you will see why the people of North Carolina prefer to keep democrats in power.—Raleigh Post.

We notice that some of the North Carolina newspapers which published disgraceful cartoons of the President during the campaign are now criticising the governor of Mississippi because of something harsh he said of Mr. Roosevelt. Well, better tactics should be practiced by a governor, but we have all heard about the kettle calling the pot black.—Reidsville Review. The point is well taken. Some of our southern people—and we say it with regret—constantly conduct themselves toward the president in a manner that is neither dignified nor consistent.—Statesville Landmark.

The News does not wish to get into discussion upon Vardaman and Vardamanism. The governor of Mississippi is a notoriety seeker, and does and says many things for effect. To argue over him at length would be but to act in accordance with his own desires. But when it comes to the perplexing question of etiquette as to whether he shall be invited to the inauguration, we most certainly think he should be. It is not Vardaman the man but Vardaman the governor of a great and sovereign state who should be requested to represent his commonwealth at the inauguration ceremonies.—Charlotte News.

We observe in the published report of the proceedings of the meeting in September of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association, held in New Hampshire, that Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of this city, who was one of the speakers, "declared that labor in every line was better paid in the south than in New England, excepting possibly in cotton manufacturing, and even there it was on a parity, while the cost and conditions of living were more favorable; because more wages can be saved, opportunities to advance are greater and prosperity more universally abundant." And it is not of record that anybody challenged the statement.—Charlotte Observer.

It would greatly simplify things if some hundreds of Asheville Women would meet on Park square on Christmas day, exchange the greetings of the season, swap dollars, and go home. This idea is not claimed as original; it was invented by a utilitarian theorist, and a mere man, of course. But these women will not do it; nothing could induce them to see it that way. They will continue to pass in mental review before them, again and again, the names of people who must be remembered on Christmas morning, giving to each these searching inquiries: "Will she give me anything?" "What did she give me last year?" "What did I give her last year?" "What will she give me this year, and how much will it cost?" "Had I better select a \$3.49 present for her and a 75-cent present for So-and-So, or a \$3.28 present for her and spend 98 cents on So-and-So?" They will still skirmish about the shops, pricing, ransacking, computing; they will still dream horrible nightmares of receiving something from somebody to whom they have not given anything.—Asheville Gazette-News.

Eight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy, Druggist. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Now that Governor Vardaman has been invited to the president's inauguration, we trust that he will at once relieve public anxiety by announcing his permission that it may come off on schedule time.—Atlanta Journal.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at R. R. Bellamy's Drug Store.

A Chicago woman was killed in trying to jump her board bill. Doubtless, it was too high.—Norfolk Landmark.

Bodily pain loses its terror if you've a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any sort.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is held that England missed an excellent opportunity to strike a blow at an enemy she must finally meet in deathgrapple, when she consented to compromise with Russia on the fishing fleet incident. Europe is sneering at her "big talk and little do." If Mr. Baifour had taken the advice of the Times-Union at the time, the war in Japan could have been summarily put to rest. The Japanese civilization given a warning it sorely needs. And we submit that our contemporary, the London Times, insisted on the same vigorous policy. Perhaps the common interests of ruling families still outweigh the policies of the peoples—in America as in Europe.—Florida Times-Union.

"I especially commend to your immediate attention the encouragement of our merchant marine by appropriate legislation." Thus speaks the president in his message and that is all he has to say on the subject. There are many schemes by which the merchant marine may be "encouraged," but as devised by the republicans they all involve the exaction of tribute from many people in order to pay it to a few. The president, while approving the proposition to encourage the merchant marine, declines to commit himself openly to any of the plans for encouraging it. On occasions when he chooses to exercise it Mr. Roosevelt's agility as a sidestepper is not the least notable of his accomplishments.—Courier Journal.

No sympathy is being wasted on the officers of the wrecked bank at Oberlin, O., whose downfall was brought about by the Chadwick woman. The national banking law restricts loans that a national bank may make to one person or corporation to 10 per cent of the bank's capital stock; nevertheless, these people loaned Mrs. Chadwick a sum of money amounting to four or five times the bank's entire capital. And they did it because she had promised them a handsome rate of interest for the bank and large bonuses for themselves. The avaricious, get-rich-quick spirit was upon them. They were willing to take chances for the sake of the profits they thought they saw. They gambled, and lost.—Savannah News.

President Roosevelt is evincing a determination to extend the bounds of civil service "reform" preserve to include pretty much everything not already corralled. His latest move in this direction is an executive order including 355 subordinate consular positions in the classified service. If this order will have the effect of making the consular service a sort of training school, in which bright, efficient and ambitious men can begin their career on the ground floor and by dint of merit work their way to consulships, it will meet the hearty approval of the American commercial world, which is constantly being given reason to lament the inefficiency of the consular service as compared with our foreign trade. If it amounts to little else than a life tenure of office for a lot of young partisans of the present administration, the approval of the American commercial world will be considerably qualified. If the "senior system" is needed anywhere for practical results, it is in the consular service.—Atlanta Constitution.

The longer the Smoot case runs the more entertaining it becomes. The latest bit of evidence reveals a state of affairs, however, that will probably only amuse those who have a penchant for the gruesome. The Mormons, it appears, like the death of one of the parties should be allowed to snap the bonds of matrimony. Once a husband, always a husband, is the Mormon doctrine—unless the church says otherwise. Or in other words, they believe that the dictum of the church carries more weight than the hand of death. If a wife dies the mother in law problem is not settled for her husband; she's still his wife, dead or alive, until the church grants a divorce. We don't care to speculate too deeply concerning these matters, but it is evident that the divorce among the Mormons must offer even more sides to the moralist philosopher than among the rest of us. One can scarcely conceive of a lady who had recently passed away filling a bill of divorce against her husband and taking the trouble to answer a petition filed by him. It is like wise hard to imagine one suing his or her spouse on the grounds of some action taken since or of his residence in the undiscovered bourne. There are phases of the case that strike us as distinctly unfair. When a spouse goes to court against a spouse and the general, everything is ex parte.—Atlanta Journal.

Beware of Counterfeits.

"DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve" writes J. L. Tucker, of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use." Mrs. Samuel Gage, of Norcross, N. Y., says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for twelve years, that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. I could not walk for over two years. Finally I was persuaded to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel, which has completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by R. R. Bellamy.

Attorney General Moody is prosecuting one man for holding another man in peonage. Why don't he prosecute the trusts for holding all the people in peonage.—Atlanta Journal.

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It is not much to brag about, but the Democratic party can draw a shade of consolation from the fact that it is not responsible for seven cent cotton.—Raleigh Post.

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It is said that one-half of the world's gold supply of \$5,000,000,000 is invisible. To us it is practically all invisible.—Exchange.

HERE AND THERE.

The millionaires of Pittsburgh have established a new office rule since the Chadwick revelation. Now no well-dressed woman can get into the private office of one of the kings of finance, no matter how pressing may be her business. She must do all her work through a second person. Saturday afternoon two well known Pittsburgh women sought an audience with H. C. Frick to ask him a small donation for a public bath house in a mill district. Mr. Frick sent word that he would be unable to see them, but accompanied it with a check for \$5,000.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

The total vote for president was 13,533,619 and Roosevelt's plurality was 2,546,669, or 1,697,254 greater than McKinley's plurality over Bryan in 1900.—Charlotte Chronicle.

During the campaign Secretary Shaw didn't know there was a deficit in the treasury. It now turns out that there was a deficit of \$42,770,572 on the 30th of June. Then it was "a democratic lie" and now it is a part of the official report.—News and Observer.

The fellows are about to rob Crum-packer of his thunder. If such jealousy arises as to cause them to fall out among themselves the rest of us will shed no tears.—Greenville Reflector.

Senator Latimer has given up hope of the passage of his good roads bill at the present session of congress. It has been announced that economy is to be the slogan of the session and in every effort made to obtain support for the measure the question of legislative extravagance has been raised.—Statesville Landmark.

The year 1904 will write itself in history as a period of international arbitration. Beginning with the noteworthy treaty between Great Britain and France, many similar treaties have been signed, and are now pending. The Interparliamentary Union, held in St. Louis in September, was composed of more than two thousand members, and out of this grew the call for the second Hague Conference.—Presbyterian Standard.

"Please beg people who are holding their cotton to keep it in a dry place," said Mr. E. C. Winchester, a well known cotton man, to The Journal this morning. "If left exposed cotton will rot before you know it," he continued, "and the man who holds cotton and finds half of it rotten next spring will be in a bad fix indeed."—Monroe Journal.

Prayers have recently been offered in some Kentucky churches for rain. The weather got so uniformly clear with varying winds, as the up to date forecaster puts it, that not a drop of water fell for months and some distilleries had to find water and was obliged to drink upon a preaching tour, couldn't buy whiskey, or go thirsty. Naturally he too began to pray for rain. It will be hard times if one has to dam the Ohio river and resort to irrigation for the relief of the blue grass region.—Exchange.

The congressional committee of fourteen has returned from Panama to Washington and its spokesman, Senator Kittredge, says that they favor a tide-water canal. This will involve a cost of additional millions but will greatly facilitate the passage of ships and may be more economical in the long run—or sail.—Durham Sun.

Thomas Lawson has made quite a stir with his "frenzied finance." It is now in order for some to write on fascinating finances. Mrs. Humbert, in Paris, and Mrs. Chadwick, in America, have laid the basis, and given the world startling sensations in duping financiers.—Exchange.

If Mr. Smoot is now denied a seat in the senate the democrats will always believe they understand why it was not done before.—Durham Sun.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan is reported to have purchased recently a massive white marble punch bowl that once rested on the sideboard of Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States. Possibly when Colonel Bryan has brewed a brew in this bowl and partaken thereof plentifully, his writings will be more Jeffersonian than ever before.—Savannah News.

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Dave Hill is going to Paris on a visit immediately after January 1. The announcement is made thus early to give Mr. Watterson time to get home so the country will not be left entirely without a good man on watch.—Washington Post.

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Decanters Were Marked C. O. D.

A story of British stolidity, says the Boston Record, is going the rounds. A certain wealthy American in London dropped into a shop to purchase a set of decanters.

As the purchase represented more money than he had on his person at the time, he gave his address at the hotel and instructed the assistant to mark them C. O. D. The assistant made a note of the request, but the purchaser was surprised to find the goods left at the hotel without demand for payment. When the parcel was unpacked, however, it developed that each decanter had been beautifully engraved in twining letter, "C. O. D."

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