

In our next "X" will tell what he saw in Halifax, when the county officers were giving their bonds to the Commissioners. The reputation of the author is a sufficient guarantee that what he may have to say will be interesting.

The national house of representatives, has this week been engaged in resumption matters. Several efforts have been made by advocates of each side of the question to alter the present status of the resumption law, but no change has been made and financial legislation is considered an end for this session.

A greater contrast in happening could not well be than in those which befell Governor Hampton on last Tuesday. On that day he was elected to the United States Senate and the same day had his leg amputated. It is not a little singular that a man who like Governor Hampton for four years rode where bullets fell and died men by thick and thin without receiving a scratch should lose his leg in a hunting accident, but history is full of parallels. Lord Cardigan who led the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava was killed by the falling of his horse, and William the third of that name, passed through the multitudinous dangers that beset his path to England's throne to meet a similar death.

THE FENCE LAW.

The compulsory fence law ought to be abolished and every farmer made responsible for his cows, sheep and hogs, if they are allowed to trespass upon the property of others. A total abolition of the fence system would save thousands of dollars to Virginia farmers.—Norfolk Ledger.

This is sound doctrine, and such a law should prevail all over the State. They who have stock should fence their land and fatten them on their own lands, and not compel other people to either fence them out of their meadows, and corn and wheat fields, or have all their crops destroyed by them. There is no sort of justice in anything of that kind and there should be a law compelling everybody to graze his own stock on his own lands or to pay for grazing them on other people's. There can be no two sides to such a question.—Exchange.

We advocate a similar law for North Carolina particularly in this portion of the State where timber is getting scarce. If our tillers of the soil, both white and black would make a careful estimate of the cost of fencing, they would soon vote for a no fence law. The time now occupied by building and repairing fences to prevent the depredations of other's stock would be well spent in employed in making and applying manure, to bring thousands of acres of land to the highest state of fertility. The Legislature of North Carolina will meet in January, only a few weeks off, and we suggest to our people, that it would be well to hold meetings on this subject, and ask relief of our Legislators. No fence laws, wherever they exist, have been found to work well.

Why cannot all correspondents of Northern papers follow the praiseworthy example of the Raleigh correspondent of the New York Herald an extract, from whose letter, we copy below? If newspaper writers would say less of politics, and more of the financial and agricultural conditions and prosperity of their different sections, it would lead to better results. The truthful statements made in the extract we allude to, is particularly noticeable in this portion of the State. The people are in a much healthier financial condition, than they have been since the war. It is true there is but little money, but owing to the low prices of all commodities, less is required, and happily a large majority of the hard-working men paid out of debt, before the ruinous decline in cotton, and when no debts are to be paid, a bale of cotton will purchase as much as it ever did.

As every trade and every industry depends upon agriculture the improved condition of the planters is making itself felt for the better in every branch of trade. The farmers having been gradually improving for the last three years, and being financially much better off this year than they have been for many years past, no longer trade upon the credit system, and this fact, together with the general cheapness of every necessary of life, has had the effect to improve every branch of trade. Confidence is being rapidly restored, and now, if political turmoil can be kept down and wise State and national legislation had, North Carolina's day of prosperity and plenty will soon dawn. Evidences of this are abundant, but the best indication of the correctness of the assertion is the fact that capitalists who never step without first carefully surveying the ground are not only disposed but anxious to put out their money at living rates of interest for investment in business; farmers do not now find it difficult to borrow money to be used in carrying on agriculture, and men, engaged in commercial pursuits are not so hard pressed as they have

been for a long time. It is true, it is true to make an estimate of the next year's farming transactions in this section, but in consequence of the improved condition of the country and the price of, particularly the planters; with more money in circulation at large; with the general prosperity of everything, especially labor, it is reasonable to suppose that larger crops will be picked next year than were in 1878; and that portion of the population engaged in agriculture will begin the year 1879 with greatly improved prospects and with brighter hopes than they have enjoyed at the beginning of any year since 1865.

THE SENATE FIELD DAY.

The policy of the Republicans in '80, as Mr. Blaine's friends are pleased to term it, was more freely developed by Mr. Blaine himself in his speech in the Senate today. The speech itself proved to be a disappointment to his friends and was without surprise to his political opponents. It was conclusive in showing that the policy of late was ebbing in the Republican party, and that this was an effort of the more radical element to recast it to flood-tide again. Although plausible and ingenious, like most of Mr. Blaine's speeches, it lacked the industry and incisiveness of matter and manner which have characterized former ones, and fell far below what the other side of the Chamber had been led to expect. The replies of Mr. Thurman and Lamar, therefore, were more brief than Mr. Blaine's speech, and quite demolished it, as Mr. Blaine's colloquial remarks even demonstrated at the end of the debate.

And still silence prevailed in the Chamber when Mr. Hamlin moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution, a silence which was unbroken until the junior Senator from Maine concluded his speech and the voice of mingled applause and hisses was heard. Every Senator in the city was present and all save one listened with the greatest attention. The solitary exception was Mr. Cocking, Mr. Blaine's ancient enemy, who during the latter's speech did not look up from the perusal of a bundle of manuscript which he appeared to be reading. The Senator from New York was almost as much an object of attention from the perusal of his reading as the Senator from Maine. Mr. Cocking was probably unaware of this or he would have misused the courtesy that judges the Senate on these occasions.

Mr. Blaine's speech was characterized by a total absence of proof of all his statements. He began by a virtual admission that he had no evidence of the commission of outrages in the South during the recent elections and followed with a scolding attack upon the Southern Democrats. He attempted to prove that the white man South exercised by means double the political power of the white man North, upon the assumption that the Republican party had a perpetual lien on the colored vote and that this had been set aside by the exercise of force. This speech was of the old "outrage" type, the verbiage of which seemed to be directed to the Senator, Mr. Blaine closed in half an hour, and Senator Thurman took the floor, during the progress of his fight in his vest pocket, while his eyes glared in his right hand and in his left hand the Democratic amendment to the original resolution. He said that Mr. Blaine seemed to be more anxious to vindicate the rights of negroes than he was to vindicate the rights of white men. He began his speech in a very mild tone of voice, but when he characterized the resolution as a sliding upon which to hang speeches and to evade serious debate the galleries were carried away by his earnestness and cheered loudly. The Vice-President rapped for order, and gave notice that the galleries will be cleared if the disorder is repeated. Mr. Thurman resumed his remarks, and claimed that the notorious Freedman's Bureau, a Republican institution, was the original creator of the color line and responsible for the war of race distinctions in the South which the Senator from Maine in his speech had attempted to vitiate. Mr. Thurman also saw in the attitude of the Republican party in the Senate a disposition to step completely about and retrace the steps taken boldly a few years ago when the negroes were enfranchised without an educational qualification. The attempt to reduce the representation in Congress from the Southern States was the first note of the backward march. The proposed investigation, he contended, was created for the purpose of diverting the attention of the people from the true business of Congress, of reviving trade and sound finance. In his estimation, American suffrage was vitiated far less by the cropping of bales of money spent at the polls. In conclusion Mr. Thurman eloquently asserted that it was every part of the country the educated, cultivated and intelligent voters would govern the ignorant and debased portion of the community. Both E. Imboden and Blaine attempted to trip up Mr. Thurman in his argument, but failed miserably. Blaine did not agree with the O. S. Senator's idea that wealth, education and intelligence would rule a community, but Mr. Thurman maintained his position, and said that if Mr. Blaine lived in the South he would be sure to have an immense negro following.

Senator Lamar was the next speaker. In his usually polished and incisive way Mr. Lamar expressed his regret that the Senator from Maine should, in looking upon the South, instead of regarding those interests which affect the whole country, have concentrated his whole gaze upon the particular partisan texture which affected the ascendancy of one party or the other, organizations which are unknown to the Constitution. He said that there were evils in the South which might call forth the lofty and enlarged measures of a patriot, but he evidently did not consider Mr. Blaine a person of that kind, for he observed: "Hat, sir, the gentleman's remarks were devoted exclusively to political parties."

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