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Ohio river, then we may expect a great increase in business.

Then we are soon to have another important railroad connection. The Wilmington and Onslow railroad is a "fixed fact." It will be built, and soon. This opens up a most extensive lumber business and a promise of a large development of the fish and oyster industries. Then the road will go on and on no doubt, until a Northern line is complete. All this bodes well for Wilmington. We rejoice in the prospect. Year after year the STAR did what it could to secure this road. At the time when Col. Pardee addressed the people here upon the importance of smaller industries and a railroad to Onslow we improved the occasion, as our files show, by writing a number of editorials urging the construction of this road, and showing its advantages. This was some four years ago. When you examine into the records, which alone tell the truth, you will find that the STAR has never neglected any important matter that concerns Wilmington.

It is so in regard to the completion and extension of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. This writer has written more than a dozen columns on this interesting and important question. It is being built. The STAR did all it could to bring this about.

The STAR has for several years endeavored to secure a free bridge for Brunswick river, and a steamer ferry for the Cape Fear. It has had many editorials on the subject urging their utility and necessity. After a while it will be done. The STAR's efforts will be forgotten and some new hand will claim all the credit. So with the Boulevard for Fifth Street. When that widest of our streets has been beautified upon the plan so often urged by us, and with nice, little, attractive parks and the interesting streets, with trees and seats and fountains and flowers, then the editor of that day will sharpen his Faber and tell how he did it. St. Paul was careful not to magnify his office by resping where others had planted. The STAR will continue on the same line of quiet, earnest, intelligent labor for Wilmington's prosperity.

A gentleman from another State, with much Northern correspondence and acquaintance, tells us that in traveling and correspondence he hears a great deal more said of Wilmington now than five years ago. He says the Northern people are learning more and more of Wilmington's commercial advantages. Now that our people have taken steps to invite manufacturers and to give them very material aid, we may expect a very speedy development of the smaller manufacturing industries, and it is to be hoped that the larger ones may be planted here also.

Wilmington has good schools, has sufficient hotel accommodation at present, and is on a fair way to greater importance as a seaport for North Carolina. A more generous recognition of its importance on the part of the people at large, and a broader appreciation on the part of the Legislature, would contribute very greatly to giving a sharper impetus to the growth, prosperity and portance of the chief city in the State. It is at present as well supplied with newspapers as the actual patronage justifies. It may have a paper yet as costly as the Savannah News (more than \$125,000 a year), but not now. As the town grows the papers will flourish.

Wilmington had in 1880 about 17,500 inhabitants. It is believed to have now not less than 21,000 or 22,000. Some few even think it more, but we do not. It has a lower death-rate among the whites than any city on the Atlantic coast from New Jersey to the Gulf of Mexico. It has forty or fifty churches, a Young Men's Christian Association, hospitals, a seaman's home, two cotton presses, many saw-mills, and several manufacturing establishments. A hearty, united pluck together will help the town. Let us all work for Wilmington. It offers many advantages to the capitalist. Come and see.

The Augusta Chronicle praises North Carolina for the noble example it has set in devoting a tax of \$110,000 a year for pensioning the Confederate survivors in need. It was well done and no mistake. Now for a Soldiers' Home.

The N. Y. Herald says that the Protective Tariff policy failed to get a majority in the North in the Presidential election. Southern weak-kneed Democrats who are looking Republicanward should take notice.

Matthew Arnold, accomplished, gifted with rare literary art, and endowed with poetic genius, died poor. His books did not enrich him. Dead, a fund of some \$25,000 has been raised for his widow. This is better than neglect.

So handsome Mary Anderson is to wed, is she? Her health is better. She is in England.

Speech of Sir Charles Russell, to which we called attention days since, appears to have been a very remarkable effort as to length, breadth of treatment, power of reasoning, and eloquence of statement.

To call forth such encomiums from the press of England, and to cause an unemphatic Praesiding Justice to write him a note expressing his high admiration and pronouncing it "a great one and worthy of a great occasion," it must have been of a very high order of excellence and it may take rank among the great forensic displays of a country very rich in such productions.

The awful loss of the Danish emigrant steamer the Denmark, with more than six hundred souls, is a fearful visitation, and again reminds us of the great perils of the deep. We are made familiar with the sea by the millions who cross it, but the perils are there all the same, and the loss of life every year is very great. How many homes and hearts will be made to bleed by the sad calamity just recorded.

The Democrats in the New York Legislature very strangely voted against the Ballot Reform bill. It passed by a strict party vote, all the Republicans favoring it. It is gratifying to see "our friends, the enemy," take this very much needed step. Surely after the Quay-Dudley-Wanamaker performance of last year, the positive need of a law to prevent bribery and corruption and intimidation is apparent to all. The Democrats should have set a better example. They are blind to their own interests. The Commercial Advertiser, Ind. Rep., takes the correct view, no doubt, when it says:

"There are higher reasons why every patriot and every honest man, of whatever party, should favor this reform, but putting upon the narrow ground of partisan self-interest the Democrats in a strongly Democratic State, whose electoral vote is felt here to be a Presidential stroke of cleaver policy, and it is assumed to fore-shadow still further progress in the perfection of the German Army as a fighting force."

Under the new regime in Germany the younger soldiers are being advanced to high places. The new Minister of War is Gen. Von Verdny in Verneis, aged 56. He was only a Major in the great war with France in 1870. The London correspondent of the New York Times says of him: "He is admittedly the foremost living military writer, and his works on the art of command have revolutionized the strategic teaching of all Europe. He has been Governor of Strasbourg for the past six years. Von Verdny is a stout man of fine figure, very tall, and looking strangely like Grant in face, beard, and expression. His selection by the new Emperor for this great post is felt here to be a Presidential stroke of cleaver policy, and it is assumed to fore-shadow still further progress in the perfection of the German Army as a fighting force."

Gov. Gordon is strongly in favor of a Confederate Soldiers' Home for Georgia. He urges the people to raise \$250,000 for that purpose. A considerable sum has been raised within a few days. North Carolina and Georgia soldiers used to like to be supported by each other in battle, for they knew they could depend in safety upon the needed help. Shall our soldiers fare less well than Georgia's?

The Greenville (S. C.) Daily News has been enlarged and made more attractive. It has been an able paper under Mr. Williams' editorship, and it is now the paper in South Carolina after the leading Charleston daily. It is a large, handsome paper now.

Jackson, Miss., after being a Prohibition town for two years, returns to liquor drinking. A license will cost about \$2,000 and the applicant must be backed by 25 property holders.

Amelia Rives' last novel thus far has attracted but little attention. It appears in Lippincott's Magazine and can be bought for 25 cents. We have not had curiosity enough to read it.

The New Hanover Transit Company are making things hum just now. Work on the new pier is progressing rapidly, the new iron for the railroad is on the spot and will soon be in place, and the speedy Sylvan Grove, the pride of the ladies last season, will put on her new dress this week. It is expected that everything will be in readiness in three weeks, and then the fun will begin. The management are making every necessary preparation for the accommodation of the pleasure-seekers, and promise facilities much ahead of those of last season.

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Receipts of cotton for the week ended yesterday are 1,549 bales; same week last year, 130. Receipts for the crop year to April 19th, are 150,770 bales; to same date last year, 168,600. A decrease of 18,789 bales. The stock at this port is 4,369 bales; at same date last year, 5,701.

Gov. Powle was here yesterday for the purpose of selecting the site for the permanent encampment of the State Guard. He was accompanied from Raleigh by Quartermaster General F. A. Olds, and soon after breakfast at the Orono, went down to Wrightsville on a special train on the Seacoast railroad. He was accompanied to the Sound by Col. T. W. Strange, of the Governor's staff, Col. W. C. Jones, Col. Jno. W. Atkinson, Mr. J. H. Walters, Mr. E. C. McQueen, Mr. R. M. McIntire, Mr. E. S. Lattimer, Mr. Jas. H. Chabourn, Jr., and Mr. W. A. Bryan.

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WASHINGTON. A present office official reference to Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Wm. H. Wood, in connection with the proposed extension of the Washington-Portland-Court Martial to the Cape Fear.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Board of Inspectors and Survey, of which Admiral Jett is president, is to be officially present at the celebration in New York on the 30th inst., and has instructed the commandant of the New York Navy Yard to send all of the vessels in commission to an anchorage in the harbor.

Lieut. Parker of the Navy will accompany the Samoan commission, which sails for Honolulu on the 20th inst. He has been attached to the Adams for three years, and it is expected that his knowledge of Samoan affairs, acquired during the expedition to the Apis, will be of assistance to the commission.

Lieut. Buckingham now naval attaché at the United States Legation at London, but lately attached to the Berlin Mission in the capacity of naval attaché, has been assigned to Berlin, and also act in the capacity of secretary.

Lieut. Allen, of North Carolina, has made application for relief to the President, in behalf of Capt. Wm. A. Winder, late of the United States Army. From the papers received it appears that the applicant served eighteen years in the army, beginning with the Mexican War. During the war he was desirous of going to the front, but he fell under suspicion of disloyalty because of his name, Winder, which is identical with the name of a Confederate officer. Although President Lincoln was satisfied upon the assurance of Capt. (now Lieut.) Winder, that he was a loyal soldier, he was not permitted to go to California. This was done, and in California the charge of disloyalty was renewed, and he was arrested in a trial, by which he was honorably acquitted. While on this duty he secured the formal thanks of the Maryland Legislature for his services in connection with the rescue of shipwrecked crews. After the war Capt. Winder resigned, and now, as a result of broken health, and other misfortune, he seeks to be reinstated in the army and placed upon the retired list.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The court martial, met at the War Department this morning, and the members of the court qualified to try the case of a private who was charged with desertion. It was decided whether he had any objection to the composition of the court. Capt. Armes replied in the affirmative, and the court proceeded to try the case. The private had been placed before the court, and that he had, but Capt. Bourke and Col. Gibson, who had made the charges against him, should be standing upon trial. The defendant announced that he had selected Capt. Knox, of the 1st Cavalry, as his counsel. Inasmuch as Capt. Knox was a member of the court martial it was necessary that he should first be relieved. The Judge Advocate therefore issued orders that instead of killing the mule the man gave it to some one living in the neighborhood of Third and Castle streets. Last Saturday, however, two mules in Messrs. Boney & Harper's stables were taken with the same disease, and on Sunday a pony from the same stable was also found to be similarly affected. These animals were all separated from the other stock.

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Secretary Blaine received a telegram this afternoon from Mr. Wm. H. Wood, Secretary of the Interior, stating that he had been notified by the Mayor of the City of Richmond, Va., that the German ship Olga, carrying a Sidley load from Samoa, reported that the Nipic is afloat, with her rudder and propeller lost, and that the vessel is now in the water.

John W. Fisher, appointed Collector of Customs at Richmond, Va., is the present Acting Collector, which position he held throughout the last administration, notwithstanding his earnest support of the Republican party. Attorney General Miller to-day received the resignation of Daniel M. Lockwood, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York (Buffalo), to take effect on the appointment and qualification of his successor.

The office of the First Assistant Postmaster General is being overhauled with applications for appointments of fourth-class postmasters and Presidential postmasters. Thus far, during the month of April, there have been received at the office of the First Assistant alone over two thousand letters containing applications of this kind.

The Postmaster General to-day appointed James G. Rathbone, of Hamilton, N. C., chief postoffice inspector. Rathbone is at present a member of the Legislature of North Carolina. He filled the office of Chief Examiner and previous to that time was Chief of the United States Postal Service Division of the Treasury Department.

There are about 900 applications for the positions of 117 postoffice inspectors employed by the Department. Four hundred of these applications are on file in the Postoffice Department, and 500 were lodged with the Civil Service Commission. The contract for reconstructing the tower of the public building at Raleigh, N. C., has been awarded to Wm. H. Smith, of Raleigh.

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Relative to Southern Appearances. WASHINGTON, April 11.—The Star this evening prints the following: The President's policy with relation to Southern appearances has been made clear to Southern office seekers here, and there is not a little unvoluntary discontent. He has declared his intention to select none but men who have the respect of their neighbors, and who are intelligent and capable. He wants to recognize young men, and to give them a chance to show their good, and will not select merely as teachers for the party because of what they can get out of it. Any distinguished man, who is Republican in principle, and who is not in avowed or not, may be selected for appointment. The idea is to get rid of self-interest, and to let the party into a disrepute, and to let down all barriers that keep white protectionists out.

It is reported that the President spoke very plainly to the Southern people, and with a delegation lately to see about the appointment of the patronage of his State in the matter of the Norfolk and Virginia Railway. The President is reported as saying, after listening to the Southern people, "you are the sort of man to distribute the patronage of that State."

Nothing Reliable Concerning the Ill-fated Steamer—Speculations Relative to the Safety of the Passengers and Crew—Anxiety of Friends. New York, April 11.—The mails from the White Star steamer Britannia, which arrived here yesterday morning, contain the following news: The steamer Britannia, which was wrecked and washed entirely away, in Camden county, North Carolina, on the night of the 10th inst., was found by William Bartlett and an out-house of Luke Stevens, were blown down. Fences were taken up bodily, and the cargo was scattered in every direction. Garden peas and all tender truck were badly out to pieces by the ballast, in some places Irish potatoes were blown about. The amount of losses caused by the storm cannot be estimated. It reached into the hands of the wrecked steamer, and was reported as follows: The schooner Susanna, owned by the estate of Wm. T. Crinkley, of Camden county, was wrecked and destroyed. The schooner Susan Crinkley, owned by Sammier Midgett and commanded by Capt. F. A. Crinkley, was wrecked and all on board. The schooner Farroth, owned by Matthew Granberry, was wrecked, and all on board. The schooner Farroth, owned by Matthew Granberry, was wrecked, and all on board. The schooner Farroth, owned by Matthew Granberry, was wrecked, and all on board.

There was a sad case of burning at Moss Neck, in Robinson county, last Saturday. Wm. C. McNeill, Esq., lost his dwelling, out-houses and everything he owned, except his horse and a part of his household furniture. His total loss is about \$3,000—not a cent of insurance. He is a widower, and has a family of six children, and is now in a very poor state of health. The light was falling upon the spolia. The Republicans of Rockingham are dividing the spoils, and are fighting for the office of Sheriff and Terry for the postoffice at Rockingham and Laurinburg respectively, while the other faction is fighting for the office of Sheriff and Terry for the postoffice at Rockingham and Laurinburg respectively, while the other faction is fighting for the office of Sheriff and Terry for the postoffice at Rockingham and Laurinburg respectively.

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