

The Charlotte Observer.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 23, 1882.

Danville, Va., is preparing to build the second cotton factory.

The Mississippi river below Memphis is thirty miles wide, and great damage has been done by the flood.

Delegations from Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio and Missouri, are working in favor of the reduction of the whisky tax.

The coming Brazilian coffee crop is stated on good authority to be from 500,000 to 1,000,000 bags short of the last one.

We are under obligations to Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton, of Ohio, for his speech on civil service reform, delivered in the Senate Dec. 13th.

A Chicago man drank four pints of whisky to cure the small-pox. It might have done it but the man died of the whisky before it got a fair chance.

The city of Buffalo, N. Y., is rivaling Chicago in the mortuary role and is getting the reputation of being one of the filthiest cities in the United States.

A whole city in Illinois is being boycotted. Cairo's officials oppose the entry of a new railroad, and the residents along the line have signed an agreement not to spend a cent in Cairo stores.

The trunk lines have advanced emigrant rates to figures that the Western people fear will amount to prohibition in thousands of cases, and thus compel emigrants to remain in the East where there is neither room nor work for them.

The annual production of oleomargarine in New York city 116,000,000 pounds—5,000,000 pounds more than the dairy made butter of the entire State. And we have no doubt but that lots of the stuff is sent out labelled "Goshen."

Editors Moreno and Severo, Mexican quill drivers, ended a dispute by a meeting on the field of duel. They meant business. Both fired and both dropped dead. Their quarrel is ended and they feel better now.

The Virginia papers are paying hand some tribute to the memory of the late John Hampden Chamberlayne, the deceased gallant and brilliant editor of the Richmond State. As a mark of respect the Assembly adjourned and attended his funeral in a body.

Frederick May, whose memorable duel with James Gordon Bennett caused ruddy Mars to wink, was married in San Francisco on Wednesday night to Miss Cecilia Coleman, a niece of the millionaire O'Brien. The bride's mother is worth several millions, which was left her by her brother.

The following States will elect governors in 1882: Alabama, A. Kansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and possibly Dakota.

An old soldier named Edward Kenan died a week or two ago in Pittsburg, and five days after his death a long delayed pension dating from March 18, 1863, was granted to him. He left no heirs, and this accumulation of ninety years will remain in the United States treasury, that is that portion of it which the pension agents do not gobble up.

Philadelphia Record: The Methodist ministers of this city are not compelled to fight immorality at long range. Some of them might go to Utah as missionaries, after the precedent set by the primitive Apostles. But if they stay here, as they very likely will, there is a wide field in Philadelphia for faithful preaching against the very iniquities indulged in by the Mormons.

Mr. Blaine's oration, of which his friend Garfield is to be the subject, is looked forward to with much interest in Washington. Eloquence of a Ciceroan pitch is expected by his friends and feared by those who think that he is too well appreciated. Of the 1,500 tickets of admission to the House on the day of delivery Mrs. Garfield will distribute twenty-five and the orator as many. Each Senator and Member will have three extra tickets.

A. C. Sotelo, one of the participants in the recent sensational shooting affair in Washington, once served a year in the penitentiary. He was one of three persons who robbed Horatio C. Welsh, in Third avenue near One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street, New York, on the morning of August 18th, 1878. He got off with one year's imprisonment by pleading guilty to "assault with intent to commit robbery," though he actually took Welsh's purse from his pocket while his confederates held the victim.

It seems that the Peruvian Company, that somehow got mixed up with Blaine's correspondence with his Peruvian and Chilean ministers, Hurlbut and Kilpatrick, had or was to have a speculative capital of \$800,000,000. The resolution of Congress requesting the President to furnish the names of the parties interested, has created no little consternation in certain quarters, as it is understood that the President is systematically at work to furnish the information, and that when read in Congress it will afford the country a good opportunity to make a ten-strike.

Sloop Schooled and two Men Drowned. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The signal corps station at Chincoteague, Va., today reported that a sloop, without name, was wrecked at 8 p. m. yesterday. Master Fox shoaled at 8 p. m. yesterday. Master Collins and Jas. Kyler were washed off and lost. The bodies are not yet recovered. Howard was in the rigging all night and waded ashore at low water. The sloop is breaking up.

GEN. CLINGMAN'S POSITION.

We publish in THE OBSERVER to-day General Clingman's "concise statement" of his views. The General is undoubtedly entitled to his views, and he has views, and having had something to say heretofore about the reports of the General's views, we now give these views over his own signature, that there may be no mistake about it. We admire, too, the frankness with which the General expresses his views, but the fact is for some years he has not been in full accord with the Democratic party, while having too little respect for the Republican party to affiliate with it. As with some others who have aspired to leadership, his association with the Democratic party since the war was more a matter of necessity than of choice. Indeed he admits quite as much in his statement.

He will, however, not attempt the breaking of the Democratic party and carry as many of the pieces as he can into the Republican party, as some of our so-called "independents" propose to do, but will judiciously wait till both of the old parties have decided to die when the new party of regeneration may be born and live. In this he acts wisely.

We are not prepared to say while he places the Republican party in its true light as a sectional organization, that there is no foundation for some of his strictures on the short comings of the Democratic party. But why has the General with his great intellect and brilliant talent for leadership been content to remain inactively silent so long while the party and the country stood in such dire need of his directing genius? Why did he not come to the front, seize the colors, and lead in the way to victory and reform? Why bury himself in his mountain home while the country was going to the dogs in this way, and let pigmies get into the lead and mix matters as they have done? This is what we find fault with him for, not for having views, but for silently laying back and doing nothing to make these views effective. It is easy to find fault but not so easy to remedy faults. The talent that finds fault is not always the talent that makes the leader, and although we admit that there is a deficiency of leadership in the Democratic party, a want of unanimity and cohesiveness on some issues, we fear that the General will not supply the want of the first, nor furnish the plan of securing the others. Instead of complaining about the failures of the party, it would be the wiser policy and perhaps the more effective if Gen. Clingman and others like him would address themselves to the task of bringing the party up to the plane which they think it ought to occupy, and help to build the platform upon which it should stand and fight its battles. Better help to win the fight than see it lost and then be content with condemning the folly which lost it. We object neither to the discussion of real or imaginary weaknesses, for we believe in free, candid discussion, which is inspired by a desire to remedy evils and prompts to labor while it chides remissness. If all those who find fault with the party for doing less than they think it should have done, had done their full duty in directing its councils and shaping its policy, perhaps it would have accomplished more and there would be less occasion for their discontent.

WESTERN FLOODS. From all sections in the West and Southwest come accounts of continued rains and great floods. The Mississippi river opposite Memphis is said to be thirty miles wide, and is still breaking through the levees, covering miles of land on either side of the river. The chief occupation of people along the river seems to be in fighting the current and trying to keep it within the levees by building embankments and filling in the breaks with sand bags. The destruction of property has been immense, while thousands of people have been rendered destitute and homeless, huddling together as best they can on such elevated spots as they can find above the reach of the encroaching waters. Even in some of the towns the waters have risen so high as to render the houses uninhabitable. The consequence of all this must be a vast amount of suffering, for thousands of people have been deprived of everything; all they had either being destroyed or swept away by the irresistible waters. It is impossible to tell from the extent of country that has been submerged how many are so situated. It is a sad picture of wide desolation.

Meeting of Manchester Cotton Masters. MANCHESTER, Feb. 22.—One of the largest meetings of Cotton Masters ever held took place on yesterday. The chairman dwelt on the serious position of the trade caused by declining prices and increasing stocks. A resolution was unanimously passed that it is necessary to adopt short time in the manufacturing department, and circulars have been sent to all masters of north and northeast Lancashire asking whether they are willing to reduce production to the extent of two weeks work during March.

The Ohio Falling. CINCINNATI, Feb. 22.—The river has fallen nearly two feet from the highest mark and is still falling rapidly. The weather is clear and cold. Advice from up the river show that the river is still rising, and it may rain again here, but the cold weather gives promise that the worst is over.

Bradlaugh Expelled. LONDON, Feb. 22, 5 p. m.—Sir Stafford Northcote's motion expelling Bradlaugh from the House of Commons passed by a vote 291 to 83.

Result of the Conference. LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Berlin to the Times says the result of Bismarck's conference with the Emperor is that no official representation regarding Gen. Skobeleff's speech will be made at St. Petersburg.

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THE WORK OF THE FLOOD.

THE MISSISSIPPI SPREADING FOR MILES IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

Levees Swept Away, Farms Covered, Stock Destroyed, Towns Submerged and Vast Numbers of People Rendered Destitute.

VIKESBURG, Va., Feb. 22.—The Evening Commercial publishes the following from Col. J. G. Pepper, a passenger on the Anchor Line steamer from Helena: This morning we learn discouraging particulars concerning the devastation and wide-spread ruin caused by the breaking of the levees along the river from Memphis to Greenville. The latest breaks in Tunica county, Miss., are at Trotter and Gordon, a mile and a half below Yazoo Pass and in Coahoma county, Edward's Lake. At the opening in Louis, a swamp, a large body of water is going through to Soudlower bottoms. There was a temporary levee at Trotter's Ridge which is all gone. This levee joined the main one on Colonel Edward Richardson's place above Hockley. From there the water place down to the break above Mound's place in Bolivar county the water is higher than ever known and in many places above the main land. It is only kept up by small ridges behind the levees. The water is full of mud and is very turbid. The levee at Mound's place gave way Monday night. The special weak points are in Robinson's levee a short distance below Hockley and at Charles, a point just below Concordia and near Bolivar landing. At all of these points the water has been running over the levees, but was stopped by the use of sand bags and small ridges. From the break at Mound's place the water will overflow the Deer creek section.

From officers of the steamer Kate Dickson, which arrived at 11 o'clock to-day, we learn that a telegraph cable, which had been laid from Helena to Bolivar, was broken from Greenville, down on the Mississippi side. The levees there are still in fact and it is hoped they will be able to hold the heavy pressure.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 22.—The officers of the steamer City of Greenville, confirms the report published concerning the sad condition of affairs now existing throughout the Mississippi valley. Thousands of men are on constant guard along the levees, and are using every possible means to strengthen the power of resistance and elevate the crest to prevent the water from inundating the whole country. The great levee brought several thousand sacks to be filled with earth to aid in strengthening embankments. Twenty-five hundred sacks were put off at Bolivar Landing, where the danger of a break was imminent. Washington, Asquena, Bolivar, Coahoma and Tunica counties, in Mississippi, in fact the whole shore line between Memphis and Vicksburg on the Mississippi, and the whole eastern shore of the Gulf of Mexico, are under water or threatened with inundation. The inhabitants of this vast area of country are in great distress. Many have been forced from their houses and are subsisting as best they may on the few scraps of food which they have managed to save.

The destruction of live stock is beyond calculation. Navigation of the river itself is regarded by river men as dangerous at its present stage on account of the great difficulty of getting along in the heavy water. The lights along the river are maintained with admirable regularity. These lights prove an incalculable benefit to steamboatmen now, since all bank landmarks have disappeared. Arkansas City is completely submerged. Not a single house in the city is visible above the presence of the muddy flood. The water there is represented as being 8 inches higher than the flood of 1876. The houses were built so as to be above the high flood level of that year, and all of them there is from 7 to 8 inches of water.

THE FIRST CHURCH. Honor to Whom Honor is Due. To the Editor of the Observer. In your issue of THE OBSERVER on Sunday, February 12th, 1882 there appeared a history of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, by Hon. J. H. Wilson. In some respects it is correct, while in others defective. As to the ground upon which the church is built, it did not belong to the town of Tryon, as stated, but was the property of Capt. Wm. Davidson, who purchased it from one John Baxter, January 15, 1817, the deed for which was witnessed by Maj. Sam'l McCombs and Mr. John Irwin, two of the commissioners that time. These lots were given by Capt. Wm. Davidson on which to build a church for the public worship of God, without regard to any particular denomination, as at that time there was no place for public worship except the court house, which stood in the square formed by the crossing of Trade and Tryon streets, now known as "Independence square." Many years before, there was an open stand in front of the court house, the site of which was now the site of the church, and it was used for religious worship during the summer months, and here it was that the children of the city were first baptized. It was his desire to reserve it as a consecrated ground, and with that intent he donated it for the location of a church, with the express promise that it was to be used only as a church lot, and upon that condition it was conveyed to the city, and has been used for that purpose ever since.

The first church built on this ground was after the plan of the Presbyterian church in Raleigh, and was built by Mr. Davidson, who took an active interest in the building. At that time there were very few professing Christians in Charlotte. We can remember but one communicant of the Presbyterian church, and she was an old lady. The church was built as a free church, and open for the use of all denominations. It was dedicated by Rev. Jas. McCree in 1821 or 1822, and was so used until about 1830, when it was organized as a Presbyterian church. The first minister invited to take charge of it was Rev. Mr. Green, of Hillsboro, N. C., an Episcopal clergyman, afterwards Bishop of Mississippi, and who was a very able and worthy man. Mr. Whitaker and his son, Unitarians, came to Charlotte on their way to Charleston, S. C. These gentlemen brought letters of introduction to Capt. Davidson, who invited them to remain over Sunday. The son preached in the church, and the citizens were so much pleased with him that an invitation to him to take charge of the church was extended and accepted. He was referred to as "the Unitarian." He remained in Charlotte during his stay, and he received a call to the place, which he accepted, and he remained in charge of the people of Charlotte. He thereupon wrote to the committee, stated the case, and was released from the engagement. Being disappointed in not getting the church, he was referred to Capt. Davidson and Maj. Sam'l McCombs to help him, which place Presbytery was in session, with instructions to the effect that under the care on condition that a supply was furnished. The Presbytery appointed

the Rev. S. C. Caldwell, of Sugar Creek congregation, who preached every third Sunday until his death. He was succeeded by the Rev. H. Morrison, who held service every third Sunday. After the church was regularly organized as a Presbyterian church, the Rev. A. J. Leavelle was installed as its first regular pastor. After his leaving came Rev. Thomas Owens, then came Rev. J. M. Caldwell, who was succeeded by his brother, Rev. Harper Caldwell, for a short time; then Rev. Mr. Bennett, who was succeeded by the Rev. Cyrus Johnston; then came the Rev. A. W. Miller, after him the Rev. Mr. Sinclair, who was succeeded by that eminent divine, the Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., now in charge.

In the early part of the church history the Methodist denomination, of which Dr. David Dunlap was a leading member, knowing the conditions upon which the ground was given and the church built, claimed that they had equal rights with the Presbyterians to worship in the church. Charlotte was, at that time, a very small place. There were no houses except upon Trade and Tryon streets, and the church was the last building on the west end of Trade street.

The town commissioners did not own one foot of land on the square donated by Capt. Davidson at the time referred to by Mr. Wilson. The front lots were owned by Capt. Davidson and Mr. Baxter, and the back lots were owned by Ivan Alexander, a distinguished lawyer in his day, who moved to Salisbury and there died. Some of his relatives are still living in Mecklenburg and Union counties. Baxter sold the front lots to Capt. Davidson, and the back lots still belong to the heirs of Ivan Alexander, if not barred.

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MADRID, Feb. 22.—Emilio Castell has published an article on Gen. Skobeleff's recent speech. He expresses fears of a coming Slav invasion of Europe and declares that it behooves the Latin races in the interest of civilization to enter into a close alliance with the German people.

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