

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

CONGRESSMAN HENDERSON, of this State has reported from the committee on the Judiciary a bill to amend the revenue laws. The bill abolishes what are known as the minimum punishments, and gives a discretion to the court to impose any punishment for the violation of the internal revenue laws not exceeding the maximum limit authorized by statute. It requires that a warrant issued by a commissioner or other judicial officer must be returnable before some judicial officer residing in the county of arrest, and it authorizes the commissioner of Internal Revenue to compromise any civil or criminal case under the internal revenue laws.

It is probable that the bill would be acceptable to the people of this State as its provisions meet the approval of Mr. Henderson, who is familiar with the needs and desires of those of our citizens who are most nearly affected by the internal revenue system; but it may be remarked that the passage of this bill does not necessarily preclude action upon other measures of relief from the burdens of the system which may hereafter come before Congress.

In addition to this Mr. Henderson has submitted to the sub-committee an Internal Revenue of the Ways and Means committee a draft of schedules which he prepared by invitation as indicating the desire of the revenue reformers. This draft has been accepted by the sub-committee and will be reported favorably to the full committee on Ways and Means.

The items which are contained in Mr. Henderson's draft are the total repeal of the tax on tobacco, including cigars, cigarettes, cheroots and snuff, which amounts to \$9,000,000, the total repeal of the wholesale and retail liquor license tax, which is \$416,394.61 on wholesale license, and \$4,587,268.21 on retail licenses, and the total repeal of the tax on fruit brandy and on manufactures of stills, amounting to nearly \$2,000,000. Of course, even Mr. Henderson himself does not expect that this programme will be carried out in its entirety, and while his people are in favor of total repeal, he says they will be satisfied with a part. Mr. Henderson expects that the Tariff bill to be reported by the Ways and Means Committee to the House will include the repeal of the tax on tobacco, except on cigars, cigarettes and cheroots, amounting to \$23,000,000. A reduction of about one-half, or \$11,000,000 of the tax on fruit brandies, a repeal of the license taxes and of the assessments and penalties on the same, amounting altogether to about \$5,000,000. He also expects to see adopted the remedial features of his bill a synopsis of which is given above.

THREE years ago, it is said, several well known colored men met to consult as to the best method of relieving their people of what is considered their desperate condition in the Southern States, and after careful consideration it was concluded that South America was the land that would give them shelter and a home. Educated agents were sent out and their reports are coming in. In the mean time a secret organization was effected, the headquarters of which were at Topeka, Kansas, for the purpose of spreading the news by means of trustworthy agents throughout the Southern States.

Important concessions will be made, it is reported, by the Brazilian and Argentine Governments in the way of lands and immunity from taxation and aid in transportation to induce these negroes to settle in those countries. Their rights and privileges as citizens are guaranteed, and, in fact, the mixed blood already existing in some of those countries, their color will not labor them from social preference.

Before the end of 1888 is reached an exodus from the Southern States is expected to commence that will carry off more than a million of laborers from the cotton, sugar and rice fields, while the tobacco fields are also expected to yield their quota.

THE Blair bill is still being discussed in the Senate. For the Northern Senators and Congressmen will be willing to give away \$70,000,000, and principally to the South, and thus put that much money out of reach of their own hands is to say the least, suspicious. The protectionists are all in favor of appropriating money from the treasury, and will do so on the slightest pretext whenever they have a chance. It is because they are anxious to reduce the surplus without reducing the tariff in order that popular demand for reduction of taxation may be hushed.

THE dependent pension bill is again before Congress. It proposes to give a pension to every soldier and sailor of the late war who is incapacitated from work and also to pension the relatives of soldiers dependent upon them for support. Should the bill become a law the treasury would suffer to the tune of about \$75,000,000 a year. All this money with the other sums now annually paid for pensions would go to the North and West with the exception of a few paltry thousands.

Still Ahead.

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STATE NEWS.

There are nineteen native North Carolinians in Congress.

The people of Charlotte are arranging to hold a big fair in that city in the coming autumn.

At Durham last week two fancy lots of tobacco sold for eighty and one hundred and five dollars a pound, respectively.

Negotiations are pending, with promise of success, for the establishment of a regular steam line between Wilmington and the West Indies.

The "Fly-Cot" savings bank, of Greensboro, which has only been in operation six months, has three hundred and forty-two deposits amounting to \$111,129.

The State immigration agent reports two thousand permanent settlers have come into North Carolina during the past year. The majority of these are from Pennsylvania.

A cotton factory, water works, an ice factory and a savings bank are among Goldsboro's prospective improvements. May many more be added to those during the year.

The report of the superintendent of the eastern insane asylum at Goldsboro, for colored patients shows the average number treated during the past year to be 179, and the expense per capita \$347.

The jail at Tarboro was burned on the 25th. It is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries. The prisoners, thirteen in number, were rescued and taken to Wilmington. The fire originated in the armory which was also burned, with the engines and track of the fire company.

A strong stock company has been organized in Gaston county for the purpose of establishing an extensive knitting factory, to manufacture all kinds of knit goods, cotton and wool. Work will commence on the building in the next thirty days, and when started it is expected that about four hundred hands will be employed.

R. B. Battle, director of the State experiment station and his assistants, Professors Dancy and Withers, are busy in analyzing various brands of fertilizers in accordance with law. Dr. Battle seems determined as far as possible, to have a complete analysis published in time for farmers to make judicious selections early in the spring.

Graham college, in Alamance county, which was established about a year ago under the auspices of the Christian denomination of this State, has succeeded even beyond expectation. It is now overflowing with students and the applications are so numerous that it will require the early erection of additional buildings to accommodate them.

News and Observer: A letter was received yesterday from a gentleman just from Manchester, England, who is now stopping in Franklin county and who is so favorably impressed with the condition of this State, that he has about decided to locate in it. He is the former manager of an extensive colony which proposes to come to America for settlement. He is a gentleman of some means and is ready for business in some enterprise.

Raleigh Times: The remains of Canada's splendid statue of Washington, which stood in the center of the rotunda of the old capital, and which was destroyed by fire about the year 1831 were removed yesterday from the old arsenal on the Capitol square to the State museum. This statue was one of the best ever seen of the "Father of his Country," and we hail with delight this movement to preserve the relic.

A recent decision of the Supreme court in a railway right of way case has attracted some attention. The roads own the lands for a certain distance on either side of their tracks, and in the case in question a man in Durham built a store within this line. In order to make room for new lines of railway now in course of erection, he was ordered to remove it. The owner of the store sued for damages and the court decides that if the railway suffered the house to be built within its lines the builder is entitled to damage for betterment.

The question of having the Democratic nominating convention this year held elsewhere than in Raleigh is being considerably agitated. Charlotte is putting in a bid, as is also Greensboro. Several reasons are given and some of them may be considered reasonable. It is contended that there is usually too much outside pressure brought to bear on conventions held in Raleigh, because of the fact that what are known generally as the "fire-pulling element," of parties live at the capital. Another reason urged is that "turn about is fair play," and that therefore their other towns in the State which by their railroad facilities, are entitled occasionally to the honors.

A singular case of restoration to health is reported from Greensboro, and is vouchsafed for by men of unimpaired veracity. Several months since a young merchant, of that city, named F. M. Kendrick, had a severe attack of paralysis. From this he recovered, and three weeks ago he had another attack which entirely prostrated him. He could not use a limb, neither could he see or hear. His eyelids were so paralyzed that he could not move them. A few mornings since, after a good night's rest, he awoke feeling perfectly cured. Every trace of his affliction has left him and he is perfectly restored and attending to his business as usual.

We are under obligations to Senators Vance, of this State, and Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia for copies of their speeches on the resolutions of the later in favor of the repeal of the Internal Revenue law.

OUR EXCHANGES.

WHAT THEY SAY OF MEN AND MATTERS.

It seems to be impossible to keep Theo. J. Jarvis' name down as a candidate for the United States Senate against Senator Ransom. The latest plan spoken of by Mr. Jarvis' friends is to run him for Governor with Col. Thos. Holt for Lieutenant-Governor, then send Jarvis to the Senate and let Col. Holt succeed him as Governor. Col. Holt will in all probability have a strong following for the first place on the State ticket and would be slow to accept the second place, even with Jarvis—Milton Advertiser.

It would be kind, pleasant and altogether agreeable to believe, with some of the brethren of the quill, that crime is decreasing, but facts prove the contrary. Never, within our knowledge, have there been so many murders and cutting scrapes in North Carolina as within the last few weeks. Our news columns only give a part and yet they give a great deal. These facts make us believe that the penitentiary is to stay, and that we couldn't do without it.—Winston Sentinel.

HOW THE AIR BRAKES WORK.

Said a railroad man to me to day: "I'll bet but one in a hundred of the people who travel on railroad trains understand how the pressure of air is used to apply the brakes to the train. When the air brake was first invented the air was turned into the cylinder under each car when the car was to be stopped, and the pressure was exerted to force the brakes up against the wheels. But at the present day the air brakes are held against the wheels by springs and the air is forced into the cylinders to push the brakes away from the wheels as long as the train is in motion. When it is desired to stop the train the air is let out and the springs apply the brakes and stop the train. The latest method of using air pressure has great advantages over the old way on the score of safety.

When an accident happens to a train one of the first effects it is apt to have is to rupture the air pipes leading from the engine to the cylinders under the cars, and that if itself stops the train instantly. It is very important for everybody to understand this matter, because a child five years old can stop a train in thirty seconds in any car in the train if he simply understands how. You will see, if you look for it, that there is sort of rope proceeding from the boiler room of every car. That connects with the air pipes under the train. If you catch hold of it and give a little jerk it will stop the train before it has gone two hundred yards.—Chicago Herald.

HENRY HIS COAT TAIL.

Henry Clinger. Last Sunday evening, Wm. Morrow, a bricklayer and plasterer of Morristown, took a lodging at John Lattimer's boarding house, and was assigned to a bed on the second floor. During the night, imagining that the window of his room was the familiar door of his domicile, which was but a step to the ground, he concluded to go out. He raised the lower sash and stepped out, but as he stepped the sash came down in time to catch his coat tail and hold it fast. This led Morrow suspended in a net, but not very graceful attitude, with his feet some distance from the ground and his body stretched at length up the side of the building. His cries brought assistance and he was raised up. All he could say out of his coat and hat was received from his perilous position without serious damage to himself, but with fatal results to the large window glass, eight of these having paid the penalty of being in his path and obstructing his way.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having qualified as an administrator upon the estate of the late Claiborne Baker, before J. T. Gregory, Clerk of the Superior Court of Halifax county, North Carolina on the 6th day of January 1888, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to said estate to settle the same with me, or to all persons who have claims against said estate to present them to me on or before the 6th day of February 1888. This notice will be posted in favor of their recovery. This 10th day of January 1888. JOHN G. SKRIS, Administrator of Claiborne Baker, deceased. T. W. Hawkins, attorney for administrator. Jan 12 1888.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. The undersigned having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Frances S. Pittman, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against the said Frances S. Pittman to present them to me duly authenticated on or before the 6th day of February 1888, in this office, which will be posted in favor of their recovery, and all persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment. E. C. SHEARIN, Administrator of Frances S. Pittman, deceased. Halifax, N. C., December 14th, 1887. Dec 22 1887.

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NOTICE.

NORTH CAROLINA.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

SUPERIOR COURT.

vs. J. H. Bell, plaintiff.

vs. David Bell, D. A. Long and Carrie E. Long his wife, Marie Bell, John T. Alsup, Jr. and Annie Bell Alsup, the last named two being infants without a guardian in North Carolina, W. W. Bell, H. E. Atkinson and Milton C. Mulholland, his wife Alfred Bell and Joseph W. Jenkins, the defendants.

PETITION FOR DOWER.

In pursuance of an order of this court this day made, the non-resident defendants D. A. Long and Carrie E. Long his wife, Marie Bell, John T. Alsup, Jr. and Annie Bell Alsup, who reside at Yellow Springs, in Green county, in the State of Ohio, W. W. Bell, who resides in the city of Savannah, in the State of Georgia and Joseph W. Jenkins who resides in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, are hereby notified to be and appear at the office of the clerk of the superior court of Halifax county on the first day of February 1888 and answer to said petition.

Witness John T. Gregory, Clerk Superior Court at office in Halifax the 10th day of December 1887.

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