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The appointments made by President Cleveland of ministers to England, Germany, France and Mexico, while several of them were unlooked for and were surprises to the politicians, have been favorably received by the press generally and the people. Even the New York Tribune says, "the country at large will approve Mr. Cleveland's selections."

In this district. This is a great hardship on our lawyers who have much practice in those counties. It is but justice to Senator Bower and Representative Wakefield to state that they were opposed to the wretched arrangement, but the committee was inflexible. The people of Henderson county very much object to being in the tenth district.

The war spirit in England is at a high pitch and great enthusiasm prevails over the calling out of the reserves by the Queen. The government has given orders for 100,000 uniforms, arms and munitions of war are being collected at all the arsenals and England will be on a war footing in a few days. On the 16th ultimo Earl Granville proposed to Russia that both the Russians and Afghans should withdraw troops from the frontier until the close of negotiations in progress between Russia and England. On Wednesday Russia declined to do so. The English Government reiterated the demand and required an answer by last Monday. The question of war depends upon that answer.

TAMMANYITE though he be like the appointment of "Sunset" Cox to the Turkish mission, and Tammany Hall is perfectly wild over the appointment. This appointment indicates the wisdom and magnanimity of the Democratic President.

STATE TOPICS.

Senator Vance is suffering with a throat affection.

Tomorrow is North Carolina day at New Orleans.

Couch, who leads the "Oklahoma Boomers," is a Lincoln county man.

Dr. Deems, of N. Y., lectured in Raleigh last week on the two revolutions.

Col. Cowles and wife will reside at Washington when Congress meets in December.

Mrs. Julia A. Summey, wife of Dr. D. F. Summey, of Asheville, died last week.

Dr. H. P. Gatchell, a prominent Asheville physician, died last Friday, aged 72.

On the 23rd ultimo Henderson had a \$75,000 fire which destroyed 14 business houses.

Catawba county lost two old citizens last week: Eli Starr, aged 86 and Daniel Moore, aged 94.

We regret to learn of the death in Salisbury on Sunday of last week, of James M. McCorkle, an eminent lawyer, aged 58.

The pension act gives the maimed Confederate soldiers \$30,000 per annum. The number is variously estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000.

The Washington correspondent of the News and Observer wrote that paper Saturday that the first of the week the President would nominate Governor Jarvis to be minister to Brazil with a salary of \$12,000.

The citizens of Shelby held a mass meeting last week, and passed resolutions urging the President to make Major H. D. Lee collector of the 6th District and Mr. Reuben McBryer U. S. Attorney for the Western District.

The Winston Republican prints the picture of a Winston Democrat who doesn't want an office, but fails to give his name. As was cried to long-winded makers of nomination speeches in the last Democratic State convention: "Name your man."

McDowell court adjourned on Wednesday of the first week. The State docket was about disposed of, says the Bugle, as there were no important cases upon it. The lawyers in attendance most appropriately asked Judge Avery to adjourn court before beginning the civil docket because of the serious illness of Mrs. Avery. Judge Avery has the heart-felt sympathy of every citizen in the district.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The population of Philadelphia is 1,000,000.

Queen Victoria is about to make a visit to France.

Gen. Jackson, the new minister, was minister to Austria under President Pierce.

Gov. McLane, of Maryland, resigned Friday and Gov. Lloyd is now at the head of affairs.

Mrs. Sartoris, daughter of Gen. Grant, arrived in New York from England last week and is at the bedside of her sick father.

Hon. Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior under Buchanan, died in Tennessee last week, aged 75 years. He was a native of Caswell county, this State.

On the 25th ultimo a theatre and church in Buffalo, N. Y., were burned involving a loss of \$250,000, insurance \$100,000. A fireman fell from the roof of the church and was killed.

The Southern Baptist convention will meet in Augusta, Ga., on the 6th of May. Rev. Dr. Burrows is chairman of the local committee of entertainment, and extensive preparations are being made for a large convention.

Mr. E. D. Clarke, of Mississippi, lately appointed assistant secretary of the Interior, was just recovering from an attack of malaria when he came on to Washington, where he was taken with pneumonia and died March 23.

The resignation of Gov. McLane, of Maryland, to take the French mission, will leave the Governorship vacant. The constitution provides that the President of the Senate shall be Governor until the Legislature meets in December. The President of the Senate, Hon. Henry Lloyd, of Dorchester, is only 33 years of age.

While it is alleged that the calling out of the reserves by the Queen was done on account of her majesty's trip to the continent so as to be prepared for an emergency and that war with Russia is not imminent, an Anglo-Russian war is decidedly probable. It would be a great disaster and would set back the world several decades. American trade would be built up and high prices would rule, but we should not desire that at the expense of Europe's welfare.

New Judges.

The Governor on yesterday commissioned the following judges: Henry C. Connor, of Wilson, for the third district; R. H. Battle, of Raleigh, for the fourth district; and W. J. Montgomery, of Concord, for the eighth district. These gentlemen have been appointed under the recent act of the legislature, which increased the number of judges in the State from nine to twelve.

An Anglo-Russian War Imminent.

In accordance with the Queen's message to the House of Commons the British war office yesterday called out the army reserves and the militia, and other steps were taken in anticipation of war with Russia. It will be recalled that the summons of Indian troops to Malta by Lord Beaconsfield during the last Russo-Turkish war, in conjunction with other vigorous steps of a threatening character at that time taken by the British government, caused Russia to desist from her advance upon Constantinople and averted the war between Great Britain and Russia, which a more halting policy would have invited. It is not impossible that the large preparations for fighting being today made in England and India may have a like happy effect, though it is difficult to see how the Czar can now draw back from the arrogant position assumed in regard to territory hitherto conceded to the Afghans. Be Russia's action what it may, there is no doubt about the earnestness with which all England is preparing for war, nor about the heartiness with which her course is supported by her colonies and other portions of the empire. In the face of events of this magnitude the indecisive fighting before Suakin loses somewhat in interest, and the conjecture that it has all along been intended to transfer Gen. Graham's force to Afghanistan becomes not improbable.

Appointments by the President.

Henry Lowndes Muldrow, of Mississippi, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; William A. J. Sparks, of Illinois, commissioner of the general land office; Daniel McConville, of Ohio, auditor of the treasury for the postoffice department.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today: Samuel S. Cox, of New York, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Turkey.

Capt. David B. Harmony, of New York, to be chief of bureau of yards and docks in the Department of the Navy, with relative rank of commodore.

Hon. Samuel Sullivan Cox, popularly known as "Sunset" Cox, the new minister to Turkey, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, September 30, 1824. He graduated at Brown University in 1846, and became a lawyer and editor in Ohio; traveled in Europe, and in 1855 was appointed secretary of legation to Peru. In 1856 he was elected to Congress from Ohio, and re-elected in 1858, 1860 and 1862, then serving for eight years. In 1866 he took up his residence in New York and was elected to Congress from that city in 1868 and re-elected in 1870, defeating Horace Greeley. In 1872 he was defeated as candidate at large for the State. In 1873 he was re-elected to Congress to succeed Hon. James Brooks, deceased, and has been re-elected at the close of every successive term. Mr. Cox is regarded as the wit of the House of Representatives, and is a humorist of fresh and original fancy. He has written several books, including two narratives of foreign travel and a volume entitled "Eight Years in Congress."

Thomas C. Crenshaw, collector of internal revenue, district of Ga.; Gen. Jos. E. Johnston, railroad commissioner; Norman J. Colman, commissioner of agriculture.

Watauga News.

SUGAR GROVE, March 25. March 18, 19, 20 and 21st, cold with snow and high winds. Sunday, 22nd, snow at Sugar Grove 7 inches deep, at Shull's Mills 10 in. deep. Tuesday, 24th, at 6 a. m., mercury 5 degrees below zero. Jesse Harrell, of Watauga township, died of typhoid pneumonia on the 21st inst.

A fresh lot of canned corn and peaches and cheese and lemons at A. W. Alexander's.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Hall of Hibern Lodge A. F. and A. M. No. 262, Lenoir, N. C., March 26, A. D. 1885, A. L. 5885.

At a regular communication of Hibern Lodge in January, 1885, a committee was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, Gustaf Westman, born in Sala, Sweden, Jan. 2nd, 1822, and died a member of this Lodge Dec. 26th, 1884, in Lenoir, N. C. The committee made the following report.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother, Gustaf Westman, late a member of this Lodge.

RESOLVED, That we have heard with profound sorrow of the death of our esteemed brother, Gustaf Westman.

RESOLVED, That in the death of brother Westman, we have lost a worthy member of our Lodge and the community a much respected citizen.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the relatives and friends of the deceased our profound sympathy in their bereavement.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these proceedings, under the seal of the Lodge, be furnished the relatives of the deceased, and a copy sent to THE LENOIR TOPIC for publication.

J. M. SPAINHOUR, W. A. POOL, S. M. CLARKE, N. H. GWYN, Com.

Educational Meeting in Watauga.

McBRIDE'S MILLS, March 26. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TOPIC: I desire through the columns of your valuable paper to report the proceedings of an educational meeting held on the 26th instant, at the school house near the Cove Creek Baptist Church. The committee was organized by electing Rev. J. J. L. Sherwood chairman, and Thomas Bingham secretary. Rev. G. W. Osborn explained the object of the meeting to be the selection of the most accessible point in the community at which to establish and carry on a school of high grade. After somewhat carefully considering the different localities in which to commence the school the point at which the meeting was held was unanimously selected. The public schoolhouse at this place is a large commodious one story building but to which will soon be added a second story. Some other improvements are also to be made after which we calculate to start a school in which young men and ladies may acquire a thorough education. Rev. I. W. Thomas, our very efficient county superintendent, was present and made a good speech on education. A number of others also made speeches manifesting commendable zeal in advocacy of this enterprise.

No neighborhood of which I have any knowledge within the bounds of our county is better able to run a school of high grade than ours. Contiguous to the place selected for the school and within easy reach there live about one hundred and fifty children whose parents as a rule are able to educate them. On this subject there seems to be every incentive conceivable impelling us to action. Only think of 150 children which could be gathered into one school so soon to pass from childhood into the active scenes of busy life, grappling its realities and assuming its responsibilities and that too without that intellectual culture which is not only our duty to give but of which we may now easily avail ourselves of the opportunity of giving, should prompt us alone to immediate and decisive action.

Our Shull's Mills Letter.

SHULL'S MILLS, March 22.

The farmers of this vicinity are now busy preparing their land for corn, oats, potatoes, &c. The weather continues so bad that they cannot make much progress though. Snow here at this writing is 10 inches deep. It is to be hoped that Spring will open with its bright days soon.

Corn, wheat and rye are scarce here and demands a good price. Hay and fodder cannot be bought and rye straw is a legal tender and in greater demand than greenback and right here I wish to impress the farmers how important it is that they should sow more grass seed, especially timothy and clover here, where it grows to perfection. I know farmers who have lived here for a number of years that have no meadows and have to buy provender every year to feed their horses and cattle, and hundreds of acres of land lying here idle and uncultivated, that would make timothy equal, if not superior, to any land in the world. Farmers allow me to exhort you to sow grass seed and have it to sell in place of buying.

Maple sugar making is going on to some extent here now. Mr. J. C. Shull has made 200 lbs. this spring. Miss M. M. Wike is teaching a good school near here.

Mr. J. B. Johnson is also teaching at Watauga church. His school is well attended, but will be closed in a few days, and some think before he begins another school he will have an assistant but I will hold a few days and write you the particulars of that shortly I think.

MARCH 24.—Last night was the coldest of the winter—6 degrees below zero this morning. The Watauga river has the appearance of a solid sheet of ice.

FOR SALE.—Northern and Watauga Irish potatoes at Harper & Bernhardt's.

DEATH OF J. W. RAINEY.—Just as we go to press we learn of the death of this gentleman, night before last. Funeral today.

Large, fine Pearl, Early Rose and Peerless Irish Potatoes for sale at Courtney Brothers.

Nice lot white beans to retail at Courtney Brothers.

Fresh canned corn, tomatoes, Cape Ann mackerel at Courtney Brothers.

A nice line Gent's Straw Hats now ready at Courtney Brothers.

The best Carolina rice and grits less than usual at Courtney Brothers.

For good cigars and "Duke of Durham" cigarettes go to Courtney Brothers.

Northern and home grown Irish potatoes, clover, orchard and timothy grass seeds for sale at Cloyd & Nelson's.

We want a lot of good chickens, for which we will pay good prices. Cloyd & Nelson.

Seamless sacks and flour bags; fresh crackers, cakes, cheese, 2500 pounds steel plows at Harper and Bernhardt's.

WANTED—500 chickens and 1000 dozen eggs at Harper and Bernhardt's.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT, CALDWELL COUNTY, Spring Term, 1885. Phineas Horton et al. vs. D. R. Horton et al. Ejectment.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that D. Theodore Finley and William Finley, defendants in the above entitled case, are non-residents of this State, and that the ordinary process of the court by summons cannot be served upon them, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in the Lenoir Topic, a newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., for six successive weeks, commencing the 15th day of April, 1885, and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, M. E. SHELL, Clerk Superior Court.

Mortgage Sale of a Valuable Farm.

BY VIRTUE of a power contained in a mortgage deed, made to W. H. SMITH & SON, of Norfolk, Virginia, by W. R. FOSTER, of Lenoir, and recorded in Book M, pages 264 and 265 of the Register's office of Caldwell county, N. C., on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1885, at the court house in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., to sell the said valuable farm owned by W. H. FOSTER, on Brunson's Fork of Lower Cape Fear, being one half of the well known Sumpter place, containing 300 acres more or less, 24 miles west of Lenoir.

Petition for satisfaction for partition.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that all of the above named defendants are non-residents of this State, and that the ordinary process of the court by summons cannot be served upon them, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks in the Lenoir Topic, a newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., commencing the 15th day of April, 1885, and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, M. E. SHELL, Clerk Superior Court.

LAND SALE.

As commissioner appointed by the Superior court of Caldwell county, I will, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1885, at Lenoir in Caldwell county, offer for sale the following land in Caldwell county under a decree of said court: No. 1. Home tract, at the residence of the late R. C. Tuttle, dec'd, containing 320 acres. No. 2. Lying 1 1/2 miles east of Lenoir, and known as the Joppin farm, containing 315 acres.

NORTH CAROLINA.

In the case appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Jacob A. Lee, Henry Adler and Albert Adler defendants in the above entitled case are non-residents of the State and beyond the process of this court, it is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Lenoir Topic, a newspaper published in Lenoir, Caldwell county, N. C., for six successive weeks, commencing the 15th day of April, 1885, and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, W. B. CONNELL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

MORTGAGE SALE.

ON THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1885, at the court house in the town of Lenoir, we will sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, a certain tract of land in said county, lying on the waters of Goosepaw creek, the miles and homestead of the late W. F. WILKES, deceased, as set forth in a certain mortgage deed to be made by W. F. WILKES and wife, as registered in Book N, pages 125-6 of the records of Caldwell county, in the office of the Register of Deeds, of this county, which deed this sale is made. J. A. MONTGOMERY, April 1, 1885. W. S. HALLMAN, Mortgagee.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as Executor of Wm. Cottrill, deceased, we hereby call upon all persons owing said Wm. Cottrill to make immediate payment to us, and upon all persons having claims against said Wm. Cottrill to present them to us within 12 months from date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Dated at Lenoir, N. C., the 30th day of March, 1885. J. M. CORRY, W. R. CONNELL, Executors.

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Immediate Settlement. Indebtedness to me, WITH AN Urgent Request to Settle.

We only ask for what is due us and hope all debtors will PROMPTLY RESPOND.

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