RALEIGH, N. C TUESDAY,.....APRIL 16, 1878

DEATH OF W. M. TWEED.

This morning's telegrams state that Mr. Tween died in his cell in Ludlow Street jail yesterday. WILLIAM MARCY TWEED was born in New York, April 3, 1823. He learned the trade of chairmaking, and in partnership with his father was largely engaged in the furniture business. As a dealer in furniture he was well known and much respected by merchants in the town where our earlier years were passed. Later in life he was admitted to the bar, became an alderman, a member of Congress, chairman of the New York City Board of Supervisors, a School Commis sioner and a State Senator. In 1870 he was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, and while he held that office he and his friends appropriated vast sums of public money to private use. The thefts at last aroused Mr. O'CONOR and Mr. TILDEN to the necessity of stopping the heavy drain on the city, and on Oct. 28, 1871, he was arrested in a civil their own railroads. But I must protest suit on charges of malfeasance, brought by CHARLES O'CONOR on behalf of the people, and gave bail in \$1,000,000. In November of the same year he was re-elected to the State Senate, but did not take his seat. On Dec. 16 he was arrested on a criminal charge of fraud, but was released on \$5,-000 bail. On Jan. 30, 1873, the first of the suits was tried, and the jury disagreed. On Nov. 19 he was found guilty of fraud, and was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment on as many different counts, and to pay a fine of \$12,550. He was sent to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, and subsequently was disbarred. On April 7, 1875, a suit was begun in the Supreme Court of New York on behalf of the people to recover \$6,000,000 from him. These were the principal of several suits both civil and criminal brought against

where he safely arrived and remained, still disguised, for a month or more; his final effort for freedom by leaving Cuba for Spain in July 1876, and his arrival and arrest at Vigo, September 2nd, 1876, are all matters well known to readers of THE OBSERVER, who could not have failed to be interested in the long and absorbing story printed in these columns some months ago. He was brought back to New York and handed over to the Sheriff on November 23d, 1876. Since that date he has been "investigated" in many ways, but we believe that his money and property have long since passed into the hands of lawyers and judges, and investigation with a view to restitution has been a At last his eventful life has ended in a prison cell in a crowded New York street. thief. According to his light, he was not a thief at all, for he was born and reared whose claims to political distinction upon the suggestion made by way of conand to social eminence, such as fession and avoidance as it were, that it was, were based on their DRIVER and his wife were negroes, as and converting it into private fortunes. He for the discussion who would have known was a little bigger than most of them; that in North Carolina the most virtuous was the difference. His schemes of plun- wife cannot get even a qualified divorce der were great schemes contrived and from a husband, who has committed adulexecuted with equal boldness and sagacity, tery with her servant, and in her bed almost universally successful from the chamber, while by way of contrast the skill with which they were laid and the husband is told that he need not catch his secrecy with which they were executed. wife in flagrante delicto with her paramour He was undoubtedly a robber, a gigantic in order to reduce the act of killing them robber, but he robbed not merely for the from murder to manslaughter? If the love of gain. His plundering of New husband is satisfied from the indications York was in some sort like NAPOLEON'S that he has been wronged he may prothefts of kingdoms. He stole to give away. ceed at once to manslaughter, and As Sir Walter Scott has said he need not be nice about the indicaof Rob Roy, "like Robin Hood, tions. The poor wife, however, who gentle robber, and while he took from the rich was liberal in relieving may not leave his presence; indeed must, the poor. This might in part be policy; as St. Paul directs, submit herself to her but the universal tradition of the country speaks it to have arisen from a better motive. All gave him the character of a benevolent and humane man 'in his way.' " So with Mr. Tween, the dread of the New York wealthy, he was the friend of its nice. If it be asked where is the Scriptur wants had ever been his care, returned him to the State Senate as usual, in the face of exposures of his guilt. What cared they? They looked upon the whole brood husband on any ground? But for discusof city politicians as thieves (and they sion in the newspapers, how would the were very nearly right), and this thief, people ever know that the laws of North like no other thief, divided his plunder Carolina regard incest no more than ordiwith them to feed and warm them in the cold Northern winters. The

Great Judge of all.

SEVEN Insurance Companies of Hartford, a town with less population than sev- hood, down-trodden, beastly-treated woeral wards of Philadelphia, have paid manhood in the bosoms of North Carolina

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WARM SPRINGS, N. C., April 8.

The temptation to say a few words once more, even from this distance, to the readers of THE OBSERVER is no longer to be resisted. In the first place it is a pleasant thing per se, as we used to say before the war, and in the next place to be able to resume the habit is a convincing proof of getting the better of a long and wearying sickness. I find myself here under the orders of the physicians seeking benefit from the well-known yet not widely known waters of this place, and truly the bathing is delightful. It is, however, a long way to come, that is to say via Danville, Virginia, to Lynchburg, to Bristol, on the Tennessee line, thence to Morristown, in east Tennessee, where a railroad runs off to Wolf Creek near the North Carolina line. Wolf Creek is nine miles from here and I made the trip in a heavy army wagon with spring seats. For an invalid, just out of bed, the trip was not a little fatiguing. And all this extra travel was necessary because we have never finished our road through the mountains. May the day speedily come when North Carolinians can go to their own places of resort for business, health or pleasure on that I mean no complaint of roads in other States, but only to express a wish for the advancement of my own State, for that after all the kindness and attention I received would be ingratitude pure and

And now a word about mail facilities between here and Raleigh. I doubt if we newspaper men whose duties confine us to our offices are fully alive to our interests. I doubt if we give attention enough to our papers after leaving the offices en route and at the points of delivery. I fear that we content ourselves too much with knowing that our mails leave our offices regularly and on time. Were you aware that THE OBSERVER that is mailed in Raleigh on Tuesday morning does not reach this place until the night of the fourth day afterward, that is to say Friday night, and him. On June 15 the Court of Appeals that Thursday's paper does not get here decided that his further imprisonment was until Monday night or the fifth night? I illegal, on the ground that the Court be- confess I was not aware of it until I got low had exceeded its powers in its cumu. here. What can we hope to do in the way lative sentence, and ordered his discharge. of extending our daily circulation at such He was then ordered to find bail to the points under such circumstances? The amount of \$3,000,000 in the pending civil suits, and in default of the same was sent to Ludlow street jail. On Dec. 4, while visiting his residence in charge of two

keepers, he escaped from custody. The in- I notice that within the last few weeks quiet retreat in the wilds of New Jersey; his and I regret very much to see the great residence in a fisherman's hut near Fort bitterness with which it seems to be prose-Wadsworth, at the Narrows; his embar- cuted. One may be a full believer in the kation from Staten Island on a light and right of the people to discuss the characfast-sailing schooner, manned by himself ters and qualifications of the candidates and two companions and a negro boy; his for nominations, especially when nominaarrival and residence for the winter months | tions are equivalent to elections; indeed the in Florida; his reembarkation for Cuba right to discuss is necessary to the intelligent exercise of the right to nominate, but the following: surely in a State renowned as is our own. for pure and able lawyers, the candidates for the highest judicial honors ought not

to be subjected to such an ordeal. It has an ugly look. Another thing I have noticed with regret is a disposition on the part of some to shut down upon all discussion of the opinions of the Supreme Court in the press of the State. Yet what a flood of light has been thrown upon the laws of North Carolina by the recent discussions! But for these discussions in the press, who but a chosen few, a handful of lawyers and judges, would have known that a North Carolina husband may kick his wife in the side and stomach until she fall in the fence in premature labor and may then straightway set her to binding up oats and for all He was a robber, a thief, but not a sneak this be liable to be imprisoned only one month? Nor did it matter whether in the case in which the law was tested the paramong a race of public plunderers, ties were black or white; nor can I look capacity of stealing the public's money other than shocking to humanity. But in fact.

knows her husband has wronged her, and under most aggravating circumstances,

own husband, even though that husband come fresh from the embraces of her own servant in her own bed room. Verily, it would seem the laws of North Carolina do not desire either husband or wife to be poor, and that great district of the city in- al warrant for the proposed changes in the for resumption; and as silver is to be habited by the poor and wretched, whose law of divorce for the protection of women, the answer would be easy: where is it will have \$32,000,000 of silver at the the scriptural warrant for granting a di- date of resumption. The com reserve of the scriptural warrant for granting a di-vorcement to a woman for fault of her the Treasury will therefore consist, on the about this "family quarrel." Neming. nary fornication, or that those same laws

regard the act of one who steals to the bed rich have gained nothing by being of a married woman and accomplishes his upon us. Be patient, friends; all will rid of him. A greedy swarm of peo- purpose because the woman thinks he is have a hearing in good time. The people ple calling themselves "reformers" took her husband, as an act of assault are to elect the Judges, and the people as the places vacated by Tweed and his fellow-thieves, and the expenses and the debt which the villain may be hung?

her husband, as an act of assault well as the lawyers are entitled to a heardropped out. Hail stones as large as hen ing and in these columns they shall have eggs fell as thick and fast as drops of rain t. They talk plain talk do the was said to be the last refuge of a scoundrel that would forbid reference to such opin. but not ill-naturedly nor sneeringly, and in Dr. Johnson's day; the word "re- ions as these; indeed we go further after we have no fears of harm resulting from former" stinks in the nostrils of one who due reflection and say that justice to wo. their talk. The Convention in June will had come for the "wreck of matter and has lived in the great city of New York. men as beings capable of the lowest feel. hame men in every respect worthy of the The man's punishment, well deserved ings even of humanity, and justice to ouras it was, has been great; more than he selves as beings above the level of mercicould bear. He has died under it. Let less brutes, demand that discussion be had this or that candidate that we see so much us say as little evil and as much good as we and reference made thereto until the laws talked about has not come under our obmay of him, and leave the rest with the of North Carolina be changed. And they servation in our own correspondence or it will be changed, and that too hefore an. would have been excluded. Neither have other Spring, if there be any regard for we seen much of it in our exchanges. decency, for honor, for virtue, for woman-

BISHOP ANDREWS, of the New York

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE. [Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.]

anything, or anybody, even Slocum, who was or professed to be a Democrat, was

better than a Radical. Besides, he had

probably only obeyed orders, and I regard-

ed it as a compliment to the Observer that it was singled out for destruction.

An amusing incident occurred on Hay

mount in Fayetteville at that time. The

well known propensity of the bummers

lay their hands on"-they had been de-

pert thieves in the federal army-induced

thought he would "save his bacon" by

carrying it to the roof of his dwelling, which happened to be almost flat. His

residence was across the street from the

extensive buildings connected with the

guard were detailed to protect his property from the flames to which the Arsenal

buildings were doomed. They proceeded

to perform that duty by mounting to the

roof but were assured by the owner that

there was no necessity for that as he could

the officer, "I am ordered to station my

men on the roof of your house, and I am

going to do it." As no further remon-

trance could be made, the party ascended,

and what a sight greeted their longing

eyes! The officer was said to have ut-tered a rather profane exclamation, but

Another effective expedient was resorted

to by a shrewd lady in the same town. Anticipating the visit of the bummers, she

opened her trunks and drawers and scattered

thieves rushed in and saw this apparent con-fusion, they naturally concluded that a gang had been there before them and had carried off everything worth stealing, and so bolted off to the next house.

Barnum, the great show man, has turned

out to be a first-rate temperance lecturer, not, however, to the neglect of his huge

circus. A few evenings ago he related his

own experience as a moderate drinker, and

is total abstinence now for thirty-one years.

temperance men who can do the work as

LETTER PROM JOHNSTON.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.]

MESSES EDITORS: It is to be feared that we have too many and too zealous patriots in

our good old State just at this time. I

use the word "patriot," for what else

would characterize those correspondents

ceeding great zeal are proving to their own

satisfaction, it seems, that all or nearly all

of the men whom we have honored with

high, responsible offices are unworthy of the confidence and support of the people.

We have a Senator that we thought was

honoring North Carolina in Congress, but

he is a bolter, and our county convention

says they will support no one who supports him for next term. We have a Chief Jus-

tice who, as all very recently thought, was "the man for the place," but the patriots

have found out better now. And another

Superior Court Judge whom we all ad-

rederal usurpation, but lo! his Ku-Klux

record is not right. There must be some mistake. The people still think that Merrimon, Smith, Schenek, &c., are

good and true men, and they are quite

ersuaded that this "charging and counter-

harging" has its origin in consideration

that do not promise much benefit to the party or to the State. It is to be feared

hat there is too much "hankering" after

criminations and recriminations do not indicate much concern for the good of the

State; but an over anxiety for "me and my wife, my son John and his wife, we

four and no more." The whole matter is

disgraceful to the Democratic party, and in

State of the services of some of her ablest,

purest men. For if the opposing factions

impress the public as each wishes to do, the public will want and support neither

man so warmly commended and so roundly

A good citizen of this county, in the be

war came, and he was conscripted, he

voted against Vance because he was too much of a war man. "Why, neighbor," said I to him, "why have you changed so?" He answered, "Enough of a thing

HAIL STORM AT CLAYTON.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.]

FORSYTH COUNTY.

The Crops-Schools-The Observer.

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dence of THE OBSERVER.

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convicted of crime or inefficiency.

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the spoils of office. At any rate, thes

red for his devotion to States Rights vs.

CLAYTON, N. C., April 11, 1878.

lothing &c. over the floors. When the

spared the bacon.

that members of the bar can and do speak through the press, it being safer to do so when corrupt men are on the bench. NEW YORK, April 9, 1878. MESSES. EDITORS:-I have no copy and because a larger audience can thereby right, nor prescriptive right, to the signature which you always append to my letters to The Observes, and have had no concern about the "H" very properly employed in your excellent Washington correspondence; but things get smewhat "mixed" when "H." is credited in Mr. Kitchen's communication in "its". be reached. The anser then, of the ven-erable father of the Bar in North Caro-lina about editors now knowing all the law is as unjust as, fortunately, it is harmless. Editors it is true have some rights that even lawyers are bound to respect, Kitchen's communication in THE but in the matter of discussing the opin-SERVER of the 6th, with uttering the opinion that it was "a crime to publicly ex-press" a preference for Judge Schenck for Chief Justice. This "H" has not medions of the Supreme Court they are performing a sacred duty to the people rather than exercising a personal right—a duty dled with the question of Chief Justice that I feel sure THE OBSERVER will ships, and begs that he who has so written never fail to discharge in a proper manner and on proper occasion. would not like to locate him in that warmer THE JUDICIAL SCARE. place which alliterates with Halifax. It is stated that Gen. H. W. Slocum. Brooklyn, was serenaded at Atlanta, Georgia, last week. This was remarkable, con-

There is a good deal of unnecessa alarm manifested in reference to what may sidering that this General commanded the come to the Democratic party of the ani left wing of Sherman's army during "the mated discussion in reference to candidates march to the sea," in the progress of which the city of Atlanta was laid in ashes, and for the Supreme Court and other nomina I take it for granted from what occurre afterwards, that Slocum superintended th tions. It is unnecessary because no harm whatever will result to the party. Some burning. The after occurrence alluded t individuals may come to grief, but the was that he superintended the burning Democratic people when they meet in the Observer office in Fayetteville in March Convention will name candidates fit to be 1865, sitting in the window of the Fayette ville Hotel across the street and hugel voted for. And if the stirrers up of strife. enjoying the scene, as I heard. Perhaps whether candidates or friends of candidates. ought not to wonder at the honor thus paid are dissatisfied and will not vote for the to Slocum in Atlanta, when I remember that I voted for him for Congress six or eight years ago, whilst living in Brooklyn. nominees, why they will come to worse grief than the loss of present promotion. But he was running as a Democrat, against a mean Radical, at a time when the South was under the heel of its oppressors, and

One great good we trust will grow out of the strife for nominations for Judges of the Supreme Court, that is to say a change of the system under which they are elected. It concerns us not at all whether the Judges are elected by the people or by the Legislature. We are not sure but we prefer that the people make the Judges. What is to be desired is that the enure of office be changed, and that the Judge hold his office for life or during good behavior, as in the good old days before Gen. CANBY made laws for North Carolina The history of England, of the United States, of North Carolina, records the election or appointment of Judges by far more disgraceful means than are likely to be employed in North Carolina at this time. They who read the history of either or all will readily see that under the old system most excellent Judges were made in the most unmail lies over at Salisbury, it lies over at seemly manner out of what seemed to be Henry, and again at Asheville! Such a very bad material. Those who have lived mail schedule as this is a disgrace to the under the new have seen very poor Judges

made out of excellent men. The trouble is simply that Judges wish to genious plan; its successful execution; his the campaign for nominations for places be re-elected under the short term system, narrow escape of detection while in the on the next Supreme Court Bench has and Judges are but men like the rest of streets of the city and in his own house; his opened pretty generally all along the line, us. The spirit indeed is willing, but the

THOMASN. HILL, ESQ.

In the New York Times of the 10th was another of the series of special dispatches in regard to North Carolina politics. This was reprinted in THE OBSERVER of the 12th. Among its statements, were

"Mr. Schenck recently held a term of court in Halifax county, and it has been well understood since that time that he and Thomas N. Hill, of that county. had formed a combination to secure each other's nomination as Chief Justice and Associate Justice. When this fact was nonneed, the papers devoted to exaltng the claims of ex-Judge Howard, of Edgecombe, attacked Mr. Hill, saying that he was not the choice of Eastern Carolina. and denounced him as unfit for the bench because he has not a county reputation as a lawyer. Last week the manager of Judge Schenck's canvass was in this city, and it is presumed that he ascertained that Mr. Hill could not be of any service to the former. This manager lives in Ca-barrus county, and on last Saturday that county held a convention and indorsed Mr. Schenck, Mr. Ashe, and Mr. Howard, and totally ignored Mr. Hill. The news now comes up from Halifax that Mr. Hill and his friends are furious that he should have from different sections who in their exbeen so basely betrayed in the house of his supposed friend. They threaten Mr. Schenck with unrelenting war, and have pledged themselves to defeat his nomination."

We are authorized and requested by Mr. HILL to state that there has never been any bargain or combination between Judge Schenck and himself. The statement that he and his friends are "furious" about the Cabarrus meeting, or anything else, is also without the slightest foundation

Those who know Mr. HILL need no such assurance as we have thus authoritatively given. Those who put the report in circulation knew it to be untrue. The Times correspondent, we suppose, merely telegraphed what he heard on the streets of

Elsewhere is printed another batch of Raleigh rumors as telegraphed to the

Times received yesterday. FROM SECRETARY SHERMAN'S New York interview we Lather the resources of the Freasury for resumption on the 1st of January next. The conditions of the new loan are the immediate payment of \$10, 000,000, and then \$5,000,000 per month until the total of \$50,000,000 shall have been paid. The Treasury has already \$90,000,000 of coin and bullion available 1st of January, of these sums: Present available coin, \$90,000,000; proceeds of the new loan, \$50,000,000; silver coin \$32,000,000; total \$172,000,000.

CLAYTON, N. C., April 11, 1878. MESSES. EDITORS: One of the most ter ific hail storms ever known to the "oldest SUPREME COURT correspondence grows nhabitant" has bas just passed over this place. I cannot convey in words an approximate idea of the facts. At 8 o'clock p. m. the storm gloud came rushing not a pane of glass is lett on the windward side; for the wind blowing pretty strong crash of worlds. It has now been an hour or nearly so, and yet the hail stones may be gathered up by the bushel. I can't form yet any correct estimate of the damage done in our village and community to stock, chickens, gardens, etc. The best description, after all, that I can give of it is, it was frightful. Yours, Mac.

manhood in the bosoms of North Carolina \$95,300,562,52 in losses since their establishment. And yet there are people who wonder at the frequency of fires and the inefficiency of fire departments.

The Stockton (N. J.) spoke factory last week received an order from England for 50,000 spokes, to be used in the manufacture of artillery carriages.

The total annual consumption in this country of barley malt, it is said, will not fall far short of 30,000,000 bushels.

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WINSTON-SALEM LETTER.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] WINSTON-SALEM, April 11, 1878. MESSES. EDITORS: Our county conven ion that was to appoint delegates, with instructions, to the District Convention, to be held at Yadkinville this week, met at the Court House last Saturday afternoon ediately adjourned, it being the on of opinion of the party that it was too early to make a nomination for Judge of this District, and adjourned to meet some day in May, while the General Convention at Yadkinville will not now meet until June. The Radicals in this District have no sort of showing and their only hope is a division in our party, and at a late bour running in their man will, like the cockneys drop the H. Perhaps he indicated where he is located, but I do not so learn from Mr. Kitchen. I to Forsyth. That township is isolated

from the rest of the county by the rive cutting it off, thus causing endless trouble very often in getting to and from court on account of freshets during the Spring and Fall; and besides, Yadkin presents a terrible wrecked financial condition through continued Radical manipulation since the war; jurors and witnesses have not been paid for two years back. These Western counties raise some short of cotton down here to Winston last year,

staple cotton, and one firm at Slabtown, Yadkin county, sent about 20,000 pounds which staple, I believe, J. E. Gilmer buys the most of, and ships to Franklinsville. Over in the Yadkin river they are catch. ing, occasionally, in their nets, some of the spawn of fish put in the river this year. It will evidently cost the tobacco manufacturers \$25,000 or more ere they get through with the great compromise for this District for the month of March amounted to \$51,474.48. There has been a very large attendance from this section upon the Federal court holding at Greensboro-much larger than usual. The prospect is excellent, at present, for splendid crops of every kind, and the fruit trees are sufficiently leaved now to greatly pro-tect the blooms from any possible Easter

time nipping frosts.

The tobseco barns all through the country are crammed with the weed, planters waiting for better prices than are now obtailed for that purpose from the most ex- tained, which are distressingly short. The manufacturers will be at work very soon, people to hide their valuables in all sorts and that will serve to attract a good deal of out-of-the-way places, above ground and more of the article to this market no matter what figures are obtaining, and the farmers, many of them, can ill afford to hold very much longer. On this market, in the "flush" time of high prices, four years ago, I have seen tobacco bring as Confederate Arsenal, and an officer and of tobacco from this point during the last eight months has been very considerable, notwithstanding dull trade ruling in the markets of consumption, because of the agitation of the question of tax Congress. During the period referred to there were shipped 18,385 boxes and caddies of manufactured tobacco, 530 heads and tierces of leaf and 182 heads of stems, making a total of 1,704 277 pounds. The large house in Montreal of W. C. McDonald buys largely here and keeps a man in the market continually. To show how certainly Winston is thriving in face of the very general depression town constable after collecting the municipal taxes of the last year. The County issioners are farming out those in our jail serving out sentences, and they are at work upon the new water works constructing in Salem. The Moravian Chapel in Salem is undergoing repairs. The large business of R. W. Foard & Sons at Elkin, Surry county, is being sold this week under executions in the Sheriff L H. Taylor.

The project of building a new road from this region. A regular working commit-tee, after having preliminary meetings, has Mr. Barnum concluded his remarks with ton, J. W. Alspaugh, T. J. Brown, J. E. an earnest appeal to young men especially Gilmer, G. M. Mathes, Dr. Wm. Brown, J. M. an earnest appeal to young men especially to sign the pledge, and said that among the 1,800 men employed by him less than fifty used intoxicating liquors, "and their places will be filled as soon as I can find Fries and R. L. Patterson, who are corresponding with other committees and parties at the points named and all along the promore, etc., etc., receiving subscriptions etc. This point pledged \$25,000 at the first meeting of merchants. It is proposed to build a narrow gauge road, which practical men feel will be entirely equal to the and such a road can be built for 50 per cent less than a broad gauge. Capt. Moore, a civil engineer, who has addressed the meetings of the board, says that a road of this kind between the points can be graded for \$1.000 per mile, provided they could get 200 convicts of the State. It would

LETTER FROM GREENSBORO

Judge Strange on Wife-Beating— Some Good Advice to Correspon-dents, but the Best Omitted (That is to Nay, Make Letters Short) Ex-cept by Example.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] GREENSBORO, April 12, 1878. MESSES. EDITORS: The remarks of you lady correspondent, as embodied in your editorial of the 10th, reminds me of a decision by a Judge of the Superior Court, in a neighboring county many years ago The gentleman who reported the case in my hearing, said that he never heard Judge swear upon the bench but once. How far his profanity was justifiable is eft to the decision of the reader. Judge S., who was gathered to hi athers, in your Cape Fear country, a generation ago, was distinguished for his impulsive, generous feelings, and for his chivalric admiration of "the sex." A man

was indicted in his court for brutal treatment of his wife. Among other things it was proven that he compelled her one night to ride bareback and astride, on a poor horse, a distance of two or three miles. The testimony of the witnesses had evidently excited his honor as well as the spectators in attendance. When the ury returned their verdict of guilty, the dge was walking to and fro on the bench. and commenced pronouncing sentence— "piling it on" in the way of fine, imprisonment, cost, &c., to the utmost extent of the law, all delivered in language which he thought suitable to the occasion. It was little short of an anathema. The culprit himself became excited, and exclaimed, "Judge, you'd better hang me at once!" The Judge stopped and confronted him. His eye blazed. His long fore-finger came down with a jerk to a point blank aim, like the muzzle of a rifle, and with it came the explosion: "Damn you, sir; I wish I had it in my power to ang you!" An irrepressible cheer went

up from the crowd. This shows that there is human nature Judges as well as other folks. Whether this fact is to have any bearing upon the present squabble about candidates for the Supreme Court bench, upon the chickugut at Charlotte, the Eastern question. the purity of guane or the price of cotton, I can't say. But it is to be wished that your correspondents would hold up a little on the judiciary. Your policy of throwing open the columns of The Observer to free discussion illustrates the true functions of the newspaper. Nevertheless I think your correspondents ought to understand that their criminative remarks derstand that their criminative remarks cap hardly result in public good. In case any of the candidates so hotly discussed be nominated, these writers are furnishing ready made cudgels to our political opponents to worry us with. Each of the gentlemen named has shown capabilities for when Haves got in the question was setnents to worry us with. Each of the gentlemen named has shown capabilities for judicial office, and most of them have already a public record sufficient to entitle them to the confidence and honors of the people of the State. And there are numbers of others not yet named, of whom the same may be said. Let us all save our ammunition until after the Conventions of the respective parties.

A WOMAN'S WAY .- "My love," said the Count to his wife, "you remember the se-cret that X. confided to me a week ago? Well, I am now authorized to reveal it to

Thank you for nothing; I don't care

to hear it."
"Don't care to hear it—why?"
"Because you wouldn't tell it to me

[Special Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] 1 10 .- The House to tematically arranged paper. While it contains nothing positively startling or original on the tariff question, it makes very clear that the Government will realize an annual saving of ten million dollars by the Committee's Bill. The system, complex, expensive and unjust, is greatly simplified. And more than all, the bill contains, in Mr. Wood's opinion, a panacea for the hard times. Some wise, wholesome and economica legislation seems to be necessary to check

WASHINGTON.

REPUBLICAN EXTRAVAGANCE. To the House deficiency bill the extravagant Republican Senate has added : For expenses of extra session of Senate, \$14,-42.40; for Government insane hospital \$14,583; rent of Freedman's hospital, \$2,006; Powell's survey of the Rocky mountains, \$5,000; Hayden's survey, maps, charts, etc., \$20,000; mints and as say offices \$17,600; for operating Des Moines Rapids canal, \$7,500; for improving monument lot ponds, \$2,200; survey of South Pass, Miss., \$7,500; printing for War Department, \$18,000; for provisions for Marine corps, \$14,277,09; for payment for mail transportation to New Brunswick and Canada railroad, \$11,935.73; for immediate repairing of Whales-Back light and fog signal station at entrance to Portsmouth harbor, \$15,000; for taking observations of solar eclipse July 29, 1872, \$8,000.

The House appropriation for printin for the Interior Department was increase from \$30,000 to \$40,000, and that for the Capitol grounds from \$9,000 to \$20,000. The sum of \$300,000 was added for subsistence for the army, making a total increase in the bill of over \$479,000.

THURMAN'S TRIUMPH. passage of the Pacific funding bill Senate last night is so considered here. He was warmly congratulated upon his victory. It is a signal victory over a strong lobby. The bill requires that the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific railroad companies pay into the United States Treasury in addition to the whole of the overnment's earnings, not to exceed for the former company one hundred and fifty thousand and for the latter three hundred thousand dollars per year. The government has heretofore retained all overnment earnings, although one-half of hem has been to the companies. The objection made by them to the bill was not as to the amount to be paid into the sinking fund, but to the other sections of the bill, including the declaration of the right to amend, alter or repeal the bill. should it become a law. The amount due the companies hereafter from the government for transportation and other services, which has heretofore been held in the United States Treasury without benefit or interest to the companies, will immediately be placed to the credit of the two companies. On the call of reports to-morrow the is an improvement in the size of them if House committee will report the same bill. INCOME TAX.

To-day the Committee on Ways and Means by a vote of 6 to 5 decided to report the income tax as part of the revenue bill. The bill imposes a tax on all incomes in excess of \$2,000.

BLAIR'S BOMBSHELL. The Maryland resolutions are in the hands of the Senators and Representatives Danville via this point to Statesville is from that State. They will be presented, exciting very great attention all through this region. A regular working commitpreme Court in the matter of the Presibeen formed, consisting of Jos. H. Stock- dential question will be offered, but ex actly what are its features and as to whose sacred custody it has been committed there is nothing but the vaguest hints. Very little is said about it. Democratic members who ought to know tell me posed route, preparing circulars to be positively that they know nothing of any submitted to the Board of Trade at Balti- party movement looking to reopening of the Presidential question.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. To-night the Republicans caucus on the tariff bill and "Hayes' policy." The quesdemand of business along the route, as is the case in Alabama and Northern Georgia, that swift judgment has been taken against tion of adjournment will be considered them on this question. APRIL 11, 1878.—A stormy scene mark-

ed the close of debate to-day on the pension appropriation bill. Hanna, of Indiana, in his vehement and blustering manner, made some severe remarks characterizing require about \$1.000 to survey. He says the bill as an attempt to rob the pensioner. He advanced to the cock-pit in front of business now, or at any time to come, from the Speaker's desk and shook his awful fist threateningly at Sparks, of Illinois. Sparks had intimated that Hanna's cpposition to the bill was due to personal and mercenary motives. This Hanna ferociously denied, shaking his ponderous, shaggy head, and pawing the rich Brussels carpet, Sparks wanted to ask him a question. He refused to be interrogated. The question was propounded, nevertheless, and it was a settler. It was this: Was not the Pension Agent at Indianapolis the gentleman's (Mr. Hanna) law partner?"
What was said in reply was lost under the vigorous blows of the Speaker's gavel, but the hostile attitude of Hanna as he approached Sparks' seat, wildly and fiercely gesticulating, meant a collision. Members from every part of the House crowded in wards characterized him, Hanna retreated. Sparks got into the pit and shook his fist at Hanna. While the exhausted chairman was shifting the gavel to his rested hand Sparks was heard to say "It is so; it is so; I can prove it, and that's what's the matter with Hannah!" The witticism was lost to many, but by a pressing request he obtained a half minute of Mr. Smith's time to repeat it. It provoked a tremendous

duty was voted down. The Committee's was voted down. An amendment cutting down the fees of pension agents was carried. The reduction will save the government over \$100,000. In its present when the amendment was offered requir-ing the appointment of "wounded and dis-abled soldiers" as pension agents after next July it was carried with a shout.

The annual postal route bill was reported by Chairman Waddell to-day. The P. O. Appropriation bill was taken up. The amount appropriated by the bill

BLAIR'S RESOLUTION. The Blair resolutions of the Maryland Legislature introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Dennis and referred to the Judiciary Committee hardly caused a ripple in that august body. Mr. Dennis dissented from the propriety or wisdom of re-open-ing the presidential question. Represen-tative Roberts, an unterrified Democrat of implied instructions of his State Legisla-ture, but on a question affecting the whole country he believes it to be his duty to act for the best interest of the country. H.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] ROXBORO, N. C., April 10, 1878. MESSES. EDITORS: ... There is a splendid portunity for macadamizing the road leading from Leasburg to Roxboro if some enterprising individual could be induced to nound the rocks to pieces; it is undoubte y the roughest traveling I ever experienced, but however rough, I succeeded eaching this place without any accident Monday morning, in company with Col. Geo. N. Thompson of Leasburg. While en route we passed a hill called "Poplar-Hill," upon which is the largest poplar tree I ever saw, it is 88 feet in circu ence one foot from the ground, is a magnificent tree and looks as if it were sound, healthy and vigorous, with a fair prospect of living another century.

This week is the time for holding regular Spring term of the Superior Court for Person county, His Honor Judge A. A. McKoy, presiding. On the criminal docket there are 78 cases, about one-third of them being for larceny. Four have been sentenced to the penitentiary, and others awaiting sentence to be passed to two of whom I think a suspension of judgment was granted, they being two nother, were convicted of wholesale shopifting in Roxboro: the old sinners were

There is no capital case for trial at this term of the Court. On the civil docket there are 36 cases, and 8 on the appearance, amongst the former, is one that has been rotating; Turner vs. Douglas. A civil case somewhat novel was tried to-day. A father sues his married daughter for the clothes she carried off, alleging they were only loaned to her. Col. L. C. Edwards was counsel for plaintiff, and Col. Thomas Ruffin for defendant. Each of these gentlemen exhibited tact and ability in the management of this case. The jury couldn't see the old man's right to the clothes, hence they rendered their verdict in favor of the defendant.

is well represented in numbers, talent and ability. The resident lawyers are: J. F. Terry, S. C. Barnett, C. S. Winstead, Montford McGehee, H. L. Bumpass, N. K. Lunsford; J. A. Long, A. E Henderson, of Yanceyville; Geo. N. Thompson, Leasburg; J. W. Graham, Thos. Ruffin, A. W. Graham, Josiah Turner, F. N. Strudwick, Hillsboro; L. C. Edwards, Oxford; A. W. Tourgee, Raleigh. I noticed a plow on exhibition called 'Yarborough's improved plow;" it is an an expension of a Mr. Yarborough, of Casnvention of a Mr. Yarborough, well county, and is said to do all

ventor claims for it, in that it is: 1st. The best turning plow in use. 2d. By taking off the large wing which adjustable, and putting on a small one. it becomes a cultivator. 3d. Take off the small wing, and it be

comes a coulter. Its weight is forty is still high, but not so very dry at the present writing. There is a marked imand I am inclined to the opinion that there

not in number I can't imagine why the good people of Person don't tear down the old, unsightly, badly arranged, single story building called the court house, and build one that would be an ornament and credit to the county; may-be, when they get the narrow gauge railroad from Milton here, it will excite pride ecough in them to build a new one. I notice that Mr. S. P. Satterfield, one of the enterprising citizens of the cown, has commenced to build a fine mansion on Main Street. Situated upon his lot is an old building recently used as a dwelling, that has a little Revolutionary history connected with it: At the time Lord Cornwallis passed through this section, this house was then used as a barn on a farm six miles south of here; it being full of corn. Cornwallis captured it and placed a guard around it until he could have it removed.

The framing is still perfectly sound. THE MERCANTILE AND TOBACCO manufacturing interest of Roxboro is looking up. There are three large stores of general merchandise, they are run by week, and on Monday afternoon and Messrs. Foushee and Satterfield, J. A. evening came to the front with a grand Long and S. P. Satterfield & Co.; and all seem to be doing a good business. Messrs.

Mitchell & Hunt run the drug store. To Their expectations were more than realall these clever gentlemen I am indebted for favors, but to Mr. S P. Satterfield I am under lasting obligations for special acts of kindness. They all take THE OBSERVER, and this may account for their generosity

and kindness to me; at any rate, it is worth trying.

The tobacco interests are considerably on the increase, four factories for making and cried "fair play." As Sparks rose to J. Hunt, W. H. Thomas, James Thomas, ted, Mrs. C. C. Lyon, Mrs. Dr. McFadyen, and Texas bull" as he after-Durham, C. Hamlin and G. W. Norwood, festival was a perfect success, and al of Winston. Henry Reams came near it, he lived in the county. Roxboro is not much of a place fer a phy-

sician; 'tis remarkably healthy since the subsiding of the dreadful scourge diph-theria. Dr. J. T. Fuller, the resident physician, informed me that in his observation and practice he found that it raged more fearfully and fatally in families that to repeat it. It provoked a tremendous laugh.

The bill proposed as a matter of economy to abolish pension agents. It was shown that the government could pay its pensioners through the Treasury Department and save annually about \$200,000. A proposition to assign retired army officers to this data was a retired at retired army officers to this data was a retired at retired army officers to this data was a retired at retired at retired at retired army officers to this data was a retired at reti makes only from corn and a gentleman by tiary will claim five recruits. There is one my side who claims to be a judge says it capital case, which came here from Robeis the best article that ever ran through a son county. It will take nearly the whole worm. I saw it in all its stages from the corn to the doubled liquid. I could but think The murder case from Robeson being set frame of mind the House would turn the whole government over to the "wounded and disabled soldiers." Consequently counted the five "pad locks" Uncle Sam county to give her credit for the good order of her citizens attending court. The different vessels necessary to be used in distilling. Mr. W. R. Neal is the govern- farming weather. ment store keeper; he very kindly gave me the points; Mr. G. W. Isley is the dis. for F. & A. The proof was circumstantiller and is said to be the best in the State.

J. T. Critcher is prepared to furnish parties were guilty. The counsel assisting coffins to any wanting them, but they are the last vehicles we ride in, hence is \$987,770 less than for the last fiscal not much sought after. Should you was not guilty. His Honor replied in the year. The whole amount appropriated is wish to ride in a buggy he can furnish you language of the Supreme Court, that the sas, 090,373. The bill will be considered which is sure to happen if you ride in it much over these roads. R. K. Daniel is also in the same line of business. I mentioned the names of the lawyers elsewhere

> Miss Jenny Lansdell has a good school, and is an aceptable teacher. There is only one church building in Roxboro; this is owned by the Methodists. Rev. H. H. Gibbons is the pastor, and is an acceptable and earnest preacher. THE FARMING INTERESTS.

Tobacco, wheat and corn are the principal products of this county. In tobacco raising Person stands third; the crop of last year will reach 2,000,000 pounds, much of it being as fine yellow leaf as is agitation and unsettle the country. He says that in a matter solely affecting his State he would feel bound to obey even implied instructions of his State. I he says that in a matter solely affecting his growing crop is further advanced than for implied instructions of his State. I were many years previous: with no distance of the same and t many years previous; with no disaster the yield will be heavy. Corn is now being planted very rapidly in order to take advantage of the recent rains. The dry weather in March caused the lands to get so hard it was impossible to plow. The fruit crop has been injured some by the SHARP SHOOTING.—The Virginia City (Nev.) Enterprise, describing Dr. Carver's shooting at the race track, near that city, says; "He began by shooting glass balls as they were tossed up in the air, and out of 108 he hroke 90. In shooting coins tossed up in the same way he was equally successful. He drilled aix half dollars in succession, and hit any number of dimes and quarters."

fruit crop has been injured some by the late frosts but still there is a prospect for plenty and to spare. Amongst the successful farmers in the county Messra, Richmond and Cooper, at Hurdles Mills may well be classed. They have a large valuable farm of 800 acres, and are making it a succession, and hit any number of dimes that reaching \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year. They also own the celebrated Hurdles

Mills, located near their store. This mill is built across Flat river, and two wheat and one corn mill are taxed to their ui most capacity to keep up with the work.
They make an excellent quality of flour and its reputation is spreading. They send large quantities to the Raleigh market.

THE MINERALS of Person county are attracting 'some attention, and if the good people will just build a railroad through the county, this interest will be developed, and the gold, copper, iron and soapstone which abounds in the county will come forth to pay off the indebtedness of the county. There is a mountain of soapstone in the county, enough to supply the demands for hun

Some of the farmers are agitating the "dog law." They say sheep will pay better than dogs. This matter is being discussed, and will no doubt enter into politics in some counties this summer. THE OBSERVER is much sought after all through this section, its course is highly complimented, and even those whose poli tics are different, say they cannot get along without it. I heard a lawyer say that there was no necessity for buying Su-preme Court Reports so long as THE OB-SERVER published such full reports as were made out by Messrs. Gray and Stamps :

paper and no mistake. R. A. LEIGH. BLADEN COUNTY.

be further said he had his on file, good

Early History-Court, &c. Correspondence of THE OBSERVER. 1 ELIZABETHTOWN, April 10, 1878.

MESSES. EDITORS :- In 1734 a new ounty was formed from New Hanover, which was called Bladen, and which took in the whole western portion of North Carolina. It was named in honor of Martin Bladen, one of the Lords Comm ers of Trade and Plantations. Elizabeth. town was made the Capital and is one hundred and forty-four years old. According to the census of 1840, William Prigden was the cleasts of 1940, William Prigden was the oldest person of that decade, and lived in Bladen county. At that time he was 112 years of age, but lived to the ripe old age of 122.

During the early cause of liberty there was no portion of North Carolina where men were more devoted to its cause, and no portion where it was more dangerous to be a patriot, because of the large number of Tories, and the nearness to the enemy's forces; still the patriots of Bladen stood nobly to their cause and finally drove out the Tories. Almost in the centre of the town is a deep ravine which runs down to the Cape Fear river, and to this day is

known as "Tory Hole."
In 1781 the friends of liberty in Bladen were commanded by Col. Thomas Brown, and the Tories by Col's Slingsby and God. den. The tories had driven from their homes the friends of liberty, pillaged their homes, and burned their houses. About sixty who had refugeed in Duplin, and who were exasperated to madness resolved to drive the tories from Bladen or die in the attempt. About 300 tories had taken position at Elizabethtown.

Col. Brown with his brave sixty and with only a scanty supply of provisions, marched fifty miles through the wilder. provement in some respects since I was ness, forded the Cape Fear river at night. on the bill becoming a law bear compound here six months ago, but the large hogs and attacked the Tories. The attack was with desperation. The Tory Colone Slingsby was mortally wounded, and Godden killed. The attack was so furious that the Tories became utterly demoralized, rushed into the deep ravine and made their escape. They became dispirited and less troublesome, so that the patriots returned to their homes in safety.

Among the early and prominent men of Bladen, were Col. Thes. Brown, Maj. Thos. Owen, Gen. James Owen, John Owen, (late Governor of North Carolina). Harrisburg in 1840, which nominated Gen. Harrison and Gov. Tyler for President and Vice President of the United States, and James I. McKay who received the unanimous vote of the North Carolina delegation for Vice President in the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore which nominated Gen. Cass.

I was shown by Mr. Howard Wilkerson powder gourd of historic fame. It is over one hundred years old and was used by his grandfather during the Revolutionary war. It is as perfect and sound as the day it was plucked from the vine. The ladies, ever ready for the good work, have taken advantage of Court dinner, and festival at night. The object ized, and one hundred and twenty-five dollars is the nucleus for the Methodist parsonage. It makes no difference where you go in North Carolina, you will find pretty girls with rosy cheeks and pleasant ung ways. Bladen is not behind in this respect, and when they ask you to buy you can't refuse, and then the many "souvenirs" that are reminders plug and twist; Messrs. J. D. Satterneid & Co., are the largest at present, but when Mr. J. A. Long, gets the large addition to his present building completed, he will then be the largest. Messrs. J. S. Long then be the largest. Messrs. J. S. Long purchasing this pin cushion, or Wilber will be the one to do me homage by captured cases and that exquisite & Co., stand next highest, and W. H. | will be the one to do me homage by cap-Winstead, fourth. When all are in full turing this watch case; and that exquisite blast, the consumption of leaf will run up necktie I made expressly for Col. John A. to near 400,000 pounds the season; the If he does not buy it I will be ever so only thing in the way is the transportation.

W. E. Webb & Co., run the only waretended they should, for who could refuse. house, and have sales every day. The lady managers were Miss Nannie largest and most attractive are on Tuesdays Robinson and Miss Alice Mallett, of Fayand Fridays. Person has raised some of etteville. The Misses Alice and Emma Crothe greatest and most successful tobaccomen in the State; W. T. Blackwell, Esq., heads the list, then follows J. R. Day, A. Fannie Porter, and the Mrs. Thos. Whit-

present passed a delightful evening.
His Honor Judge Eure opened Court last Monday, W. S. Norment, of Lumberton, the Solicitor, being in his proper place. The bar are represented by C. C. Lyon, R. H. Lyon, N. A. Stedman, A. S. Kemp, E. L. McNabb, of Elizabethtown Col. W. S. Devane, of Wilmington; E. W. Kerr, E. T. Boykin, Clinton; T. H. crowd was very small owing to the fine

A case was tried in court at this term the State remarked that he was highly gratified at the verdiet of the jury, which

"To his faults a little blind To his virtues very kind, And had clapped a padlock on his mind."

There is a good deal of political interest in the history of Bladen county for the past few years. Up to last year the county was under Radical rule. Stealing was carried on with a high hand. Although enough taxes were collected to run the eounty there were four consecutive years that not one single dollar got into the treasurer's hands. All being spirited away in a mysterious manner. For six years no

in a mysterious manner. For six years no witnesses or jurors were paid. The result is that Radicalism has left a legacy of forty thousand dollars upon Bladen county. The last campaign the Democrats of Bladen went into the fight determined to win. They were successful and Bladen was redeemed by about two hundred majority. In the political arena times are getting lively, especially in the Solicitor circles. Already McIver, of Moore, Robinson and Huske of Cumberland, Lockhart, of Anson, and the present incumbent, Norment, of Robeson, are heaving the lead lines looking for secure anchorage. While I wish ing for secure anchorage. While I wish to do no one injustice, or advocate the cause of any individual, still from present appearances the "Slogan" will sound for Capt. Norment, especially in the counties in which he has been holding his office for the past four years. E. C.

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