

MARCH 22, 1877.

Stanly Mathews, Mr. Hayes' brother-in-law, elected to the U. S. Senate from Ohio.

Col. W. R. Myers has declined accepting a directorship of the Insane Asylum.

Fred Douglas is just now the man on horse back, having recently been appointed Marshal of the city of Washington.

An extra Session of Congress is spoken of and it is thought it will be convened in June.

The holders of our State bonds are going to appeal to the people and argue with them until the meeting of the next General Assembly as to what amount of the debt they are willing and able to pay.

Mr. Key, the Southern Democrat in Hayes' Cabinet, writes to Mr. Merrimon that the policy of the administration in appointments to office will be to prefer republicans, all things else being equal. We have no objection and of course expect nothing else.

Ex-Gov. Holden has been re-appointed Postmaster at Raleigh, as was expected. No man in the State has given stronger evidence of devotion to the radical power, exerting it when he could, to the extent of oppressing and persecuting the people with fiendish malignity.

Fenced in.—The County of Mecklenburg has enclosed herself with a railroad fence. Hereafter she will allow no stock to run at large, but her crops will be allowed to grow in fields without fences. A great many farmers are wondering how it will work, and we are glad Mecklenburg is about to show them.

Parade.—The floor of the Methodist church in Shelby gave way last Sunday night just after singing the doxology. The house was densely crowded and of course the accident produced great excitement which no efforts could subdue until the people got out. No damage to life or limb.

Home robbery is getting to be common in Charlotte. The Observer reports two cases of that sort of recent occurrence. The thieves enter very stealthily in the night time through window or door and prow around picking up clothing or other valuables; and this they do so adroitly as to escape the notice of the family sleeping in the rooms they visit.

Morning slow a hitch in the affairs in Louisiana and South Carolina. The troops are not to be withdrawn just yet, and will not be while there is a probability of trouble between the contending claimants. Packard is organizing negro troops in N. Orleans, and in that State, particularly, things have a somewhat threatening appearance.

The Pope and the leaders of Catholic sentiment in several European States, are organizing a movement for the recovery of the Pope's temporal power. It is reported that the preparations have been long on hand and have reached an advanced stage, and that a bold strike to this end may be looked for soon.

The dual governments of South Carolina and Louisiana will certainly come to an end in a very short time. The Senate of the U. S. adjourned last Saturday without touching the subject, and it is left for the President and his Cabinet to decide. It is said the troops will be withdrawn, in which case the people's choice will prevail, and the fraudulent claimants will tap down and out.

One of the best laws passed by the General Assembly is the new Election Law. We learn that Mr. JOHN S. HENDERSON is the author of it, and it therefore possesses peculiar interest to a very large portion of our readers, to whom it shall be presented in our next issue. It is highly spoken of by those who have studied it, as exactly suiting the wants of our State, fixing with precision many things heretofore vague and uncertain.

Use of Fertilizers.—Some of our farmers are highly displeased with the law taxing Guanos, under the belief that it will operate against them. A little reflection will correct this opinion. The law must be taken in connection with another which provides for a scientific test of all Guanos brought into the State. It is well known that the country is filled every year with spurious and worthless fertilizers which take the people's money and confer no benefits. This evil it was designed to arrest, which, when done, will afford a better market for those selling a good article. Increased sales and competition it is believed will enable the importers and manufacturers of fertilizers to sell at as low rates as they do now, so that the \$500 license tax (there is none other) will not fall on the farmer. It is thought, but on the importer. If the law shall protect the consumer from imposition, as we believe it will, there will certainly be a great point gained for the benefit of the farmer.

The rule adopted by the Joint committee of both Houses of the Legislature in the appointment of Magistrates can hardly work the mischief which some of the people in the East seem to apprehend. As we understand it, one-third Radicals were appointed in those counties where that party was in the ascendancy, the remaining two-thirds being Democrats. And this was only done in those counties whose representatives in the General Assembly asked it as a favor. Now, if eight could beat seven every time in settling the Pres-

idential question, what is to hinder ten from beating five in the Magisterial Boards of the Eastern counties where this concession was made? And if the interest of the "oppressed white people" in those counties have been thus securely guaranteed, where is the justification for denouncing that rule, or the fancied plumes of those who boast of having opposed it?

It may be irrational to expect the Democratic party to exist without more or less internal conflict and jarring, but it really does seem that there is more sore-headedness and growing than ought to be, among men who so recently and gallantly fought side by side in a contest involving everything dear. Why should they so soon lose confidence in each other and turn about to destroy the results of a great victory? It is idle to disclaim any purpose of that kind while words are uttered and printed which inevitably lead to that result. If these contentions shall disgust the sober and reflecting, weaken the faith of the timid and unconfirmed, offend the minds of simple patriots who want no quiet more than good government and quick therewith, the Democratic majority in the State will melt away like snow under a southern breeze, and leave the growlers nothing but their own folly to grow over. It is a great comfort to believe that we have honest, wise and capable men filling the places of high trust in the State, and he is not a very good friend who from personal pique or vanity or a trifling disappointment pursues a course calculated to weaken or break that confidence.

The Raleigh Observer has pretty thoroughly exposed the unreasonable objections to the Board of Directors of the Western N. C. Railroad. It may not, however, satisfy all, for that able journal strangely omitted to show the qualifications of the members of it on general points appertaining to Railroad business. For instance, it does not tell us how many of them, if any, knows how many cubic yards of ordinary red clay two men and a boy with a mule and a cart can remove in a day. Nor are we told whether or not they understand the art of track laying, and how much of it ought to be performed in a given time by a specified force. And we are quite certain our man, Hon. F. E. Shober has never once thought whether in ordering Railroad whistles it will be cheaper and better to order them to sound middle C or B flat. They may obtain information on these subjects from a variety of sources, and will probably post themselves as soon as possible, but they ought not to make it expensive to the State, and we think will not.

For our part we have not the least fear about the fitness of this Board for the duties to which they have been assigned. Nor indeed have we in regard to any of Governor Vance's appointees. The servants of an able and honest ruler will certainly prove worthy of their master. Such is the rule from the foundation of the world and it is not going to fail now.

RECORDING DEEDS. An Act in Relation to the Probate of Deeds and Conveyances and the Privy Examination of Married Women. The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact: Section 1. That all deeds, mortgages, conveyances, releases, powers of attorney, contracts, or other writings required by law to be registered, and the privy examination of any married woman as to her due execution of any such instrument, may be acknowledged or approved or taken by any one of the following Courts or officers, namely: A Superior Court Clerk, or Justice of the Peace, or any Court of Record having a seal, or any Judge, Justice or Clerk of any such Court, (except the Register of Deeds, an ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners).

Section 2. When such acknowledgment, proof or privy examination shall be taken before a Court or the Clerk thereof, the same shall be attested by the seal of such Court, and when taken before a Justice of the Peace, the same shall, before registration be adjudged to be correct and sufficient by the Clerk of the said Court of record, (other than the Register of Deeds,) in the county where such Justice may reside; and when to be registered in any county other than that in which taken, such Clerk in addition shall certify that such Justice was a Justice of the Peace in his county at the time when the proof, acknowledgment or privy examination was taken.

Section 3. For the purposes of this act the certificates of probate or acknowledgment shall be substantially as follows: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County.

I, A. B., (here give name of officer, Clerk, Judge or Justice of the Peace, as the case may be,) do hereby certify that (here give name of grantor, and if acknowledged by wife, her name, and add his wife,) personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing (or annexed) deed of conveyance, (or other instrument,) and (if the wife is a signer,) she said (here give wife's name,) being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Witness my hand and seal (private or official as the case may be) this (day of month) A. D. (year).

Signature of officer. And when such proof or acknowledgment has been had or taken by a Justice of the Peace, the Clerk of a Court of Record shall use substantially the following form of certificate: STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County.

The foregoing (or annexed) certificate of A. B., a Justice of the Peace of County is adjudged to be correct. Let

the deed (or other instrument) with the certificate be registered. Signature of Clerk of the Court.

NORTH CAROLINA ITEMS. Outrageous Conduct.—We learn Mr. Lewis King, living in Alexander county near Oxford's Ford, received a severe wound recently at the hands of the Revenue officers. Mr. King was at the block-ade stillhouse of one of his neighbors; and when he saw the revenue yankee soldiers coming he started to leave but being fired upon a ball took effect in the neck and inflicted a wound from which he died. This quiet and peaceable citizen who fell a victim to the malicious acts of these desperadoes, had no connection whatever with the proprietor of the illicit still, but only happened to be there, or passing there at the time. At the same place in order to carry out their inhuman acts, marauders went to the hog-pen and shot nine bullets into the fine fattening hog. The citizens of both political parties in that section have been very indignant at such outrageous acts.

The Revenues have been on another raid through the South Mountains of Burke and destroyed several thousand dollars' worth of property. An illicit distiller shot one of the yankee soldiers and give him a mortal wound.—Hickory Press.

Good Times in Caswell.—Money must be easy in Caswell county. At B. H. Carter's sale at Independence last week, things sold fabulously high, considering, too, it was cash sale. For instance, double-shovel plows that cost only \$4.50, and had been used twelve months, brought \$5.10. Fodder average a dollar a hundred. Ordinary milk cows sold for \$33 cash. Corn was the cheapest thing sold, from \$2.35 to 2.49. A good stock of hogs was sold, little shoats bringing from \$3 to \$5, and a sow and pigs bringing \$16. People had money and wanted property.—Ridgeway Times.

Burglary.—The residence of Col. Wm. Johnston was entered on Wednesday night last and his bed-room robbed of valuable articles consisting of his watch, pants, containing a pocket look with about \$2,000 in notes, sleeve buttons and studs, a dress of Mrs. Johnston, and a few articles. Certain persons are suspected, and it is hoped they will be caught. When such scoundrels are condemned to be hanged we hope no more pardons will be extended them. There are too many lazy, idle, vicious persons loafing, gambling and prowling the streets night and day. The only way many other cities got clear of such people was by the aid of a Vigilance Committee.—Char. Democrat.

Dirt Roads vs. Railroads.—A train of 12 wagons came into the city on Tuesday morning last, from Monroe, loaded with cotton, and returned laden with goods—consequence of what the Monroe people say is unjust discrimination by the C. C. Railroad in freight charges against them. The threat of the Railroad Company to discontinue the stoppage of trains at Monroe is rather weak, for as Union county is a large stockholder in the Road it is presumed her people have some rights which the Company can be made to respect, and we presume an order from a Judge could be obtained to compel the stoppage of trains at Monroe investigated.

We think the Legislature should have passed some law to prevent the unfair discrimination by Railroads. The matter was considered, but defeated in the Senate.—Char. Democrat.

A FATAL AFFAIR IN HENDERSON.—Two MEN KILLED.—A fatal affray occurred in Henderson county on Friday last, resulting in the death of two brothers named Corn. Deputy Sheriff Byers, armed with an order to dispossess from the Court, and accompanied by a posse of three men, visited the residence of a son of Jesse B. Corn, living about five miles from Hendersonville. They entered the house, a log building, the Corns being absent from the house at the moment. But in a few minutes old man Corn, having been apprised of the situation, accompanied by his sons came up to the house, and the old man fired one shot with a shot gun into the house, without however, doing any damage. The officers inside then closed the doors and fired through the cracks at the party outside, two of the shots fired by young Arledge, (as it appears,) one of the sheriff's posse, taking effect, on the persons of two of the young Corns and killing them both. Subsequently old man Corn, the Deputy Sheriff and John Arledge were arrested.—Asheville Citizen.

We understand that some of our party friends are becoming indignant on account of the appointment by Gov. Vance of Col. W. R. Myers, a Republican, as one of the directors of the Western Insane Asylum. Our friends should wait for some information on these matters before allowing their indignation to get the better of them. The law under which the executive acted plainly makes it his duty to select one of these directors from the opposite party to which the other two belong, and in making the appointment Gov. Vance did no more than comply with the law.—Rat. News.

A sad and tragic accident occurred on Currituck Banks, on the 20th ult. A party went out hunting on the marsh and a little son of Thos. O'Neal was with them. John Rogers, one of the party, had gone off from the others by himself, and while he was hunting he saw in the rushes what he supposed was an otter. He fired at the object, and on going to it, to his horror and great distress found he had killed little O'Neal the whole load having taken effect in the head, killing the little boy instantly.—Elizabeth City Economist.

WASHINGTON, March 14th. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has issued a circular to the Collectors in the South, that the ordinary means of collecting the revenue in portions of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, have failed. He advises the Collectors that the use of military should be avoided, when possible, and assigns three Deputies for each collection District. These Deputies are specially designed to suppress the illicit manufacture of spirits and tobacco.

We copy from the Raleigh News a communication from some one in Eastern Carolina. It is very complimentary to Senator Crawford of this place.

THE POLL-TAX QUESTION. To the Editor of the News: SIR:—The very important proposition before the Senate, that looks to the enactment of a law requiring that every voter shall exhibit a poll-tax receipt before voting, is but the spontaneous voice of the people of North Carolina. Mere accident enabled me to listen, last Thursday, to the eloquent advocacy by the author of the bill of a measure so greatly needed in our State. I allude to Senator Crawford. I wish the people of the whole State could have heard him and the able Senator from Duplin, Mr. Stafford, as they plead, with the boldness and ability of statesmen, for this wise measure of justice and of political economy. They deserve the thanks of the people, not alone of their respective counties, but yet alone of the down-trodden Radical counties of the East, for their state-manlike course on this measure of relief and of increase of the school fund, but of the entire State. And such a course, in this time of shuffling expediency, is in great demand now. These gentlemen, and those who work and vote with them for this measure, are invoked to move onward for this cause. They are entrenched behind the negro factions, the wishes, the demands of the Democratic masses of the State, and if they falter in this patriotic work, may not expect to be sustained as they now are. I say to that eloquent and able champion of the people's rights, Senator Crawford, that the eyes of the Democratic masses, especially of the east, are upon him. The statement that at the last election about sixty thousand voters voted who had not paid their poll-tax, is alarming, and makes him an impregnable fortification. As a voter in a down-trodden Radical county of the east, I tell him he heads a cause that is holy and just. Think of it, that sixty thousand dollars were taken away from the small plantations of our school fund! And how can any Senator, or member of the House, refuse to back him in this measure of relief? The frauds and corruptions practised at the ballot-box in these eastern Radical counties will be materially lessened if this measure becomes a law. Men who are protected by the government should, each of them, contribute proportionately to its support. A LOOKER ON.

February 19, 1877.

WORTHINGTON, IND., March 17.—The exploding of a saw mill boiler killed three persons.

HAGERSTOWN, IND., March 17.—Beck & Stonebraker, pork packers, have failed for \$125,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 17.—The Luckawanna is ordered to Mazatlan, to investigate the detention of American vessels by custom authorities.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Snow fell to the depth of four inches in this city today.

NEW ORLEANS, March 17.—Officers of banks, insurance companies, and trade boards, telegraph Hayes assurances that disorders will not follow upon the withdrawal of troops.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 17.—The St. Patrick parade to-day included all the white military companies, whose appearance in public, under arms, was forbidden on Washington's birthday.

The bill providing for an Asylum for the colored insane passed both Houses of the Legislature. The Governor is to appoint a Commission of seven who shall locate the Asylum.

A Special Agent of the P. O. Department was in the city Wednesday looking after persons who violate the law by sending newspapers to friends with messages written on them without paying the letter postage. A colored barber, Jim Pethel, was arrested, and paid the fine of \$5. Others should be careful hereafter not to get caught in the same way.—Char. Democrat.

Mrs. Jones, how is your health this morning? Thank you, madam, much improved. I bought a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup last night, and after the first dose my cough was checked. I slept well, and have not coughed once this morning.

Advertisement for City Mills Flouring & Sawing, featuring a logo with a mill and the text 'CITY MILLS FLOURING & SAWING'.

Advertisement for Bell's Jewels, featuring a logo with a bell and the text 'AT BELL'S THE JEWELER OF SALISBURY'.

THE BEST AND LARGEST STOCK OF JEWELRY to be found in Western North Carolina, consisting of Gold and Silver Watches, Gold and Silver Chains, solid Gold and plated Jewelry of every kind, etc.

Having purchased the DRUG STORE of Huns & Barker, will continue the business at the Old Stand. Will keep constantly on hand a full and complete stock of all goods in his line. Special attention given the Prescription Department, which is under the sole management of Mr. C. R. BARKER.

THE NEW "DOMESTIC" Sewing Machine. A Double-Thread Lock-Stitch Machine. Having purchased the DRUG STORE of Huns & Barker, will continue the business at the Old Stand.

NEW SCHOOL. Mrs. Wm. M. Barker will open a school for the instruction of boys and girls, at her residence on Monday the 5th of March.

DAVIDSON COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. DORCUS HOLT, Plaintiff vs. ABRAM HOLT, Defendant.

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"10th of April." The undersigned desires to inform the public that he intends to leave Salisbury about the 10th of April. All those wishing good pictures, either Photographs or Ferrotypes are advised to call before that time.

"IT IS SO." That my prices have been greatly reduced. They range from 25 cents up. Come before it is TOO LATE.

C. P. WHARTON, Artist. SALISBURY CITY MILLS FLOURING & SAWING.

The subscriber having purchased the above Mills, respectfully solicits the patronage of the citizens of Salisbury and surrounding country. He hopes for the continuance of the patronage heretofore given these Mills and by close attention to extend the business in both branches.

By special contract timber can be sawn on shares. CALL AND SEE ME. W. M. NELSON.

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Advertisement for Dr. Trantham, featuring a logo with a ship and the text 'DR. TRANTHAM'.

Advertisement for Domestic Sewing Machine, featuring a logo with a sewing machine and the text 'THE NEW "DOMESTIC" Sewing Machine'.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Raleigh, May 28, 1876.

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W. M. HOWERTON, Secretary of State.

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A. S. MURPHY, Local Agent, Salisbury, N. C.

Advertisement for A. S. Murphy, Attorney at Law, located at 100 No. 2 Lawyers Row, Salisbury, N. C.

Advertisement for J. A. Clodfelter & Co., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Furniture of all kinds, Salisbury, N. C.

Advertisement for National Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., Board by the Day, \$2.00.

Advertisement for National Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., Beautifully situated next to Capitolsquare.

Advertisement for National Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., Col. C. S. Brown, Proprietor.

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