

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The Observer has at last succeeded in getting this document and published the same in full. It is remarkable only as giving evidence that the President has made a full and complete surrender to the stalwart wing of his party, and that nothing but his lack of power and innate cowardice prevents him from becoming as great a curse to the South, as was Grant himself.

In Congress will pass a law to break up what is known as the "Cotton Exchange" in New York, it would do more to benefit cotton raisers than anything else. As long as a set of men are allowed to assemble in New York each day and combine to fix the price of cotton among themselves, without regard to the supply or demand, our farmers will not often receive a fair price for their cotton.

MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD.

Last Monday for the first time in years the affairs of the county of Halifax were taken in charge by a Board of Commissioners, commanding the respect and confidence of the good people of the county. A full report of the proceedings of this Board will be found on our local page, by which report it will be seen, that Mr. H. J. Harvey was elected chairman of the Board and Capt. Wm. H. Day county attorney, both unanimously.

The only other business transacted by the commissioners was the taking of the bonds of the newly elected county officers. The bonds of Jno. T. Gregory as clerk of the Superior Court of R. J. Lewis as Register Deeds and of E. T. Clark as Treasurer, were received without question and the several officers duly qualified. James F. Dawson then offered his bond with G. V. Hardee, Jno. A. Heptinstall, E. D. Dickens and W. H. Kitchin as sureties thereto.

MONEY IN POLITICS.

Whatever may have been the lessons of the last Congressional campaign it has certainly taught one which the Democratic party will do well to heed to heart. It is that the people will stand no more shilly-shallying on the currency question. That unless we adopt some one well defined line of policy, and adhere to it our hopes of success in 1880, are not worth discounting.

This is no sensational nor alarmist view of the situation. Our losses cannot be accounted for on the score of the apathy of the people. In New York where our losses were heaviest, a very much larger vote was cast than is usual in off years, and so far as can be seen, except here in North Carolina the absence from voting on the part of the people, the only thing by which we were enabled to retain control of the House of Representatives, if indeed we have done so.

In this view of the case it becomes the duty of the Democratic members of Congress to see to it, that some definite policy on the currency is initiated at the impending session of Congress, and that such steps shall be taken as will convince the public that the policy thus initiated shall be carried out. What this policy shall be, whether hard or soft money we care less than nothing

All we want, and all the people want is something definite. Something which carries with it the assurance that the policy is determined, and that action taken thereunder will be final.

As things are now the country is suffering, both from the effects of a too speedy resumption, and from a widely diffused feeling of anxiety in the minds of all men of affairs as to what future moves will take place on the political chess-board. Men who have capital are afraid to lend it lest they should be repaid in depreciated redeemable paper.

To inaugurate a system of policy which shall in some sort alleviate these distresses is the duty of the Congress which meets Monday. Not only sound statesmanship calls for such action, but the future success of our party can be secured by no other means.

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This appears to us to be the entering wedge which is to change the Presidents Southern policy, so called, and shape his acts to conform more to Radicalism than heretofore in order to prepare for the elections in 1880.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN PURSUANCE OF A DECREE OF THE SUPREME COURT MADE AT JUNE TERM 1875, I WILL sell at public vendue at the court house door in the town of Halifax on Monday the 30th of December 1878 to the highest bidder the messuage and outlying lands known as "Looking Glass," containing about 1100 acres and the residence and outlying lands known as "Hoshosia," containing about 900 acres.

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ONE PRICE GUARANTEE. CASH MONEY REFUNDED. JOHN WANAMAKER, Tenth and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

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VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE. On Monday, the 24th day of December next the following valuable lands situated in Halifax county, will be sold at public auction at the Court house in Halifax town to the highest bidder, to-wit:

1. The tract upon which James L. Osgood now lives, being about three miles from Halifax, adjoining the lands of Edward Comland, deceased, Wm. E. Fenner and others and containing about one thousand acres. Terms Cash.

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TOTAL ABSTINENCE SAVING WITH TIT BITTERS. There is a curious story about some native wines which are extensively advertised now-a-days, and have only recently been put upon the market. Dr. Underhill, the well-known grape-grower of Croton Point, died in 1872. Some of his heirs entertained temperance views. Among these is a wine of the vintage of 1844, described as a "Sweet Union Port," but suggesting the Imperial Tokay more than any other European wine, and being wholly unlike any other wine of American growth.

These are purchased from the Factory and received them in car load lots. We get very low rates of freight, and are enabled to offer them at VERY LOW FIGURES. PLUMMER & WHEELER, Petersburg, Va. Mrs. A. B. JONES, 208 Sycamore St, Petersburg Va. FALL AND WINTER, '78-'79. Is opening a New and Desirable stock of MILLINERY GOODS, DRESSMAKING A SPECIALTY. CUTTING AND FITTING. At short notice. Latest styles dress trimmings, fringes, buttons, fancy goods, and notions. Wedding and party dresses made, and if requested, will furnish the material. Ornaments for the Hair of Every Description. Braids, Switches, Jot and Fine Jewelry. Also, Xanthine, an excellent preparation for the hair. In fact, everything to adorn a lady.

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OPPOSITE THE THEATRE. RICHMOND, VA. SALE OF LAND. Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court for Halifax County, made at Fall Term 1878 in the cause entitled W. W. Green and N. M. Long against H. K. Spillman and B. W. Spillman, I sell, on Monday the 2nd day of December 1878, at the Court house door in Halifax, to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, the following tracts of land, situated in Halifax county to-wit: That tract adjoining the lands of Mrs. J. H. Spillman, Hyam Holt, John W. Wilkins and others, containing by estimation one hundred acres, more or less. Also one certain lot or parcel of land situated in the town of Weldon, known as Spillman's tract, at the intersection of Block and Water streets, now known as Washington Avenue and First streets, the same being a part of lot No 19 on plot of said town. Oct. 4th 1878. W. W. HALL, Commissioner.

NOTICE. To the Creditors of S. B. Hyman deceased. Take notice that a Special Proceeding has been commenced before Dr. A. Clerk of the Superior Court for Halifax County against S. B. Hyman, Administrator of S. B. Hyman, deceased, for an account and settlement of his administration, and to pay to the creditors what may be payable to them respectively; and this is to notify you to appear before said Clerk on or before the 30th day of October, 1878, at his office in the town of Halifax, and file your evidence of debt against said decedent duly authenticated, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. Let a copy of this notice be published at the Court house in Halifax for thirty days, and a copy thereof be published in the Roanoke News, a newspaper published in said county, once a week for six successive weeks. This Sept. 18th, 1878. JOHN T. GREY, JR. Clerk Superior Court and Probate Judge Halifax County, N. C. Kitchen and Dotts Atty for Creditors.

NOTICE. The firm of Dr. A. R. Zollieffer & Bro., continue their Drug business as heretofore in their new house west side Washington Avenue near the Railroad shed where they will continue to keep constantly on hand a full assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oil, Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, Confectionaries, &c. &c. The business of the two firms is separate and distinct and Dr. A. R. Zollieffer & Bro., with thanks for past patronage, respectfully ask a continuance of the same. D. A. R. Zollieffer continues in the practice of his profession at Enfield.

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