

Lee's Surrender occurred exactly twenty five years ago yesterday. We can scarcely realize that a quarter of a century has passed since that memorable day...

North Carolinians have the proud satisfaction of knowing that the brave soldiers from their State won the first victory of the war at Big Bethel, on the 10th of June, 1861, and fired the last volley at Appomattox on the 9th of April, 1865.

More Judges will be elected at our next election than at any previous election for many years. A Chief Justice and an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and eight superior court judges will be elected.

We are especially pleased to hear of no opposition to the retention of our honored countyman, Hon. T. B. Womack, as the judge of this, the fifth district, who was appointed by Gov. Fowle to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Gilmer.

TE FARMERS are the most conservative and law-abiding class of our citizens, and the judiciary is the most conservative and law-abiding department of our government.

MURDEROUS MOONSHINERS. FLEMING, Ky., April 4.—Lawlessness and violence have again made their appearance in Roman county. The United States government made a raid a week ago destroying saloons and stills, and things are now being made decidedly uncomfortable for the men and the people who are thought to have given the government information.

A Village Destroyed. WASHINGTON, N. Y., April 5.—The business section of the village of Ticonderoga, twenty-five miles from this city, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. Forty-two buildings were burned, involving a loss of \$150,000 to \$200,000. About twenty buildings were damaged, the remainder stores and shops.

successfully resisted their violence and preserved our liberties. The anarchists of Chicago may wish to abolish our highest judicial tribunal; but the farmers of the South? No, never!

The alleged reason for this desire to abolish the Supreme Court arose from a recent decision of that tribunal, which held that a State Legislature could not authorize a railroad commission to establish rates, without also providing that the reasonableness of the rates could be reviewed by the courts. The decision was made in the case of the Minneapolis Eastern Railroad Company, which contended that the rates established by the railroad commission of Minnesota were too low to make its expenses exceed its receipts—thereby actually confiscating its property.

A Curious Will. April never comes that I think of a prominent local politician of the West Side, who was born in this month, and who some years ago, left one of the richest wills recorded. Among his curious provisions were that, instead of being buried, he should be dissected and his skeleton preserved and a student of the medical school should be selected during his lifetime and upon his death a supper party should be held by his friends, at which his skeleton should be brought out and christened with champagne. He left a sum of \$100,000 to be distributed every year. His friends made a number of objections, and the will was finally set aside.

A Brass Band in Church. NORTON, Va., April 5.—Tomorrow morning the congregation of the County Street Methodist Church will enjoy a unique novelty of song and hymns to the accompaniment of a brass band of fifty members. The organ of the church is being repaired by the Organ Shop at the Methodist Street, Mecklenburg church. To take its place the brass band, under the leadership of Rev. W. G. Smith, who is a splendid organist, will play the hymns and choruses which will be sung by the choir and the congregation.

Wife Suing a Husband. CHICAGO, Ill., April 5.—Judge Arthur has this morning ordered judgment for \$5,000 in favor of Mrs. Mary P. Williams against her husband, Aaron S. Williams, on her bill for \$20,000 for child support. The reason is that in the divorce case, when the wife has sued for husband in such a charge, and as may be supposed, the court is one of many out of a hundred of exceedingly strict and rigorous in its rulings. Mr. Williams is a retired capitalist, who lives on the west side, and is said to have an income of \$1,000 or \$2,000 a year. Mrs. Williams is a handsome and cultivated lady, about thirty years of age, a grand mother, and a leading member of a fashionable West side church.

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Powder Mill Explosion. NEW YORK, April 5.—A terrible explosion occurred late at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the powder mill at La Chateaufort, near Barre, N. Y. Two men, unknown were instantly killed, and houses in the vicinity for some distance were damaged. The railroad station at Barre Chester was also damaged.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 4, 1890. Mr. Harrison has been appointed by his party associates to use his influence to stop the big row which the new tariff bill has created among the republicans in the House. Mr. Harrison will find it a big contract which he will be glad to undertake. The Massachusetts members accuse chairman McKinley of breaking up his pledged word to them, and say that no bill which puts a duty upon hides (this one does now) shall ever pass the House with their consent.

Contrary to general expectation, the Senate Judiciary committee has reported a substitute for Senator Sherman's trust bill. It is substantially the original bill, stripped of the amendments. The House committee on the Judiciary is also making a great pretense of being engaged in considering an anti-trust bill. Notwithstanding all this I think the trusts are safe, so long as the republicans control Congress.

The Montana contested election cases were taken up by the Senate this week, and a vote is expected today or tomorrow. It is a safe bet that the matter has dragged out so long. Senator Fairbank and one or two other republicans have so far refused to vote to seat the republicans, believing that the matter should be referred back to the people.

Stateville Lunatic. Mr. S. S. Hamsel, Stateville, long township, died yesterday. He lay in state about a week. He was sitting in front of the five tables, and fell to the floor before he was caught. He had sprained his back in his usual health and was Sunday school the day before yesterday. The deceased, Chatham county, was born in the town of Stateville, Ill., in 1817 years, and had a public opinion to old men, and the Chatham land producer, Mr. Charles C. of the county, who is still here, were those who used to hear him still, and those who used to hear him still.

A Destructive Flood. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 7.—The following account of the overflow in Ohio county has been received from John B. Schank, of Little Village. The situation here is distressing. There are many breaks in the levee from Lake Village up, and the water in the swamps has risen to within a foot of the flood of 1882. Little village ground is to be seen. The streets are all under water except Front street, and water is running across it. The live stock is huddled upon the high banks and will soon begin to die of starvation. Travel is suspended except by rafts. The water is still rising. Much suffering is sure to ensue.

The President has nominated Lewis A. Grant, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary of War.

State News.

Mr. Olive Telegram. Our townsman, Mr. William H. Jones, has in his possession a Mexican dollar which was paid him for services rendered during the late war between the States. He was in the war about a year and received \$1.25 for his services during that time.

Raleigh Victim. A few days ago a prominent citizen of this city, was coming up the street and met a colored woman who was weeping bitterly. He asked her what was the matter, she said she had a daughter in Kansas and that she had written her to send for some 'nigger' child. That she had liked the 'nigger' up to send for her and these folks here charged her two dollars just to carry her daughter a 'nigger' child. It almost broke her heart to think they would do so.

Conard Tamer. Frank, the little colored boy at W. C. Conard's store, while cleaning fish last Saturday, opened a spiced trout and found inside a another fish seven inches long and two inches wide. It was a long one belonging to Christopher Krugman, of No. 7 town-hill, that was kept 80 years ago, and the legs are saved yet. There is also another in the same town-hill, belonging to Conard Tamer, that is 140 years old, and the legs are good for several more years.

Miracle Baffled. Mrs. J. M. Bell had a narrow escape from a horrible death last Sunday morning. She had a fire in the fireplace, and, stepping to get a small tin of soap to use in the stove, she prepared for breakfast. Going into the kitchen she saw something falling, but paid no attention to the matter, until, turning her head, she saw the fire and saw the flames and she realized that she was in danger. Her screams were heard by her neighbors, and the whole block of fire was extinguished.

William Tell Story. A society for the protection of youth in animals has been organized in Asheville. It is a society of every town and city in the State. The annual that renders service to the youth is to kill a bear and present it to the youth who either have not seen enough or heart enough to treat it with kindness. The only way to convince some men was the fact that they may be public enemy, and that it may cost them some thing.

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William Galloway, who ran the first engine over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and who was probably the oldest locomotive engineer in the world, died suddenly of apoplexy last Monday. He was born in Baltimore county, on September 25th, 1809.

Ayer's Hair Vigor is a most excellent preparation for the hair. It is made from experience. Its use promotes the growth of new hair, and makes it glossy and soft. The Vigor is a sure cure for dandruff.—J. W. Brown, Editor Empress, McArthur, Ohio.

asylum, discovered two cases of new shoes and some flour and a side of meat. The attention of the police was called to the matter, and the goods had been stolen from a box car at the R. & D. depot. One of the boxes of shoes was marked to Providence, N. C., and was identified as having been loaded on the car on Friday evening. Suspicion pointed to a negro named Stonewall Jackson, and he was arrested yesterday evening and is now held on suspicion.

Monroe Express. It is a fact not generally known that President Jackson and Polk were born very near to each other—not more than 20 miles apart at farthest, we suppose. Polk was born near Pineville, in Mecklenburg county, and Jackson in the Waxhaw settlement in that county. They both moved to Tennessee and were living in that State when they became President. An interesting question is—would they have reached that position if they had remained in this State?

Henderson Gold Leaf. A man named Paris, who has been working as a carpenter in town here the past month or two, was arrested Tuesday afternoon on a warrant from Franklin county. It seems that he had deserted his wife and taken up with another woman, to whom, however, he was not married. He was handcuffed and turned over by the sheriff to Mr. J. J. Hays, of Lenoir, who happened to be in town at the time, to be taken back to Franklin. A few miles out Paris jumped from the buggy and made his escape. He came back to Henderson and leaving the handcuffs at a saloon with instructions that they be given to the sheriff, he took woman No. 2 and left for parts unknown. He leaves a wife and four children in dependent circumstances.

A Wonderful Girl. One night, last week, a strange knocking was heard in a room of the Mabrey house, on Main street. The house is occupied by Mr. Shaw and family. These knockings were first heard after one of his daughters, aged about fourteen years, had retired. She was badly frightened, as it was found to knock at her command, but no other. After a few nights of this, Mr. Shaw told it on the streets. Crowds began to visit the house. The girl became very excited and nervous, but was prevailed upon to ask questions. Many questions were put forward by the eager, curious crowd, for several nights. Some were informed that their affairs were all right. Others that backsliding was their lot. Much other information of a similar nature was supposed to have been obtained.

A certain young man was seen to wear a happy smile after receiving a reply to a knock in his room, uttered to the bank wall. Crowds became so large that the house could not hold them. At one time there was said to have been hundreds in the street all waiting to hear something. Some nights the girl had not remained at home, but on these occasions, the knocking is said to have been heard where she was. Wednesday night she was at Mr. Terrell's. On retiring about ten o'clock the knocking was heard on the wall. An other room was occupied by the girl that night.

The knocking can not in any way be accounted for by those who have heard it. It is said to be a dull sound that cannot be imitated. One man declares it as if a rubber ball was striking against the wall. He says it may there is no little talk about it. Superstition is rife, and many would not occupy the house for some time.

Some regard the girl as a spirit medium, and this only as the first manifestation of that power. Others still think it only some spirit agency that will soon be discovered and the whole thing explained.

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People Wonder

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Improvement. In the preparation of the article to be published in this issue, the ability to read and write has been so strongly impressed upon me, and after a few months of this kind of attention to my health, I have been able to read and write as well as I ever did. The process of preparing a new lease of life, and I cannot think too highly of it.

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JOHN W. MORING, Attorney at Law. PITTSBORO, N. C. Practitioner in State and Federal Courts. Jan 23, 1890.

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