Wookly, one year,

city is to have a competitive drill of crack companies from all parts of the country next week, and the biggest sort of a May festival is anticipated. Chat-

. THE farmers of South Carolina met in convention at Columbia, Thursday: Two of the propositions they were to discuss were the consolidation of the department of agriculture and State university and the establishment of an industrial school. This shows that the driff of thought south of us is very much as it is here.

GEO. T. WASSOM, of Goldsboro, says in a communication to the North State that he learns that the republican exceutive committee will call no State convention this fall. Well, it certainly need not do so. The republican party in North Carolina is of the things that were and the nomination of a scrub ticket would have anything but a revivifying effect upon it. Such a scheme still fresh in the minds of all. Wassom is doubtless correctly informed.

ate dead is to be of a most artistic and beautiful design. It is to rise eighty feet into the air, the width of the base being thirty-five feet. It is to be composed of a base, a column and five bronze statues, the base and column to be made of native stone. At each of the four corners of the base is to be placed a statue representing respectively ident sent in a batch of renominations a soldier, a sailor, History and Peace; some time ago that of Dement was a soldier, a sailor, History and Peace; some time ago that of Dement was while on the top of the column is to be among them and of course the renomiwho wore the gray.

headed officer. To a communication received from the Knights of Labor; requesting permission to canvass the offices in his department, he replied that to grant such a request would contravene the established rule of the department, prohibiting all canvassing or soliciting. A modification of the rule in the instance mentioned would unfloubtedly be followed by numerous requests from other deserving organizations for a like privilege, whereas the business before the department is of a constant and pressing nature, of importance to all classes of people, and the attention of those to whom it is committed should not be diverted toward other objects during office hours. No objection, however, was interposed to allowing those employees who might so desire to leave contributions with the officer of the watch at the main entrance, if that officer should be authorized to receive the same by the organization. Good for Mr. Lamar. Business rules should prevail in the public offices of the government as in other public offices. Business is business.

## OPERATION OF THE STOCK LAW. We print today our last batch of let

ters on the stock law. Reviewing the subject, it appears that the law has been where it has longest prevailed the peotension of grass and clover-growing and being insane. The stranger wrote his is very materially improved by weeds, not pay to keep scrub cattle. Our stock they are so very much in the minority his house Friday night, and Saturday thing is improved by it—and nothing is right, just and money in the farmers would cause our people to go back to considered of weight in opposition to lodged him in jail. We believe Mr. the strong and clear endorsements of the Spruill originally came from Washing-majority. Washing-

effect of the law from the evidence we have received that idea must certainly be favorable. The men from whom we heard knew what they wrote about and they expressed themselves freely. In about the proportion of 10 to 1, they have enthusiastically praised the law and the reportion of those who, after experien-

cing its effects, have expressed themselves willing to go back to the fence system it. They see that the old plan of working practically insignificant. These ing hard splitting rails all winter and that the law in the counties we have reached with our inquiries-Rowan, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Forsyth, Iredell, Caswell, Person, Guilford, Alamance, Davie, Davidson, Alexander, Anson, &c. -has been beneficial to a high degree, and the chief point that is made to appear in its favor is the fact And under the stock law we have betthat the longer it prevails in a commupose it, but these are quickly won over much in the southern climate. o its support, having apparently only to become familiar with the law to appreciate it as fully as do its strongest

THE SITUATION IN OHIO.

mittee appointed by the Ohio legislature

to investigate the alleged election frauds

in Cincipnati with a view to determi-

ning whether four democratic senators

should be made to yield their seats to

now published. It consists of two re-

ports, as might have been expected, one

of which holds that the democrats were

elected by a majority of about 1,000

while the other maintains that the ep-

posing candidates were elected. Th

nounced, is that when the award of

the tactics which have already digraced

his side of the chamber, that is to say,

will rule that the four sitting democrats

THE CASE OF DEMENT.

Mr. Dement-Richmond S. Dement

firmation, and the custom is to grant the

request for a confirmation when pre-

ferred by the two Senators from a State.

While Dement is an Illinois man

though, the office he holds is not an Illi-

nois office, and it is thought the repub-

lican Senators generally will make this

an excuse for disregarding the rule of

courtesy referred to. This in response

THE Salisbury Watchman says the

Blair bill provides for mixed schools in

the States, but our esteemed contempo-

fary is "off its base" in making the

statement. By reference to the bill it

will find that the money to be appropri-

ated under the bill is to be given to

each State accepting it, to be applied

according to the laws of such State and

not according to any Federal law made

or contemplated by the bill. Moreover,

while in section 4 of the bill the con-

dition is made that "fo money shall be

paid out under this act to any State or

Territory that shall not have provided

y law a system of free common schools

or all of its children of school age

without distinction of race or color

either in the raising or distributing of

school revenues or in the school facili-

ties afforded, "it is expressly "Provided

That separate schools for white and col-

ored children shall not be considered a

violation of this condition." Our friend

should have the bill in reach the next

A Sad Case of Insanity.

time it writes about it.

Washington Revielle.

o an inquiry.

arbitrators shall be submit-

the president of the senate,

is a republican, will renew

programme, therefore, it is

The result of the labors of the com-

GUILFORD.

GREENSBORO, April 14, 1886

Stock is looking better this spring than usual, for they had to be kept in sight, and few men will let their stock suffer when they can be seen after.

Our beef market is quite as good as ever before. Farmers are removing their old rot-

rows, and the improvement is perceptible on every hand. More applications for improved stock this spring; less trespassing of stock

quarreling; ho suits.

CABARRUS. CONCORD, N. C., April 12, 1886.

shall not vote on a question affecting themselves. This will destroy the demo-Editor NEWS AND OBSERVER : DEAR SIR :- Your letter of inquiry in cratic majority and the republican contestants will be seated as a result. If regard to the stock law, sent to Rev. the democrats, it is further announced. Jos. Wheeler, has been referred to me. shall object to the correctness of the and I take pleasure in answering. This president's ruling and shall attempt to is the first county of the State to accept withdraw, they will be arrested in suffithe stock law, and it has been in operacient numbers to main ain a quorum. tion here for ten or twelve years. I This pretty scheme is to be carried out have consulted with many of our best next week, if possible. It will probafarmers, and they say that it is the best bly fail, since the democrats of Chio thing ever done for the farmers. Those has been tried with a disastrous result are no more disposed to be brow-beaten who were opposed to it at its inception and robbed of their rights than are their would join in a war for its retention brothren in the faith elsewhere, but the now. It is universally popular. It has republican programme is a fine example | tended to increase the value of farming THE monument the Alabamians are to of the length to which radicalism has lands and property. One farmer told ar to the memory of their Confeder taught its followers they may go. | me that just before the stock law came in force he purchased a farm for \$700, and now would not take \$2,000 for it. He attributed the, increase of valuation almost entirely to the benefits accruing is the man who was appointed surveyorfrom this law. It makes stock look general of Utah, who was confirmed. better, and consequently increases its but whose case was hung up on a reconvalue; it saves rail timber; it saves an sideration of the vote by which the conimmense amount of valuable time in refirmation was reached. When the Prespairing fences and cleaning out fence corners. Cabarrus county is one of the most substantial and prosperous in the State, and it owes much of its prosperity a statue representing Patriotism. It tion annulled the original nomination, to the stock law. It would be impossiwill be a noble memorial of the patriots. When the case came before the commit- ble for our county to ever return to the see the other day the second time a old system. The poor people are as motion to report adversely thereon was much pleased with it as those who are adopted unanimously. It is probable better off. It is indeed a wise measure, therefore that Mr. Dement will be reand Cabarrus county has never regretted jected. Both of the Illinois Senators, being the first to adopt it. Very truly, J. B. SHERRELL, Ed. Times. republicans as they are, ask his con-

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, ROWAN Co., April 16.

MR. EDITOR: In reply to your request as to how the stock law is working in my vicinity, I will answer as briefly as possible, although the benefits that we have derived from the no-fence law are almost innumerable. The stock law is a decided advantage to all localities, we have better stock, we have no trouble with each others' stock; we have had the law for six or eight years and I do not know of half a dozen times that the stock has injured any part of a crop. We had a hard struggle to get the stock law, but I do not now know of a single person that is not perfectly satisfied. Before we had the stock law it took us the best part of the winter and spring to make rails and fences, now we have our time to engage in making manure and it was passed. If it was submitted to other improvements on our farms Some people suse to say we could have no stock if we have the stock law. I verily believe there are as many now and know better than before. Beef and pork are as low now as before. The advantage in cultivating pieces of land on creeks where fences wash away every heavy rain is a great one, and many small, valuable pieces that cost more to fence than we could afford are now in cultivation. All that the people need to do to

Yours,

IREDELL

STATESVILLE, April 17, 1886.

DEAR SIR: The stock or no-fence law went into operation in a few townships in this county in 1878. The friends of the measure having secured the passage of a bill authorizing it, and it was met with a considerable opposition. but the apponents soon saw and recognized their mistake, and by a vote of the people it has gradually extended into adjoining counties, and you would hardly find a man now that is opposed to it. There is no doubt that it is the proper thing and works a benefit to the poorer clases in that it enables them to rent cheap lands that it would not pay to fence up, and the land itself | what is kept, because farmers see it does grasses &c., growing upon it, and be- is much better cared for and we have ing plowed in whereas the tramping of better stock. It is a very great penceroaming stock kept it poor. So by its maker. Crops are better, because all operation our land is improved and the labor of building and repairing erops are larger, and strange to say the stock is of a better quality and more of it. Butter is plentiful. We think everysaved by it and will be valuable in Yours, &c. W. G. Laws.

ALEXANDER.

DEAR STR:-I live seven miles porth

east of Taylorsville, on the borders of

the stock-law district. It took a lot of

work to change the fencing but the

crops are improved. Fence rows and

other patches can now be cultivated

there has been improvement in agriculture generally. Cattle have decreased

in number but are improving in quality;

ANSON.

My DEAR SIR: Yours to hand and it af-

fords me pleasure to answer your ques-

tions and bear testimony to the benefit

of the stock law to our community. The

sentiment of our county in favor of

"no fence" is decided. Few men

would have the old fence back again.

In fact in all my circle of acquaintances

I know not a single individual who

would be willing to restore the fence,

even if the county would fence each

man's land for nothing. We con-

sider our present condition a bless-

ing. Many an acre, we may truth-

now being cultivated that would have

been in broom-sedge under the old

regime because it was not worth fencing,

or so situated that fencing was too

costly. This is especially the case with

branch and creek bottoms, the best land

we have, of course. Our crops have

increased because the poor acres have

been turned out, and we have more

time to devote to raising fertilizers and

cleaning up bottom land. Even the

hedge-rows have added immensely to

the yield, counting the places occupied

by the old worm fence and room for

good, fresh golden butter-sells in

our market daily at 15 cents per pound

because made from cows better cared

for than under the old way of turning

cattle on the range. Many a scrub cow

that gave half a gallon per day new

under better treatment gives three gal-

lons of much richer milk. Jerseys, too,

are being rapidly introduced and half

grades are becoming common all through

the country, though I prefer the native

cow as a general thing, well, fed and

well cared for. On almost every farm

is found some of the improved hogs,

Berkshire, or Poland China or Red

Jersey. The old rooter didn't pay

under the new state of things. Fine

country hams are sold in our market

now from 9 to 10 cents. We are making

rapid strides in hog-raising with our

We have done nothing to improve or

raise horses and mules as yet, but

clover and the grasses are being culti-

vated and we hope soon to raise our

own farm stock. The time is not far

distant when we will do so. To be

self-supporting we must, as a matter of

economy, raise our horses and mules as

well as our pigs and cows. To sum up

in a short sentence, it would require

the power of the bayonet to force the

NEWS AND OBSERVER : Your letter of

nquiry in regard to the working of the

stock or no-fence law in my section is to

hand. In reply would say that our

people are almost unanimously well

pleased with it, and look upon it as a

very great saving in the way of fences

and fence rows. Ours is not a stock

country, and our people have paid but little attention to the rating of any

stock except cows and hogs, which have

been very greatly improved since it went into operation. The beef in our

market the past winter has been very

fine. Our farmers are improving very

much in their modes of operation but

I can't say that it is due to the stock or

no-fence law. A county without the

stock or no-fence law can't conceive the

advantage and very great saving it

Very truly yours,

LENOIR.

DEAR SIR :- In reply to yours asking

information concerning the operation of

the stock law, I will state a few facts

concerning the working of the law in

my neighborhood. The majority of the

people are opposed to it. It has been a

law in this county three years and it lias

more opponents now than it had when

the people now to be voted on the

"fence" would get a majority. The

only change in crops is, we have to

plant more cotton to pay for Western

pork we have to buy on account of not

being able to raise enough under the

stock law. There is nearly twice as

much meat bought by the farmers now

as there was before the law went into

operation. It has been no advantage to

any one except a few large land-owners,

who live in Kinston, who make their

living by their high rents and selling

the farmers' supplies at high prices.

There are only about one-fourth as many

cattle now as there were three years

ago. Hogs have decreased two-thirds

in numbers, and they are not as good

.KINSTON. N. C., April 8, 1886.

DEAR SIR: Your circular to Mr. J.

C. Washington relative to the working

of the stock law in our county was

handed me with request to reply. I

will say it has already been a great

blessing to our section, and I think

many that were opposed to it at first are

friendly to it now. There are a few

who would gladly see it (the law) re-

but there is much more clear profit in

I do not think we have as many cattle,

Jefferson Davis speaks at Atlanta to-

pealed, but they are very few.

Very respectfully,

ALBERT S. ABBOTT.

as they formerly were.

JOHN ROBINSON.

KINSTON, April 8, 1886.

would be to their people.

Editor News and Observer:

old fences back on our people.

J. M. WILLIAMS.

WADESBORO, N. C., April 19, 1886.

better breeds.

say hundreds of acres, are

POLKTON, April 17, 1886.

hogs the same. S. J. HARRINGTON.

April 19, 1886

EFFECT OF ITS OPERATION-ANOTHER BATCH OF LETTERS ON THE SUBJECT. DAVIDSON COUNTY.

THE STOCK LAW.

LEXINGTON, April 15, 1886

The stock law works well wherever it has been adopted in this section of the State, and most of our people like More grain is made than before, and facts lead irresistibly to the conclusion destroying valuable timber in order to fende against a few stray cows and blue rooters; does not pay. The time and labor heretofore wasted in that way are now turned to profitable account in making composts, clearing up waste places and putting farms in better condition, and thus securing better crops. ter cows, fatter hogs, more milk and nity the better it is liked. On its intro- more butter, all good things, except the duction there are always many who op- fat hogs, of which our people eat too

> Very respectfully, F. C. ROBBINS.

The last legislature passed the stock law for the whole county of Guilford in compliance with the request of a majority of the land-owners, and although a few made loud protests, nevertheless we now enjoy its good results, and many who opposed it are now its strongest friends and the lamentations are few and republican contestants or not is just

ten fences and plowing up their hedge turning horse and plow. Butter-

than formerly, hence less neighborhood

D. W. C. BENBOW.

ROWAN.

like the stock law is just to try it.

C. KESLER.

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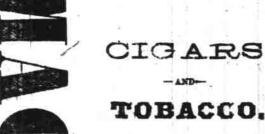
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"But Archy, Mildred can't be proved in ocent. How can she be, when I know she took it? "But Archy, Mildred can't be proved in ocent. How can she be, when I know she took its and there was no one close to take it," and Mrs. Torrence paused with suspended cup, her great wondering eyes searching for a reply. "If ever anything lay in a straight line it is the evidence against that girl," she continued. "The other day when the ring fell on the floor she was in the room, and she asked me what a stone like that was worth, and then gave such a sight that I said: "I suppose you think it's wrong for me to wear a thousand dollars on my finger?" and she said "I was not thinking of the ring; I was only"

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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1886.

MR. Davis will probably visit Savannah as well as Atlanta. The former

ham artillery punch is to flow like

THAT was a ridiculous performance at Albany-that call for a mass-meeting to protest against the ovation given Mr Davis at Montgomery and the 'dis loyal" sentiments uttered on the occasion. Heaven save that mark "disloyal!" Not even Logan or Boutelle could make an issue out of anything Mr. Davis might now say or any honors that might be paid the Southern hero

SECRETARY LAMAR IS & Very Jevel-

whole number we have received on the generally beneficial. In the counties ple are most enthusiastic in its praise and it is only in those localities where it has searcely had a trial that it is condemned. Its most marked effects; have been an extension of the area of cultivated land; an improvement of the land itself, due to the freedom from trampling by stock; less stock perhaps, but We hear-of the arrest and confine-such an improvement in the quality that ment of Mr. Arthur Spruill, a young the aggregate value is very largely in- lawyer from Snow Hill; Greene county. creased; more and better beef; more Mr. W. S. Dickinson was in his field in and better butter; and a lessening of the Chocowinity township, this county; at bickering at law which arises from work Friday last, when he heard a the depredations of stock, and which voice calling in pitiful accents to an imhas heretofore been an exil of very se- aginary friend to come back and not rious proportions. On this last point leave, then pleading with a supposed the testimony seems to be unanimous, enemy, begging not to be shot; that he and certainly it is a point which alone would surrender. Mr. Dickinson's would commend the law. The testi- curiosity was aroused and he dropped mony seems to be about the same in the his hoe and proceeded to a piece of middle, western and eastern counties. woods from whence the sounds proceed-Its weight is in favor of improved and ed, and there found a man acting so more profitable agriculture, of the ex- strangely as to leave no doubt of his of the bringing into cultivation of lands name, Arthur Spruill, and from his which under the old system were una- incoherent talk it was learned that he vailable by reason of the cost of fencing. had been practicing law at Snow Hill. Here and there correspondents have It was also surmised that a slander suit complained of the law as a hardship but recently tried in Greene county was the they have in scarcely any instance stated cause of his present demented condition.
their grievances circumstantially and Mr. Dickinson cared for the manise at

If we are to form an ides of the general best families in that section,