THE SENTINEL.

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HONORS.

There are some things we like. We like the *Statesman* of Baltimore in the main. We think it is, however, disposed to snub some good things. It snubs, for instance, Andrew Johnson's patriotism. That is neither democratic, nor just. It cannot be denied that Johnson stood up for the Constitution. We grant, that the *Statesman* is conducted with ability and calmness generally. Its standard of journalism is elevated, and it aspires to be a teacher. For all this we give due applause. But we think "Homer nods" sometimes, both in letters and politics. Of course, we do not expect the editors to be exempt from human infirmities. All mortals are peccable, and the *Statesman* is no exception. We like it, and do not prefer to dissent in any particular. But to our present grievance. In an article upon "Dickens and Motley," it asks the question,

"How many people remember the great Bacon as Lord Verulam, and what additional did Macaulay make to his fame by permitting himself to be called a Lord? Think of a proposition to put a coronet on Shakespeare. The three greatest natural geniuses Britain ever saw—Shakspeare, Bunyan and Burns—were made so noble by nature, that any distinctions of rank or title would have been like "adding perfume to the rose," or like a transient, vapory circle round the moon, imparting no radiance to it, and soon fading away, and leaving the orb of compact silver to reign in solitary majesty in the firmament. It is gratifying to see a man of genius, like Mr. Dickens, show that he has some sense of the fitness of things."

Now we like some part of this. The sentiment in some particulars is correct. But there is a quiet sneer at *honors* that strikes us as neither in good taste nor strictly *democratic*; and the *Statesman* claims to be an organ of democratic principles and policy. We believe that *Sir* Walter Scott *merited* his Knighthood. It devotion to country, if an uncommon genius; if a most brilliant career in letters; if a genuine British manhood ever entitled a man to honors, we believe that the great wizard *deserved* them. It is true that *Sir* Walter was not a greater or more honored man than *Mr.* Walter, but it was none the less a grateful and deserved tribute to his high and unquestioned genius when Britain's ruler bestowed upon him the Knighthood. And so with Lord Macaulay.

Shakspeare, and Burns, and Bunyan would not certainly have been men of less *prestige* or of *less honor* if they had been Lords and Dukes. What Burns has said is true—we can not copy the entire passage as we have not his works by us—that "a man's a man for a' that." In spite of honors some men continue to be right noble specimens of humanity.

Was Bacon injured in *popular* estimation by being made *Lord Verulam?* If a man of reading has never become familiar with his title, he is simply more negligent in that particular than hundreds of students in Colleges and schools have been. We suppose there is not in the State a moderately well read man in *belles lettres* who is not familiar with both names; and we venture to assert that neither *Lord* Bacon (his common title,) nor *Lord* Verulam (his proper title) ever made Francis Bacon any less a wonder to any man who had sense enough to understand his wonderful inductive philosophy, the Novum Organum—or his *unique* essays.

To denounce titles in this country, to say the least, is all bosh. Was Washington *really* any greater man as President than he was before? Was Alexander Hamilton, or Daniel Webster, or the two great Southrons, Henry Clay and Jno. C. Calhoun, any less great because they failed of Presidential honors? A thousand times, nay. But *per contra*, if they had been President, they would have received that tribute which they had won, by long and brilliant services, and been crowned with honors that would have been most worthily worn.

A man may be "noble by nature" but that is no disqualification for honors and fame. *Because* he is one of "nature's noblemen" constitutes really a first rate reason why he should be crowned with the evergreen wreath and wear honors and titles.

We believe, then, the sentiment of the *Statesman* is false, both as to the fact and as to the practice. Before honors conferred by either a sovereign or the sovereign people are barren, the time must come when men shall no longer *seek* fame or fortune; and it is best but badinage for the *Statesman* to endeavor to palm off such thread bare fallacies upon the public. If the public do not know very much of literary matters, it will readily perceive the absurdity of condemning titles in America or in England, or indeed anywhere. The world over peculiar merit, real or reputed, has been rewarded by titles. Charles Dickens may not agree to be made a Knight (if such a project is on foot,) but whether known as *Sir* Charles or *Lord* Dickens, he is still a huge dandy, with very bad morals and considerable genius. There was more true manhood in Scotch Sir Walter or my *Lord* Macaulay, (Scotch too, we believe,) than in a whole band of gaseous Dickens's. It is a funny thing to read Lytton Bulwer's marvellous rhetorical involutions all in behalf of plain *Mr.* Charles Dickens, and then to read *Mr.* Charles' very clever responses. The *Statesman* likes such "blarney." We don't.

The Prussian journals continue to express surprise at the increase of emigration from the kingdom. On the 6th ultimo the railway conveyed to Bremen 1,500 peasants, and on the following day 2,000 others, about to embark for America. The poverty existing in the eastern provinces forces them to seek the means of existence in a new country.

COL. WALTER CLARKE.

We omitted the name of the Colonel as a member of the Halifax bar. His promotion at the bar bids fare to be as rapid as his promotion in the army. The Colonel was the youngest officer of his rank in the army of Virginia.

At fifteen he entered the army, in which he served two years. He returned home, entered our University, took the highest honors at graduation in his 18th year, again entered the service of his country, and was elected Major of the "Junior Regiment." He fought in the battle between Gladstone and Raleigh, in which he distinguished himself.

Napoleon said a Frenchman wanted no higher ambition than to have it said, "he belonged to the army of Italy." There was a time when there was no higher distinction than to say he belongs to the army of Virginia. But, alas, defeat will bring down even the old Quartermaster, Judge Rodman, who led the boy Colonel, would not fail to make him odious for having belonged to the army of Virginia.

Gen. Lee was quartered in the house of Mr. A. Col. Fairleigh called to see him. The latter was again indulging in the usual disparaging terms about Col. William Watson, and said he would be happy to see "the diminutive ugly little creature." Mrs. Ashe replied, "if you had invited Infantry to C. Lord Tarlton at the head of the Cowpens, you could have enjoyed that pleasure."

The Colonel was angered and seized the collar of his coward. General Leslie, pleased at the pluck of the noble woman, said, "say what you please, Mrs. Ashe, Colonel Fairleigh knows better than to insult a lady in my presence."

Will the good people and especially the ladies of Orange, compare this polite act of General Lee to the coward and of General Lee at Halifax?

AN ACT IN RELATION TO PUNISHMENTS.

We publish this act for the benefit of small weak men. Clerk Harris, the Superintendent of Public Works, who is a stout, large man may treat one small man who offends him. If the small man use his stick or knife, or pistol, he has to go to the Penitentiary. The Judge has no discretion, the law puts him by.

If Cole, Jr. Hoblon, Pike, Farrie, Jenkins, Boyce, Menninger, and negroes belonging to the League, assault a citizen, and the latter raises a knife, or stick, or pistol, under this law, he must go the Penitentiary. Among savages brute force prevails. Under this law brute force prevails. The weak man must submit to be beaten by the strong or he must go to the Penitentiary for not more than five years.

THE MILK IN THE COCOANUT

"Show me the company you keep, and I will tell you what you are," runs an old saying. The Rochester *Union* says of the recent number of the *Imperialist*: "The last page is covered with sixteen business advertisements. Eleven of these are of leading Radical bondholders, bankers and other moneyed operators."

It has been stated several times in Northern papers that the *Imperialist* was owned and published by Radicals. Bond holders are at the bottom of this movement no doubt. They furnish the money. Without the rich would be able to supply gratuitously thousands of copies of a large weekly paper. The publishers of the *Imperialist* say they do not want subscribers—that they have plenty of funds with which to circulate it without pay.

Quite recently we have seen it stated that Borie, Secretary of Navy, owned this advocate of Imperialistic ideas. Whether this is so or not, we do not pretend to be able to state. We think it highly probable, and now that two other papers of the "same stripe" are to be published—one in Philadelphia and one in Memphis—possibly some of the other Secretaries are investing in the same direction.

This, however, we do not insist upon.—We give the rumors that are current at the North. It is a very suspicious circumstance to say the least, when eleven business advertisements are found adorning one page of the *Imperialist*, and these eleven advertisements belong to eminent bankers and plethoric bond holders of the Radical type.

THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

Mr. Barnum, editor of the *Lynchburg Virginia* published in this city, has recently taken a journey in the last issue of his paper he gives some of his experiences in railroading. We propose to copy some of his remarks upon the North Carolina Railroad. They are not specially complimentary. Speaking of the present management, he says:

In the first place, to show the penurious ness of its management, it does not—like other well conducted roads, advertise its schedule in the papers. If a person wishes to take a train he must seek this information as to time, the best he can, or do as we did, go to the station and wait an hour for the train to come along, (which for the benefit of our readers we will state was the freight train going west, and is supposed to leave Raleigh at 11 40, A. M.)

To this was attached an old worn out, dingy, dusty, dirty, filthy passenger car, for the accommodation of the travelling public. In this we took our seat, in company with several others. Some ten minutes before starting, a greasy looking personage whom we took to be an engineer, fireman, or breaksman, came into the car and collected our fare. In all our railroad experience this was the first time we had ever seen fare collected before starting; and upon inquiry as to the reason, we learned that the money was needed to purchase a little oil with which to grease the engine before starting.

After a good long time of waiting we commenced to move off gradually, and for hours afterwards, by looking intently out of the window for some time, at some stationary object, we could perceive that we were still moving. We read through all the newspapers we could get hold of—took several good long naps—nearly wore out our best trowsers, and had become so hungry that we didn't know where on earth we were going to stay all night, when the train came to a quiet and permanent standstill, we seized our carpetbag and left the train perfectly disgusted.

Upon inquiry as to our whereabouts, we learned that we were at Durham's, some 26 miles from Raleigh. The great walkists, Professors Brewer and Martling of the State University could have, (according to all accounts,) walked further in half the time.

After careful and deliberate consideration, we have come to the unanimous conclusion, that the North Carolina Railroad is the worst managed, as to the point of accommodations, makes the closest time, charges the highest rate of fare, does the least business, has the most incompetent set of officers, from President and Superintendent down, we have ever met with in all our travels.

We would advise the State to sell or give the road to some good responsible company which could afford to run it like other well conducted roads, which would not only confer a great blessing upon the public but would also benefit and relieve the State of a heavy tax for the support of a board of unqualified and incompetent Directors and official Managers.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO PUNISHMENTS.

[Passed April 10th, 1869.]

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SEC. 1. *Punishment for murder.*

Every person who is convicted, in due course of law, of any wilful murder of malice prepense, shall suffer death.

SEC. 2. *Punishment for rape.*

Every person who is convicted, in due course of law, of ravishing and carnally knowing any female of the age of ten years or more by force and against her will, or who is convicted, in the manner aforesaid, of unlawfully and carnally knowing and abusing any female child under the age of ten years, shall suffer death.

SEC. 3. *Punishment for assault with intention to commit rape.*

Every person who is convicted by due course of law, of assault with intent to commit a rape upon the body of any female, shall be imprisoned in the State prison not less than five or more than ten years.

SEC. 4. *Punishment for arson of inhabited dwellings.*

Every person convicted, according to due course of law, of burning with a burning fluid, inhabited dwelling house, or any part thereof, in the night time, shall suffer the punishment, to the term of his natural life, in the State's prison.

SEC. 5. *Arson of gin house or tobacco house.*

Every person convicted of any wilful burning of any gin house or tobacco house, or any part thereof, shall be imprisoned in the State prison not less than five, nor more than ten years.

SEC. 6. *Crimes heretofore punishable with death, how punished now.*

Every person guilty of any crime, whereof the punishment has hitherto been death, by the laws of North Carolina existing at the time the present Constitution went into effect, other than the crimes before specified in this act, shall suffer the punishment in the State's prison for not less than five, nor more than sixty years.

SEC. 7. *Assault with deadly weapon or with intent to kill.*

Every person who commits any assault upon the person of another, with any sharp or dangerous weapon, or who unlawfully shoots or attempts to shoot at another with any kind of firearms, with any intent to injure any person, without intent to kill such person or to commit any felony, shall be punished, upon conviction, by imprisonment in the State's prison not exceeding five years.

SEC. 8. *Assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.*

Every person, who in any way, shall attempt to shoot at another with any kind of firearms, with intent to kill any person, or who commits any assault upon another by means of any deadly weapon, or by such other means as are likely to, or which do produce death, with intent to kill any other person, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the State's prison, not exceeding ten years.

SEC. 9. *What punishment on first or subsequent conviction.*

Every crime or offence whatever, heretofore punishable by the laws of North Carolina with the present Constitution went into effect, with public whipping or other corporeal punishment, shall hereafter, in lieu of such corporeal punishment, be punished by imprisonment in the State's prison or County jail for not less than two months nor more than ten years.

SEC. 10. *Where convicts confined till expiration of their sentence.*

Whenever, until the completion of the State's prison, any person is sentenced to confinement therein, such convict may be confined in the County jail, or other secure place, or, if such convict be a male, he may be kept at hard labor on the public roads or other public work as provided by law, during the whole or any part of his imprisonment, but such term of imprisonment shall begin to run upon and shall include the day of his conviction.

SEC. 11. *Repeal.*

An act entitled "An act in relation to punishments," ratified the twenty second day of August, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are repealed.

SEC. 12. This act shall be in force from the day of its ratification.

Ratified this 10th day of April, A. D., 1869.

JO. W. HOLDEN,
Speaker House of Representatives.
TOD R. CALDWELL,
President of the Senate.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

In the recent conflict between the English and Chinese at Swatow, three villages were burned and 55 Chinamen killed.

Salt Lake City is favored with a one legged acrobat who walks the tight rope and swallows a sword when in the middle.

The planters about Montgomery, Ala., complain that the recent heavy rains have completely demolished the growing crop of cotton in the lowlands.

In twenty-four State prisons in the United States there were in 1868 an aggregate of 10,885 prisoners. These cost the States the round sum of $1,566 989, and their earnings amounted to $1,092,680.

The New York *Times* "don't see why the Mexicans should be so anxious to have Cuba severed from Spain. The Mexicans have certainly made a frightful business of governing their own country since they severed it."

An elm, with a truck measuring seven feet in diameter, two feet from the ground, and three feet, sixty feet from the ground, was recently cut down in Vermont. It was about 300 years old, and made 36 cords of wood.

The Boston friends of Chief Justice Chase have raised $2,500 to place his statue on the proposed Lincoln monument at Washington; those of Bishop Simpson have met to arrange for similar treatment of that divine, and Dr. Bellows will have his statue canvassed for as a representative of the sanitary commission. The colored friends of Fredrick Douglass are considering the propriety of placing his statue on the monument.

Hon. Eugene Casserly, Senator from California, is a five millionaire.

For the Sentinel.

CHAPEL HILL, May 7.

Mr. Turner—Dear me! dear me! here's the *Standard* with a correspondent (who signs himself "Correct English" and) who finds fault with Mr. Argo's parts of speech. Poor Mr. Argo! I feel so much for him that I come to the conclusion it is all your fault Mr. Turner. In the first place you went and printed his speech badly, and then you go and lay the blame on his "chirography." Pray what could you call his *handwrite* but "chirography" for? I thought to be sure that long word meant another one of his parts of speech, but he told me better himself.

The best of it all, however, is that the "Faculty" were delighted with his triumphant fling at poor Argo, that they immediately convened to have it publicly passed at one of the approaching Commencement exercises. But upon examination it was ascertained that it could be passed, so now it is probable it will be disclaimed instead, there being a special opportunity for a flattering word in the concluding paragraph.

The whole production is pithy, terse and grammar, is a fresh exhibition of the literary taste, and critical acumen and gentlemanly feeling that now adorn our Chapel Hill University. Faint we all know that birds and men as well as the track, wherever we see it. Poor Argo! He had the diplomacy, too, signed to that wedding breakfast card. Exactly that we are informed. It will probably cost him. For the way he laughed at the meeting, I thought the joke was practical. Mr. Argo is unsuspecting and so is not the "chirography" of your correspondent a dog. But some one is watching their spelling, watching em in any and every way, and make bad, when for your knowledge of the rules of grammar and orthography, which you so much display.

Chapel Hill is excited. Mr. Ashley says that on Sunday we are there will be "few students here." Quere. Will they be where to look? Because Mr. Pool says it is where nobody won't come, for black sheep everybody will. Why not? Mr. Brewer's forehead is more caught entirely to at the sight of the spondaic pipes.

Meanwhile, thanks of Solomon Pool, the living North Carolina

It is a fact that sometimes when I go down after dinner to Solomon Pool sitting on the top of Woods shop with his little [illegible] he [illegible] and he has [illegible] me, with head down, would look at him, and think of Chapel Hill dates to him in the last year or two. I can hardly [illegible] my self about.

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Barnwell's wife's.

DEFERUL JUNIOR.

THE EPIDEMIC OF MURDER.

A number of doctors of medical portraits are in New Orleans in attendance at the medical convention. They have formed an editorial association, with Dr. Davis, of Chicago, as president. Dr. McPheeters, of St. Louis, vice president, and Mitchell, of New Orleans, permanent secretary. The medical convention will meet next year in Washington, D. C.

A planing mill took fire yesterday in Chicago and the loss is reported, working several hands, but none fatally. The mill and lumber is insured for $50,000.

A large number of spectacles will be put the Spanish troops were forwarded by the Cunard steamer from New York yesterday, and Mr. Plumb, the new consul to Havana, sailed on the same steamer.

The citizens of Chicago have determined to celebrate the completion of the Pacific railroad on Monday or Tuesday next. Vice President Colfax is announced as one of the speakers.

Colonel Moore, late private secretary of President Johnson, has been ordered to resume his duties as paymaster, and reached Leavenworth, Kansas.

During a storm on Wednesday a woman and child were struck dead by lightning at Sleepy Eye, Minn.

The steamer Ariel, which arrived in New York yesterday from Copenhagen, had several cases of small pox on board.

The schooner Grapeshot, which was reported to have sailed for Cuba with volunteers, still is in New York harbor.

It is contemplated in New Orleans to deepen the river at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

William H. Seward has been re-elected president of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL.

Abraham Lincoln's stepmother has just died in Illinois.

General Fremont will sail for Paris today on business connected with his private Pacific Railroad.

Violant Colvelle is an American girl whose voice excites admiration among the connoisseurs of Paris, where she is studying. Wartel, her teacher, predicts that she will be another Malibran.

Brown, of Minnesota, has attained the climax of impudent infidelity. He not only left his wife to elope with another, but he stole his wife's clothes for the other to wear.

A new life of Bismarck, by George Hesekill, states the family name was adopted from the town of Bismarck, on the Biese.

The Sultan had a bracelet of the value of $10,000 made up from his crown of jewels to give to the Princess of Wales.

Forney writes letters to his papers describing his tour through North Carolina as a continued ovation and absurdly calling himself Col. Forney.

A posthumous piece, written by the late Prussian General Brandt, attributes Napoleon's defeat in Russia to the laxity of discipline in his army.

A GALLANT FAMILY.—Major George Anderson of Laurens District, S. C., had *thirteen* sons in the Confederate army. Match him for them, who can.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Minister, will pay a visit to the Hamburg Springs, in Germany, for the benefit of his health, previous to presenting his credentials at the Court of St. Cloud.

General Terrill, late Assistant General of the State of Indiana, was definitely determined upon by President Grant for the position of Third Assistant Postmaster General. He is said to be a man of superior qualifications.

Gen. Lee had quite a reception in Alexandria on Wednesday. There have been several misstatements made in regard to the recent interview of the General with the President. The interview was merely formal, and neither politics nor the condition of Virginia were discussed.

W. W. Worden, "Data" of the Baltimore *Sun*, late secretary to President Johnson, has just returned overland from a trip to California. He accomplished the journey eastward in eight days.

We understand that Mrs. John Wagstaff, of Person county, accidently fell, a few days ago from her house door, and received injuries from which she has since died.—*Ib.*

MARRIED.

On the evening of the 6th instant, in Charlotte by the Rev. E. J. Meynardie, Mr. W. E. [illegible] to Miss MOLLIE E. PERSON, all of Charlotte, N. C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PROPOSALS. MARKET HOUSE

RALEIGH, N. C., May 6, 1869.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD COMMISSIONERS of Raleigh this evening the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Raleigh are now prepared to receive proposals for the building of the Market House and City Hall.

Bids will be received 10 days from above date at the Mayor's office, where plans and specifications can be seen.

The Commissioners will reserve the right to accept or reject bids.

WM. H. HARRISON, Mayor.

may 9 td

Family Corned Beef.

CHOICE MARYLAND HAMS,

For sale by

may 8 tf DOUGLAS BELL.

FAMILY FLOUR.

STANDARD BRANDS OF FLOUR FOR SALE

by

may 8 tf DOUGLAS BELL.

Sugars, Sugars, Sugars.

A FULL LINE FOR SALE BY

may 8 tf DOUGLAS BELL.

Molasses, Molasses

THE VERY BEST CUP AND CHEAPEST IN TOWN.

may 8 tf DOUGLAS BELL.

Lost Land Warrant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE [illegible] Warrant No. [illegible] issued to [illegible] for [illegible] acres of land, lying and being in the county of [illegible], and have [illegible] to me, and that I intend to apply for a grant for the same at the next session of the Board of Land Commissioners.

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass on said land.

ANDREW FELTS, Sen.

may 8 tf

ANDREWS & CAILLE,

DEALERS IN [illegible]

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