SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1879 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

A movement is on foot to hold s world's fair in New York by way of com memorating the centennial of the treaty of peace with Great Britain. We cor dially approve the idea. The event is one every way worthy of being commemorated, and we know of no more appropriate manner than, now, after the lapse of a century, to invite Great Britain and all the other nations of the earth, to come and witness the progress we have made since that auspicious day when white winged peace visited our shores We will show them instead of thirteen small States thirty-eight grand commonwealths extending from ocean to ocean, peopled not by three millions of hardy colonists, but by forty-five millions of enlightened citizens. We will show them a country so vast and powerful that all Europe combined would make no impression upon us in a war of conquest. We will exhibit to them industries not only rivaling, but surpassing anything they have abroad, and works more extensive and complete than those with which they have any acquaintance. In times past it was our wont to boast of our rivers, caves, falls and other grand works of nature; we will now boast rather of our progress in having conquered nature and made her administer to our comfort, ease and luxury. When the time shall come we will be glad for our Northern friends to open the ceremonies by a perusal of the treaty of peace. It is an old time document. It is hoary with age. But it pre serves the truth. In it will be found some matter bearing upon what folks call States' Rights. The contest for American liberty was made under the direction of the Colonial Congress. We had no constitution nor any compact or agreement between the States until in November, 1777, the delegates in Congress agreed to the confederation.

This compact was not adopted by all years before the war ended. We made the fight for the most part without any arti cles of agreement between the States When at length we conquered a peace. Great Britain did not make the treaty with the American Union, but with each State, named separately in the written treaty. This shows on what a slender thread hangs the argument of Lincoln and those others who always claimed that the Union existed before the States.

But our purpose, while cordially recom-

mending that the centennial of the treaty should be observed, is to make another suggestion. We have had various centennials, but that event which should most certainly be celebreted remains in the future. It is the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. This took place in 1789. It is by far the most important of all those great events which render famous the closing years of the last century. It secured the States against internal wars, and established peace between them. It quelled in great measure the jealousies that were growing between the sections. It rendered possible the grand march we have made onward. which now establishes these United States among the greatest powers of the earth. We, of the South, should bear in mind the event to which reference is made, and we should urge a due observance of its centennial, as pre-eminently worthy of celebration by all the people of America. When that time comes, we shall suggest that the ceremonies be opened by reading that clause of the constitution. which provides "that no State without its consent shall be deprived of its equal suffrages in the Senate," and that other clause which provides that "no State shall without the consent of Congress engage in war, unless actually invaded or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay." These two clauses it would seem show that the States intended to preserve their entity, even to the extent of making war upon each other with the consent of Congress. They bound themselves merely not to engage in war except by the consent of Congress until actually invaded. It is well to revert to these old things, and by commemoration of past events to keep then fresh in our minds. It is of partic ular advantage to celebrate them by entering into a generous rivalry and exhibiting what we have in the face of the enlighted world. We trust that the Sta'es of the South will, whenever the occasion presents, put their best foot forward, and show their sisters that we have not been all the while laggards in the race of pro-

THE vote in New York at the late elec tion was very light. Both parties fell largely behind their full strength ; but the Democratic falling off was much greater Mr. Blocker, we called on him to ask for than that of their opponents.

sioned by the split. Many Democrats re- we were surprised at seeing the cha mained from the polis because of the di- against him. They were, however, already vision in our ranks. The Kelly strength made, and had to be met by Mr. Blocker. was beyond any estimate, and doubtle his candidacy threw a damper upon other There is nothing partisan in our articles Democrate, who otherwise would have on the subject. We held the scales with

It is announced that a movement is on the Chronicle would hold him vindical loot to sand Senator Thurman to the House of Representatives from the Columbus (Ohio) district, where he resides. That district is now Democratic, and though the new Republican Legislatur will doubtless gerrymander the State, it is nonable if they can change its politid character. Mr. Thurman was a mem ber of the House thirty-four years ago.

HON, WM. H ENGLISH, OF INDIANA.

There is an "English" boom in Indiana The friends of Gov. Wm. H. English are bringing him to the front as the Democratic nominee for the Vice-Presidency All that we know of Gov. English is ex-

tremely favorable to him. The Indianapolis Democrat says that at he meeting of the State Democratic Convention, on November 5th, there were present many representative men of the party from all parts of the State, and suggestions were made by Hendricks, Mc-Donald, Voorhees, English, Gov. Williams and others. The meeting was enthusias thought he could not hold his own there, they thought it unwise to press him for the nomination. It was also foreshadowed that the Indiana delegation would go into the National Convention determined upon the most available man; and in case Hendricks refused second place, then the nomination of English would be arged.

The name of Senator McDonald, it was said, was not mentioned in connection with either place upon the ticket. The English boom seems to be supplanting McDonald out there. Gov. English has been interviewed, and the result is what we might expect from him under the circumstances. We clip the following from the New York Star :

It is his belief that Grant will be nomi nated by the Republicans, and that if spite of the corruption and unpopularity of his civil administration he will be hard man to beat. When asked what Democrat could be most hopefully pitted gainst him he said:

I wish I could tell you that. I think I can better tell you the kind of man most likely to beat him. It will be a man of oure life, exalted character, ripe experience, free from all sectional prejudices, bold, outspoken and national in his views. and a man in whom the vast army of busness men of the country have confidence. It should be a man who will not only unite the masses of the Democratic party but challenge the support of that large an very influential portion of Independents and Republicans who are not inclined to support Grant.

Pressed by the interviewer to be a little more explicit as to the probable candidate of the Democracy, Mr. English added that, if the Republicans put up Grant, "I think the chances are our ticket would the States until March 1, 1781-just two then be Bayard or Hancock and McDonald

> "But would not Bayard's hard money views be in the way," asked the reporter. "especially in Indiana?" To which Mr. English replied:

On the contrary, it would be an element of strength to him in New York, Connec ticut and New Jersey, and any votes he might lose in Indiana on that ground would be more than compensated by votes he would get from independents, and espe cially as against Grant. Why, I apprehend that even such papers as your own Com mercial and the Indianapolis News, and others of that class, claiming to be liberal and indep ndent, would support a great sta'esman like Bayard, with his faultless record, against Grant, and the overthrow of the traditions of the Republic by the restoration of the Grant dynasty to a third

He thinks that under ordinary circum. stances New York, as the great pivotal State, would undoubtedly have one of the candidates, but the "deplorable divisions there" render it probable that a man will be taken from some other State who is most likely to harmonize the party. Touching his own State he remarked: Indiana undoubtedly stands next in importance to New York, and, in my judgment, is pretty certain to have a man or he ticket for either the first or the second place, and that man will either be Hendricks or McDonald. Should it be Mc Donald, then Gov. Hendricks will probably be sent to the Senate, which, I think quite likely, would be more congenial to him than any other position.

He concluded the interview by expressing the belief that, with good feeling restored between the North and South, an earnest effort to promote the great material interests of the country, and no rash tipkering with finance, we should be the happiest and most prosperous people in

CAPT. BLOCKER'S CASE.

The Fayetteville Gazette commenting ipon the statement made in the Milton Chronicle and copied in THE OBSERVER. relative to revenue officer O. H. Blocker.

"Capt. Blocker is a Radical, after the "most strictest sect," and he is one of those—along with Judge Buxton, Msj. R. M. Orrell, I J. Young, D. L. Russell, et id omne genus -whom we have oppos to the bitter end. But we want bette evidence, yet, of his guilt of the charge preferred against him—drunkeness and lawlessness—before we give them eredence. It should be remembered that this officer has held a position under the government for many years; not a word has been uttered against him, and not charge has been made to criminate him. He is a man of irreproachable private and social character, and we believe that we speak for our whole community when we ask that this public charge be either proven

THE OBSERVER would be doing itself an injustice if it permitted to pass un noticed the inference that might be drawn from the above, that it had published the Chronicle's charges merely because Mr. Blocker was a Republican. The Chronicle stated that its information was derived from responsible sources, and in the interest of the people, the government and an investigation. We did not assu This result seems to have been occa- that the allegations were true. In fact or tacitly admitted by him to be true. voted all right. However, we will pick an even hand. We were prompt to comour flints and try it over again next year. | mend Mr. Blocker for his full and exolicit denial, and expressed the hope that

> from its charges. Had Mr. Blocker been a Democrat, we would have done neither more nor lessas the case of our old-time friend, the late Treasurer of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad shows. The object of THE CHARRYSE in all such imagers is to elicit truth and to correct abuses if they be shown to exist.

to day as if both parties will nominate their candidates without opposition—by acclamation. On the Republican side it will be Grant. On the Democratic side it will be Tayard. doubtless become true in Virginia."

CROOKED RETURNS.

Egregious Errors in the New York Count.

NEW YORK, November 14. - The returns f.om all the sixty counties in the State, with the exception of four, have been can-vassed by the county surpervisors and sent to the State board of canvassers at Albany. The four yet to be heard from, officially, are New York, Kings, Allegheny and Greene. That the entire Republican State ticket, with the exception of Mr. Soule, as State Engineer and Surveyor, is elected, there can be no doubt. The majorities already officially declared being sufficient to establish that fact without Allegheny and Greene, which will still further in-crease the Republican vote. The canvass has developed the most egregious errors on tic for Hendricks for President; yet as the part af the inspectors in almost every New York had to be secured, and it was county in the State, whether designedly or not, and more trickery has been resorted trap, like that used at the State Fair to than at any general election held for years. For instance, in West Chester county 1,660 persons voted for Mr. Soule for State Engineer, instead of for "State Engineer and Surveyor," and the county canvassers, in pursuance of the law regulating such matters, have counted them as scattering. Some Republicans claim when the returns for West Chester come before the State board to be canvassed that these votes will be allowed Mr. Soule, but this is not the case, as the duties of the State board are purely ministerial, and they cannot, like the famous returning boards, go behind the returns. The most reliable figures show that in round numbers the majorities for the various candidates will be as follows: Cornell, Republican, Governor, 49,300; Hoskins, Republican, Lieutenant Governor, 1,200; Carr, Republican, Secretary of State, 4,500; Wadsworth, Republican, Comptroller, 7,700; Ward, Republican, Attorney-General, 8 000; Wendell, Republican, Treasurer, 4,700 Seymour, Democrat, Engineer and Surveyor, 10,000; Kelly's vote, 77,500. The county canvassers met again at the

City hall this morning and resumed counting the election returns, beginning with the Fourth assembly district. The figures varied very slightly from those already published. The ballots in many cases were not correctly certified, and the inspectors in every instance were summoned to rectify the omissions. Judge Waterbury was to represent the Irving Hall Democracy. The canvass is going smoothly and quietly. The attendance in the chamber to-day was quite shm. The derelict inspectors of the assembly districts already canvassed appeared in a body at the city hall to day, and were taken to the Goverpor's room, where the committee on corrected returns were in session, and there made such corrections of irregularities as appeared on the ballots. The returns seemed to be very much muddled A communication was received from the board of county canvassers, asking the board to instruct the clerk of the bureau of elections to send them copies of the election returns as filed at police headquarters, the reason given being that the attention. returns forwarded to them are deficient: ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 14 .- Our tables this morning show the following pluralities: Cornell, 39,172; Hoskins, 1,116; Carr, 2,213; Wadsworth, 7,657; Wendell, 3,237; Ward, 7,195. We have yet to hear

Kings, New York, Ontario and West-S. C. HUTCHINS. (Signed) Albany Morning Express.

officially from the counties of Allegheny,

Grand Railroad Demonstration—Great Enthusiasm — Torchlight Procession,

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] GREENSBORO, Nov. 14th, 1879. EDITOR OBSERVER: - To-morrow the ownships of Gilmer and Morehead, whose dividing line bisects the city of Greensboro, vote upon the proposed subscription of ten thousand dollars each to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, and tonight the city is ablaze with enthusiasm in anticipation of the election. A long torchlight procession, headed by a band of music, and followed by the energetic President of the road, Julius A. Gray, Esq., has just paraded the principal streets. The crowd was certainly strong for the railroad, or the appropriation, which is the same thing, and the mottoes upon their transpariencies pointedly illustrated their feelings in the matter. Upon one I noticed a large locomotive, and a picture of Julius A. Gray. Among others

the following were conspicuous: "Vote for the Railroad," "No Railroad, Sell Out and Go West," "Railroad Means Good Wages for the Laborer," and a large pict: re of a tobacco factory, indicating what the road will induce here, &c. After the procession had concluded, the crowd assembled in front of the court house and were addressed by President Gray, Col. J. T. Morehead, State Senator Caldwell, Maj. Joseph Morehead, and two colored orators. The speakers all advocated the appropriation and dwelt upon the advanages that Greensboro would derive from the completion of the road. It was shown that the tax imposed would be but a trifle in comparison with the corresponding ad-vantages; that it would give Greensboro a competing line, one speaker alluding to the fact that a car load of salt was brought to Greensboro for \$48, when the same was carried on by to Charlotte for \$21; that it would tend to promote the building of cotton and tobacco factories here, recall the absent business men, open up to Greensboro the vast coal and iron mines of Chatham, and in fact be the beginning of a new era of properties for ginning of a new era of prosperity for this long depressed city of old Guilford. Great efforts have been made by the friends of the road to bring out a full vote. They have canvassed the townships thoroughly, and have prepared for to-morrow a huge, free barbecue, which al

ways makes an impression upon indiffer-The road from the Gulf has been pushed with a good deal of vim, and the Pres ident tells me they have but twenty-six miles of grading to do before reaching Greensboro. If the appropriation is carried to morrow, the road from here will take the Walnut Cove route to Mt. Alry. Will post you as to the result of the elec

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston arrived in town this evening, en routs to Raleigh, and after the railroad speaking at the court-house, the crowd repaired to the McAdoo House, and called on him for a speech; but they were disappointed. The old hero having retired, not feeling well, he begged that they would excuse him.

A Battle with the Afghans.

SIMLA, November 14.-A body of Sa Simila, November 14.—A body of Sa-fes, numbering 1,000, who attacked a foraging party of the sixty-seventh regi-ment, were routed by Gen. McPherson at the junction of the Pansher and Cabul rivers. The enemy suffered great loss. They were pursued aix miles. The Brit-iah loss was four killed and five wounded.

NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—We learn
that Captain Chas. D. Myers, Chairman of
the Executive Committee for this Congressional District, has appointed Mr. W.
F. Howland, of Besufort, to the vacancy
occasioned some months ago in Carteret,
by the death of Mr. W. G. Goffrey, of that
county, and that Mr. Howland has signified his acceptance of the same. The new
committeeman is, we understand, a gentleman of influence and position in Carteret, and is at present Chairman of the
Board of County Commissioners in that Board of County Commissioners in that county. - Review.

The Cumberland County Fair.

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 13, 1879. EDITOR OBSERVER:—Cumberland's 17th annual fair has succeeded beyond expectation. To-day, the day of the week, twenty-five hundred people were on the grounds. At noon, the orator of the occasion, Col. Wm. Johnston, of Charlotte, delivered a most excellent address. This gentleman was followed by his Excellency Gov. Jarvis, who spoke briefly, but with

ceeded by Col. Polk, the Commissioner of At 11 o'clock in the morning the glass ball shooting match was had in a field adjoining the grounds. Nineteen contestants entered. The prize offered was a \$65 W. W. Greener breech-loading shot-guo, and the trap used was the revolving

bappy effect, and the Governor was suc-

Mr. Alex. Campbell was the victor in the contest, scoring sixteen points out of a possible eighteen.

There were two scores of fifteen, two of thirteen and one of twelve. This, it will be perceived, is finer shooting than that done in the match at the State fair. which was considered remarkably good. At 2:30 p m., a fine trotting race, mile heats, best two in three, was bad for a purse of \$10, between Pomeroy's "Henry Clay" and Col. Starr's "Jim Worlds, which was won by "Henry Clay"-time

At 4, came off another trotting race, between the same horses, mile heats, best two in three, for the citizens' purse of \$150. This was a close race. "Henry Clay," however, coming in ahead. His time in the two heats was 2:55, 2:54, while that of "Jim Worlds" was 2:57.

The exhibition is fine. The depart. ments, though not as full perhaps as they bave been heretofore, are made quite as interesting as usual by the superior quality of the articles displayed.

Farmers' ball makes a fine showing This department is the most complete, which fact, taken in connection with an other, to wit : the larger number of farmers here this year than ever before, we think worthy of note, and calculated to encourage the members of the association. Floral hall is tastefully decorated, and is remarkable for the beauty and excellence, rather than for the number of the

articles exhibited. In the department of food and condi ments, the display is very fine, the exhibit of fruits being particularly good.

The display of stock is small, though there are some fine cattle and swine shown. Of poultry a very creditable exhibit is made.

The weather during the week has been fine, and the excellent management of the fair is the subject of general remark. Your reporter is indebted to the officers of the society, particularly to the Secretary and to the Chief Marshal, for courtesies and

will make their rounds upon their most agreeable duties intent, and to morrow evening the crowning feature of the fair (I speak as a young bachelor) the social event of Fayetteville's year-the fair ballwill be had in Williams' Hall. Of this latter, more anon.

Death of Duncan White at the Model

[Correspondence of THE OBSERVER.] BUSH HILL, RANDOLPH Co., N. C., November 14, 1879.

EDITOR OBSERVER : -- This community has sustained a great loss in the death of Duncau White, which occured on the 12th inst., at his home on the Model Farm. Mr. White was a Scotchman by birthcame to Philadelphia when quite young, and was there extensively engaged in manufacturing until a few years ago, when he purchased the Model Farm and moved his family to it. He came here a stranger, but it was but a short time until he had won the entire confidence and esteem of all those with whom he associated. He took an active part in Sabbath school work, and his words of advice, which he gave will not be soon forgotten by those who had the privilege of listening to them. He had thoroughly identified himself with the people, and felt that the South was now his home, and was greatly interested in whatever tended to the welfare and prosperity of the State. He was a live energetic man-a true, warm, noble hearted Scotchman, carrying light and sunshine wherever he went, and all those who have visited him at his home can testify what a hearty good welcome they received at his hands. The family loses a kind husband and father in his death The community loses a good neighbor; the Sabbath schools and church a most efficient worker, in all of which he will be most sorely missed.

To day his remains were placed in the Friends burying grounds at Springfield, and many silent tears were dropped in memory of him. And although the lose is sore and great to his bereaved family— (who have our deepest and heartfelt sympathy) yet our loss is his eternal gain, for he has left many evidences of a Christian and a well spent life. As we quietly laid him away under the spreading tranches of the tall oaks, we thought how appropriate; for he loved often to retire amid the groves and hold sweet communion with his Maker. While his remains lie buried in this South-land, his spirit (we have not the least doubt) is enjoying one of those mansions prepared for those "who die the death of the righteous." T.

Greensboro Letter.

[Correspondence of the OBSERVER.] GREENSBORO, November 14, 1879. EDITOR OBSERVER :- The Republica in this State are setting a trap for the Democrats, and some of the newspapers are ready to jump into it, headlong. Does any sane man suppose that Grant is going to be brought to North Carolina for other than political purposes? It is proposed to start a Grant and Settle "boom" here in the latter's own State, which will catch many a stray Democratic voter. There will be some of the finest pressions. many a stray Democratic voter. There will be some of the finest promises made by Grant's exhibitors to Democrata, and many will jump at them, too. Prominent Radicals here have gone so far as to offer bets that the rank and file of the Democratic party will vote for a Republican of more decided proclivities than Horsce Greeley, for President in 1880. Any man with half an eye can see the object in bringing Grant here this winter. bringing Grant here this winter. Republicans make their majorities by the stumblings of Democrats, and they are putting up a block now for Democrats to fall over in 1880. Mark my prediction.

Believe We Won't Go.

The colored people held another exodus meeting in the court house Saturday evening. Wm Norcott, Austin Flood and Henry Gordon made speeches, some in favor and some opposed to it. Jake Russel, who was chairman, and a right good one, too, on seeing that nothing was accomplished, put the question to 'rejourn,' and it receiving his vote he adjustmed the meeting forthwith without putting the other side of the question. We have teen a great many men who didn't have half the sense that Jake has got. This whole business of emigrating has turned out a huge fixile so far as Pitt county is concerned. — Greenville Express.

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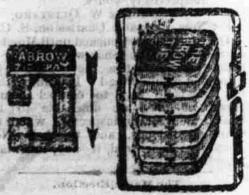
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