

# Carolina Watchman.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1889.

Senator Vance is still improving and expects to resume his place in the Senate after a few days.

The Senate's rejection of the British Extradition treaty was by the decisive vote of 33 to 15, nor was the division on party lines.

The most remarkable improvement in the newspapers of North Carolina for the last few months is observed in the Asheville Citizen.

The WATCHMAN has also condemned the law as more harmful than beneficial. It goes far towards destroying credit by shielding dishonest persons in refusing to pay honest debts.

Mr. Cleveland had to send in another veto. He could not see why a widow whose husband died in 1883 of typhoid fever could be entitled to receive a pension.

President-elect Harrison is said to be only five feet five inches in height. A pretty small man for so big an office. The tallest President was Mr. Lincoln, he being six feet four inches.

The House committee on Territories will decide on Wednesday as to the advisability of reporting the bill admitting Utah; also, Mr. Springer's second "omnibus" bill admitting Arizona, Wyoming and Idaho.

Speaker Carlisle says he looks forward with pleasure to giving up the cares of the office he has held so long. It is generally conceded that he has made one of the most impartial Speakers the House has ever had.

A resolution has passed both houses of the Arkansas Legislature requesting the Governor to offer a reward of \$500 for the conviction of the parties who stole the Pulaski county ballot boxes just after the last election.

The Agricultural Department bill is now ready for the President's signature and there is little doubt about that being promptly affixed. If President Cleveland appoints a Secretary of Agriculture Commissioner Coleman will be the man.

Mr. Gatling, the inventor, it is announced, has invented a new gun, especially designed to subdue mobs in cities. It fires 1200 shots in a minute, and in that brief space of time is capable of sweeping a crowded street pretty clean.

One of the hands on the schooner Lady of the Ocean was suffocated by the fumes of lime last Tuesday in Chatham harbor, Me. The schooner was loaded with lime and, experiencing heavy seas shipped enough water to slack her cargo.

Archduke Rudolf, Crown Prince of Austria, committed suicide on Jan. 30th. The Crown Prince had betrayed a daughter of a noble family, and his suicide was the outcome of an understanding between the girls brother and her Royal betrayer.

Two colored female shoplifters were detected in Cincinnati in a very curious way. As they were going out the bustle on one of them gave way and dropped to the floor when a number of the finest quality of Jersey jackets rolled out which they had stolen and concealed. The bustle must go.

The number of nominations unacted upon and now pending before the Senate is over 400. When a Republican Senator is asked whether his party proposes to "hang up" all these nominations for good, he will begin to talk with great interest about something else.

At a mine in Michigan where they have been troubled with quick sand, they have hit upon the novel plan of freezing it solid and then removing it. The freezing is done by means of inserting pipes into the sand and then forcing a freezing solution through them which makes the quick sand as hard as granite. It is then blasted and removed.

The House committee on Ways and Means will endeavor to get up a compromise tariff bill embodying those features of the Mills and Senate bills that both sides can accept without too great a back-down. But owing to the short time left to the Fifty-first Congress it is doubtful if anything comes of it. It is said that John Wanamaker, the man who is to get a seat in the coming cabinet because he raised \$500,000 for the Republican campaign fund, has bought a residence in Washington for \$30,000. He is making politics quite an expensive luxury.

The advance guard of the grand army of Republican broad-and-butter patriots has arrived in Washington. Every man of them wants an office. In less than six months some of them who are now asking for big positions will be trying to compromise on a place as messenger or watchman in some of the Departments.

The refusal of Senator Allison to bury his presidential aspirations by becoming Secretary of the Treasury for General Harrison, has knocked the cabinet makers silly. They do not seem able to pull themselves together yet, or to know what to say next. It is believed that John Sherman chuckles to himself every time he gets in a dark place over Mr. Harrison's trouble in making up his cabinet.

Governor Fowle is urging the Legislature to adopt measures for making the penitentiary self sustaining. If the people of the State had known that they would be heavily taxed for the support of two or three thousand prisoners in this institution, they would never have consented to a departure from the old system of every county keeping their own criminals and convicts in county prisons.

The Wilmington Messenger says a man has just died in Cabarrus county who once risked his life to save his Colonel, Hon. William Henry Harrison Cowles. But the striking thing about it is that Col. Cowles did not forget the obligation. He has regularly remitted the old soldier money to relieve his necessities, and last Christmas sent him a check for a handsome amount. This is the sort of man to tie to.

President Cleveland and Secretary Bayard have every right to be proud over their action in the Samoan matter. They have made the greatest bully of the nineteenth century—Bismarck—get down on his marrow bones and acknowledge himself in the wrong, and promise to do better in the future. What is to come out of this Samoan squabble remains to be seen, but up to the latest data American rights and honor were intact, and likely to remain so.

A bold attempt at robbery was made at the Armourdale (Kan.) Bank last Saturday afternoon by a young man only 17 years old. While the cashier was counting gold coin a pistol was thrust in his face and he heard the robber say, "Will you please pass over that pile?" A clerk standing near picked up a pistol and pointing it at the would-be robber said, "Hands up," which demand was complied with and the young gentleman was marched off to jail.

Representative Houck, of Tennessee, who is trying to boom Mahone into the Cabinet, has received a letter from Ben Butler endorsing Mahone for Postmaster-General. Stop a moment and think, dear reader, of the combination. Butler and Mahone. What a pair they would make. It would be exceedingly hard to make it three of a kind, and to make it fours would be impossible. Butler endorses Mahone but who endorses Butler, that's the interesting question.

We respectfully take off our hat and make our obeisance to Hickory as an enterprising, growing town, she can now boast of electric lights, (turned on last Monday night for the first), one of the finest hotels in the State, not a vacant opera house or store in the place, a beautiful opera house building, a handsome, roomy and convenient female college, with an excellent school going on, and a promise from the R. R. Co. of a new passenger and freight depot. Thirty years ago there was nothing there but a cross roads tavern, and only the energy and push of a few men have made Hickory what she is. Why not settle the county seat controversy by moving it there.

A strong appeal to the public in favor of American shipping was made by the American Shipping League which held its annual session in Washington last week. Friday evening a public meeting was held at which a number of prominent Democrats and Republicans made speeches commending the work undertaken by the League. A notable feature of the speeches was the complimentary manner in which the Republican speakers alluded to Secretary Whitney, Representative Boutelle, of Maine, called him the "enterprising and wide-awake Secretary of the Navy," etc. When one at all familiar with the Navy Department under previous administrations looks at what Mr. Whitney has accomplished, and how little it has cost, comparatively, he cannot help commending the hardworking Secretary for the good he has done, and regretting that the country is so soon to lose the services of such a man.

## Two Important Questions for the Legislature?

We hold that the present Legislature should pass an act to disfranchise every man who sells his vote, and as the buyer of a vote should also be disfranchised. These are self-evident propositions. The man who sells his vote basely perverts a public trust to his own private use without regard to the public welfare. Whether this be done through ignorance or from depravity, does not alter the case: it is still a political crime for which both buyer and seller should be punished by disfranchisement. The buyer of votes is a deliberate corrupter of the ballot box—an enemy to the election system as contemplated by the constitution and laws of the State.

This Legislature should also immortalize itself by an act to restrict the privilege of voting to those only who pay the taxes. What right has John Doe to vote a tax on Richard Roe when he himself pays no tax? What right has John Doe to vote on the appropriation of funds raised by taxing the said Richard Roe, when he, the said John, has not paid out a dime towards raising the fund for public uses? Evidently there is a wrong here—a great wrong to the honest tax payer, and this Legislature ought to see it and remedy it.

## No Tariff Legislation.

It is pretty generally agreed among those familiar with the problems of taxation which affect this country that the so-called tariff reduction wrought by the Republican Senate will not lessen the taxes the people have to pay one iota. It was explained, during the campaign, to those within the Republican party who favor tariff reform (for there are such here and there) that the tariff could best be reformed by its friends, and so we have it that those poor man's necessities pearls and attar of roses have been made cheaper while there has been an increase of the tax on woolen clothing to 90 per cent.—a rise of 23 per cent.—and an increase on other clothing, on metals, lumber, provisions and so on. This sort of reduction the people don't appreciate.

Accordingly the Democratic House will have none of the Senate abortion. The Democracy is on the side of the people and against monopoly, against the trusts and the other combines. It will accept no compromise from the beneficiaries of the robber tariff. It will accept no makeshift at the hands of the Republican leaders, who recognize the popular demand for tariff reduction and whose only anxiety is to outwit it—to seem to comply with it while they are all the while playing into the hands of the northern monopolists.

There will be no tariff legislation by the next Congress. It is impossible to pass a bill really reducing tariff taxation and so relieving the people because of the opposition of the Republicans. It is certain that the monstrosity got up by the Republicans will be rejected, as it deserves to be. It is but a blind. It is intended only to throw dust in the eyes of the people, who realize sorely indeed the necessity for revision and reduction of the tariff. But the fight for genuine reduction will go on—in Congress and throughout the country. It represents the leading issue, though its champions have recently met with a reverse. It will be waged with ever increasing earnestness and effectiveness. It is as important to the country as was the battle of Bunker-Hill. It is the struggle of the people for the maintenance of their rights against the aggressions of monopolistic combinations. And it will result in a complete and permanent victory.

It is a fact that in the manufacturing centres of the country, in New Jersey, Connecticut, and the great cities of New England like Lowell, it was the issue of revenue reform that made the most substantial gains for Cleveland, in spite of the unscrupulous bull-dozing practiced by the tariff barons. It is only necessary for the campaign of enlightenment with respect to tariff tax oppression to be carried on faithfully through the next four years for the farmers generally as well as the artisans to respond to its teaching. The protectionists will then be as much surprised at the strong revenue-reform vote in all the agricultural districts as they were disappointed in November at their failure to secure a larger vote in the districts devoted to manufacturing.—News-Observer.

Wanamaker is a self-made man. That is to say, he has from a worker in a brick-yard got to be a great merchant, and as the capstone to his monument has bought himself into Harrison's Cabinet. He owns the biggest retail store in America, is superintendent of a Sunday school with 3,000 scholars, the biggest thing in America, has never been to a circus or theatre, does not drink or smoke, and has the honor of having raised more Boodle with which to bribe election than any other man in this great country. Wanamaker does things on a big scale. He gave Harrison \$100,000 and brought down the game. John is allowed to have a big bite at the cherry. He is now very happy.—Wilmington Star.

A large portion of the available pine districts of Georgia, Florida and Louisiana are being secured by syndicate controlled by Phelps, Dodge & Co. of New York.

## The State Press.

Collector Richmond informs us that at this time no distillery is in operation in this county.—Concord Standard.

The man that is not a candidate for Railroad Commissioner in North Carolina just now ought to be caught and sent to Barnum's museum. They are said to be swarming around the Capitol like flies around a molasses jug.—Asheville Citizen.

Although this is called a Farmers' Legislature, a bill to protect sheep by taxing dogs, was killed in a very summary manner, hardly a word being said in its favor. Would it not be well for all sub-alliances in the State to express their views on this question? Have the poor sheep no friends, who will protect them from the worthless curs?—Chatham Record.

A regular train will be placed on the Wilkesboro road between this point and Rural Hall in something less than two weeks, should the weather continue favorable for work. The trains will be run upon a schedule making close connections with the east and west bound trains on the C. F. & Y. V. road. Switches are now being placed so as to connect the road at Rural Hall.—Twin-City Daily.

Two hundred and fifty places of business in the city of New-Berne, yet, in our recent edition of five thousand only thirty-three exclusive of steamer lines had cards and advertisements. We sometimes blush while writing articles on the enterprise and push and amount of business done in New-Berne, because we know that our advertising columns do not verify the claim.—New-Berne Journal.

There was shipped from Winston during the month of January one million one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco. This will give you a faint conception of Winston's enormous dealings in the weed. Only yesterday she shipped seventy-five thousand pounds of manufactured tobacco. Is there any other city that can beat it? If so we would be glad to hear from it.—Twin-City Daily.

A party of gentlemen from the North, whom rumor says are negotiating for the purchase of the Wilmington, Onslow and East Carolina railroad, were in the city yesterday. They took a trip over the Seacoast road to the Hammocks, and in the evening left town for a visit to Onslow. Among the party are Mr. Wm. A. Nash, President of the Corn Exchange Bank of New York, and Mr. Thos. A. McIntyre, of the same city.—Wilmington Star.

## Southern Business Notes.

Five furnaces and a rolling mill are to be erected at Cartersville, Ga.

Nearly 308 coke ovens are in blast, and 104 are under construction in the Blue Stone, W. Va., district.

Anniston, Ala., is booming. The sum of \$1,500,000 was invested there in new enterprises in 1888.

The taxes of Blackwell's Durham tobacco paid to the Government during the year 1888 were \$250,000.

Most of the axe handles made in the United States come from Louisville, Ky. One firm in that city employs 300 men.

Decatur, Ala., shows an increase of 500 per cent. in population in sixteen months. The best grade of charcoal pig iron can be manufactured there at \$11.50 per ton.

Hopkinsville is one of the growing towns of Kentucky, and the prospect of the construction of the Ohio Valley Railroad is stimulating the town to unwonted activity.

A correspondent of the Richmond Dispatch says that about a century ago Richard Randolph, of Virginia, emancipated his slaves and left them 500 acres of land. How the experiment resulted, he relates in the following words: "His will was fully carried out. About 100 slaves were bought. Five hundred acres of his best land, lying on the Appomattox river, near Prospect, in Prince Edward county, and about ten miles above Farmville, were laid off for them. Houses were erected and some stock and utensils given to them at the expense of the estate, and they have had now a century to work out their own destiny and to exhibit to the world their capabilities for taking a part in the civilization of the age. This place, known as Israel Hill, has been regarded for sixty years as a pest house a blot upon the surface of the country in which it is situated, and the value of the near and adjoining plantations has been depreciated by their contiguity. Vice and intemperance have done their usual work upon the unfortunate negroes and their descendants. Unused to labor, ignorant, indolent and wholly vicious and corrupt, they have dwindled away in stature and in numbers until but a miserable handful of ragged and pauperized pariahs remains as the result of the fairest experiment of negro emancipation in the world's history.

We regret to learn that a little daughter of Mr. Winship Goodwin, of New Hope township, was accidentally killed by the falling of a tree, a few days ago. The child was sitting near where her brothers were cutting down some trees, and, as one of the trees in falling was blown by the wind in the wrong direction, she ran to get out of its way, but was caught under it, and crushed so badly that she died in about an hour.—Concord Standard.

There is not a single distillery, government or illicit, in the borders of Buncombe county.—Asheville Citizen.

## Dodging.

The present Legislature is weak in the back, at least on one question. If it is afraid to tackle the ignorant and the vicious element that swarms at our polls, it would of course be far from passing a dog law. The Wilmington Star calls it the Farmers' Legislature, and says "It is in honor on braving a popular majority. The House has tabled a proposition to amend the Constitution so as to compel electors to pay tax. By this act they reaffirm the declaration that it is proper and right that ignorant negroes that do not pay one cent of tax shall still have the right to tax others. In the forum of common sense, fairness and justice it will be hard to sustain that action. Again the Star repeats its own conviction that no man should be entitled to exercise the elective franchise who does not pay a tax. Why should any man be burdened and afflicted with taxes levied by ignorant and blind ignorance? Why should a rascal who pays no tax, and robs a henroost at night, who is as ignorant of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship as a baboon, be allowed to go to the polls to select public officials and to levy taxes upon the intelligence, virtue and enterprise of the State? It is a starknaked outrage."—Charlotte News.

## Sudden Death in Statesville.

STATESVILLE, Feb. 5.—During the session of the Supreme Court to-day the head of Frank Stone, a citizen of the county, who was in the audience, fell back, and he began gasping. Water was thrown in his face. While being carried out he died.

The doctors say the cause of death was organic disease of the heart. His brother-in-law is the foreman of the grand jury.—Charlotte Chronicle.

A railroad commission, if one is established, should not be used as an agency for salving wounds the result of political defeat. It will be no place for disappointed politicians and the places should not be distributed on the ground of party services. And again: Some of the suggestions of names in connection with these places are ridiculous. The railroad question is one of the most intricate questions of the day—one may as easily master the tariff. For the places on this commission, therefore, are needed the very ablest men in the State. And they should be not only able and practical men but men of the best nerve and the highest integrity. It is much easier to find men in North Carolina for Governors and Senators than to find fit material for railroad commissioners. The places demand such a combination of qualities as few men possess and the individual or the tribunal to which is left the selection of these officers will have on hand a duty of such delicacy and responsibility as has clearly never entered the thoughts of two-thirds of those who are making suggestions in advance about who the railroad commissioners should be.—Statesville Landmark.

If Thomas C. Platt goes into the Cabinet there will be fun.

If Thomas C. Platt doesn't go into the Cabinet there will be more fun.

If James G. Blaine goes into the Cabinet there will be lots of fun.

If James G. Blaine doesn't go into the Cabinet there will be no end of fun. There is fun ahead.—Ex.

The New York Historical Society has bought from the Richmond Whig Publishing Company the files of the Richmond Whig and Richmond Enquirer from 1804 to 1888 inclusive, for about \$2,500. The volumes cover the war of 1812, the Mexican war and the war for the Union.

The members of the Presbyterian church at this place, in concert with Dr. Anderson, who is in delicate health, have employed Rev. Mr. Dalton to supply the church until March. He preached his first sermon here last Sunday, which, we learn, was well received.—Morganton Star.

Representative Springer is a happy man. After working for many weary months against a determined opposition he has the satisfaction of seeing the Oklahoma bill passed by the House with a good healthy majority. The bill now goes to the Senate where the fight will begin again, but, owing to the shortness of the session it will have to be made sharp and quick by the friends of the measure or it will be lost. John Bushyhead, ex-Governor of the Cherokee nation, says the President has promised him to veto the bill should it get through the Senate.

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