

**Press Comments**

M. Goblet has given up the task of forming a ministry. He found it too delicate. We are not surprised. His very name suggests brittleness.—News and Observer.

The noble army of Life Savers did good work last year. There were 332 disasters. On board three vessels were 6327 persons, of whom 6272 were saved. The total value of property saved was \$5,788,820.—Falcon.

Blaine won the first heat in the race for the Republican nomination next year by the selection of Chicago as the place for holding the convention. This strengthens popular conviction, that the race in 1888 will be between Cleveland and the Maine statesman.—Virginian.

By putting Lamar on the Supreme Court bench the President has made a movement in the right direction. We need several more Southern members of that court. The restored Union knows all sections, and all sections should be represented on the court alike.—News and Observer.

The people of Albemarle rejoice with those of other sections over the recovery of Senator Vance from his recent accident. The Asheville Citizen says the appearance of numerous bears in his neighborhood may have hastened his recovery as he is quite fond of such game.—Enquirer.

Statistics show that all the land in the United States under cultivation for breadstuffs, hay and cotton is not over one-fifth of the arable acreage, and that the State of Texas, which exceeds the area of the whole German empire, has sufficient acreage to grow the entire present wheat crop of the United States.—Carolinian.

The Charlotte Chronicle says: "It is rumored that a movement behind and between the lines of the Republican party in the State is progressing to run Judge Settle for Governor next year." The Plant comments as follows: "If the Republicans settle upon Judge Settle as their candidate it will be easy work for the Democrats to settle Judge Settle."

President Cleveland's message recommendations are finding unexpected favor. So far as known only six Democratic Congressmen are openly opposed to them, while seven Republicans favor them. A well informed Ohio Democrat says that though some of the Ohio men oppose the message, they, with the possible exception of Mr. Foran, will vote for any tariff bill that has the Speaker's approval.—Virginian.

The prohibition law of Kansas has been declared constitutional by the highest court in the land. This is a victory for the temperance cause, and will doubtless have a tendency to strengthen it in other States. Justice Harlan, in delivering the opinion says: "The State of Kansas had a right to prohibit the liquor traffic. It did not thereby take away the property of the brewers. It simply abated a nuisance. The property is not taken away from its owners. They are only prohibited from using for a specific purpose, which the legislature declared to be injurious to the community."—Durham Tobacco Plant.

By his advocacy of free raw materials and a general tariff reduction, while opposing abolishing the internal revenue, President Cleveland has aroused the South to a point where a split on the tariff question is almost certain. The industrial interests of the rapidly developing South are threatened with serious injury if not destruction, and the people of that section for their self-preservation will bitterly oppose the suggestions of Mr. Cleveland. The South needs protection and it will secure it even if old time party affiliations must be abandoned.—Journal of Commerce.

**TRUE WORDS.**

Some very intelligent men are under the impression that when they subscribe for a newspaper it is not due till the time expires, and some act as if they thought it would not become due during a natural life. Newspapers are CASH IN ADVANCE, and if by reason of personal friendship, this is not demanded, it does not alter the fact it is due. Those whose circumstances are cramped no good man will harass, but people who handle their hundreds and thousands in cash during the year can offer no apology for withholding from the poor printer two or three years pay for the paper. "For of such are (not) the Kingdom of Heaven."—Gold Leaf.

**RECOLLECTIONS OF J. WESSIE WILLIAMS, JR.**

Died, in Reidsville, N. C., December 4th, 1887, of diphtheria, J. Wessie Williams, Jr., in the 21st year of his age.

Just entering manhood, young, talented, with bright prospects, noble aspirations and beloved by all who knew him, truly has it been said that death loves a shining mark. The days of our happy childhood spent together rose vividly in my memory when the news of his death reached me and I see him now as I knew him then, gentle, noble and loving; he was at once the pride and joy of his parents and delight of brothers and sisters and friends. Just before his illness, which lasted only two days, he was looking eagerly forward to gathering all his brothers and sisters at the old homestead, to have one more happy reunion of the scattered family. Now the only reunion we will ever know will be not at our childhood's home, but "Just beyond the shining river."

He joined the Baptist Church at Warrenton, N. C., at 10 years of age, and has been a thoroughly consistent and conscientious Christian ever since. His gentle, loving disposition endeared him to all, but to none more than the sister to whom he was ever kind and affectionate. To the other members of his bereaved family, I would say—our loved one is not dead, but asleep; not lost, but gone before. God knows best, "He giveth His loved ones sleep."

Like weary and worn-out children That sigh for the daylight's close, He knew that he oft was longing For home and its sweet repose; So He called him in from his labors, Ere the shadows could round him creep And guarding him safe from danger, He hath given His loved one sleep. M.

**HEAVY STRIKE.**

PITTSBURG, Pa., December 10.—Sixty flint glass factories closed to day by a general strike, throwing 18,000 workmen out of employment.

A New Berne negro has been awarded a diploma by the State Agricultural Society for the best display of home made agricultural implements at the last State Fair.

**A REAL, LIVE HELL.**

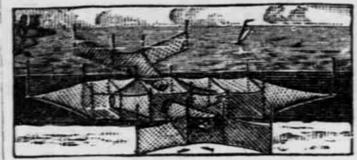
Rev. E. L. Pelt, of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, in answering to a New England cousin who wrote him, "Please inform me as to religious belief in the South," thus replied: "We believe in the Bible account of creation, its mysteries, difficulties, and what you are pleased to call absurdities. We believe in the Trinity, and are glad we cannot explain it. And—if you are now prepared to hear the worst—we believe in a real, live hell!" There is a strong smell of brimstone in these terse sentences.—Virginian.

**A MISFORTUNE.**

On the night of Dec. 5th, Mr. F. B. Guilford, member of the county Board of Education, residing near Aurora, sustained a considerable loss. About 12 o'clock his barn, 100 barrels of corn and a lot of peas were destroyed, incurring a loss of about \$600. Cause of fire is not known.—Washington Gazette.

How often we see a farmer trying to carry more land than he can well do; often double the number of acres they should have. It does not pay to carry on a farm in this fashion; better pay taxes only on what you can profitably till. Put the fertilizers on few acres, raise larger crops, and you will find it will pay a great deal better.—Husbandman.

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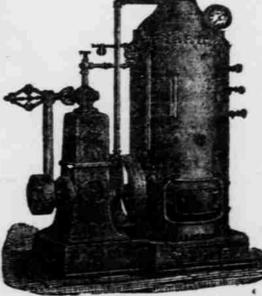
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