

THE GRADED SCHOOL QUESTION.

A few days ago THE OBSERVER republished the law in regard to the establishment of a graded school in Charlotte. The law is believed to be an admirable one, and the community is largely indebted to its author, Capt. R. P. Waring, for its advantages.

The first section declares that the board of aldermen shall have authority, on the requisition of at least ten voters on each ward in the city, after thirty days' notice, to order an election to be held, to ascertain the sense of the qualified voters of the city on the question of establishing and maintaining public graded schools, and we rise to ask who will take the initiative?

The second section declares that the board of aldermen shall designate the maximum rate of taxation proposed to be imposed, which shall never exceed twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars value of property and seventy-five cents on the poll, and on other subjects of taxation in the same proportion as the rate on property.

There is a taxpayer in Charlotte who would object to paying a small tax for so worthy an object? We hope not. We believe the tax proposed when the matter was before the people, two years ago was only one tenth of one per cent.

That might be sufficient to get the plan on foot, and after it was started it might cost even less. A tax of seventy-five cents on the single poll would bring us about one thousand dollars per annum, which in addition to the present school funds would be a fair start towards permanent schools.

Section 5 declares that the board of school commissioners shall have power and authority to purchase sites and build school houses in the city, open and regulate schools therein, appoint examiners, employ teachers and fix their salaries, prescribe courses of study, and in general do whatever may be necessary to establish and continue within said city a good system of public graded schools, to be kept open at least nine months in the year, without charge for the education of the children of the city, within the ages of six and twenty-one.

Now as the matter of taxation is entirely optional with the board would it not be a good plan to begin without taxing the property holders. The principal expense would be the necessary buildings at the start, and we believe that enough public spirited men can be found in the city who would willingly contribute enough money to give the plan a start.

AN UNINTENTIONAL ERROR.—In yesterday's OBSERVER we stated that Maj. J. W. Wilson's vote as a director of the Western North Carolina railroad, was given against the proposition of calling an extra session of the Legislature, to consider Mr. Best's last proposition. We should have stated that he voted, for the measure, as we do not intend to do any one an intentional injustice.

ANOTHER REPUBLICAN BOOM.

The New York Sun of the 12th contains a telegram from Washington City in which it is stated that the intimate personal and political friends of Gen. Grant insist that there is not, and there will not be, any antagonism between Grant and Blaine; that Blaine will accept the second place on the ticket. It is said that the men who are nearest to Grant and who manage his canvass are industriously but discreetly giving out that the ticket is to be Grant and Blaine.

It is also claimed that the fierce fight in the Pennsylvania convention was made simply to defeat Sherman. "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and there is no telling what a day may bring forth. It is only upon this theory that we can accept Blaine as a candidate for the vice-presidency on the Republican ticket.

The Western North Carolina Railroad To the Editor of The Observer: Please allow me space to state a few facts on the subject of the Western North Carolina Railroad. In the general attention drawn to this question of the sale of the road, the prominence given the directors of the Western North Carolina Railroad is liable to divert from public notice this fact: that the action of that directory, whatever it may be, is entirely to relieve Gov. Jarvis of the necessity for calling together the legislature.

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SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

A fire at Barnwell C. H. last Monday night destroyed Mr. Cronheim's store and dwelling with the entire contents of both. The fire was accidental. Mr. Cronheim lived up-stairs over the store.

At an election held in Horry county on Saturday, Mr. T. W. Daggett was elected State Senator from that county to fill the unexpired term of Hon. W. L. Cronheim. Daggett was the Democratic candidate.

At an election held in Aiken county on the 11th, Geo. W. Croft was elected State Senator from that county to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. A. P. Butler.

Cornelius Scott, colored, a convict working in Laurens county, made his escape several months ago. Monday night one of the penitentiary guards, who had been detailed to capture another escaped prisoner known to be lurking near Eastover, heard that Scott, who lived in the same neighborhood, was secreted in his house.

The Charleston News and Courier of the 11th devotes ten columns to the cotton factories of South Carolina, from which the following is taken: The South Carolina factories have 95,438 spindles with 1,933 looms. They produce 101,228 yards of cloth and 17,183 pounds of yarn each full working day, and consume for each such day 54,049 pounds of raw cotton.

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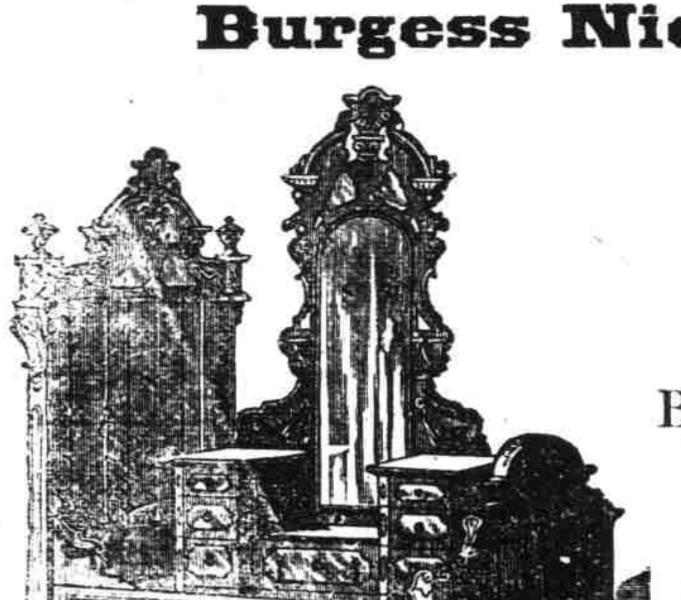
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO OFFER TO THE TRADE ONE OF THE BEST LINES OF Boots and Shoes to be Found in the City of Charlotte. AND AT PRICES AS LOW AS THEY CAN BE MADE by close buying by one who is thoroughly posted in the business.

LADIES, MISSES and CHILDREN'S Fine shoes of the Best Makes, GENT'S HAND-SEWED BOOTS AND SHOES ARE OUR SPECIALTY, AND WITH A FULL LINE OF THESE, WE CAN SUIT AND FIT ANYBODY.



Burgess Nichols, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, BEDDING, &c. A FULL LINE OF Cheap Bedsteads, AND LOUNGES. PARLOR AND CHAMBER SUITS.

BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER A WORD TO THOSE WHO USE POROUS PLASTERS. It is a universally acknowledged fact that Benson's Capcine Porous Plasters are Superior to all others.

Liability of Mercantile Agencies. NEW ORLEANS, February 13.—Bonds were filed today in this city for an appeal against the recent decision of the jury in the case of Smith & Ziegler against R. G. Dun & Co's mercantile agency, in which a verdict for one thousand dollars was given against the agency for a favorable report on a firm subsequently found to be irresponsible.

Suspension Announced. NEW YORK, February 13.—N. S. Prentice announced his suspension to the stock exchange this morning on account of recent advances in various stocks.

Death of an Ex-United States Senator. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 13.—Ex-United States Senator Samuel G. Arnold died last night.

Lotteries. A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A FOUR-TUNE—SECOND GRAND DISTRIBUTION. CLASS B, AT NEW ORLEANS. LOUISIANA STATE LOTTERY COMPANY.

LOTTERY LIST OF PRIZES: 100,000 Tickets at Two Dollars each. Half-Ticket, One Dollar. LIST OF PRIZES: 1 Capital Prize, \$100,000; 10 Prizes of 10,000; 100 Prizes of 1,000; 1,000 Prizes of 100; 10,000 Prizes of 10; 100,000 Prizes of 1.

APPROXIMATION PRIZES OF \$300.—\$2,700; APPROXIMATION PRIZES OF 200.—1,800; APPROXIMATION PRIZES OF 100.—900.

Distribution Company, AT MACAULEY'S THEATRE, IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1880.

GRITS, &c., BANANAS, CANDIES, TAFFIES, CARMELS, CARMELS, THE DELIGHT OF EVERY ONE.

JUST RECEIVED, 250 BBL'S E. K. POTATOES, 50 BBL'S SNOW FLAKE, 50 BBL'S PEPPERLESS, 100 BBL'S GRITS, 10 BBL'S LARGE HOMOINY, 10 BBL'S LARGO HOMOINY.

C. HILKER'S, Ince Meat by the bucket or retail; Muscatel Raisins, Chocolate, Candies—Fancy and plain; Cranberries, Pine Apples in cans, Peaches, Tomatoes and Jellies—assorted; Ball-mung Hams, Mess Mackerel, North-east and Mountain Buckwheat, Flour, Patapo and other brands of Flour; Teas, Coffees and Sugars.

JUST RECEIVED, 40 FINE TURKEYS, BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, AND SWEET POTATOES, at S. M. HOWELL'S.

ONE CAR LOAD OF POTATOES AND APPLES. JUST RECEIVED BY LEROY DAVIDSON.

NICE LOT OF CALIFORNIA PEARS, CELEBRATED SODA CRACKERS, 50 BARRELS APPLES, 25 BUNCHES BANANAS, LEROY DAVIDSON. REMOVAL. M. LIGHTENSTEIN, MERCHANT TAILOR, has removed over John T. Butler's Jewelry Store, where he will be pleased to serve his Customers and Friends as in the past.