

THE COMPLETION of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad to Wilmington was celebrated in that city, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, in a manner that was worthy of the elegant and profuse hospitality for which "our city by the sea" has ever been famous.

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of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad—the most important work of internal improvement in North Carolina. May he long live to behold and enjoy the benefits which his instrumentality has conferred upon our State!

Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 18, 1890.

Secretary Blaine having sent for the United States minister to Brazil has been holding long conferences with him this week in order to concoct a plausible statement, which is to be made public, to account for the slowness on the part of this Government in recognizing the Republic of Brazil.

The tariff bill, which after many hitches and delays was finally reported to the House late Wednesday afternoon, is not the measure it was when first made public by a good deal. The committee could not stand the pressures and were compelled to make many changes, among the most important of which were the placing of hides and sugar on the free list.

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A Terrible Parricide.

On the 12th instant, about 1 o'clock, p. m., Edward N. Butler, a well known citizen of Clinton, was shot from ambush, and on the 14th he died. He was shot in a hundred yards from his home. The assassin was a black man named Simons.

When Butler was shot, he called for help loudly. His wife heard the cry of distress, and went to his assistance. She summoned help and Butler was carried home. He lived forty-eight hours after he was shot, and while dying he stated that he believed he had been shot by a man named Simons. He did not say he saw the murderer and could not state positively by whom he had been shot.

Not long after Butler had been carried home his fifteen-year old son came in bringing a gun, which he said he had found where his father had been shot. He stayed around the house for a short time, and then disappeared. Butler's wound had been probed, and the rousing, about one and three-quarter inches long, which had caused his death, was taken out and preserved. A black man, of the name, while stopping at the murdered man's house, saw the gun, and at once told something that pointed to the assassin. He said that a short time before Avery Butler, the son of the murdered man, had come to his shop and asked him to get that slug out of a hole of a gun. He told him it was a .45.

The revelation of this not named assassin made for Avery, and he was captured last Saturday about eight miles from home. When captured, he confessed to the murder and told his story. Some time previous he had been detected in this system by a man with a gun, and he was told that he would be shot if he did not stop. He told him it was a .45.

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Speaker Reed's Power.

On Tuesday last an incident occurred in the House of Representatives which vindicates what the World said of Mr. Reed's power when they were under discussion. We asserted that it was the intention of the Republicans to grant to the Speaker the power to legislate without regard to the prescriptive rights and privileges of the representatives of the people.

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