

SALUTATORY.

With this issue we assume the duties of Associate Editor. We know enough of the business to feel that we are not entering "enchanted ground," and see not far in the distance the multitudes of evils with which we will have to contend.

Respectfully, T. K. BRUNER.

Forty eight revenue collection districts abolished by Gen. Grant.

The trial of McDonald commenced at Louisville. Gen. Sherman first witness called.

The Arkansas Legislature has voted \$16,000 for Centennial purposes.

The new Constitution of Alabama has been ratified by 60,000 majority, only four counties voting against it.

A frightful railroad accident happened on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad last week, resulting in the death of a little boy. An empty freight train running behind the passenger train ran into the latter. The coach struck by it was full of passengers, and the wonder is that many were not killed.

Our young friend at Mt. Pleasant has complied with the usual regulations of printing offices by sending his name as author of an article on courtship, but as it is too late for this week, his contribution must wait until our next.

The Rads predicted that the State Convention would cost from \$300,000 to \$500,000, whereas it cost only about \$24,000.

Good guessing, that! They are now protesting against the ratification of the Constitutional amendments, but the people will re-act the Alabama vote—roll up from forty to sixty thousand in favor of them.

Three thousand voters at Indianapolis, have signed a demand on Congress for the immediate repeal of the resumption Act, commonly known as the Sherman Bill. For the permanent retirement of all National Bank notes, and the substitution of legal tender paper money.

THE WAR SCARE.—The newspaper representations of a probable war between Spain and the United States seem to be without foundation. The excitement is subsiding. We are quite sure that the people of this country desire peace above all things, and least of all a war for the acquisition of Cuba or any other territory.

THE WHISKY FRAUDS OF THE WEST.

It has long been known that there was a powerful Whisky Ring in the West, through whose almost omnipotent power, tariffs, laws, and regulations in regard to the manufacture and sale of whisky have been from time to time established, which secured to them almost a complete monopoly of the whisky trade of the country.

final consumation, it must go far to remove suspicious against himself and commend him to the hearty praise of the good men of the country.

It is to be hoped for the credit of the country that, mean as General Grant's qualifications for the high office he holds are admitted to be, and questionable as his integrity is regarded by many, these revelations may not involve him in the disgrace of being a party to the shameless frauds and rascalities of this Ring.

A St. Louis correspondent of the Tribune, Nov. 19, lists up the men on trial before the Court in that city thus: "Of the more active members, to whom little envelopes were delivered every week, containing neat salaries averaging \$50,000 a year, Joyce has been convicted, though not at St. Louis nor for participation in frauds in this district.

LATER.—ST. LOUIS, Nov. 23.—McDonald was convicted on all eight indictments. The jury consulted three hours. The Judge will not pass sentence until he has heard the evidence in all the cases.

The Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

To THE EDITORS OF THE WATCHMAN: The present Constitution of North Carolina contains fourteen separate articles. The amendments adopted by the late Constitutional Convention propose alterations in all of these articles except three, viz: the 8th, relating to "Corporations other than Municipal," the 10th, to "Homesteads and Exemptions," and the 12th to "Militia."

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The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet biennially on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January, next after their election; and when assembled shall be denominated the General Assembly. Neither House shall proceed upon public business, unless a majority of all the members are actually present.

2.—Section 4 is obsolete, being the "gerrymander" of the Senatorial Districts by the Radical Convention of 1868, and is proposed to be stricken out.

3.—Section 8 is also obsolete, being the appointment of Representatives by the same Convention, and is proposed to be stricken out.

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5.—The following new section has been added to this article. "Section 30. The members of the General Assembly for the term for which they have been elected, shall receive as a compensation for their services the sum of four dollars per day for each day of their session, for a period not exceeding sixty days; and should they remain longer in session, they shall be entitled to receive ten cents per mile, both while coming to the seat of government and while returning home, the said distance to be computed by the nearest line or route of public travel.

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Our thanks are due Gen. O. Jordan, Business Manager of the Raleigh News, for an invitation to attend a Thanksgiving Supper, given complimentary to the Raleigh Board of Trade, in the News Building, 9 o'clock, this evening.

THE DEATH OF VICE-PRESIDENT WILSON.

Produced a national sensation. He died at Washington on the morning of the 22d, rather unexpectedly. President Grant announces the sad event as follows: EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Nov. 22d, 1875.

It is with profound sorrow that the President has to announce to the people of the United States, the death of the Vice-President, Henry Wilson, who died in the Capital of the nation this morning. The eminent station of the deceased, his high character, his long career in the service of his State and the Union, his elevation to the cause of freedom and the ability which he brought to the discharge of every duty, stand conspicuous and are indelibly impressed on the hearts and affections of the American people.

Summary Punishment of a Negro Friend—Another Violator of Virtue Rightly Hung. FORT VALLEY, GA., Nov. 22.—John Brown, colored, has been arrested for attempting to rape a highly respectable young lady. He had knocked out some teeth, and filled her mouth and eyes with dirt. He was taken from the custody of the Sheriff and hanged.

The St. Louis Crooked Whiskey Business. ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22.—Amended Indictments have been presented in the United States Court against Wm. McKee and Constantine McGuire, and one against them jointly. Other indictments have been found, against whom it is not yet ascertained.

A Vessel Burned—No Knowledge as to What Vessel it was. BOSTON, Nov. 20.—The ship Favorita, which arrived here to day from Manila, reports on Oct. 1st, lat. 17, long. 50, saw a large vessel on fire. She ran down to her, but the sank in about five minutes after we reached her; cruised around the spot for two hours, but could not discover any trace of the crew nor learn anything to establish the vessel's identity.

The Funeral of Vice-President Wilson. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—The funeral services of the late Vice-President Wilson will be held in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, from where the remains will go to Philadelphia where they will lay in state in the State House on Sunday.

NATIONAL GRANGE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 18.—The Executive Committee reported in favor of Louisville, as the place for headquarters of the Grange. In regard to the business of the different agencies the report says that some cities are doing a very large business, and save in the aggregate millions of dollars, while in other respects they are unprofitable, and fall short of the benefits which ought to be realized.

The Mecklenburg Historical Society met in Charlotte Tuesday evening, and elected E. A. Osborne, Rufus Barringer, S. Wittkowsky, T. F. Drayton and Z. B. Vance, as the executive committee for the ensuing year.

Thief Killed.

A correspondent informs us of an attempt which was made a few days since to rob a wagon near Shoe Heel, with its tragic result. It seems that a whiskey wagoner named Smothers being in that section, his wagon was stealthily approached after dark by some intent upon plunder.

LATER.—LOUISVILLE, Nov. 23.—The National Grange Committee was appointed to arrange a special marriage ceremony for the grangers. A resolution to establish an official organ at Louisville or elsewhere was not favored.

A committee was appointed to memorialize Congress to establish a scientific bureau on grasshoppers, caterpillars, &c. A resolution condemning mortgage crops was referred.

LATEST NEWS.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—A movement is about to assemble a large number of soldiers of the late war in this city, sometime during the Centennial. It is proposed to have both the North and Southern armies represented by their leading Generals and thousands of the rank and file from every State.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—David Jones' brewery is burnt. The falling walls crushed in several tenement houses. Jones' loss alone \$350,000. Insurance \$250,000.

NATIONAL GRANGE.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 24.—The Nat'l Grange elected as Master, John T. Jones, of Arkansas; Overseer, J. J. Woodman, of Michigan; Lecturer, H. B. Smedley, of Iowa; Steward, A. J. Vaughn, of Mississippi; Treasurer, F. M. McDowell; Secretary, O. H. Kelly, of Kentucky.

HEADS OFF—THE AXE AT WORK.

And now comes the intelligence that his Excellency, President Grant, has determined that the official patronage of the government shall not be enjoyed by any one who has contributed, even in a remote degree, to the injury of the Republican party. Hence the suspension from office of ex-Senator Pease and other Mississippi postmasters, who used their influence against the Amos faction during the recent campaign in that State, and thus assisted, more or less, in the Democratic success.

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The advertiser, an old physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple Vegetable Remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections; also a Positive and Radical Cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a conscientious desire to relieve human suffering, he will send (free of charge), to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Sent by return mail by addressing DR. W. C. STEVENS, MCNEBE BLOCK, SYRACUSE, N. Y. Nov. 25, 1875.—17.

McCUBBINS, BEALL & DEAN'S NEW STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS HAVE COME.

Having just returned from New York and Philadelphia, we would respectfully announce to the public that we are prepared to offer them one of the largest and cheapest stocks of goods ever brought to this market, consisting of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, GROCERIES &c. We call especial attention to our large stock of the latest and most fashionable styles of clothing, Ladies' Shawls and Fur in endless varieties, and a full assortment of other goods at astonishingly low prices, (10 to 30) below other stores. Call and see us at No. 1 Murphy's Granite Row. McCUBBINS, BEALL & DEAN, Salisbury, Oct. 14, 1875.—2mos.

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Klutz & Rendleman. HEDRICK'S NEW BUILDING No. 2. We are now opening a well selected stock of Fall and Winter Goods, which have been bought at the very lowest Cash Prices, consisting of every kind of Dry Goods, Yankee Goods, Clothing, Hats and Caps, Ladies' trimmed Hats, Shoes and Boots, Crochery and a full line of Family Groceries, which we offer as low as the lowest for Cash or Barter. Hoping by strict attention and due politeness to merit a liberal share of public patronage, as our motto is quick sales and short profits. Come one, come all and give us a look before buying elsewhere. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS. We pay the highest market prices for all kinds of Country produce in Cash or Barter. W. LAWSON KLUTZ, J. A. RENDLEMAN. Oct. 14, 1865.—3 mos.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA INSANE ASYLUM. MORGANTON, No. Ca. Nov. 6th, 1875. Sealed proposals will be received at this office to be presented on or before Feb. 1st, 1876, for the laying of 24 millions of Brick masonry, less according to the specifications of the architect for the foundation walls of the above Asylum. The said proposals must contain bids for the work both with and without furnishing for the lime and cement in accordance with the printed specifications. The work will be required to begin on or after the 1st of May next and to be completed by the 1st of Dec. 1876. It will be required that the entire work shall be strictly under the direction, control and supervision of a person, such as the Board of Commissioners may appoint. Copies of the specifications of the contract may be obtained by addressing the Secretary, approved and executed bonds to the full amount of the bid are required to be filed with the proposals. Proposals should be sealed, marked "Proposals for laying brick for the Western Insane Asylum of North Carolina," and addressed to T. GEO. WALTON, Sec'y of W. N. C. Insane Asylum, Salisbury, N. C. Nov. 11, 1875.—Jan. 2.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA INSANE ASYLUM.

MORGANTON, No. Ca. Nov. 6th, 1875. Sealed proposals will be received at this office to be presented on or before the 15th Dec. 1875, for one hundred thousand feet of all heart White Oak Lumber or the same quantity of all heart Pine. The said proposals must contain bids for the lumber to be sawed before the 15th of March next, and suitably piled and stacked when delivered at the site of the Asylum. Specifications of the size and qualities may be obtained on application to the full amount of approved and executed bonds to the full amount of the bid required to be filed with the Proposals. Proposals should be sealed and marked "Proposals for Lumber for the Western North Carolina Insane Asylum of North Carolina," and addressed to T. GEO. WALTON, Sec'y of W. N. C. Insane Asylum, Salisbury, N. C. Nov. 11, 1875.—till Dec. 2.

BUGGIES.

For Fine Buggies and other work in the Carriage line, call at W. M. BARKER'S, Shop on Liberty street between Lusk & Fisher Sts.

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Next Door to National Hotel. The proprietor wishes to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has always on hand a full assortment of the best wines and liquors. The former reputation of this establishment will be sustained regardless of cost. Home made Whiskies and Brandies a specialty. Hatter's Eye or Corn Whiskey. Cline's Corn Whiskey always on hand. J. A. SNIDER, Proprietor.

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