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EVEN Spain talks saucy to the United States, says the Decatur *Review*. If there is a country that does not, it must be deaf and dumb.

NONE of the national taxes are altogether fair, remarks the Chicago *Times*, incidentally. They are taxes on consumption and not on wealth. They bear more heavily upon those who have little than upon those who have much. This is about the size of it.

A BILL has been introduced in the Ohio legislature making the owner or harborer of a dog liable for the damage the animal does to sheep. This is as it should be. Such a law would no doubt have a wholesome effect upon sheep husbandry in our State. Let our law makers at Raleigh consider the matter.

SAM JONES refused to address a gathering of newspaper men at Boston. His work appears to be exclusively among the sinners.—*Painesville Democrat.*

Samuel evidently had not lost sight of the fact that it was customary to take up a collection where he went along. He is not so simple as the wood cuts picture him.

REPORTS indicate that business throughout the country is looking up. There has been a decided improvement in the general trade of the commercial world in the past few days, and the outlook is brightening. All through the South are signs of activity and thrift, and the effect of this Southern prosperity is felt in great centres such as New York and Chicago.

It is said that a person can live cheaper, and at the same time more aristocratically, in Geneva, Switzerland, than in any other city in the world.—*Exchange.*

That doubtless is very consoling to a fellow who finds it difficult to "make both ends meet" here at home. What we want to know is how to live cheaper, if not more aristocratically, where we are.

It is believed in high official circles that Matthews will not be re-appointed.—Washington *Gazette.*

It would be an insult to the country if he should be—as indeed was his appointment at first.—Henderson GOLD LEAF.

Now what will Mr. Cleveland do about it?—*Banner of Truth.*

Why, call the Clarksville *Banner of Truth* to his aid, of course.

WE ADMIRE and applaud the spirit and good sense displayed by Miss Ida Getchell, a determined young Cincinnati belle, who recalled the invitations to her wedding and refused to marry her betrothed, T. B. Harris, of the same city, because she discovered that her prospective husband was leading a dissolute life during their courtship. The cast off groom is a young man of brilliant parts, and is the son of a leading Methodist minister.

AT THE last meeting of the North Carolina Press Association a committee was appointed to recommend to the General Assembly measures providing for publication of some legal notices that are not required by existing laws to be published in newspapers. Messrs. H. A. London, T. B. Eldridge, Josephus Daniels, W. W. McDiarmid, H. C. Wall, composing the committee. By order of the Association, the president was added to the committee. The GOLD LEAF desires to know if the gentlemen have done anything in the premises?

THE organized militia of Canada comprises 37,350 men. The Dominion government has a large cartridge factory at Quebec. This bit of information is thrown out for the benefit of Mr. Ingalls and that class of politicians who seem to be trying to get up an invading party to go over across our Northern border to stake off certain fishing grounds for their own amusement.

THE Charlotte *Chronicle*, one of the newsiest and best edited dailies in the State, promises an improvement in its Sunday edition. According to its own statement, "new features will be introduced; and it will be a North Carolina journal, as chatty as a sewing society and as spicy as a mince pie." The *Chronicle* has been steadily improving from the first, and the GOLD LEAF rejoices at its excellent success.

WHERE is this pension business to end, the hard working tax-payers of the country would like to know? The Decatur *Review* says the total number of volunteers in the late war, regulars, colored troops and all, was 2,857,712. One in every three of this number, has applied for a pension, and one in every five has been granted a pension. In other words, there are now on the pension rolls of the government 577,810 pensioners of the late war, and the applicants and pensioners number 945,577.

SINCE Prof. Kerr North Carolina has been without a State Geologist, a very important branch of our departmental service, it seems to us, in view of the fact of our great mineral wealth. Mr. T. K. Bruner of the Salisbury *Watchman*, a gentleman in every way qualified to speak on the subject, says:

The miners of the State should memorialize the Legislature to make an appropriation for a State Geologist, and to secure such an officer, at any cost. Let him be a man among men, a man with parts in science. The State needs him, the farmers, (who are the land owners) need him, the miners need him and the vast unexplored territory in North Carolina cries out for him.

THE great freight handlers' strike in New York was declared off last Saturday, and work has been resumed by those of the strikers who could get back to their old places. The loss created by the strike has been very great. What a pity it is that the workingman finds himself forced to resort to the use of such desperate means as the strike; and then how seldom it is that his condition is ever bettered thereby. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and should be paid his just proportion of his earnings. Capital cannot afford to oppress labor; nor should labor attempt to destroy capital; each is dependent upon the other, and each should be the friend of the other. The strike is dangerous to both sides.

THE Fayetteville *News* states that 16,000 persons have gone from North Carolina to Georgia since the first of January. There is evidently some mistake in the figures but we know that many people have gone to seek fortunes beyond our border. The land that flows with milk and honey always lies just a little way off, and all that is necessary to amass wealth, live at ease and do without work, many people think, is to turn their backs upon their native State and home and move a little further on. But what a sad mistake many of them make. There is no better country than North Carolina if people will *work* and be *economical*—and the sooner the malcontents come to realize this the better off they will be. Our advice is, stay where you are, and work as hard here as you would have to do elsewhere, and you will not be disposed to swap the old North State for any other.

THE world over no troops have been found to surpass, if indeed any have equalled, the Southern soldiers. The valor and fortitude displayed by them during the late war, contending as they knew they were against overwhelming odds, shows them to have been made of the stuff of which only heroes are made. The Wilmington *Star* says on the subject:

Mr. Roosevelt, the Republican New York biographer of the North Carolina Democrat, Thomas H. Benton, incidentally concedes the superiority of the Southern troops, for he says "there was an undoubted average individual inferiority of the Northern compared with the Southern troops—at any rate at the beginning of the war." He might have said all through the war. The North had nearly 3,000,000 of men in service; the South had 600,000. Mr. Wilkerson, a Northern soldier, has shown how superior was Lee's army to Grant's, and this was the last year of the war.

IN MOST instances this striking business ends about as the Logansport *Chronicle* says, referring to the situation in New York. It says:

The great New York strike is over, the companies having all the men they can use. Thousands of strikers are out of work in the midst of winter. And what have they gained by it? Simply this: the walking delegates are sure of their salaries while the poor devils who quit through "sympathy" will have to either go to the poor house or live on charity.

HON. JOSEPH J. DAVIS.

The appointment of Hon. Joseph J. Davis to fill the place on the Supreme Court Bench made vacant by the death of Judge Ashe, will be eminently gratifying to the friends of that distinguished gentleman throughout the State. And nowhere does his selection give greater satisfaction and pleasure than here at home where he is best known and appreciated. Mr. Davis is in the 59th year of his age, well preserved physically, and in the full enjoyment of his splendid mental faculties. He is a man of fine parts, large experience at the Bar, and of the highest integrity. Possessing a sound judicial mind, well poised, in the hands of "Honest Joe Davis" the scales of justice will indeed be evenly and impartially held to the utmost extent of his ability.

The Wilmington *Star* whose able editor, Mr. T. B. Kingsbury, has been a long and intimate acquaintance of Mr. Davis', says of him:

* * * He served gallantly in the war as Captain. He represented the Fourth District four years in the Federal House of Representatives, and distinguished himself as a most faithful, watchful, honest public servant ever guarding the interests of his people. After two terms he did not stand for re-election. Because of his fidelity and integrity the *Star* bestowed upon him a sobriquet that has stuck—"Honest Joe Davis." We remembered that in our boyhood a prefix was given to another Davis, an eminent Senator from Massachusetts, known all through the land as "Honest John." Our North Carolina "Joe" is the full peer of the Massachusetts "John" in honor and conscientious devotion to what is true and just and noble.

Judge Davis is in unabated mental and physical vigor. He will take to the bench the same high qualities of nobility, conscientiousness, morality and integrity that so eminently distinguished the admirable Ashe. This writer is really glad to say that for thirty-nine years his relations with Judge Davis have been of the most intimate character. If we know any man we know Joe Davis. He is a man of marked character and individuality. He is as true as the needle is to the pole and will never perform any act that shall not bear the sunlight full upon it. We would trust him as far as we would any living man. He has had a long experience at the bar, and has always enjoyed a full practice. He is a man of judgment, of discretion, of good abilities.

It was certainly proper that the selection should have come from the middle part of the State, as Chief Justice Smith is from the Albemarle section, although residing at Raleigh at the time he was nominated; while Judge Merrimon is from Western Carolina, although a citizen of the capital when nominated.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following described articles of personal property have been seized by me in this district for violation of the United States Internal Revenue Laws, viz:

One Barrel Apple Brandy, containing about thirty six gallons, and one Barrel Corn Whiskey, containing about forty five gallons, seized at Henderson, N. C., January 13th, 1887, said to be the property of E. I. Bowen.

Any person claiming any interest in said property is hereby requested to appear and make claim thereto within thirty days from this date and show cause why said property should not be forfeited to the United States. Given under my hand and seal of office this 1st day of February, 1887.

W. H. YARBOROUGH,
feb. 3-3 c. Collector 4th Dist. N. C.

Notice of Summons.

North Carolina, Vance county. } Justice's Court.

W. W. Reavis
vs.
W. E. Jeffreys.

This is an action for the recovery of a debt due plaintiff by defendant amounting to one hundred and thirty-five and 16 100 dollars; said indebtedness evidenced by bond and open account. The defendant W. E. Jeffreys, is hereby notified to appear before S. H. Allen, an acting Justice of the Peace for Vance county, on the 12th day of February, 1887, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at Henderson, N. C., and show cause, if any he has, why judgment should not be rendered against him for said amount and interest. This 5th day January, 1887.

S. H. ALLEN,
Jan 6—6 c. Justice of the Peace.

Notice of Summons.

North Carolina, Vance county. } Superior Court, February term, '87.

W. T. Cheatham, W. F. Rowland, Henry T. Jordan, D. D. Overton, B. I. Powell, W. E. Gary, J. A. Stallings, T. W. Ford and W. S. Parker, Trustees, Plaintiffs,
Against
Frank Wood, Defendant. } Notice to Defendant.

Notice is hereby given to the defendant that the above entitled action was commenced in the Superior Court of Vance county by issue of summons in favor of the plaintiffs above named against the defendant above named on the 26th day of Nov. 1886; that on the same day a warrant of attachment was issued in said action against the property of the defendant and levied on defendant's property in this State; that the parties to the said action are those named in the above title to the action; that the amount claimed is two hundred and fifty dollars; that the claim is for damages for breach of contract in building a church edifice for the M. E. church, South, in the town of Henderson, North Carolina; and the said summons and warrant are returnable to the February term of the Superior Court for Vance county to be held at the court house in said town on the 2nd Monday before the 1st Monday of March, 1887, when said defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint. This 6th day of January, 1887.

W. H. SMITH,
Sheriff of Vance county.
HENRY T. JORDAN Att'y for Plaintiffs.
[Jan. 6—6 c.]