HALE'S WEEKLY.

BY P. M. HALE, PINNTER TO THE STATE.

RALEIGH, N. C. TUESDAY

DECEMBER 2, 1879. HOME POLITICS.

Very naturally and very properly many of our State contemporaries carnestly deplore the introduction of an element of discord in the Democratic party of North Carolina. There could be nothing so distasteful to us, for to us North Carolina is all in all, and the Democratic party is North Carolina. But some of our contempora-'ries, which have not room to print and expose the latest assault upon the life of the party; nor even for the facts connected with its circulation, are so anxious to avoid discord that in their efforts to escape treading upon the toes of the offenders, they unintentionally convey to their readers. who are left in atter ignorance of what's the matter, that friends of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and in particular 'this newspaper, are in some way concerned in originating a row, or in seeking to make a new test of party fealty. Never was The friends of the Western North Caro-

lina Railroad have nothing to ask from

the State, nor have they now, any more than in 1878; the slightest wish that anything connected with that Road should come before the next Democratic State Convention. The contract between the East and the West which resulted in the Convention of 1875 for the correction of evils in either section, and in which each gave up something for the accomplishment of a greater good to the whole; the enactments of that Convention; and finally, the legislation of 1876-77, in pursuance of that contract and constitutional amendment, not only gave the East what it desired and what the West conceded, but gave to the West what it asked and the East conceded, an assurance that the Western North Carolina Railroad should be completed in accordance with the pledges of the Democratic party made in every campaign for the preceding quarter lumps of sugar, or sticks of candy in the of a century. The friends of the Road ask shape of exhortations to harmony. The no more legislation by the General As- people have as much sense as editors have, sembly, nor any more pledges from a Dem- and generally much more material interest ocratic Convention. The Western Rail in knowing what is going on. If the state road policy has become as binding as the ments were true, it was time the people organic law of the land, has virtually been knew them; if the Democratic party were incorporated in the Constitution of the State. and has passed from politics. Three years | thrown; if its public servants were guilty ago two propositions, resulting from the composmise of sectional interests above rethey were punished. The statements were ferred to; the one establishing the present system of county government for the East. and the other granting slight but sufficient money aid to the Western Road, went hand in hand through the General Assembly. So, in the last Assembly, when propositions were made from one 'quarter' to repeal the county system, and from anofher to repeal the railroad legislation, both were promptly repudiated and rejected." Hence it was, that in printing the Mud-Cut Boom our comments contained no discussion of the policy of completing the Western North Carolina Railroad. This newspaper is fuite prepared now, as at all times, to uphold that policy on its actual merits, and as leading to Eastern more than Western profit, as well as on the ground of plighted faith; but it as yet sees no necessity for disputation about the one thing to which the Democratic party is fully. thoroughly and completely committed in every possible way, and which has even ceased to be a cause of dispute between the

No. What is known as the Mud-Cut Boom and printed in HALE'S WEEKLY on the 18th ult., is a paper privately circulated for weeks past among Democrats and Radicals, the circulation so carefully guarded that even when the person to whom it was sent disapproved he had no right to make it public through the newspapers. It was doing its work of mischief in many quarters, for it was made a subject of conversation all over the State. Our newspapers have little room for furnishing our people with the dry reading of facts and figures which we have so regularly compiled for years past from the public documents, and having no other means of information very many people know little of North Carolina finances. And then too, men are accustomed to say that "figures cannot lie" and when in long columns of figures they saw that the Democratic party had wasted many millions of the people's money in three years upon the Western Railroad, they did not stop to think that the State had issued no bonds to raise these millions: that taxes were actually decreasing year by year; that the whole amount of taxes collected for all purposes of Government, ineluding penitentiary, asylum, and other construction accounts; in the three years, was less than one million and a half; that in the three years only \$256,609.91 had been expended on the Western Road; that even of this, nearly one-half, \$121,919.23, was for the support of convicts (whom nobody would hire at a cheaper rate in the than they could have been kept at in the penitentiary; and that this amount with a profit added to it was charged to the Road and eits repayment to the State amply secured. All that they thought was, that our millions have gone from us, never stopping to think that they had never had the millions; that the State had never taken could never

take from them what they had not; and

that the Road, of course, never had any mil-

lions past nor could ever get any millions

two political parties in the State.

NOTHING of interest occurred in Congress vesterday. The Senate heard the Such a paper, we say, was in circulation message and adjourned as a mark of reand generally talked of among Radicals and Democrats. We speak what we knew spect to Hon. Z. CHANDLER, lately dead. from their own lips when we say that it The House sat while the message was read was in the hands of four leading repreand adjourned.

sentative Wake County Radicals, the ablest men of that party not only in Wake but in the State, all the while that we were persistently engaged in seeking a copy that could be printed. At hast, after nearly a month's unceasing effort, we got such a copy and we printed it, as our duty to the State and to the party, which is the State, than ever. It was a Democratic Conrequired. It was, as the reader saw, not an assault upon the Western Railroad; far from it. That was but the precise item chosen for the second attempt within a year to destroy the integrity of the Democratic party, and the third had been in course of preparation for some weeks before we unearthed and printed the second. That which we printed, originaling as the first did a year ago in motives which we do not care to discuss, for men's motives have nothing to do with questions of fact, has written in bold let ters across its face the end to which points; an end long since expressed when

that? The people are not fools. They

are not babes to be fed on milk nor cry-

ing children to be soothed with syrup, or

who will take the trouble, as this paper

did, to examine the records of expenditures

DEATH OF CAPT. ROBINSON.

Captain Thomas J. Robinson, Secre-

tary to the State Agricultural Department

died at his residence, near Fayetteville, on

in a large octavo volume after his return

to the South, and the results of his labors

A good man has died and the State has

lost one of its most useful citizens. For

years we sat at the same school desk, and

at the University occupied the same room.

him well, and in all his life we do not think

he had an unkindly or ungentle thought

of man, woman or child. He was a true

man, true to wife and children, true to his

friends; a man of big brain, learned, gen-

erous and brave. His nature was of rare

sweetness, and his manner was as his

nature. Its sweet courtesy was born, in-

herited, not made, .The older people

throughout the Cape Fear and Pee Dee

country knew and loved and rever-

enced his father, the late Dr. BENJAMIN

ROBINSON. Those of them who may

not have known our dead-friend, will rec-

ognize them as words of highest eulogy

own son."

when we say that "he was his father's

here will show themselves after death.

on the State Treasurer's books.

ard to taxes. Its statement is simply a repetition of the first Boom, that which created so great a stir last winter. The remark about the present system of county government is a response to the second or Mud-Cut Boom, inciting the West to repudiate its part of the compromise with the East. as the Mud-Cut Boom seeks to excite the - East to break its plighted faith with the it was declared that the next Governor of West. This work accomplished, the West North Carolina would be a Demograt, but loses its railroad : the East, the railroad in that it was not likely he would be the which its interest is at least as great as the nominee of the Democratic party. The West's interest, and in addition, goes back intent of the Boom, as any reader may to the horrors of neero local rule from see, was to force the Railroad matter upon which the Convention of 1875 set it free. the Convention not in the shape of an And far beyond these material results, endorsement sought for by its friends, but there is the broken faith of each section. by resolution committing the Democratic pledged solemnly to the other! party to the repeal of existing legislation. To the same effect is the Mud Cut Of course such a resolution would fail; Boom, junior, elsewhere printed, and in but the alleged waste of millions of their money might induce a movement among

those people whose railroads are already vading the Democratic ranks of North Carolina. * * * This inquiry seeks built, sufficient to secure the election of a to know what becomes of our State taxes.' ticket composed in great part or altogether The answer to both the Eastern and the of so-called Democrats and supported, as Western complainant is to be made with we have reason to know it would be, by ioures, which either can verify at any the whole strength of the Radical party. That is the meaning of the paper which The property tax levied by the Radiwe printed, and by printing destroyed. The eals for collection in 1869 was 77 cents. charges of wastefulness against the Demo-For collection in 1870 it was 354 cents, cratic party had to be met, and we never out a deficiency of \$100,000 was left to be discuss matters of which our readers are made up by the Democrats then coming kept in ignorance. The statements in the into control of the Legislature. With this paper were awfully damaging to the Demdeficiency to be supplied, the Democratic ocratic party if they were true. What cf Legislature of 1870 levied a tax for Gen-

> 293; in 1879, 24 cents. It strikes us that the Republican has been led by the Boomer into a slight mis-

eral Fund, Asylums and Penitentiary of 42

cents; in 1871, 35; in 1872, 35; in

1873. 31#; in 1874, 29#; in 1876-'77,

SOMETHING ABOUT TAXES.

FACTS FOR THE PEOPLE. - North

rolina has had a Democratic Legislature

that deprived the people of the privilege

of choosing their own magistrates, county

commissioners and other county officers.

The Republican, we take it for granted,

"There is a spirit of inquiry now per-

knew nothing of its own knowledge in re-

Will the people please remember?"

Wings

And now to let the junior Boom know what "becomes of our State taxes." last Auditor's report (that for this year is corrupt as charged, time it was overnot yet out) puts the disbursements of taxes received at \$534,187.07. Omitting of mal-administration as suggested, time items of taxes refunded, the following lassified statement will show what becomes not true, and we showed that they were not true, as any one may see for himself

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEP-

di't General's Dep't,

Department Public Instruc. 1,829-66

uditor's Department.

5,384 87 We have but to add, that this paper can Keeper of Capitol State Department always find room to inform the people of what concerns-them, and that no fear of 5,424 79 Treasury Departme talk about creating discord, or harming the party, or anything else, will ever curtail distributing Laws that room. We believe in giving the peo-Executive Mansion ple the fullest information on all matters tlind Soldiers, etc of public concern, for we know that once Public Printing 8.482 98 State Board of Health informed the people's judgment is always right. We fear nothing but ignorance of Weights and Measures 210 40 the actual facts, and those facts the people Judiciary shall have so far as we can get at them. 1,443 60 We will never stand idly by and see the Agricultural Societies 1,550,00 4.000000Democratic party stabbed to death, for its 7,500 00death is ruin to North Carolina, ruin from 14 493 60 W. N. C. R. R. Iron 42.75967which once already the State has barely 23,711-34 Insane Asylum

Western Asylum 31 000 00 -120.889.80Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum 42 500 00 118 666 64 10.591.96 gricultural Departmen

Thursday of last week. For some months his health had been impaired and towards THERE are Booms and Booms, Booms the close of life his sufferings were severe. senior and Booms junior. The Boom else-Captain Robinson was a native of where printed, a junior Boom, does not Favetteville and was fifty-two years old. purport to come from "a much abused He was graduated at the University in the man," as the other undoubtedly did, but class of 1849, receiving its highest honors; from "Cape Fear." It is printed not bepassed some years in the service of the cause it contains anything new, but be-Government at Washington under Comcause it is almost an impossibility for us to modore MAURY, quitting his position only refuse a hearing to those whose notions are when the war between the States begun, not as ours. We have no fear of results to return to North Carolina and labor faithfrom the greatest flood of light that may fully and ably for his own people until its be turned on Mud-Cut and on the Westdisastrous close. Since the establishment ern Road generally. Nothing is to be of that Bureau in 1877, Captain ROBIN- | feared, much to be gained, from the fullest son has served the State in its Agriculdiscussion. There is no need for fear that tural Department, a position for which his the people will not sustain the party in inclinations and the character of his lifebuilding a road so much needed by the studies peculiarly fitted him. The results State and at so trifling cost. of his work at Washington were printed

. There is no need to discuss matters with the junior Boom. It adopts the figures of, the elder, after having learned that those figures had no foundation in fact. We do not care to travel over that ground a min and will only suggest to "Cape Fcar" that as the policy of the Democratic party is already fixed, his purpose and that of the always the closest friends. Thus we knew Boom must be to organize a new departure; and in view of the little possibility of foreing the party to go back on its record, the 'new departure proposed must be in the

THE full text of the President's Mes-, read in Congress yesterday, is printe n a supplement to HALE'S WEEKLY this norning. It is really an interesting docu ment and well worth reading. So, at least, seemed to us at 4 a. m. when we finished our reading of it in proof, and only recolected that we laughed as we read about divil-service" reform, and did not laugh at any one of the many times the President talked about the "nation" and talked it with a big "N."

PRESENTERIAN readers will not overlook the claims of that excellent paper, The North Carolina Presbyterian, else where advertised. It was always a good paper, and if it receives the support it deserves, it receives all its best friend could

OUR neighbor, the Neics, has our for the copy of the message sent it from In the Union Republican, a Republican Washington. In printing a loss docupaper printed at Winston, we find the folment in short time an extra our is no

THE Democrats in South Car Sina have for ten years, and the taxes are now higher cut down expenditures of the speople's money just as the Democrats of North vention, under a Democratic State policy, Carolina have done. The cost of its legislative, judicial, and executive departments for 1879, the Governor's message rates, is \$124.895 against \$351,000 for 1875, the cheapest year of Radical rule.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

nce of HALE'S WELL NEW YORK, Nov. 28 2879. MR. EDITOR: - A death in the house he oldest of three maiden lacks who keep the excellent boarding house in which am residing in West Tenth street there were four when I first boarded with then twelve years ago has crossed the dark river, in the ninetisth year of her age. Though the object of unwearied can by the other sisters, it is a scene not calculated to nake one in love with extreme low life, to know that her mind and body were for many months, if not for years, sadly esteebled, and requiring all of that thoughting sisterly indness and care so freely bestored upon her. This death, so fully to be expected in the course of nature, has set me thinking. It is the second death that has ocsided during the fifty-one years sing I first went to housekeeping, the other o'je being of a gentleman who, with myself moarded with the sisters twelve years ago. Some very dear to me have passed tway, in childhood, maturity and old age, but none under the same roof. My own turn must come, of course and that at no distant but surely it cannot be wrong to gray that it may not be delayed till mind and body are so emaciated as to be weare one to myself and a burden to those around Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the north wind

Thou has ALL seasons for thine own, O Death In accompanying the funeral estege to the family vault, I was surprised it find it in the very heart of the city, or Second Avenue between Third and Fourt Estreets, and walled up on all sides by large brick dwellings, so that, though I have seed in front of it hundreds of times, I had no idea that there was a cemetery in the neigh borhood. Entering through an iron gate, the only access a passage leads to the cemetery, which is about 150 by 400 seet, en-closed on all sides by a high stone wall, up to which dwellings are built on every side. It was established as a cemetery song before Greenwood, and hundreds of wealthy families have vaults there, in many three or four occupying the same visit s probable that most of the space underground is excavated; how many bodies have been placed there I know not but of course there is a record of them so ewhere here, as well as above. The value of pro-perty around is no doubt injurious affected by it, but less than it would be if it were open and were filled with moraments. of which, by the way, there is not sue, but simple slabs inserted in the walls bearing

I had an opportunity on Wednesday to go through one of the immense Linting establishments of which there are many in this city. It is managed by Ma A. Gray, formerly of Gray & Gr. in, and employs 350 persons, all under one sof, has any number of presses, and proposes to print for me a book of 250 octave, pages in two weeks. From the type-setting and stereotyping to the binding, all is cone in the same building. The most interesting part, to an old printer like myself are the type-setting and type-distributing in chines Of the former there are fourteen ach of which, attended by one man to platen the keys of the machine and another as "justify" the bes, sets upwards of fife thousand cms each lay, equal to the bow work of about six printers, and the discributing machine is even more wonderful, for it back in their proper places, without other assistance than being supplied with material and set in motion, one hundred and twenty-five thousand ems a day, say about three hundred thousand separate little types, each of which, by means of different "nick" from all others; is carried to its proper groove, and thus put in place for its next use. So few of your reader know anything about the technicalities of the printing office, and in truth, I ke attempt further description. The however, among the many inventions which supersede the human hand and brain, and people in the streets of this great of

elp to swell the throng of unen ployed I don't know whether the phrase Time money," is of Yankee origin, though, of course, it was one of the wise chyings adopted by Franklin, in "Poor R But though the "al aighty dollar" is fairly worshipped in these parts, it is astonishing what a crowd will be ie the assertion whenever a horse falls own in the street, or any other trivial incident of every day occurrence, attracts the gize the passer-by. At once an eager torowd collects, blocking the street and obstructing the movements of such non-Yanker as I who really value time more than the information to be gained by spending en or twenty minutes in seeing how the infortunate brute is gotten upon his feet again, and what are the extent of his hutts by the fall upon the solid stone payments. Perhaps it is because I am no man that such a crowd excites my steprise. I don't know when I have sat toon a horse's back, or ridden behind are thing more spirited than a Broadway st street-car team. It must be that enjosity is the stronger passion than avarice in the Yankee composition. Everybody nows how thoroughly the aforesaid Ben granklin, as full blooded, a Yankee as was ever born, understood the power of that trait, when his course at the Yankee inn is called to mind. Arriving at the inn, he called up the landlord and his wife, their sales and danghters, and told them that his name was Ben Franklin; he has born in Eoston and was going to Philadelphia; as a printer; so many years old; had a wie and so many children; and having thul published his biography wholesale, instead of having it drawn out piecemeal by every member of the family in succession, he added, "and now give me my dinner,

I am in a hurry—time is money. The author of "The Pleasures Age" says that the entire life of one sex is devoted to hunting after the dollar, and of the other sex to bringing up little hunters after dollars; which may be the of France, where he lived, but in the coarts many of "the other sex" have "to little ones to bring up, and so devote theu elves to spending the dollars the hunters have

here below are but beginnings." a solemn thought for those of us who make be continued in the Hereafter.

Thurlow Weed, one of the old

the Albany Ecening Journal (now living in an elegant house within a stone's throw of me, at the age of \$2,) was asked many years ago if he knew Millard Fillmore. " think I ought to know him," was the reply, as I invented him !" Discovered him it would have been better to say, for Mr. Fillmore was created by One whom Mr. Weed may have little conception of. He was in humble life, however, and Mr. Weed had sa racity enough to perceive hishigh merits, and influence enough to bring them into play as part of the capital stock of that grand old Whig party, the best that the country has ever known until so many of its members, like Mr. Weed, and unlike Mr. Fillmore, became free-soilers. abolitionists, know-nothings, and what not, By-the-way, you doubtless remember the claim of another editor, nearer home, that he was able to "kill and make alive," an expression used in Scripture as an attribute of the Almighty, and which the said editor, now ex-editor, would doubtless be too wise now to use. I might almost claim to have discovered Mr. Fillmore. for I happened to be in Washington on one occasion when, as chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, he engineered a great tariff bill through the House, and I was so struck with his readiness, clear headedness and ability, that he was my candidate for Vice-President with-Mr. Clay in 1844, and I have never had a doubt that if he had been nominated instead of Mr. Frelinghuysen, we should have carried New York and Clay and Fillmore would have been elected. Our North Carolina delegation was favorable to him. but the North insisted upon having Frelinghuysen, and the North had a right to decide the point, having conceded the candidate for the Presidency to the South. In a case of disputed right to some land

at Buffalo, the opposing claimants being

the United States and a private corpora-

tion, the former has settled the question by sending a file of soldiers to take possession. What's the use of courts? Toombs already has his favorite Empire. I anticipated a pleasant Thanksgiving Dinner and day with an old North Carolina friend, but "this harp of thousand strings" was not "in tune," good Doctor Watts to the contrary notwithstanding. One of those said strings of whose very existence I was ignorant, was somehow wrenched, and I had to remain in bed all day; having cause for thankfulness, however, first in skillful domestic appliances, and then in the more learned diagnosis of my excellent physician, Dr. Wm. H. Hall, the county hope will be the case, he rewho at once pointed out the jarring string, and, strangely enough, whilst such cheerful converse as makes it a pleasure to have him about one, either in sickness or health, the severe pain disappeared as mysteriously as it had supervened, reminding me of the sick man who was cured by putting his physician's prescription in his pocket instead of his stomach. To-day I am all right. But as Col. Ham. Jones said in 'Cousin Sally Dillard,' "and this is all I know about Thanksgiving Day, I see however, by the World, that Beecher made it the occasion for a bitter assault upon the South and Southern people, whereupon the World reminds him that his text should have been taken from the 11th verse of the 18th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, wherein the Saviour says, The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: God. I thank Thee, that I am not

as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican." was inclined to italicise one of these words. but the reader will do that, of course.) One of Beecher's charges is of repudiation, though he admits that one Northern State had been guilty of that sin. Yes, and not four little children. only did Pennsylvania repudiate, but the United States also, the whole United States, set the South a example nearly a century ago, in repudiating the entire Continental abt, not a cent of the hundreds of millions of which did the said United States ever

South for repudiating their debts! H.

[Correspondence of HALE'S WEEKLY.) NOVEMBER 21st. 1879.

make an effort to pay. And again, after

the late war, the said United States required

the Southern States to repudiate every

debt owed to their own citizens. And

these people, Beecher and all; abuse the

"The Mud-Cut Boom,"

MR. EDITOR: - For many months past

the public mind of these eastern counties has been agitated more than ever before upon the railroad question so much discussed, pro and con, in your columns this week. With your accustomed fairness you seem inclined to give both sides a hearing upon this now paramount subject of State policy. True, the Democratic party, in State Convention, and in Democratic legislation, have endorsed the two mammoth extensions of this transmontane railroad from Asheville. It is equally true that all parties, all sections, and all true North Caroinians, are agreed and a unit as to the policy of finishing this Western road to Asheville. But there is a great division of Democratic sentiment as to the wisdom of attempting any further extension until the tax-payers east of the Blue Ridge are better satisfied than they are now as to these proposed extensions. If you assert that those who disagree with your views upon this now looming and booming quesion, as expressed in your long editorial of this week, are not good Democrats, you will ostracise from our Democratic ranks thousands upon tens of thousands of our best and largest Democratic tax-pavers and most enterprising and liberal-minded citizens. There is a spirit of inquiry now pervading the Democratic ranks of North Carolina on this transmontane railroad question that will not rest satisfied with anything short of such legitimate facts and figures as ought to convince the judg ment and win the approval of every North Carolinian who is free from prejudice of section and who loves every inch of the State. This inquiry seeks to know what becomes of our State taxes and what taxation is to be required in case the State goes on with the proposed railroad extensions from Asheville. Will such railroads pay? Notsectionalism suggests this determination of the people to investigate this absorbing question before giving in their adjection to this mammoth railroad scheme of the transmontane counties. It will be suicidal and endanger the success in North Carolina next year of the Democratic party in case our next Democratic State Convention should again endorse this measure. We must have harmony, peace, union, wisdom, absence of all sectionalism, in our Democratic counsels next year if we expect to speceed in maintaining Democtatic ascendancy. To urge this transmontane railroad scheme upon our next Madame de Stael said that "all jings Demogratic State Convention would create

division, and such dissatisfaction, if suc! cessful, as might turn North Carolina ove a bad beginning, that the same work must to the Radical party. Foregoined is forearmed." Leave this distracting quer tion to the succeeding Legislature. of the New York Whigs, whilst editor of is its proper place, and keep this stirring and ripening question of taxation and State policy away from our State Democratic platform. The Democratic masses, as well as the tax-payers of the middle and eastern counties, are dissatisfied and beconing more restless still at the situation and prospects of these transmontane measures. The astounding facts and figures of this "Mud-Cut Boom." as published in your sterling paper, will add to this growing uneasiness as to the disposition of these State taxes. It is well that discussion has so soon been inaugurated. Already do we ear it said, even in counties west of Salisbury, and near to Asheville, that the labor and money expended and to be expended

> Here and There in North Carolina. ITEMS FROM LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CAPE FEAR.

upon this transmontane scheme, would, if

them the best county roads in the Union.

kept in the counties contributing it, give to

PERSON AND CASWELL NOTES -Yanceyeille, November 22.—Judge Me Koy held the Courts for Person and Cas-No cases of interest to the general reader, were upon either the criminal of eivil docket. Solicitor Strudwick was present and is winning many friends by his assiduous attention to busines

The farmers of this section have seeded an unusual large crop of wheat this year, and it is generally conceded that this has been the most propitious fall for harvesting crops and sowing wheat, rve and oats within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. The tobacco crop has been well cured and the lateness of frost has enabled the whole of the crop to be saved. There has been an unusual quantity of fine yellow tobacco cured this season, and prices promise to be quite remunerative.

This is the fifth time I have traveled through this section, and I was foreibly impressed with the improvement of the public roads as worked under the new system. Judge McKov told me that it was universal, wherever he had been in the State; and yet some say the last Legislature was "no good.

The people are already beginning to moot politics, and are casting about for the best men for the next General Assembly. As it is the regular time in course for one of the Senators of this District to be selected from Person county nearly every man is in favor of John W. Cuningham unless, as three-fourths of the voters of ceives the nomination for Governor. In clines a re-election to the House, J. J. Hester, Esq., it is thought will be the choice of the Democrats of Person county He is a safe man and would make a faith ful representative in the lower House.

This people are deeply interested and are discussing the necessity for a connection with the outside world by railroad to the North Carolina coast. The route desired and the capabilities of the country. I have noted fully in another letter

ROCKINGHAM NOTES :-

Wentworth, November 26.-A meeting of the Bar at Wentworth in honor of the late Judge Kerr, was held in the Court House last week during the term of th Court, at which Gov. D. S. Reid presided Col. Thos. Ruffin, Col. E. B. Withers, Col. Boyd and J. W. Reid pronounced eloquent eulogies upon the distinguished dead. A committee was appointed to solicit contributions to raise \$317 balance due and to secure a home for the widow and

Solicitor Strudwick was quite suddenly attacked with rheumatism last week, while at Wentworth. At last accounts he had much improved. Col. John N. Staples, of Greensboro, prosecuted the criminal docket in his stead.

J. L. C. Kerr, Esq., we are glad, learn, has returned to his native State. Mr. Kerr is a nephew of the late Judge Kerr of this State, who left here some 15 years ago and made his home in Macon. Ga., where, as a lawyer, he stood very high and was quite popular. But his ardent attachment for the Old North State never abated, so he has returned and settled in Yancevville, Caswell county, where he will practice his profession.

Mr. J. B. Smith, of North Carolina. traveling salesman for the popular house of Roberts, Beall & Co., wholesale dealers in Boots and Shoes, Richmond, Va. is a model salesman. He subscribes and pays for twenty-two North Carolina newspapers Mr. Smith is a very successful salesman and says his experience teaches him that the few dollars spent for papers is a good investment. His trade is entirely confined to his native State. R. A. LEIGH.

CABARRUS COUNTY NOTES:-Concord, November 30.—All the stores n town were closed on Thanksgiving day and almost everybody went hunting. s estimated that about 200 rabbits and

about 500 birds were killed. Last Friday was a big cotton day; our streets were crowded from Allison's corner to Depot street, owing to the suspension of ousiness on Thursday.

Our young townsman, Hal Purvear, has gone to Texas on a "legal" tour. Will return in a few weeks.

The Good Samaritans held the anniversary of their Lodge here last Friday. It was a gala day with the negroes in general. There were at least two thousand negroes in town to see the Samaritans "turn-out." Speeches, marches, &c., were the pro-If it is cold enough this week some big

hogs will bite the dust; some that will go 400 and 500 pounds.

How can procrastination be the thief time when it never comes up to tim A small boy (aged five), looking at a picture of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, asked his mother if they never wore more clothes than those in which they were represented, and being told that that was all they wore, saide "Then whatever did they do when people came to

Ernest (at six)-"But, mother dear, is really true the world was made in six days?" Mamma-" Yes, Ernie, and if God had pleased He could have made it in two days. Firnest (after a moment's consideration .- "Oh, mamma, that would never have done, you know; why, we should have had Sunday every other day."

"Darling, I am growing eld, Silver threads among the gold"-Sang the wife-but Jack replied, "Turn your switch the other side." What North Carelinians are Doing.

GLEANINGS FROM STATE EXCHANGES. Cotton is selling readily in Washington,

the Press says, at 111 cents. Concord, the Prople's Paper says, lion; ht 424 bales of cotton last week.

Wilson's trade, the Advance says, exeeds that of any previous season. Monroe the Enquirer says, bought 788 pales of cotton last week, paying 111 to

The trial of Miss Linkhaw at Robeson art resulted in her acquittal of the muriler

Winston lost heavily by fire vesterday Two large stores were destroyed and three others badly damaged.

of Mr. Hartman.

Rocky Mount's trade is excellent, the oldsboro Mail says. Cotton commands ready sale at 114 to 114. Davie county lost by death last week, as

James Thornton, agod 90 years. A negro centenarian, Ned Jones name, was burned with his cabin last week in Halifax, the Weldon News says.

we learn from the Winston Lender, Mr.

The death of Mr. David Henderson aged 7.4 years, and a highly respected citizen of Charlotte, is noted by the Observer

of that city. Mrs. Mary Ann Adeoek, of Granville ounty, the Torchlight notes, is 87 years old, healthy and active and with 132 living descendants.

The Battlebore Progress reports the eath at Castalia of a sixteen year-old boy from fright at his horse's fright. In his excitement the boy fell and died

Miss Fisher, the novelist, the Charlott Observed learns, will sail for Europe on the 10th to perfect herself in French and German and further qualify herself for her

The house of Jacob Keaton, colored, at Rocky Point, Pender county, was destroyed whire last week, and his four children perished in the flames, the Wilmington Star learns.

New Hanover, says the Wilmington Star, ost a horse fast week known to have been work-horse 38 years ago, and more than 40 years old at death. He was an old reb, too, having "jined the cavalry, Rufus Sharpe, of Iredell, the Land

aark notes, lost his residence and all its ontents, including money proceeds of his cotton crop, by fire last week. A heavy loss for a poor man with a wife and five Rev. Samuel Ferebee died in Currituck

ounty on November 16th in his 85th ear, the Economist says. The same paer notes the visit of Philadelphia capitals who are likely to take hold of and The dwelling house of Mr. D. T. Dve

was burned near Sanford last week, says the Moore Index; and the Per Dec, Her. 12,905; hogs, 22,392; sheep, 12.19 ald records the burning of the steam saw and grist mill and the cotton gin of Mr. M. Williams, of Polkton. Both set

The Asheville Citizen congratulates it's people upon the rapid growth and health ful business of that beautiful mountain town. Its latest enterprise is a tobacco warehouse, which has attracted the most prominent buyers of some of the largest entres in the Union.

Judge Bynum was interviewed the otherlay by the Asheville Journal and expressed no doubt of North Carolina's voting the Radical ticket next year, if Grant heads it, but does not wish to be on it himself. Judge Buxton had no doubt of the result. anyway; and was " willin.

Tom Leach, described by the Robesonian as a desperate negro and brother of Peter just convicted of murder at Robeson court. shot and killed Mr. William Coleslast week. Mr. Cole was reading to Leach a warrant for his arrest when Leach shot him in the head and again in the breast. Leach has

thus far escaped arrest. Mr. A. A. Grantham, of Wayne county the Messenger says, has made 300 bushels of rice this season on less than eight acres N. B. Stevens and Uriah Grantham have a slate deposit on their lands near Goldsboro. quality good and supply inexhaustible; and Mr. S. Sauls lost last week \$4,000 worth of cotton gins, cotton, &c. No insurance.

Newbern's cotton market was active last week; 1,200 bales of cotton received and the price paid for it 111 to 112. Corn s scarce and worth 52 cents in bulk. Rice active at \$1. Oysters 25 to 75 cents per bushel. Of bear meat 396 pounds was the product of Owen Smith's gun on Thanksgiving Day; all in one bear. The Newbernian tells the tale.

Mrs. Caroline Starr, of Guilford, lost her residence, and Mr. Bentley Owen an nfant child, by fire last week, the Greensboro Patriot notes. Which also tells of the sale of two gold mines for \$48,000 by Mr. Oliver Causey; the finding in the woods of the dead body of W. M. Aiken, aged 62, frozen; and that of Mrs. Climer her kitchen floor.

Charlotte's trade this fall has been bri k enough to require several trips North by a number of its merchants to buy new stocks. says the Democrat. Its cotton market last week was firm; flour, 3.50 to 3.75 corn, 65; meal, 65 to 70; peas, 65; sweet potatoes, 75 to 80; pork, 6; beef, 4 to 5 beeswax, 18; butter, 20 to 22; chiekens, 12 to 15; eggs, 15.

A Mecklenburg "two-horse" is better than the Johnston "one-horse" farm. Mr. James Puckett, the Charlotte Observer says, has supported a wife and raised family of eight children on a two-horie farm, and never bought a bushel of corn or wheat, a pound of meat or a particle of flour or meal or anything else which could be raised on a farm. He and his are well-to-do, intelligent and contented people

The finest bann in Gaston county was burned on Tuesday night last, the Charlotte Observer says. It was the property of farmer, who lost along with it 400 bushels of corn, 8,000 bundles of fodder, 10 wagon loads of shucks, a large amount of wheat and out straw, a wheat drill, corn sheller, straw cutter, 2 good wagons, all of the harness and a quantity of other property. No

The Randolph Fair, last week's Courier says, "was decidedly the most creditable and successful that has been held since the war. Everything passed off pleasantly, It was not as great a success financially as we could have wished owing to the weather. The admission fees Friday were lost because of the necessity of having the speaking at the court house," Hon, Kemp" P. Battle's address is commended in the highest terms, as a speech worth something, of that kind whose effects are never lost. It is but 21 miles from Lincolnton to

Hickory, and the Wilmington Stor ares the business men of Wilmington to stir two points, connecting these two great State roads the Carolina Central and the Western North Carolina. The people to be reached by the connection wish to trade with Wilmington, as they should, and Wilmington will be largely benefited as will be the people who will thus have opened to them the excellent Wilmington market The connection may easily be built, the Stor thinks, before next midsummer.

Urging upon its Randolph neighbors the e advantages of tebacco culture, their lands being well suited to the production of the best i right yellow, the Ashboro Couries otes the experience of " W. F. Strowd Esq., of Chatham county, one of our most successful and experienced farmers. The sample we have from him was grown upon land exactly like the soil near Ashboro and will bring from \$50 to \$70 per han dred in any market. He planted hast year ,20 acres in cotton, which violded him 20 bales, averaging 500 pounds each. He planted 8 acres of poor land in tobacco. using 200 pounds of guans per acre, and after selling both, received a large per cent, more for his tobacco than for the 20 bales

The Forty-Third Amerial Conference of the M. E. Church, South in North Card lim, will meet at Wilson to morrow. The Methodists, the Advisor Says, occupy a prominent and useful position, and they are in reasing their membership at a rapid rate. In 1878, 3.223 new members were adouted. In that year there were 211 local preachers, 61,613 white members, 445 edered members, 713 Sunday schools, 4,534 teachers, 34,464 scholars, and the libraries of the various schools contained 34,530 olumes, valued at 87,398. They own 70 parsonages valued at 888,175, and 764 harelies, whose value was \$702.385. There are about 165 ministers of which number, 15 are superannuated leaving about 150 active preachers. Twenty-one young men have applied for admission into Conference this year, and with this addition the ministry of the Methodist church in

this State will number about 175. The nurserymen of Guilford, the Green poro Bencon says, have sold this von \$100,000 worth of trees, vines, &c. The same paper is furnished by the Register of Deeds with the following agricultural 'statistics of Guifford Number of acres in wheat, 25,119, yield, 128,502, bushids corn. 28,172 acres, vield 484,405 bush els; rye raised, 7751 bushels; buckwheat, 125 bushels; barley, 1,494 bushels; sweet potatoes, 36,946 bushels; Irish potatoes 15,614 bushels; sorghum, 15,417 gallons boney, 16,492 pounds; chafas, 1 bushel. peanuts, 75 bushels; outs, 99,127 bushels millet, 133 tons; turning, 18,008 bushels t in 103 bales; tobacco, 529,321 pounds. number of horses and mules, 4,694; eattle dogs, 2.577; goats, 36; eattle lost by dicase, 485; thogs lost by disease, 1:041 sheep dost by disease, 727, by dogs, 436, green apples, 255,125 bushels dried, 188 272 pounds; dried peaches, 211,220 pounds; dried blackberries, 27,484 pounds dried pears, 484 pounds; butter, 117,447 pounds; cheese, 10 pounds; panels of fence, 2.937.647; fertilizers bought, 45.

> ... Death of Dr. Strudwick.

tons; sumae, 5 tons; wool, 13,876 pounds

[From the Raleigh News, 2d inst.] The many friends of Dr. Edmond Strudwick, of Hillsboro, will be pained to earn of his sudden death on Saturd y last. On Saturday morning Dr. Strudwa received a telegram announcing the serione illuess of his son, Fred, Strudwick who was on the train returning home from one of his courts. He repaired to the depot to meet his son, whom he finish langerously ill, and taking him to his office, the nearest point he could get him to, was treating his case, and having scribed belladona, had placed three diverin a glass to be diluted by water. Soon after, having occasion to us; the glass himself, he, by mistake, trok the same glass and drank the whole dose. He seen liscovered his fatal mistake by the effects of the deadly poison, and every effort was made to relieve him, but to un purpose

and he ended his long and useful life

about 10 o'clock that night, Dr. Stroot

wick was in the seventy-seventh year of

his age, and was regarded as one of the

most skilled and successful physicians in When the corn is waving, means, when a superabundance of grain, in a liquid state, causes the sidewalk to oscillate Of what use is the casket when the

the last swallow of the whisky, and threw the bottle over in the corn field It, is impossible to hang a bad man. The negro who dropped into eterni y at the Texas Sulphur Springs on Friday; said he "felt that the golden gate of glory was open by

jewel is gone?" asked the tramp, as he took

A correspondent of the Southern ions a man of Porth, 97 years old, who, after using glasses for 40 years is able to dispense with them on account of the improvement in his sight

A subscriber to a southwestern paper died recently, leaving four years' subscription unpaid. The editor appeared at the grave and deposited on the coffin a palm eaf fan, a linen coat and a thermometer.

In the room of a railgoad depot in Iowa, the following placard over the clock This is a clock; it is running; it is the ago time; it is right; it is set every day at 10 pelock; now keep your mouth shut. I heales de alarm f'm'de number que box.

Listen, sinnahy, listen ! Hark how earnis'ly de angel knocks; De fire is hot an' bissin'.

Angel's appin' on de conscience bell. Heah it, beah is bangin't Hit's a gre't big fire dey's a habbin' in hell Dat's why de 'larm-bell's clangin

fire dat de ingines nebbah gits around Sinnahs br'ilin', fryin'-Whar de Babcock 'sting'shers kain't be found, An' dev ain't no use o' tryin'.

Flames is a buraln' up higher an' higher-Surprisin', oh, surprisin'! You has an' intrust in that fire And de flames is still a risin'

Jump when you heah dat warnin' obline Jump up, sinnahs, jump up! Do your do in a berry quick time; Now is de time to hump up;

Kase you know dat you kain't afford Hallelujah! be singin'!--To reak yo' shuls, for dey aint inshored; Listen at de fire-belf ringin'