WILMINGTON, N. C. THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1877.

#### REVIEWAL.

Robert Browning, it is rumored, means to make a translation of the "Agamemnon," with photographic illustrations of the Mycena reiics.

The Sultan is the husband of one wife, and the Sultana is credibly reported to be a Belgian, very pretty, very clever, and once a pupil of Mme. Elsie. It is not the first time that a Western woman has held the Padishah in sway. The Sultan, who is somewhat of an ingenuous youth, is reported to have inquired of his wife if she had ever met Lady Salisbury. "She was not of my set," was the reply.

The entire cost of moving the obelisk called Cleopatra's needle from Egypt to London is to be borne by an eminent English surgeon, Mr. Erasmus Wilson. He has made the necessary arrangements with Mr. Dickson, the civil engineer, at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The obelisk will be surounded with water-tight and air-tight easing of boiler plates; will have a wooden keel and an iron deck, and will be towed through the Mediterranean by a powerful steamer.

The New York Legislature has before it a bill, reported from its Judiciary committee, which proposes to repeal the compulsory pilotage law on the ground of its injustice. A similar request was made by a former Legislature of Massachusetts, and the shipping men in all parts of the country that have anything to do with New York harbor have intimated that they consider the invidious system that is practiced by the New Pork pilots unjust and unreasonable.

A party of robbers' boarded a locomotive at Long Point, Ind., killed the engineer set the engine in motion, and drew an leader in its commission. She wore men's clothing and a false moustache, and was one of two who killed the engineer.

The Brotherhood of Engineers was formed thirteen years ago. It now embraces a year and one-fifth of one per cent. on and twelve thousand regular members in housemen \$50.00. Commission merall parts of the United States and Canada. It provides for the widows and children of dead brethren, and since its organization has expended more than \$1,000,000 in this work, besides donating \$50,000 to to aid needy members. Only lacomotive engineers are eligible for membenship, and at a death the family receive \$3,000

In the course of a lecture before a brilliant audience in New York the other evening Robert Collycr pronounced most emphatically for early marriages, and thought it was a great mistake for young re ple to wait until the bloom of youth had mer or agent selling goods, wares or worn away. He said that a young man told him about a year ago that, having heard one evening, in company with a young lady friend, this lecture, he had proposed and been accepted before he had walked three blocks from the hall. A nervous, now-or-never expression was observed to creep over the faces of many young men, and several couples near the door rose and left the hall.

The present condition of Chili is describ ed by Mr. Rumbold, & British Consul He says that the 2,000,000 Chilians al claim to be of pure Spanish descent, but over half are probably art Indian, and re little above serfs in condition. The ruling class are Spaniards, who control the land, the mines, the commerce, and the Government, A small army is employed in keeping the Indians in order. Foreigners are welcomed, and to them most of the railroads and other improvements are due. The agricultural interest seems to be going backward. The farmers are impoverished by heavy taxation, and the land is deteriorating in quality, owing to the removal of the forests and the consequent lesening of rain,

Mohammedanism is making very rapid strides in many of the distant provinces of China, says a French missionary. Not only, too, is the religion itself spreading thus suddenly and swiftly, but the Chinese followers of the prophet seem ripe for an insurrection, and it is feared that the entire provinces of Kansuh, Shens, and Kweitehow may ere long be in a condition of open revolt. It is reported that Tso Tsung t'an, their Governor, is in severe straits, and threatens to resign his command inles he receives very considerable reenforcements without delay. Tso is a man of great ability, courageous as a solpier, an excellent tactician, and fully competent to direct military operations. He labors, however, under the disadvantage of having his troops equipped with condemned rifles, explosive firearms, and almost non-explosive gunpowder.

#### THE REVENUE ACT.

The Raleigh News give the following as the principal provisions of the Revenue 98 cents. For General Fund 144 cents tax \$100,00 of property. For Asylum for Insane and Intitution for Deaf, Dumb Blind 9 cents on \$100.00 of property For the Penitentiary 6 cents on \$100.00 of porperty. (These are same taxes as levied last year.)

Shares of stock in National and State banks are given in by the cashiers of such banks directly to the Public Treasurer for the above taxes, and the said taxes are such shares paid directly to the Public Treasurer, but the stockholders is required to list his stock in the county which he resides, and to pay to the sheriff of said county only the taxes imposed on such shares of stock, for school and county purposes. The tax on income is one per centum. Only \$1000.0 is exempt for necessary expenses of supporting the family. The State tax upon the valuation of the franchise of railroads and canals, made by the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer, is one half of one per cent. on such valuation and paid directly into the Public Treasury within 30 days after such valuation.

SCHEDULE B. Under the tax on trades and professions, under Schedule B, theatrical exhibitions pay \$5.00 on each exhibition, or \$50.00 a month. Each concert or musical exhibition \$3.00; the same on each lecture for reward, museum, wax works, curiosities of any kind, natural or artificial (except paintings and statuary). On every exhibition of a circus \$100.00. On all other exhibitions for amusement or reward, otherwise than mentioned above, \$5.00; but exhibitions for religious, educational or charitable objects are exempt. Spiritualists are required to pay \$5.00 on each exhibition. Billiard salcons \$20.00 on each table; the same on bowling alleys and other games or plays. Liquor dealers pay five per cent, on purchases of any and all liquors. Retailers pay \$3.00 a month for license. Merchants and other Adams Express car away to a convenient traders pay as a privilege tax \$7.00 and place for rifling. This was 1875. A few one-tenth of one per cent. on purchases. days ago five men and a woman were The tax on public ferries, toll bridges, arrested as the robbers. The woman is and gates across highways is \$6.00 and Jennie Osgood, and it is said that she one-tenth of one per cent, on gross re not only planned the crime, but was a beipts. State banks pay a privilege tax, according to capital employed, as required last year to the Public Treasurer. Auctioneers a license taz of 1 per cent. on sales. Tobacco warehousemen \$20.00 one hundred and eighty-nine subdivisions gross amount of sales. Cotton warechant, or agent or dealer buying or selling for another, one per cent. on commissions; on sales of liquors 5 per cent. Livery stables \$2.00 on each horse or mule. Horse or mule drovers \$1.00, and one-half of 1 per cent. on each sale; the tax of \$10.00 to be paid in only one county. Itinerant dentists &c., \$5.00 in each county or \$25,00 for the State. Peddlers (not selling articles of their own growth or manufacture) \$10.00 for licensed for six months. Lightning rod man \$10.00 for each county. Stove men \$50.00 for each county. Drummerchandise (not his own manufacture) \$5.00 to the Public Tressurer.

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receipts. No county or corporation is

Every railroad or canal company, not liable to a tax upon its property or the shares therein, shall pay as a tax on said corporation a sum equal to one per cent. upon gross earnings, on the first days of July and January; those railroads which are liable to a tax on franchise and personal property shall pay as a corporation tax a sum equal to one-half of one per cent. on such receipts. The tax for July, 1877, shall be only on the receipts from April 1, 1877, to July 1 1877. Express companies and telegraph companies 2 per cent. on gross receipts. Tax on rents, mortgages, marriage licenses, same as last year. Fines, pen-alties, forfeitures and the taxes on licenses etc., is a long one.

The editorial department will continue to censes, same as last year. Fines, penbe paid by the sheriff to county treasurers. employ the ablest pens both at home and abroad. There will be a series of letters on Any officer appropriating any fine or pen- ford. alty, or State, county, city, town or school tax to his own use shall be guilty of embezzlement and may be punished not ex- the social and religious life of the world, and specially to the freshest thought of the Christceeding five years in the State prison at ian thinkers and scholars of this country. the discretion of the court.

#### THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOL-

LARS SAVED. The Raleigh Observer thus comments on an act changing the moode of making election returns in this State, which has just passed the General Assembly: That the act was a much needed one in the impoverished condition of the State, saving as it does more than \$13,000 every election, the most careless observer can see at

It appears from a communication from the State Treasurer, in response to a resolution making inquires upon the subject a check or P. O. money order to that the amount paid by the State to

sheriffs for making returns in the State election is about \$4,600. The same amount paid by the counties for making returns Act as passed by the Senate: Poll tax in the Presidential elections will be \$4,600 more. The expense paid by the counti for making congressional returns may safely etimated at not less than \$4,200 We have, then, to pay out for election returns as follows:

For State elections....... \$ 4,600 For Presidential elections..... \$ 4,600 For Congressional elections ..... 4,200

Total......\$ 13,400 All this cost is saved by the act just passed, in that it requires election returns to be made by mail instead of by the sheriffs in person, and we doubt not the law will work as well here as in other States, in Tennessee. Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi and New York for instance, where it now already prevails. Mr. Mc-Clure's attention was first called to the matter while acting as commissioner for his county, since which time he has devoted himself to bringing about a change in the law. Mr. McClure deserves great credit for the persistent efforts he has made in accomplishing the change.

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#### "Foreign Travel,"

we have "A winter on the Nile," by Gen. Mc-Clellan; "Saunterings About Constantino-ple," by Charles Dudley Warner; "Out of My Window at Moscow," by Eugene Schuy-ler; "An American in Turkistan," etc. Three serial stories are announced:

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