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THE STATE OF TRADE.

Conditions of the Cost West as Viewed by Blackwood.

Blackwood's weekly review of trade for the week.

Mid-weather throughout most of the country has interfered to some extent with the distribution of white weight cotton and other white goods, and has been a hindrance to business in certain cities. Last week, Jobbers and retailers, however, report a steady increase and in some cases very active business in all holiday goods, particularly in the South. Business from the South continues as a whole very good, with especially favorable sales in New Orleans. Cotton purchases in New Orleans are, as a rule, generally very strong, and the market is well supplied with cotton. Peculiar reports from Kansas, Kansas City, St. Louis and other points in the West indicate a use of standard and even greater strength.

Trade in leather goods is also strong, and the market is well supplied with leather goods, but leather will not longer be among the leading items in value. The decreases have been slight, excepting some very large decreases in leather goods which work a heavy toll. Total exports of leather goods from the United States and Canada were \$1,000,000 last week, up \$100,000 from the previous week, aggregating \$2,000,000 since the beginning of the year.

There are no important reports from the United States this week, as opposed to last week and last in the week a year ago.



It is said that Emilio Castelar makes more money with his pen than he ever did as minister of Spain. He was born 60 years ago. He was first known as a writer under the name of "El Cid." It is now thought that he should now represent the Spanish government.

He is now a member of the Cortes, or the Parliament of Madrid. Just after our interview he was a leader in the revolution which took place in Spain, and he was condemned to death. He escaped his punishment and came to the United States.

A Wholesale House Thief.
Floyd Bullock has stolen from the wholesale house of John E. Farnsworth, with high walls, visited Mobley vicinity, doing considerable damage and greatly alarming the inhabitants. The thief, who is about 30 years old, was captured in North Carolina, 80 miles to produce a sum of \$100,000.

With this fact in mind, it is evident that the out of 10 per cent is being taken by the market men, who are taking the thing that will do any good at present will be a radical cut in the cost of living. With a gain of 10 or 12 per cent, as the operators are well acquainted with the conditions and know that there is a great deal of waste.

Even this will still leave a difference of about 30 per cent, in the cost of living, which is about the same—too great a difference to struggle against successfully.

Southbound Gets the C. & Y. & V.

It is announced that the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad has passed to the Seaboard and Roanoke, and the proposed new line will be completed as a part of the Seaboard system.

John W. Daniel practically re-represented the unrepresented rate of both the Seaboard and Roanoke, and agreed to operate the line for 25 per cent of the net earnings between the North and South.

Reopened His Salary.

At White Sulphur, Miss. J. F. Bragg, the pastor of the Second Baptist Church, has been re-appointed to the pulpit.

The congregation increased their salary by \$100.

A Reduction of Wages.

The members of the proposed reduced committee of the Southern Farmers' Association, which is to be organized in the various states and districts, and to be headed by Mr. W. H. Thompson, have been invited to a meeting at the Hotel by Mr. G. C. Johnson, president of the Southern Farmers' Association, at which time the committee and representatives are to have their incomes reduced and to determine the amount and to fix the same.

An Outline Bill.

The outline bill for the payment of the debts of the Southern Farmers' Association, which is to be organized in the various states and districts, and to be headed by Mr. W. H. Thompson, has been favorably reported to the House by Mr. G. C. Johnson, president of the Southern Farmers' Association, at which time the committee and representatives are to have their incomes reduced and to determine the amount and to fix the same.

Increase in Postal Receipts.

The bill which has been pending in the House of Representatives since the adjournment of the session of November, 1893, has been introduced, having the committee of ways and means in charge of the same.

Mr. Thompson is the author of the bill.

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Favor Reduction in Acreage and Advocates Action

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We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from Mrs. Jessie D. Moore to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Lillian, Mr. Joseph H. Hall of Ossining, N. Y. The event is to take place at St. Matthew's church, next Wednesday, the 12th at 8 P.M. Mrs. H. H. McMurphy officiating.

EUROPEAN

We have seen a copy of the Times Letter, a newspaper, Indian published at Birmingham, Tenn., by the Blue Ridge Publishing Co., with W. G. L. White, editor and president of the company with sixteen men on the staff writing, composed of Rev. Dr. J. W. Matthews, Misses A. C. Price, A. B. Field and Misses Lillian, Ruth, Hattie, Jessie, L. F. Grinnell, and J. B. and J. W. Bain. It seems to us that they are enough to make the paper go if there is nothing on sufficient news. The paper was started by a number of publishers. Whether for political purposes or not, we can't tell, but its contents sound to us like a political sheet. The chief editor is the former minister of the E. G. in this city.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL

In a recent issue, we find in the grounds in that the State Normal school located at Salisbury was not accomplishing the work it was intended to accomplish. Since making the statement, we learn that the principal who is Dr. G. C. Craven, says that he did not do his best. He claims that the school is in a good condition and has as large attendance now as it ever had. What we had in my way, as we thought, in the interest of the school, and was not to reflect discredit to anyone connected with the school in any form. The location—the field for the work of a normal, to our judgment, is not a good one. In the first place, the field is partitioned with boundaries, which has been established by the extraction of several acres of land from the second Normal. The Normal, of course, is in a constitutional school, yet there are denominational feelings against the school which, without question, work against its advancement.

A NEGRO EDITOR ON A WHITE PAPER

Comments to the life of business and in many instances it has opened up business avenues for the Negro. In perusing our exchanges we find the following editorial statement from the editorial columns of a paper published by a white man. Read it:

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The above is from the *Fair* Times published at Greensboro. Mr. Grayson is a young colored man of unusual ability. The *Fair* Times is a white paper and has over 25 to 30 Mr. Grayson was upon the editorial staff. This was especially upon the part of some of its editors, but it is to be said that the opposition has a bone fanning making a

success in the conduct of American history. In this case, we can see that colored men in life of business will succeed more than only make themselves masters of the situation. They will success while others will fall down the other side, in business and administration and popular when they will be allowed to compete business in competition with the white men and women, who now have it all practically to themselves. There is no competition within the colored men in America, that succeed in business avenues for the Negro. In perusing our exchanges we find the following editorial statement from the editorial columns of a paper published by a white man. Read it:

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BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA?

The Negro in the Old North State is between the devil and the deep sea... We mean from a political standpoint. He is on the democratic party on one side, frightened to death for fear the Negro is going to come in power of the State government, or at least they say so. Upon this seas, they have entered upon a campaign to array the poor white people against the Negro with a vengeance. On the other hand, he leaves the white republicans, with whom he has affiliated for years, with their backs turned upon us, willing to accept the recognition we are entitled to. Such a condition of affairs places the Negro in a very unpleasant position. If he did not have practical qualifications, the same ambition, the same aspiration that the white man has, it would not make much difference, especially as the conditions relate in holding office.

It is evident that the Negro does not care much whether he is used or not (if he could), he wants to be used. There are 35 Negroes in the 1000 inhabitants of the State, not out of every 100, who cannot read or write, and yet Mr. Luther and his crew went down in Raleigh and sent out the cry "Negro rule is certain in the State—give us a white man's gov'rnment." Mr. Luther afraid of 35 Negroes in 1000? Again, out of every 100 white people in the State, there are 28 of them who can neither read nor write. Out of every 100 of colored, 60 of them can neither read nor write. It is to be noted, that Mr. Luther and those who are with him, are afraid of the 28 who can read and write. With this vast difference they compare the colored population. Many engaged in sugar production are anxious, because they would be allowed to land their sugar on American soil free of duty. It was reported through the newspaper article this week that Congressman George White, of our State, is opposed to the annexation of Cuba, and that the negro number is greater than the large?

It appears that the Hawaiian annexation will meet with strong opposition in the Senate. Over 21,000 of the inhabitants of the island petitioned this week against the annexation. It seems that the sugar interest is pushing the colored annexation—Men engaged in sugar production are anxious, because they would be allowed to land their sugar on American soil free of duty. If we do not believe that Congressmen George White, of our State, is opposed to the annexation of Cuba, and that the negro number is greater than the large?

Many of the best with us joined in my efforts for protection and civil rights. I am the recipient of a very noisy paper, the *Christian Standard*, written by Rev. J. H. Carr, A. M., D. D. of Shroyer, N. C. Several hours will be given to same and the Evangelical press. Both papers are now the organ of the *negro*.

I am in receipt of a letter from the Rector at Asheville stating that the books will be here to-morrow. I will furnish each Lodge this week.

No one fails to congratulate the Enterprise for overruling racing. I shall send you several subscribers as long. I am too busy to write. I hope to hear something from the correspondence soon.

On Thursday of last week I rated a fox club for organizing at Corbin, Ky. We are running the whaleback to his life's end. S. H. Gilson.

A consistency of the 22nd Mason was established in this city by A. B. Leatherwood in 1866. Asheville, N. C., was the first town in the South to receive the Charter. It is the fourth time in the history of North Carolina and Georgia. This is the fourth time that the Negro has the honor of holding. How absurd! The cry "white supremacy" may be heard, but we don't think so far late! With this insulting cry by the democratic party, and the Republican party (we mean the controlling element of the party) opposed to their office, place us, as it were, "between the devil and the deep sea!"

The Morning Gazette of a Recent Birth.

The colored people of Guilford county have agreed to open an industrial fair, to be held in the auditorium of the school. The fair will open on the 20th of December, 1897, to receive the articles of the colored people in the community. The fair will be open to the colored people in the auditorium of the school.

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The Clouds Roll By.

Adams has had great name for race horses. We are told that the best of horses in the city has now died and is buried in the cemetery.

Taylor's National bank of Asheville began paying out its money to the public on the 1st of January, and since that date has paid out every day since October 21 will now be put into circulation.

Most important as regards the fact that today it can be positively stated that a new national bank with strong financial resources will open here soon, since with the opening of the new bank.

The saddle of January will doubtless be a good one.

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The above we clip from the *Appling Gazette of Perry*. The general sense of the people is not bounded in any way, and the colored people are not to be denied.

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But also! If such men as Dr. Kirby Smith are to be left to judge such as the colored people,

then we can see that the colored people are to be denied.

Mr. Elton Morris Lewis, white, in a communication to the *Morning Gazette* Tuesday advocates the appointment of female physicians in the lunatic asylum, and the female wards of the State hospital.

From recent diabolical acts committed against Dr. Kirby Smith, and some of the records made by his predecessor, we are of the opinion that her advocacy is right, and should meet the approval of the people. These institutions are established in defense of morality and not to its detriment.

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