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It is very preposterous to insist upon lifting all tax from tobacco and whiskey, and keeping it on blankets, sugars, woollens, glass, crockery and certain household medicines.

There is no doubt that in some Districts in the South the internal revenue system has been much abused and has been an engine of wrong, of corruption, of oppression.

Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, very much abhors the internal revenue system, and is strong for its repeal. He wants it wiped out because it burdens the industries and helps elect Republicans to office.

The following from the New York letter to the Philadelphia Ledger, concerning recent commercial transactions, is not without interest:

"But the repeal of the internal revenue system would reduce the revenue of the country \$135,000,000 for the years 1880-'81, and perhaps \$160,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882."

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sensible a Representative. The Star has favored from the first editorial on the subject the reduction of both the internal revenues and the tariff.

The proposed reduction of the tobacco tax (including cigars) will lessen the receipts some \$20,000,000. It is proposed by the advocates of reduction to place the tax on chewing and smoking tobacco at 8 cents a pound, cigars \$4 a thousand, and cigarettes 60 cents a thousand.

The New York Times, the ablest Republican paper in America, sees the folly of creating a Tariff Commission to foot away the next two years, whilst in the mean time the country is taxed by the war tariff to the enormous sum of four hundred million dollars.

The American Consul at Buenos Ayres proposes that the ostrich be introduced into our country. He thinks it can be made very profitable. Cape Colony now exports \$4,500,000 worth of feathers, against \$350,000 worth fourteen years ago.

The receipts of cotton for the week ending yesterday footed up 2,506 bales, against 1,508 bales for the corresponding week last year, showing an increase of 1,008 bales in favor of 1882.

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Old Papers to the Front Again. We have before us the Wilmington Chronicle of July 5th, 1848. It gives an account of the celebration of the national anniversary of the previous day, which, it says, was "animated, orderly and proper."

The Star has never made a mistake as to Senator Vance's gifts. Brilliance and humor are not by any means incompatible with solidity. We expected Vance would make a strong speech when he spoke on the tariff, but he went beyond our anticipations judging from the following from the Washington correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch:

The only other items of interest are the statement of the Raleigh Register that Judge Gaston had so far recovered from the effects of his recent injury as to be able to take his seat on the bench.

Knights of Pythias. The Grand Lodge of the above-named Order of this State met in annual Convention at Goldsboro on Tuesday last, with a large number of Past Chancellors and officers present, and every subordinate Lodge represented.

The special committee appointed at the last session to draft a new Constitution submitted a report, which was adopted, and copies of the same will soon be ready for distribution.

Sup. Rep.—J. A. Bonitz, of Goldsboro. The secret work of the order was exemplified by Past Sup. Rep., W. H. Gerken, a closing address was delivered by P. V. G. C. R. Jones, of Charlotte, and the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in this city on the second Tuesday in February, 1882.

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Greensboro Bugle: We understand several enterprising tobacco manufacturers will, to some extent, engage in business, and can secure suitable houses. Now, this is too bad. Judge Dick continued the application for an injunction in the railroad suits to the June term of the court for 1882, which will be held at Charlotte.

The Tarboro letter in the News-Observer says the Seaboard and Raleigh Railroad is a fixed fact, that a million and a half capital is in it, that the work is progressing, and that just as soon as it is completed to Tarboro it will be pushed towards Raleigh; that eighteen hundred tons of iron rails had arrived in New York on Sunday last from Europe, and would be shipped to Williamston without delay.

Weldon News: We are pained to announce the death of Capt. J. M. DeBerry, for a long time a resident of this place. He had been visiting his brother in Northampton county, and was taken with some affection of the throat on Thursday, from the effects of which he died on the 5th inst. We had not seen a suitable obituary notice, but notice has been served on the purchaser of the canal by the heirs of Daniel Weldon, contesting his rights to the property, or rather claiming certain rights which they intend to maintain. The canal continued bad weather has delayed work on the Scotland Neck Branch Road considerably, but still the road grows and it is expected that it will reach Scotland Neck in the latter part of the month. About four miles to be completed, and comparatively little grading to do. Enfield items: Another lot of abled-bodied negroes left this week for the turpentine regions of Georgia. Several of these negroes are very scarce. Some of our farmers have procured labor from Granville county. Mr. Bell returned a few days ago with a dozen or more. There is a great cry for carpenters. The demand for turpentine is so large that this will make wages high.

Fayetteville Examiner: Mr. J. H. Stephens, of Sampson county, sold at Messrs. Parrish & Blackwell's warehouse, last week, about 900 pounds of tobacco, at an average of \$38.12, and a few days after, when the market was at a low ebb, sold a gross of a new and important industry in our sister county of Sampson. A few years ago the cultivation of tobacco was commenced as an experiment by Col. Ashford and Mr. Stephens. It is apparent from the foregoing paragraph that they have reason to be encouraged to persevere in their enterprise. At the very moderate yield of 500 pounds to the acre they will realize more than one hundred and fifty dollars per acre on such of their crop, which is probably three times what the same land would bring in cotton.

The school house at Smithville, in Cumberland, where an academy was being conducted by Mr. Frank Stedman, took fire on the night of the 1st inst. and was burned. The Onslow people are determined to have a railroad running into their county, and they are right. There are in this county in the State possessed of so great resources, and very few so little developed.

New Bern News: Mrs. Anna Hines Maria Hurst, wife of Mr. Robert Hurst, an English immigrant who arrived in America last December a year, and came to New Bern shortly after, died in this city yesterday morning at two o'clock, wanting a few months of twenty-three years of age. We are informed at Midland headquarters that the question of gauge has been incidentally discussed, and the means determined upon. The gauge of a railroad is a matter to be regulated by the demands of a traffic, and under the present circumstances the gauge of the new road is the most important connection of the Midland. MOREHEAD CITY, Feb. 16.—It may not be generally known that the hardy fishermen of Cape Lookout have for some time been catching whales in the State possessed of so great resources, and very few so little developed.

Wadesboro Times: The no fence law went into operation yesterday. Some of the old "back racks" that have been going round our streets all winter and living on cotton will now be seen no more. Little Miss Blanche Huntley, youngest daughter of Prof. C. H. Huntley, who was misfortunate to fall out of the back door of his residence on Tuesday and fractured her right arm. On Thursday last Anson county lost one of her valued citizens in the death of Thomas J. Jones, who was his God and to the American people. For his sister and all of the members of his family she feels only profound pity. Further than this she asks to be taken with her sorrow, and to be spared being dragged into useless and torturing publicity. Mrs. Garfield will not answer the letter.

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Tennessee. The Supreme Court and the State Funding Bill. The Supreme Court has declined to allow a motion entered by Attorneys for the State Funding Board, to modify the injunction so as to permit the issue of bonds without the tax coupon feature. This disposes of the suit, and the funding of the State debt cannot be accomplished except through the passage of another bill by the Legislature.