

There is information of importance to silk-growers, either present or prospective, in our Washington letter of this morning.

SENATOR RAMSON has secured the passage through the Senate of his \$500,000 bill for the erection of a lighthouse at Cape Hatteras.

THE booksellers and stationers of the State have chosen as the president of their association one of the most energetic, accommodating and generally popular men in the whole country.

HENRY GEORGE makes rejoinder to the attacks of Dr. McGlynn in this week's issue of his paper, the Standard.

ELSEWHERE we print a letter to Mayor Thompson of this city which shows that the earnest and eloquent McClammy is fully alive to the danger which threatens cotton seed oil in Congress and is actively engaged in the work of defeating the insidious attack on the great and exclusively southern product referred to.

SENATOR HAWLEY is a probable Republican candidate for the Presidency, yet Senator Hawley votes against and speaks earnestly against the bill to extend aid to education—to take the surplus money of the government, money lying idle in the treasury, money taken unnecessarily from the people to their great hardship and return it to the point where the people want it most—in the work of educating the masses.

THE Republicans who desire Phil Sheridan's nomination for the Presidency were very much alarmed by a statement to the effect that their favorite was born in Ireland, and so was ineligible to the chief magistracy.

The Republicans elected their candidate to fill a vacancy in the eleventh Congressional district of Michigan, but by a largely decreased majority, it appears. The Democratic candidate seems to have made gains in two-thirds of the counties of the district and in Houghton county, which happens to be the county of the residence of Jay Hubbell, there is a landslide, the change from Republicanism to Democracy amounting to 1,200 votes.

The people of a large part of North Carolina have been harassed almost beyond endurance for years by the existing system of internal revenue. There has not been so much objection to the tax which has been levied under the system as to the system itself with its innumerable petty and continued annoyances.

The Senate, yesterday, disposed of the Blair Educational Bill for the third time. In 1884, it passed the Senate by a vote of 33 to 11. In 1886, the vote was 36 to 11. Twenty-one Republicans and 18 Democrats voted for the bill, 11 Republicans and 18 Democrats voting against it.

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the system root and branch, and for this our Representatives in Congress will continue to strive. But meantime we have the agreeable prospect of an amelioration of the evils of the system in the near future, and for this very considerable and long desired benefit we are distinctly indebted to the Democratic party. Let it not be forgotten.

The tide of immigration seems to be finally turning towards the South. The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, which has been giving much encouragement to the change of direction and has held that "the work must be started, or, if not started, be generously and vigorously supported by the railroads," refers in its last issue to the inducements which the Seaboard Air Line, which Major J. M. Robinson, of Baltimore, is president, Major J. C. Winder, of this city, is its general manager, and Capt. F. W. Clark, also of this city, is its general passenger agent, offers to settlers along its lines. These inducements are very liberal, as our readers know, embracing the privilege of a nominal rate of fare over the roads of the line during the first year of residence and a reduction of one-half from the regular rates of the road on which the seller is located on freight of whatever kind received by the settler for his own use during the same first year of residence.

The reference reminded us of having received a few days ago a copy of the New York Freeman's Journal, the leading Catholic paper of the country, with an article on immigration to this section marked and containing some very sensible views. This article in part was as follows: "Land is becoming dear in the West. A population and prosperity have increased that El Dorado for the industrious man whose only capital is his hands has now become so far West that it is now bounded by the Pacific Ocean. Western cities are filled with men and women who knew no better than to enter them, in the belief that they were less civilized, less prosperous, less crowded than Eastern cities. Western farms may no longer be secured on terms possible to poor men. When the price of land weakens the blizzard's strength, the winners in the farther West, are beginning to ask themselves whether the question of climate has not been too much neglected in considering the question of land. The horrors of this winter may be repeated next year. Blizzards which have in the beginning of 1888, caused thousands to suffer pangs worse than death, and even dead itself, will come again. The question of climate has become really a question of life or death. Even in some of the Middle States farmers are beginning to ask themselves whether they should endure the cold and the expenses of extra fodder for their beasts in long winters, when farther south a better climate awaits them. They are beginning to consider, too, that the South offers cheap land as well. Land is good and cheap; neither fever nor blizzards need appal the stranger, a warm welcome would greet him: he could easily gain for himself and his family a living and a home among congenial people."

It will be observed that the Democratic State executive committee has been called to meet at Raleigh on the 23rd. We take it for granted that Chairman Battle has had an understanding with the two or three talented Alexanders of the State press who are making their business of late to attend to the business of this committee, and that they have consented to this meeting to take place.

A Republican writer in the Raleigh Signal devotes a column to an attack on Moore's School History of North Carolina. Among many errors, he no doubt inadvertently, makes one assertion that is truthful. He says that the (History) is well adapted to "raise up a crop of Democratic voters." We think the writer was entirely innocent of intentionally paying a compliment, either to the Democratic party or to Moore's History, but it is a compliment to both, nevertheless. The admission that the study of this work in our schools will "raise up a crop of Democratic voters," is virtually conceding that it is only necessary to lay before the rising generation the facts of our past history, and the records of both parties in our State, to convince the future voters that in the interest of good government, and the continued prosperity of our State, they should vote and work for Democratic men and measures.

The educational statistician is still figuring on the basis of the census report of 1880 in regard to illiteracy in North Carolina, and the usual wail is still heard after the figures are made. The census of 1880 is notoriously inaccurate, and it tells a lie if it puts North Carolina at the foot of the list of States in regard to education. Within the past eight years very great advances have been made, especially among the negroes, for they have received more attention and more donations than the poor whites; besides North Carolina has been spending over \$600,000 per year for free schools alone. She has more colleges, seminaries, high schools and private schools supported by individuals than any other Southern State. We think it about time for the educational enthusiast, or fanatic, to quit talking about the illiteracy of North Carolina. It is not true.—Charlotte Democrat.

The Bill Against Cotton Seed Oil. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S. WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 17. Hon. A. A. Thompson, Mayor of Raleigh, Raleigh, N. C. Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 4th inst. came duly to hand and found me fighting the bill (to prohibit the use of cotton seed oil in lard) in my committee and I will defeat it before that committee if possible. If, however, I am unsuccessful I will do all I can to defeat it when it comes up in the House. I don't think it will pass. Respectfully Yours, C. W. McCLAMMY.

Elizabeth City Economist: On Friday about 6 a. m., a serious fire occurred in Windsor, destroying the large frame Livery stables of J. R. Moody. The stables and ten fine horses were burned and Mr. Moody's loss is estimated at some \$2000. There was no insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. Engineer Greenleaf is now placing the pillars in place on the boundary line of North Carolina and Virginia. He began on the line of the N. S. R. R. and will proceed west to Nottoway River; then east to the Ocean.

Durham Plant: Blackwell's Durham Co-Operative Tobacco Company since 1883, has produced more than 17,000,000 pounds of smoking tobacco, paid \$1,500,000 internal revenue tax and consumed about 25,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

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William A. Wright. (Col. Jas. G. Burr in Wilmington Messenger.) There were few men in Eastern Carolina better known, and few in the State more highly esteemed, and more deservedly so, than the late William A. Wright. He was the son of the Hon. Joshua G. Wright, and was born in Wilmington in 1807. He was graduated at Chapel Hill when very young and embraced the profession of the law. He possessed great powers of application, was regarded as a better counsellor than advocate, and as a corporation lawyer, as it is termed, he had but few equals, either at home or abroad. He made no pretensions to oratory, and yet his efforts before a jury were very effective. For many years he was chairman of the County Court, under the old regime, and upon the death of his brother, the late Dr. Thomas H. Wright, President of the Bank of Cape Fear, he was elected to that position and proved himself an able financier and man of business. He was the attorney and also a director of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad from the commencement of that great work, and was, in continued service, the oldest director in the United States.

He had a peculiarly happy temperament, was amiable and hospitable to a degree, was fond of a joke and excelled in the telling of one, and delighted in social gatherings, where his overflowing humor made him the life of the occasion. He was at the service of his friends at all times, and perhaps no member of the bar gave up so much of his time and professional advice to others without any hope of compensation than he; in fact he seemed never so happy as when so engaged.

I can recall occasions, almost innumerable, when I have seen him so employed, searching up authorities upon points of law, and regarding an amount of mental work that would have taxed the energies of the strongest. Of a modest and retiring disposition he was frank from the turnouts of political life, but in 1865 while absent from the city he was elected a member of the convention which met at Raleigh soon after the organization of the provisional government of the State. He accepted the position and his well known habits of industry and application, joined to his large experience and integrity, gave him an influence second to but few in that body, numbering as it did among its members such men as B. F. Moore, Edwin G. Reade, Nathaniel Boyden, Bedford Brown and others that might be mentioned. While he was conservative by nature and opposed to extremes of every kind, he never hesitated, when occasion demanded, to express his views upon all questions with a frankness that challenged respect and commanded attention. He was greatly esteemed and respected in fact a popular favorite, and I doubt if he left behind him an enemy in the world.

He died in May, 1878, the Nestor of the Wilmington bar, mourned not only by his legal brethren, but by the community at large, for his popular career was without reproach, and his personal and domestic life blameless.

North Carolina in Congress. Tuesday, in the House, Mr. Brower reported several relief bills from the Committee on War Claims, among them and favorably, the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Jones, widow of John Jones, deceased, and to place the name of said John Jones on the muster-rolls of Company B, Second Regiment North Carolina Mounted Infantry.

Mr. McClammy presented papers in the claims of Richard W. Johnson, of Elijah Parker, of Isidore Cohn, of Nathaniel K. Thornton, of Frederick Mathis, of Hector McMillan, of Margaret Duffly, of William B. Clark, of Ezekiel Stevens and of Theophilus Weaver, of North Carolina.

Diocese of North Carolina. Bishop Lyman's Appointments—Spring Visitation. March 25, Palm Sunday—Church of Good Shepherd, Raleigh. March 26, Palm Sunday, p. m.—St. Augustine Church, Raleigh. March 30, Friday—Kittrell. April 1, Easter Day—Oxford. " 3, Tuesday—Williamsboro. " 4, Wednesday—Middleburg. " 5, Thursday—Ridgeway. " 6, Friday—Warrenton. " 8, Sunday—Henderson. " 10, Tuesday—Gaston. " 11, Wednesday, p. m.—Weldon. " 13, Friday—Jackson. " 15, Sunday—Enfield. " 17, Tuesday—Risingwood. " 19, Thursday—Rocky Mount. " 20, Friday, p. m.—Wilson. " 22, Sunday—Tarboro. " 23, Monday—St. Mary's. Edgecombe county. " 24, Tuesday—Scotland Neck. " 26, Thursday—St. Mary's Raleigh.

May 3, Thursday—Franklin—Macon Co., Consecration. " 6, Sunday—Asheville. " 8, Tuesday—Calvary church, Henderson county. " 9, Wednesday—Hendersonville. " 11, Friday—Pryon City. " 13, Sunday—Charlotte. " 15, Tuesday—St. James', Iredell county. " 16, Wednesday—Christ church, Rowan county. " 17, Thursday—St. Andrew's, Rowan county. " 18, Friday, p. m.—Concord. " 20, Sunday—Salisbury—Ordnation. " 23, Wednesday—Salisbury—Convention. " 27, Sunday—Durham. " 29, Tuesday, p. m.—Hillsboro. June 3, Sunday—Wadesboro. " 4, Monday, p. m.—Ansonville. " 6, Wednesday—Monroe. Holy Communion at all morning services. Collections for Diocesan Missions.

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The indictments against the parties charged with rescuing Senator Riddleberger from jail at Woodstock have been quashed.

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