

but no one would be green enough to go into the country in the hope of finding anything greener than himself on this 2nd of April, 1864.

April and Fools, with a General Digression upon Folly.

April, the genial month of fools and flowers, is here at last, and unfortunately, from present appearances, the flowers will be much scarcer than the fools.

The first of April, the month of greenness, has been devoted to the fools, because with them it is always April, as with the Lotus Eaters it is "always afternoon."

The commonly received idea that fools are good natures, is a commonly received humbug. Fools are apt to be the most suspicious, intermeddling, malicious animals in the world.

But we are all fools at times and within certain limits, and a little reflection will show us that the foolish element in our composition is really also the erring one.

What has Mr. Holden and his supporters to charge upon Governor VANCE, so as to relieve themselves from the stain of treachery above alluded to?

Supposing, however, that Mr. Holden and Mr. Holden's friends should charge and even show that Governor VANCE is not the man, it would strike most persons that in doing so they would be simply charging and proving that they themselves, not two years since supported and recommended to the people of the State, for the highest office in their gift, an unfit or improper person.

Let them take which horn of the dilemma they please, it must appear either that Governor VANCE is a fit man and that Mr. Holden and his friends are faithless in abandoning and opposing him, or on the other hand that he is an unfit man and that Mr. Holden having supported him and pressed him upon the people two years since, is himself unworthy of the public confidence now.

The truth is that the whole burden both of proof and of contradiction rests with Mr. Holden and Mr. Holden's friends. We do not claim to be special supporters of Gov. VANCE. We certainly are not partisans. We will support his reelection for the sake of peace.

The result of sundry cogitations over the state of the times, to say nothing of divers and several, very many and various annoying circumstances, is that there is no use in fretting and worrying. We communicate this result to the public in strict confidence, vouching for its correctness, and giving as an all sufficient reason, that nothing can be effected by taking thought.

This, however, is the last day of fasting, and people who intend to fund had better see to it, let they be too late. This warning, however, has been given so often that there are none to whom it has not come; so the parties themselves will be alone to blame for any neglect or forgetfulness.

Will prices come down after the first of April? We think they will—elsewhere. It would be against the rule for them to come down here, very much so indeed, and well, let us wait and see, that's all.

The quiet resignation and even cheerfulness with which our people submit to the action of the currency and tax bills, as they have done to all bills deemed necessary for the country, is something which must have struck all reflecting men with astonishment and admiration.

UP TO TUESDAY AT 3 O'CLOCK, \$334,000 were funded in four per cent. bonds at the Depository at Marion Court House, S. C., and up to Saturday, \$150,000 at the Depository at Maitz Bull, in the same District.

MAJ. SLOAN, Quartermaster General of North Carolina, is collecting large amounts of supplies at Greensboro, for the troops from this State. He already has several millions worth on hand.

FUNDING.—The Fayetteville Carolinian of the 31st ult. says: "We understand that nearly two millions of dollars had been funded in this place up to last evening."

The Results of the Spring Campaign.

It may be regarded as somewhat doubtful whether the results of the earlier movements undertaken this year by the Yankees, though upon the whole, disastrous to them, and glorious for our gallant armies, can be regarded as likely to be productive of unmixed good to us.

At the request of the Chairman, Col. A. McKoy explained the object of the meeting in a brief and forcible manner. On motion the chairman appointed the following gentlemen a committee to draft resolutions for the action of the meeting, viz: Col. A. McKoy, A. M. Blackburn, P. Murphy, W. A. Faison, T. Ashford, W. H. Hobbs, C. King, R. W. Hill, D. Williams, M. White, J. Howard, E. Q. and R. V. A. Owen. The committee retired. During their absence Gen. R. A. Moseley and John L. Holmes, Esq., addressed the meeting in a very forcible manner.

A meeting of the citizens of Sampson County in Council. A meeting of the citizens of Sampson County in Council, was held in the Court House in Clinton, on the 23d inst., when R. C. Holmes was appointed Chairman and Amos Royal Secretary.

The spirit of the Press. We are without papers from our own State or Virginia, and have a rather irregular budget from points South of this place.

We find in the Atlanta Register, of the 29th, a pretty long article on our northwestern relations, wherein the pros and cons are discussed as to whether, at the beginning of the war, offers of peace were actually made to the States of the Northwest, or whether, if they had been made, they would have been of equal in helping to arrest hostilities.

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An immense meeting of the Friends of the South was held in Manchester, England, early in February—here is their report: Here are their remarks: My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen: As it has happened to me two or three times in Parliament to refer to the topic now before you, it is not with a little satisfaction I observe in the numbers who have met to-night and to-day, the very earnest and able advocates of the cause of the South.

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MAJOR ROBERT McRAE, of this town, has been appointed Chief of the Tithing Department of North Carolina, in place of Major BADHAM, whose appointment was not confirmed by the Senate.

THE TARIFF'S SOUTHERNER informs us that snow fell there last week to the depth of several inches. Before the work was out it had all disappeared. It is feared that considerable damage has been done to the peach crop and to the gardens.

OUTRAGES IF NOT SACRILEGIOUS.—The Fayetteville Observer learns that on last Tuesday night, the Episcopal Church in Fayetteville was entered and the Rector's surplice stolen! As the material is fine lawn, but little worth, it will probably be cut into handkerchiefs.

TREASURY NOTES.—After the long and anxious delay, we have been enabled to get the precise amount funded at the two offices in this place, but it will reach in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. We shall be able to get the precise figures for Monday's issue.

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As far as I remember, the writer, speaking from what has fallen, and that recently, under his eyes and his experience, gives a fourfold division of that unhappy class. He points to those who are the victims of a forcible enslavement, to those who are the victims of a forcible freedom, to those who are the victims of a forcible class who have gone to the North-western States in quest of employment, and who have not found it. He points to a third class, who, in consequence of an infectious disorder which attacks them, are confined to another class who are coerced to labor upon the soil which has been occupied and upon the estates which have been confiscated by Northern plunderers, and whose condition, as he points out to us, is infinitely worse than that from which they have been wretchedly freed.

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TELEGRAPHIC Reports of the Press Association.

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