

News of the Day.
A Democratic and Liberal Ticket is in the field in Connecticut.
Extra Billy Smith's disabilities have been removed. Virginia will rejoice.
The Texas and Pacific Railroad Company has been incorporated.
The government bought a million of bonds on Thursday in New York.
The people in Spain are to be armed in view of the Carlist war.
Governor Venable of Virginia, again repudiated.
The Kickapoo and Cochise Indians are butchering the people of Arizona.
A severe railroad accident in Arkansas, on the Ft. Smith Railroad, twenty-four persons hurt.
Prince Napoleon brought suit against Ex-Minister LeFranc for his illegal expulsion from France. The court dismissed the suit.
A new planet has just been discovered by Dr. Charles Peters of Clinton, N. Y. It is of the eleventh magnitude, and is moving North rapidly. Joy goes with it.
A petition is going the rounds in the Athens of America asking the Legislature to expunge its vote concerning Senator Sumner for his action in regard to the battle flag.
At a meeting of North Carolina Bondholders in New York, Wednesday, a committee was appointed to institute legal proceedings to secure the payment of the interest on the bonds. Of course that committee will succeed.
The Governorships of forty-eight provinces of Spain are to be divided equally among radicals and republicans. The Secretaries of the radical government are to be republicans, and those of republican Government radicals.
President Grant, Fish and Boutwell visited the Senate Wednesday. Speaker Blaine and Garfield were called to the President's presence. Garfield is chairman of the committee on appropriation. It is supposed that there is money in the matter.

OBSERVATIONS.
One of our valued exchanges says "we hear so much about the weather that we feel some delicacy in alluding to it."
A Savannah paper has the audacity to speak of a blushing young bride as "the fortunate lady of the evening."
A negro in New Hanover county slew his wife. He had been helping a jovial neighbor of his to drink up three barrels of whiskey.
A pathetic obituary notice: "Died—Near this place, a short time since, Mrs. Ashby, wife of Joseph Ashby—she left a young child and her husband in Jail on a police warrant."
A wicked old man named Essex, living in Rhode Island, and charged with incest in fleeing the country, and the people are chasing him from place to place, "devil bent" on lynching him. At latest accounts he had not been caught.
A novel proceeding is going on in Paris. The Government is taking the drunkards in hand. Under the law for the punishment of intoxication, recently passed by the Assembly, one hundred and twenty-two drunkards have been arrested in Paris within the last 48 hours.
It is said now that the W. C. & R. Railroad will be completed to Wadesboro by the first of May. Then how long before it may be expected to reach Charlotte?

A Box containing ten thousand dollars worth of North Carolina Bonds was stolen from a store in Boston several days ago. It is a pity that all the bonds of North Carolina were not in that box: it might possibly have attracted the attention of our Legislature to the subject of the bonded debt of the State.
The public mind is to be stirred up this Spring with another election. The constitutional amendments that have passed the Senate will in all probability pass the House, and a special election for their ratification or rejection by the people will be ordered to take place between the adjournment of the Legislature and Summer.

"Rebels" do not seem to fare well in Morocco. Not long since an eccentric Pacha decreed the beheading of some forty leading rebels, and after he had secured the heads of his enemies, he converted the novel idea of "pickling" them, and sending them thus to the Sultan. To add interest, perhaps, to the ceremony, the Jewish butchers of Tangiers were, under penalty of death, ordered to perform the inhuman task on the Sabbath. This was an act of *Rogality*, and a royal dish was, that which was set before the Sultan by the Pacha.

TEMPERANCE. An important bill has passed Congress, in relation to sobriety in the Army. The object of the bill is to prevent the promotion of persons addicted to the immoderate use of intoxicating liquors or drugs. If this law is fully enforced, it will no doubt have a wholesome effect. Drunkenness is a common vice among soldiers, and in no branch of the service ought sobriety to be more strictly required.

AMNESTY FOR REBELS.
Amnesty has been extended to the "Rebels" in Florida, and to the entire part of the State. A large number of prisoners were set free. When they reached home, the vessel that bore them they were greeted with an ovation from the crowds of people who lined the piers and quays, and as the men, haggard and laden cheer after cheer rent the air, and the greatest joy and enthusiasm were manifested. The officers of these released prisoners were fighting for a Republic—for liberty—for freedom from subjection to crowned heads. The Spanish nation stands to-day among the free nations of the world, and great rejoicings prevail throughout the country.

POSTAL LAW.
In another column of to-day's paper appears an article on the New Postal Law, from the Raleigh Sentinel. We heartily endorse the views of Mr. Turner on this subject. The ostensible object of the proposed change in the postage law is to increase the revenue of the government. But there is no need of an increase of revenue. What is needed, is to stop stealing and put all the thieves (from Vice-Presidents and Senators down) into the Penitentiary. There is need of more revenue. Money is plentiful in the Treasury. If Congress wishes to devise means of increasing the public revenue let it pass such laws as will prevent stealage from the Government.

Besides the law proposed will operate to hamper the circulation of newspapers and fetter the spread of intelligence. There is no good for the People or the Press in such a law, and we hope the latter will speak out against it.
TOO RICH FOR THE LAW.
If the skilful Boston operator who abstracted ten thousand dollars worth of North Carolina bonds from the coffers of a Boston merchant the other day, wishes to escape punishment for the theft, he would do well to come to this State, and repose at ease in this harbor of safety.
The gentleman who appropriated six millions of North Carolina bonds, now "banks in the noontide of prosperity," at the capital of the State, within a stone's throw of the very treasury he robbed, and almost under the very shadow of the grand old building, which impresses upon the majesty of the Law and the power and dignity of the State. He batters on his stolen wealth and defies the people whom he has so grossly wronged.
Let the Boston Bond-thief take refuge from Massachusetts law by seeking a home in Raleigh, where he can abide in peace and safety, and enjoy undisturbed the golden fruits of his ill-gotten gains, and the peace of mind he will enjoy.

Dull Preachers.
The New York Observer declares bluntly that educated business is not wanted in the pulpit, and suggests that the surplusage of young men now studying the uses of the scalpel and the ramifications of law be led to the contemplation of divinity with the view of becoming preachers of the Gospel. We hardly think this plan will work. It may sometimes happen that a poor physician will make a good preacher, but how a bad lawyer can be chiselled into an exemplary divine, is not so clear. However, the main proposition of the Observer is sound. The time has gone by for dull preachers. The activities of the age, the diffusion of knowledge by schools, books and periodicals, the spirit of inquiry, the spread of infidelity, the prevalence of doubt, the subtlety of false science, demand fire, strong, earnest, capable men to preach the Gospel. It will not answer to educate dunces or mediocrities, and the Presbyterian Board of Education will do well instead of calling for money, which they do not get, to call for men who ought to be found in abundance, eager to jump into the harness of the Lord.—N. Y. Herald.

Senator Ransom. Says the Wilmington Journal: In a private letter received from our old and noble friend, General J. B. Gordon, Senator elect from Georgia, in speaking of Senator Ransom, he says, "that North Carolina has great reason to be satisfied with her Senator General M. W. Ransom. He is proving himself together equal to the duties his position imposes, and by a most prudent and course, is rapidly gaining an influence which will be felt for the good of North Carolina."

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19, 1873.
According to adjournment, Speaker Robinson called the House to order at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.
Bill to incorporate the *North Carolina* Company, Charlotte, passed its several readings.
Bill giving the Supreme Court power to grant writs of *certiorari* in certain cases passed its several readings.
Bill to cure defects in certain judicial proceedings pending in the State takes in jurisdiction passed its several readings.
Bill to provide for the enforcement of decrees in suits in equity filed prior to a certain act of 1866, passed its second reading.

The bill to authorize the employment of a police force in the town of Statesville, passed its several readings.
Thursday, Feb. 20, 1873.
Sawyer called at 10 o'clock, Lieut. Governor in the Chair.
Mr. Norwood presented the following communication, which was read:
RICHMOND, N. C., Feb. 19, '73.
Mr. J. W. Norwood,
DEAR SIR:
We think it of more importance to the party to deal fairly and honestly with Mr. Turner about the public printing than to pass the Amnesty Bill, and we are determined to stand against the bill unless the party will agree to give both Editors a fair chance for it. There are enough of us—and we are determined to defeat the bill unless we get fair dealing in this matter.
Respectfully,
J. S. ANDERSON.

Mr. Nicholson introduced a bill regarding the sale of land sold under executions. Referred.
Mr. Latta a bill to amend charter of the Western Division of the W. & C. Railroad. Referred.
The "Machinery Bill" was considered by sections. This bill provides for the collection of taxes by the State and the several counties of the State in property, polls and income, and the manner in which it shall be done. After various amendments, the bill passed its several readings.
Mr. McCauley introduced an additional section to the bill allowing the Sheriffs two years three to collect taxes after they shall have become due, providing the said Sheriffs shall account for the said taxes at the time now prescribed. Lost.

Mr. Waring introduced a resolution raising a joint select committee to negotiate with the Messrs. Coleman for a surrender of their contract for the erection of the Penitentiary building, said committee to report at an early day.
Mr. Worth thought the Messrs. Coleman were ready to treat with a Committee of this kind at any time.
Mr. Welch was under the impression that the Messrs. Coleman had so far violated the contract that the Legislature would be justified in breaking the contract with them.—The State should ignore the contract entirely, and the Penitentiary Board should go on with the erection of the building with the aid of convict labor, with the convict labor. He would not say that the contractors had been guilty of fraud, but he could not allow that the State was to be held to a contract when it had been so far violated, as was evidenced by investigations made by a joint Committee last session, as to necessitate the tearing down of every thing that had been done.

Mr. Allen said the Penal Committee of the last Legislature was under the impression that the contract had been forfeited, but that the Legislature had a right to compel the contractors to comply with the specifications.
Mr. Waring thought the Legislature had no right to annul the contract—the contractors had complied with the requirements of the last General Assembly, and they will now have to be negotiated with.
Mr. Respass said the contract was an imposition and a swindle, and he hoped something would be done to do away with it. It was an outrage that the State should pay more than half a million of dollars for what could be done at a nominal cost.

Mr. Ellis, of Columbus, thought the State could save \$200,000 by the erection of the building with convict labor. If the contract could be obtained from the hands of the Messrs. Coleman many ways, it should be done at once.
Mr. Worth offered an amendment instructing the said Committee to provide for the support of this institution during the present year.
The resolution of Mr. Waring to raise the Committee was adopted.
Mr. Waring moved a reconsideration of the vote, and that the said motion be laid upon the table.—Adopted.
Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
At 10 a. m. Speaker Robinson called the House to order.
By Mr. Michael, a bill to prevent the adulteration and sale of liquor. Referred.
By Mr. Turner, a resolution concerning the location of a branch Normal Academy at Olin or Statesville, in Iredell county. Referred.
A message was received from the Senate transmitting a letter from J. S. Anderson, member of the House of Representatives from Clay county.

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