

MEXICO.

The danger of trouble with Mexico seems by no means to have disappeared; indeed the war cloud that has so long hung over the Rio Grande...

It is evident that the Federal Government intends to put a stop to the incursions of thieves and robbers from Mexico into Texas, and in this we unhesitatingly say the Federal Government is doing its duty.

The settlement of the currency question and the reform of the National Bank act are of vital importance to the South, as well as other sections.

It is equally clear that a foreign power that knowingly permits its citizens to invade the soil of another country and to rob and murder its citizens, is responsible therefor.

We think, therefore, that the time has come for vigorous and decisive action. Delay can no longer be permitted in justice to the people of Texas.

WELL DONE FOR HAYWOOD.

In no portion of the State have we seen better or more frequent indications of a deep interest in the cause of education than in the extreme Western portion.

It speaks well for a county when the establishment of a school or the opening of its session, or the laying of a corner stone of a school house shall be deemed of sufficient interest to draw together the people from its various parts...

THE NATIONAL BANKING SYSTEM.

Our readers will remember that we have pointed out the evils to the people of the South resulting from the present National banking system. We showed that it takes from us more currency than it brings in; that under it, even with good security, money cannot be borrowed at some seasons...

We find our views confirmed by a paper of remarkable excellence read before the Social Science Association at its recent meeting in New York, by W. L. TRENKLE, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., a man of great knowledge of finance, of long experience in commercial business, a deep thinker and reasoner on all questions relating to Political Economy or the science of wealth.

The effect of this enactment upon the purely agricultural communities of the country seems to have been but little attended to. Hence, if after discussion it should appear that the views here presented are correct, the remedy should be sought not by or for the South alone.

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NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] New York, Sept. 27, 77.

Messrs. Editors: I observe with great pleasure the preparations making for your State and county fairs. They are evidently exciting an interest about all precedent in our State, and the importance of being represented at them seems to be more felt outside of the State, also, than ever before.

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A tragedy was enacted on Bull Creek, in this county, on Saturday last, the particulars of which are hastily gathered from meagre information, and presented as follows: A MURDERER'S BLOODY END.

Doc Davis an escaped felon from the jail of Haywood county was ascertained to be lurking near his old home in Madison. By watching the movements of a boy who regularly visits the woods, bearing provision, Noah H. Rice, a former Deputy Marshal, found that Davis had his hiding place near his farm, and on Saturday morning, armed himself, he started in pursuit of the fugitive, for whom the Governor had offered a reward of three hundred dollars.

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The career of Noah H. Rice has been a bloody one. This is the third man whom he has slain. The day of the Presidential election in 1874 was the day he killed at Ivy Precinct, a man named Jarvis, and maimed for life another brother. In September, 1874, on Spring Creek, in this county, he shot and killed Swann, a farmer, for the same reason.

THE SECOND BATTALION.

The following are the officers of the various companies in the Second Battalion of N. C. S. G.: Capt. J. M. Cronly, Wilmington.

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Cliff House, Caterham Junction, near Crogan, Surrey, England, asking for certain information that he was willing to pay two guineas for. The barrister replied:—

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The rains which completely paralyze military operations in this region and in Asia Minor have set in with great violence on both sides of the Black Sea, and it is not probable that the Turks can do any serious injury to the invading forces.

These complaints, of course, find their way back to Russia, and added to the smarting under defeat and the exasperation of a fruitless campaign after such great sacrifices, are spreading discontent there also, and a feeling of resentment against the commanders, who are blamed for the failures of the war.

MADISON COUNTY ITEMS.

Marshall's improving rapidly. Many good houses, for business purposes and dwellings, have been erected within two years, shade trees have been planted on houses, and fences nicely whitewashed, all of which gives the place a most attractive and inviting appearance.

MAJ. ROLLINS.

Maj. Rollins is an excellent farmer. He has some 4,000 acres of the best land in Madison county. A very large quantity of this is under cultivation, mostly by tenants.

MEMBERS OF THE BAR.

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FAIRM AND GARDEN NOTES.

[Original and Compiled.] GRASS LAND.

Where are the highest priced lands in the Union to be found? We answer, wherever lands have been sown down to grass, and improved stock substituted for the native breed. In Europe, in some instances (especially in Holland) land worth \$1,000 per acre for agricultural purposes, and the same land has been used as permanent pasture in some instances, from time almost immemorial.

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BLUE GRASS.

Blue grass may be sown either in the fall or spring. Land strongly impregnated with lime, and which is well manured, will grow in three years if not abused by the hoof of stock too much.

STRAWBERRIES, ETC.

This is one of our best varieties of small fruits. A very small piece of ground will make an abundance of these luscious berries sufficient for all the wants of a family. They grow very freely and give great satisfaction to the household.

HOG CHOLERA.

Col. T. S. Memory, of Whiteville, S. C., informs us that he has received the following receipt a thorough trial and believes it to be a sure preventative: Dissolve one teaspoonful of saltpetre in warm water for each hog and mix the solution with the slops; to be given twice a week. It will also cause an animal to shed and be generally healthy.

PICKLE CABBAGE.

Chop the cabbage; put in a deep dish, sprinkling each layer with fine salt. When done, press out the water, and cover with good vinegar, add a little sugar and spice, celery, chopped onions, &c. Let it come to a boil and pour into jars.

SWEET POTATOE PEAS.

To 9 lbs. of fruit and 4 lbs. of sugar add spice and (vinegar to cover) seal all well together and seal the jars when hot.

WESTERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

This body met on Thursday, at Big Ivy Baptist Church, this county, by Eld. John Adams, Moderator, and G. M. Williams, Secretary. The attendance by delegation was good, especially among the ministry.

A WASHINGTON RELIC.

We were shown last week, by Dr. J. M. Hoppold, of this place, a quilt under which General Washington slept. This quilt was made by Mrs. Sarah Reid, wife of Capt. John Reid, of Camden, S. C., in the year 1775, and Mrs. J. M. Hoppold is a grand-daughter of Mrs. Reid, into whose possession the quilt passed as a family relic.

THE WORLD PRODUCES MORE BEET-ROOT.

The world now produces more beet-root than cane sugar; and the United States would profit by imitating the example thus set. Could we raise what we consume at home, it would save us over \$50,000,000 a year.