

## THE ROANOKE NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1855.

W. W. HALL,  
J. W. SLEDGE,  
PROPRIETORS.

The post John G. Whittier, celebrated his 78th birthday last Thursday.

CANON FARRAH came to America for rest and went home with \$25,000.

SENATORS Colquitt, Blair and Frye are said to be the only members of the upper house who are tee-totalers.

Mr. GOULD, when asked if he was going to Mr. Vanderbilt's funeral, is reported to have replied, "No, but I approve of it."

Congress adjourned on Tuesday and will convene again the first of January. Everybody must have holiday occasionally.

B. GRATZ BROWN, Democratic nominee for Vice-President on the ticket with Horace Greeley in 1872, died at St. Louis on the 13th inst., aged 59 years.

ALTHOUGH it is not generally known, John Wilkes Booth left a family—a wife, son and daughter. The children are now grown. The family had lived in seclusion and under a false name for twenty years.

OUR SENATORS occupy places on the following committees: Senator Vance, on Contingent Expenses of the Senate; District of Columbia, Finance and Privileges and Elections; Senator Ransom, on Commerce, Private Land Claims and Potowmuk River Flats.

THE colored league of Massachusetts held a public meeting in Faneuil Hall, Boston, last Tuesday night, and a resolution was unanimously passed declaring that all colored voters of the country are called upon to act for themselves in the future independent of any political parties, and vote for no man who is not pledged to assist the colored race to attain its rights as citizens of this country.

WARRENTON.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FROM BRIGHT TOBACCO.

A FEW NOTES OF WHAT IS DOING AND WILL BE DONE THERE.

WARRENTON, N. C., Dec. 19, 1855.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—Once upon a time, as the Fairy books will prove to you, there was a lovely Princess who was thrown into a deep sleep by some malicious fairy, and when placed in an enchanted castle where she was doomed to remain until a prince should appear who was even and skilful enough to pass the fairy dragon that guarded the entrance and blow the trumpet which hung from the gates. The prince did come at last, you remember, after a hundred years, and what a ringing blast he blew, and how at the sound the window bars, fairies' griffins and castle did vanish into thin air, and how beautiful the Princess looked when she awoke, and what a happy life she and her noble deliverer led together for long years!!! Well Messrs. Editors, we Warrentonians fancy our "Sleeping Beauty" of a town, which has slumbered so long under the influences of such unfriendly agents as war, Poverty, and possibly a little (?) indecision has now been aroused after a sleep quite a fourth as long as that of the Princess. Our Knight Ataracter comes in an attractive guise, his garments are golden-hued, we call him Bright Tobacco, and his bugle notes take form to the voices of the amorous ones as they sell rich piles of the leaf that lie on the store house floors.

Wednesday Dec. 2, was a red-letter day in Warrenton's history, for there was opened the immense warehouse just completed by the Messrs. Armstrongs. Seventy thousand pounds of tobacco were sold in Warrenton that day, at prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$55.00 per 100 lbs. and there have been successful "Breaks" on a number of days since. Beside the large warehouse of Messrs. Armstrongs, Messrs. Boyd Bros., who are active and experienced tobacco men have a fine one where they have large sales semi-weekly. Mr. L. J. Holden has a price house already finished, and Messrs. Arvington and Boyd each have one in course of erection. It is inspiring to go on the streets here. It is true you see every where signs of departed grandeur, which would be depressing, were it not for the fact that at every turn the sight of new timber and the sound of the hammer greet you. New people are coming in constantly, and there is a general air of revival and hopefulness which is pleasant to behold. Your correspondent has heard the manifold advantages and the manifold destiny of Warrenton as a tobacco centre so frequently and so variously set forth that it would fill at least three columns of your paper were the attempt made to repeat the opinions, predictions, &c. for your readers. But there does seem to be good and sufficient reason to think the town has entered upon an era of growth and prosperity. It has been proven that the surrounding country is well adapted to raising the bright tobacco, and next year a largely increased average will be given it. Then we have here new capital brought by men who have learned how to use money, and thereby make money and those men will not allow the market to go down. With the product at our doors and the price of that product waiting here for the producers, it is reasonable to believe that there is a firm basis to start upon.

There could scarcely be found in the State a healthier point than this, and certainly nowhere could we find better society. The people are hospitable, refined and kindly. There is no ostentation, the ladies dress simply, and the manners of both ladies and gentlemen are of that unaffected, yet thoroughly courteous kind, which we sometimes hear described as the old-fashioned Southern politeness. And thus Messrs. Editors to sum up, we have here plenty of the much sought wool, and plenty of buyers who have plenty of money, and health of location and pleasant society, and may we not trust that we will see a return of those good days when Warrenton was one of the wealthiest towns in North Carolina. That said, my friends, may gladden our eyes, your correspondent wishes devoutly pray.

THE House of Representatives has adopted a new rule which divides the appropriation bills among different committees. Heretofore all the appropriation bills were under the control of one committee. It is contended by some that business will be facilitated by the change, and by others that the new rule will cause a perceptible increase in expenditures, which are all.

Mr. Randall favored the rule. Mr. Morrison advocated the rule. Mr. Randall was defeated. It is clear that the greater portion of the Republicans voted for the new rule. Five of our Representatives voted with Mr. Randall and one is recorded as not voting.

THE Senate has passed the Harriettson bill and it is now before the House. The bill provides that in case of the death or disability of the President and Vice-President, the members of the Cabinet shall succeedly act as President. Under this bill, no special election will be held, but which ever Secretary should take the Presidency shall keep it until the end of the term. This is very nearly the same bill that passed the Senate last winter.

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