





# THE REFLECTOR.

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The REFLECTOR having a large circulation will be found a profitable medium through which to reach the public.

To day marks a crisis in North Carolina's politics and prosperity that no well informed man can contemplate without grave fears as to the result. No day in the past twenty five years of the State's history has had more dependent upon its action. More momentous issues have never before with us hung upon the actions of any one body as present themselves to the convention which meets in Raleigh to-day. For the past three or four years there has been an unrest among the masses which, under the nursing of unwise and imprudent men and in some cases fanatical and unprincipled to a large extent, has reached a point that almost threatens the tearing asunder past party affiliations, the demolition of the only party that has ever been a friend to the laboring man, and the turning over again the destinies of our beloved State into the hands of that party that robbed her of everything save her honor, and even placed this in jeopardy. The delegates to this State convention, could they look a few years into the future and see the results of this meeting, would feel that they are charged with a mission by far more important than ever confronted their predecessors. We verily believe that the work done in this convention will maintain the integrity of the party, heal the threatened breach and forever establish Democracy in the Old North State by the storm through which it has successfully passed, or it will bring upon the State dissensions and divisions which no living man or men can reconcile and in consequence scenes and calamities similar to those of "Reconstruction days." We do not now recall any previous occasion when men have gone into a convention for the sole purpose of introducing measures which they know will be sure to create discord, and yet if we are to believe the facts this will be true in the body that meets to-day. The REFLECTOR trusts that these fears are not well founded and that there may be perfect harmony but the prospects are anything else than favorable to this as it now appears. Wisdom and prudence all around are the only things that will save us. No hot headed enthusiasts are needed in to-day's convention. It does seem to us that if there ever was an occasion when the issues at stake demanded patriotic consideration that they do to-day. Nothing but love of country and good government can prompt action that will to-day unite us in a common cause. There is a demand just now that he who is an Allianceman and he who is not, that he who favors free coinage of silver and he who opposes it, that he who advocates Cleveland and he who favors some other man, that he who wants the sub-treasury plan and he who opposes it, that he who favors the St. Louis demands and he who denounces them, that he who favors this or that man for Governor and he who prefers some other, shall make complete sacrifice of personal preferences and aspirations for the common good of the people of North Carolina, and that there shall be a united effort to heal all differences and present a solid front for reform and good government which are the cardinal principles of the Democratic party. In doing this it will not be necessary to sacrifice principle. These are eternal in the Democratic—made so by being just.

The convention should and we trust will give us men above reproach, men who are upright, honest and strong, and with clean hands. With these as our standard bearers the defeat which now

threatens us will vanish, and when the roll is called on the second Tuesday in November next North Carolina will still be found "solid" with her sister Southern States in the ranks of pure Democracy both State and National.

## THINGS HE SEES AND HEARS.

(Editorial Correspondence.)

SALISBURY, N. C., May 16, 1892. And here we are! Slightly jaded but ready for the war-path. Of course REFLECTOR readers remember that we spoke last week of going to stop over a day in Salisbury to get even with the *Herald* man for telling a certain fish story on us. They might not have known, however, that our intention was to lick him (if he didn't lick us.) The licking part was a dead walk over, on our side. The *Herald* man was at the depot, loaded for bear, but when he got just one peep at out "fierce look" (according to Colley) he fainted dead away. Well we make it a rule never to hit a down man, so we took pity on the poor fellow, picked him up and lugged him home. We imagine hearing somebody ask: Why didn't you ride? Ride! We'd like to see somebody ride in Salisbury! Why, the town don't own a horse. An animal of that kind around the depot would be a curiosity indeed, while a bus going through the street would draw eyes like a circus parade.

Would you think Salisbury, a town of 5,000 people, to be that kind of a place? That is just the size of it. Twelve passenger trains stop here every twenty-four hours, but an omnibus or any vehicle to take passengers up town cannot be had. This being so, you can imagine how a man feels arriving here at midnight after a weary day's travel, and has to walk half a mile or more over rough streets to get to his stopping place.

We don't like to say anything about Salisbury, for we like the old town and will promise not to do so, if it will have vehicles to meet the trains hereafter.

Lets see. We spent a day here last August and noticed some things that were going on. There have been right many changes even in the short time since then.

One change is a new boy in the *Herald* family that wasn't on hand at our last visit. This makes three, all boys, and looks like the *Herald* can have all the printers it is looking for by and by, if it learns these boys to make good "devils."

Again Salisbury has built another large cotton factory since last summer; an ice factory of ten tons daily capacity, has been established; numbers of new residences are up; the streets are being macadamized, and there is a general improvement all along the line.

How we wish Greenville could catch on to such a spirit as this.

Rowan held her Democratic county convention here Saturday, and my goodness, what a wrangle they had! The air was blue even till to-day. The Alliance and Third Parties came in full force and tried in every way possible to capture the convention, but were downed at every point and came out badly behind. The Democrats are jubilant, because the Alliance had done its work in secret, and thought it had 'em. It was a good day for Rowan Democracy, and the old county may be depended upon to do her duty when election time comes.

News comes down from Concord that the Cabarrus convention was even a worse wrangle than they had here in Rowan, and resulted in two sets of delegates being selected to the State convention. The trouble will be settled in Raleigh.

There are some very bull-headed Alliance Third Party advocates up in these parts, and when they are sifted down they are found standing shoulder to shoulder with dyed-in-the-wool Republicans.

ALONG THE ROUTE.

Coming over our trip Saturday we perhaps heard more politics talked than any other one thing. Between Rocky Mount and Raleigh we were with Rev. J. W. Powell, a native of Sampson, whom some of the Greenville folks know well. He is a good Allianceman, but a better Democrat, and expressed much regret that his native county—and some others—were going wild after the false doctrines of Marion Butler. He said the principles laid down by Polk and Butler will be the overthrow of the Alliance, and the order can never expect to accomplish any good or secure any relief by following such men.

We reached Raleigh just after the Wake county convention had been held, and learned that it was a very harmonious one. Though President Butler was in the city, his presence had no effect, and the Democrats elected their delegates without trouble. S. Ohio Wilson, the chronic sore-head, had caused some trouble out in his township and tried to carry it into the convention, but was promptly set down on. It seemed to be con-

ceded by all that as went the Wake convention so would go the State convention, and the general prediction was that there would be an harmonious gathering in Raleigh on the 18th. May it be so.

While at the Raleigh depot we had the pleasure of a chat with Dr. Winston, President of the University. He told us he had no better pupils at the University, and none of whom he was more proud, than the boys from Pitt. He called them over by name, the two Hardings, Moye and Cherry, and referred to the strength of character and perfect manhood of each. Pitt is proud of her boys, too.

Leaving Durham we saw no one we knew until reaching Greensboro. Here we saw Charlie White and Peyton Mayo at the depot. Charlie has a position at the Keely institute and was looking for some "patients." Greenville folks will be glad to know that he is doing well.

To-night we bid adieu for a while to dear old North Carolina, and proceed on our journey across the continent. D. J. W.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows met in Wilmington last Tuesday May 10th. It was the best attended of any former meeting. The number of Lodges in the State now is eighty-seven, an increase of sixteen since the last Grand Lodge met. This is a larger per cent of increase than has ever been in the history of the order in this State before. The Orphan Asylum erected at Goldsboro by this noble hearted organization is now open for the reception of Children.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$8500 to pay the expenses of the institution for the coming year. This amount was thought sufficient to sustain twenty orphans. Three classes of children are taken. First he orphans of Odd Fellows in good standing, second the children of suspended Odd Fellows and third any orphan. Five thousand dollars were paid out during the past year for sick benefits.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year Grand Master, Jno. D. Bellamy, Jr., Wilmington; D. G. M., W. D. Gaster, Fayetteville; G. W., W. C. Douglas, Carthage; G. S., B. H. Woodell, Raleigh; G. T., R. J. Jones, Wilmington. J. F. Branton was elected Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge which meets in Portland, Oregon, next September.

There is no retrograde movement in point of competency, in fact the order is gaining ground daily. It is composed of some of the best men of the State and is doing some of the noblest work of any organization within our borders. Cape Fear Lodge with which the Grand Lodge met gave the representatives and excursion to Carolina Beach at which they enjoyed an elegant oyster roast.

Mr. W. L. Brown who was the Representative from the Lodge here tells us that the body was royally entertained and that it looked as if the people could not exhaust their genuine hospitality.

The next session will be held in Winston.

The programme for the commencement at the University on the 29th of May has the promise of a feast of reason. The great Kentucky orator and Statesman Hon John G. Carlisle, will deliver the address. Mr. Carlisle is one of the foremost men of the nation and he will find a most cordial welcome to this State.

Hon. A. M. Waddell, one of North Carolina's own gifted sons will speak on the life and character of the late lamented William L. Saunders. The theme of his address is worthy of the attention of any speaker and Col. Waddell is the man to do it justice.

Dr. Carter of Raleigh will preach. He is now recognized as one of the foremost preachers of the South.

Taken all together the University was wise in the selection of its speakers and thus insures a big crowd at the commencement of 1892.

Serator Z. B. Vance is at his home at Gombroon, 18 miles from Asheville, sick. A telegram to Asheville a few days ago, summoning a physician to his bedside has caused much anxiety. The exact nature of the illness of the Senator cannot be ascertained. All of North Carolina will be rejoiced to hear of his recovery.

Hon. W. H. Kitchen of Scotland Neck has been mentioned by the *State Chronicle* as worthy of being sent to the Chicago convention. No body doubts Mr. Kitchen's Democracy and party service. He is not a very great admirer of Mr. Cleveland but the man whom he will support would be a Democrat.

All Kansas has again been visited by a deluge, the third inside of ten days. There has been an immense loss of property. More than half of the city of Kansas was submerged in water five or six days ago.

The National Executive Committee of the people's party decided to call the convention to meet on July 2nd, so that they may get organized and be ready for nomination by July 4th.

The United States Government has decided that "Newbern" is the proper writing of the prosperous city on the Neuse, and not "New Bern."

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13, '92. Presidential rumors have been flying thick and fast this week. First, it was said that Senator Hill had made up his mind to withdraw in favor of Governor Flower. Next that Mr. Cleveland would soon make public a letter declining to allow his name to be presented to the convention, and advising the party to seek its candidate in the West; and still another that Mr. Cleveland had submitted a proposition to Senator Hill for their withdrawal in favor of some New York man to be mutually agreed upon, or in the event of that being rejected, or their inability to agree upon a New Yorker, to withdraw in favor of some western man, with Hill as Vice President. These all belong to the "important if true" class of news, and are only mentioned to show the feverish condition of things political at this time.

The sending of ex-Senator Bruce, the negro who is a citizen of the District of Columbia when a fat local office is to be filled and a citizen of Mississippi when delegates to a republican national convention are to be elected, upon a Southern tour to strengthen the delegates to the Minneapolis convention, is regarded as the most direct acknowledgment of weakness yet made by the Harrison managers; but it is said that something had to be done at once to counteract the work that anti-Harrison agents, plentifully supplied with money, are doing among the negro delegates, or else they would all be opposed to Harrison by the time the convention meets.

Whether Bruce will use money or promises to conjure them with is what others have told about other Presidential years, it may be assumed that both will be used, the former sparingly, and the latter plentifully.

A strongly backed movement in favor of putting refined sugar on the free list, is making itself felt in Congress. It is claimed, doubtless with truth, that in no other way can the detested sugar trust be so quickly or so surely shorn of its power. Many republicans privately admit their belief that it would be a good move to put refined sugar on the free list, but their votes would be controlled by their party leaders should the Ways and Means Committee of the House decide to favorably report such a measure, and not by their private opinions.

Representative Fithian, of Illinois, thinks that while the republicans are hurrying over the legislation granting the rights and privileges of American registry to the two big ships of the Lunan line, is a good time to get the question of free ships before Congress and the country, so he has introduced a resolution asking that June 6, 7 and 8 be devoted by the House to a discussion of the bill providing for the free admission to American registry of ships built in foreign countries, the final vote to be taken at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 8th. This is regarded by democrats generally as a good move, as the bill, if passed by the House and forced to a vote in the Senate, would enable the republican Senators did not vote to admit the City of New York and City of Paris to American registry because they favored free ships, but because they wanted the Inman company to get some of the Post-office ocean mail subsidy, which they could not receive without having an American register. It is probable that Mr. Fithian's, or a similar resolution, will be adopted by the House.

Land Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Pitt county, made at January term, 1892, in a certain action therein pending, entitled Geo. B. Wright, Executor, et al., versus Samuel Moore, admr of McG. Manning et al., I will on Monday, June 14th, 1892, sell at public sale before the Court House door in Greenville, to the highest bidder for cash, a certain tract of land in Bethel township, containing 100 acres, more or less, situated in the town of Bethel, in the county of Wayne, North Carolina, containing eight hundred (800) acres, and being the tract of land on which McG. Manning lived.

ALEX. L. BLOW, Commissioners. Greenville, N. C., May 11th, 1892.

The Democrat, Washington, D. C., for the Campaign of 1892. A clean, clear, honest Democratic campaign paper with full campaign news, will be mailed to any address until November 10th for Fifty Cents. Sample copies free. Agents wanted everywhere. Address: The Democrat, Box 33, Washington, D. C., or the EASTERN REFLECTOR, with which it will be clubbed for 75 cents for both papers.

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Summer days are fast approaching and now is the time that excursionists, pleasure-seekers and sportsmen should figure out a route for their summer vacation. In doing so, the delightfully cool summer and fishing resorts located along the Wisconsin Central Lines come vividly to view, among which are Fox Lake, Ill., Lake Villa, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., Cedar Lake, Wis., Wausau, Wis., Fish Lake, Wis., Ashland, Wis., Wisconsin has within the last five years become the center of attraction for more pleasure seekers, hunters and fishermen than any other state in the union, and each visit increases the desire to again see the charming landscape, breathe the balmy fragrance that is a part of the invigorating atmosphere, wander through the cotillions of statey places and look the speckled beauties with a hand made fly.

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# How Long Did the Candle Burn?

## 104 Hours, 51 Minutes, 34 Seconds.

and Mr. W. H. Smith, of Greenville, is the lucky guesser. Below we give a list of some of the nearest guesses:

Mr. W. H. SMITH, 105 HOURS  
Miss Apple Smith, 104 hours, 33 minutes, 23 seconds.  
Mr. G. Evans, 105 hours, 5 minutes, 5 seconds.  
Mr. J. R. Moore, 105 hours, 2 minutes, 9 seconds.  
Miss Helen Perkins, 105 hours, 13 minutes, 21 seconds.  
Mr. E. S. Dixon, 104 hours, 8 minutes, 3 seconds.  
Mr. J. T. Brown, 104 hours, 2 minutes, 13 seconds.  
Mr. R. Hyman, 105 hours, 45 minutes, 10 seconds.

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—Have you seen our immense stock of—

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If you have not, don't delay. It will be money in your pocket and they will add greatly to your attractive appearance. And they are cheaper than ever before. Do you want to appear well dressed? If so look over our stock of

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we are headquarters, and while we do not sell you at first cost we guarantee to put the same hat on your head for 10 per cent less than any other house in town.

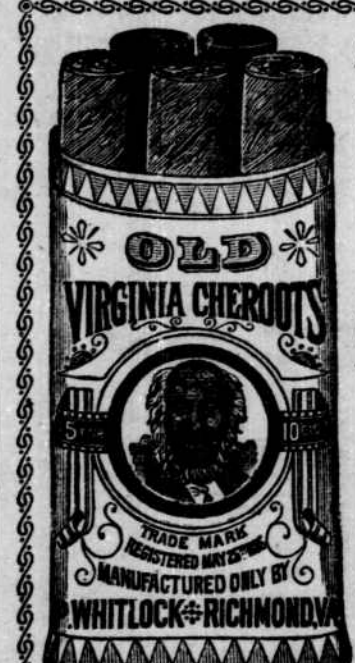
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## SUPPLEMENT.

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GREENVILLE, N. C., MAY 18th, 1892.

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### Education and Ethics.

From the side of religion many protests have been made against the present system of popular education. The clergy of the different churches cannot help thinking that at least the more important doctrines of the Christian faith should be officially taught; and they draw most discouraging pictures of what the moral future of the youth of this country will be if their counsels are not heeded. All sound and successful moral teaching, they contend, must repose upon a basis of theology, and to confine ethical teaching to the region of the natural is to deprive it of all warrant, of all authority, of all coercive power.

If these views were correct, it would be difficult to see how the weakness of our schools on the moral side could ever be remedied, for nothing is more certain than that any attempt to teach theology in them would be predestined failure. The people (or some people) will pay for theology in the pulpit, but they are not willing to pay for it in the schools, and have shown in most unmistakable ways that they do not want it there. The question, then, is: Shall all attempts at moral teaching in the public school be abandoned, seeing that it cannot be administered as an adjunct of theology, or shall a brave effort be made to give it an independent status of its own and a fair chance to show what it can accomplish when conducted on purely natural lines?—Popular Science Monthly.

### One Merchant's Bold Stroke.

This story is told of one of the leading dry goods men of New York. He was carrying a heavy stock of fine millinery goods when the round topped derby hat for women became suddenly fashionable. The market was flooded with them, and they were regarded as the only thing to be worn on the head. This merchant foresaw a great loss on his stock of millinery, and decided to prevent it. He first bought up all the derby hats he could and then advertised them extensively, offering them for sale at ridiculously low prices.

The result was that the derby fell into disfavor among fashionable women at once, and he saved his market for his more expensive goods. It is by strokes such as this and the careful watching of the market and feeling of the popular pulse that fortunes are made by the few extremely successful merchants.—Brooklyn Life.

### Feathers Heavier Than Gold.

In one of Charles Reade's novels a Jewish trader is made to ask, "Which is the heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of gold?" After a while he explains, to the satisfaction of his audience of miners, that the feathers are the heavier.

Gold, he says, is weighed by troy weight, while feathers are weighed by avoirdupois; and as the twelve ounces in a pound troy contain but 5,760 grains, while the avoirdupois pound contains 7,000 grains, the pound of feathers is of course 1,240 grains heavier than the pound of gold!—Youth's Companion.

### Creatures of Habit.

There are two resorts down town where you can meet almost anybody at some hour during the middle of the day—at the Cafe Savarin or at the Astor House rotunda. A good many business men of the lower city seem to make it a part of their business to drop in at one or both of these places every day. It is well known that some are likely to meet people there they don't wish to see. I happened to mention this peculiarity to a gentleman and he said:

It is because the set you look for come here, that's all. There are plenty of other places, each having its satellites. The business world has a beaten track for the most part. That is, most business men, being regular in their habits, do mostly the same thing every day. They can't help it. They may studiously vary for a short time, but they soon fall back into the rut. Most of these men lead a life as humdrum as that of a horse breaking tanbark. Men of good business habits, as we call it, are as regular as clockwork. The other fellows are equally regular in their irregularity. And this irregularity becomes just as monotonous to them as if it were the exact opposite.—New York Herald.

### A Great Collection.

Remenyi, the well known violin virtuoso, has a great collection of rare African ethnological specimens which comprises over 1,500 carefully selected articles. It has been formed during the last forty years, and is beyond question the most perfect of its kind. It is especially rich in the ancient regal symbols in use among the Zulus, including scepters, royal bracelets, which were used instead of crowns, and other emblems of hammered silver, of carved and polished ivory and of rhinoceros horn. The royal bracelets are especially interesting. They are hollowed rings made from transverse sections of huge elephant tusks, and until his death were never taken off after once placed on the arm of the king.

There are also several splendid specimens of the exceedingly rare and beautiful royal mantles of the sovereigns of Madagascar 300 and more years ago. These mantles are curiously adorned with broideries of metal and of uncut precious stones and of feather work. Every specimen in the collection is perfect and unique of its kind.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### The First Allusion to the Horse.

In that portion of Genesis which tells the story of Joseph, the famine, etc., we find the first historical allusion to the horse, and farther on in Holy Writ we read of the horses of the great and wise Solomon, which numbered 40,000—that is, if the 40,000 stalls for horses are to be taken as a criterion.—St. Louis Republic.

### When Traveling Was Tedious.

During the first quarter of the present century the westward trend of civilization was very slow. Up to 1825 canals had not been thought of west of New York. The average time required to make a trip from Cincinnati to New Orleans and back was six months. The craft made use of were necessarily small, and the cargoes proportionately light, and when they arrived in New Orleans in flatboats, which could not be taken back, the boats were abandoned and the hands returned by land. Under such disadvantages the commerce of the country was nominal.

The farmer had no motive to increase the produce of his fields beyond the wants of his family and of newcomers who might settle in his neighborhood. Corn and oats rarely commanded more than 10 or 12 cents a bushel, and wheat from 30 to 40 cents. The average price of good beef was \$1.50 per 100, and pork from \$1 to \$2 per 100, according to quality.—Edward Rosewater's Omaha Address.

### A Gold Brick.

In a room of the assay office is displayed a metal brick which once cost a buyer a pretty penny, but which now goes begging. It was bought for a couple of thousand dollars by a man with that trusting faith in plausible strangers which makes life easy for the people who would rather scheme than toil. He took it to the assay office to get the official figures on his profits in the transaction, and there he learned that his purchase was an alloy. It might be almost anything else, but gold it certainly was not.

After that revelation not even a junkman could be persuaded to buy the bar. One to whom an appeal was made declined on the ground that he couldn't pay the current rate for old metal until he could find out what metal he was buying. And so the man who had been victimized went away sadly, leaving the yellow brick at the assay office. It is there yet, for nobody has offered to carry it off.—New York Times.

### Long Island's Wonderful Fresh Eggs.

The eggs which are sold as a week old in the summer come from Long Island. That they are just as good as those which are a day or two old is shown perhaps by the fact that occasionally a chick is hatched from some when they are on the way to the city. It must be remembered, of course, that twenty-one days are usually required for an egg to hatch.

When a chick peeps out of one it must be confessed that the egg must have been fresh at some time. That such eggs are more than one week old seems a not altogether unreasonable conclusion.—New York Evening Sun.

### As a Substitute.

It was Sunday morning. The Boston young woman who was on a visit to her western relatives spoke to her aunt in a subdued Boston voice appropriate to the day.

"Aunt Rachel," she said, "have you a volume of Emerson in your library?"

"I am sorry to say, Waldonia," responded Aunt Rachel, "that we have not."

"Then I will read a few chapters from the writings of Solomon," said the young woman, taking down the family Bible with a sigh of mild disappointment.—Chicago Tribune.

### Glass Eyes.

The resources of ingenuity and science are, indeed, in the opinions of some, absolutely unlimited. An elderly lady, by no means deficient in culture, hearing that a friend who had long lost the use of one eye, had recently been provided with a glass substitute, demanded, in all the eagerness of friendship, "And can she see with it?"

This recalls a case reported not so very long ago in the papers, of a lady who actually sued a man because she could not see through the glass eye he had manufactured for her.—London Tit-Bits.

### Beating Off a Dog.

If a dog springs for a man, the latter should guard his face with his arm and try to meet the animal with his forearm. With the right hand he should attempt to catch one of the animal's front paws. The paw of a bulldog is ultra sensitive. If it can be caught, a vigorous squeeze will make the animal howl for mercy and retire discomfited.—Interview in New York Herald.

### Getting Rid of an Office Seeker.

Alexander H. H. Stuart, who lately died at Stanton, Va., secretary of the interior under President Filmore, used to tell the following good story of how he got rid of an office seeker shortly after assuming the office. Said he: "I was very much annoyed by a persistent applicant for the post of messenger. The man came in regularly every day for several weeks, until he became an unbearable bore. Finally one day after the man had gone out I asked the messenger then in office if he knew what that man was after. He said 'No, sir.' 'Well,' said I, 'he wants your place, and if I ever see him again he shall have it.' I never saw the man again."—Washington Post.

### Double Decker Cars for Philadelphia.

A traction official who has recently been to Boston, brought back with him a model of a double decker street car, a sample of the kind made in that city. The upper deck is intended for the use of smokers and that portion of the female community who do not object to the use of tobacco. The official who brought the model said that it would not be many months before Philadelphia would have a few double decker cars running on one or two of the principal lines.—Philadelphia Press.

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