



JONES & PENDLETON, Proprietors.

Wednesday, April 29, 1874.

THE CHANGE OF GAUGE.

Some time ago we published a bill now pending in the Virginia Legislature for the change of the gauge of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, so as to make it uniform with the gauge of the North Carolina Railroad.

The conflict between antagonizing interests in this matter is a severe one. Many contend that the effect of the proposed change of gauge will be injurious to the trade of Richmond; while, on the other hand, it is alleged that the change is necessary to be made if Richmond would retain the trade she now has.

The citizens of Richmond are divided into two parties on the subject; but the main combatants are the grand divisions, the Pennsylvania Central and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Companies—Scott and Garrett. They are giants, and it is hard to say which will succeed.

The majority of the citizens of Richmond seem to favor the change. Resolutions to that effect were adopted at a public meeting in Richmond on last Friday night, by a large majority.

We are pleased to see this. It is clearly to the interests of Charlotte, as well as of Richmond, that there be a uniform gauge between the two cities. At the same time we are glad to feel assured that the accomplishment of this project would put an end to the schemes for changing the gauge of the North Carolina Central Railroad, for the present at least.

THAT SMART TRICK.

The Greensboro Patriot in speaking of the action of the Stockholders' Meeting of the N. C. Railroad, wisely remarks: "The object of the meeting in this accepting the act seems to be shaped expressly to bring influence to bear during the coming election and on the next Legislature."

Of course that was the object. Anybody of good sense might perceive it. Smith and Caldwell are very artful, but their dark designs can be penetrated. They wear the veil of hypocrisy with cunning skill, but it can be stripped off. They seemed to shape their party with a view to personal and party advantage, rather than to advance the Consolidation project.

In the face of this, they will have the effrontery to go before the people and claim all the credit of consolidation for themselves! When the fact is, they are stumbling-blocks to the project—the worst obstacles in the way. They are making it subservient to their political purposes; and we are astonished at the blindness of some men who fail to perceive the trick.

We are on the eve of our annual municipal election. The choice of good city officers is a matter of great importance to the citizens. Every taxpayer, black as well as white, is interested in the good government of the town. High taxes and bad government go hand in hand.

Prizes for Plowmen.

As a plowman, so shall he reap. As a nation of scratchers of the soil, and our furrows are as crooked as the paths of the plowmen. It is not a plowman's fault, it is a farmer's fault, if he does not see to it that his plow is straight. The plow is not to be blamed for this, but the plowman. An American farmer, with any of our best standard American plows, can do as good work as an English or Scotch farmer with a Norfolk or Scotch plow. It is not altogether with the plow, although the Scotch plow, with its long sole and share, can hardly leave a right line in steady hands, but in the man, who has situated himself, and has been encouraged to plow carelessly or slovenly; or, who needs are now arising for our farmers. The original wealth of the soil has departed, and now the harvest, no longer bountiful of old, must be secured by dint of hard work and the best skill. And the first work toward this end must be done with the plow. It is not too much to say that we have not learned how to use this implement. To realize this, one should see the plowing-matches at the English agricultural fair, or even those held so near to us as Canada. It is not so much the plowing that one is struck with as the system. The plowing is perfection; a furrow half a mile long and an equal width, and straight as an arrow, and a land which looks from the visitors' stand like a row of parallel straight lines. Like we see men who have given their lives to learn the art of plowing, whose ancestors have been plowmen for generations, and who are therefore born plowmen. They are, moreover, not only strong, but they are also men of matches and prizes. Boys there compete with their plows, and are thus early trained in the way they should go, and the whole year is but a practicing time for the annual trial of skill. It is equally so among our neighbors, the Canadians, who have transplanted the old fashion from their native soils. On this side the line we have nothing like it. Our boys have no ambition to excel. In this, as in other things, they are unwisely and unfortunately ignored; while the farmers themselves would rather see a horse trot in 2:30 than plow a furrow, at any time. A plan to change all this suggests itself. Let plowing matches be instituted at our agricultural fairs. There is no possible difficulty. If the autumn weather is too dry, let the competition take place at a more favorable season than our day falls, but by all means let our farmers' boys have an opportunity to become plowmen, and have some scope for their natural desire for competition.

EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS.

Cary Township, Wake county, nominates Josiah Turber for Congress.

The cry of relief from the Pelican State is meeting with a generous response in many places.

Judging from the Monroe Enquirer, Union county will favor the nomination of Col. Walkup for Congress from this District.

A new cable is to be laid between England and the United States direct. This will create one more electric current of sympathy between the old and the new world.

It is very evident, that the currency question will cause a new arrangement of parties, a shifting and changing on the field. The next Presidential contest is likely to prove a grand money-battle.

An old darkey in Raleigh, an aspirant for office, said in a public speech that he wanted "some rations, some bread." We surmise that it is the rations that all professional office-seekers are after.

The account of a recent Radical Pow-Wow at the capital, closed with this sentence: "And they adjourned to the rum mills." What a fine text for a Temperance lecturer to preach from!

Says the Wilmington Journal: "This Government has been run in accordance with New England ideas for the last twelve years." The Eastern and Middle States have absolutely controlled it, and the whole theory and practice "have been to foster and develop the interests of those two sections at the expense of the producing West and South."

Governor Kemper's Message.

RICHMOND, April 23.—Governor Kemper, in a message to the Legislature to-day, suggesting the necessity for thoroughly amending the State constitution, many provisions of which he says are as odious to the people as they are mischievous in operation. He opposes the calling of a constitutional convention for this purpose, or that the General Assembly should assume the task of revising the whole constitution, and proposes the appointment of a commission composed of five or seven statesmen to frame such a constitution as would commend itself to the Legislature and the people, to be submitted at the next annual session of the present Legislature. He says it is not doubted that an amendment in the nature of a substitute for the whole constitution, embracing the entire frame work of the organic law of the State would be equally admissible as the separate amendment of any single provision. Speedy action is urged as to let the matter pass by the present session will cause an additional delay of two years. The Governor concludes by setting forth some of the obnoxious features of the present constitution, and hopes no time will be lost in relieving the State of its burden.

The Enquirer says that at a meeting of the subscribers to the capital stock of the Monroe Bank, held in that place on the 20th inst., the following persons were elected directors for one year, or until their successors shall be elected: H. M. Houston, E. A. Armstrong, A. F. Stevens, L. B. DeRosset, J. D. Stewart, C. Austin, A. H. Crowell, T. D. Winchester, and M. Austin. Thirty-three thousand eight hundred dollars has been subscribed to the capital stock of the company, and the books have been ordered to be kept open for subscription for thirty days longer, until sixty thousand dollars be taken.

The Board of City Commissioners of Raleigh have voted to allow the grounds of the State Agricultural Society to be mortgaged for an additional sum of \$10,000, in order to allow the managers of the affairs of the Society to take up its floating indebtedness. It is thought this will relieve the Society of every financial embarrassment under which it may be laboring.

TELEGRAPH.—The new telegraph line from Hunters, N. C., connecting with Norfolk, Va., is now in perfect running order. This is a great convenience to the commercial world and also aid in sending assistance to vessels that may be in distress.

The Master of the Missouri State grange in answer to a correspondent asking if grangers should take stock in railroads, discounts the idea as antagonistic to agricultural development and prosperity. He urges that grangers keep aloof from tangling alliances with such monopolies.

STATE NEWS.

The first cucumbers of the season have come into the Wilmington market. Congressman Thomas is still wiling to give up the Second District in going for a re-nomination.

B. W. Morris (col.) of Newbern, announces himself for Congress. Who next.

The Crescent learns that Col. R. T. Bennett, of Anson, will shortly move to Raleigh and settle.

Rev. Father White, of the Catholic Church of Wilmington, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Judge Tourgee will deliver the oration when the graves of the Confederates buried in Wilmington are decorated on the 10th of May.

North Carolina claims to be the only State in the Union which produces every article enumerated in the census report of 1870.

Col. Wm. Alderman, of Cumberland county raised 722 bushels of sweet potatoes from one acre of land, at a cost of only \$64.

Master Fred. Wooley, of La Grange, passed the best competitive examination and Judge Thomas will recommend him for the West Point cadetship.

The Radicals of Fayetteville have nominated Capt. Ben Robinson, of "Dolores" note, for the Mayorality of Fayetteville.

The kitchen on the premises of John Morris, Esq., of Raleigh, caught fire on Sunday morning from hot ashes left in a barrel, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. This from the News.

The Journal learns by a private telegram that the Rev. C. M. Payne, of Madison, has accepted the call of the Second Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, and will begin his labors about the first of June.

Raleigh Crescent: A letter from Salisbury informs us that the notorious John Allen Ketchy who has been sentenced for rape is to be hung the 22nd of next month. Ketchy says he didn't have justice done him, and that if he is hung for that crime he will be a murdered man.

The Crescent learns that the little son of Mr. Joseph Blake six miles from Raleigh, was kicked by a mule Sunday morning, the animal planting his hoof square against the little boy's forehead and breaking his skull. The little fellow was not more than ten years of age and it is feared he is mortally wounded.

NOTICE.

Municipal Election. On Monday the 4th day of May, 1874, an election will be held at the different wards in the City of Charlotte for Mayor and twelve Aldermen.

Ward No. 1, at the Market House. Ward No. 2, at the Rock Island Office. Ward No. 3, at the Market House. Ward No. 4, at the Court House. The following persons are appointed Judges of the same viz: Ward No. 1, M. W. Alexander, J. P. Register, Wm. Tiddy, M. M. Orr, John McConnell, and W. M. Matthews, Jr., Judges.

Ward No. 2, W. H. H. Houston, J. P. Register, S. B. Perkins, H. B. Hammond, A. B. Davidson, Judges. Ward No. 3, A. H. Creswell, J. P. Register, C. J. Cowles, James H. Henderson, W. R. Cochran, J. C. Burroughs, Judges.

Ward No. 4, A. H. Martin, J. P. Register, A. R. Nisbet, John Vogel, A. Berryhill, J. S. M. Davidson, Judges.

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INTERNAL REVENUE Special Taxes.

May 1, 1874, to April 30, 1875.

The LAWS of December 24, 1872, requires persons engaged in and business, avocation, or employment which renders him liable to a SPECIAL TAX, to procure and place conspicuously in his establishment or office, a SPECIAL TAX STAMP denoting the payment of said Special Tax for the special tax year, beginning May 1, 1874, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1874.

The taxes embraced within the provisions of the law above quoted are the following: Rectifiers, \$200.00. Dealers, retail liquor, 25.00. Dealers, wholesale liquor, 100.00. Dealers in mail liquors, wholesale, 50.00. Dealers in mail liquors, retail, 25.00. Dealers in leaf tobacco, 25.00. Retail dealers in leaf tobacco, 500.00. And on sales of over \$1,000, fifty cents for every dollar in excess of \$1,000.

Dealers in manufactured tobacco, 5.00. Manufacturers of stills, 50.00. And for each still manufactured, 20.00. Manufacturers of tobacco, 20.00. Manufacturers of cigars, 10.00. Peddlers of tobacco, first-class, (more than two horses), 50.00. Peddlers of tobacco, second-class, (two horses), 25.00. Peddlers of tobacco, third-class, (one horse), 15.00. Peddlers of tobacco, fourth-class, (on foot or public conveyance), 10.00. Brewers of less than 500 barrels, 50.00. Brewers of 500 barrels or more, 100.00. Any person, so liable, who shall fail to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties.

Persons liable to pay any of the Special Taxes named above must apply to J. J. Mott, Collector of Internal Revenue at Statesville, N. C., and pay for and procure Special Tax Stamps which they need, before May 1, 1874, and without further notice.

J. W. DOUGLAS, Stamp of the above character can be had at the office of F. B. McDowell, at the Court House, in any county, on the 4th, 8th and 12th of May, next.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

PURSUANT to two separate conveyances made by "The Fair of the Carolinas," and the City Authorities, for the purpose of raising money, duly recorded and registered, and with the concurrence of the said "Fair of the Carolinas," I offer for sale at auction on Thursday, the 7th of May, 1874, at 12 M., that very valuable property near Charlotte known as the Fair Grounds, containing about 43 acres, with all appurtenances, buildings, improvements and appliances attached for conducting exhibitions, &c.

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THOS. W. DEWEY, Trustee. ap 23, 3w & 3d.

NOTICE.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the MEDICAL SOCIETY of North Carolina will be held in the city of Charlotte, on Thursday, the 4th day of May, 1874, at 11 A. M. Members, Delegates and Physicians applying for license, will be passed over the various rooms at half rates.

W. A. B. NORCOM, Pres't. JAMES McKEE, Sec'y.

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina will hold its annual meeting at Charlotte, N. C., on Tuesday, 19th of May next, and remain in session until the business for which it is convened has been disposed of.

Persons desiring to practice medicine will present themselves as early as practicable.

C. DUFFY, Jr., M. D. Secretary and Treasurer. ap 17 2w.

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A. BURWELL, JNO. L. BROWN, Adm'rs. ap 22.

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NOTICE.

DARTIES holding claims against the city which have not been certified or adjusted, are requested to file the same at the office of the City Treasurer, on Wednesday between 10 A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M. for presentation to the Finance Committee.

F. NASH, Treas. ap 22 tf.

A CARD.

I HAVE the honor to announce to my friends and former patrons that as soon as my present engagement at Raleigh terminates, I will return to Charlotte, N. C., where I shall locate permanently, and establish a Conservatory of music under my personal supervision. Pupils will be received from the 15th of June, 1874.

FERRER L. VON MEYERHOFF. ap 18 tf.

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