

THE TOBACCO PLANT

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Tax on Fertilizers.

The law recently passed by the Legislature imposing a tax of \$500, on each company for the privilege of selling fertilizers in the State that are manufactured outside of its borders will oppress the very class for whose benefit it was ostensibly intended—the farmer. A tax upon any manufactured article is always paid by the consumer, and we notice that the manufacturers of Fertilizer in Baltimore have resolved to increase the price of all fertilizers \$1.00 on each ton sold in North Carolina. Now, who pays the tax? The farmer of course, and instead of retaining money in the State it will send it to the hands of the manufacturer.

Immigration South.

What the South needs is immigration of an honest and thrifty class of people and we are glad to know the subject is being considered in the Northern States. Persons, who come among us with a desire and intention to make good and permanent citizens, will always receive a warm welcome from our citizens. Mr. Donnet, of Louisiana, writing from Boston to the New Orleans Times, says: "The mechanics and landless farmers of the Northern States are frightened; and they are bent upon having land in the South as soon as they can possibly get it. We have been among the mechanics of Massachusetts forty days, and have consulted with them, and have heard them talk, and have seen them organizing to go to Virginia, Florida, North Carolina and Texas, and we speak understandingly about this matter. They never speak of going West—the South is on their brain. Immigration to the West is at an end."

The Next House.

A correspondent at Washington gives the following to show how the Democrats propose to secure the organization of the next House of Representatives. He says: "Clerk Adams is engaged in compiling the roll of the next House of Representatives. In view of the prospective contest to secure the organization for the Republicans, it is ascertained that he will exclude all Republicans in contested cases, so that the apparent Democratic majority will stand about seventeen. Leading Republican members in the city have been in conference upon the subject in the hope of devising some means by which this arbitrary proceeding may be defeated. They have decided that it is a question of such grave importance to the President in carrying out his commendable policy of reform and retrenchment in every branch of the Government that he should have the full support of the House if at all practicable."

Life Insurance.

The recent failure of a number of life insurance companies have to a very considerable extent impaired public confidence in life insurance. These failures are confined to what are designated "weak" companies that have sprung into existence during the past few years and have succumbed to incompetent management. The New York Tribune, of a recent date, has the following sensible remarks: "In consequence of the failure of a few life insurance companies and the relation in at least one instance of atrocious fraud and mismanagement, a very bitter feeling has been excited on the subject in the public mind. There is some danger that this feeling may be carried to excess and applied where it is not deserved. The February number of The Economist, calling attention to this danger, presents a detailed statement of what the twenty-six companies belonging to the Chamber of Life Insurance have done and are actually doing. During a period of thirty-two months, between April, 1874, and November 1876, inclusive, these companies paid \$33,685,422 for death and endowment claims. Of these, the "endowments" were less than nine per cent, so that nearly forty-nine million dollars were paid to survivors—to the families of men who thus provided against the evil day. The payments run with remarkable evenness through the period, in no one month amounting to less than \$1,380,000. It is calculated that about six hundred families are thus relieved from distress, if not poverty, every month, and that thirty thousand children per year thus obtain the opportunity of a good education and a start in the world. While it is very desirable that feeble insurance companies should be weeded out, it would be a terrible mistake to overthrow public confidence in sound companies and in a system which confers such widespread benefit."

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Mark on our Scales.

"How was it that the General Assembly could not do as was wished in regard to the election of Justices of the Peace? How was it that the gentlemen composing that body ignored the wishes of the people as expressed in their county meetings, and elected those who, in some instances, were not only objectionable, but absolutely incompetent for the position?"—*Weldon News*.

How was it that the do-funct body was so swift to do some things it ought never to have done, so slow to do some things that so much needed to be done, and so derelict in leaving undone the last many things that it ought to have done! Absenteeism, peanuts, timidity, inexperience, dry throats and a flowing bowl, may in part explain the matter.—*Wid. Star*.

We are not apprised of the policy that prompted our legislators to appoint incompetent negro magistrates, but think their time would have been better spent at Tim Lee's wake.

Governor Hampton, for purposes best known to himself and his advisers, is now engaged in organizing a strong and effective constabulary force. He has appointed Col. Wm. Butler, of Edgefield as chief of the force, which so far numbers fifty picked men. Butler is a native of Greenville, but now a resident of Edgefield. He is an ex-Federal and ex-Confederate army officer, and was Colonel of the First South Carolina Regulators. He is regarded as an excellent selection for this responsible position.

The action of the House in declaring that Tilden was elected President of the United States places a blur upon the administration of Hayes that no legislation can wipe out, for it goes upon the records of Congress and will remain there forever, and it will go down to history for all time that the National House of Representatives regard him as the de facto, but not the de jure President.

Judge Shaw, of the Circuit Court Judges of South Carolina has compelled a sheriff to recognize the Hampton government. He regards it as the only legal government in the State and is determined that all the officers of a court shall respect it.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C. March 16, '77.
There is nothing now in the situation to-day, and all that is of interest from a political standpoint arises from the developments of the reform policy of the new president and his cordant cabinet. It is fresh and refreshing to hear an announcement like that of Secretary Schurz to the effect that there shall be no dismissals without cause, and no appointments without merit, and that personal and political considerations shall not influence him in appointments or promotions in his Department. THE NAVY DEPARTMENT also it appears is to be swept with the besom of reform. The hory inland Neptune who has been called to take charge of the marine portfolio assembled the various chiefs of the bureau yesterday and read them some sailing orders that were both startling and impressive. In the first place he said it was his intention to call them together regularly, once a week, and hold a sort of cabinet meeting over the condition of the Navy. All the Chiefs of Bureaus will then be expected to submit, among other things, the latest developments in the business of contracts, and not to proceed to award any without his knowledge and consent. This he insisted upon as an invariable rule from date, and that he would hold all clerks accountable for a strict compliance with it. Furthermore he said there should in the future, be no reliance upon a deficiency bill. When expenditures seemed necessary, they would consult the naval chequer, and if the expense could be afforded all right, but he would not drive ahead with expenditures relying on Congress to square the account by a deficiency appropriation; he saw no use and no excuse for this habit. The Secretary ended his first lesson by asking for the report for the House Committee on Naval affairs, affirming that he proposed to sail by that chart. IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT we have presented a remarkable picture of a happy family. The most discordant elements have compromised their antagonisms and kissed each other. Mr. Tyzer, late Post Master General under President Grant, has virtually the same place under the new administration, for he has been appointed first assistant Post Master General, and the result will be that Mr. Morton's first friend will have, as the immemorial prerogative of the first assistant, the patronage of fully 25,000 Post offices, or nearly all of those in the Northern and Western states. Post Master General Key has announced his intention to look after the Southern appointments only. Here also civil service reform has been inaugurated. Competent officials will not be removed, and incompetent ones

will not be appointed no matter how powerful their political backing may be. The clearer for office in this Department has, of course, been greater than in any other, and has necessitated the printing of a circular to the effect that there are no vacancies and that when vacancies occur they will be filled by merit and in accordance with civil service rules. The prospects of the mere office seeker were never more gloomy than now, and the large number who have made a pilgrimage to Washington have lost money.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT. In this Department there has as yet been no distinctive policy advertised. The new Secretary is esteemed, by both political friends and enemies, a most able, careful, and judicious man, not given to display and proclamation. Reforms will doubtless be instituted, when he shall have surveyed the field, but they will most probably be known by their fulfillment before they have been announced in the bills. Mr. McCrary is a lawyer of great ability, and it is known he would have preferred the Attorney General'ship to the place in the cabinet he now holds. But since many questions arising from the use of the army in the South are sure to require legal discernment, and management there is reason for congratulation that a eminent lawyer is at the head of the Department of war. In comparing this administration with the last, the predominance of the legal profession is remarkable. With the exception of Mr. Schurz every member of the present cabinet is a lawyer. In Gen. Grant's cabinet the only lawyer was the Attorney General.

The question of an extra session has not yet been settled, but the prevailing impression is that it will be indispensable. The competitors of Mr. Randall for the speakership, are urging delay. They oppose the assembling of Congress until December, with the object of forming combinations in favor of Cox, Saylor, Springer, Wood, Patter, Blackburn, and others. Should an extra session (as is most probably be called in May, Mr. Randall, it is thought, will have but little opposition for the speakership.

Legislative Appointments.

Below we publish a list of magistrates appointed by the last Legislature for the counties of Orange, Person and Granville.

ORANGE.

Hillsboro—Calvin E. Smith, Nathaniel D. Bain, Alvis Durham, Jno M. Blackwood, Lemuel Lynch.
Little River—Samuel H. Jordan, Lambert W. Hall, Addison L. Holden.
Mangum—A. K. Umstead, Geo. W. Jones, Robt. J. Weeb.
Durham—Wm. W. Guess, D. P. Parrish, Robert D. Patterson, D. C. Parrish, M. A. Angier, Caleb B. Green.
Patterson—Samuel H. Turrentine, Gabriel A. Barbee, Wm. C. Mason.
Chapel Hill—Oliver W. Johnson, Wm G. Roberts, Merritt Chesek, Jno H. Watson, Bingham—D. M. Durham, Robt. Long, T. P. Bradshaw.
Cedar Grove—Wm. W. Allison, Wm. T. Tate, John Thompson.

PERSON COUNTY.

Cunninghams—Samuel A. Barnett, C. H. Richmond, Robt. A. Williams.
Olive Hill—W. G. Winstead, James M. Burton, A. J. Heister.
Bashy Fork—J. L. Brooks, Jao G. Coleman, James O. Bradsher.
Flat River—Alex. Reatas, Henry Montgomery, James T. Cates.
Roxboro—Jatnes C. Critcher, J. B. Pleasant, Wm. H. Webl.
W.ols Da'e—E. J. Robertson, Jno A. Barnett, Jeff J. Brooks.
Halloways—Thomas J. Montague, E. N. Willkerson, Thomas H. Street.
Allensville—H. W. Harris, L. C. Clayton, B. A. Thaxton.
Mt. Trazah—G. G. Moore, Greaves Meadows, W. T. Noell.

GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Henderson—H. C. Crosby, Harvel Harris, E. G. Brodie, S. S. Cooper.
Kittrell—Erastus Powell, Baldy A. Capeheart, Chas. W. Williams.
Fishing Creek—Harvey Harris, Jr., Richard W. Harris, Wm. M. Blackwell.
Brasfield—Samuel H. Kennedy, Clinton M. Rogers, Robt. Garner.
Dutchville—Wm. T. Mitchell, Jno B. Green, Frank J. Tilley.
Walnut Grove—W. T. Lyon, Wm. Daniel, Jas. M. Satterwhite.
Sassafras Fork—Wilkin Stovall, Walter Pattilla, Wm. M. Tanner.
Townsville—J. Herbert Taylor, J. W. Heart, W. K. Sneed.
Oxford—J. W. Wood, H. T. Hughes, L. A. Paschall, A. C. Parham, N. A. Gregory.
Tally Ho—Arthur T. Carrington, Wm. H. Smith, J. J. Webb.
Oak Hill—W. H. Paryear, J. W. Royster, Rufus Amis.

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