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Special Carriage is now at Old Point endeavoring to recuperate.

With its last issue the Shelby News entered upon its fourth volume.

We have received the following letter:

EDITOR RALEIGH NEWS AND OBSERVER: In your issue of the 17th inst. you publish the names of the special committee appointed to visit Washington for the purpose of influencing legislation looking towards the immediate abolition of the internal revenue.

The Farmers' Club of Eagle Mills township, Iredell county, would be glad if yourself or Mr. R. H. Battle, who appointed the committee of twenty-one, would publish the names and the number of manufacturers of tobacco, segars, farmers and distillers on the committee.

It is asserted here that the committee is composed of lawyers and editors.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN W. CHANCELLIN, Sec'y. HOUSTONVILLE, N. C. Jan. 23, 1888. The committee referred to was appointed by direction in order to carry out the internal revenue plank of the party platform. It was chosen with care and of propriety there were lawyers and editors upon it.

THE QUESTION OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

The News and Observer has always looked with apprehension on the opening of the time when other issues would prevent a due appreciation of the issue of paramount importance to us in North Carolina—the issue involving the continued supremacy of the white man in the public affairs of the State. There is no question of equal importance with that of maintaining the control of affairs in the hands of the white people.

The white people of the east should agree with the white people of the west, and the white people of the west with their race brethren of the east to the end that this question of paramount importance to all may be answered as only it should be answered—unequivocally in the interest of the supremacy of the white man in the public affairs of the State.

Our friends in the west should lend due consideration to the wishes of their brethren in the east. Our friends in the west should likewise be considerate of the wishes—the needs, indeed—of the white people of the east.

The Democrats of the west have been willing to forego for a season some of their cherished political rights in the matter of county government in order that the interests of the east might be duly protected.

There should be satisfaction everywhere among Democrats with respect to this balance of interest, but we regret to find that there is not here and there, even among those who are in other respects good and faithful party men. The departure from the important line of conduct heretofore held out is deplorable.

The same importance to the white people of the State is still the maintenance of the supremacy of the white man in the public affairs of the State. Let us not fail to be duly advertent to the fact in time.

THE TOBACCO TAX.

As indicating the feeling in North Carolina with reference to the tax on tobacco it should be remembered that at the convention of representative manufacturers and leaf dealers from all parts of the State held in Morehead City last August, at which the North Carolina Tobacco Association was organized with Mr. J. S. Carr of Durham as president, the following resolution was offered by Mr. J. E. Pogue, a leading manufacturer of this city, and was adopted unanimously.

Resolved: That it is the sense of this convention that the time has arrived when the Internal Revenue tax on manufactured tobacco should be abolished; and to that end, we, the Tobacco Association of North Carolina, in convention assembled, hereby appeal to the Congress of the United States and especially to our own Senators and Representatives to bring to bear and concentrate their best endeavors to secure this result.

ELSEWHERE we print a communication from Dr. Wm. B. Phillips of the State University on the mica mining industry of North Carolina.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CHRONICLE. FRIDAY NIGHT, JAN. 27, 1888.

The weather has continued severe and in the past 48 hours a violent snow storm has so obstructed the railways of this State that the running of trains has been partially suspended.

Many of the harbors on the New England coast are nearly closed by ice. At the West and Southwest the weather has slightly improved. The Reading Railroad strike continues unadjusted. These obstacles to business, with nothing in the general situation to counteract them, exert a depressing influence in mercantile circles. Speculation on the several exchanges has been dull, and the turn of prices, with few exceptions, slightly downward. In fact, the possibility that prices generally may suffer some shrinkage as the season advances, is another circumstance which causes spring trade to open slowly.

The speculation in lard for the week under review has at times shown much depression. There were sharp declines on Monday and Wednesday, and still lower prices were made on Thursday, but a quick and sharp recovery followed on Thursday afternoon.

Speculative manipulation has been the active influence at work. To-day however the market is again somewhat quiet and the price of lard is somewhat steady. There was a partial recovery, and to-day further advanced, closing at 7.60c for prime city, 7.80c-7.87 1/2 c for prime to choice Western, 7.90c for refined to the Continent and 8 1/4 c for South America.

Pork has latterly been very active and closes firm; mess \$15.15-15.50; extra prime, \$12.75-13.00; and clear \$10.18-25. Cutmeats have been active and close slightly dearer, pickled hams 7 1/2 c; shoulders, 6 1/2 c; and hams 8 1/2 c; smoked shoulders, 8 1/2 c; and hams 11 1/2 c. Beef and beef hams remain quiet and nominal.

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The Present Condition of the Mica Industry in North Carolina.

As special agent of the United States Geological Survey it became my duty several months ago to examine into the condition of the mica industry in this State. To that end I sent out over one hundred letters to all the mica miners and dealers whose addresses could be ascertained, and the replies have now ceased to be received. They reveal a sad state of affairs. The mica industry in North Carolina is rapidly becoming almost extinct. Good mines are being closed down, several miners and dealers have quit the business, and others announce their intention of doing so. Stocks are accumulating, but the outlook is anything but pleasant.

The value of imported mica for the twelve (12) years 1876-1887 was as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, POUNDS, DOLLARS, CENTS. Shows values from 1876 to 1887, with a total of 40,900 pounds and 250,000 dollars.

The value of imported mica for the twelve (12) years 1876-1887 was as follows: 1876 569; 1877 13,085; 1878 7,930; 1879 9,274; 1880 12,562; 1881 5,839; 1882 5,175; 1883 3,984; 1884 27,555; 1885 38,487; 1886 43,107; 1887 63,340.

In the four years 1882-1886, the yield has fallen from 100,000 pounds to 40,000, and the value of the product from \$250,000 to \$70,000.

In 1884, out of the total production of 147,410 pounds, North Carolina was credited with 100,000 pounds, or 68 per cent. In 1885 the total production was 92,000 pounds, and North Carolina's share was 65.3 per cent.

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North Carolina in Congress.

Thursday, in the Senate, Mr. Vance presented a petition of 78 citizens of the District of Columbia, praying for prohibition in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ransom, from the committee on commerce, reported back the bill making an appropriation for the erection of a light-house on or near Diamond Shoal, off Cape Hatteras, N. C., with a recommendation that it pass.

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