

The Bakersville Democrat mentions the retirement of ex-deputy Collector Lillington from the service in the mountains, and his return to his home in Yadkin.

How the world was made is still, and perhaps ever will be, a question in dispute. We have seen the result of a recent calculation by some distinguished figure maker, that the earth is still receiving accessions to its weight of material, coming to her in the shape of meteors, at the rate of 4,900 lbs per minute.

SNAPPING TURTLES.—Two 20 pounders were captured in a Pennsylvania pond recently while engaged in a deadly conflict. After being lifted into a boat by their tails, the fight went on as while in the water.

The lunatic asylum at Williamsburg, Va., comprising that portion occupied by 200 females, was destroyed by fire Sunday night last, the flames being first discovered about 12 o'clock.

The town of Suffolk, in Va., also sustained a \$300,000 loss by fire the same night, commencing at 11 o'clock. It swept off, under a brisk wind, a large part of the town, inflicting loss and distress upon many good citizens.

THE COTTON CROP.—The monthly report of the National Cotton exchange at New Orleans, under date of June 8th, says the May weather has brought the crops to far higher status than excited last year at the corresponding date.

Excitement in England.—The telegraphic news dispatched to the Associated Press, June 9th, from England says—great surprise is expressed at the defeat of the government.

A Cabinet council was convened at noon and was in session until 1.15 o'clock. It is understood that the situation was thoroughly discussed, and it was decided that in view of the defeat last night it would be inconsistent for members of the Cabinet to remain longer in office.

Scientific American: Tuttle's comet, having a period of 134 years, is due in July. It has met with no disaster in its journey through space it will come up at the appointed time.

It is estimated that 10,000,000 bare balls are made and sold in this country a year. The winding of yarn is done by machinery, but the finishing by hand.

CAR WHEELS.—The Manufacturer's Record, of Baltimore, has an interesting description of the Armiston, Alabama, car wheel manufactory—a very large and thoroughly equipped establishment, turning out 200 car wheels a day.

The Niagara Falls, together with other property adjacent has been purchased by private parties holding it by the State of New York, for the purpose of making it a public park.

HO! FOR THE BLACK.—The School Teachers have arranged to hold a great assembly at Black Mountain this summer. They are already in motion, moving up in that direction.

LEPROSEY.—The Baltimore Times in an article on this dread disease, adverts to the fact that it has existed in a certain district in Louisiana for more than one hundred years.

Prof. A. E. Foote, of Philadelphia, speaking of the presence of gold in all earths, says there is more gold in the clay under the city of Philadelphia than would equal the entire valuation of the city.

The Cooper Union, of New York, reports 4,408 pupils during the last year. It is a free institution, comprising in the scope of instruction the arts and sciences generally, practical and theoretical.

People who live mainly on peas, will probably be glad to learn that a machine for shelling them has been patented, and that it will turn them out rapidly by the bushel.

Oliver Logan's Advice to Girls.

REPUBLICAN BY REQUEST. A woman's safeguard is to keep a man's hands off her. If you need his assistance in walking, take his arm instead of his taking yours.

There are indications, says the News-Observer, that the great Russian movement will be changed in direction from the eastward to the southward. The czar now frowns upon Serbia.

A RECKLESS CONCLUSION.—A prominent corset dealer in the East, who claims to have gathered reliable statistics, says that 18 per cent. more corsets are sold in the winter than summer.

After Three Months.

Three months ago a Democratic Administration was established at Washington. For twenty-four years before, the Republican party had been in power.

The transfer of the Government from the Republicans to the Democrats was dreaded even by not a few timid Democratic capitalists. They were afraid it would provoke disturbance which would be hurtful to their pecuniary interests.

Well, we have now had a Democratic Administration for three months. The Union still exists, no disturbance has occurred, the wheels of the Government move smoothly.

The South introduces no discord, and makes no pretensions, but quietly pursues its path of progress, only happier and more hopeful than before.

Danger in a change? Not much.—New York Sun.

Cloud Burst in Buncombe.

Saturday afternoon, the cloud which was seen from here, hung so heavily and ominously over Hominy valley, burst with destructive effect. It fell in the nature of a water spout or a cloud burst, with a cataract hailstones.

Jones County Fishing.

I heard a gentleman relating a wonderful fish story at Trenton on Saturday last. This gentleman said that one of his very reliable and excellent neighbors, during our late civil war, was crossing the river near Trenton with a jug of honey.

News and Observer: Maj. James W. Wilson, of Morganton, yesterday told the reporter some queer things in regard to the distemper among cattle. If cattle are brought east from the mountains they die, generally in a few weeks, from distemper.

At his home in Thomasville, N. C., last Saturday evening, the Rev. John W. Lewis, of the North Carolina Conference, passed quietly from earth to heaven.

Much discussion has been excited by an alleged conference at the country residence of Mr. Tilden, having for its object a bringing together of the divergent views of leading Democrats on the silver question before the meeting of Congress.

It is said also that this conference will be followed by another to be held soon by prominent Democrats for the purpose of bringing about harmony on the tariff question. The conferences are made the subject of much innocent mirth and some ill-natured ridicule on the part of the Republican organs.

The Tomb of Washington.

A correspondent of one of our evening papers makes complaint of the management of the Mount Vernon estate, which holds the tomb of the Father of his Country. This estate, it will be remembered, was purchased many years ago, and is now held in trust by a committee of patriotic ladies, by whom it is kept as a place of public resort.

This complaint should be investigated, and, if found true, a remedy applied. The lady managers owe it to themselves and to the country to make a careful report of their doings, and especially of the disposition made of the funds received from the public.

The Direct Tax.

WASHINGTON, June 8th.—Comptroller Durham has just rendered an important decision as to retaining money due the State of Mississippi as a set off against direct taxes. Comptroller Durham holds that under the Constitution the direct taxes were assessed against citizens of the State and not against the State, and hence were not an indebtedness of the State in corporate capacity.

UNCLE SAM'S BALANCE SHEET.—The debt statement issued today shows the decrease of the public debt for the month of May (according to old form) to be \$4,425,484.91, decrease of debt since June 30, 1884, \$54,500,714.89.

Judge Atkins Refuses the Motion for a New Trial.

RICHMOND, Va., June 8.—Judge Atkins today overruled the motion for a new trial, in the case of T. J. Cluverius, convicted of the murder of Lillian Madison. The prisoner's counsel entered a motion for an arrest of judgment, and asked that the hearing be postponed until Tuesday the 16th inst., in order to give them time to examine the record as to the precise point to bring to the attention of the court, and propose bills of exception.

Washington Letter.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1885.

Notwithstanding the hot weather already felt in Washington, I learn that the President and his Cabinet propose to remain here all summer. There had been talk of going to Soldiers' Home, which place has been a convenient dog days retreat for Presidents since President Lincoln set the fashion.

The last few years have made great changes in the appearance of Washington. Your correspondent has resided here but twelve years, but he has seen less than half that time the whole streets of negro shanties give place to elegant houses of claim agents, mail contractors, and millionaire Senators.

In an article on the currency an Arizona editor says: "We are rich beyond the dreams of the imagination in gold and silver." The next article is an earnest exhortation to the subscribers to pay up, as the editor is "badly strapped."

A little girl was asked by her mother on her return from the temple how she liked the preacher. "Didn't like him at all," was the reply. "Why?" "Cause he preached till he made me sleepy, then he hollered so loud that he wouldn't let me go to sleep."

To The Farmers.

I have on sale at prices and terms to suit the times, as follows: The celebrated Morgan "New Clipper" and SEYMOUR MOWERS—guaranteed to give satisfaction or no sale.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of executions, issued from the Superior Court of Ireddell County, against the lands of James B. Woods in favor of Trenton Rubber Works, J. W. Carlwell & Co., E. L. Tunis & Co., Dickford & Huff-man, 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

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 Lenzer, Wm. Smith, James Corrier and others, and known as the "D. K. Woods tract of land." Terms of sale cash.

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE AT BLACKMER, N. C. ATTENTION, GOOD FARMERS. Of Steele and surrounding townships I have been with and among you for the past two years, I have studied your interests and necessities and can assure you that my General Store of Merchandise is always complete and up to your wants in every particular.

WANTED! ACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT AGENTS in every town, county and city to sell our NEW BIRD'S EYE BRAND BULBS. Ministers, teachers and others, whose time is not fully occupied, will find it to their interest to correspond with us.

C. J. MILLER, IS STILL AT THE Corner of Kerr & Lee Streets, with a full line of DRY GOODS and GROCERIES. Also keeps a First Class BOARDING HOUSE.

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 154 1/2 acres more or less, lying and situated in the township of Lataker.

RED C. OIL, Cheap— [17c] AGENS!

WOMAN! "Grove was in all her steps, Heaven in her eye, In every gesture dignity and love!" So every Mother Eye, and so many thin her fair descendants, with the exercise of common sense, care and proper treatment. An enormous number of female complaints are directly caused by disturbances or suppression of the Menstrual Function.

HEALTH RESTORED! This will certify that two members of my immediate family, after having suffered for many years from menstrual irregularity, and having been treated without benefit by various medical doctors, were at length cured by one bottle of Dr. Braxfield's Female Regulator. Its effect in such cases is truly wonderful, and will make the remedy be called "Woman's Best Friend."