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HON. FRANK HATTON. Yesterday we published a letter of dismissal from Col. Young, collector of the 4th district, to deputy collector Dudley, of Newbern, illustrating how civil service reform worked in that district. The following extract

SILKS.

is from the Wilmington Post, which shows how it progresses in the postal department: The Burke Blade, of Morganton, N. C., some weeks ago, had an editorial concerning Hon. Frank Hatton, in which it charges that gentleman with

keeping Democratic postmasters in office to the exclusion of Republicans or anti Bourbons. Now, we will un-dertake to say if the Burke Blade, or any other reliable anti-Bourbon paper or person will point out a Democratic postmaster, and will recommend a Republican, or anti-Bourbon, who will make a good, honest and faithful postmaster, who will give satisfaction to a majority of the men who vote against the Democracy, that Hon. Frank Hatton will appoint him in less than ten minutes. Will our contemprary make a note of this. Mr. Hatton is a stalwart Republican, He stands by his friends. He never has and never will be whipped, bull-dozed or backed down. He is grit from the top of his head to the tip end of his toes, and is one of the men who will be the cause of the Republican party carrying the country in 1884. He is a friend to the South, to Southern Republicans, and to the men who are opposed to the Democratic Bourbon bosses, and stands ready to live or die (politically) with them. And the men who he is standing by should support him unanimously and enthusiastically. It will be observed that this is not a matter of mere appointment as between a Democrat and Republican, but the removal of Democrats who may happen to be in, to make place for Republicans, not because they would make better officers, but because they vote the Republican ticket and stand by Hatton. Mr. Hatton has long been noted for his publicly expressed contempt for and denunciation of the so called civil service reform, and has been consistent while denouncing to also ignore its existence. He has run his department on this schedule ever since he has been in office, and done it openly under the nose of the President and his cabinet, with both of whom he is brought in close contact. On the whole, we don't know whether we do not respect him more for his outspoken candor and bold independence than the sneaks who pretend to respect while they daily violate the law, lacking the courage to act openly and assume responsibility as he does. But as a matter of information we would like to know whether it is Mr. Hatton or Postmaster General Gresham who is running the Postal Department. Under Mr. Howe, we know, Mr. Hatton had things pretty mnch his own way, but it was understood when Mr. Gresham came in that he was going to be Postmaster General in fact as well as in name, and that Mr. Hatton would be required to take a back seat and attend strictly to the business of his office for which he was paid. But if he plays the big Indian in the style to be inferred from the Post's remarks, Mr. Gresham don't seem to have much business in Washington except to tackle the Louisiana Lottery. The Greensboro Workman ought to go for the men who sends out the diphtheria reports from that place. The last report to the associated press stating that there had been "recently 300 deaths from that disease in that himself with ciphers. The word section is an India rubber expression, but there have been no cases in Greensboro for a long time and but one or two within a radius of ten miles of it. Congressman Reagan, of Texas. says that ex-Senator Thurman, of Ohio, is the greatest man in the Democratic party, and that he ought to

"IS SHE FROM MECKLENBURG." date of May f1st. A few, however, survived the shock when they dis-covered that this official dispatch did A Typograghic Error in 1883 Suggests Another in 1775.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1883.

To the Editor of the Observer

This question is asked in an extract retaries, how heavily the Alamance inyour columns of a day or so ago, nooath of allegiance still hung upon the ticing the litigation now pending be-tween Miss Hill (or Mrs. Sharon, as consciences of some of the delegates and how it was satisfactorily re-moved, nor what effect the news just the case may be) and the Nevada Senator. I answer, yes, about as far from it as is the Humboldt river from received from Lexington had in precipitating matters on the first day. But their greatest comfort was found the Catawba. But "her mother is a descendant of Robert Brevard, a signin the date, which is eleven days after "the day of the throwing up of hats." er of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." Probably as many as Evidently it was made out after the adjournment of the convention and four other journals have now printed this paragraph. If so, we have wit-'by order of the committee," but is nesses of the same number and char-ter that testified to Mr. Bancroft's the printed date from Mecklenburg Were there any resolutions of the 31st of May? We think not, but await such review of the facts as may verdict. (on which we ask a new trial) that the meetings in Mecklenburg culminated in a declaration of 'indebe gathered from reminiscences. pendence May 31st, 1775. Say then, as many as five newspapers have now borne witness that Dr. Brevard's christian name was Robert, whereas he, together with his family and cotemporaries, claimed a different name for himself.

Action of the Conference in Paris. I understand the point to which your hasty item accidentally fur-nishes a strong analogy, is made in Wheeler's Reminiscences of North Carolina-a posthumous publication now in press as a legacy to the State from her most *pious* son, under the supervision of Major Woodbury Wheeler, of Washington, D. C. From the evidence therein given and pointedly referred to, so as to be accessible to any inquirer, it will clearly appear at sea.

that there were three papers produced in Mecklenburg in May, 1775, asserting independence; that the original document received a unanimous vote of the convention at 2 a. m., May 20th, and has been handed down from father to son as written by a pressed at the conference the hope that the convention would be sancrepeatedly that he knew it to be correct. That on the same day at 12 m. a select committee reported "a more formal declaration," which was signed by every delegate, and that these papers, together with a long string of grievances, a military order and bylaws for a county committee, were read by Col. Polk from the old court house steps, and adopted with great internal regions of that section. Sev-

PARIS, Oct. 27.-The conference for the protection of submarine cables has been cancluded. The most important feature in the conference was an English proposal that in the event of war any power may be at liberty to withdraw, with the right of re-In Bleached, Unbleached and Turkey Reds, together with admission when peace has been concluded. This means that in case of war any power may cut cables at its own risk and peril. Cables must take the chances similar to other property

NOON TELEGRAMS.

SUBMARINE CABLES.

R. D. G.

The submarine cable conference has unanimously signed the draft of the convention for the protection of tele-graph cables. M. Cochery, French minister of posts and telegraphs, exthat the convention would be sanctioned by treaties within three months. The question of the protection of cables in time of war was left for diplomatic discussion.

Natural Gas Utilized.

Citizens of Erie, Pa. have taken in and the matter of utilizing the nathand the matter of utilizing the natural gas which characterizes the



ITTKOWSKY & BARUCH not disclose how the committee was organized or when, who was chairman of the convention and who sec-

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