

**False Friends.**

The Richmond State argues, and has argued again and again, that the Republican party is not the friend of the tobacco planter. It gives its reason for the belief it entertains. In the first place, it was the Republican party that first laid the tobacco tax on the planter, whilst it is the Democratic party that has reduced the tax from forty to eight cents a pound. Again, two years ago even the consideration of the Henderson resolution, abolishing the license tax on dealers and removing the most objectionable features of the internal revenue system, was defeated by Republican votes. A two-thirds vote being required for the suspension of the rules, nearly all the Republicans voted against and nearly all the Democrats for consideration. Again, the Mills bill, one of whose chief provisions is the abolition of all the tobacco taxes except those on cigars, cheroots, and cigarettes, is being steadily opposed at every step by the Republicans. Again, when Hon. George D. Wise's amendment providing for the abolition of these remaining taxes was defeated, the Republicans abstained from voting. It is true that not enough Democrats could be obtained to carry it but many Democrats did vote for it, whilst all the Republicans refused to give any assistance whatsoever.

So far as concerns the platform of the Republican party, its reference to the abolition of internal revenue only makes abolition an alternative, to be adopted, if necessary, in order to prevent any reduction in the tariff; whilst the Democratic platform emphatically endorses in every particular the Mills bill, which provides for the abolition of nearly all the taxes on tobacco. But the action of the Republicans in Congress yesterday on refusing to vote for a measure abolishing all the tobacco taxes proves that they do not respect even the alternative proposition of their platform. Let these facts be laid before the people of every tobacco-growing county in Virginia and North Carolina. Let it be thus fully demonstrated that the Republicans are unwilling to do anything for the relief of the tobacco growers, whilst the Democratic party is trying to relieve them of nearly all their taxes, and that the only taxes they have refused to take off are those on cigars, cheroots and cigarettes. Let the people know that the Democrats are their friends and that the Republicans are their enemies.

In noticing Judge Russell's letter of declination, the Newbern Journal, with its usual good sense, make this strong point: "The Judge makes one singular omission in reciting the evils which have befallen the people of North Carolina since the close of the war. He says the constitution of 1875 was a fraud upon the people because a majority of the convention which made it was obtained by fraud, but he omits to state that that constitution was adopted by the people in a free election, when every man could vote, by about fifteen thousand majority. But how about the constitution of 1868, which was held under military rule when thirty thousand of the citizens of the State were disfranchised of the ballots carried to Charleston, S. C. to be counted?"

The Republicans in Congress appear to be confused or mixed up in regard to their platform and the policy they are pursuing. Whether Mr. Blaine's Paris message or the Chicago platform embodies the true Republican doctrine upon free whisky was the subject of an interesting discussion in the House of Representatives Tuesday. Some of the Republican members preferred Blaine to the platform, but Judge Kelley boldly declared that on this point the great man was mistaken, and he pointed with pride to a number of "moralists" who were in favor of free whisky. The discussion led to no definite result, as the Democratic majority refused to take the tax off whisky, having already voted to take the tax off wool, but it left the impression that there are many Republicans who take the free-whisky plank of the Chicago platform with a mental or moral reservation.

**NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.**  
**JOTTINGS AND CLIPPINGS FROM OUR STATE EXCHANGES.**  
Wilmington is elated over the starting of her street cars lines.  
Raleigh has a colored infant six weeks old with twenty-teeth.  
Charlotte will ratify Monday night. The "Hornet's Nest" will do it as it ought to be done.  
Reidsville had the electric lights turned on Monday night. Citizens applauded where it flashed forth.  
Several hundred citizens were in Shelby yesterday to hear Mr. Walker. From some cause or other he failed p. a. r.  
Messrs. P. H. Hanes & Co., of Winston, shipped 87,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco during the month of June.  
At Morehead yesterday J. L. Borden, of Goldsboro, and H. C. Thomas, of Raleigh, caught 63 fish in 25 minutes. Pretty good.  
Salisbury has a fountain. It is on the public square. Durham is to have four. They have come but are laying out town.  
It is stated that an Elizabeth City lawyer has produced a cabbage that weighs eighteen pounds and measures four feet across. A large cabbage or a large lie.  
The Kingston Free Press says there is a law suit in Lenoir county over about fifty cents worth of land—a difference about 18 inches in the length of a boundary line.  
The Davidson Dispatch says that recently a Lexington merchant received a letter from a gentleman in Randolph who wanted to know the price of frine shiccas.  
Beaufort Record. It is astonishing how few families in this county take a paper of any kind. They are raising their children in ignorance. A newspaper in the family circle is a great educator.  
Fire at Rockingham Wednesday night destroyed the courthouse, seven stores and one dwelling, all west of the courthouse. The loss is estimated at \$40,000; insurance \$23,000.  
According to the Statesville Landmark: Mr. W. M. Green, of Turnersburg township, has a pig about ten months old which has six feet. The extra feet come out at the knee joints on the forelegs and reach to the ground, so that the pig walks on four feet in front and two behind.  
The Winsom Republican says that a daughter, of Mr. J. T. Foster, of Ready Branch, Wilkes county, ate a wild parsnip, mistaking it for some other growth and was soon taken violently ill. Medical assistance was speedily summoned and the poisonous effects were fortunately counteracted.  
The contract for a handsome hotel building at Piedmont Springs has been awarded. From the Winston Republican we learn that the structure will cost some \$10,000 or \$12,000, in itself, and will be surrounded by cottages built by persons who have already and will in future purchase sites in close proximity to the Springs.  
Married, in Henderson, Thursday evening, in the Presbyterian church, Mr. David H. Mangum and Miss Nina Manning, Rev. Alex Sprunt performing the ceremony. The bride is a sister of the editor of the Gold Leaf. May the fates lead them through the pleasantest of paths and crown their lives with the richest and happiest of blessings.  
Oxford is on a healthy, substantial boom. Fourteen commodious brick stores are in process of construction. A correspondent of the Raleigh News Observer says the Oxford and Durham road will be built within the next twenty days. The engine has crossed Tar river and is now at Stein's, 12 miles from Oxford. The iron bridge over Tar river was finished last week.

**Chatham County News.**  
From the Home  
Mr. Solomon Siler, of Matthews township, died on the 14th day of July, aged 73. He was a consistent member of Loves Creek Church, a good farmer, a kind neighbor, and a useful man in his community.  
Mrs R. N. Johnson, has in her possession a powder can which was carried through the revolutionary war by her grandfather, Ralrod Boon. It is of tin, cylindrical in shape, and holds about one pint.  
Arrangements for the grand celebration of the soldiers' Reunion go on apace. Do not forget the day—Thursday 2nd day of August. The festivities will be held in the beautiful and shady grove surrounding Capt. Denton's home, the same place where the Railroad celebration was held.  
Washington Progress: The Old Dominion steamers have carried over 6,000 barrels of potatoes from this town during the present season.

**Over in Alliance.**  
From the Observer.  
A Mr. Whit was riding horseback between here and Burlington Sunday afternoon when his horse stumbled and fell and broke his neck. The rider was unhurt.  
Mr. N. A. Davis, the R. R. agent at this place, who lived at Durham ten months prior to coming here owned a cat here, which, remarkable as it may seem, got off the freight on last Monday night here and is again with its old friend. It seems at home.  
In Patterson's township, near Oakdale there lives an old gentleman by the name of Foster, who is 102 years old. He was in the war of 1812 and draws a pension. He goes where he likes and is sprightly for one of his age, a good man, and highly esteemed by his neighbors.

**Creation's Lower Orders.**  
Out in Delano, Cal., the other day a black ram mean enough to chase a black bear and run him up a tree, where he was shot by the gentle shepherd in charge of the flock.  
A baby aged five months, named Edwin Wild, was left in his cradle by his mother, who lives at Sheffield, England, and was worried to death by a tame ferret kept for killing rats.  
A lady in Augusta, Me., who is afflicted with nightmare, has a remarkably sagacious cat. Whenever the lady moans in her sleep the cat jumps upon the bed and awakens her by purring in her ear.  
Ethel Jones, of China, Me., had just been set out doors by her mother when she was heard to scream. Rousing quickly, her mother saw a rooster pecking at her head, and the blood running down over her face. She found three large holes dented in her head, made by his spurs, and thinks he would have killed the child if she had not rescued her.

**Great fears of an Indian insurrection** are entertained in Canada.

**A Terrible Mistake.**

A Dispatch from Little Rock, Ark. says a shocking tragedy has just been reported from the Choctaw Nation. John Ray, a white man who has been farming in the Nation a long time, married a young girl near Topeka, Kansas, a few weeks ago, and returning to the Nation with his bride, gave a house warming. Ray lives just beyond the line, and among the guests was a number of parties from Arkansas. One of these, a man named Graham, became incensed at Ray for refusing to permit his wife to dance with him (Graham), and he fired at Ray as he stood among his other guests. Ray's friends drew Graham away, but he threatened to kill Ray on sight, and Ray was advised to be on his guard. Saturday last at midnight Ray was awakened by a noise in his bedroom, and raising himself in the bed saw a man whom he took to be Graham standing motionless near the door. Snatching his revolver, he fired at the intruder, who, with an inarticulate cry, fell to the floor. The household was roused, and an investigation showed that Ray had shot and killed his brother, Jeff Ray, who was engaged in farming with him. The brother was a somnambulist, and had wandered into the room unconscious of his action.

**Raleigh News Observer:** The contract for building and erecting the Shotwell monument has been awarded to Mr. C. A. Goodwin, of our city. It will be a granite monument of the cottage design. It will stand about thirteen feet high and will be modelled after their handsomest design Mr. Goodwin, who has a reputation for highly artistic work in sculpturing, will doubtless make the monument a beautiful piece of work.

**Wilmington Star:** The number of troops in camp, rank and file, is about eleven hundred. Every section of North Carolina is represented, and every company of the four regiments of the State Guard is in camp. This is something for the State to be proud of and which Wilmington is proud of. The Pasquotank Rifles, of Elizabeth City, Co. E. of the First Regiment, command by Capt. J. E. Wood, has the largest number of men in camp, there being 57 including the fine band. The Edgecombe Guards, Co. A, First Regiment, come next with 55 men.

**Salisbury Herald:** Salisbury has over 4,000 inhabitants, as shown by the last census.—The total value of all real and personal property in Rowan county just assessed is over four million dollars.

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