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HON. THOMAS J. JARVIS has arrived in the United States from Brazil, as he was registered at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York, Thursday. That the Ex-Governor will enter the lists as a candidate for the Senatorship we think scarcely admits of a doubt. As our readers well know, there are other aspirants for this honor besides Governor Jarvis and Senator Ransom. The two others most prominent are Col. Alfred M. Waddell, Cleveland elector at large, and Capt. Sydenham B. Alexander. Three dark horses have been named, but when it comes to dark horses, they travel in droves. The State is full of them. But the three who have been named are Gen. W. R. Cox and Justice A. S. Merrimon, said by the Statesville Landmark to be built after the manner of Barkis, of a willin' frame of mind, and Solicitor Frank Osborne, who is being groomed by the Charlotte Chronicle. Where Senator Ransom has an opponent he is generally a hot one and his friends are all equally as warm for him. The latter contend that, having taken a census of the General Assembly, they find that the Senator will have a walk-over in caucus. The former contend as assuredly that they have counted noses and that Ransom against the field stands no chance, and that if the field can unite on another man Ransom is gone. It will be a warm canvass. The Senator, who was not born yesterday, will not be idle meanwhile and we predict that he will scoop in the field.

SOMEHOW or other, though we know that it is irreligious to rejoice when your enemy tumbles into the pit that he has dugged for you, we experience a melancholy pleasure in talking to our Republican friends about the internal revenue, congratulating them upon the prospect of its speedy abolition by their party and supposing that, of course, none of them intend to apply for office in a system that is so soon to be abolished. It is mean in us to act this way, but they promised so flatly during the campaign that they would dig it up root and branch that we cannot possibly help it. When twitted with this they retort that "nobody who had a right to say so said so." Well, nobody in their party has a right to say so, then, for they all said so. And while they were promising the internal revenue's abolition they were trading on the offices in it for about ten times their value—more than "for all they were worth." Our Wilkes correspondent about strikes a correct average when he says that they promised 50 revenue offices to 300 men. Ah, what a happy time they will have in March! Eating crow and cat will be a pleasant pastime compared with the dish collectors, deputy collectors and other great men in authority will sit down to after they have been pulled and hauled about and sworn at and abused and treated with ignominy by the horde of angry and disappointed office-seekers that will charge upon them.

Two ladies, Miss Lewis, daughter of Sheriff Lewis of Halifax, and a Miss Bynum, of Glen Alpine, were on a curved trestle of the W. N. C. R. R. near Alexander, Monday last week, when a train rushed upon them before they could get off and killed them both. Miss Lewis was a school teacher and Miss Bynum was going to school to her.

SATURDAY night week at Birmingham, Ala., a mob attacked jail to take out and lynch Richard Hawes, a wife and child murderer. Sheriff ordered mob back and threatened to shoot. Mob advanced and Sheriff's party fired. Nine men killed and twenty wounded.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic: Since I last wrote you very little of interest has happened in the House except the passage of the direct tax bill, which will be remembered the deadlock last spring. Some very able speeches were made against its passage, and I am sorry to say, that a good deal of bitterness was manifested in the discussion of the amendment providing for the refunding of the cotton tax. One member from the Northwest was extremely bitter, and attempted to fling a reproach upon the Southern Democracy for honoring her battle-scarred veterans. His speech, however, fell flat and elicited little applause even among the extremists. Mr. Allen, of Mississippi, caused great merriment in his discussion of the cotton tax amendment and whilst his speech was full of wit he dealt some sledge hammer blows. For instance, says he, speaking of the advocates of the bill, "I think their real object is to get the money for their States, which this bill carries, and if ever passed at all, it will be passed by a combination, or sort of pool of those members from those States, who are more particular about getting the money than how they get it." He was opposed to

the bill without the cotton tax included which he pressed hard.

The bill passed on Wednesday evening by a vote of 178 to 96, Messrs. Cowles and Johnson voting against its passage, the other members from North Carolina voting in favor of it. Messrs. Carlisle, Cox, Mills and Randall also voted in the negative. The bill has now passed both Houses and is before the President, but there seems to be doubt about its receiving his signature on the grounds of unconstitutionality, a matter its warmest advocates upon the floor never argued. But Cleveland has the nerve and backbone to do what is right, and the people need have no fear of bad legislation while he is President.

The Senate is still on the tariff bill. Senator Vance is leading the fight on the Democratic side, and every true North Carolinian should feel proud of Senator Vance, who is one of the ablest men in the Senate, and can grapple any question that is presented to that body. It is probable that the Senate tariff bill will pass the Senate in February, and will pass without much alteration. In its present shape, I am glad to say, that it will not pass the House.

The Republican leaders are beginning to be worried by applicants for office, and one said to me the other day, "that four years of rest seemed to make them all the more greedy, and if the pressure had set in so early he did not know what would be done after the 4th of March," and continued he, "I don't reckon the Republicans down South care much about the offices, as they are with us for love of their country."

The local leaders of many of the States are in the city, and the welfare of the Republican party depends upon his appointment to a certain position, for it just so happened, that he turned the tide, that narrowly floated Mr. Harrison to victory. Thus the world goes, and will go on so long as we have offices to bestow upon the people.

The people of Washington City worship the powers that be. During last winter Dr. Sunderland's church, the one attended by President and Mrs. Cleveland, was a perfect jam of living humanity every Sunday, and it was then thought the crowd was there to get a glimpse at Mrs. Cleveland. But alas! how mistaken were those who were led astray by this delusive idea, for today I attended that church, but no crowd was pressing for seats. The church was reasonably well filled, and Mrs. Cleveland was there, even more beautiful, if possible, than ever. But Mr. Cleveland can bestow no favors after March 4th next, and the people are not so very fond of hearing Dr. Sunderland.

The city is now about ready for Christmas, and the shopping is heavy. The show windows are beautiful and almost everything imaginable in the way of a gift is nicely presented in the many large show windows. And they have various ways of getting crowds together here. The latest I noticed was a man dressed in red, with a red cap set with large shining stones. He had two pies baked in tin pans and called up two negro boys, put them on the high seat in the wagon and told them he would give the one who eat his pie up first fifty cents; were to eat without touching the pie except with the mouth. At a given signal they set in, and if two niggers ever eat pie in a hurry these certainly did. At the expiration of three minutes one of the darkeys raked in the remnants from his chin with his tongue and said to the other, "See here, nigger, you got more pie than you want." This ended the pie race, and then the fellow, who proved to be a patent medicine peddler, began his sale, and if success crowned his efforts I can't bear witness to it, for I left at the end of the pie race.

Major Martin, of Texas, had a slight encounter with the gas story reporter, and but for the fact that the Major's arm was caught, he would have gotten in a regular Texas blow and might have necessitated the employment of another reporter. It won't do to fool with Major Martin; he is a true Southern man and will not take an insult.

Col. Cowles and family are at the National Hotel this winter. This house has recently been refurbished and is kept in splendid style now. There are many other Southern people at this hotel, and by the way, some very pretty young ladies, and if I was a courting man would find out their names, but will leave this part of my letter to be finished by a young man from N. C. who is fast becoming acquainted with them.

Sugar Grov'r Letter.

SUGAR GROVE, Dec. 10. To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic: May it not be somewhat interesting to some of your many readers to know what a wonderful country we have up here in this beautiful land of the mountains? of the sky, of the clouds? The grand old mountains, once the home of the howling wolf, the prowling bear, the stealthy panther and the princely and graceful stag, last and not least, the wild and ferce Indian, all roamed free monarchs of our grand mountains, our beautiful hills and lovely valleys, until the hardy and adventurous pioneers of civilization invaded the homes of these aborigines and waged a war of extermination against those wild denizens of this once wild region clothed in its virgin verdure. First came the pioneer hunter armed with hunting knife, tomahawk and deadly rifle. His camp fires lighted up those dark forests; the hills echoed the sharp cracking rifle, and soon many trophies of the bear, the wolf, the deer, etc., rewarded the huntsman's toil.

Then came the pioneer farmer, or rather half farmer and half hunter, for he carried his axe in one hand and his rifle in the other to defend himself and family from the wild beasts and the no less wild and savage Indians. Those were fearful times, full of hardships, privations and danger.

This epoch in the history of our country opened up an avenue for a higher order of citizenship, of morals, of society. Hence we find doctors, school teachers and ministers of the gospel who taught and preached in log cabins. They did a grand and glorious work and the fruits of their labors have followed them, and like "bread cast upon the waters to be gathered many days hence." This second epoch in our country's progress was followed by a still broader, higher, nobler period in the progress and development of this wonderful country of ours. Flowing, as it were, with "milk and honey," rich in its valuable timbers, waters, minerals and its bountiful productions of all kinds of grains, fruits and vegetables. This is truly a land of the free, the home of the brave, whose portals are open to all who may wish to share its many advantages with all its blessings.

Now, we are come to the third stage or epoch in the history and progress of Watauga, and if the kind and indulgent reader will follow me I will show you over this beautiful land of the sky, where the warm and genial sunshine of friendship will greet and welcome you.

In the picture of the third epoch you will see large, neat and well tilled productive farms, yielding their increase to reward the toils of labor, and on many of these farms you will see fine and elegant dwellings. Then follows many public buildings, school houses and churches, where you will find good and flourishing schools, prosperous and growing churches of the different denominations. Show me a country whose people have good roads, good dwellings, good school houses, good church houses, and I will show you a refined and elevated order of society.

We see in the Watauga Democrat an article from a correspondent, who signs his name Jack, on the educational progress of our country. He says Watauga has a half dozen first class Academies. "Jack" pays a passing tribute to Cove Creek Academy, pointing out his sympathy in much sorrow for the failure of the school there. Now Mr. "Jack," you don't know much about the school at Cove Creek Academy or you will fully misrepresent it.

The Cove Creek Academy was built by a joint stock company and a school of high grade established by the com. and put in charge of Professor Martin for several sessions, who was a fine teacher and gave general satisfaction. Then Prof. E. Spencer Blackburn was employed by the board of directors as principal. He is a young man of rare literary attainments for one so young; a self-made man of great promise for future usefulness as an educator. The official statistics show that his school now has an enrollment of 165, daily attendance 85, music students 13, boarders 26, new students last week 7, students ready for college 6-7 boys, 2 girls. The faculty of the school are E. Spencer Blackburn, Principal, Miss Rosedna Sledge, teacher of primary department. She is a classical graduate of high literary and intellectual attainments. Miss Mattie Abernethy, music teacher, A. M. Mast, teacher of penmanship. They are all first-class teachers in their several departments, and their school is second to none of like grade in all our mountain country, and offers many advantages and inducements to boys and girls, young men and young ladies who may wish to attend a first class school.

Cove Creek Academy is located in the best section of Watauga county. Its moral and religious society is of the highest grade. Board from \$5 to \$7 per month at Banner's Hotel and private houses, tuition \$1 to \$3, music \$2. Will remark that I am not a patron of the school and have no interest in it more than any other school of equal merit. I am glad to know there are so many good schools in our country and that our people are realizing and appreciating the importance and benefits of a better system of education.

Fine weather, good roads, fall work all done, everybody and their children fixing up for Christmas. Hope Santa Claus will fill all the little ones stockings with nice toys. Let kindness and charity prompt all generous people to remember the poor on the eventful eve of Christmas. Will not all kind-hearted merchants make glad the heart of some little one when all should be merry? A merry Christmas and happy New Year to every one, old and young, rich and poor.

There is a big boom of a rich silver mine on Jos. Bryant's land and on others.

Pastor Sherwood, assisted by Bro. Davis, is holding a series of meetings at Cove Creek church, with the result of several conversions and four additions. May the good work go on. N. N.

Send to Royster & Martin's White Front Clothing Emporium, Hickory, N. C., and get your boy a Xmas overcoat. Harris Bros. Kid Gloves by mail 75c and \$1; if not pleased return them. A. A. Shuford & Co., Hickory. Fine Chashmere Gloyes 29c; send them back if not pleased. A. A. Shuford & Co., Hickory. Florida oranges, toy candies, French Mixtures, assorted nuts at Harper, Bernhardt & Co's. A new stock of bibles suitable for presents, Harper, Bernhardt & Co.

Wilkes County News

OSBORNVILLE, DEC. 12.

To the Editor of the Lenoir Topic: Having never seen anything in THE TOPIC from this section of the "State of Wilkes" I will give you a few items as picked up by your correspondent while here.

We had the pleasure of being at a regular old time serenade a few nights ago in which everything from a steel plow to a harmonica was in use. The occasion was the celebration of the nuptials of Mr. Spencer Sparks and Miss J. A. Gregory, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Gregory, Mr. A. G. Rash, of Iredell county, officiating. We have just learned of another couple being made happy recently, Mr. U. Moore and Miss ———. Rev. J. G. Weatherman officiating. Rumor has it that we may expect several more weddings ere long. We hope to give you the particulars as some of the high contracting parties are personally acquainted with us.

Mr. A. R. Coleman is teaching the public school at this place. The school and the young people generally are talking of having a Xmas tree sometime during the holidays. The Sunday School of Eschol will have a Xmas tree on Monday night, the 24th inst.

A very interesting revival has just closed at Sweet Home church at this place. The meeting was conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. Holler, Y. Jordan, J. G. Weatherman, E. Holler, E. Mitchell and others and resulted in 12 conversions, 6 accessions to the church and 6 baptisms on the 8th and last day of the meeting.

Politics are dead in this community. This township is Republican but the Republicans are very quiet over their victory; they seem to weigh well the responsibility that has come with their victory. Already you can begin to hear mutterings of the approaching storm that will burst upon them next spring. They have promised, all told, at least 300 or 400 different parties positions in the U. S. Internal Revenue service as storekeepers and gaugers, and their being only 40 or 50 places there will necessarily be a vast number of sore-headed Republicans; they are already beginning to be jealous of each other. The Democrats are enjoying the situation immensely, knowing what it will do for their party in their next election. More anon. X

Holiday goods—French candy in variety, candy hearts, tows, animals, &c, raisins, currants, citron, crackers, tea cakes, cheese, pickle and pepper sauce, oysters, sardines, peaches, tomatoes, apples, blackberries, oranges, lemons, very fine, stick candy, toilet sets, vases, a few pieces of Majolica ware, pretty china cups, saucers, mugs, glass mugs, mustache cups and saucers, shaving mugs, china tea sets, wire and work baskets, French harps, toy pistols and caps, fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets, cannon crackers, a fancy line cigars, Duke cigarettes, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, good assortment. I have many other things that cannot mention; call and examine and see how cheap these goods can be sold, they are here and must be sold. Produce wanted. S. W. Hamilton.

Ring the Xmas bells with a ring from Royster & Martin, the clothiers, Hickory, N. C.

A regular holiday burrah at Royster & Martin's White Front Clothing Emporium, Hickory, N. C.

It will pay you to examine the nice stock of Christmas goods at M. M. Courtney's before making your selections.

If you are undecided about a present for your wife or child visit our furniture department. Harper, Bernhardt & Co.

LAND SALE.

As Administrator of the estate of J. P. Connelly, deceased, I will sell on Monday, January 7th, 1889, at the court house in Lenoir, at public auction, 100 acres of land, more or less, of the West end of said tract, under a decree of the Superior Court of said county for assets. Terms cash. J. M. SPANSHURE, Administrator of J. P. Connelly, dec'd.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of Henry M. Hicks, deceased, I hereby call upon all persons owing said Henry M. Hicks to make immediate payment to me, and upon all persons having claims against said Hicks to present them to me within 12 months from date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. JAS. C. HARPER. Dated at Lenoir, N. C., the 14th day of Dec. 1888.

Notice to Amend Charter.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the charter of the Caldwell and Watauga Turnpike Company. JAS. C. HARPER. Dec. 14-88. President C. and W. T. Co.

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New Goods.

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A full line of

Hardware, Tinware, Glassware, Woodenware and Crockery.

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R. G. COURTNEY

October 15, 1888.

Hardware! Hardware!!

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H. C. Martin.

Lenoir, N. C., Dec. 1st.

Wilson Academy,

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Hudson, October 29.

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