

CHAS. B. JONES, Editor & Proprietor... SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1879.

PLAN OF CHOOSING ELECTORS. The plan of choosing presidential electors is undergoing much discussion at present by the press and politicians of the North.

Suppose. In the last issue of the Southern Home the following reference is made to THE OBSERVER: Suppose Messrs. Caldwell and Chambers should go to Statesville to live, as they say they will, and suppose the people should take it into their heads to send Mr. Jones to Congress—he has said he wouldn't have the heart to refuse—the puzzling question would then be, who would run THE OBSERVER?

Bismarck and Peace. It is now definitely known that Prince Bismarck has written to the Italian Senator, Jacini, in favor of disarmament. That very fact should be sufficient to silence the croakers who think the world is going to the bad, and who scout the idea that this age is better than any of its predecessors.

WHO SHALL TAKE UMBRAGE? This is a report of a colloquy in the House, Thursday, between Cox, of New York, and Horr, of Michigan.

We can stand almost anything except for a Michigander to kick when he is credited to North Carolina. And what were the North Carolina Congressmen doing that they didn't check Mr. Cox up before he got those words out of his mouth?

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. ADJOURNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS. The Closing Proceedings—Appointment of Special Committees—Bills Introduced, &c.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—SENATE.—At the conclusion of the reading of yesterday's journal, Thurman arose and said there was evidently no quorum present and no probability that one would be obtained.

HOUSE.—Blackburn, of Kentucky, from the committee on rules, submitted the report on the revision of the rules and report in regard thereto, stating that it was the unanimous report of the committee.

Illinois Democratic Committee. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The Democratic central committee met fifty prominent Democrats in a large hall in the State to decide on a plan for arranging the State campaign.

Asks for Reputation. The Governor of Minnesota keenly feels the disgrace of the State in repudiating a portion of its debt a year or two ago, and in an address to the students of the State University, recently, said it was shameful and unworthy of the people.

A Fatal Horse Race. CHICAGO, December 19.—A special from Des Moines to the Tribune says B. B. McElree, a farmer, living in Dallas county, and Wm. Eitritz, while running their horses, crowded each other off a bridge as they were returning from town to their farms, yesterday.

Home-Made Diamonds—An Important Discovery. LONDON, Dec. 19.—Mr. Jas. Maclear, of the Saint Ploix chemical works, has informed the Glasgow Philosophical Society that, after experiments since 1868, he has succeeded in obtaining crystallized forms of carbon, which Professor Tyndall and Smith and Mr. Maskelyne, of the British museum, do not doubt are diamonds.

For Attention to Another Man's Wife. From Chicago, December 19.—A special from Chicago to the New York Tribune, of the 9th infantry, was shot and slightly wounded day before yesterday, in that city, by Maj. J. H. Smith, supposed to have been drawn by attention paid by Tremaine to Smith's wife.

SUITS FOR \$20,000.

A Young Lady's Charge Against the Baltimore Postmaster. BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—A suit has been brought in the Court of Common Pleas, by Miss Mary A. Murray, against Gen. E. B. Tyler, postmaster of this city, for \$20,000 damages for assault.

A Batch of News from the Military Operations on the Cape. CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.—Gen. Gough left Jodagal on the 7th inst. for Cabul. Col. Norman, with a detachment from two native infantry regiments, some highlanders and sappers and two guns, have left Jellalabad to co-operate with Gen. Gough's command.

Babcock. Prominent among the arrivals in Philadelphia of distinguished persons to the Centennial appears the name of Gen. Babcock.

Currency Increase—\$5,000,000 in Less Than Two Months. WASHINGTON, December 18.—The comptroller of the currency has called upon the national banks for a report showing their condition at the close of business on Friday, December 12.

A Horrible Double Murder in Illinois. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A special to the Tribune says intense excitement prevails at New Canton, 20 miles south of Quincy, over the double murder of a man and wife, whose house was found deserted and with blood on the floor yesterday.

A Lunatic's Freak. BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Last night an unknown man, supposed to have been insane, entered the Eastern Railroad depot at Saeco, Me., and although he was shot at by the watchman, and kicked over the stove and demolished the lamps, setting fire to the building, which, with the freight house and shed attached, were burned.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. THOS. O'NEIL, heavy coal dealer of Peoria, Ill., failed for \$300,000 and disappeared some days ago. His whereabouts are unknown.

BRIEF FOREIGN ITEMS. The English government has granted pensions of £500 annually to the widow and £100 to the mother of the late Sir Lewis D'Oyarski, murdered at Cabul.

A Dowry Taken Merchant. Having passed several sleepless nights, distributed by the agonies and cries of a suffering child, a merchant in the city of New York, who is a well-to-do man and whose name is not given, has refused to have it administered to the child.

Groceries.—Wholesale & Retail. OFFICE OF LEROY DAVIDSON, Groceries, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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15th. POPULAR MONTHLY DRAWING OF THE Commonwealth Distribution Company, AT MACAULEY'S THEATRE, In the City of Louisville, on DECEMBER 31ST, 1879.

PERRY'S GRAND OPENING.—OF—Christmas Palace, Friday, December 19th.

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GELATINE. Fresh Italian Macaroni, Baker's Chocolate, Epps' Cocoa and Oswego Corn Starch.

W. S. FORBES, AGENT. December 20.

YEAST GEMS. The best Sautch for Laundry Purposes is SATIN GLOSS.

Books and Stationery. READY WITH OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY GOODS!

BINGHAM SCHOOL, MEBANEVILLE, N. C. I will open a notice for Monday next, in the school building of Gen. Barringer's lot on Church street.