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The Mexican bill that has passed both the Senate and House only requires the President's signature to become law. Next Wednesday, Feb. 2nd will be the 39th anniversary of our peace with Mexico. That would be an appropriate day for the President to put his signature to the bill.

John G. Clark has given \$1,000,000 to endow a new educational institution to be created at Worcester, Mass., and to be known as Clark University. Would that some rich man would endow the old University of North Carolina with a corresponding sum. In fact it would give us unmixed pleasure to know that Mr. Clark or some other man of dollars had given \$100,000. *Wilmington Star.*

It would better serve the cause of higher education in our country if wealthy benefactors should contribute their munificence to institutions that already have an existence instead of looking to the perpetuation of their names by endowing new ones to bear the names of the founders. In the State of Massachusetts where Mr. Clark has endowed the new institution, which is to bear his name, there already exist Harvard University, Amherst College, Williams College, Tufts College, the University of Boston, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. We should not regard it as an insurmountable task to secure an endowment of \$100,000, for the University of North Carolina from one or a number of individuals. This writer would feel sufficiently assured of his ability to effectuate such a suggestion, should his zeal be aroused to the point of action, that success would give him no unbounded pleasure, and failure much mortification.

John Roach, the government ship-builder is dead. He was considered bankrupt a year ago, but it is now announced that after settling up the estate more than a million dollars will be left for his family. A good balance for the "poor" bankrupt ship-builder.

Nearly everybody who owns land in Ashe county could make more money and become more prosperous if he would put it to better use. The prevailing idea seems to be to have as much land as possible, not one-fourth of which is kept under cultivation, but lays around idle year after year, doing nobody any good; whereas better results would be attained by a more intensive system of farming on a smaller tract of land. Raise the best varieties of apples and other fruits; pay more attention to your orchards. Plant an acre or two in maple sugar trees, if you could haul a wagon load of tree sugar to market every year it would be a wonderful help to you. See that your pastures are kept in good order, and if you can raise two to three cattle or horses every year for sale, so much the better. Hogs are unprofitable beasts about a farm, and what is worse, their flesh is an unwholesome article of diet. Raise poultry—chickens and turkeys—there is nearly always a sale for eggs, and there will be a greater demand for them when a railroad reaches us and more hotels are built, and a better local demand for your poultry. Plant your surplus hillsides with best varieties of grapes and small fruits. Raise sweet potatoes and peanuts. Experiment in the cultivation of ginseng and other valuable roots and herbs. Keep a few sheep if you have enough land. Make as much butter and cheese as you can. Take a few summer boarders when they come, if your houses are large enough. Encourage manufacturers, support your home papers liberally, read more, give less attention to party politics. In short, put your lands and resources to the best possible use, keep sober and always remember that honesty is the best policy."—*Jefferson Philosopher.*

Minister Jarvis has arrived at Raleigh from Brazil on leave of absence. Mr. Pendleton, U. S. Minister to Germany is on his way to New York, and Mr. Cox has resigned his position as Minister to Turkey. To that our government has at this time no minister at Berlin, Vienna or Constantinople. Our government has remained unrepresented at Vienna ever since the Austrian government declined to accept the credentials of Mr. Kelley as U. S. Minister, on the ground that it was contrary to the usage of the court of Vienna to receive any one at its court who was of Jewish birth. Mrs. Kelley though a Christian is of Jewish birth. It was reported some weeks ago that our government was about to make an appointment to that court. "We should be glad to see Mr. Charles Ingalls of Philadelphia appointed to that place."

We copied last week an editorial brief from the *Wilmington Star* in which that paper considers the Augusta *Chronicle* in error in saying Julius Caesar was not above 5 feet 5 inches high. We agree with the *Star*, for Caesar is described as tall and slim, though we cannot give his height in feet and inches. We return to the subject in order to show a most remarkable instance how far contemporary opinion, and history which is founded on it, may be in error on such a point of ordinary observation. The contemporaries of Louis the Fourteenth thought him tall. Voltaire speaks repeatedly of his majestic stature yet, it is certain as any fact can be, that he was rather below than above the middle size.

Says Macaulay: "He had, it seems, a way of walking, a way of holding himself, a way of swelling his chest and raising his head, that deceived the eyes of the multitude." Eighty years after his death the revolutionist violated the royal cemetery, his coffin was opened, his body was exposed, and it appeared, that the prince's majestic figure which had been so long and so loudly extolled by history, was in truth a little man.

## THE MEXICAN PENSION BILL.

## STATE NEWS.

The House has concurred in the Senate's amendments to the Mexican Pension bill. The bill now only requires Presidential approval to become a law. It provides that a pension of \$8 a month shall be paid to all surviving officers and enlisted men, including marines, militia and volunteers of the military and naval service of the United States, who being duly enlisted, actually served sixty days with the army or navy of the United States in Mexico or on the coast or frontier thereof, or en route thereto, in the war with that nation, or were actually engaged in battle in said war or were honorably discharged, and to such other officers and soldiers and sailors as may have been personally named in any resolution of Congress for any specific service in said war; and the surviving widows of such officers and enlisted men. Provided, that such widows have not remarried; provided, that every such officer, enlisted man or widow who is, or may become 62 years of age, or who is, or may become subject to any disability or dependency equivalent to some cause prescribed or recognized by the pension laws of the United States as so far reason for the allowance of pensions, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act, but it shall not be held to include any person without the rule of age or disability or dependency herein defined, or who incurred such disability while in any manner voluntarily engaged in or aiding or abetting the late rebellion against the authority of the United States. Section 4716, Revised Statutes, is repealed, so far as it relates to this act.

## OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

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## CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

JAN. 12.—The Senate debated the Inter-State Commerce bill. The House passed the Anti-Polygamy bill.

JAN. 13.—The Senate remained in consideration of the Inter-State Commerce bill. The Senate Anti-Polygamy bill with House substitute—having been received from the House the amendment was non-concurred in and a conference was held. Messrs. Edmunds, Ingalls and Pugh were appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

JAN. 14.—The Senate considered the Inter-State Commerce bill; the Conference report was agreed to, pas 43, nays 15. No matters of public importance in the House. Jan. 15, In the Senate the Inter-State Commerce bill was reported. The River and Harbor bill taken up. Jan. 17, The Mexican Pension bill passed the House, with the Senate amendments. We give the bill on another column. Jan. 19, In the Senate the Canadian Fisheries Dispute Report from Committee on Foreign Relations, Pension Vouchers, Land Grant Revenues, were discussed, and in the House the Inter-State Commerce and Blair Educational Bill. Jan. 20, The Electoral Count bill, and Reports from Committees were before the Senate; and the House discussed the land grant railroads and the Inter-State commerce bill in the House. Jan. 21, Petitions for an Amendment of the Oldsmarburg Law and to Repeal the Internal Revenue Law were laid before the Senate. A resolution was adopted requesting the President to communicate to the Senate copies of all correspondence with the Government of Mexico in regard to the seizure and sale of the American schooner *Rebecca* in the port of Tampico; also copies of the correspondence between the State department and the late Minister Jackson, with Mr. Jackson's letter to the President on the subject of his resignation. The Conference Report on the Inter-State Commerce Bill adopted by the House.

Such cases are common. We have heard of many like it. The homestead law and exemption laws in North Carolina are the greatest curse that has ever been put on the State. They are intended to benefit the poor but have made him poorer by adding cost and expense necessary to his misfortune and necessities. They have made some men indolent and shiftless and caused others to become liars and deceivers. They have done no man any good but have harmed the whole State and everybody in it. They prevent any fair assessment of the lands of the State, cause litigation and cause a general want of confidence among our people. Their repeal or abolition would be the best move towards the good old time, and we long to see it done.—*Hickory Carolinian.*

Let no State or District Board assess the value of our property. Let the county Board attend to that business. What does John Jones in Cherokee know of the value of property in Halifax, or Bill Smith in Halifax know of the value of property in Cherokee?—*Scotland Neck Democrat.*

This is the anniversary of the birth of Mozart, the great composer, born 1756 died 1791. He died at Vienna while a sort of rheumatic inflammatory fever was epidemic, and what is most remarkable his grave is unknown.

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