

J. S. Tomlinson has sold his entire interest in the Piedmont Press to H. K. Bryan and W. F. Tomlinson.

The Carr of Bannock is taking extraordinary pains to make a sure thing of his coronation. Forty thousand men besides the regular soldiers are to be on duty, to keep the crowd. Every house is to be under guard and the guardians are to be responsible for wrongs.

The Texas Siftings having charged corruption in the Lower House of the Legislature, in the matter of a bill proposing to lease the prisoners in the penitentiary, a committee of investigation was appointed to ferret out and report the facts. One witness tells of members herding with speculators, drinking whisky and gambling.

The Tarboro Southern reports a scandalous act from Scotland Neck—a husband broke his wife's neck for refusing to sign a deed. The body was buried, but reports of foul play getting out among the people, the grave was opened and the body examined with the discovery mentioned above.

Can't it be seen after a personal exploration declares that the great African desert, Sahara, can be converted into a great lake by flooding it with the waters of the Mediterranean Sea, and calls on the French people to put up \$15,000,000 on the job, and he expects to get it.

It is said that there is a man in Illinois who has the breeches worn by Abe Lincoln when he was a rail splitter, which he has reverentially preserved all this time. But what pleases us most, is that Murrill, of the Western Carolinian, says he don't believe it.

The new law against the introduction of American hog meat into Germany has just gone into operation, but provision dealers in this country do not apprehend that the law will prevent the Germans from getting pork and bacon through England and France.

An Ohio judge, to his praise be it said, has decided that a man may not use profane language in communications by telephone. One who persisted in doing so, on being refused the privilege of using the instrument, brought suit for damage, and lost his case.

The State Board of Agriculture met in Raleigh on the 4th, all thirteen members present except L. W. Anderson, of Stokes. The Commissioner of Agriculture, State Chemist and Fish Commissioner read reports. Applications for assistance in behalf of the State Tobacco Fair, N. C. Industrial Association (col.), were made. The Board adopted a resolution to make a splendid exhibit at the Boston Fair, next September.

The next grand Southern Exposition to be held at Louisville, is attracting considerable interest. Cotton—its production, picking, handling and manufacture, and the various machines employed in these operations—will form a principal feature in the show. There is a new impulse throughout the South, and indeed, throughout the country, in regard to southern products and developments, which it is expected this Exposition will do very much to promote.

MAD DOG IN A CHURCH.—The Charlotte Journal-Observer reports the case of a mad dog running into the Presbyterian church at Davidson College, last Sunday night just after the commencement of service. The congregation were prepared for a sudden alarm by the previous knowledge of a mad dog in the neighborhood, and when he sprang in among them, yelping and snarling, the confusion which instantly ensued can be more equally imagined than described. Fortunately, one or two young men armed for a mad dog encounter, were present, and came promptly to the relief of the frightened people by shooting the dog in the church and so disabling it as to prevent its doing harm.

Alvan Clark & Sons, Cambridgeport, Mass., have just completed the largest telescope in the world. It is for the Russian observatory at Pulkowa, nine miles south of St. Petersburg. The manufacturers have mounted the instrument at their place in Cambridgeport to test its capacity, and pronounce it a grand success. A larger instrument is now being made by the same firm for Lick's observatory, in California. This latter instrument, it is said, will bring the moon within an apparent distance of only eight miles from the earth.

THREE THOUSAND IN MILTON, N. C.—Through the State Agent, Mr. Geo. C. Jordan, Raleigh, N. C., we learn that the Valley Mutual Life Association of Va., on the 29th of March, ult., paid to Mrs. R. M. Oliver, of Milton, \$3,000, the full amount of insurance on the life of her late husband. This is the second loss of \$3,000 this Association has paid in Milton during the last six months. This Association furnishes safe and reliable life insurance at about one-third the rates charged by the "old line" companies, and has features peculiar to itself, and is composed of leading men in all classes of life throughout Virginia and North Carolina. It is recommended by some of the most prominent men in the State who have been policy holders for several years.

SUICIDES have become very common in this country, and a friend suggests that the usual way of accounting for self-murder by laying it on whisky is not correct; it should be laid on the drugs employed by fraudulent dealers in making whisky, a practice fearfully common. A mountain distiller went to Charlotte not long ago to sell whisky, and by way of feeling the market went around from shop to shop and inspected the grades on the market. He declared he did not find a single article of whisky in the city. No doubt the same may be said of other towns. But what is more remarkable still, extensive retail dealers say that the bogus article will sell at higher figures, than the genuine. No wonder doctored whisky goes when it takes the premium, drinkers themselves being judges.

WORKING STREETS AND ROADS.—The Petersburg Index-Appeal has made the best suggestion on this subject that we have yet seen, and here is what it says: "Now, it seems to us that the keeping of the roads" (and streets), "like the carrying of the mails and many other things, should be put out to the lowest bidder under a fixed maximum rate, and that the contractor should be required to keep his road up to a certain standard of excellence or forfeit his pay."

"If this plan failure to keep the roads in order would result in direct pecuniary loss, and every citizen would bear an equal share of the tax, without the annoyance of being dragged out to work the roads when he has something very important to do at home, and there would be no shirking of a disagreeable duty, as is now frequently done with impunity."

GOV. BEN. BUTLER.—What he says on Massachusetts affairs: He charges—

"That the Massachusetts laws regulating naturalization, by restricting the process to the Superior and Supreme Courts, operate to nullify the law of the United States, and that the restriction should be repealed. "That of the money spent by Massachusetts on her reformatory, correctional and pauper institutions, eighty-seven per cent, goes in salaries and perquisites. "That the cost of supporting every sane and insane pauper of Massachusetts is double what it used to be and what it ought to be. "That the so-called charitable and reformatory institutions of Massachusetts are nets of extravagance and scandalous abuses."

FURMAN'S FORMULA.—There were two errors in copy from which this formula was taken as published last week, which it is important should be corrected and we therefore republish it this week with the corrections made. The word "seven" hundred pounds kaint in the 21st line should read "one" hundred pounds. And in the summing up, it should read 300 pounds kaint instead of 500.

THE FORMULA FOR THE COMPOST. Here is my formula: Take thirty bushels of well-rotted stable manure or well rotted organic matter, as leaves, muck, etc., and scatter it about three inches thick upon a piece of ground so situated that water will not stand on it, but shed off in every direction. The thirty bushels will weigh about nine hundred pounds; take two hundred pounds of good phosphate, which cost me \$22.50 per ton, delivered, making the 200 pounds cost \$22.50, and 100 pounds kaint, which cost me by the ton \$14, delivered, or 70 cents for 100 pounds, and mix the acid phosphate and kaint thoroughly, then scatter evenly on the manure. The next thirty bushels green cotton seed and distribute evenly over the pile and wet them thoroughly; they will weigh nine hundred pounds. Take again two hundred pounds acid phosphate and one hundred pounds kaint, mix, and spread over the seed, begin on the manure and keep on in this way, building up your heap layer by layer until you get it as high as convenient, then cover with six inches of rich earth from fence corners, and leave at least a week when ready to haul to the field cut with a spade or pickaxe square down and mix as thoroughly as possible. Now, we have thirty bushels of manure weighing nine hundred pounds, and three hundred pounds chemicals in the first layer, and thirty bushels cotton seed weighing nine hundred pounds, and three hundred pounds of chemicals in the second layer, and these two layers combined for the perfect compost. You perceive that the weight is 2,400. Value at cost is: 30 bushels cotton seed, 12 1/2 cts. \$37 50 100 bushels acid phosphate, 45 50 200 pounds kaint, 1 40 200 pounds manure popinal. Total, \$96 00 Or for the 2,400 pounds a total value of \$9 65

Ben Butler as an Awful Example. It has been the custom in Massachusetts for many years for ministers of the Gospel to preach on the annual Fast Day in the Spring and on Thanksgiving Day in the Fall, sermons upon public affairs—political discourses in which a wide latitude of discussion has been indulged in. Old Ben Butler, who ever since his inauguration as Governor of that State has kept the aristocratic Bostonians in a profuse perspiration by his rude violence of the established proprietors, in his Fast Day proclamation exhorted their flocks with the Divine Word and not to discourse upon political and other secular topics.

Of course this pious exhortation of Ben was not strictly complied with, but served rather to stir up the animals. The Rev. Dr. Bartol used this very phrase in regard to Ben's proclamation: "He stirred us up," he said, "with a long pole as in a menagerie." This Dr. Bartol thought was bad enough, but the chief culprit of his apostasy seems to have been that Ben was actually "as ready to censure the Republic" as the Democrats for failure or corruption, as the most outrageous and unscrupulous of Massachusetts Governors would scold. As long as Benjamin F. confined himself to stirring up the Democratic part of the menagerie it was all right and indicated a possible heathenism in his total depravity, but when he actually began to censure the Republic, the Rev. Dr. Bartol and the brethren of that political complexion relapsed into their former conviction that Ben was utterly vile, and they utilized Fast Day in the accustomed manner by feeling for Ben's unblinking with their fraternal stilettes. Ben's unblinking with their fraternal stilettes. Ben's unblinking with their fraternal stilettes.

A meteor weighing 600 pounds is the subject of a lawsuit before Iowa courts between the man on whose land it fell and the man who dug it out.

The orchards and vineyards of California, in spite of their wonderful productivity and occasionally enormous profits, are likely to bring their cultivators to grief. The business is being overdone. Some lands have been sold at as high a price as \$1,000 an acre, and too many people are going into such enterprises.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS. All persons having claims against the estate of Cathew Rice, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of April, A. D. 1883. And all persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle promptly. April 11, 1883. THOMAS D. RICE, Adm'r Executor of Cathew Rice, dec'd.

NOTICE. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western North Carolina Railroad Company will take place in Salisbury, N. C., on the 14th day of the month. G. P. ERWIN, Secretary, Salisbury, N. C., April 10, 1883. Sec. & Treas. 1883.

BEER COOLER! OR SAVER OF ICE. Keeps Water, Milk, Meats, Butter, etc., cold with half the ice. In an ordinary way of keeping, there is no water, milk or butter connected with the ice. Hotels, restaurants, and places using large quantities of ice, can save enough every two months to pay for the machine.

FOR SALE! A No. 1 Iron Gray Mare, eight years old. Wanted sound and to work anywhere. Will be in Salisbury every Saturday until sold. For further particulars call at this office. Salisbury, April 11, 1883. 26:21-

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF Real Estate. In pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of Rowan County, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in Salisbury, on Monday the 2d day of April, 1883, a tract of land situate in Rowan County, lying on the "Miller's Ferry Road," adjoining the lands of Dr. I. W. Jones, Mrs. Hackett, Thomas M. Kerns and others, containing about Three Hundred Acres, and being the tract of land which was devised to "J. N. B. Johnson by John I. Shaver, as the "P. W. Place."

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LADIES: You will please yourselves very much by examining MY Spring and Summer Goods.

You will find many things which no one else has in our place and which you want I do and must say that the NEW DRESS GOODS have the finest Colors that have ever been brought out. THEY ARE PERFECTLY CHARMING. I have a full stock of them, consisting of—

CASIMERE, NUNS' VEILING, and many other kinds. Also Ottoman Silks, Satins, Laces, Buttons, Ribbons, Hosiery, Fans, Parasols, Kid, Lace and Lisle Thread GLOVES, all in perfect style and very pretty.

GENTLEMEN will find a full, complete, and a very nice selection of CLOTHING, HATS, Underwear, Collars, Cuffs, Hosiery, etc. ALL will please note that I buy more and sell more Goods than any other Store in Salisbury: I am a better and more stylish Stock, and have the best and leading trade of the Town. Very respectfully, J. D. GASKILL.

BRING YOUR TOBACCO TO KLUTTZ'S WAREHOUSE! A FRESH LOT OF SPRING PRINTS, And other Goods just received at

JOHN SHEPPARD, Business Manager and AUCTIONEER. SALES EVERY DAY. Good Prices Assured. BEST ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MAN AND BEAST. NO SALE, NO CHARGE! Insurance and Storage Free. Liberal Cash Advancements made on Tobacco held by us for future sale. KLUTTZ, GASKILL & CO. 15:1f

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as the Administrator of R. W. Sloan, dec'd, this is to notify all persons having claims against his estate to exhibit the same to me on or before the 1st day of March, 1884, or this notice will be placed in bar of recovery. Those indebted to his estate are requested to make payment without delay. P. P. MERONEY, Adm'r. This 24th January, 1883. 15:6m

Tobacco Hands Wanted! WANTED! Three or four hands to work on a Tobacco Plantation 7 miles from Asheville, N. C. Two married men with working hands preferred. One of them must be a good manager of horses and able to take care of stock. Both should know something about tobacco farming. Apply to J. D. McNEELY, Jan. 11, 1883. Salisbury, N. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the matter of the estate of R. Sloan, dec'd. All persons having claims against the estate of R. J. Sloan, dec'd, are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of January, A. D. 1884, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. W. F. LACKEY, Adm'r of R. J. Sloan, dec'd. This 24th January, 1883. 15:6m

LANDS FOR SALE OR RENT: VALUABLE LAND. On Monday, the 2d day of April next, at the Court House in Salisbury, I will sell the following land belonging to the estate of Dawalt Leutz, dec'd: One tract of 190 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Jacob Miller's heirs, Peter Miller's heirs and others. One tract of 24 acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Mrs. M. A. Leutz, John Morgan, John Earnhardt and others.

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE! On Monday the 7th day of May next, at the Court-House in Salisbury, I will sell a TRACT OF 125 ACRES, more or less, belonging to the estate of John Graham, dec'd. This land is situated in Atwell township, and adjoins the lands owned by the heirs of S. H. Hart and others, and is a part of the old Wm. B. Atwell plantation. It is a fine tract of land as there is in Rowan county, well timbered, containing some very fine bottom land, about six miles from Mooresville.

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