

The proposition which the Legislature has made to the bond-holders has not, we think, been yet accepted. The law compromises the debt contracted before 1861 at 40 per cent. of the principal, and debt contracted between 1865 and 1868 at 25 per cent. Bonds issued in 1866 to fund accrued interest at 15 per cent. the new bonds are to bear 4 per cent. interest, and three-fourths of the coupons are payable for taxes. The coupons of the old bonds are not allowed at all, and the special tax bonds are not recognized.

It is said that one motive which actuated Mr. Hayes in calling an extra session of Congress, was the possibility of electing a Republican speaker. There is a vacancy by the death of Mr. Schlicher, of Texas; Representatives Singleton, Lay, Brand and Aikin, all Democrats are said to be too ill to attend an extra session if called at an early day, and Attorney-General Davies is working up indictments against five other Democratic members. By the absence of these ten Democratic votes the Republicans hope to organize the next house favorably to themselves. This is the reason the extra session was called so early. In fact, Mr. Hayes' proclamation was written before the last Congress adjourned.

The following is the present status of the different Presidential candidates as given by the Baltimore Sun of the 10th inst.

Despite the fact that the time for the assembling of the next national Democratic convention for the nomination of a Presidential candidate is at least fifteen months off, speculation as to its probable action is already being indulged in. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat of a recent date, in a lengthy article, labored to prove that Ex-Governor Tilden would go into the convention with much the greatest strength, indeed lacking but a few votes of a majority over all. In this estimate, Mr. Tilden was given all of the Eastern and Middle with a strong following in the Southern States. But the New York Herald, as was the case of most of the state-making newspapers in 1876, figures Mr. Tilden's chances out to be very slim in the approaching convention, taking the expressions of members of the last Congress as a guide. That paper of Saturday prints an interview with 125 members of the Forty-fifth Congress on the candidates for 1880. Of these forty-two declined to indicate their choice. Of those who were not afraid to speak freely were Thurman first, and to eleven others he was acceptable; Hendricks was the first choice of twelve, and was acceptable to twenty-eight more; Bayard was the choice of ten, and acceptable to nineteen others, and Tilden was preferred by thirteen, and was the second choice of only nine, and fifty seven declared themselves decidedly against his re-nomination at any price. The Western and Southern men generally think Mr. Tilden would be a weak candidate in their districts on account of his financial opinions. Hancock was mentioned by a number, and always favorably.

THE CANAL.

This subject is a matter of great importance to Weldon and its citizens; and too much cannot be said about it. No town has ever grown to be of any size supported alone by its local trade. No place has ever become a city without the help of Railroads, Turnpikes, canals, &c., all these are necessary to give impetus to trade, and commerce by giving employment to the people; and now in these days of through freights on the Railroads and through trains, all smaller points lose the advantage and become mere way stations. This is the case with Weldon; and the Railroads for the reason mentioned above, are of very little advantage compared to the results which would follow the opening of the canal and building the turnpike. Then the freight would all stop here and transfer would be necessary, cheapest employment would be given to a large number of people who would have to live here, and thereby increase the population of the place. It is very patent that no place can increase in size unless it increase its population, and the only way to do that, is to make it profitable for people to live here.

We cannot doubt but that money invested in re-opening the canal would pay handsome dividends in a short time. We are more positive than ever, since we have been informed that since this question has been agitated, the Railroads have cut down freights from Gaston to Petersburg from fifty to twenty cents per hundred, and the ferriage at Gaston is reduced from twenty-five to three cents per hundred. The managers of these roads are men of a high order of business talent, and accordingly that if the canal was re-opened their carrying business from Gaston, and that section would suffer greatly. Consequently they have reduced freights to a low figure, not waiting for the canal movement to take definite shape; believing, that the early bird catches the worm. Open the canal and make Weldon a large town.

This letter of "Old North State" speaks some plain truths, and we trust our Senators and Representatives in Congress will look into the matter and do something if possible to aid the inland navigation. It is a matter highly important to both Virginia and North Carolina, that this great work should be completed at as early a day and on as cheap a plan as possible.

COMMUNICATED.

Errors News:—My article, on the "Water Line between Virginia and North Carolina," seems not to have found favor with either the politicians and sages at Washington and Norfolk or the editors in North Carolina and Virginia. I was not disappointed, because, I was fully prepared to eat "a cold lunch" for being so inconsiderate as to propose to do a sound practical thing, in a plain and inexpressive manner, for the benefit of North Carolina and the domestic shipping of the Atlantic Coast.

Had I proposed some silly and improbable theory for ascertaining the distance the moon was from Lake Drummond when "all night long with her fire-lamp, the maiden paddled her light canoe," and every paper in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia would have copied it, and taken pains to demonstrate and prove the author either a fool or a genius, but alas in this age he that writes sense and practically portrays how great results may be attained by simple ways finds few readers and fewer followers. I do not claim either superior wisdom or substantial practical knowledge about many of the intricate subjects pertaining to political economy—but I feel confident that my ideas and judgment, as to the necessities of Eastern North Carolina, are quite correct, and, whether they are ever adopted or not, time will vindicate many of the views, I have expressed, orally and in print, as to what must be done before that section of our dear old State can ever hope to become the "Garden spot." God unquestionably intended it should be.

A complete and thorough "Water Line between North Carolina and Virginia" is as great a necessity, progressively speaking, to Eastern North Carolina, as the opening of "Hall Gate," was to the commercial necessity of New York and the man of influence who fails to exert his utmost in securing its early and person nearest opening is unworthy of his people and unfit to enjoy their confidence and support hereafter. It will not do for him to say "It could not be done" or "I did all I could" or "the State of North Carolina was interested in the A. & C., and hence I could not urge the opening of the D. S. canal." The people who are crying for help and a way out of their troubles must soon learn what excuses of this kind are worth, for they simply mean "I must pursue the course that is the most popular with the mobbed men of these situations as my future success might be dependent on their aid. I can deceive and hoodwink the voting backwoodsman, but I cannot "pull the wool over the eyes" of these bloated ringsters, jobbers, and bond-holders." Alas how easy it is in this day and generation to deceive and hoodwink the average voter who elect representatives to our Legislative bodies. A poor article of eloquence—a few bland smiles, a profusion of inequities after families—a large number of promises—(never to be fulfilled)—and occasionally that aid some State books, and one is in the path that leads to political preferment. But I have digressed and must return to the "Water Line." Eastern North Carolina is at present, under the heel of tyrannical and merciless monopolies. Her railroads are run only to enrich the non-resident bondholder, while her water communication is hampered by a canal management that never has and will never bring her easy and cheap connection with the outside world unless a miracle is wrought in our favor, or the Representatives of the State demand and secure justice for her people. We do not want the Government to give us a canal we only want it to aid us in a manner that will be safe, and secure for it, and, at the same time, enable us to progress, rapidly, so we may better aid it in sustaining its position among the nations of the earth. With this water line correctly and permanently opened for navigation by day and night, a new life would be given to our section, and with such new life we would be prepared to keep pace with the balance of the land and thereby be accumulating wealth, and strength to aid our country where aid may be required. If we are permitted to remain as we now are almost crushed by the knowledge of our helplessness—we will soon be so weak that, in the hour of danger, we could not help either our country or ourselves through willing and anxious to do so. In my last letter I showed how easy it would be to open this important line of communication if the true interests of commerce and the people were considered and the wicks and plans of schemers, jobbers and speculators were ignored. I make bold to say now that the bond-holders of the Dismal Swamp Canal would gladly foreclose their mortgage, buy it in and sell it to the Government for \$200,000 of 4 per cent. bonds.

I also said I was prepared to produce a contractor who would make that canal (8) eight feet deep and (60) sixty feet wide, and provide it with locks (22) two hundred and twenty-five feet long by (40) forty feet wide for five hundred thousand dollars of 4 per cent. bonds. Thus for the small sum of \$700,000—a whole State and the entire domestic shipping of Atlantic coast would be immeasurably benefited and yet the work goes undone while billions are being spent to erect custom houses—to beautify and enrich cities—to make millions of favored contractors and commerce is not benefited by said expenditures to the extent of a dollar. Will our representatives continue to see up rewards so greedily and helpfully,

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The undersigned having this day qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of Isaac N. Faulcon, late of Halifax county, deceased, before the Judge of Probate for said county, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate settlement, and all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, or his Atty, W. H. Day, duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be placed in the hands of the receiver.

S. JOHNSTON, Administrator. W. H. Day Atty.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Halifax County.

Superior Court.

Spring Term '79.

E. T. Branch and Samuel Pope, trading under the firm name of Branch & Pope, Plaintiffs.

Against Sol, Frank and Charles Adler, trading under the firm name of Frank & Adler, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given to the defendants above named that the plaintiffs above named have instituted an action in this Court, returnable on the 31st Monday in March 1879, to recover of said defendants the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars for damages in failing to ship to the plaintiffs for the space of ten days, goods wares and merchandise purchased of them in September last by said plaintiffs, as they had promised and agreed to do; and that if said defendants fail to be and appear at said Court to be held at the time aforesaid at the Court house in Halifax town within the time prescribed by law and answer or demur to the complaint therein which is deposited in the office of the Clerk of said County the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. The defendants are further notified that a warrant of attachment has been issued herein against their property to the Sheriff of Halifax County, returnable to said Term of said Superior Court to be held at the time aforesaid.

Witness, John T. Gregory, Clerk of said Court, in Halifax town, this 27th day of January 1879.

JOHN T. GREGORY, Clerk Superior Court, Halifax County N. C. Mullen & Moore, Day & Hall, Whitaker Attys for PIP. Jan 30th.

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By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Halifax County, I shall sell to make assets, the Court house, done in the town of Halifax, on the 17th day of March, 1879, the following tracts or parcels of land belonging to the estate of Edward Conigland: 1 The Highland & Burton office and lot in the town of Halifax, a very desirable location. 2 The Old Orchard lot, opposite the store of Cooper & Merritt, near Halifax, and containing 131 acres. 3 The River tract, near Halifax, and containing about 143 acres. Very fertile. 4 The Pope tract, lying on the west of the W. & W. R. R., and containing 122 acres, with large buildings. As a whole have been suggested as to the title to this tract, I announce that I will sell a fee-simple title, and will pay the costs of testing it before the Superior Court, before purchase money is paid. 5 The upper tract, adjoining C. Bradley's and others, containing about 229 acres, well wooded. 6 Terms: 1 cash, remainder in 12, 18 and 24 months, on bond with approved security, with interest at 8 per cent from day of sale. Title retained. A fine opportunity is here presented to make good bargains.

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NOTICE.

As Administrator of Isaac N. Faulcon deceased, I will sell for cash, on the premises to the highest bidder, on Monday the 24th day of February, 1879, all the stock of horses, cattle, hogs, &c., all farming implements, all corn, fodder, shooks, cotton, &c., household and kitchen furniture, belonging to said Isaac N. Faulcon. This 23rd Jan. 1879.

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