

The Washington *Clutch* pays the following compliment to the able senior Senator from North Carolina: "Senator Ransom is regarded by Southern Democrats as having the confidence of President Cleveland and his Cabinet. He is one of the wisest and safest advisers the Administration can have from the South. His broad and conservative views on all State and national questions, and his close and confidential relations with the President as an adviser."

The *New York Times* has a proper appreciation of the real merits of Mr. S. S. Cox, and endorses his appointment as Minister to Turkey. It says of him: "There have been no more diligent and more useful members of the House of Representatives than his own party during his long service. His ebullient and vivacious speech has done him all the good he has ever had in his life. He is a man of high character, and his services to his country are well known to all who have followed him."

It is often dangerous to be brilliant and full of fun. Our own Vance suffers in the estimation of men of solemn visage and owl-wise look because he will have his jokes and does not carry a tombstone face. There are few men in Congress who equal Cox and Vance in brains.

The *Burlington (Vt.) Free Press*, published at the home of Mr. E. J. Phelps, says of the appointment: "We trust that Mr. Phelps will accept the place. It is a most honorable one, and will do him credit. He is a man of high character, and his services to his country are well known to all who have followed him."

The country needs a Democratic Administration. For nearly a quarter of a century it has been misgoverned by the Republican party that acted upon the principle that it had a mission and that mission was to tax the people almost to death, to waste all they could, to steal and multiply large part of the public funds, and to resort to all sorts of vicious, venal, vile methods that a devilish ingenuity could concoct and a reckless spirit could execute. The country so felt the great need of a change that the cry went up in 1884 from Aroostook in Maine to the capes of Florida and from ocean to ocean that the republicans must be turned out and the country be brought back to the simple, economical, honest and constitutional methods of the earlier Presidents. This was what elected Cleveland. His competitor, Blaine, represented the worst elements and lowest methods of the machine bosses, and thousands of honest and reflecting Republicans united with the Democrats against Blaine and elected Cleveland.

It was the cry of Reform that did the work. It was the great desire among honest men for an honest Government that caused the revolution and sent the old corrupt, rotten, degraded party adrift.

The South elected Cleveland. The South had felt the mailed hand and iron hand of tyranny and oppression and the heavy demands of the tax-gatherer at the seat of Customs and at the Sheriff's office, and it wanted a constitutional government regulated by law and an economical and just government controlled by patriots and Statesmen and it gave to Grover Cleveland every electoral vote.

At the end of three weeks of Democratic rotting the South still demands a Democratic Administration, and the signs are that the Government will be administered in equity and upon the soundest and strictest principles of economy, fair dealing, simplicity, and with constant reference to Constitutional limitations. President Cleveland declares that he is a Democrat. Good enough. Now let us await in patience and see what we shall see.

DEATH OF JACOB THOMPSON.
Hon. Jacob Thompson, whose serious illness at Memphis, Tennessee, was announced days since, is dead. A native of North Carolina, he rose to distinction in his adopted State, Mississippi, and was Secretary of the Interior in President Buchanan's Cabinet. He was a man of integrity, of ability and influence, and like so many sons of North Carolina who have gone out from her, became a leading citizen and an active promoter of good in another State and rose to places of honor and responsibility. Mr. Thompson was not quite 75 years of age. We think he was educated at Chapel Hill. A sketch of him that came under our eye since the above was written says:

"Mr. Thompson was born in Caswell county, North Carolina, on May 15, 1810, and was educated at the State University, Chapel Hill. He was admitted to the bar in 1834, removed to Mississippi in 1835, was elected to Congress as a Democrat from that State in 1839 and was re-elected till 1841, when he declined a re-election. He was chairman of the committee on Indian Affairs and a member of the committee on Public Lands. He declined the Governor's offer to appoint him United States Senator in 1845. In 1857 President Buchanan appointed him Secretary of the Interior, and he held that portfolio till 1861, when he was elected to take part in the rebellion. He served in the Confederate army and was the Vice Governor of Mississippi."

Henry M. Lloyd, who will succeed Gov. McLean, of Maryland, is but 35 years old.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE.
Meeting Yesterday to Take Action in Reference to Certain Unsound Charges of the New York Naval Stores and Tobacco Exchange.

A special meeting of the Produce Exchange of this city was held at their rooms yesterday at 12.30 o'clock. The following members were present: Col. Roger Moore, President; and H. C. McQueen, John W. Bolles, D. G. Worth, G. W. John, Chas. Lora, John D. Wood, W. W. Harlan, Wm. DeRosier, H. E. Calder, H. T. Rankin, R. W. Hicks, A. Martin, E. P. Covington, R. F. Mitchell, E. Pochan, H. L. Lova, T. F. Bagley, D. L. Gore, R. E. Heide, A. L. DeRosier, H. E. Robinson, H. G. Smallbones, B. Y. Hall, T. M. Emmerman, J. M. Forshaw and J. L. Cantwell, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the President, who stated that an Associated Press telegram had been published in the Morning Star newspaper of this city on the 28th inst., which reported the action of a meeting of the Naval Stores Trade of New York held on the 27th inst., wherein charges of fraud as to the altering of inspectors' marks as to the quality and quantity of rosin and spirits turpentine were made against the jobbers of said articles at Savannah, Ga., Wilmington, N. C., and Charleston, S. C.

The President further stated that on the appearance of these charges in the newspaper of this city a meeting of the Board of Managers had been held, which had directed the Secretary of the Exchange to write to the New York Naval Stores and Tobacco Exchange for a copy of the resolutions referred to in the telegram of the Associated Press, and that a meeting of this Exchange had been held on the 28th inst., wherein resolutions were passed in relation to the charges mentioned in the telegram from New York.

The President further stated that the resolutions had been received by mail, and he caused the proceedings of the meeting of the Board of Managers to be read, as also the following from the Chairman and Superintendent of the New York Naval Stores and Tobacco Exchange:

NEW YORK NAVAL STORES AND TOBACCO EXCHANGE.
New York, March 28th, 1885.
Chairman Produce Exchange, Wilmington, N. C.
Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the Naval Stores Trade, held at this Exchange, the accompanying preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed and sent to your members for their consideration.

Hoping they will be favorably considered, we are, yours truly,
J. R. TOLAN, Chairman.
J. P. QUIN, Supt.

HOMICIDE.
One Negro Boy Kills Another with a Rock.
Yesterday evening about 7 o'clock, while a crowd of young colored men and boys were standing about the southeast corner of Seventh and Ann streets, a difficulty arose between two of the number—John Carver and Walter Johnson—both aged about eighteen years. A wordy warfare progressed for some time, when Carver said to Johnson: "If you want anything out of me come and fight me." Johnson refused, and then given into the custody of the police. In the meantime, one of the witnesses of the homicide went to the City Hall and reported the affair. Chief of Police Brook immediately sent out special officers to arrest Carver, and went himself, in company with Dr. Potter, to Seventh and Ann streets where the fatal affray occurred. He found Dr. Peckham, Surgeon of the Marine Hospital, and Dr. Ellis present. Although no regular examination of the body of Johnson was made, it was apparent that the neck was broken. The body was removed to the house of some relative of the dead boy on Ann between Sixth and Seventh streets, where the inquest will be held to-day. Carver was taken to the City Hall by the police and locked up in a cell.

EXAMINATION AT ROCKY POINT.
A correspondent writes as follows of the school exhibition at Rocky Point, Pender county, on Friday:
"The first public exhibition of Rocky Point High School came off here on yesterday in a public examination and other features of the same nature, and a large crowd of interested spectators. It was all that the friends of the institution could desire, reflecting credit upon the teachers and the school. The exercises were interspersed with music. The exercises were interspersed with music. The exercises were interspersed with music."

DEATH OF CHARLES.
The Charlotte *Observer* says: "A congregational meeting of the Baptist Church in this city was held last Wednesday night at which it was decided to call Rev. Dr. H. P. Pritchard, now in charge of the First Baptist Church in Wilmington, to the pastorate of the Charlotte Church, and a formal call has been extended to the Doctor. Dr. Pritchard is a leading man in his denomination in this State, and it is to be hoped that he will accept."

CHANGES IN THE COURT HOUSE.
The old grand jury room in the Court House is being fitted up for a sheriff's office. It will be a big improvement on the old rooms in the matter of light and ventilation and will be very neat and handsome when the improvements in contemplation are all added. The rooms heretofore used by the sheriff will hereafter be used by the grand jury.

UNITED STATES SENATE.
EXTRA SESSION.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations: Thomas C. Crenshaw, Jr., to be collector of internal revenue for the District of Columbia; John W. Saville, to be postmaster at Yazoo City, Miss.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Senate in executive session today considered the following nominations: Daniel McConville, of Ohio, to be Auditor of the Treasury for the Postoffice Department; John W. Saville, to be Passed Assistant Engineer of the Navy on the retired list. The Republican Senators held another caucus to-day, and the result was that the Senate will adjourn to-day.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Secretary of the Treasury has proposed a circular letter to be sent to the Collectors of Customs, requesting information as to the practicality of reducing the expense of collecting the revenue from customs by changing the force of clerks and other employees.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Senate met at noon, and on motion of Mr. Sherman adjourned until next Monday at 12 o'clock.

COLORADO.
Ex-Senator Hill Denies the Charges Made by the Senate Committee on Postoffice.
DENVER, Col., March 28.—The attention of ex-Senator Hill having been called to the charges made by the Senate Committee on Postoffice, he has issued a statement denying the charges.

KENTUCKY.
Execution of the Last One of the Ashland Murderers.
GRAVES, Ky., March 27.—William New, the last of the Ashland murderers, was executed to-day.

VIRGINIA.
Acquittal of a Man Charged with Murder.
WASHINGTON, March 27.—James Hord, tried for the murder of John Ryan, was acquitted yesterday in the County Court of Fauquier.

BIBL'S REBELLION.
Capture of an Embassador of the Rebel Cause.
CHICAGO, March 28.—The *Daily News* publishes a list of rebel emissaries captured by the Union army.

CENTRAL AMERICA.
Mexican Army Officers for San Salvador.
NEW ORLEANS, March 28.—A special to the *Times-Democrat* from the city of Mexico contains the following news: "The Mexican army officers for San Salvador are being organized."

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Spirits Turpentine.
—Raleigh *News-Observer*: Capt. Shotwell is improving. His eyes are yet weak and give him much trouble. —Miss Victoria Young, niece of Mr. W. J. Young, Wednesday evening, while at a prayer-meeting had a slight attack of paralysis. —George Horton, a negro, has been jailed for an attack on the *friend* Mrs. Amanda Watkins, in Little River township.

—Oxford *Orphan's Friend*: We now have thirty very respectable cases of measles in Oxford county. —The case of Mrs. W. J. Young, who was the first Governor of North Carolina who allied to the Oxford Orphan Asylum in his proclamation. —The case of Mrs. W. J. Young, who was the first Governor of North Carolina who allied to the Oxford Orphan Asylum in his proclamation.

—Greenboro *Workman*: Mrs. Dr. George Kirkham died of pneumonia at the home of her son Dr. J. O. Kirkham, at Oronoke, S. C., on the 27th inst. at 8:30 o'clock. —The Literary address at commencement at G. F. College will be delivered by Rev. W. J. Young, of Georgia. —Senator Colquhoun accepted an invitation to deliver the address at a former commencement, but on account of pressing business could not be present. —Our advice from Enfield dated Monday, simply announced that Rev. G. A. T. Whitaker had been stricken with paralysis of the face, and that he would be unable to "pass over the river." He was a good man, and no doubt he was prepared for the change.

—Lincolnton *Press*: Last week a gentleman called on the Clerk of the Superior Court. He had travelled all the way from Tennessee to look after his interest in an estate in North Carolina. The investigation the Clerk found that, after a final settlement with the administrator of the estate, the heirs of the estate had hands belonging to the heirs of one. —A violent and dangerous mania is mentioned in jail here awaiting the result of an application for admission to the State Asylum. Her insanity is the result of religious excitement. About two years ago she was confined in the State Asylum, and had received the newspapers clippings, of which four fifths of the spiritus rapae of her insanity was the result of her religious mania, and claiming that the Lord commanded her to do it, attempted to kill her husband and children. —The case of Mrs. W. J. Young, who was the first Governor of North Carolina who allied to the Oxford Orphan Asylum in his proclamation.

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.
—My faith hath no bed to sleep upon but omnipotency. —Rutherford. —Miss Baxter, a Scotch Congregationalist, who died recently, gave during her life to the building of the University College, Dundee, and \$500,000 for its endowment.

—There are now only five Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, living. —The Rev. Mr. Keener, New Orleans; Wilson, Baltimore; Granbery, St. Louis; Hargrove, Atlanta, Ga. —The Presbyterian Church has twelve physicians in China. Dr. Kerr has practiced thirty years in Canton. In 1838 he, with two assistants, one of them a surgeon, treated 1,000 cases of cholera, 2,000 operations. —Our Mission Field.

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