

A WASHINGTON dispatch to the New York Graphic says it is not true that the House committee on the Judiciary have decided to report adversely upon what is known as the Blair memorial of the Maryland legislature and the Kimmel bill, relating to the re-opening of the Presidential question. The committee have never considered the subject.

TOBACCO TAX TO BE REDUCED.—We notice a communication published in the Loudon Standard of this place, from W. M. Robbins, which states that the House by a majority of 34 had agreed to reduce the tobacco tax to 10 cents, and that he had made careful inquiry as to the views of Senators and was assured that the Senate would likewise pass the bill. Better late than never.

SURELY, the Loudon Standard does not mix among the people, and learns little or nothing of public sentiment with regard to the County and Judicial conventions, when it prates of satisfaction and harmony, as to some of the nominations made, and the means used to defeat, if possible, the will of the people in choosing their public servants. Democratic politicians will not only cheat Republicans, but likewise men of their own party—for it is their nature so to do—to secure office. The people are beginning to learn to take care of themselves, without the intervention of caucus and packed conventions, and will vote for men of their own selection, independent of dictation, as they should.

THE Loudon Standard denies for Dr. McCorkle that he is in favor of a "county division," &c. We have no desire to misrepresent Dr. McCorkle, upon that or any other question, but our information was to the contrary, and our opinion is that the only obstacle in the way of such a measure, would be the opposition from others to the improper partition of the county to its great injury. The Loudon Standard thinks that, this "secession" business would not be tolerated by Rowan, Calamus and Mecklenburg, and therefore it is well known, that Dr. McCorkle is a warm friend of the measure.

What the Southern Papers say. It is quite evident, says the Washington Star, that the Southern papers take to stock in Mr. Montgomery Blair's expectation of unseating Hayes as the outcome of the investigation. This Baltimore Star remarks that this opinion "seems not to be entertained by any prominent democrat of either house of Congress." The Baltimore Gazette tells Mr. Blair that the adverse report of the House Judiciary Committee on the Maryland Memorial and the Kimmel bill was the proper thing for that committee to do. The Richmond Dispatch proceeds to some length to show, first, that it is not the wish of the democrats to assail Mr. Hayes' title; and second, that there is no method by which they can do so.

liquors. According to newspaper statements here, North Carolina now has more distilleries than any State in the Union, a fact which should increase the activity of every honest citizen in the Old North State for the suppression of intemperance and its attendant evils. A minute description of this country would be of little interest to your readers. The land is usually improved and kept in good condition and land-owners are prosperous and independent. Land is very high in comparison with prices in Ireland and adjoining counties, and a man without a home of his own finds it difficult to make a living. Large numbers of able-bodied men are continually traveling around as tramps beginning their bread and occasionally stealing from the citizens. Of course, much of this vagrancy results from the habits of the individual, but at many places, it is impossible for an honest laborer to procure any kind of work.

This promise is a season of plenty. The wheat crop is looking well, and an abundant harvest is expected. Oats were injured by the May frosts; corn is very small. Everything is usually about three weeks later here than at Statesville.

Today is one of the greatest in the history of Gettysburg. Last evening, President Hayes, Secretaries McCrary and Devens, about thirty Senators and Representatives, including Hon. W. M. Robbins and other persons of note, arrived here by special train from Washington. The usual handshaking and serenades were enjoyed during the evening. This morning the people of the surrounding country turned out en masse and hundreds of excursionists arrived from Washington, New York and other points. About 1 o'clock it began to rain and many thought the exercises of the afternoon would be stopped, but they did not fully understand Pennsylvania patriotism. The procession formed in the public square at 1:40, the appointed time. Quite a large crowd soon gathered around the speaker's stand in the National Cemetery, where an oration was delivered by Gen. Benj. F. Butler, one of the chosen orators for the occasion. The audience listened attentively, though compelled to stand in the falling rain, most of them without umbrellas. Then a few appropriate remarks were made in the following order: by Ex-Gov. Curtin, President Hayes, Secretaries Devens and McCrary. After the speeches there was a general stampede for home.

The few Confederate graves known here were beautifully decorated in the morning by some friends. Pres't Hayes and party left at 6 o'clock, and the last of the excursionists followed soon after. Thus has come and gone another day celebrated in honor of brave men who sacrificed all for the cause they loved.

Gettysburg, May 29th, 1878. [Continued.] Judge Merrimon's Letter.—Independent Candidates.—Col. Jas. K. Jones Pitches into Merrimon for following an Example set by the Editor of the Observer.

Judging by the comments of Colonel Charles H. Jones in his editorial column, the letter of Senator Merrimon to the public, was published in the Observer merely for the purpose of criticizing portions, that, strange to relate, correctly represent his own course while seeking office a few years ago, which doubtless the citizens of North Carolina will not forget. On that occasion, Col. Jones, by the *Grace of His Holiness*, went into a convent at the Court-house in Statesville, and among others, submitted his claims for a nomination to the Legislature, when others being chosen, Col. Jones afterwards presented himself as an independent candidate before the people, courted the *Republican* vote, and sought to form an alliance with another party, supposed to be a Republican, to obtain strength and defeat the regular nominees of the then Conservative party of Ireland.

Now, hear what Col. Jones has to say about "independents" and that sort of thing: "We were nothing at all about whether Judge Merrimon was in collusion with the Republican members of the Legislature or not. He certainly bid for their support when he became an independent candidate for the Senate (and an independent candidate he did become, by his own admissions,) and whether this bid was by word or by action is entirely a matter of question. Gov. and

the Bankrupt Law. The Charlotte Democrat, Hillsboro Recorder, and others of our leading papers say there is no relief in bankruptcy for the debtor owing old debts. How these influential and well-informed journals can fall into such gross error, passes our comprehension. The case is a plain one. In this State debtors are not entitled in the State courts to a homestead against old debts. The judgement creditor can sell out to satisfy old debts, everything a man has, even this bible and prayer book, if he has one. The old exemptions of the Revised Code were repealed in 1868. Being thus sold out he is deprived of all his property, and still owes all his debts, except the portion satisfied by sale of the homestead. His wife and children are turned out of doors, and he is still the slave of his debts. In bankruptcy according to Senator Stanley Matthews Judge Miller, Judge David Davis and other leading lawyers, the bankrupt is entitled to the homestead exemption in his State, and \$500 worth of personal property under the bankruptcy laws. These eminent jurists say that Justice Waite is wrong in his recent decision, and that the bankruptcy law has power to exempt the homestead, even in States where it does not exist.

Now granting that they are not right, still a bankrupt in this State can get a discharge from all his debts and have exempted to him personal property to the value of \$500 in addition to his wearing apparel for himself and family. So that it is right to say that the homesteader if he must part with his home can find great relief in bankruptcy. If he stay out and is sold out he is not even entitled under State laws to the clothes which he and his wife and children wear. In bankruptcy he gets good personal property exemptions and a discharge from all his debts with a fair prospect of saving his homestead.—Cor. Nat. Observer.

From the A. R. Presbyterian, by Request. Memorial Day at Statesville, N. C. STATESVILLE N. C. Feb. 10, 1878. Mr. Editor: "The Ladies' Memorial Association of Statesville furnished a most pleasing and profitable entertainment to-day in making green and fresh the name and graves of our soldiers. The oration, prepared with the research of the historian, chastely adorned with the graphic passages of touching pathos, was delivered by Judge Cantwell of Wilmington.

The procession was brilliant. "The Silver Cornet Band," "Fredell Blues," "Reliance H. and L. Companies," all in full uniform. The two schools of Mrs. Grant and Prof. Hill, surviving soldiers, ministers of the Gospel, citizens, and by no means least, the ladies in full multiform, with garlands and flowers of every variety and shade. The scene in the cemetery was impressive. Densely formed around the organ and choir the very large multitude were hushed in silence by their sweet plaintive songs. While the band chanted sacred dirges, the flowers in beautiful order were scattered over the graves. A soldier had recently fallen and there had been a death. "Lieut. F. D. Carlton, Company A, 4th N. C. Regiment." I wished the sorrowing wife had been there to witness the taste and beauty with which affectionate hands had decorated his grave. He was married since the war to Miss Bell Walker, who survives the loss of a very tender, devoted husband. Lieut. Carlton for more than three years before his death had been the subject of sore affliction. His brain becoming involved made it necessary for his friends to place him under

gentle nursing, but he consented to furnish the singer with the famous water; and to give the courtesy an especial emphasis to bring the water with his own hands. The offer was accepted, and several times a day Mr. Colburn carried the sparkling beverage to the inn. As Mr. Colburn dressed in the inn, and was called "Abe" by his friends, we called "Abe" to mark his position, and as she was leaning up she gave the landlord a half-dollar which she begged of him to give to "Abe" as he, she said, was the best man that had waited upon her. The landlord made no explanation. When Miss Kellogg and her mother were safely seated in the drawing-room she suddenly discerned Mr. Colburn on the platform of the station. She called him, and as he came blushing forward she said: "Abe, my man, I'm sorry you didn't come up to say good-bye, but I left half a dollar with the landlord to give you for bringing me the water." The train moved on and the shout of laughter that went up from the friends of "Abe" shook the station building.

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Notice is hereby given, that a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, by THOMAS J. SCAMNER, Rowan County, in said District, duly declared Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereon from all his debts, and other claims provable under said Act, and that the 17th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock, at the office of R. H. Broadfield, Register in Bankruptcy, in Salisbury, N. C., is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons interested, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted, and that the second and third meetings of creditors will be held at the same time and place.

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