

"A RAT! A RAT! DEAD FOR A BUCVET!"

That old world and dark age writer, "Anti-State Debt," who was in Martin County, where he has been consigned by the people to political oblivion, gives us to understand, in Wednesday's Standard, that we have seen the last of his scribbling on the subject of Internal Improvement.

The truth is, we are "compelled" to do such thing. The true policy of the State is to improve all and every part, as far as practicable—but because we cannot improve all at once, the Legislature has begun by authorizing and providing for the building up of great works which will ensure to "the greatest good of the greatest number."

What do we want with a State Government which is only felt in the burdens it imposes, and never in the benefits it imparts? A Government which oppresses all the time, and never aids which, having a giant's strength to assist the people, permits them to struggle on, through natural impediments and disabilities; embarrassments of all kinds, arising from their interior location and distance from the marts of trade; the depreciation of their lands owing to these causes; and the sure coming of indolence and poverty, never helping to improve their condition at all?

Well, now, this Democratic policy, if it be such, we have tried all the time—and where are we? what have we achieved? Just nothing, and worse than nothing. We are at the beginning, where we must always remain, according to this Democratic doctrine, never to advance one inch, so far as the State is concerned.

Still, the cry of "Anti-State Debt," is "taxes! taxes!" We are getting used to that. The people have an imprescriptible right to grumble at their taxes; we might almost say it is their birth-right. They have always done it from time immemorial; they always do it, whether the tax be light or heavy—and yet they pay it cheerfully enough notwithstanding.

At Columbia (Arkansas) an accident occurred to the steamboat, which made it necessary for General Taylor to land in a skiff. In addition to the rower already in the skiff, a drunken fellow jumped in immediately after him, and stood up in the small and frail affair, so as to seriously endanger the upsetting of the skiff, and occasioned no little anxiety among us.

From the Charlotte Journal, Feb. 21, 1849. Mr. Editor: I was much surprised this evening, on visiting Charlotte, to hear a report in circulation that I intended applying for the Superintendency of the Branch Mint at this place.

RALEIGH FIRE COMPANY. Agreeably to previous notice, a meeting was held at the City Hall, on Saturday afternoon last, when the requisite number having volunteered, a Fire Company of forty members was formed, of which Alexander McPheters was elected Captain.

CALIFORNIA GOLD AT THE MINT. The Washington Union states that the amount of California Gold deposited at the Mint of Philadelphia for coinage up to Wednesday last, was \$53,522. The only coinage of California Gold is 25 quarter eagles, and amounts to \$2,897 50.

Mr. Poll told Wilmot that he did not desire to see slavery extended beyond the present limits—in other words, that he was in favor of its prohibition in New Mexico and California. (See Wilmot's Speech, in another column.) Will it be believed that the Democratic papers in the State have not told their readers a word about this? The last Standard does not even allude to it, although Mr. Wilmot's Speech was delivered the 17th of February, about a fortnight ago, and the Editor could not fail to see it.

CONGRESS. We have given no details of Congressional proceedings this week, chiefly because there has been no definite action upon any great measure. Truly had there been talking enough; and some of it no doubt to good purpose—but those hapless papers the Intelligencer, Union, and Globe, which attempt to give the public all the talking in Congress, are the least of our acquaintance.

The fact is, in this respect, is the crying vice of the age, and operates as a complete bar to the attainment of political knowledge. If it is necessary to read one of Col. Benton's 80 column long speeches to know what he was talking about, the world must remain ignorant—for we don't believe any one ever did it, except the unhappy proof-reader, poor fellow! So, if we can only know what has been going on in the country by reading one of Polk's long messages, some of us must go without the knowledge—for "I'm blow'd," as the sailor says, if we do it, we will one man in a thousand.

Do you remember Marcy, and the Wolf and the Lamb—pointed, wasn't it? And the fur flew off the Secretary at every pop! Commend us to Old Zack's curt and nervous style, of all things!

ARRIVAL OF GEN. TAYLOR. After a long and tedious journey, Gen. Taylor has finally reached the Metropolis. A gentleman who accompanied Gen. Taylor, from Cumberland, informs us that his car was literally waylaid by a party of miners in the vicinity of that place, who determined to have a single sight at the General.

Yours, &c. R. BARRINGER. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 22d. ELECTION OF OHIO SENATOR. Hon. Salmon P. Chase was elected by the Ohio Legislature to-day Senator of the United States for the term of six years from the 4th of March next, in place of Mr. Allen, whose term expires with the present Congress.

WASHINGTON, February, 27, 1849. ARRIVAL OF THE VICE PRESIDENT ELECT. The Hon. MILLARD FILLMORE, the Vice President elect of the United States, arrived in this city on Saturday night last, and has taken rooms at Coleman's Hotel.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

On Tuesday, 20th ult., a large concourse of the citizens of Guilford assembled in the Court House at Greensboro, agreeably to notice, to determine upon the plan of action the County should adopt in order to give prompt and efficient aid to the construction of the Central Railroad, and promote other measures of internal improvement in which this portion of the State is peculiarly interested.

The meeting was organized by calling ANSELMO WILSON, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing JAMES G. SCOTT, Secretary. The object of the meeting having been satisfactorily explained, JAMES G. GILMER, responding to the call of the meeting, addressed them at some length. With a felicity that was painfully felt, he sketched the past history and present condition of the State—the stupor which has long prostrated her—the wonderful contrast in population and prosperity she now presents to her sister States, who entered the Confederacy with no advantages, natural or acquired, superior to her—the course they have pursued, brightening in glory as it advances, while she, at the best remains but stationary, incurring the insulting appellation of the "Big Van Winkle" of the Union, and a thing of ridicule and scorn to other States and shame and pity to her own sons.

ADVANCE IN COTTON. The N. Y. Telegraphic correspondent of the Belt American, under date of Feb. 24, 6 p. m., says:—The Cotton market is firm and prices have advanced under the news. Sales of 1000 bales middling Upland and Louisiana at 7 1/4 for the former and 7 3/4 for the latter.

FRANKLIN AND LOUIS PHILIPPE. There, in the Palais Royal, the Duke of Orleans received in state, the envoy of the United Colonies, Benjamin Franklin. A picture of the scene was painted for the Historical Gallery of the Palace, representing the host and hostess in the rich costume of the time, the sturdy Ex-Printer in his plain garb, and a young lad seated upon the floor, beating a toy drum.

ORIGINAL POETRY.

[We have no objection to publish the following, but we hardly believe it was written by a lady, though it appears so, on its face.] For the Times. Ah! me—I want a bean—the time seems long, And slowly pass the weary days away— And slow the weary nights—in on the wrong Side of four lustres,—and I hate delay: Oh! goodness gracious! how long must I wait, Before I change my hateful single state!

MARRIED.

In Chatham County, on the 14th ult., by the Rev. Wm. Taylor, Mr. Rufus H. Jones, of Wake, to Miss Sarah Merritt, of Chatham. On the 19th ult., at the residence of Mr. Dickie Galt, in Williamsburg, Va., by the Rev. Charles Menigee, of Brandon Parish, T. L. Skinner, Esq., of Edenton, N. C., to Miss Eliza Fisk Harwood, daughter of the late John R. Harwood, Esq., of Norfolk.

DIED.

In this City, on Saturday last, Miss Lavinia C., second daughter of Wm. Ashley, Esq. Long and painful was the illness of this amiable and interesting young lady, yet she bore it with that Christian fortitude which discerns in all the Providences of God, that "all things shall work together for good, to those who love Him."

DEATH OF THE REV. N. H. HARDING.

We have a sad and melancholy task to perform! It is to announce that the Rev. N. H. Harding, D. D. is no more! He died at his residence, in Milton, on Saturday evening, the 17th, after a protracted illness, which he bore with true Christian fortitude, and without a murmur—when that day's sun went down, death entered the chamber of this

holy man, and enquired the vital spark, without a perceptible struggle—all that was mortal with him, sank with the Sun, and left the smile of calm Christian resignation lingering on his lips.

On Monday, the same subject coming up, Mr. Donnell, of N. C. was entitled to the floor, and delivered, (says the Baltimore Patriot,) an able and patriotic argument, handling the great questions, which have been argued in this debate, with most decided ability. Mr. Donnell, continues the Patriot, is the youngest member of the House. He looks as young as a boy, with his light complexion, light curly hair, and rather spare form. But young as he looks, and is, he is an honor to the District and the State he comes from.

NOTICE.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Directors of the North Carolina Mutual Assurance Company, held on the 21st January, 1848, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That an assessment of five per cent. be levied on all the premium notes outstanding on the 21st January 1849.

NOTICE.

I SHALL expose at public sale, on Tuesday the 21st inst., at 1 o'clock, in front of Jno. Skinner's Store, a Single-seed HAYSTACK, which can be altered at pleasure to one or two seeds, so as to carry two or 607 pounds and Harvest. Also, a gentle Buggy HORSE—Turner, Cash.

WM. W. JONES. Louisa, N. C., March 1st, 1849. 13—21

RECEIVED—A Cask of FRESH RICE just to hand, and for sale by JAMES LITCHFORD, Next door above Mrs. Hardie's. Raleigh, March 2.

MOLASSES—Just received prime MOLASSES, new crop. For sale by JAMES LITCHFORD, Next door above Mrs. Hardie's. Raleigh, March 2.

CHEWING AND SMOKING TOBACCO, a prime lot. Call on JAMES LITCHFORD'S, Next door above Mrs. Hardie's. Raleigh, March 2.

FRESH GARDEN SEED.

WILLIAMS, HAYWOOD, & Co., have just received a supply of Garden Seeds, which they warrant to be fresh and genuine, consisting in part of the following kind, viz:

- ARTICHOKE, Green Globes ASPARAGUS, Giant BEANS, Early China (Dwarf) " Refugee (or 1000 to 1) " Red Speckled French " White Cranberry (Ranney) " Large White Lima " Beet, Early Blood Turnip " Long do " Early Yellow Sugar " French do CABBAGE, Early May " York " Battersea or Bruin Head " Sugar Leaf " Large Late Drum-Head (Winter) " Large Bergen do " Green Globe Savoy do " Flat Dutch do " Red do CARROT, Long Orange " Altringham " Early Horn CAULIFLOWER, Large Early " Late Dutch CELERY, White Solid " Rose Colored CRESS, Curled (or Poppergrass) CUCUMBER, Early Crano " Cluster " Long Green " White Turkey " Small Gherkin (for Pickling) CORN, Early Golden Sioux " Sweet or Sugar " Tuscarora EGG PLANT, Purple LETTUCE, White Cabbage " Ice Coss " White Butter " Early Silesia MELON, Long Island Water " Carolina do " Pine Apple " Yellow Cantaloup " Green Citron " Nutmeg MUSTARD, White " Brown NASTURTIUM ONION, White Portugal " Early Siver Skin " Large Red " Yellow Dutch " Buttons OKRA PARSLEY, Doubled Curled PARSNIP, Large Dutch " Sugar or Cap Crown PEAS, Early Cello Null " Washington or May (Dwarf) " Bishops Prolific " Marrowfat " Sugar (Edible Pods) (Tall) PEPPER, Long Cayenne " Bell or Okheart " Sweet Spanish (a salad) RADISH, Long Scarlet " Early Short Top " Cherry Turnip RHEUBARB, (For Tarts) SALSIFY, or Vegetable Oyster SPINAGE, Summer SQUASH, Early Bush " Crook Neck TOMATO, Large Red " do Yellow TURNIP, Large English Norfolk " Purple Top Ruta Baga " Large White Flat. Raleigh, February 23, 1849. 12.

REMOVAL OF STORE!

JAMES LITCHFORD respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has removed his Stock of Goods from his former stand to the opposite side of Fayetteville Street.

NEXT DOOR ABOVE MRS. HARDIE'S, and directly opposite the Market, where they are invited to give him a call, and continue their custom.

GROceries, HARDWARE, &c. He also continues the Tailoring Business, and will attend to all orders for Cutting and Making Gentlemen's Clothing. Raleigh, Feb. 23d, 1849. 12—

FAMILY ROE HERRINGS.

52 BARRELS and half barrels, for sale by SEAWELL & MEAD, Raleigh, Feb. 23, 1849.

WINDOW GLASS.

A LARGE assortment of Window Glass, of all sizes, by the box, for sale by SEAWELL & MEAD, Raleigh, Feb. 23, 1849.

FRUIT TREES.

THE Subscriber has just received a supply of choice Fruit Trees, from T. Perkins's Nurseries at Burlington, N. J., consisting of Peaches, Apples, Nectarines and Cherries, in great variety, and with the view of effecting speedy sales, will sell them low. P. F. PESCUD, Druggist. Raleigh, Feb. 23.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

Chewers and Smokers will find at my Drug and Apothecary Store some very superior Tobaccos and Cigars. P. F. PESCUD, Feb. 23. 12

PHOSPHENE GAS and LAMP OIL, just received, and for sale at Feb. 23. P. F. PESCUD'S Drug Store.

CAMPION CAPSULES—a fine article for Sick & Hot Aches, just received and for sale by Feb. 23. P. F. PESCUD.

JUJUBE PASTE—a superior article of Jujube Paste, just received, and for sale by Feb. 23. P. F. PESCUD.

GARDEN SEEDS.

THE Subscriber has just received his supply of Garden and Grass Seeds, which he warrants to be fresh and genuine, consisting in part of the usual varieties of the following kind, viz:

- Asparagus, Beans, Peas, Broad, Cabbage, Carrots, Cauliflower, Celery, Cress, Cucumber, Egg Plant, Corn, Leek, Lettuce, Melon, Mustard, Nasturtium, Okra, Onion, Parsley, Parsnip, Pepper, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, Salsify, Spinage, Tomato, Turnip, and Fruit Trees.

Also a lot of Flower Seed, which will be sold at three cents a paper, as they are not of last year's growth. P. F. PESCUD, Apothecary and Druggist. Feb. 23. 12

P. F. PESCUD,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN Drugs, Chemicals, & Fine Stuffs, FAYETTEVILLE ST. RALEIGH, N. C.

Mr. PESCUD would inform his customers and the public in general, that he has bought of Dr. JOHNSON his entire interest in the late concern of

PESCUD & JOHNSON,

and will continue the business at the Old Stand as heretofore, where he will be happy to accommodate all that favor him with their orders. His long experience in the business he is prosecuting, and a determination on his part to spare no efforts to GIVE UNIVERSAL SATISFACTION in the Quality of his Goods, and the Cheapness of Sale, induce him to believe that Purchasers MUST BE SUITED. The Assortment of Goods in his Store is arranged in a manner to please and gratify OLD AS WELL AS NEW CUSTOMERS, he having spared no expense, time or labor to refit his establishment, and to place everything in view for those who buy. The observation of a moment will be sufficient to discover his arrangements, and test the truth of this advertisement. MEDICINES, DRUGS, DYE STUFFS, CHEMICALS & PAINTS.

Some portion of these Goods are required by every Country Dealer, and it is to their interest to buy the best articles at the lowest rates to gain customers at home. Wholesale Dealer in Drugs, Dye Stuffs, and Chemicals, Fayetteville Street. Raleigh, Feb. 16, 1849. 11-14

BLAKE PITTMAN,

(LATE OF HALIFAX, N. C.) Commission Merchant, Petersburg, Va.

GIVES his special attention to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, the purchase of Goods, and the receiving and forwarding of Goods, and Refer to B. F. Moore, Esq., Raleigh, N. C. Tho's K. Thomas, Esq., Louisa, N. C. W. T. Dorch, Esq., Rocky Mt. N. C. M. Weston, } Brattleboro', N. C. D. J. J. Phillips, } N. M. Long, Esq., } Weldon, N. C. L. M. Long, Esq., } James Simmons, } Patterson, Cooper & Co. } Petersburg, Va. Wills & Lee, } B. F. Halsey, } F. S. Marshall, Halifax, N. C. Petersburg, Feb. 1st, 1849. 11-be

To the Patrons of the Temperance Communicator.

I OWE an apology to my Patrons for the temporary suspension of the Communicator. At the earnest solicitation of many friends, I have changed my location from Pittsburgh to Fayetteville, whence the mails diverge in many directions, and by which I can send the Communicator more speedily and with more certainty to all my subscribers. The regular issues of the Communicator may be expected as soon as the press can be put in operation—say about two weeks. WM. POTTER, Ed. Coq. Fayetteville, Feb. 7, 1849.

LAW NOTICE.

C. BATTLE having returned to this City, will resume the Practice of the Law, in this and the adjacent Counties. All business entrusted to him, will be promptly attended to. He is prepared to make out and procure all BOLDIERS' CLAIMS, of every description, at short notice, according to prescribed forms. Raleigh, August 7. 39—1m.

TIMES PRINTING OFFICE.

OUR PATRONS are informed that the Printing Office has been removed to the West side of Fayetteville Street.

OPPOSITE THE CITY HALL,

in the Rooms over the Store of James Litchford, next door above Mrs. Hardie's Confectionary Store, where we shall be happy to see our subscribers and friends. We are prepared to execute all kinds of

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upon the usual terms, in a neat and handsome manner, and send a portion of public patronage in this line of business. Subscribers to the Paper only \$3 50 per annum in advance, or \$3 00 if not paid before the expiration of six months. THE TIMES will always be furnished free months for U. S. Dollars, in advance. But subscriptions will be satisfactorily received on either plan. If those who order to the Office are requested to remit their respective dues at once—risk; when a receipt will be forwarded in their next paper. Raleigh, Feb. 23, 1849.