

OUR BACHELOR PRESIDENT.

Grover Cleveland was forty-nine years old last Thursday, and while he paid no attention to that fact himself, and went on about his business just like being forty-nine was an every day occurrence with him, his friends in various parts of the country celebrated the event in grand style, and the fact that Cleveland is forty-nine has suggested to the newspapers that he is now old enough to take a wife unto himself, and as he is now able to support a wife "comfortably if not in affluence," sensational papers have seized on this opportunity to start some new reports about his "approaching marriage" to whomsoever the fancies of their reporters may suggest. A recent publication in the Boston Herald on this line leads the New York Star to remark:

"Statements are frequently made in the journals that the President is about to marry some one of the ladies who are seen in his society."

The latest of these rumors is given with great detail and particularly by the Boston Herald over the signature of its Washington correspondent, and it names Miss Van Vechten, of Albany, as the lady who is to become the wife of the President. The Star admits that the person in whose imagination this tale originated has shown a good judgment rarely seen in the manufacturer of gossip. Miss Van Vechten, by reason of her beauty, her intelligence and refinement, would be in the White House a fit representative of American womanhood, as well as a devoted wife to the man whom she might honor with her hand.

But we regret to say that there is no truth in the very circumstantial statement to which the Boston Herald has given currency, so far as it associates the future of this accomplished lady with that of Mr. Cleveland. We do not say this because the President needs protection against such thoughtless gossip. Even the labors and the cares of his office cannot engross him so completely as to make him indifferent to the pleasant suggestion of a companionship so desirable.

Every time that public interest is excited by some such statement as that made in the Herald some other paper comes out with an equally authentic statement and denies it, and so we are at a loss to know whether or not we should give credence to the report that Cleveland has determined to subject applicants for the position of mistress of the White House to the rules of the civil service, with the restriction that widows over forty-five and woman's right's women need not apply.

ELECTORAL COUNT BILL.

The new Electoral Count bill, which has been framed to prevent the recurrence of such inequities as the Presidential steal of 1876, passed the Senate last Wednesday. It is not a perfect bill, its warmest friends admitting that it might have been vastly improved, but failing to agree on the best means of improving it, and the consequence is that like most of our great public measures nowadays, it is a compromise, but such as it is, it will probably answer the purpose for the present, the intention of the bill being to do away with returning boards, and let each State settle such disputes as may arise. The gist of the act is contained in the following section:

"If any State shall have provided by laws enacted prior to the day fixed for the appointment of the electors for its final determination of any controversy or contest concerning the appointment of all or any of the electors of such States by judicial or other methods of procedure, and such determination shall have been made at least six days before the time fixed for the meeting of the electors, such determination made pursuant to such law so existing on said day and made at least six days prior to the said time of meeting of the electors shall be conclusive, and shall govern in the counting of the electoral votes as provided in the constitution and as hereinafter regulated so far as the ascertainment of the electors appointed by such State is concerned."

THE BLAIR BILL.

The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro Patriot intimates that an attempt will be made to smother the Blair Educational Bill in the House committee, and states that Representative Reid had just introduced a very caustic resolution

calling on the committee to report the bill at once. The people of North Carolina will heartily endorse Mr. Reid in this course, in which we are sure he will have the earnest support and co-operation of our representative from this district. The people want money to run the public schools, and while they are opposed to centralization and are in favor of maintaining the sanctity of the constitution, they are far from following those papers that are raising such a line and cry against this bill, and are continually advocating measures so impracticable and ethereal that we may expect to see them carried around during the millennium but not before.

STATE TOPICS.

The old flag under which the Goldsboro Rifles marched "to the front" in 1861 was returned to them by the northern captors last Thursday.

Miss Maggie Wilson, of Charlotte, was accidentally shot by her brother-in-law, Mike Cappola, last week. They were playing with a self-cocking revolver. The wound is probably fatal.

Maj. Mertz and wife, who live in Mocksville, N. C., are probably the smallest couple in the world. The Major weighs only 47 pounds, and the tiny couple have accumulated a snug little fortune travelling with Forepaugh's circus.

The wife of William Ennis, in Rowan County, gave birth to three perfectly formed children last week, two boys and one girl. Ennis has only been married about three years and is now the father of five children his wife having presented him with twins on a former occasion.

L. McCurry and J. W. McCurry, of Rutherford county, were arrested in Hickory last week, charged with disposing of mortgaged property and of embezzling \$1,900 of the taxes of Rutherford county. At a preliminary trial in Rutherford they were admitted to bail. They claimed that they were not running away, but were on their way home when arrested.

Cleveland County is fearfully excited over the bitter contest between the Carolina Central and the Massachusetts Southern Railroad Companies that are now constructing rival lines in that county. Mr. J. W. Garrett, chairman of the Board of commissioners, has refused to sign the county bonds voted in aid of the latter company, and the C. C. Company is trying to obtain an injunction against the M. & S. which is building its road within 12 feet of that of the C. C., and on the Carolina Central's right of way. The two Shelby papers have espoused opposite sides of the fight, and the war is becoming quite interesting.

TOWN TALK TOPICS.

Trivial Incidents and Idle Gossip from the Outlying Hamlets.

Winston bank has a capital of \$1,664,439.08.

Winston has a broom factory that is doing a fine business.

Through sleepers are now run between Asheville, N. C. and Chattanooga, Tenn.

Greensboro is taking the necessary steps for the erection of a handsome brick market house.

Wilmington had another fire last week, the loss this time being about \$15,000 or \$20,000.

The Morganton Stars speaks favorably of the proposed telephone line from Morganton via Lenoir to Blowing Rock.

Burke will try it again on the railroad appropriation on the 15th of May, and another lively canvass is expected.

The town of High Point has a new national bank with W. J. Armfield as president, and Chas. M. Worth as cashier.

Shelby's new opera house was opened to the public last week, when a Cantata was rendered by local talent. The proceeds amounted to \$100.

Mr. A. D. Potts, a civil engineer, from Nantahala, N. C., and Miss Sallie Fryner, a daughter of the editor of the Salisbury Watchman, were married at the residence of N. B. Cobb, in Hickory on the 17th.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Ex-President Arthur is said to be in decidedly bad health.

The Communists in Cincinnati are drilling and practicing shooting every week.

"Buck" Grant comes into a fortune of \$1,000,000 through the death of ex-Senator Chaffee.

In three mining districts in Pennsylvania 28,000 miners quit work in one day. There is a general strike in all the bituminous coal regions.

The Democrats have Governors in twenty-two States. They have Governors in all the sixteen Southern States and in New York, Pennsylvania, California, New Jersey and Nevada.

The great strike of the employes of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, by which nearly 1,000 miles of railroad has been left idle for a week or more, is still on. The strike was precipitated by the action of the Knights of Labor.

The losses by the wreck of the Oregon amount to \$3,166,000.

Some of the fellow-Senators of Charles W. Jones, of Florida, are beginning to regard his continued stay in Detroit in a more serious light than as the merely silly conduct of a moonstruck lover. One of his warmest friends in the Senate said that he had no doubt Mr. Jones was actually insane, or, at least, that his mind had been affected to such a degree that he was not responsible for his actions.

The following young men have been recommended for appointment to the Naval Academy from congressional districts, and have been directed to report at Annapolis in May for examination: F. T. O'Kell, twelfth Pennsylvania; C. F. Reagan, fourth New York; A. S. Thompson, first Wisconsin; T. L. Jenkins, second North Carolina; B. A. Reed, fourth Texas, and Marion Raysor, first South Carolina.

The great Cunard steamer, Oregon, with 846 passengers on board, was sunk off Long Island last Sunday while sailing for New York Harbor from Liverpool. All the passengers, among whom were Col. John K. Connally and family of Asheville, N. C., were rescued. The Oregon was one of the largest and fastest ocean steamers in the world, having repeatedly made the trip across the Atlantic in a little over six days.

Letter from Bakersville.

BAKERSVILLE, March 17.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: After the experience of a very inclement winter in Mitchell, we all enjoy the pretty spell of weather now, and the farmers are sowing oats and preparing for crop time.

Plenty of apples in Mitchell for 30 and 35 cents per bushel.

Bakersville and community are becoming very much interested in education. Bakersville now is running three schools. Miss Ada Graham of Newton is teaching a school composed exclusively of girls. Bettis and Stafford are the principals of one. The former is from Emory and Henry college, Va. Latter of Bakersville. Prof. R. H. Freeland, of London, is the principal of the other. So far all the schools are progressing finely.

Prof. S. J. Turner is teaching at Loaders Glory two miles from town and is having a progressive school.

Mrs. J. M. Stafford who has been so seriously afflicted so long is still lingering with but little improvement. It is hoped by all she will soon be restored to her proper health.

Prof. Stafford has bought the property of Robert McInturf who contemplates locating in Asheville.

Died, about two weeks since, Miss Laura Young, daughter of Mr. D. M. Young who resides about three miles from town. She was afflicted for several weeks. She leaves her parents, brothers, sisters and many friends to lament her death.

The firm of Green and Baker closed their career in the mercantile business, and sold out to Mr. Reuben Garland. And they have gone to working the mica mines at Mitchell again. This reminds me that there is a greater demand for mica than has been for some time. Hence the people are mining considerably throughout Mitchell.

Bakersville Lodge Sons of Temperance are making preparations for a public entertainment which will come off about court.

Young Mens Christian Association re-organized a few Sundays since. Last Sunday half past three o'clock some interesting discussions delivered by Messrs. J. L. Rorison, I. H. Bailey, S. Worthen, Profs. Bettis and Freeland. Preaching at night at the Methodist church by Rev. W. B. Reece.

Married some time since, at the bride's father's Mr. Anny Green to Miss Lucy Green daughter of lawyer J. H. Green.

Mr. M. C. Pennell who married some time since moved in his own residence last week and is enjoying the realities of nuptial life.

Mr. D. F. Bowman clerk of the Superior court has purchased a farm of Mr. Theodore Baker which is situated one mile from town. He will move to it this week.

Rev. S. M. Collis pastor of the Baptist church at this place has gone to the Globe to assist Prof. R. L. Patton in protracting a meeting.

R. P. C.

Letter from Boone.

BOONE, March 18.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: I observe what T. A. Love says in this week's TOPIC and heartily accept his amendment. I told the story as 'twas told to me; so I had not the least malice in saying what I did. You know that "the person told the sexton, and the sexton told the bell."

J. F. Morphew, attorney-at-law, of Marshall, Madison county, is in town. He formerly resided here.

The grass and fruit farm of the late Mr. Tuttle, lying near Aaron P. O., Mitchell county, has been disposed of—one half to Wesley Bumgarner and the other to John Rominger, both of Ashe county. This is a famous place.

I make an extract from a letter received from Ephraim Link, who resides in Greene county, Tenn. He has been the foremost farmer in that county, but is growing old and his natural fire is abated. He was 74 years old on the 14th inst: "Our county has taken a tobacco craze, almost equal to the temperance crusade. The amount grown last year astonished everybody. When it began to roll into the tobacco warehouse in December, in large quantities, sales began at once and have been going on all winter. Buyers came from Virginia, from Bristol, and elsewhere, who say they are astonished at the quality of the weed our soil is capable of producing. Preparations are being made for this year's crop, which threaten to shade all other productions. A manufacturing establishment is also being inaugurated. Upon the whole, Greenville seems to have put on new life, and is making an effort to get the Western North Carolina Railroad to run a narrow gauge to Greenville, from Warm Springs."

Since I recorded the last snow storm we have had three others—making 38.

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Troy Courthouse Burned.

Concord Times.

On last Thursday morning about 8 o'clock the courthouse at Troy, Montgomery county, was discovered to be on fire. There was a brisk wind, and the building, being a wooden one, in a few minutes was enveloped in flames, and despite all efforts to check the fire it was soon reduced to ashes. The building was an old-fashioned one with fire places. The fire originated in the room of lawyer Simmons on the second floor. Mr. Simmons left his room to go to breakfast, and it is supposed a piece of wood burned into and rolled out on the floor. We are glad to learn that the most of the county records were saved. The people of Montgomery county wanted a new courthouse. The fire has kindly removed the old one, and they now have the opportunity of erecting one that will be a credit to the county.

From Ellendale.

DEALSVILLE, March 18.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic: Our school will come to a close tomorrow at Antioch church. We have had a good school here this winter and we are sorry to part with our teacher, as he has been so kind to us. Rev. J. B. Pool is our teacher and he has been a faithful one. If we had such teachers all over our land our children would be better educated than they are.

Deal & Brown are doing a good business in the mercantile line.

Mr. Leroy Lowrance has sold out his store to Mr. Richmond Hayes. James White's wife is very helpless at this time with rheumatism, but is getting better.

Our farmers are in good heart this beautiful weather; sowing oats, plowing for corn, &c.

Mr. P. E. Echerd planted some corn on the 9th of March. He says that it is not too soon to plant where we have the stock law.

We haven't had any weddings lately, but think some of the young widows are working up for the future.

Mr. John Deal is building a large dwelling house, also having a well dug. He says his well has cost him over one hundred dollars, and yet not found water. It has been very hard rock to dig through.

Mr. Peter Echerd has bought W. F. Mott's interest in the mill known as the Mott mill on Little River near Wittenburg's.

Mr. N. R. White and others have bought a corn mill known as the Cephus Bowman mill. They contemplate moving it to the mill branch near Mrs. A. M. Sigmon's. Hurrah! for the good old farmers; building mills so our boys can go to mill and back before breakfast.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Entertainment at Jefferson.

To the Editor of The Lenoir Topic:

While stopping a few days in the village of Jefferson, I had the pleasure of attending an entertainment, given by the good people of that place. This is a treat, rarely enjoyed by the sight-seeing itinerant, as he reclines amid the sweet calmness of a mountain village.

I forbear giving a complete programme as it would be tedious, but no doubt, interesting to the many readers of THE TOPIC.

The first night "Ten nights in a Bar Room" was depicted in its intemperate effect so life-like by such talented and emotional actresses and actors, as to make many deep impressions, and really dim many eyes with tears.

Let me say to the gay, true-hearted belles and gallant beaux of Jefferson, that their pure motive in the display of their theatrical talent, in such a sad drama, will, we hope, be crowned with brightest laurels.

The Tableau—young ladies representing light, water and the four seasons was crowned with unparalleled magnificence. Their costumes garlanded in the embellishment of light in her beauty and winning smiles; water in her beauty and crystalline appearance; spring in her animating loveliness; summer in her golden perfecting decorum; autumn in her gorgeous tints, and winter's glom brightened by icicles and snow, "the beautiful snow."

The angelic countenances added enchantment to the scene.

"Dressing the Bride"—a tableau—was also worthy of much comment, and no doubt aroused high hopes in the hearts of the fair sex, as being such an actress in real and of the stronger sex as some day being the possessor of such a fair bride.

"The Gipsy Countess" was beautifully rendered both in person and song.

The music, especially vocal, was attractive and the stage was beautifully and tastily arranged.

I conclude by saying I have never seen sweeter faces, brighter eyes, more lithesome forms, or theatrical talent displayed in much larger places, as by the amateur performers of Jefferson.

A VISITOR.

Practical Christianity.

Stateville Landmark.

Rev. J. C. Rowe, pastor of Lenoir circuit, M. E. Church, South, wrote to the Landmark last week, to stop coming to him, as his time was just out, until he remitted for another year's subscription, as he was not willing to go in debt for it. Mr. Rowe is reported by THE TOPIC as having preached a sermon in the Methodist church at Lenoir last Sunday night which dealt with the subject of a debt-paying religion. This is an instance where preaching and practice tally exactly. And that is the beauty about Mr. Rowe's character. He is just as good as he professes to be. There is no more excellent gentleman.

A beautiful assortment of Easter cards, both plain and fringed, at the Drug store.

Gall of Members of the W. C. Democratic State Committee.

At a meeting of the Democratic Central Committee held this day in pursuance of notice, it was resolved that the Democratic State Committee be called to meet at Raleigh, at 11 o'clock Thursday, April 15, 1886, for the purpose of considering important matters. A full attendance is desired. R. H. Battle, Ch'n.

Raleigh, March 10, 1886.

The following are members of the Democratic State Executive Committee, chosen June 25, 1884:

1st District—S B Spruill, Frank E Vaughan, W D Pruden, Chas F Warren.

2nd District—H L Stator, M D W Stevenson, J W Granger, R B Peebles.

3rd District—A J Galloway, J H Clark, J D Stanford, A B Williams.

4th District—H A London, W H Pace, A W Graham, J H Abell.

5th District—A E Henderson, N W Norfleet, R B Glenn, N B Canada.

6th District—W J Montgomery, J D Shaw, N A McLean, H B Short, Jr.

7th District—George S Bradshaw, J G Hall, J P Caldwell, R C Puryear.

8th District—G F, J C Wilbourn, W C Ervin, M H Hoke.

9th District—Johnstone Jones, W W Stringfield, W B Trop, Frank Cox.

Central Executive Committee—R H Battle, Chairman; Octavius Coke, C M Busbee, George H Snow, R G Dunn, P Flemming, and S A Ashe, of Wake county; W J Yates, Mecklenburg; R B Glenn, Stokes; James S Battle, Nash; John Hughes, Craven; Thos W Mason, Northampton; James W Wilson, Burke; Paul F Faison, Wake; Paul B Means, Cabarrus; D B Nicholson, Sampson; B C Beckwith, Secretary.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate today:

William L. Trenholm, of South Carolina, now a civil service commissioner, to be comptroller of the currency in the place of Henry W. Cannon, resigned; John H. Oberly, of Illinois, to be a civil service commissioner in the place of William L. Trenholm nominated to be comptroller of the currency; Charles Lyman, of Connecticut, now chief examiner of the civil service commission, to be a civil service commissioner in the place of Dorman B. Eaton, resigned; John N. McDonnell, collector of customs for St. Marks, Florida.

The President said today that Messrs. Trenholm, Oberly and Lyman were selected without recommendations and solely on his own personal knowledge of their character and capacity. All of them are now in the public service, and all have by their performance of duty attracted his attention and furnished him personal evidence of their eminent fitness for the duties of the offices for which they are named, and what he regards as all important their appreciation of the needs of the public service. John H. Oberly was a Democratic member of the Illinois Legislature of 1873-74, and was prominent in securing railroad legislation of that State. Senator Cullum was then Speaker of the House and in 1876, when he became Governor, he remembered the prominent part taken by Oberly in railroad legislation and appointed him one of the railroad commissioners of that State. He held that position for four years, during which time many questions affecting railroad legislation were settled. In May, 1885, he was appointed by President Cleveland to be Indian superintendent, a position in which he made a good record. Oberly is an editor by profession.

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