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THURSDAY : : FEBRUARY 16, 1882.

JUDGE SEYMOUR has been appointed District Judge to fill the vacancy made by the death of judge Brooks. He will doubtless be confirmed by the Senate.

J. H. WATMOUGH has been nominated as Paymaster General of the Navy but it is not likely that the Senate will confirm him as he held that office temporarily during the famous Navy steal ten years ago, which was engineered by the Secretary of the Navy, Robeson, who now aspires to be leader of his party in the House.

THE Riddleberger debt bill has pased the Virginia Legislature and will doubtless be approved by Governor Cameron. Among those voting in favor of the measure were a number of Democrats. Although it is presumbed that they were sent to Richmond by people opposed to the bill. Verily the hope of reward will make people do many things.

THERE is much opposition to the apportionment both on account of changes which will be made and because there is objection to the manner of arriving at the number of representatives. The bills as reported by the committee, it is said, will take away from the small and give to the large States. We suppose every Congressman has hopes of becoming a Presidential candidate some of these days and he wishes to curry favor with the great States because they have a larger electoral vote. A probable equitable apportionment would be made by obliterating State lines and running them anew according to area, but then some of the large States would object to this plan.

THE resolution calling for information concerning the affairs of the sixth District introduced by Senator Vance, has received a response from the Treasury officials but is not, the Senator says, explicit. It is evasive and this is enough to convince people that there is something wrong. When people's dealings are fair and square they invite investigation; not otherwise. And this is about on a par with the investigation of John Sherman's misappropriations when Secretary of the Treasury. The committee have been sitting with closed doors and whenever any evidences is found to be damaging to John they exclude it; and that is the kind of white washing John gets.

ALL the stock has been taken for a second cotton factory at Norfolk. That this industry is paying well in the South is fully evidenced by the rapid growth of factories all over the South, most of which are paying handsome dividends. The main thing needed for the greater developement of manufactures in this and other Southern States is capital. The people have not sufficient capital, the immense water powers must be developed by Northern or foreign capital. This can only be done by offering every inducement to capitalists. It is all very well to make laws favorable to them; this is necessary, but the people—the private citizens—have much to do with the impression made on the capitalists, because people looking for investments for their money consider the people as well as the laws and all the laws in the world will not do away with unfavorable opinions formed from observation.

A bill has been reported to the House making the Agricultural Department an executive department and another has been introduced to create a department of manufactures, machanics and mines. It is also said a department of commerce is wanted. Why not make the Governor of each State a member of the National Cabinet? It would create more offices to have a department devoted to fishing, and to hunting and to music. Plenty of men could be found to devote their time to writing letters and making reports as to which is the best way to catch trout, what kind of bate is best in certain localities, whether the different brands of gunpowder have been adulterated and what style of music has the most soothing effect on lunatics and the most wholesome effect on criminals. Or a truth the desire for office is consuming the country.

If the time, talents and money [illegible] waste in seeking office [illegible] to any legitimate business [illegible] for [illegible] gle bottle [illegible] save the $1 [illegible] Pat. [illegible] uld be more millionaires in [illegible]

THE Greensboro Patriot says: The Jarvis administration will be memorable in the history of the State, even were it to stop short by impeachment or any other equally unexpected event. In it the prohibition party had its rise and fall. In it the Western North Carolina Railroad was sold, and will be completed. In it the contract for the sale of the Cape Fear & Yadkin road was negotiated. And notwithstanding there has been an extra session of the Legislature, and the probability of another, the State is prospering and growing as never before. There may be an honest difference of opinion as to the acceptability of the Jarvis administration, but that it has been noteworthy in the particulars indicated nobody will question. We do not hesitate to say that it has been the most progressive administration the State has had since Morehead was Governor.

To the suggestion that a monument be erected by the students of Chapel Hill to the memories of those of their number who fell in the war the Wilmington Star says:

The Star approves heartily of the proposition. A monument to the brave young soldiers should by all means be erected. The record of the University is excellent as far as patriotism and devotion to the cause of the South in the past are concerned. More than one-seventh of the young men who entered the army who had been students at the University perished. In the class of 1859-'60, to illustrate, nearly every member entered the war. We believe out of a large class there were but two or three who did not serve in the war, and one of these died in 1861, the first year of the war. The University had thirteen of its sons in the field as Generals of some grade. Of these three were killed, namely, Polk, Pettigrew and Branch. Surely tha proposition will be seconded heartily, not only throughout the State, but among the students of former years scattered throughout the South, and even in the North. We hope the movement will be made at the next University Commencement, and such an impetus given at the start as to insure it success.

THE New York Times of a recent date says:

"Unless the whole body of experts connected with the New York Academy of Sciences are in error, not only have emeralds been found in Alexander county, North Carolina, but they exist in such abundance that emerald mining is likely to become a profitable industry. Mr. Hidden, who gives name to the mineral familiar as hiddenite, has just had a description of his mining operations before the Academy, accompanied by a large collection of emerald prisms varying in length from one to two fingers, about the genuineness of which no question can be raised. * * * Until October last, when his most valuable 'finds' were made, he had sunk a shaft to the depth of some thirty-six feet. The gems occur in large pockets, which are very numerous, in association with quartz, hiddenite, mica and other familiar minerals. They are numerous enough, but the question whether they will prove available for commercial purposes is one that remains to be settled, owing to the presence of numerous flaws, which prevent large stones from being cut from the prisms, and may prove a serious bar to financial success in working the mines. The fact, however, that emeralds have been discovered in abundance in North Carolina, appears to be established beyond a reasonable doubt."

THE tables are turning and in a few years others than the Yankees will have the power. Here is the way that good paper the Farmer and Mechanic puts it:

"Time" says an old maxim, "makes all things even." "Revenge" says another sapient saying—"is sure to come to him who waits." The truth of these "wise saws" has been fulfilled in several "modern instances." "Ante Bellum" Southern History is full of verifications. Here are three illustrations: The North freed the negroes, and in order to spite and humiliate the South, put the ignorant blacks on a legal, civil, and electoral equality with their late masters; an equality which under the circumstances amounted to virtual supremacy. What were the consequences? Why that within half a dozen years the South recognized the situation, and by means of the added strength of the negro voters, regained her old numerical ascendency in Congress!

Take another instance? The New Englanders began the Abolition Crusade, and pushed it until they overthrew the Old Agricultural South which for an hundred years had been digging to get money to send North for New England manufacturers of all sorts. What is the result? Why, that a New, Commercial South has been created, and by the aid of superior natural advantages is taking away the sceptre of the New England works in cotton, wool, wood, paper, etc. Soon the South will be "free," in all respects, and poverty chickens will go home to roost.

Another instance: The Yankee Protectionists wronged and robbed the South for years by a protective tariff. But revenge is coming. The large profits of cotton manufacturing have stimulated Southern enterprise to enter the business; while the continual discovery of iron mines has [illegible] rolls of forges. Very soon the South will not care [illegible] for [illegible] nothing, and New England will need to go back to woolen nutmeg raising.

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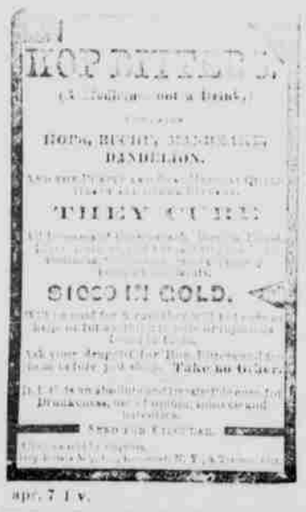

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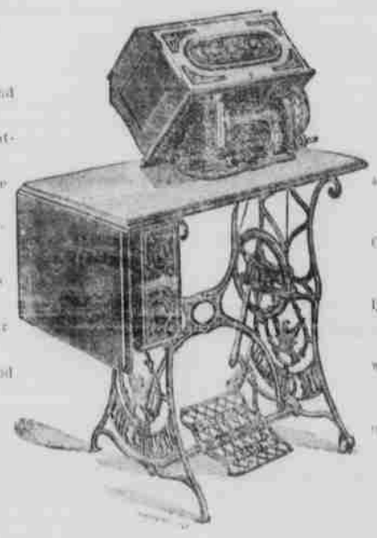

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