Carolina Watchman.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1885.

THE REVENUE OFFICE

On the statement of a Newton correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer*, will probably be located at Newton—Gov. Vance and Senator Ransom both concurring, it being a compromise as to the claims of Maj. Dowd and W. H. Williams, candidates for the Collectorship. We have no objection to urge to Newton. Bob Bost keeps a good a Hotel there—a whole-soul good fellow as ever rung a dinner bell. But he has no telephones, gongs, or foolishness of that sort to tickle any body's vanity, though everything else necessary for real comfort.

Newton is just as accessible by railroads and good country roads as any point yet named for the office. And we are sure there is not a county in the district more politically or physically healthy! Democracy spreads itself in Catawba like a great tree, by the rivers of water, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations and in whose branches the birds of heaven have their habitation. Let the office go Catawba by all means.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.

Hon. John S. Henderson has been notified of two changes in this county, to wit:

At Wooodleaf P. O. J. H. Rice has been appointed Postmaster.

At Heilig's Mills, Uriah E. Miller has been restored to the office of Postmaster, vice Christopher Gall removed.

We must confess some gratification at this last appointment, for the reason that prominent republicans of the county took a very active part in securing the removal of Mr. Miller for party purposes. Mr. Miller refused to vote with them, and they forthwith got up a petition in October last for his removal. The names of the signers to this petition have been published, among them, we are sorry to say, was the name of our clever P. M. in Salisbury, J. H. Ramsay, and our other clever townsmen, John A. Boyden, G. A. Bingham, John J. Stewart, &c. They were excessively hot against the "bourbon" ticket about that time, and thought, perhaps, that they could coerce political favor at Heilig's Mills for the republicans, where there was, in fact, only one or two white men at all disposed to show that party any favor whatever. It was a bad lick at a bad time that did them no good, and the restoration under the circumstances is just what might have been expected.

The Pittsboro *Home* having ventured some suggestions with reference to the scope, designs and end of the Agricultural department, with perhaps some allusion to failures on the part of the Commissioner, received notice shortly afterwards that his paper was no longer wanted at the department.

The *Farmer and Mechanic* was also discontinued but for alledged lack of funds. So also was the CAROLINA WATCHMAN, for the same reason, which, it must be admitted, is creditable under all circumstances. We never hesitate about stopping a paper when the subscriber says he is too "hard up" to pay for it. If the funds of the Agricultural Department are exhausted, (and Commissioner McGhee ought to know,) then it should come under the same common sense rule and curtail expenses. We have helped the Department to carry out the public work to which it is devoted by publishing various articles issued by it, selecting such of them as seemed likely to interest or benefit our readers; and shall continue to do this just as heretofore, for the same reason.

JONES TRUMPET.—Infinite variety is the law of the universe, there being no two places or things alike. We don't want a trumpet: Jones delights in one. We never could blow the thing Jones blows with ease. He is fond of it; We are not. It pays him; it might ruin us. Perhaps it pays Charlotte, but it might ruin Salisbury. But—did blowing make Charlotte or Charlotte make the blowing! The trumpet and her prosperity are not co-eval. Charlotte had the start by several years. She was in vigorous health, and striding like a giant before Jones commenced tooting. You have heard of the fly on the wheel. And yet there is real use for flies, and the world would be incomplete without them, their buzzing none the less. Blow, Jones, blow.

Gen. Wm. R. Terry, father of the young man who recently shot and killed Thomas A. Jeter, in Virginia, and was hanged for it by a mob, having been for some time in a precarious condition of health, has been kept in ignorance of the trouble in respect to his son; but his condition is now spoken of as hopeful, and great care is taken not to burden him with a knowledge of that most unfortunate affair.

The pressure of office seekers at Washington is described as awful and on the increase. They are pouring in from all directions, and especially from the South—North Carolina and Virginia conspicuously. The President and his Cabinet can do nothing but see and hear applicants for office—have done little else since the 4th of March. God help the men whose positions expose them to such a terrible strain. Fifty millions of the people quietly following their usual business pursuits at home, may have their highest interests jeopardized by a crowd of hungry office seekers besetting, worrying and hindering an officer whose time is precious, and who only asks to be let alone to work out the great reform the people demand. Is there no remedy for such an evil!

Ex-Auditor of the U. S. Treasury, R. M. Reynolds, was killed at St. Louis, June 2d, at the Southern Hotel.

It is in doubt whether he committed suicide or came to his death by accident. There is an air shaft in the hotel which cuts through the several floors. Mr. Reynolds was rooming on the 3d floor, and after a careful toilet in the morning, either jumped or fell down the air shaft. He was picked up dead. It is alledged that there was no cause for suicide and that the fatal plunge must have been the result of some accident, as a fit of vertigo, to which he was subject.

CYCLONE.—The Charlotte *Observer* reports quite a destructive cyclone in Mecklenburg county, Wednesday of last week. It begun in Steel township, and crossed the Carolina Central R. R. near Matthew's Station, destroying houses, fences, and trees, making a clean swept track. John McDowell, John Potter, Cyrus Wolfe, R. B. Hunter, John Randolph, Walter Pharr, Edgar Walker, Mr. M. Wolfe, Elam Bryce, and others, were all sufferers, some heavily and others not so much. No lives were lost. Trees not blown down were peeled and torn; and timber, and household articles blown away, were found a mile away from the place from whence they started. The general direction of the storm was about the same as those of last year.

Another great fact comes out to be given practical force in the commercial progress and prosperity of the world, in the discovery that petroleum is far preferable to coal for the propulsion of ocean steamers, the difference being as six to one. Coal is superior to wood, and petroleum, with the difference as indicated above, must tend to increase its value, notwithstanding its great abundance.

The Ocean House, at Morehead City, N. C., with Dr. Wm. H. Howerton as manager, will contest for pleasure and health seekers this Summer. Persons who have never looked out on the broad ocean—never felt a sea breeze—nor glided over the water in a boat—never pulled a big fish out of the water, nor walked on shores paved with shells, would enjoy a season at the Ocean House.

President Cleveland has written to President Battle that the exacting duties of his office will prevent his acceptance of the invitation to attend the Commencement at Chapil Hill. Poor man, he cannot escape from the army of office seekers who swarm about Washington like so many tormenting flies.

The work of removing partizan office holders and supernumeraries goes on steadily but firmly. Cleveland is picking off his game with a rifle—takes 'em one at a time; but it takes all the members of his Cabinet and a few members of Congress besides to keep his guns loaded and ready. He will not use a Gatling gun, for reasons all his own way, so there is no use in talking about it.

The Greensboro *Patriot* says: "Why not esblish a cucumber pickle factory in Greensboro?" Sure enough. These small industries are the sources of wealth and prosperity elsewhere. Why not make them so here! They require no great amount of capital—only intelligence and industry.

WM. D. COOK, founder of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind institution in Raleigh, and of which he was for sixteen years the principal, is dead. He was 74 years old. His life, with the exception of a few of his latter years, was devoted to the relief of the unfortunate deaf, dumb and blind.

According to a recent decision in the City Court of Savannah, Ga., a member of a beneficiary society, as for instance the Knights of the Golden Rule, who may commit suicide, his heirs may recover the money he paid the society in fess, but not the sum provided as benefit in case he had died in some other way.

The Balsam fir tree of the mountains of this State is said to be splendid material for the manufacture of wood pulp, now so largely used for paper making.

WHITES AND BLACKS. RATES OF INCREASE.—The New York *Times* very effectually explodes the Rev. R. H. Allen's figures in respect to the extraordinary and rapid increase of the negroes in this country, by which it was estimated that in 100 years from now the relative numbers of the two races would stand—blacks 192,000,000, whites 96,000,000. The *Times* tries the question by several rules, but this, we think, is conclusive, to wit:

"It is not difficult to find out just what the rate of increase for each race has been since our first census was taken. The average decennial rate of increase for the white people for the five decennial periods beginning in 1790 and ending in 1840 was very nearly 35 per cent., while the corresponding average rate for the colored race was only 30½ per cent. The white rate for each of the two following decades was more than 27½ per cent., while the rate for the blacks was 26½ for one of the decades and only 22 for the other. The rates for the double decade ending in 1880 have already been given—white, 61; colored, 48. The same general tendency can be shown in another way. In 1790 the colored people were 19.27 per cent of the whole population, and the whites were 80.73 per cent. This proportion was substantially maintained until 1820, when the colored people began to steadily advance. In 1860 the whites were 65.62 per cent of the whole and the colored people only 14.13 per cent. Omitting the untrustworthy census of 1870, we come to the last census, which shows that the whites were then 86.54 per cent. and the colored people only 13.12 per cent.

These figures effectualy dispose of sensational statements like those made by Dr. Allen.

A PHOSPHORESCENT WORM.—Mr. John D. Moore, of Cape Fear township, has sent to the *Record's* museum a phosphorescent worm, that is somewhat like the ordinary grub-worm, but when placed in the dark it is covered with circles that glitter brightly, and is beautiful to beheld.—Chatham *Record*.

Just such a worm was found in this vicinity in 1833 or '39 and given to Dr. Pleasant Henderson, who kept it for some time in a small glass globe on his mantle, and used it to find his match box.

It may not be generally known that we have the glow worm in this part of the State—a small dark colored worm emitting a single spark of light—a constant glow. It is not seen every year nor at all times of the summer in any year; but only under certain conditions of the weather and in places thought to be peculiarly favorable for it.—WATCHMAN.

Mr. Malloy who has traveled considerable during the past week over the northern part of the county reports fine prospects for a tobacco crop. He also informs us that the peach and apple crop in the vicinity of Crab Tree will be large notwithstanding the late frost.—Waynesville *News*.

Mr. C. L. Smathers is erecting a fine brick building at Pigeon Valley to be used for merchantile purposes. A number of other buildings will be put up this season and the little village seems to have caught the spirit of enterprise which is now arousing all of Western North Carolina.—*Ib.*

We are pained to learn that Miss Florence, second daughter of Col. Irby is seriously ill with what is believed to be diphtheria.—Bakersville *Democrat*.

Mr. Austin Parker, brother-in-law of Mr. R. M. Payne, of our city, died this morning at 2 o'clock, of consumption. He had been sick for some time. His funeral will take place at Mr. Payne's residence, tomorrow evening at 2 o'clock. Services concluded at the grave.—*Twin City*.

An Old Axe.—Mr. Thomas Brewer, of Oakland township, has an old broad axe that was left at Lockville during the Revolutionary war by the army of Lord Cornwalis. It has stamped on it the royal arms of King George, and was found by Mr. Brewer's grandfather. It will be remembered that after the battle of Guilford Court House the British army was encamped for two or three days, in the latter part of March, 1781, at the place then known as Ramsey's Mill, but now called Lockville.—*Chatham Record*.

They are having a lively time over in Danville. The effort is being made to turn Mr. Wheeler, their present Postmaster, out and put some one else in. Mr. Wheeler says he won't and those opposed say he shall. He has been Postmaster for 18 years and we think it is time some one else should have the place if there is anyone else there who could fill the place and we believe there is.—*Twin City*.

A Valuable Patent.—Messrs. James K. Hardwick and E. B. Welles, of Madison, have obtained letters patent for a tobacco drier which is doubtless destined to prove of immense benefit to the tobacco growers of this and other sections. It is a heat regulating attachment for the flues and in the curing of tobacco. The object of this invention is not only to save time, labor and expense in curing tobacco, but to insure uniform color thereto and to prevent sweating and spotting as well as to cure out stalks and stems.—*Asheville Citizen*.

A Prize Worth Winning.—Dr. Robert S. Young of this town carried off the prize at the Medical Convention, which met in Durham last week for the best professional essay read before the Convention. The prize was a case of Surgical instruments which cost 50 dollars. We congratulate our young friend on his success, the result of hard study, and close application to professional duty.—*Concord Register*.

The Congregational Meeting.—Last Friday night the Congregation of the Presbyterian church held their annual congregational meeting. The Reports of the Eldership, board of Deacons, and sabbath school superintendents, were read.

All the reports were exceedingly gratifying. The church is in a very healthy, progressive condition.—*Ib.*

Washington Letter.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30, 1885.

Since I last wrote you a change has come over the bright illusion of official security in the breasts of a large number of Republican office holders. There have been numerous dismissals during the past week, and nine tenths of those who remain see ever before them the Damocles sword labeled "your turn next." The dismissals have been chiefly for offensive partizanship and also for dishonesty, insobriety, and general unfitness. The new Administration is beginning to know its ground, get its hand in, and to overcome its native bashfulness. It will learn more day by day, and the rascals will go. and go with accelerated velocity.

The recensly appointed chiefs of Bureau to whose attention cases of suspected wrong doing has been brought, feel themselves handicapped by the Republican clerks who are subordinate to them, but upon whom they cannot depend for co-operation. When papers are referred to these clerks for investigation and report, they are placed in possession of the movements of the enemy, and they are quick to take advantage of their confidential position, and to play the traitor by informing interested parties outside the departments that an investigation threatens. It is not difficult to see how valuable and important such information is to the old rings and ringsters that have had and still have this underground wire and back stairs connection with the Treasury and other Government departments. Clerks who have been in collusion, and actually in guilty partnership, with claimants and others dealing with the Government, obtain the earliest information of proposed investigations, and are enabled to cover up suspicious appearances and forewarn their outside accomplices.

The disadvantage of Democratic officials is that they stand solitary and helpless at the heads of their departments with no subordinate whom they can trust. They are in the condition of a General whose army is treacherously servile and whose sentinels are colleagues of the enemy. The new Administration will never recover the Holy Cross of political purity at the head of a host of Republican infidels.

The discharges for offensive partizanship during the past week have been chiefly from Post Offices, and a majority of them have been in Virginia, but every day witnesses a number of discharges from the Departments here in this city. They consist chiefly of those clerks who were absent from their desks during the late campaign, making speeches for Blaine, organizing Republican clubs, and doing other campaign work while drawing pay as clerks. This rule of offensive partizanship, if impartially applied, will slay its thousands. A Government clerk has no more business to be an active partizan, than a bank clerk, or a hod carrier. He is employed to do certain clerical work, and he should do that work not as a Republican or Democrat, but as a clerk. When he neglects to do the work he should be as peremptorily discharged, as he would be if he were a clerk in any private business house.

Apart from discharges and rumors of discharges, clerical life in the immense Counting House of Uncle Sam is not what it used to be. There is more work, less play, and better health. The Republican employe has a gloomy, care-worn face, but he is keeping better hours, and bringing forth fruit meet for repentance. Officers that have been for years in arrears with their work are now up to date. Since it has been given out that protracted absence from sickness shall be without pay, and that any absence shall be subtracted from the thirty days vacation allowed each clerk, there has been a remarkable decline of sham sickness.

NOT STRANGE BUT TRUE.—Worms do exist in the human body and are often the cause of disease and death. Shriner's Indian Vermifuge will destroy and expel them from the system.

Administrator's Notice!

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of C. J. Miller deceased, I hereby give notice to all persons who have claims against the estate of said C. J. Miller to present the same to me properly authenticated within one year from this date, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of said C. J. Miller, are requested to make immediate payment to me.

S. H. WILEY, Adm'r. of C. J. Miller dec'd.
Salisbury, N. C. June 1st, '85. 33:6t.

Mr. T. C. A., of Atlanta, desires to say that "I have been a constant sufferer with G. and G. for over two years; have failed to secure relief from any source until I obtained Kinch, two bottles of which effected an entire cure without any loss of time, change of diet or the use of any internal medicine."

One bottle of B. B. B. will purify your blood.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LAND!

By virtue of executions, issued from the Superior Court of Iredell County, against the lands of James B. Woods in favor of Trenton Rubber Works, J. W. Cardwell & Co., E. L. Tunis & Co., Bickford & Huffman, Watkins, Cattrell & Co., Sam'l G. B. Cook & Co., and Malin Plow Co., I will sell at the Court House door in the town of Salisbury, on the

First Monday in June,

It being the 1st day of June next, the following tract of land, situated in the County of Rowan and described as follows:

One tract containing Two Hundred Acres of land, more or less, adjoining the lands of John Leazer, Wm. Smith, James Corrier and others, and known as the "D. K. Woods tract of land." Terms of sale cash.

C. C. KRIDER, Sheriff.
April 30, 1885.—1m

Administrator's Notice!

All persons having claims against the estate of John S. Hide decd., are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 8th of May 1886, or this notice notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

D. M. BARRIER, Adm'r.
May 6th, 1885.

Notice to Settle:

All persons indebted to the estate of Mrs. Julia L. Smyth, deceased, are requested to make immediate settlement; and all persons having claims against her estate are notified that they must present them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd of April, 1886, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

ROBERT MURPHY,
ANDREW MURPHY,
Ex'rs of Julia Smyth.
April 21st, 1885.—6w

SALE OF LAND!

On Monday the 6th day of July, 1885, I will sell to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the town of Salisbury, at the hour of 12 o'clock, a tract of land, known as the Polly Hartman Land, it being the same devised by the said Polly Hartman to Solomon Ketchey and others, containing 154½ acres more or less, lying and situated in the township of Litaker.

This is a valuable tract of land well located and within a few miles of Salisbury.

TERMS of sale—One-half cash, the balance within six month from date of sale. The deferred payment to be secured by bond and good security. By order of the Superior Court of Rowan county.

KERR CRAIGE, Com'r.
May 12, 1885.—30:tds