Miscellaneous.

The Charlotte Observer. CHAS. R. JONES, Editor and Propitor.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 1882. WHO SHALL BE SENATORY

The duty will devolve upon the next Legislature which meets in January to elect a United States Benator to succeed Hon. M. W. Ransom, and the queswho shall it be? Shall Ransom himself, or shall some one else succeed him? He is, as is well known, a candidate for re-election, and the names of several letter distinguished gentlemen have also been mentioned, and will be in the field backed by earnzealous advocates. The OB-SERVER recognizes the fact that the prize is open to a fair and honorable contest, and recognizes the right also of gentlemen of fitness and ability to aspire to it. It is an important ambition and hence we have no war to make on any gentleman who may see fit to aspire to it. Chat while this is so and while we believe there are many men in the Democratic party in this State, who have the character and capacity to make good Senators, we believe there are good and sufficient reasons why Senator Ransom should be retained in the position which he occupies.

We believe in the Democratic principle of rotation in office, but the States

North and South have followed the rule of changing their Senators as little as possible, except when political revo-lutions occurred and changes became necessary to properly represent the people of the States. Scores of Senators served many years, were re-elected term after term, and continued at the States seemed to be to find the man who met the requirements, and when such a one was found he was seldom disrevolutions brought about

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than we nor none more cordually supbetter, but he has done none of these things. In the continue, his devotion market and unceasing neglecting nothing and heing everything he could be foster their interests and promote their welfars. His brilliant talents, splendid oratory, suggesting manners, and fine social traits live given him a from rank in the Sannte, and a prestige in the government departments which perhaps no other Southern Senator has attained and all this while he has not to strike he has blown for his political principles nor hesitated one moment to strike he has all strike limits blown for his party when occasion lemanded. But he has saries.

For freese, and other reasons which might be mentioned, while we believe and an proud to record it, that there are many gentlemen in the Democratic party of the State who, with experience, would grace the position, we know of none who would fill it better than, or say well as Hon. M. W. Ransom, and hence port some other man whom we believed better, but he has done none of these

we set about to find a reason we are inevitably led to the conclusion that one
of the main causes which lead up to
the commission of crime is that the
laws of the land are not enforced. A
criminal once in the clutches of the
law too frequently manages to clude
the penalty for its violation. We propose to discuss this question at length
hereafter, but to-day we wish to call
the attention of our law-makers to one
single omission of the law for the arwe set about to find a reason we are insingle omission of the law for the ar- it could promise its members the spoils

single omission of the law for the arrest of cominals.

Under our present law the facility of setting from one county to another by means of railroads and otherwise, renders it easy, for a person charged with a criminal odense to escape the office of the law.

At the law ager stands, a sheriff, or other public offices, except in special instances, is not interest in special instances, is not interest of the law.

It is easy for public offices to communicate with each other by telegrams, and thus shead off a passon attempting to escape justice. Yet, if an officer arrest of the law ager stands of a passon attempting to escape justice. Yet, if an officer arrest of the law ager and many be subjected to an idditinent. We therefore think it is time for the instance of the law ager and many be subjected to an idditinent. We therefore think it is time for the received that the sheriff shall proceed to come the as fully as if a warrant was in the party sending such the party sending such an liable, in the 300 km series with a col. If the party sending it is a

it frequently happens in Charlotte that telegrams are received for the arrest of persons suspected of crime, and are acted upon, in most instances by our officers. But we do think the officer so acting, should be protected by law, and not be made liable for indictment at the hands of a criminal so arrested

for an assault or false imprisonment.

Texas has \$1,000,000 lying idle in her tressury. She owes \$5,000,000, but her credit is so good that creditors ask \$1.40 for bonds, and she declines to pay a forty cent premium on them.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says that that the wearing of gloves by gentle-men is not popular in the West, because it grates against the idea of re publican simplicity.

Wheat cultivation is increasing in Texas because the farmers find it more profitable than cotton.

The rostal service in this country employs 60,000 persons. The Methodist conference will meet In Statesville feet year of The

CIVIL SERVICE TALK.

MR. CEORGE TAKES THE FLOOR

The House after Disposing of Other Matters Resumes Consideration of the Postal Appropriation Bill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Pendleton and Sherman presented a memorial of

and Sherman presented a memorial of the tobacco board of trade of Cincinnati asking a modification or repeal of the tax upon tobacco. Referred to the committee on finance.

Butler presented a memorial of the Charleston board of health. Referred to the committee on epidemic diseases.

Anthony, from the committee on printing, reported the House amendment to the resolution providing for printing the report of the tariff commission, and it was agreed to.

At the close of the morning hour the consideration of the French spollation will was resumed, and an amendment

bill was resumed, and an amendment offered by Harrison was adopted, pre-viding that the report of the court of viding that the report of the court of claims shall be marely advisory as to the law and the facts, and shall not bind either diments or Congress. The bill, as amended passed.

Hair offered a resolution, which was a seed to, directing the Secretary of an information in possession of Bureau of Education in relation.

dowed in whole ernment, schools. Pugh presented the or colleague, Morgan, were read. At two o'clock the Senate resumed consideration of the Pandleton civil

service bill. Miller of N remarks began resterday.

Mr George Hought the passage of this bill would inaugurate most important and necessary reform, for the syns which it sought to remark were of the most momentous character, affecting despit the purity of any contracting deeply the purity of our governmental administration, and even threatening the stability of our institutions. It proposes to overthrow the dangerous and corrupt system which had for its motto

would grace the position, we know of none who would fill it better than, or as well as Hon. M. W. Ransom, and hence we believe it the part of wisdom to re-elect him to the position which has for twelve years filled with such signal ability, with such homorate himself and such credit to his State and people.

ABOUT THE ARREST OF CRIMINATES.

The careful reader of THE OBSERVER cannot fail to notice the entraordinary increase in crime recorded in these columns for the past two weeks. It is not confined to this section, or State, but seeing to have become general. When we set about to first a reason we are investigably led to this conclusion that one

seat and he never had entertained an

idea of contesting the election.

The question was put as to whether the claimant should be sworn in and it was decided in the affirmative, 144 to 15, and McLean appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office. the House and took the oath of office.

Washburn, of Minnesota, from the committee on commerce, reported a bill authorizing the East and West Railread Company, of Alabama, to construct a bridge across Coosa River.

Placed on the House calendar.

The House at 1:20 went into committee of the whole, Calkins, of Indiana, in the chair, on the postoffice appropriation bill, all general debate being limited to two hours. In closing the discussion Robeson said he had been directed by the committee on appropria-

rected by the committee on appropriations to offer an amendment to the bill providing that, the compensation paid for carrying the mails to railroad companies who have received government aid in bond subsidies as well as in land grants shall not exceed 50 per cent of the amount allowed by law as compensation for the same service by railroads which had not received government which had not received government aid. The bill was then read by sections for amendments.

Superb and Entirely New Assortment In speaking of formal amendments,

In speaking of formal amendments, Mills, of Texas, protested against a reduction in the rate of postage. Like all reduction of taxation since the war, it was a reduction which began at the wrong end. What was all this talk about a superabundant treasury, when there was a national debt of \$1.400.00.700. It was not the people, but the commercial interests, that paid this tax. These interests were the interests which demanded reduction, and congress was going down on its knees, and taking all the burdens off them and placing them on poor people. How many gentlemen on the other side who voted for this bill would vote to take the tax from cotten ties.

One will, on behalf of the committee on appropriations, offered an amendment increasing the appropriation for the "Star" service from \$5,000,000 to \$5,250,000. Robinson, of massacquaetta, offered an amendment appripriating \$600,000. In speaking of formal

an amendment apprintating \$600,000 for necessary and special mail facilities.

Hiscock, of New York, offered an amendment to this amendment axing amount at \$200,000. Pending adtion the committee rose.

Dunnell, offered a resolution reciting that allegations had been made that some of the collectors of customs along the northern frontier are in receipt of the fees from the sale of blanks which are not turned into the treasury, and that said collectors are in the pay of the committee on ways and means inquire into the trath of these alle-

The House then, at 4:50 p m, adourned until to morrow. The Fleecy Staple. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 .- The cotton

returns - mailed to the Department of Agriculture Dec. first relate to the product in comparison with the production of last year. There will be one more return at the close of the season, estimating the actual number of bales and acres of the present crop. Last month the returns of the eld per acre indicated 6,636,600 bales of 460 net pounds lint each. The December report makes the aggregate approximating 6,700,000 bales. It is not presented as statisticians estimate of the crop, but the result of a careful revis-ton and consolidation of county esti-mates. The influence of December upon the views of correspondents may somewhat increase or may decrease this figure. The estimated increase in Florida is 8 per cent. or in round num-bers 58,000 bales. Mississippi 8 or 961,-000. North Carolina 10 or 121,000, Alabama 10 or 760,000, Georgia 11 or 885,000, Louisiana 20 or 571,000, Tennessee 22 or 869000, South Carolina 26 or 625,000, Texas 52 or 1,322,000, Arkansas 50 or 685,000.

In South Carolina, Texas and Arkansas last year's product was greatly redeced, which accounts for the large per centage of increase. Virginia, Missouri, Indian Territory and other districts may make 66,000 bales. Serious injury is justly appreciated from the lateness and vigor of growth did not

Killing frosts were everywhere later then usual A loss of immature bolls in some districts is estimated at 10 cent. resulted in parts of North per cent. resulted in parts of North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas and Northern Texas and in a less degree in other States of the cotton belt. In northern Mississippi frost was reported twenty to thirty days later than in average years. The weather has been generally favorable for picking. At many points exceptionably good. The reverse has been true in portions of Louisiana and Northern Texas. In some counties of Arkansas and other parts of the Southwest have suffered from continued wet weather. Losses from the boll worm continue to be reported, mainly west of the Mississippi. This insect has probably caused as much damage as the caterpillar this

Condensed Press Dispatches.

The Central and South American telegraph company gives notice that dis-patches sent "via Galveston" will receive prompt attention. A fire in Hickman, Ky., yesterday, de-stroyed three blocks in the business

part of the town. Loss \$42,000. Senator Jones, of Florida, took the position yesterday in debate on the French spoliation claims, that the Spanish claimants should not be exclu-

Peter Thomas, col'd, was hanged at Mansfield, La, yesterday, for the mur-der of Dick Bright, also colored. Laura Bright, wife of the murdered man, was sentenced to be hang at the same time as an accomplice, but was respited by the Governor till further notice.

The steamer Kate Kearney was burned near Shreveport, La., yesterday, and a valuable cargo lost. She was insured in Cincinnati companies for \$10,000. John Redd, colored, was hanged at Serle, Ala., yesterday, for the murder of a colored girl last September.

Business Failures the Past Week. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The business failures of the past seven days as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., of the Mercantile Agency No. 208, as compared with 190 fast week. Of these the Eastern States had 24, Western 60, Southern 41, Middle 39, Pacific States and Territories 14, Canada 18, and New York City 12. Failures of the week generally are not so large in amount of liabilities or so important as they have been in previous weeks. does don't

The Rocky Mount Postmaster Acquitted.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 15.—S. B. Pennington, late Postmaster at Rocky Mount, N. C., charged with robbing registered packages in his office, was to day acquitted. The trial, covering two indictments against Pennington, con-

Beath of Hon. Robert F. Ould. HIGHMOND, Dec. 15.—Hon Robert F Ould, one of the most prominent law-yers of Richmond, died at his residence here to-day, in the 62nd year of his age, of acute congestion of the lungs, after only a few days illness. Weather.

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President. CHAS. B. JONES, Eccretary. dec12 tdm daw

a Convincing Conversation.

"I tell you sir, that they are one of the neatest combinations ever produced, and my experience of that sort of thing has been wide enough to entitle my judgment to some respect." "Oh, I don't know," responded the first speak-

er's friend, with a little yawn, as though he didn't take much interest in the subject, "I have never been able to see much difference in those things. They are a 1 pretty nearly the same size, and made of about the same stuff." The talk, of which the foregoing is a fragment,

the snug office of Dr. M. P. Flowers, one of the leading physicians of the State, who followed up the vein in which he had introduced it substan tially in these words: "Nonsense, that is the rigmarole of a boy, or rather of a man who either doesn't know or

doesn't care what he says. Those things, as you call them, are just as different as the moon is from green cheese. New, Hniments, lotions and ointments are very good in most cases for the relief of pain or inflammation. But, in the first place ther are unclean. They soil the hands and the linen, besides being always out of reach when they are most wanted." "Well, my dear Doctor," sighed the traveler

from the North, "what would you have? This is a wretched world anyhow, and nothing is ever at hand when it is wanted. You can't suggest any-

hing—"
"Yes, I can," broke in the Doctor, thumping the table with his fist, "I can suggest BENSON'S CAPCINE POROUS PLASTER. I have tried it on my patients, and I have tried it on myself for an attack of Fneuments, and in all cases relief has followed in from three to forty eight hours. The old plasters are stage coaches—the flappins is a telegraphic dispatch. For instance, in cases of Neuralgia, Muscular Rhaumatiam, Lumbago, retarded action of the Kidneys, and
"I give it up, Doctor, and in case of need FII buy Benson's," said the travaler, pleasantly.
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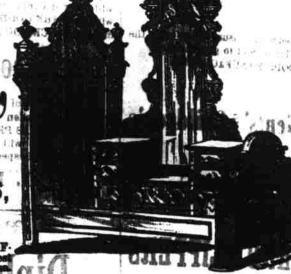
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