

OBSERVATIONS.

It is charged that there was fraud in the Senatorial contest in Missouri, which resulted in the election of L. V. Bogy, successor to Frank Blair. A committee of investigation has the matter in hand.

Mr. Morrison, of Lincoln, introduced into the House Tuesday a resolution declaring the special tax bonds of North Carolina fraudulent and void. The measure will come up for discussion at a subsequent day.

The repeal of the usury laws threatens to become one of the most engrossing subjects of legislation before the General Assembly this winter. Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, will take a leading part in the debate.

A telegram from Washington states that Attorney General Williams is still investigating the cases of the Ku-klux prisoners, and that there are indications that before long nearly all of this class of prisoners will be released.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives to establish a branch asylum for the colored people at Newbern. This is a good idea. The Rapes ought to be separated. It does not comport with good sense to put crazy white people and cracked negroes in the same building together.

The Committee on the State debt and liabilities have as yet taken no definite action in relation to the important subject committed to their charge. It is intimated however that they will some day recommend such a course with regard to it as may best promote the public interests. Senator Norwood, of Orange, is chairman of the committee.

The lock in the Alabama Legislature continues. The Sheriff of Montgomery has called upon the President to invoke his aid to settle the difficulty. He represents that the differences dividing the Legislature are no nearer solution now than at that time; that the people at large are becoming very anxious on the subject; and that the business of the State is seriously embarrassed in consequence of the failure of the Legislature to harmonize. The President replied that the only thing the government could do was to tender them advice.

Kindness extraordinary. Mr. Hill Senator from Georgia, is endeavoring to get a bill through Congress to relieve from their political disabilities several Georgians who are aspirants for the place which he now fills with so much credit to himself and State. And here is the reason he gives for this graceful act of liberality:

"After 'the slaughter of innocents' that will take place on that occasion, I desire that none of them, or their apparitions, shall rise in the future, to rebuke me for any illiberality that may be practiced, or supposed to have been practiced toward them, by this body."

A Monetary Stringency seems to prevail in New York. Mr. Wood has introduced into Congress the following preamble resolution:

Whereas a monetary stringency prevails at the financial center, to the great embarrassment of legitimate business, and the injury of trade; and whereas it is commonly reported that this stringency is largely due to the locking up of gold and currency by unlawful combinations of individuals and corporate institutions acting under foreign charter: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency be directed to inquire whether such unlawful combinations exist, and, if so, what legislation is necessary to prevent them hereafter, with power to send for persons and papers.

SOCIAL OSTRACISM.

The Raleigh Era has been much exercised of late on the subject of social ostracism, which he is pleased to denigrate the refusal of some men to invite Radicals to their houses.

A few days ago the Era had a most furious, abusive and agrarian article against "aristocrats," accusing them of all sorts of bad things in a sort of general way. In addition to this tirade he added that the Republican party don't want to associate with them anyhow; that it intends to run this State on a political and social schedule of its own, and that these people who prefer the company of Conservatives to that of Radicals are heaping up social wrath against the day of wrath, &c.

All this "sound and fury, signifying nothing," was because, forsooth, Gov. Caldwell was not invited to a ball until late the night before it came off, and no republicans were made managers!

Next day he takes it back after this fashion; for "stinking ostracizers" he says read "sinking ostracizers," which by the way converts a most opprobrious remark into a meaningless one; and for "social wrath" he says read "political wrath," which takes the sting out of the phrase entirely. And Gov. Caldwell writes a letter in which he says he recognizes the right of a man to choose his own associates and to invite to his house whomsoever he pleases, and that no man has a right to complain if he is left out. He only stipulates that if there is no other objection a man should not be excluded merely because he differs with the host in politics. So far so good.

This extraordinary concession that a man has a right to say who shall eat his victuals and set by his fire-side without being questioned, is all we ever heard any the most ultra "fire-eating Southerner" claim.

We hope to hear nothing more of this contemptible howl that Republicans are ostracized on account of their politics. And at all events before any further complaint is made we want to see the injured party set an example. We want to see Gov. Caldwell or any other Radical give a party and invite his party men without any distinction except that of honesty and respectability, to stick their legs under his mahogany! We would like to see the Radical in this State of United States who does not practice social ostracism every day that he sets down to eat his dinner with only white people at the board.

TAX ON LEAF TOBACCO.—Senator Rice, of Kentucky, introduced into Congress on the 20th of December, the following bill for the repeal of the law imposing a special tax upon retail dealers in leaf tobacco:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of section thirty-one of an act entitled "An act to reduce duties on imports and to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," approved June 6th, 1872, that requires the payment of a special tax by a farmer or planter to sell by retail to consumers, or to any other person, leaf tobacco of his own production, or leaf tobacco received by him as rent from tenants, be, and the same is hereby repealed. Sec. 2. That all that portion of section thirty-one of the act aforesaid that requires retail dealers in leaf tobacco to pay five hundred dollars, or that requires said dealers in leaf tobacco to pay fifty cents for every dollar in excess of one thousand dollars of their sales, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and hereafter any dealer in tobacco shall have the right to sell, by retail, leaf tobacco to any person whatsoever, without paying any additional license therefor.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, Jan. 21, 1873.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m., by Lieut. Governor Brogden.

By Mr. Allen, a bill relative to the sale of lands under execution. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Harris, col., a bill amendatory of an act of final jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in Criminal actions, chapter 4, laws of 1868-69.—Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Murphy, a bill for the establishment of a Hospital for the Insane. Referred to Committee on Insane Asylum.

By Mr. Avera, a bill to amend section 45, chap. 199, laws of 1871-72.—Referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Avera, a resolution in favor of census takers of 1860—asks our Representatives in Congress to secure the passage of a law to pay the balance due the census takers of 1860.

By Mr. Nicholson, a resolution in relation to Western N. C. R. R. Company.

CALENDAR.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Flemming called up the bill to amend chapter 71, of the public laws of 1871 and '72 on its readings. The bill provides for the creation of a Committee of Finance for counties, who shall inquire into, investigate and report by public advertisement, a detailed and itemized account of the condition of the county finances, &c.

An amendment offered by Mr. Grandy, that this committee shall receive such compensation for their services as may be provided for by the Board of Commissioners was adopted.

An amendment offered by Mr. Flemming, repealing the law requiring the Commissioners to make publication, so as to prevent its double publication, was adopted.

After a considerable skirmishing debate on the bill and amendments it passed its second reading. On motion of Mr. Dunham, the vote by which the Joint Committee was raised to cancel and burn the vouchers in the Auditor's office, was considered, and motion tabled.

On motion of Mr. Norwood, the bill to promote the interests of agriculture in the State was made the special order for Tuesday next.

Mr. Miller announced that Mr. Waring, Senator from Mecklenburg, was detained in his room by sickness.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

House called to order at the usual hour.

Speaker Robinson in the chair.

Mr. Warlick presented a memorial from certain ladies and citizens of Morganton, praying the passage of a

law prohibiting the sale of liquor in that town and in the limits of the township.

By Mr. Morrison, a resolution declaring the special tax bonds, issued by the Legislature of 1868-69, void.—Placed on calendar.

By Mr. Waugh, a bill to prevent usury. Placed on calendar.

By Abbott, col., a bill in regard to jurors summoned to attend inquests. Referred.

By Mr. Gidney, a bill to incorporate Bethel M. E. Church, Cleveland county.

By Mr. Carson, a bill to repeal chap. 163, laws of 1871-72. Referred.

By Mr. Gidney, a resolution in regard to the Joint Committee to investigate the affairs of the Penitentiary. Calendar.

The bill to abolish the usury law being the unfinished business, its consideration was gone into.

The question recurred upon a substitute offered by Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, fixing the rate of interest at six per cent. when no amount is specially agreed on, but allowing parties to contract between themselves for any rate they may see fit to agree on.

Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, addressed the House at length in advocacy of the substitute. He argued that this restriction upon the traffic in money operated to drive capital out of the State, and was diametrically opposed to the farmer's interest, &c.

Mr. Brown, of Davidson, moved to postpone until Monday.

Mr. Gorman moved to refer to the Judiciary Committee.

Messrs. McGehee, Anderson, of Clay, and Dudley, col., opposed any further postponement. The House was fully prepared to act now.

Mr. Bowman, to test the sense of the House and give latitude to the debate, would move to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. McGehee next took the floor and addressed the house at length upon the matter before it. He said that the question had the advantage of being elevated above the domain of politics, and should be discussed with the same deliberation and calmness which should attend the elucidation of a mathematical problem.—Mr. M. then proceeded to review that portion of the history of the political economy of England, bearing upon this matter. He took the position that the traffic in money could not be carried on upon the same basis as that in other commodities from the fact that the situation of the country, both in a political and a commercial point of view, must have its weight in determining what regulations are most conducive to the interest of the community, &c.

Mr. McG. continued for some time in giving reasons why our condition rendered a return to the old law a wise and judicious measure.

Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, took issue with Mr. McGehee, and in an elaborate speech, advocated the passage of the bill and in opposition to the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Stanford next occupied the floor. He agreed with the gentleman who preceded him. He hoped the usury law would be abolished.

Mr. Waugh was opposed to any such abolition.

Mr. Blythe would not vote for any repeal of the usury law.

Mr. Turner favored the substitute of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg.

Mr. Bryan, of Alleghany, thought the matter should rest where it was.

Mr. Moring trusted that the motion to indefinitely postpone would not prevail, and the propositions before the House would come to a vote upon their merits.—He argued against both the original bill and substitute.

Mr. Badger argued at length in favor of the repeal of all usury laws.

Pending definite action the House adjourned.

Lord Lytton.

A great man has passed away from the world of letters. For more than a quarter of a century Bulwer Lytton has been one of the prominent literary favorites of the English reading public. A man of talent rather than a man of genius, highly cultivated, tasteful, industrious and fired with literary ambition, he fought for and won his place in the front rank of literary Englishmen. His efforts were numerous and varied. He tried the romantic novel, and he almost equalled Scott. He tried the society novel, and his success was generously admitted. He tried history, and his unfinished work on Athens gave proof that devotion to historical study might have given him a place side by side with Hume and Gibbon, and Macaulay and Grote. He tried poetry, and if his success as a novelist had been less his poetry would have commanded the attention of a larger and more sincere circle of admirers. He attempted the drama, when many had failed and when failure on his part would have been dangerous, and his "Lady of Lyons" promises to keep its hold of the stage so long as light comedy is cared for by an English-speaking audience. He tried his hand as an essayist, and, although he had not the ease and polish of Addison, the rough strength of Henry Rogers, or the brilliancy and vigor of Macaulay, he gave abundant evidence that he was a man of large knowledge, of liberal views and of great powers of expression. His published speeches are not numerous, but his addresses to the associated institutions of the University of Edinburgh and to the students at the University of Glasgow, as well as some of his Parliamentary orations, show that, although he had not the easy and ready utterance of Burke, he was not far behind him as a master of eloquent language. Few men have tried so much and done so well. If he had attempted less his success could scarcely have been less great, but he might have left a deeper impression on English literature. It was not in the man to be a leader of thought in the sense in which Goethe

was a leader, or Coleridge or Carlyle; but he has left us some novels which in the great future will take their place side by side with the best novels of Scott, and some poetry which will be as lasting as English speech. He was not a Thackeray; he was not a Dickens; but his "Eugene Aram," his "Last Days of Pompeii," his "Zanoni," will be read and admired as long as there is a taste for "Vanity Fair" or for "David Copperfield." Having reached the ripe age of 67, it cannot be said that Lord Lytton died young, but it is not unfair to say that in the whole course of the 19th century few men have wielded the pen with more persevering industry or with greater success. It cannot be said that he has left the world any great legacy of thought, that he has made it either much better or much wiser; but that he has contributed to the world's happiness and given an impulse to the cultivation of literature must be admitted, and such a man cannot be said to have lived in vain. He had won his laurels before Dickens commanded attention and before Thackeray was known. The illustrious three, the friends and teachers of our younger years, are gone! When shall we see their like again? Full of years and full of honors, Bulwer has laid his pen aside and gone to his rest. For the pleasure he has given us let us be grateful. The impulse he has given to the cultivation of literature let us try to catch. The example he has left behind him, so far as that example is worthy, let us endeavor to imitate.—N. Y. Herald.

Congressional—The House of Representatives Passes a Resolution to Repeal the Bankrupt Law.

The passage of a resolution by the House Monday afternoon just before its adjournment repealing the bankrupt law took everybody by surprise. An amendment to that law being under consideration, Mr. Hazelton, of New Jersey, offered a resolution repealing it altogether. The resolution was seconded and the question promptly put, against the earnest expostulations of numerous members, especially those from the South, led by Colonel Scott, of Virginia.

The repeal of a law so important as this should certainly have been well considered and deliberated. The indecent haste with which this measure was pushed through, when the House was about to adjourn, is not at all creditable to Congress and looks as if it was a peevish plan. The southern States are vitally interested in this matter. They have been struggling to get out of their depressed and disabled condition without going into bankruptcy; but they have seen their property declining, and the last hope has failed. The bankrupt law is the only chance of the financial reconstruction of the South. It is to be hoped that the Senate will refuse to pass a bill thus hastily rushed through, and most cruel and injurious to a large class of unfortunate citizens.

THE NEW SENATOR FROM LOUISIANA.

—Gen. W. L. McMillen, the gentleman elected by the Fusion Legislature to fill the unexpired term of the Hon. Wm. Pitt Kellogg, in the United States Senate derives his title from service in the Union army during the late war. He is a native of Ohio, and brother-in-law of ex-Postmaster General Denison. Since the close of the war, he has been engaged in planting, in Carroll parish, and since 1868, has been a member of the General Assembly. During the late election he cast his fortunes with the Liberals, and on the organization of the Senate, in December, protested against Pinchback's unauthorized action and withdrew. The Republican says that "so long as General McMillen remained true to the party that elected him, and to whom he owes so much of the honor, and distinction he has enjoyed in this State, we (it) regarded him as one of our ablest and most consistent political friends." We opine that the General is quite as able now as he ever was, and as to political consistency, he will lose nothing in passing from the Mechanics' Institute to Odd Fellows' Hall. It is understood that the new Senator will leave for Washington to-day.—N. O. Times.

THE WALLS OF POTSDAM CHURCH GERMANY DECORATED WITH THE CAPTURED FLAGS OF FRANCE.—Berlin, Jan. 19, 1873.—A grand national German display, partaking unitedly of a religious, military and corporate citizen character, was made at Potsdam to-day.

Their Majesties Emperor William and the Empress Augusta, accompanied by the imperial Princes and the chief Generals of the army, attended in the garrison church of the city—one of the most remarkable and celebrated buildings in Potsdam—while the walls of the edifice were solemnly decorated with eighty-six flags, which had been captured from the French during the late war. The scene was of a very imposing character.

Immediately after the conclusion of the ceremonial His Majesty the Emperor of Germany thanked the army for its heroism, the results of which, he said, were eternally engraved on the tablets of history.

A FALL.—The Mobile Tribune has furlled the Conservative banner, stacked its arms, and marched into the ranks of the administration party. It makes the announcement in these words:

"The Mobile Tribune has been purchased by an association of gentlemen, who assume charge with this number. It will hereafter give a zealous but candid and discriminating support to the National, State and city administrations. It will be the earnest effort of the present management to make the Tribune a first-class newspaper, and in no respect will it be permitted to lower the high reputation which it has enjoyed as such in the past."—Lynchburg Republican.

STATE NEWS.

Harnett county, in 1860, reported less than 50 bales of cotton, and made last year over 1200 bales.

The Record says that last Monday quite a number of our colored citizens left Rutherford, for the Air-Line Railroad.

The Norfolk Journal learns that the postoffice at Plymouth, N. C., was burglariously entered on last Wednesday night and robbed of \$600 or \$1,000.

On Saturday a balloon was seen at Newbern, travelling in a easterly direction.

The Era says that Miss Fannie Lewis Kerr, the gifted and accomplished daughter of the Hon. John Kerr, died in Yanceyville last Monday of Consumption.

The Raleigh News says: The proposition to form several more new counties is before the Senate. We might add that such propositions are generally unpopular.

There are 240 Masonic Lodges in this State, and of this number about 90 Lodges have already contributed something over \$60,000 towards the erection of the new Masonic Temple.

The Raleigh News says that Thomas R. Lawrence, Esq., a very respectable and well to do farmer of Buckhorn township, was instantly killed on Thursday last by felling a tree on himself while at work in his low grounds.

The Rutherford Vindicator says: J. P. Millard killed 111 squirrels and H. Culbreth killed 96 last year. This is pretty good, but B. C. Allen in one day killed 101 squirrels with 90 bullets, and only one at each shot. So we are told.

During the week, some of the ladies of Shelby have raised, by subscription, a very handsome sum for the benefit of the Lee Memorial Association. So says the Shelby Banner.

After strangulation they tied it in a cotton bag and launched it like a boat in Trent river. It was one of the same that they leave at doors in baskets, and was picked up at Jones' wharf in Newbern.

The Shelby Banner says: David Collins convicted in Sept., 1871, of Ku Kluxing, and sentenced by Judge Bond to imprisonment for 4 years, has been pardoned by the President. He passed through our town this week on his way home. We are glad.

A correspondent informs the Raleigh Era that last Sunday a few miles from the town of Lexington, a fire occurred on the plantation of John H. Welborn and burnt up his mill house, which was a very large framed building, and a large quantity of corn and cotton that was stored in it by his croppers.

The Raleigh Era says: Major Gus Lewis of this city received per express last night a Russian blood-hound sent him by a party in New York. The express on the dog was nineteen dollars and seventy-five cents. This fellow is about as big as any two dogs in the city and is spotted. He has got a head like a bear and looks like one.

Mrs. Mary B. Walker, the widow of the Hon. Robert J. Walker, died on Sunday in Washington city. The deceased lady was a great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

New Advertisements.

MORE of that elegant Sour Kraut; come running or it will all be gone before you get any. Also our lot of Good Chestnuts, not many words. J. F. BUTT, Jan 23

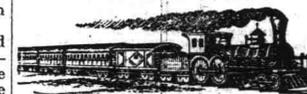
MASONIC.

THERE will be a special communication of Excelsior Lodge No. 261 A F & A M held at Masonic Hall this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock, for work in P. C. degree. Brethren of other Lodges invited to attend. By Order of W M T. ROANE WALKING, Secretary. Jan 23

School Notice.

MISS H. MOORE gives notice that her School in District No. 4, Charlotte Township, is open for the reception of all white children, as a Free School, as prescribed by law. Jan 22-taw 2w

Freight on the Air-Line Railroad.



OFFICE A. & R. AIR-LINER. R. Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 22, 1873.

On and after this date, freight will be received only on the evenings of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from two to five o'clock P. M.

S. S. PROGRAM, Agent. B. Y. SAGE, Gen'l Superint'd. Jan 22-3t

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Free School.

IN Compliance with the Free School Law, I notify the public that I am teaching a Free Public School, for colored children in District No. 2, Charlotte Township. Jan 22-1*

GODFISH.

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The undersigned take pleasure, in announcing that the Concert will take place, without fail, on

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