

**THE OXFORD CELEBRATION.**  
 The News and Observer, being in full sympathy with the joyful acclaim that will go up today from thousands of throats in Oxford, begs to tender its congratulations to the good people of that progressive town on the happy accomplishment of their desires. The presence of the distinguished guests will add an additional interest to the occasion, and Oxford will make it a gala day worthy the good name of North Carolina.

**DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT CONVENTION.**  
 A convention of the Democratic party of the fourth Congressional district will be held at Raleigh on May 29th, next, to nominate a candidate for Congress, a candidate for district electors, to elect two delegates to the National Democratic Convention and for other purposes. By order of the committee.

**E. J. PARSONS,**  
 Chairman executive committee,  
 (District papers will please copy).  
 The Augusta Chronicle remarks that it is a sugar barrel the O. R. has opened in Louisiana. It must not be overlooked that the voters of the State are to decide this year whether they will adopt the constitutional amendment providing for two additional Supreme Court judges. And it may be that the nominees presented to the people for these new offices may have some weight in determining the result. The men proposed should therefore be without spot or blemish.

They caught the young bank officer who ran away from Canada into the United States the other night and have held him on the charge of bringing stolen money into the United States, but it is not clear that he has committed an extraditable offense, so the likelihood is that he will be allowed to go scot-free. It is said he took \$34,000, but as he carried the key of the vault of the bank the authorities have not been able to count the cash he did not take.

We notice that the venerable George Bancroft, who in his History, has done such notable justice to North Carolina is at present on a visit to Norfolk. His residence is Washington City. Mr. Bancroft was an old time Democrat and his service as a cabinet officer safe, dates that of any other person now living. In 1834 he was beaten as a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts and being asked by Gen. Polk to take a seat in his cabinet, he became secretary of the Navy. It was after that he became the great historian of the United States. His work is immortal. He is now in the 88th year of his age and enjoys robust health.

The Atlanta Constitution, notwithstanding its protection vagaries, says that a Democratic victory in 1888 is of much more importance to the South than the success of either protection or free trade ideas. Certainly it is. That is what the News and Observer has been saying all the winter. We have stood a period of protection and have existed, but whether we would be able to exist with the turmoil and confusion of Republican domination super-incumbent upon the evils of protection, we do not know. At least we have no mind to try it. It would about destroy the South, if the Republican party should regain the ascendancy in the Southern States.

Boulangier, who was sought to be degraded by the Ferry government in France lately, has turned things upside down and has made himself the issue before the people. In the election in the Department of the North on Sunday he received 173,372 votes, against 85,000 cast for other candidates. The people are with him because he is so "franche," but whether they could be led to follow him into a revolution against the present mode of government is yet to be determined. We were never think of any other form of government than the Constitutional Republic. In England they never think of anything but the constitutional monarchy. In France governments change and the feeling of the people fluctuates. Now it is the Republic—tomorrow the Monarchy—again the Directory, then a Protectorate, and so on down the gamut according to the possibilities of the occasion. We shall see what we shall see.

We are informed that some persons are saying that the communications printed in the NEWS AND OBSERVER, dated from other counties, are written in Raleigh. Reference is made particularly to the communications favorable to the nomination of Judge Fowle.

These communications have been sent us, unsolicited, by gentlemen of standing in their respective communities in other counties, and are published to give information to our readers. We do not say that the information is absolutely accurate, beyond a dispute, but we do vouch for the genuineness and trustworthiness of the letters, and print them as tending to give information of what is passing in the public mind. Any person who discredits them on the idea that they are written in Raleigh, denies himself the privilege of obtaining correct information, shows how little he knows of the character of the News and Observer, and indicates that he himself is a trickster and willing to deceive. We have not commented on those letters referred to; neither has the News and Observer expressed any preference whatever between the candidates. If a majority of the letters favor either rather than another, the logical inference is that the candidate so favored is the favorite one with the public. If it appears strongly, equally strong will the result be in the Convention when it meets. We vouch for the publication for the genuineness of the letters, and we suggest that the test of their accuracy can be made when the Convention assembles.

**When a Lee comes to the Old North State all hearts respond with love, gratitude and respect, and amid the deepest emotions of joy, cordial greetings will be extended from every portion of the Commonwealth.**

It is Oxford's day of commemoration, it is North Carolina's day of gratification. We extend our own warm congratulations and bid our progressive sister town to go forward, as she has begun, in the race of material development and prosperity.

Under the present tariff \$258,201-153 worth of articles pay a tariff tax of \$139,852,632, the average percentage of taxation as to these articles being 54 per cent. \$79,879,108 worth of these articles which for the current year paid taxes of \$22,180,553 have been put on the free list by the Mills bill.

That saves \$178,929,948 of goods which pay taxes this year of \$117,663,127. The average rate of taxation as to these is 66 per cent. By the Mills bill this rate of taxation is reduced to 48 and a third per cent. As these articles pay taxes to the amount of \$117,663,127 it is proposed to remit \$31,630,000, and leave them to pay \$86,033,127 of taxes. The reduction by the repeal of the tobacco tax and special taxes is estimated at \$24,455,000.

But the point we wish to make is that under the Mills bill the taxes on \$178,929,948 of imports is at the rate of nearly 50 per cent. The old plan would have brought in \$10,000,000 more than we are not satisfied with 50 per cent; and if we let them alone in a few years they would not be satisfied with 150 per cent. The open plan lead to reform is to make the cut at once.

The New York Herald says: "And yet when we look well into Boulanger we see a soldier who never planned a campaign; an orator who never made a speech; a statesman who has never formed a policy. We see a vicious, vain, ostentatious, flashy boaster, a Bohemian Bonaparte, who would probably throw France into a war costing her Burgundy and Champagne, in addition to Alsace and Lorraine." And yet it is by such men that the destinies of nations are sometimes directed, frequently with evil result but oftentimes wisely.

Enquiry is made for a likeness of Gen. Caswell, the first Governor of the State of North Carolina. Can any one suggest where one can be found?

**Endangering Lives for Months.**  
 New York City.

There was a rush of people across Chatham Square into East Broadway a few minutes after midnight Saturday in response to three screams of "murder." A boy was twisting and turning near a telegraph pole before a restaurant at No. 10, and before help arrived, as told in yesterday's *World*, fell dead. Sparks flew from the pole as a telegraph wire that had been clutched in the boy's hands swung against it. Some of the crowd supposed that the lad had been seized with a fit and were about to pick him up when others cried: "Look out for the wire." Policeman Malen picked up the boy dead. An ambulance driver upon said the electric wires had killed him. No one in the neighborhood knew the lad, and his body, together with a tin box filled with cheap jewelry, was taken to the Fourth precinct station house. Yesterday morning it was recognized as that of Mayer Strieffer, fifteen years of age, of No. 40 Forsyth street. He was a pedler. There were no marks left by the electricity on the boy's clothing. A few minutes after the boy had been killed three men, linked arm and arm, came out of a saloon on the main street, near East Broadway. One of them was taken with a fit of illness and his companions led him to the curb. All three were drunk, but they were sobered very quickly when one of them tried to support himself by catching hold of a telegraph pole, for they dropped to the walk and shrieked for help. They were supposed to have caught hold of the end of a telegraph wire that had crossed an electric lamp wire. One of them, Edgar Norris, a druggist, of No. 1610 Tenth avenue, had his nose cut by the fall, and he was so badly shaken up that he had to be removed to the Chambers Street Hospital. He was able yesterday morning to go home. The telegraph wire which killed Strieffer has been hanging about the pole for over six months. Alongside of the telegraph pole is a pole of the United States Electric Light Company, with a dozen wires on it. Each wire supplies thirty or more lights.

Saturday Western Union line-men, who had been at work on the pole, fastened the disused section of the telegraph wire and carelessly allowed it to swing over the electric light wire. The telegraph wire is supposed to have caught the electricity from an improperly insulated light wire and the boy, passing by and seizing the dangling piece, received the full charge. The telegraph wire was guarded by a policeman, after the accident, until it was cut.

The Thomasville Gazette relates a very remarkable instance. It says: Absalom Gossett, colored, while plowing for Mr. Leach, a few days ago, was struck with death from which he died quite suddenly.—*News and Observer.*

This reminds us of the verdict of a certain coroner's jury, which was about as follows: "We find that the deceased came to his death by falling from a bridge a distance of 200 feet into the water, in which he was drowned, and that he finally washed ashore and subsequently froze to death.—*Winston Daily.*

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**PROPOSALS FOR TOBACCO.**—March 24, 1888.—Sealed proposals, endorsed "Proposals for Tobacco," will be received, from manufacturers or regular dealers only, at the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., until 11 o'clock a. m., April 30, 1888, and opened immediately thereafter in the presence of bidders, for the supply on, or before November 1, 1888, at the Navy Yard, New York, of one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) pounds of Navy Tobacco, to be decided by lot. Bidders are referred to the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., for applications, forms of offer, and all information relative to the article required. The proposals must be made in duplicate on the proper blank forms and put out as sealed proposals. The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government.

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**HENDERSON'S NOTES.**  
 HENDERSON, April 16, 1888.  
 The Republican County Convention was held in the court house here on Saturday and the delegates appointed were instructed to vote for H. P. Citizens at the Congressional Convention.

The Boston Stars played a large and appreciative audience in Burlington Hall Friday night. Everybody who has the courage will avail himself of the free ride to the Oxford jubilee on Wednesday.

There are numerous aspirants for the mayoralty, none of whom have as yet a tangible hold on the office. The election will be held on the first Monday in May.

The tobacco wagons are still rolling in and our characteristic rush of business continues.

Has Nicholson, a colic of man who lives with Rev. James, in Steel Creek township, met his death in a tragic manner Saturday. He was standing in a doorway loading a double-barreled shot gun and as he finished loading one barrel, he turned to move back into the house, grasping the gun near the muzzle with one hand and drawing it after him. Just as he turned, the hammer of the gun struck against some projection, and the gun was fired. The entire charge of shot passed through Nicholson's neck, leaving a hole the size of a bullet, and he fell dead. Death was instantaneous.

Excitement ran high in Durham Saturday evening. Main street, from Blackman's drug store to Mangum street, by 7 o'clock was crowded with an expectant throng, eager to see "Prof." Spurgeon leap from the lake building, as he had announced. Fully a thousand or twelve hundred people, men, women and children, white and black, lined the pavements and crowded the street gazing upon the top of the building, which is a three-story one, watching for the "Prof." All sorts of conjectures and prophesying ran through the assembly as to the result of the leap looked for.

The appearance of two lighted candles upon the top of the building was the signal for strict attention, and the crowd waited for his coming with eagerness and watched with intensest every act. When all was ready and there was a hushed silence below, the figure of a man appeared upon the parapet of the tall building, with a spread umbrella. At this juncture the tension of every unsuspecting beholder was at its greatest. There was a "ha! ha! ha!" and the figure came flying through the air and fell into the street below, broadside. It was then discovered that it was a dummy and the biggest hoax of the season had been practiced upon the innocent beholders. A unanimous shout rent the air followed by loud bursts of laughter. The dummy was immediately seized and torn to pieces by the small boys. Some left the scene holding their sides with laughter; some not saying a word but looking as if they thought a great deal. Men with their wives, and some with children turned their steps homeward in disgust, and in a few minutes the street, in that immediate vicinity looked deserted. It was an immense sell. Some enjoyed it and others were mad with themselves for being so completely sold.

The *May Wide Awake* gives as its frontpiece the painting by Sickell, well known in Bannock, of "Queen Louise and her Sons," showing the late Emperor and his brother as little boys walking with the Queen in the Suesenwall Park; the same number also reproduce the last life-photograph of Emperor William.

Dr. Lotthrop Company announce for early publication "Woman in the Pulpit," by Frances E. Willard, president of the W. C. T. U.

"The Doctor of Deane," published in March by Dr. Lotthrop Company, is winning "golden opinions" from the best critics.

"Wide Awake" for May publishes the Madison chapter of its "Children of the White House" series, and gives four portraits of the beautiful Misses Dorothy Madison, three of them miniatures—three more engraved, one of them at twenty-two in a bewitching Quaker dress. There is also a portrait of her handsome, graceful son, Payne Todd, and fac-simile letters of President and Mrs. Madison. The article is very largely first-hand material.

"Volcanoes and Earthquakes," published by Dr. Lotthrop Company, is a fascinating book on a subject that forms its marvel and mystery never ceases to attract. The author, Doctor Kneeland, writes of what he knows and has seen.

Prof. Douglas, of the British Museum, contributes to the *May Wide Awake* an illustrated folklore paper on Chinese Dragons.

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