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A great fire occurred near Zadivorre, Austria.

It takes three days for a car of freight to come through from Cincinnati to Charlotte via Atlanta.

The Rhode Island House of Representatives has passed a bill repealing the law prohibiting intermarriage of blacks and whites.

The District Executive Committee of the 7th District, has been called to meet at Statesville, April 21, to consider when and where the district convention shall be held.

When Best's legislature votes for the $30,000, we want the yeas and nays called, as the people will want to know in the future who it was that give away the Western Road

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 12—Arms and ammunitions were sent to Lancaster county by the State authorities yesterday to protect the oystermen of the lower Rappahannock from foreign dredgers.

One of the results of the Democrats coming into power in this State is seen in the fact that North Carolina 4 per cent bonds continue to advance in the New York markets They are quoted at 71 bid, 75 asked.

With a Democratic Congress the debt of the United States was reduced during the Month of February, $5 672 019 75 notwithstanding their efforts at retrenchment were met at almost all points by the veto of the Republican President.

It is estimated that four millions of dollars were spent for campaign expenses in 1876 And this did not pay all the obligations Hayes has been paying the operators in the Louisiana steal ever since out of the people's money. Score another million for that.

Both houses of the South Carolina General Assembly have passed the bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which will supply the missing link between Charleston and the Cincinnati Southern Railroad via Knoxville.

The Democratic State executive committee at its meeting in Raleigh on Wednesday, selected Raleigh as the place and Thursday, 7th of June, as the time for the meeting of the Democratic State convention to nominate candidates for Governor and to fill all the other State offices.

A move is being made to secure the Chinese, against whom so much antipathy exists in California, for the South and East. Already there has been a transfer of considerable numbers to Chicago and New York, and correspondence is in progress between Mississippi planters and the Four Companies to furnish a supply for some of the Mississippi plantations

The "dog law," as adopted by the new code of Mississippi, is in substance as follows: The State is to manufacture dog collars, to be sold to dog owners at $2.50 each. The dog wearing this collar is protected as any other property, and his killing or maiming, or abuse, can be sued for in the courts Without this collar the dog at large is a vagrant.

WASHINGTON, March 8—The House committee on coinage to-day agreed to report favorably the bill to provide for an exchange of trade dollars for legal tender silver dollars at par, the trade dollars to be recoined into legal tender dollars as now provided by law; the further coinage of trade dollars to cease. The amount of trade dollars so recoined and coined into legal tender dollars is not to interfere with the minimum amount of legal tender dollars now authorized by law.

BREADSTUFFS—There have been no very decided changes in the flour market during the past week, but trade has been rather less active, and the tendency of prices towards lower figures. The export business has been fair, but the local trade rather quiet, as this is a season when, in view of the approach of warm weather, dealers are not inclined to carry large stocks Production is moderate at all points To day the market was dull and quite depressed

Indian corn has been notably irregular Rates's on the spot have materially advanced Yesterday old No. 2 mixed sold at 61¼ to 62c.

NORTH CAROLINA ROADS AND CITIES INJURED BY THE SALE OF THE WESTERN ROAD.

Before this issue of the REPORTER reaches its patrons the Western Road—the most important of North Corolina's public works—will, in all probability, have been given away to a foreign corporation. If so,—if this valuable property is disposed of, as the Best act proposes, without the knowledge of the people, (for we contend that there is not one man in ten who knows anything about the proposition,) for worthless bonds, as most of our roads have been sold, it will be a shame, a disgrace to the intelligence of North Carolina While the people look to their public men to manage the affairs of the State, they expect these officers to inform themselves as to what is most to the peoples' interest, and when a matter of so much importance as this, is to be disposed of, it is but right that the people should at least see both sides in this case—they have not. They have been told of the hundreds of advantages that will accrue to the State from a sale of the road, but not one word do the Best men say about the thousands of disadvantages that the said sale will entail on, not only the present, but generations yet unborn.

Governor Vance says in his sketches of North Carolina "it was much greater comparatively up to the year 1800 than it has ever been since," and why? because, says he, "our sea coast is cut up into shallow sounds and defiant sand banks and our harbors are not first rate" And now, just as we are told that the channel at Wilmington is deepening, and with the control of our railroads we have a chance to build up a great commercial city, one of which the State might be proud. We see the channels which might pour into Wilmington the trade from the great West turned in another direction, turned not only from Wilmington on Beaufort, but from every city in N C, for the sale of the Western Road and the building of the Va Midland extension making a connection at Statesville or some point between Salisbury and Statesville, will not only injure our own cities, but will be a heavy blow to the N. C., road from Charlotte to Raleigh, to say nothing of the damage in other directions, by turning travel and freights that would naturally pass over our State roads over these roads owned by foreign corporations, or it may be, for ought we know, one and the same company, hence the great haste in getting control of this Western road before the people wake up to a sense of the great loss that they will sustain by these two roads draining the State's wealth and the ruin entailed on the roads now owned in part by the State

We see in the Kinston *Journal* that Rev J S Purefoy has been on a visit to that place, for the purpose of raising funds for the completion of the new chapel at Wake Forest College The paper says: "Mr Purefoy is chairman of the building committee of the new chapel, and has secured about $10 000 for that purpose, and wants about $2 000 more to complete it. One thing to the credit of the college—they don't go in debt, but do the begging beforehand, and when the money gives out the work stops."

Ohio wants a law passed providing that when a Judge sentences an offender to the penitentiary it shall be ascertained if he has a family depending upon him for support. The fact shall be certified to the warden, who shall keep a record of the convict's earnings, and, after deducting twenty five cents a day for his food and clothing, shall pass the balance to his credit, and apply it to the support of his legal dependents.

A gentleman from New York city said to have command of a million, was in Davidson county last week, and was at March's Hotel, Lexington, on Wednesday, looking after mineral properties He is reported to have already bought the well-known Dan Ticinger mine, located within six miles of Lexington—price not told.—*Greensboro Protestant*

DEBT BILL PASSED—The Riddleberger bill has been adopted, with the house amendment, leaving the interest to be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated. In the house, the vote stood, ayes 55, noes 44 In the senate, ayes 24, noes 11 Ross Hamilton did not carry a single re adjusting republican with him.—Danville *Times*.

We learn a sad case which occurred here a day or so since A colored child, sick with hooping-cough and pneumonia, was being carried to a doctor by its father, when, on the way, it died in his arms.—Raleigh *Observer*.

A man giving his name as Charles Hartman Fisher of Davidson county, was committed to jail in this place last Saturday night charged with stealing a horse from H C Douthit of this county.—*Wilkesboro Index*.

OUR POSITION.

Since there are those who seem disposed to censure the REPORTER for the stand it has taken in certain matters of general interest in the State, we think it not out of place to define its true position.

The REPORTER has and will ever be the advocate of true democratic principles but is bound by no ties, and owes allegiance to no clique or ring, but claims the right to expose fraud or trickery wherever found, and its policy will be, as it has been from the time the first number was issued, to denounce ungentlemanly conduct wherever found, whether under the guise of office, or in the private circle, "hew to the line regardless of where the chips may fall"

Socially, the object of the REPORTER has been, and is now, to encourage a higher standard of morals, a nobler, exalted manhood, to commend whatever is noble and manly, and denounce chicanery wherever found.

The REPORTER is an advocate of all internal improvements that tends to developing the natural resources of North Carolina, as a State, and elevating Stokes from the low position in which she now held, to her rightful place in the front rank of counties.

It was not started with the expectation of its being a money making institution, but by strict economy in its management and the liberal support given by friends in and out of the county has paid some thing over expenses, and we would here say to the good people of Stokes, who think a poor paper is better than no paper at all, that the REPORTER will be continued as long as it pays expenses, regardless of the sneers of those who borrow to read in place of adding their mite to the support of running it.

Reporter's Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON D. C., March 10 1880.

A radical Senatorial caucus was held yesterday, principally in relation to the Fitz John Porter case Few Senators were present, and it seemed to be the understanding among them that they should oppose the bill.

The last great issue on which the party went to the people a year or so ago was Jeff Davis. This one, by vote of caucus, is to be Fitz John Porter Thus the "party of principles and great moral ideas" descends from principle and ideas to mere personal matters. The dictates of the caucus, in this case, will not, however, be obeyed by all the radicals.

Yesterday and day before were days of note in Congress, though not because of any progress made in legislation.

On Monday the new House rules took effect. From these many good results are prophesied Yesterday M De Lesseps concluded, before the House Special Committee on interoceanic canals, his explanation of his Panama Canal scheme, and was followed by Captain James B. Eades, of the St Louis bridge and Mississippi jetties, The Captain thinks a canal by any one of the recommended routes is possible, but is certain that his plan for a marine railway across the Isthmus is better in every respect, cheaper and speedier in construction, capable of carrying more vessels with greater speed and safety, and of infinitely less cost in the matter of repairs, etc Captain Eades made an excellent impression on the Committee.

We are to live under Federal election laws until a Conservative Congress and administration are installed. The United States Supreme Court decides the laws constitutional. The court, in all probability, cannot be changed in its *personnel* in a dozen years, under the most favorable circumstances, sufficiently to secure a change of this decision. But the laws themselves can be changed inside of three years if the Democratic party is wise in its choice of candidates this fall, and earnest in supporting him

Mr House, of Tennessee, yesterday paid his respects to the reform pretensions of this administration. The subject is a fruitful one, and was skillfully handled, to administration was ever more open to attack, not only because of actual violation of decency in its appointments, but because these disgraceful appointments were made in the face of ostentatious pretensions of reform.

DEM.

If the Legislature will appoint an investigating committee we will see that witnesses are forth-coming who will show the rascality which is an essential part of the Best movement to deprive North Carolina of her best piece of property. We think we can show the origin of the scheme and disclose the North Carolina Statesmen who co-operated in working it up.—*North State.*

TOBACCO SOLD.—The sales of tobacco in Danville during the last five months amounted to 13,641,712 pounds. February's sales amounted to 3,360 966 pounds The average for that month was $11 66 per hundred.—Danville *Times*

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How Judge Avery Holds Court.

It was really amusing to hear a Nash county darkey give an account of the way Judge Avery put things through at Nash court. When the Judge read out the sentence, "two years in the county jail," a man in the corner made an audible grunt. "Take that man to jail, sheriff," said his Honor, pointing to the grunter. "Good gracious!" muttered another 'Sheriff, take that man to jail,' directing the officer to the man last mentioned. "Great God!" said a third "Sheriff, take that man to jail," repeated the Judge "I tell you, sar" said that excited darkey, "I hardly bring my bref in dat court house after dat; but when I got out, and crossed the bridge over Stony Creek, den you bet I just busted my boots a stamping, and a jumping and a laffin'.—*Goldsboro Mail*

The Chicago *Tribune* publishes interviews with a great number of leading Wisconsin Democrass, and it appears that Mr. Tilden is no longer a favorite candidate with them. Nine-tenths of them are outspoken for Senator Bayard. Neither Hendricks nor Judge Davis can rally many supporters. "It now looks," says the *Tribune*, "as if Mr. Bayard may safely calculate on twenty votes from Wisconsin."

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