

THE STOCK LAW.

The fence question or stock law is being very generally discussed in this county and it will not be a great while before the sentiment of the county is tested by a vote on the subject. We are glad to see the good humored way in which the friends and opponents of the measure discuss it.

It is impossible to bring up any question upon which all men agree and this is especially true of a project like this which militates against an old custom. It has been found difficult, in the past, to eradicate well recognized abuses because they are old and the public has become used to them. The well known report of the unprogressive gentleman, who balanced two watermelons in one end of a sack across his shoulder by two rocks in the other end, when remonstrated with by a friend, that "Daddy carried a sack in that way and what was good enough for dad is good enough for me," is illustrative of the inertia in human nature. It is troublesome to change our habits and we are prone to discover advantage to ourselves in the very unnecessary labor which our imperfect methods devote upon us.

The strongest, at least the most practical and the most apparent, argument in favor of the stock law is the rapidly increasing cost of fencing. The timber is growing scarce and "pari passu" fence rails are advancing in value. This is independent of the argument adduced to show that no fences produce neat farms and avoid a waste of much valuable soil.

It is contended on the other hand that the "big farmers," the owners of large areas of land are the ones to be benefitted by a stock law. We doubt this. They generally have many acres of "out lands" most of which is timbered and with them rails to fence their comparatively small areas of improved land are not scarce. Is it not rather the small farmer, whose timber is almost exhausted, who will derive the most benefit from this law?

Following this line of thought it would seem beyond a doubt that the men who own no land, who depend upon renting the lands of others, would not only not be benefitted but would be positively injured by the stock law. Where would their stock range? Where, indeed, does all of their stock that is worth anything graze now? Will they risk Essex hogs, Durham cattle or Cotswold sheep out in the range? There is no doubt but that the law would thin out "scrub" stock, "razor-back" hogs and the like—a consummation most devoutly to be wished.

This is like the tariff issue. The protection tax is charged and it all comes from the consumer who pays it. The great number of surplus rails are made and the cost at last comes from the men who make the rails or the men who buy corn, for the cost is added to it. The renters of Caldwell county make nearly half the rails.

Read what a correspondent of the Raleigh "News and Observer" says: The cost of building and repairing fences in 1879, per acre, of improved land, was in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, 63 cents; in Duplin and Sampson counties, 31 1/2 cents.

Deducting the cost of the fence repairing from the value of the farm products in 1879, we find that the average yield of an acre of improved land was: In Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, \$9.30; in Duplin and Sampson counties, \$7.76. Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties are no fence counties and the cost of fence building there is 63 cents per acre. Duplin and Sampson are fence counties and the cost is 31 1/2 cents per acre. The men who tend the soil pay it. The value of farm products in the two former, where extra cultivation was employed, is nearly \$2 per acre more than the other two where so much time is devoted to fence building.

The Lincoln "Press" says that a twenty-mile railroad will be built from Mount Holly to Deaver.

Application will be made to the Legislature to change the charter of Hickory so as to allow it to issue bonds to the amount of \$15,000 to build a town hall, to build a bridge across the Ocaswa river, to purchase the Horse ford toll bridge and to macadamize the streets.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

The United States Senate Feb. 4, passed the Cullom interstate commerce bill by a vote of 43 to 12, and then took up and discussed, without final action, the bill for the retirement and recoinage of the trade dollar. In the House, a bill was reported from the committee, on post-offices fixing the postage on publications of the second class when sent by publishers to bona fide subscribers at one-cent a pound or fractions thereof. The river and harbor bill was further discussed.

The United States Senate Feb. 6, passed a bill to regulate the pay of pension agents and attorneys. The diplomatic and consular bill was also passed, and the Senate receded from its amendments to the Military Academy appropriation bill. Senator Palmer made a speech in favor of woman suffrage. The House passed a bill for the relief of E. H. Wardwell, of Maryland. The river and harbor bill was further discussed. An evening session was held for the consideration of pension bills.

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS.

SENATE—Feb. 4. Bill to reduce tax on incorporations from \$100 to \$25 passed third reading. Bill to amend section 2674 of the Code, in reference to the entry of public lands, passed its several readings.

HOUSE—Feb. 4. Shuford, Lovill, Stanford and Turner asked that their names be recorded as voting in favor of wounded soldier bill. Bills that passed third reading: To repeal sub section 4 of section 501 of the Code; to amend section 2765, ch. 17 of Code; to amend sec. 2829 of Code so as to allow persons living under the stock law to prosecute persons riding or driving outside of the road in cultivated fields without a formal posting of land; to forbid justices of the peace to try causes between sunset and sunrise; to prevent riding and driving on the Junebug railroad.

SENATE—Feb. 5. The contested election case of J. W. Newsom vs Thos. W. Mason from Northampton was decided in favor of Mason. Mr. Todd sent a minority report. Mr. Todd, of judiciary committee, reported favorably a bill to amend ch. 25, laws of 1881.

HOUSE—Feb. 5. Bills passed third readings: To simplify bills of indictment for murder and manslaughter—copy of English act of 15 and 16 Victoria, on same subject; to allow, in case a defendant charged with crime is not to be found in the county, special capias to issue and to be served in any county in the State; to prohibit sale or gift of cigars or cigarettes to boys under 10 years of age; declaring the child of a negro to the fourth generation to be a "colored person," no real estate to be sold under execution unless notice is both posted and printed in a newspaper if any is published in the county.

SENATE—Feb. 6. The railroad extension bill was referred to the committee on finance. A bill was passed to prevent riding or driving on the graded railroad from Taylorsville to Statesville.

HOUSE—Feb. 6. After the introduction of bills and petitions the principal time of the house was taken up in the discussion of a bill to amend section 163 of the Code so as to allow a married woman to bring a suit for property and making marriage no disability. Much was said on both sides, the principal objection being to enlarging the already liberal view of the tenure of property by married women, held in this State. Laid on the table. Martin county allowed to lay a special tax. The obscene literature bill came up as special order, but no vote was taken.

SENATE—Feb. 7. Mr. Todd introduced a petition from citizens of Watanga asking for prohibition within a certain distance of Meat Camp church, and also a bill to amend sec. 435 of the Code, to suspend operations of the statute of limitations when defendants take homestead.

The following bills passed third reading: To permit Cherokee to issue bonds; to prevent livestock from running at large in Edgecombe county; to provide separate schools for Croatan Indians in Robeson county.

Bill came up, as special order, to allow persons to testify in regard to transactions with deceased persons when attorney of latter was present, passed second reading.

HOUSE—Feb. 7. Mr. Shuford introduced a bill to allow town of Hickory to issue bonds for a town hall and other purposes. Bill authorizing Martin county to levy taxes and borrow money passed third reading.

Passed second reading: Relating to highways in Mecklenburg; authorizing Fender to build a court house; to prevent livestock from running at large in Guilford; so prevent selling of obscene literature in the State, which was ordered to be printed and made special order on third reading for next Friday.

Thos. L. Shields, who was tried and convicted for the murder of Jos. G. Sitton in Mecklenburg court a few terms ago, will be tried again in Statesville this week.

STATE TOPICS.

Raleigh has organized a savings bank.

Morganton is to have a fire company.

The fifth internal revenue district has been abolished.

Iredell court began Monday, Judge McRae presiding.

An Industrial School should be established by the Legislature.

Mr. R. J. Shipp, of Newton, is seeking Collector Cooper's place.

Mrs. P. Query, the well-known milliner of Charlotte, has failed for \$5,000.

The Carolina Central Railroad is to be extended from Shelby to Spartanburg.

Icard and Lovelady townships in Burke will vote on the stock law on the 5th of March.

Rev. W. I. Hull, of the M. E. Church, S., died at King's Mountain on Monday last week.

Senator Vance's picture appeared last week in Frank Leslie's "Illustrated Newspaper" and in "Puck."

The paupers and poor house of Alexander county have been let out to D. J. Little at \$3.34 per capita.

Statesville wishes still to be the head centre of the revenue business, as a meeting of its citizens resolved last week.

The Lincoln "Press" says that one man in that county made a profit of \$400 from two acres planted in tobacco last year.

Died in Morganton, Feb. 3, Rev. Geo. McKensley Gibbs, aged 77 years, long a Presbyterian missionary in this section.

The bridge across Henry's Fork in Burke county, 7 miles below Morganton, is 240 feet long, has 5 spans and costs \$315.

The trustees of the University will not allow the students to have a room in the University buildings for their "Commencement Ball" this year.

The late Rev. W. I. Hull, who died at King's Mountain last week, was formerly pastor of Fifth Street Methodist Church, Wilmington, and Rev. D. H. Tuttle, the present pastor, preached a sermon in memory of him last Sunday.

Mr. Patrick H. Winston, Jr. says he is done with politics. He has taken the lecture field and is delivering a very interesting and amusing lecture entitled, "Fun and Philosophy; or, The Secret of Happiness," in some of the central towns.

Bills were introduced in the House, Wednesday, to protect fish in New River, to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within one mile of King's Creek Church and Conway's Chapel, Caldwell county, and to establish a graded school at Boone.

North Carolina's exhibit at New Orleans is said to be second to that of no other State. The great old State is stepping forward. Just the other day the Macon, Ga., "Telegraph" said, "North Carolina is rapidly taking from Georgia the proud title of Empire State of the South."

The way the Pittites and Greenvilleites and they who dwell upon the classic Tar are taking on over "Tom Jarvis, of Pitt," is just too hilarious. Balls and receptions and dinners and the like cover the "common sense Governor" all over with glory and blushes. Tom deserves it all.

The school bill that has been introduced in the House restores the powers and functions of the Superintendent to what they were before the last Legislature and the board of Education is to be elected by the joint board of commissioners and magistrates with a view to their fitness for the office.

The joint Judiciary committee of the Senate and House has sent in a majority and minority report. The former bill provides for thirteen judicial districts of the Superior Court and that there shall not be less than three terms held annually in each county. The latter bill insists upon an increase of judges to the number of fifteen.

A party of Senators were taking dinner at the Yarrowburgh Friday and Raney had placed a particularly sumptuous spread before them, feeding them on oysters, sars and things. The talk was of O'Donovan Rossa and dynamite and the question was asked if there was any other substance that would burst, explode, blow-up as fearfully as dynamite. A Western senator—not Bower—slowly unpinched his napkin and, taking a tooth-pick, said "A dinner might." The collation closed and the Senator walked out with Dr. Grissom, who was present, and has not been seen since.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Florida is troubled with highway-men.

Senator Bayard's friends says he is too poor to go into the cabinet.

The two houses of Congress will count the Presidential vote today.

From our Florida exchanges we learn that Spring has opened and everything is in bloom.

The proposed Anglo-American treaty meets with no favor from Democratic newspapers.

Oranges have been shipped, this season, from Plant City, Fla., only 51 of which would fill a box.

W. R. Morrison has been chosen by the Democratic caucus of the Illinois Legislature as its candidate for Senator.

New York bankers wish a Western statesman, ex-Representative Alex. Mitchell, of Wisconsin, for instance, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

The natives of Cameroons, Africa, whose King made a treaty with England which was obnoxious to them, took the old fellow out and flogged him.

Since the election of Everts to the Senate from New York it is asked if the Democrats can spare Bayard and Garland from the Senate to go upon the cabinet.

Mrs. Dudley, O'Donovan Rossa's assailant, was twice confined in a lunatic asylum in England. She was betrayed by a mock marriage which unsettled her intellect.

The New Orleans Exposition is a grand success in every respect except financially and the failure in this point will necessitate its closing within a month unless help comes. We hope this is not so. At any rate the U. S. Commissioners have made application for another loan from the Government of \$500,000.

On the 4th Senator Sherman presented to the Senate a petition signed by 37 persons asking Congress to throw out the electoral votes of South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Ohio, because in them many voters were kept away by threats and violence.

It is said that Mr. Gorman and Mr. Smalley, of the Democratic National Committee, have asked the President-elect to put Senator Jones, of Louisiana, in the cabinet as the choice of the committee. He is also warmly supported by Daniel Manning, Smith M. Weed and the other important New York men and by the N. Y. Business Men's Association.

The interest taken by America in the affairs of Chili, Peru, Africa and Corea, is taken in England to indicate that we are about to out-grow the Monroe doctrine and to have a foreign policy. In this event the "Pall Mall Gazette" and other English papers are strongly in favor of a treaty offensive and defensive between Great Britain and the United States.

President-elect Cleveland was in New York Friday and Saturday. Senator Vance called on him and presented the resolution of the North Carolina Legislature recommending Gov. Jarvis for a cabinet position.

Bayard and Garland are sure of portfolios, say well-informed gossip, and the next surest is Lamar. That lets the South out. The President-elect was also called upon by Isaac Hunter, a life-long colored Democrat, who said he would like to be minister to Hayti.

Gen. Gordon, who has for some months held Khartoum, a strong town on the Nile in the midst of the rebels and friends of the False Prophet, El Mahdi, has been forced by the treachery of native allies to surrender. Gordon was the soul and centre of the British enterprise in Africa and it was a great disaster. London and all England was aroused to a white heat of excitement and denunciation of the Gladstone ministry was strong. The public sentiment is much less severe since Gen. Wolesley has been given "carte blanche" to go and recapture Gordon and his men. It is rumored that Gordon was murdered but the most general opinion is that he is held as a hostage.

Three Forks Sunday School Association Programme of the Three Forks S. S. Convention to be held at Beth-el Church, Watanga county, N. C., beginning Friday before the 5th Sunday in March, 1885.

Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood, introductory sermon.

E. F. Jones, the scriptural authenticity of Sunday school.

I. W. Thomas, the object of Sunday school.

J. H. Farthing, J. G. Hagaman, is the Sunday school important.

A. C. Farthing, who should attend Sunday school.

A. M. Dougherty, J. M. Harman,

how to conduct a Sunday school. J. C. Johnson, W. S. Farthing, qualifications of superintendents. W. W. Presnell, qualifications of teachers.

D. C. Harman, who should teach in Sunday schools.

F. P. Moore, Sunday school literature.

L. L. Green, salutary influence of Sunday school.

W. C. McLeod, A. Roton, ought children who cannot read attend Sunday school.

A. J. McBride, from the statistics of our Association minutes has the Sunday school added efficiency and numerical strength to our Churches.

The Churches are requested to send delegates, S. S. statistics and a contribution for printing minutes. Also the first appointed on subjects will please write short practical essays on their subjects that such may appear in the minutes.

J. J. T. REESE, G. P. SHERRILL, C. S. FARBERG, Com.

Lenoir Produce Market.

MONDAY, Feb. 9.

Apples, green, 65 to 80; dry, 2 to 3.

Beeswax, 25.

Buckwheat, dull, \$3.

Butter 15 to 16 1/2.

Cabbage, in demand, \$1.85 to \$1.90.

Chestnuts, \$1.60.

Corn, 70 to 75.

Chickens, in demand, 15 to 17.

Eggs, 15.

Feathers, live goose, 50.

Flour, \$2.15.

Hides, dry, 10 to 12; green, 5 to 6.

Honey, comb, 10 to 12 1/2; strained same.

Irish potatoes, 50 to 60.

Meal, 75.

Oats, 50 to 60.

Onions, 50.

Pork, 6 to 7.

Turkeys, 60 to 65.

Wheat, 90 to \$1.

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Administrator's notice.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Caldwell County. THE undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Lewis Harris, deceased, hereby notifies all persons claiming debts against his estate, to present the same for payment on this notice will be placed in his hands for recovery. And notice is also given to all persons indebted to said estate forthwith to call upon the Administrator and pay the same.

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The Old Year,

With Its Successes And Its

Failures,

Its Joys And Its Sorrows,

Is Now Numbered

With The past;

But The Clock Of Time

Still Ticks

And The Advent of A New Year Is

Upon Us,

Giving Us An Opportunity to

Reflect Upon The Past

And plan for The Future.

It is in reviewing our business for 1884, we are glad to say that we have more than met our sanguine expectations and at the beginning of this, the new year, we return our sincere thanks for the liberal confidence and patronage bestowed upon us by the business community.

"Honesty is the Best Policy,"

is our motto and in the future as in the past we shall be our constant aim and effort to secure the very best interests of our patrons. We shall avail of "honesty" and "subterfuge" as often resorted to by trade. And fairly and squarely with all and give to each customer A Dollar's Worth for a Dollar.

We Are Not So Selfish,

our estimate of the "good will" we have secured and consequent success we have met at the hands of the good people of Caldwell and other counties during our four years business career in Lenoir, quickens our energies for the coming year, in which we hope by diligent effort and fair dealing to meet a large increase of trade than ever before.

It Shall Be Our Aim To

study carefully the wants of our customers and for variety and desirableness of stock we propose to play our part in the front and at all times to make the lowest prices of legitimate trade.

Trusting That When The

present year closes and we all begin to retrospect its course that our relations with the people will have been such as we shall only remember with satisfaction and pleasure.

Wishing all a happy and prosperous new year. We remain, yours very truly,

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P. S. This being the first of the year and as we need our money, we earnestly request our debtors to make immediate settlement and oblige.

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Of The

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YELLEN A. BOWMAN

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