

a Member of the Board. In THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER OF January 24th ult., an article report-January 24th ult., an article report-ing an interview with the writer con-Department: three at \$25, and one at ing an interview with the writer con-tains the following paragraph: "He says the charge of extrava-gance made by the Raleigh Chronicle against the management is not true." Commenting upon this, the Chron-icle of January 28th says: We mail Mr. Leazar today a copy of this pa-per and the issue of the Chronicle containing our article on the Agri-cultural Department. We believe after he has read our impartial ac-count of the working of the Depart-ment Mr. Leazar will see that in the abage the the term of term of term of term of the term of term of the term of te ment Mr. Leazar will see that in the above statement he has done us an injustice. As a fair man he will of course, correct the impression his statement is calculated to make. No STATEMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE

The Charlotte Observer. "TROTH, LOLE THE SUN, COMPTINGS SUBAITS TO AN OBSOURSD, BOT, LINE THE SUN, COLT FOR 1 THE." his money, if he will examine the ac-counts of the very complicated and difficult business which he

directed with great skill and accuracy. Judge Howard, United State Commissioner for North Caro-lina at New Orleans, said in the presence of the writer that he had reserved \$300 of the funds in his hands that he had intended to pay to Mr. Wilson if the Board had not allowed additional compensation; "for," he said, "Mr. Wilson richly deserved it " Judge Howard has turned this money into the Treasury. The Chronicle has already surrender-ed its position as to this item, and hes stumbled on "an error" himself. Where is the extravagance? Where

is the mismanagement ? There are too many negro em-ployes; they are paid too much. Let us see. There may be some-thing in it. Some of the board have raised the question more than once. paper.

partment-a service which formerly cost the State, it is said, \$1,000; and which is now foisted upon the Department of Agriculture, because there is no appropriation anywhere else to pay for it. Which can or



We displayed our entire Stock of Underwear consisting of nearly 2,000 pieces, and so'd during the past 9 days 1,200 pieces-mail orders included-many lines are entirely closed out, others remain incomplete. The large purchase made by our Buyer (see below Correspondence) will be received and ready for sale in about 30 days. Special announcebut have generally been forced to ment of this sale will be given through the columns of this conclude that we could do no better.

> NEW YORK, Jan. 21st. '86. Mess. Wittkowsky & Baruch, Charlotte, N. C .: GENTLEMEN :--I have this day purchased at a Manufacturers' Auction Sale, 2,650 pieces of Muslin Underwear and Children's Dresses at a great sacrifice. Would advise you to close out at once all Stock on hand as low as 25 and 30 per cent. below Cost. Will forward goods at once.



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CHRONICLE WHICH WE ARE NOT P PARED TO VERIFY.

In the same number of the Chronicle referring to the recent examination and report of the Finance Com-mittee, (since last November composed of Mr. Upchurch, Mr. Robinson and myself), and after paying us the formal compliment that "there are cle had misrepresented facts. We defy any man to show an error in the statements concerning the Agri-cultural Department published in this paper." Much as the writer regrets the ne-

cessity of a public controversy, in-duced by the prejudiced attack of a respectable journal, upon an impor-tant department of the State government, and especially so in advance of the official statement to be made by the Executive Committee of the Board in a short time, the writer feels that he would be derelict in duty to the public, to the Board, and to him-self if he did not reiterate the declaration that the charge of extravagance made by the Chronicle is not true, calmly accepting the defiant challenge to show a single error in his statements.

we do not say that he has consciously possessed of the spirit of honest inquiry for truth, might easily have been removed, sometimes from his consuming zeal to discover some-thing to bolster the prejudgment of extravagance, he has stated some things which are not true in themselves, and has placed a false color-ing upon other things. We do say that he has not made out his case, that his charge is not true.

It is not claimed here that in the disbursement of some sixty thousand dollars during 1884 and part of 1885, when much is necessarily left to the discretion of their executive officers and agents, some things might have been done which did not meet the approval of the Board, and which, as I may note hereafter, were corrected at the first opportunity. But it is claimed that the expenditures were reasonable, and we think the fair-

ought to be dismissed? The Board has endeavored to see its way clear to dispense with some of these.

Now as to the wages. When the present Board was constituted, April. 1883, the servants were receiving \$30 per month. The statute provides, Code 3732, one dollar a day for the office servants, and one doller and a half for night watchman. The Board reduced the wages of the Department servants to the present rate. We think it still pretty high, but it is less than the law allows.

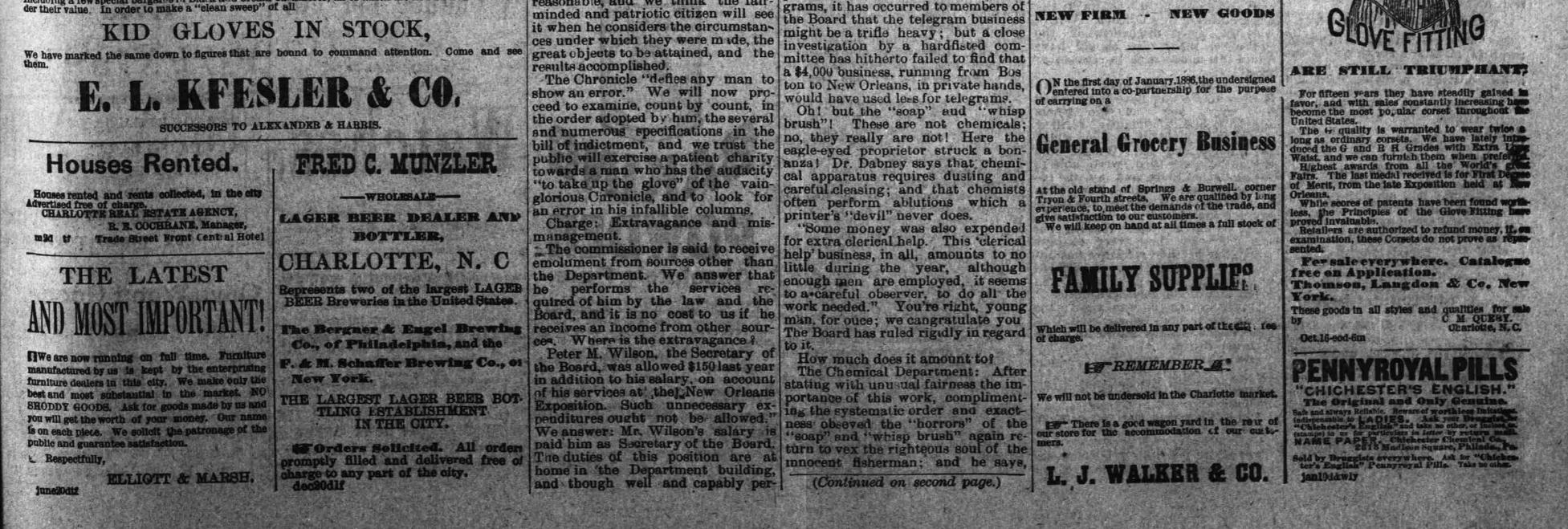
How much does the extravagance amount to here? "There is also employed by the

Commissioners an Inspector of Ferulizers. This officer received last year \$750, and worked, we believe, four or five months." Let us inform the public, if not the Chronicle. During 1884 the Board employed Mr. Montgomery as clerk. In the fertilizer season, spring and fall, he was sent out to inspect, that is, to sample fertilizers. He was paid \$750, not for four or five month's work, but as a fixed salary for a whole year. We dispensed with his services last year, and now employ two men a few months for the inspection work at\$2 a day This will cost us somewhat less, and will be prompt and thorough. If our information is correct, this absolutely necessary ser-vice costs our neighbor, South Caro-lina, a much larger amount, since

they keep more men in the field. Where the extravagance. 'It is wonderfully surprising how much money is required for inciden-

tals, postage, freights express, sta-tionery, etc., and the telegraph bills are simply enormous."

We answer: In the collection and preparation of 30 car loads of material for the Exposition (which the Chronicle endorses more heartily than some of the board ever did), there must have been much freight and express expenditure. As to postage, the Department publishes and sends out to our own people and abroad, thousands of pamphlets, leaflets, and some books of information, in regard to its work and the resources of the State, For instance, Dr. Dabn y sends out about 8,000 copies of his Analysis Report in a year; 3 cents per copy—\$240 postage. Of course, a large amount of stationerv, perhaps even more than is required to publish the Chronicle. As for tele-



Yours Truly,

H. B. MASTERS.

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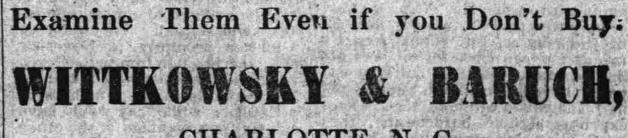
rices of which range for this Week 45c, 60c, 70c, 80c, and 95c per yard.

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