

LEGAL ADVERTISING.—We direct the attention of our readers to a communication on this subject which appears in another column of today's OBSERVER; and to an article on the same subject from the Wilmington Star.

THE GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SCHEME.

Pennsylvania leads off in decided opposition to the proposed purchase or control of the telegraph lines of the country by the government.

GOLD AND IMMIGRATION.

During the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1872, the gold production of this State amounted to \$114,868.21.

The exhibit shows that our State ranks sixth among the States of the Union, as a gold producing country.

Were the vast and almost inexhaustible mineral wealth of western North Carolina properly advertised in the Old World through efficient agents, the advantage to the country would be incalculable.

There are thousands of people in the over-crowded cities and towns of Europe who would be delighted to get homes in western North Carolina; and once the unparalleled attractions of the country were known in the Old World—its fertility, beauty, healthfulness, and mineral wealth, the tide of immigration would soon set in this way.

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granl mountains, smiling valleys, limpid streams, salubrious climate, and inexhaustible stores of rich ores of Western North Carolina, that the attention of immigrants should be directed.

The General Assembly could do no better work than to adopt the suggestion of that earnest, and talented North Carolinian, John D. Cameron, Esq., of the Hillsboro Recorder; and appoint some individual, or organize some company or association "to collect, condense and publish" such information relative to the material resources of North Carolina, as will arouse the attention of the world to our vast stores of hidden and undeveloped wealth.

If something of this kind is not done, this Rip Van Winkle sort of an old State, instead of being among the foremost in the grand army of progress, will continue to lag behind and be forever numbered with the stragglers.

A SUGGESTION TO THE PRESS OF THE STATE.

An article entitled as above and appearing in the last number of the Hillsboro Recorder, meets with our hearty endorsement.

"It strikes us that the labor and talents of the press are directed with too little variations in profitless directions, and that while pursuing the phantom of politics, they are too much neglectful of objects upon which the prosperity of the State depends.

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CHURCH ON FIRE.—Quite an exciting event occurred in the Baptist Church at Scotland Neck, on Sunday last.

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LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE.

FEBRUARY 1, 1873.

Senate called to order at 11 o'clock Lieutenant Governor Brogden in the chair.

Mr. Norwood, a bill to allow cumulative suffrage in the city of Raleigh in the election of Town Commissioners. Referred.

Mr. Fleming, a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Marion Baptist Church. Referred.

Mr. J. W. Ellis, a bill requiring that all persons liable to pay a poll tax shall be required to exhibit a tax receipt before being allowed to vote.—Inflicting a penalty for such offence. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Love, a resolution in regard to the sale of books by the Secretary of State, authorizing the same to sell various public documents and laws now in his hands. Under a suspension of the rules, was adopted.

Mr. Cowles called up bill extending the time for taking out land grants. Allows two years more time. Passed second and third readings.

Mr. Troy, under suspension of the rules, called up resolution in favor of J. McQueen, of Robeson county; that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him the reward offered by the State for the killing of Boss Strong.

Mr. J. W. Ellis advocated the passage of the resolution, explaining the necessity to be that McQueen was unable to secure the body and thus comply with the law.

Mr. Merrimon did not think the law had been complied with, and any action now taken would be an appropriation and not the paying of a reward.

The resolution passed its several readings.

Mr. Norwood introduced a memorial from the Wilmington Commercial Bank, concerning claims against the State. Referred.

Mr. James T. Morehead, a bill to amend chapter 283, laws of 1868-'69. The Special Order, being the consideration of the Midland North Carolina Railway, which is proposed to run from Beaufort to Memphis, was called up.

Mr. Love opposed the bill, as he thought there were provisions asked for therein that were too broad to be entertained. He was in favor of railroads, he cared not how many there were in the State, but he would not vote for a bill that had no definite line.

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Mr. Gudger had no objection to the company building its road from and to any point they pleased, provided no appropriation from the State was asked.

Mr. Troy offered an amendment providing that this act shall not allow the corporation to interfere, in its exclusive right for fifty years, with any authority already vested in a corporation railroad company. Adopted.

Various amendments were offered looking to the location of the road upon some definite line, creating much discussion, but could not be made intelligible without publishing the bill.

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Here an animated discussion took place, Mr. Murphy having made some reference to the friends of the bill, that gentleman disclaiming any reflection upon any Senator, but referring to the parties who were pushing the bill.

Pending the discussion of the bill, the Senate adjourned, the matter being made the special order on Monday at 12 m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

House called to order at the usual hour by Speaker Robinson.

lution abolishing the office of State Geologist. Referred.

By Mr. Waugh, a resolution of instruction to the Committee on Salaries and Fees to report a bill to reduce the salaries of Superior Court Judges. Calendar.

By Mr. Presson, a resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Union county.—Referred.

The bill to incorporate the town of Huntersville, Mecklenburg county was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate Eureka Lodge No. 283, A. and Y. M., was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to allow the Commissioners of Mecklenburg county to sell certain stocks, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to House bill in regard to vacant lands, allowing enterers until July 1st, 1873, to obtain grants.

The bill to incorporate Cleveland Lodge No. 201, A. and Y. M., was taken up and passed its several readings.

The bill to prohibit the sale of liquor on the Sabbath was taken up, and pending its consideration the House adjourned.

STATE NEWS.

Newbern had a caning affair last week.

A gar-skin cap factory is spoken of in Newbern.

Statesville wants the new lunatic asylum there.

Edgecombe elects a member of the Legislature on the 26th in place of Mabson, disqualified.

The Tokay company near Fayetteville have made from last crop some 15,000 gallons of wine.

A new warehouse building, for freight, passengers and office accommodation, is to be erected at Wadesboro, for the W. C. & R. R.

The Statesville Intelligencer is pained to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Burke, wife of J. P. Burke, Esq., which occurred Friday night at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Alexander. She died on the first anniversary of her marriage.

Quite a large number of citizens assembled at the Commercial Exchange, Wilmington, last evening, says the Journal of the 29th, for the purpose of furthering the interests of the Wilmington Ship Canal.

The Wadesboro Argus says that the kitchen chimney of Mr. James Threadgill caught on fire last week, and owing to its discovery by one of the family, an accident which would have probably resulted in the loss of his kitchen and dwelling-house was prevented.

The residence of Mr. W H H Bagwell, at Riddle's Mills, near Enfield, was burned through the carelessness of a servant girl Wednesday night.—She was terribly burned, probably beyond recovery, and the family made a narrow escape. House valued at \$1,000, and there was no insurance.

The Statesville Intelligencer says:—Last week Frank Turner, col., while in the employ of Mr. T M Stikeleather, became sick, and Mr. Stikeleather took him upon a horse behind him and started to the negro's home.—He had gone but a short distance, before the negro died while sitting on the horse. Mr. S. got a physician to examine him, who decided that death was caused by "inflammation of the brain."

The Salem Press says: We are pained to learn that Miss Annie, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Bynum, residing near Germantown, Stokes county, died suddenly from heart disease, on Sunday morning last. She was alone in a room, seated at the fire-place, reading, when, it is supposed, she was suddenly stricken and fell forward into the fire, where she was found dead and badly burnt.

We learn, says the Salem Press, that about the 10th inst., old Uncle Harry, the ferryman at Hall's Ferry, on the Yadkin River, while sitting near the fire, was paralyzed in his left side, fell into the fire and before he could be extricated by an old negro woman, the only person present, was so badly burnt that his recovery is beyond hope. Mr. C A Hall, the present owner of that ferry, properly cared for the old man, and nothing was left undone to alleviate his sufferings.

The Raleigh News says: It is rumored that his honor, Judge Tourgee, has issued bench warrants for the arrest of a number of prominent citizens of Caswell county, on suspicion of being connected with the Skerrets murder. Of course the usual bugaboo story of the manner of his death, accounting for the absence of blood in the room, how the first few drops of blood got on the window sill, &c., &c., is all told. We have no doubt but that arrests will be made, but that they will show that respectable and prominent white citizens of the county were engaged in it we do not believe.

The Salisbury Watchman says: "A few days since a young man brought to town a load of wood which he sold. After throwing it off, he inquired of the purchaser what he would give to have the load chopped up.—The inquirer was politely answered, and the young man turned his horses out of the street, pulled off his coat, and went to cutting with a vim. Very soon the wood was cut up and the young man on his way home, not having been in town an hour and a half."

An unfortunate man in New York is haunted by what he terms "soul shadows." They used to come upon him only at long intervals, but since the tax on whiskey has been reduced he has them two or three times a week.

The Prohibitory Measures Against German Emigration.

The German Government, it would seem, is coming to a realizing sense of the impossibility of keeping people from emigrating by prohibitory measures. In the House of Deputies, on Friday last, the Minister of the Interior squarely admitted as much, and proceeded to say that what was wanted was enlightened and judicious legislation, which would make those who now thought of emigrating appreciate the value of their own country above all others.

Miss Eliza Wallace, Matron of the Hospital at Burkeville, and elsewhere, during the war, is now a helpless old lady, infirm, and destitute of the necessary comforts of life.

A mischievous boy in Oil City, recently, put some nitro-glycerine in his sister's bustle when she was going out skating. He is now an only child.

New Advertisements.

CANCER CURED.

BY Dr. Kline's Wonderful Cancer Antidote which destroys and removes the cancer entire, without the use of the knife or the loss of blood, and, at the same time overcomes the tendency to cancer in the system!

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A CHANGE.

Having purchased the New Idea Saloon, I will keep constantly on hand a fine assortment of the best WINES, LIQUORS and CIGARS.

EVERYBODY READ THIS!!

The undersigned begs to inform his friends and the public generally, that he has moved his Cutting and Sewing Room, to Room No. 2, over Wilson & Black's Drug Store, where he will do all kinds of SEWING for MENS', YOUTHS' and BOYS' WEAR.

English and Classical School.

MESSERS. Aldrich & Barrie would respectfully inform the citizens of Charlotte, that the Spring Term of their School commences on Monday of the ensuing week, February 3rd.

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1,000 Lbs. Mountain Cabbage, at B. M. PRESSON'S.

FINE Lot of Irish Potatoes, at B. M. PRESSON'S.

SWEET Potatoes, a fine lot selling at \$1.50 per bushel, at B. M. PRESSON'S.

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SELLING Millinery Trimmings, and all our fancy and hair goods at greatly reduced prices to make room for spring, at MRS. QUERY'S.

New Books.

DAVIES' Algebra, Bullion's Latin Grammar, Smith's Grammar, Sanford's Arithmetic, just received at PUREFOYS.

HOMINY, Hominy. Best Choice Hominy, just received and for sale by R. M. MILLER & SONS.

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HAVING Completed our new three story building, on the corner of College and Fourth streets, we have just REMOVED into it, and are ready to serve our Customers.

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Soaps, Candles, Candy, Starch, Soda, Raisins, Oysters, Sugar, Coffee, Teas, Spices, Prizes, Candles, Brandy Peaches, &c., &c.

2nd Department—Heavy Goods.

Molasses, Bacon, Flour, Lard, Mackarel, &c. Our facilities for handling such goods, are superior to those of any mercantile house in the City.

3rd Department—Produce.

Cotton, Corn, Wheat, Oats, Rye, Hay, &c. Bought at highest cash prices. Sold on Commission. Stored, with cash advances made upon the same.

4th Department—Phosphates.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR ZELLS' and other SUPER PHOSPHATES, the most reliable article on the Market.

5th Department—Leaf Tobacco Warehouse.

WE HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE Revenue Law, and are now ready to receive Leaf Tobacco, which we will buy or sell on commission.

OUR large and commodious HALL, will be finished and opened to the public about the First of March.

WE THANK a generous public for the liberal patronage which has heretofore been bestowed upon us, and we hope that through strict attention to business, and selling our goods at low figures, we may merit a continuance of their favor.

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