

One new Cabinet place and four new States.

The fight among Ohio Republicans grows more bitter every day.

The Government printing office in Washington is pronounced unsafe and hundreds of lives are in peril.

"CAP. BOB THOMAS, ahoy! but of Egyptian darkness he has risen to shed a light on naval affairs."

ALGER and Clark are mad, because "location" prevented Harrison from calling one of them to the Cabinet.

"THE Hoosier idea of the Harrison Cabinet is that the Blaine elephant has picked it up and walked off with it, the 'General' and all."

The bill for the admission of the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington has been approved by the President.

"If a tree is to be removed from a cultivated field the best way to cut it down with a grubbing-axe, even if the ground is frozen two or three inches deep."

THE Chicago Herald says: "Harrison seems to be hard up for Cabinet material—but he is not hard up, however, that is as all likely to take a colored man."

"THE Richmond and Danville Railroad Company is receiving bids for the building of two thousand new cars which are demanded by reason of the increase of business and travel."

THE Detroit Free Press says: "In digging among the ruins of Pompeii they have found a piece of brass made to fit over the human cheek. The modern cheek needs one."

THE European governments acknowledge that Uncle Sam has the strongest weapon of war in the dynamite gun. A French paper says every one of such guns is equal to five iron clads.

THE New York Times says: "It is an open secret that whatever political significance Mr. Windom's appointment may have its advantages will accrue to the inevitable Mr. Blaine."

It is an illuminating commentary on the character of the Republican party of the South that Gen. Harrison has searched that section in vain to find a single representative for a Cabinet position.

"FRANCIS Elder Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D., of the North Carolina Conference, was stricken with paralysis on Thursday night of last week at Rockingham, the whole of his right side being involved, and is in a critical condition."

"THE fire is flying! From State after State come reports of factional fights in the Republican party, of the widening of the gulf of animosity between its various leaders, of killings that are and of killings that are to be."

THE World, of Friday last, gives a complete programme of the ceremonies, parade and ball of the inauguration. Washington expects five hundred thousand visitors, and it is estimated the parade will be eight miles long.

On Thursday "the Republican Senatorial caucus decided to take up the resolution providing for an investigation of elections in the South, after the appropriation bill has been disposed of, and press it to a vote. The Democratic Senators, it is supposed, will oppose the resolution to the bitter end."

THE Landmark says: "The hottest question the Legislature has on its hands, not even excepting the railroad commission, is that of the unemployed Governor's mansion. The easiest way for it to get out of its dilemma is to let the members to club together and buy the thing."

THE Wilmington Star says: "Indiana hoosers are waiting and weeping over Harrison's blindness and surrender. They fear that he has delivered himself body and soul into the hands of Blaine and his gang."

THE Louisville Courier-Journal points this: "If thirty farmers in one Pennsylvania county are sold out by the sheriff within three months, how long will it take the Secretary of Agriculture to explain the high tariff to the rest of the agricultural world?"

THE Wilmington Star says: "We see from the Richmond Times that a reply is preparing to Capt. W. H. Bond's stinging pamphlet on the battle of Gettysburg. The Virginians do not intend to have it go down to history that North Carolinians did as well as Gettysburg, or better, as the much trumpeted division of Pickett. North Carolinians must see to it that the brave men who made such a splendid record at Gettysburg are neither defamed nor robbed."

An observant exchange says: "A perfect ton is that in which you see the farmers patronizing the home merchants, the laborers spending the money they earn with their own tradesmen, and all animated by a spirit that will not purchase articles abroad if they can be bought at home. The spirit of reciprocity between business men and mechanics, tradesmen and laborers, farmers and manufacturers, results every time in making a town a perfect one to do business in."

JUDGING FROM PRESENT INDICATIONS

the Republican policy has settled down to two objects. Preserving the taxes and spending the surplus; getting the offices and keeping them."

"M. QUAD" of the Detroit Free Press writes to the News and Observer "I expect to be in Raleigh by the 4th of March to write up Raleigh, Wilmington, New Bern, Charlotte, Salisbury and perhaps other towns."

"PRESIDENT ELECT Harrison has had to let up on his smoking. He has been in the habit of late of smoking from ten to twelve cigars a day, but his nerves could not stand the strain. He has been obliged to cut down his indulgence to five or six cigars a day. He smokes nothing but imported cigars. Does protection protect?"

THE Wilmington Star says: "The Legislature of Alabama a bill has been introduced to change the law relating to the school tax. The money paid by the whites are to go to educating white children, and the money paid by the negroes are to be applied to educating negro children."

THERE has been much of the white feather about Secretary Bayard's administration and too much white wash about his defense of it. —S. Y. World. We have seen neither white feather nor white wash. Mr. Bayard has shown himself to be a statesman and a gentleman.

As soon as the new States have been admitted it will become the duty of the State Department to provide a new flag for each consulate, naval vessels and naval station abroad, but for every Federal building in the United States, the flag to contain four additional stars.

THE Philadelphia Record says: "There is doubt whether the President will veto the Direct Tax bill, but there is no doubt that it should be vetoed. If it should become a law it would put nearly two millions of dollars to the credit of Pennsylvania, but as this sum is less than that which Pennsylvania would have to pay to refill the gap made in the Federal Treasury the State in the long run would be a loser rather than a gainer."

THE SITUATION. The Eastern Carolina Game, Fish and Oyster Exposition is now over, and what of the situation?

Other columns of the JOURNAL give details of the Exposition itself, while we take a wider domain—look at the State, and consider the revelations of the week that has just closed.

The late Exposition presented an ocular demonstration of the resources of East Carolina, and gave convincing proof of the adaptability of this locality to the production of all kinds of farm and garden products, its superior excellence as a trucking section, its incomparable facilities for stock raising, and its exhaustless forest of timber suitable to the manufacture of furniture, the making of carriages and wagons, and all kinds of wood, and ware. It was shown that this is the native place of the Sempitern, and that it is here that it thrives best and produces its luscious fruit in greatest profusion. The Scuppernon wine on exhibition at the Fair was of the highest excellence. The honey exhibited by Mr. Bull cannot be excelled in purity and richness.

But this was a Game, Fish and Oyster Exposition, and these furnished the chief attraction of the occasion. All kinds of game, from the sparrow to the wild turkey, and nearly a hundred varieties of fish gave to visitors a revelation of East Carolina's resources never dreamed of before.

Besides the thousands of visitors, a majority of the members of our Legislature were present and saw for themselves what they could scarcely have believed without the testimony of their senses.

Now, we have something to ask of the Legislature, and that is the creation of a railroad commission that will equalize freights and abolish hurtful discriminations. Of what value to the State are all the treasures of the East if there is a Chinese wall at Goldsboro that cannot be passed? Do members of the Legislature know that railroad corporations have placed an embargo on the products of the East? What do grave Senators and wide awake Representatives think of a railroad system which enables a man to ship oranges from Florida to New Bern via Augusta, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Norfolk and New York cheaper than it can be done from Florida to New Bern via Wilmington, Goldsboro and the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad? Will they believe the statement of a leading hardware merchant that cooking stoves can be sent from South Pittsburg to New Bern via Goldsboro, Norfolk and Elizabeth City for less than would be charged if the goods were shipped from that point to New Bern over the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad? This never before heard of condition of affairs is not because of the exorbitant rates of the A. & N. C. Railroad, but of railroad combinations that ought not to be allowed to exist.

We trust the friends of progress, justice and fair play in the Legislature will put an end to this and other iniquitous practices, and see to it that the iniquitous presence of the inevitable. The day is coming when the cry of every Siberian exile will be a trumpet's call to arms. Nihilism and soulless monopolies.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The State Chronicle is making a gallant fight for the railroad commission bill. The railroads are making a combined effort to defeat the measure, and it remains to be seen if they, with the aid of Republican, control enough votes in the Senate to defeat the measure. The railroad attorneys and many others are industrious in their efforts to kill the measure in the Senate. Even the president of a college has entered the fight in behalf of the roads. The Chronicle gives him some good advice on the subject. Some one writes from Charlotte to the News and Observer that he has traveled a great deal over the State and has never heard sufficient complaints from the people to establish the commission. He travels cheaper than he formerly did and he thinks this all sufficiently. He lives in Charlotte, or writes from Charlotte, he seems to have been living in all North Carolina for the last twenty years; yet he is ignorant of the fact that the manufacturers in the city that he writes from are prohibited from selling their goods and wares in this section of the State. He is ignorant of the fact that there is an embargo on all Eastern products that go beyond Goldsboro, and on traffic west of Goldsboro with this section of the State. The writer, N. says he has no interest in a railroad commission, that it will not affect him at all. Then why should he take sides with the railroads against the people who have an interest in it and whom it does affect?

Perhaps the newspapers are to be blamed for N's ignorance of some facts. The JOURNAL has for several years given line upon line, listed facts innumerable to show that the railroad combinations have decreed that there shall be no traffic between the Eastern, Middle and Western portions of this State.

There are over one hundred newspapers in the State and if they would give the facts as the JOURNAL has from time to time, even if it would have been fully informed as to the necessity of a railroad commission.

It may be that the JOURNAL is cranky and foolish to think that people in Middle and Western North Carolina ought to be allowed to buy sweet potatoes, corn, fish, clams and oysters of the East and that the people of the East ought to be allowed to buy flour, fruit and manufactured articles from them, still we think so, and if those who justify the railroads in preventing such interchange of traffic will show us why it ought to be done, perhaps we will surrender to the railroads and say too that no commission is needed.

UNREST.

There are indications of universal discontent—National questions, political complications, social disorders and personal quarrels. England is complicated with France and Zanzibar, annoyed and agitated because of disturbances in Ireland, and alarmed by the restlessness that pervades the masses of her people.

Continental Europe is in arms. No hostile gun has been fired, but sentinels keep watch on every frontier, and heavy battalions are being marshaled for the terrific encounter.

But, the conflicts of nations with nations is not all that disturbs the peace of Europe. The British Empire quivers as in the grasp of an earthquake. Home rule in Ireland, the imprisonment of citizens for no crime but love of country, and a hundred other causes drive rest from the British Isles and lowers the proud standard of St. George.

France is the land of revolutions. So rapid are her political changes that the fall of her cabinets usually excite but monetary interest. But, now, it cannot be doubted that France is approaching a crisis that will affect her position among nations. She must again become one of the great powers of Europe, or sink into comparative insignificance. The question is pressed to the front whether France will continue a Republic, or again erect a throne on the ruins of liberty.

Germany is a sea of unrest. The Emperor William secured the support of all of Bismarck, but Bismarck and the German Empire. But, William sleeps with his fathers, and another William is on the throne. Bismarck lingers on the border land, and must soon pass over the river. What then becomes of the German Empire? No thought is more active than German thought; no will is more unbending than German will. Will the German people seek a diminution of their liberties; can William the second hold the reins with popular liberty enlarged? These are the great problems that salute the future.

Austria is in a more hazardous condition still. Manoeuvred by Russia, and watched by Germany, she is threatened with social disorders and political complications that may convulse the empire and leave it in ruins.

Italian blood is flowing in the old channels and the question of Italian unity is quickening the pulse of Europe. Leaders in all the provinces are looking for the Napoleon or Cesar who will place himself at the head of Italy, and restore her glory.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Session.—This body having adjourned on Friday next to-morrow in order to attend the Fish, Game and Fair at New Bern.

The only person seen by the reporter in the chamber, during the day, was Seth Ball, the clerk, heard to say in slow, sad, solemn, musical tones:

"I feel like one who reads alone. Some legislative bill deserted. The floor is like a graveyard. And all but me departed."

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