

THE CENTENNIAL

B. F. LONG, Editor.

Friday, February 4, 1876.

A FEW WORDS.

With the first issue of *The Centennial*, I will simply say that I have engaged in its publication from the same motive which I presume has influenced every other man who ever published a newspaper—to make money. I have no special claims upon any one and only ask the support of the county upon the ground that I expect to give every subscriber the worth of his money. I have put the price very low, that every body may be able to take it. I am free to say that for the present, *The Centennial* is not in size and typographical appearance what I desire, but it is the best I can do for the money and the time. I desire to express my thanks to the friends who have so generously aided in getting me the handsome list of subscribers with which I am enabled to issue the first number, and to request them to continue their efforts. To the people of Warren County it is unnecessary for me to say that whatever influence my paper may have, will be exerted in support of the Conservative party and that I will seek to promote the general prosperity of my county and State.

B. F. LONG.

SUCCESSFUL SOUTHERN ENTERPRISES.

We have always believed that the south was lacking in neither brains or energy to succeed in any enterprise, if the proper impulse were given. It has been the great misfortune of the south, that so many people believed that nothing "good" could come out of Nazareth. The results of the late war have to some extent awakened us to the necessity of diversifying our employments, and rendering ourselves more independent of the balance of the world. In no direction has this impulse to enterprise developed itself more successfully than in the organization and successful management of Insurance Companies. Before the war we were compelled to look to the northern companies for insurance, while now, they are in successful and prosperous operation throughout the south.

One of the most successful of these enterprises is the Old North State Insurance Company of our town. It has been in existence now for about four years, and under the prudent and conservative system with which it has been conducted, it has won its way to the confidence and patronage of the people of the state to an extent beyond the expectation of its most sanguine friends. It has retained in the state and invested with our people, thousands of dollars which would have been sent elsewhere. It offers as good indemnity as any company doing business in the state. Its stockholders are mostly the well off and successful farmers of the county, men of the very highest moral character, and who could not be induced to have anything to do with a transaction which was not strictly just and honest. The company is the pride of our town and is destined to become an institution of which the whole state will be proud.

If the Legislature of North Carolina, consisted of one intelligent man from each county, instead of one hundred and twenty numb skulls, (with a few honorable exceptions,) the number and character of men we have been accustomed to have since 1868, the State would derive incalculable benefit therefrom. Such has been the character of the Legislature since 1868, that the ablest and most profound lawyers can arrive at no sensible conclusion about anything, and the Supreme Court has to be called upon to interpret everything which the Legislature pretends to do. This makes the Supreme Court, a Legislative and a judicial body, and the truth is we have no earthly use for a Legislature at all, unless we could elect some few men with sense enough to find the way to Raleigh, without sending a guide with them to show them the way. Every backwoods Solon who is sent to Raleigh, in the capacity of a Legislator, goes full of some little local scheme to benefit himself, or one or more of his immediate constituents. Then comes

the log rolling as it is called, that is: "you vote for my little scheme and I will vote for yours," and by this means the whole theory of Legislation, to wit: the greatest good to the greatest number, is entirely destroyed, and senseless, unjust and oppressive laws cumber our Statute books. Too much attention and ear is given to lobbyist, who are always on hand to urge some rascally measure, for the aggrandisement of some thief or combination of thieves, measures always fraught with un-mixed evil to the honest tax payer, measures by which millions are stolen from the State by big Railroad thieves, down to the little steal by public Registers and Sheriffs of 75 cents out of merchants for a license to conduct their business. The whole difficulty in regard to our legislation of late years, is, that the Legislature of the State has gotten to be so disreputable a body, by reason of the infamous character of the negroes and carpet baggers who are sent there by the radical party, that it is a difficult matter to induce the honest, intelligent white native born to consent to serve in such a body. These things ought not so to be, and we ardently hope that it will not be so any more after the election in November next, and that the old shield of purity and integrity at the ballot box, will thereafter be maintained, and that the Legislature will again assume its former time power, rank and influence.

SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

The agricultural interest of the country is the solid bottom on which all its other industries are reared, and on which the whole superstructure of its well-being luxury and refinement is based. A generation of negligent farming, or a series of bad crops will do more to pauperize a population than a destructive war, a political revolution, or a general commercial, financial and manufacturing breakdown.

On this ground every friend of the South must feel satisfied at the almost exclusive attention her people have paid to the culture of the soil and the development of the products of the farms, since the commencement of the new era and the reorganization of economic conditions. The instructive lesson furnished by the French that it is next to impossible for any extraneous power to crush a people whose rule of life is industry, and whose soil is partitioned into small trecholds, has its parallel in the present condition of the South, with this difference in favor of the former, that while the Frenchman had only to apply himself with redoubled vigor to the daily routine of his life, Southerners had to accommodate themselves to a radical change in every respect of their social and material relations.

But if the task of the South has been harder, it has not been the less successful. Her agriculturist have applied themselves with a magnificent and singleminded zeal to the problem of working out their own salvation. Heaven has prospered their efforts, and the result is seen in the largest cotton crop—saw one—ever harvested, the richest cane crop ever crushed, and the biggest yield of tobacco that ever gladdened a planter's heart. And this, be it remarked,—so far as human agency has contributed to the result—has been most emphatically the work of the people in their industrial capacity. Hard work, each man to his acre, has brought it about, and not wise and beneficent laws promulgated by patriotic legislators and enforced by honest officials. So far from it, God's fostered the worker's toil in despite of the weak and incapable legislatures and have run their hundred days' race of partisan speculation, law-making and discord.

What the sheep are to the ravens of Georgia, so have been the patient planters of South Carolina, of Louisiana, of Alabama and of Mississippi, to their devouring tax-masters. The Federal Government has sinned enough to answer for, but its impôts fall with a feather's weight

beside those torn from the people by the myrmidons of their own States. When a cry of anguish goes up from a farmer's heart, when his home is sold for taxes it is the work of his fellow-citizens and not of a head central executive.

Parties and politics are the one great drawback to the fair course of Southern progress. The farmers know it and lament it, they are beginning to cure the name of the politicians who seek to trade on their prejudices, and to elect representatives who are well enough off to be honest and patriotic enough to scorn the blood-suckers and leeches even of their own party. They are beginning to prefer newspapers and agricultural papers to mere political and party windbags, and have ceased to attach much weight to the journalism and oratory that fosters discord and rakes up the smouldering embers of a dying fire. This is mental progress as well as material progress, and the South has just reason to congratulate herself on the vast strides her unshackled limbs are now making on the Great High road.—*The South.*

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Warrenton, N. C., Feb. 4, 1876-4t

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All liabilities including full reinsurance reserved, \$18,480,811
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WM. S. DAVIS, President,
B. F. LONG, Secretary,
Warrenton, N. C., Feb. 4, 1876

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Feb. 4, 1876-1t

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Feb. 4, 1876-12m

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From my stable in Halifax county, near Ransom's Bridge, one small brown Mare, about eight years old. Saddle back from saddle, no other marks recollected. I will give \$15 (fifteen dollars) reward for the recovery of the mare, and twenty-five dollars for the thief.
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Hillsdale, N. C., Jan. 1, 1876.

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WORK warranted as represented.
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Oct 15 1874-1y

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I will sell at the Store House, formerly occupied by Parham & Dunn, A LOT OF GOODS, consisting of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, HARDWARE, &c., &c.
Sale every day.

Auction every Saturday at one o'clock P. M.
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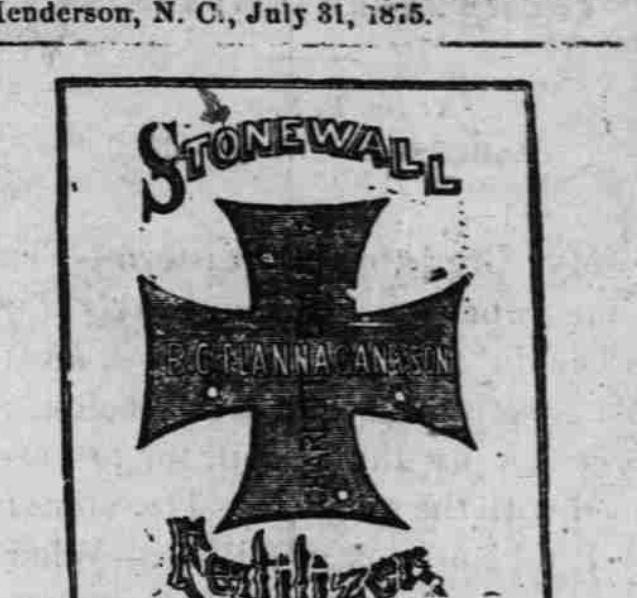
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Dec. 11, 1875-12m.

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January 8, 1876. 2m.

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Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, Flour, Meal, Bacon, Lard, Fish, &c
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Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Cheating and Smoking Tobacco, At BARNARD'S.
Lager Beer and Ale, At BARNARD'S.
Country produce taken in Exchange for Goods, At BARNARD'S.
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Feb. 27th, 2 m.



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Aug. 18, 1875-6m

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P. O. Trinity College, N. C.
Aug. 6 1875-1t

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Aug. 28, 1875.

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June 12, 1875-1f

Carolina Messenger, GOLDSBORO, N. C.
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Notice.
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Very Respectfully,
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Feb. 13, 6-m.

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She respectfully invites a call, and flatters herself that she can please in STYLE, QUALITY AND PRICE.
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Oct. 1, 1875-1t.

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W. T. A.
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Ready-made Clothing in large lots, just received.
Dec 10 1874.

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Feb. 17, 1874-tr

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Feb. 27-12m.

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