

BRIEFS.

A good surplus is a great attraction for voters.

War taxes are to be continued. Such is the protective policy.

Men may come and they may go, but war taxes go on forever.

Secretary of the Treasury Manning has resigned.

The trade dollar has at last received recognition. It will be redeemed by the United States.

The electoral count bill has received the signature of the President and is now law.

The President has nominated Capt. A. W. Greely, fifth cavalry, to be chief signal officer, with rank of Brigadier-General.

Frank James, Missouri's illustrious knight of the road, has accepted employment as salesman in a St. Louis "ladies shoe store."

O'Neil, the New York hoodlum, Alderman, lately found guilty of accepting bribes, was last Friday sentenced to four years and six months in the penitentiary.

Miss Lulu Hurst, the magnetic wonder, was married last week at Cedartown, Ga., to Mr. Paul Atkinson of Chattanooga, Tenn., her manager on her magnetic tour. Sorry for Paul.

Ex-Senator A. G. Thorman was offered a commission ship under the inter-state commerce bill. He refused, but asked the President to appoint his son. Mr. Cleveland declined to do so.

The New York Herald says: "The Anarchist is a gentleman of leisure who encourages labor in others with the hope that when they have made their pile he can make them divide. He wants money, but he does not want to earn it."

The Salisbury Herald notes the fact that Mr. H. A. Helper has done a great deal to bring the South and its resources before the general public. He has, The Herald is right.—[Charlotte Chronicle.]

Yes, and we shall endorse any man who does good in our State. It is time to stop fighting over antiquated prejudices, to quit deploring the downfall of the ancient regime, but it is time to denounce the lazy, shiftless and imprudent man, no matter who he is. It is time to put the shoulder to the wheel and give our prosperity and advancement a push that will send the Old North State to the top of the ladder, where by right it belongs.

The Evening Capital is a prohibition paper of Atlanta, Ga., and it appears to give it up that prohibition fails to prohibit in that little city. It says:

"In fact, whiskey and beer are sold almost as much as ever, only the city gets nothing for it. The promises of the prohibition leaders as regards increasing the police force and reducing expenses (criminal and other promises, have proven a farce, and the city by its division has been depressed or cast down financially, while other cities have profited by its relapse. Liquor sales are getting to be more numerous than ever, only the income has been reduced from \$500 to \$100 a year, and the property owners will have to pay for the loss."

THE PAUPER PENSION BILL VETOED.

President Cleveland has returned with his veto to the House, Bill No. 10,457, the so-called Pauper Pension Bill.

The President says that the bill is without a precedent that the enactment of the bill would cause "anarchy and spying into the daily life of the claimants as would be odious to any self-respecting man." The President says that the provisions of the bill are too vague and indefinite. He expresses himself in sympathy with the soldier but opposed to the fraudulent methods of sharps and swindlers. The message conveying the veto is considered a strong document and that it will undoubtedly kill the bill.

The United States are paying annually \$75,000,000 in pensions and if the proposed new bill become law, it will reach \$147,000,000. We will then be paying in pensions more than any European nation pays for the maintenance of its standing army.

TORONTO TAX.

Mrs. Randall, Head, 1901 (Oct. Henderson) and Wm. made an attempt to have the tobacco tax repealed. Mr. Carlin, the speaker of the House of Representatives, antagonized this in a patriotic refusal to withdraw a motion to repeal the tax. This speech of the speaker is of very great consequence to our State. Tobacco taxes are unconstitutional and ought never to be collected at present. The tobacco tax falls heavily upon our State, and that Mr. Carlin antagonizes it from petty and unwarranted motives is unworthy of the position he holds. All honor is due to our zealous representative, Mr. J. S. Henderson, for his efforts to reduce the burdens of the people of North Carolina.

MR HENDERSON'S LETTER TO SPEAKER CARLIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11, 1887. Hon. J. S. Henderson, member of the House of Representatives, D. C. We have your letter of the 10th inst. and your very kind and generous invitation to come to Toronto to explain to you the reasons why we oppose the repeal of the tobacco tax. Your refusal to give this recognition, together with your letter of the 10th inst., is most honorable and worthy of the position you hold. It is a great honor to be invited to explain to you the reasons why we oppose the repeal of the tobacco tax. We are glad to see that you are so much interested in the welfare of the people of North Carolina. We are glad to see that you are so much interested in the welfare of the people of North Carolina. We are glad to see that you are so much interested in the welfare of the people of North Carolina.

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Associate Justice Davis.

Gov. Scales last evening appointed Hon. Joseph J. Davis, of Lenoir, to the place on the Supreme Court bench made vacant by the death of Judge Ashe. The action will be ratified by public opinion almost without a dissenting voice. Mr. Davis is one of our best and purest men. He has long been prominent in the convictions of the people, in the Legislature, in Congress and at the bar, and his fidelity to every interest of the State has always been conspicuous. He is a wise statesman, a careful, prudent public officer, of long experience in the practice of the law and of such keen sense of justice between man and man that his fellow-citizens have delighted in calling him "Honest Joe Davis." He was born in Franklin county, April 13, 1828; was educated at the Lenoir Academy; studied law at Chapel Hill, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1850, and has since been engaged in practice. He served in the Confederate army as captain, was a member of the State Legislature in 1866-67; was elected to the forty-fourth Congress and re-elected to the forty-fifth over Lee Young, and in every position he has displayed that fidelity which is his leading characteristic. We hope he will accept the appointment. In case he does the State will have regained the benefit of his ripe wisdom and earnest patriotism in public life. In case he does he will remain upon the bench what he has been elsewhere—absolutely faithful to every trust. If ever the scales of justice have been evenly held, he will so hold them to the utmost of his ability, and more than that, we opine, could be said of no man.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 12.—Mr. W. B. Crump, a citizen of this place, was knocked in the head and killed by some unknown person last night. Mr. Crump resembles Mr. Julius A. Gray, president of the P. & V. R. R., somewhat in appearance, and it is thought by some that the unfortunate man was mistaken for President Gray by the would-be murderer.

Ordered Off.

New York, February 12.—Following the declaration of district assembly forty-nine of the Knights of Labor, that the strike was off, there was a general rush of "longshoremen" and "dockmen" to get back to work. At some of the piers along East River the strikers had not even awaited an order from their quarters, but had crept back to work on the best terms they could make. As early as six o'clock this morning, gangs of strikers were seen around the piers waiting to catch the foreman and superintendent as they came to their respective piers. In other cases the strikers slipped on the docks among the attention men and over the bulk heads through the side entrance. For Agent Hall said he had all his old hands back, and twenty-five outsiders were there, also, whom he could not find employment for. At Clyde, Mearns and Ward piers, also, many of the old hands found their way back, but no instance was they recognized as unionists. By Monday it is expected that the business of the steamship companies will be proceeding as even as before the strike.

Open Gates.

The other night while on my way home and thinking only of the pleasant fire—the night being dark and the air foggy—I was most cruelly awakened out of my reveries by an awful lark inflicted upon that part of my body which lies immediately under the waist band. Startling! Pains almost unbearable! What is it? Nothing but an innocent open gate. For the sake of my own sufferings and of the community at large, I suggest that our town council enact the following ordinance: "Be it Ordained, That all persons hereafter erecting gates on any of the streets of Salisbury be required to make them open inside the enclosure. And be it further ordained, That the owners of gates be required to change the existing gates so as to make them open inside the enclosure; these changes to be made before April 1st, 1887.

"Any person failing to comply with this ordinance shall be kicked in the stomach with a garden gate until he does comply. Yours with a great deal of pain, "GATE."

The bill to provide for working convicts in counties which made application for them caused a long debate, but finally passed its second reading. Under its provision all convicts who may hereafter come to the penitentiary may be sent to the counties from which they came upon application, upon the condition that such counties pay for their support and furnish them safe and suitable quarters. The bill applies only to convicts under sentence for ten years or less. The House took up, as a special order, the revenue bill and went into a committee of whole thereon. The bill provides for a tax of 23 cents on the \$100 valuation, and 50 cents on the poll tax for public schools.

GREAT CLEARING SALE! COMMENCING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd.

and continuing for four weeks only. \$10,000 Worth of Clothing to be SACRIFICED.

As you are all aware, the stock of the retail merchant is sure to accumulate in course of time, and to prevent this and always be able, as we are at present, to present to our trade a clean stock of the very latest patterns and cuts. We have decided to offer to the people of Rowan county such bargains in clothing as have never before had. To those who have not as yet purchased of us, we would say, that this is a real, genuine clearing out sale, and that when we say all our goods will be marked down regardless of cost, we mean every word of it. Those who have dealt with us know from experience that our word is our bond and when we say a thing we mean every word of it.

DO NOT INVEST A DOLLAR FOR CLOTHING UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN THE GREAT VALUES WE OFFER THIS MONTH.

OVERCOATS! IN OUR STOCK OF FINE OVERCOATS YOU CAN YET MAKE A SELECTION OF A CHOICE OVER-GARMENT at prices advertised last week. This means that you will find the greatest inducements at M. S. BROWN, no matter what grade of material you may select. SLAUGHTER PRICES PREVAIL IN EVERY DEPARTMENT THIS MONTH.

Here's Another Boomer! 200 Boys' Suits to be Closed out at Cost—and less than Cost, as we are determined to close out the suits and ends of an accumulated stock in the City. These Special Bargains are only offered TO CASH BUYERS. In this Boom HATS are regarded, and will meet the same fate as the Clothing. ODDS AND ENDS MUST GO. ALL MY HEAVY BOOTS AND SHOES MUST BE DISPOSED OF AS THEY TOGETHER WITH THE BOOMING SALE. No Goods packed away if we can possibly prevent it. NOW A LITTLE CASH WILL DRESS YOU LIKE A GENTLEMAN.

FEBRUARY 2nd, 1887—15—2nd. M. S. BROWN.

Indispensable to the Toilet. Dury's Phosphoric-Fruit Cure for itching, eruptions and inflammation of all kinds, cures itching of every kind, restores the original color to faded and gray hair, and promotes its growth.

Greatly Excited. Not a few of the citizens of Salisbury, N. C., have recently become greatly excited over the astounding fact that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable beyond all hope—suffering with that dreaded monster Consumption—have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy that does positively cure all throat and lung diseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma and Bronchitis. Trial bottle free at Theo. P. Klutz & Co's Drug Store, large bottles \$1.

Wonderful Cures. W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Buckler's Arnica Balm for ten years. Have never handled remedies that sell so well or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by Theo. P. Klutz & Co.

Executor's Notice! Having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of H. C. Best, deceased, I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent, to exhibit them to me on or before the 10th day of February, 1887.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE! Having qualified as administrator upon the estate of George E. D. Goodman, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them for payment on or before the 20th day of February, 1887, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment. FARLEY ELLER, Administrator. T. C. Linn, Attorney. Feb. 12, 1887.

LADIES! THE MOST FASHIONABLE DRESS-MAKING ESTABLISHMENT. In the City is ten doors below the Court House. The latest Fashion Plates are always on hand. CUTTING AND FITTING. Miss M. C. Waffer. Satisfaction is guaranteed to our patrons.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. The undersigned, doing business under the firm name and style of Patterson & Corbier, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. In this dissolution we take occasion to extend our sincere and grateful thanks for the liberal and generous patronage that has been extended to us during our business engagement. All persons indebted to us by note or account are requested to make immediate settlement. I FRANK PATTERSON, JOHN C. CORBIER.

NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP. The undersigned having formed a Co-partnership under the firm name of Patterson & Patterson, would respectfully solicit the patronage of a generous public, and promise the same care and attention that have been extended to all who have dealt with the old firm. I FRANK PATTERSON, E. SMITH PATTERSON, China Grove, N. C., Feb. 1, 1887.

FASHIONABLE DRESS-MAKING. It is, with pleasure, we announce to the ladies of Salisbury and vicinity, that we have opened our DRESS-MAKING ESTABLISHMENT, and are ready for business. Our Miss Funck comes from BOSTON, and uses none but the very latest modes. We guarantee satisfaction. Give us a trial order. MRS. W. R. BARKER, MISS M. FUNCK, Cor. Main and Fisher Streets, SALISBURY, N. C.

A FINE GRAND FOR INVESTMENT. SALISBURY, N. C. I will sell at public sale on the 22nd of February, 1887, several of the most valuable Real Estate parcels situated in Salisbury, N. C., consisting of about 100 acres of land, more or less, situated in the town of Salisbury, N. C., and also a large tract of land situated in the town of Salisbury, N. C., and also a large tract of land situated in the town of Salisbury, N. C.

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THE ROCHESTER GERMAN Fire Insurance Company has the largest Assets to its Liabilities of any Company represented in the State. Don't forget it when you want reliable insurance. J. S. McCUBBINS, Jr., Agt. Salisbury, N. C.

J. D. SMALL, Contractor and Builder. Planning Mill. Dressing Lumber, Flooring and Ceiling, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Moulding, &c. IRON FOUNDRY. All kinds of Castings in Iron and Steel.

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