

THE Agricultural bill has passed the House.

STANLEY, it is announced, will not by his lectures in this country the sum of \$50,000.

The present Congress has furnished the Democratic party with raw material for many campaigns.

GOVERNOR TAYLOR of Tennessee, though not a young man, is tired of public life, and will retire to his farm at the end of his present term of office.

SENATOR YANCEY, of North Carolina, who introduced the Subsidy bill, by request, has written a letter stating that he cannot support the measure.

The next annual meeting of the Carolina Tobacco Association will be held at Morehead City in August. All persons regularly engaged in the tobacco trade will be welcomed as delegates.

On all great questions Mr. Blaine shows himself to be the statesman of the Republican party. Just now his opposition to a national election law lifts him far above his party associates.

When the House Committee reported the River and Harbor bill it was thought to be extravagant, but the Senate Committee will report a bill that carries a total of about \$3,000,000 in excess of the House bill.

The registrar of the town of Falkirk, Va., failed to open his books on the day appointed by law and consequently no town officers can be elected this year. The authorities are at their wits end to know what to do.

It was stated on the floor of the Senate that in 1863 ten penny nails of 2 cents each, were used for small change in North Carolina. This is news to us; but, we take occasion to say that the same currency will be taken in payment of sundry bills overdue at this date.

The lottery fight waxed hotter and hotter down in Louisiana. The lottery gamblers are determined, and the State's honor are resolute and confident, and from now until the matter is decided the contest will be severe and furious.

MR. WASHMAKER would not buy up votes, but the money he collected did, and that is where his part of the sin comes in. It took a first class business man to collect the cash and a first class politician to dispense it where it would accomplish the most for his party.

The country was surprised a few days ago by Mr. Mills, of Texas, declining to serve on the Committee on Railroads in the place of Mr. Carlisle. It is reported that the declination of Mr. Mills is attributed to his personal feelings towards Speaker Reed who is a member of that Committee.

SENATOR HARRISON has vetoed the bill for a public building at Tusculum, Ala., on the ground that such a building is not needed. From a Republican standpoint the President is right. Alabama is securely Democratic, and the Republican party can gain nothing by the erection of the building.

In speaking on the Silver Bill Senator Vance said that in order that there might be no misapprehension as to his position, and that no one should ask on which side of the question he was, he desired to state that he favored the unlimited coinage of silver money, and the restoration of silver as it was before it was demonetized.

A CONFEDERATE monument was unveiled at little historic Petersburg Va., on the 9th with impressive ceremonies. Fifteen thousand people witnessed the scene, and W. Gordon McCabe was the orator—a scholar and a man of gifts. Gen. A. P. Hill's daughter Lucy unveiled it—a fitting honor, for she is a daughter of a most gallant soldier and gentleman.—Wilmington Mes senger.

The contested election cases from Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi will be called up in the House next week. This is the authorized announcement, but it would be more in accord with the truth to say: An election for Representatives in Congress from the States of Virginia, South Carolina and Mississippi will be held in the Capitol at Washington during next week.

In the Senate debate on silver it was stated that three fourths of the business enterprises of this country are conducted on borrowed capital. Three fourths of the homes and farms that stand in the name of the actual occupants have been bought on time, and a very large proportion of them are mortgaged for the payment of some part of the purchase money.

The value of our own manufactured products at the date of the last census was \$5,400,000,000. Our farm lands were estimated at 10,000,000,000, our cattle at \$2,000,000,000, our horses at \$1,000,000,000, our houses at \$1,000,000,000. It is not too much to say that there has been an increase of fully 50 per cent. in these values since the taking of the census of 1850. Our wealth to-day is reasonably estimated at over \$60,000,000,000.—Jones.

THE Tariff and the Silver bill

Both passed by the House under caucus domination and gag rules, with the hope on the part of many Republicans voting for both measures that they will be rejected by the Senate or so changed as to lose their principal characteristics. The suspicion that their hope may be disappointed would throw them into an agony of fear as to the action of their constituents when the question of continuance in their seats comes up.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The whole character of legislation is changing. Congress is no longer a representative body; it meets simply to record the edicts of a handful of revolutionary Republican leaders, bent upon raiding the Treasury and thwarting the will of the people of the country. One may search in vain the whole history of parliamentary government for a chapter comparable in iniquity to that made by the Fifty-first Congress of the United States under the leadership of Mr. Reed and Mr. McKinley.—Courier-Journal.

FOR several years past our farmers have produced an annual average of 400,000,000 bushels of wheat. Our oat crop for 1888 was 700,000,000 bushels, our corn crop 2,000,000,000 bushels, that year our total crop yielded 130,000,000 tons of coal, our farm produce 6,500,000 tons of pig iron, 3,000,000 tons of steel. Our gold and silver mines add more than \$100,000,000 a year to the world's stock of the precious metal. We print 16,000 newspapers and periodicals, have in operation 154,000 miles of railroad and 250,000 miles of telegraph.—Senator Jones.

SPAKER REED enforced upon his fellow partisans in Boston on Saturday the doctrine of the "persecution of the saints"—meaning, it is necessary to explain the Republican politicians. Well, Quay has persevered, and he remains the head of the organization. Dudley persevered, and he escaped trial for incitement to bribery and is filling his pockets at Washington. Reed persevered, and he is dictator of the House. Clarkson persevered, and he removed 40,000 postmasters in a year. These leaders are proceeding on the theory of the famous resolutions of a Perfectionist sect out West: "Resolved that the earth belongs to the saints. Resolved, That we are the saints."—World.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION, STATE AND FEDERAL.

If we look at national affairs we find the government approaching consolidation under Republican administration. There have been more violations of organic law, more disregard for the rights of the States and the liberties of the people, during the existence of the present Congress, than there have been in any similar period in the history of the country.

If we turn our eyes to the State, we see a virtuous and industrious people rising superior to adverse fortune and going on to prosperity and happiness under the benign influences of Democracy.

The problem of statesmanship, in North Carolina, is "How can the current of national affairs be changed so as to restore the landmarks established by the fathers of the republic, and Democracy be perpetuated in the old North State?" The present condition of affairs at Washington is the result of successful personal ambition. It is the individual triumphing over the masses. It is the republic dragged at the chariot wheels of a despot.

The remedy is in the election of a new Congress, one possessing a loftier manhood and purer patriotism. The present Congress was purchased by Quay and his confederates, and handed over to Reed branded and marked. That anything noble should be expected of it would be a violation of the teachings of history and the lessons of philosophy.

The whole country is in revolt against this condition of affairs, and patriots everywhere are awaiting the opportunity to sweep the party, that has wrought such direful evil, from the face of the earth. It will be done, and North Carolina must participate in the glory of the achievement.

In the State the skies are bright and brightening. Democratic is the core, no power is superior to the will of the people. All things seem propitious. The husbandman rejoices in the fruits of his labors, and anticipates the return of days of prosperity, social enjoyment and domestic happiness.

To continue this condition of affairs the State must not only remain Democratic, but it must be administered by wise men, men of the honor of the State and devoted to the best interests of the people.

The nominating conventions that are soon to assemble have grave responsibilities resting upon them which may not be avoided. Give us judges who are learned in the law, wise in its administration, and who are unchallenged and honorable in all the relations of life. Give us Congressmen skilled in the most difficult of all sciences, the science of government, and whose lives present them to the world as exemplars of every manly virtue. Let every candidate be a worthy representative of his people, possessing integrity of character, purity of person and adaptability to the position for which he is named, and the future alone can reveal the blessings that are in store for us and our children.

Onslow County Items.

The weather is very fine, crops are green and the best gardens we have seen in ten years.

We have ripe tomatoes, onions as large as your two fists, beets 1 1/2 ft. long, and all other vegetable growing in garden or field. I only mention them to give you a few people here, crop much more and larger truck vegetables, and sooner than you can around New Bern, but we have no transportation here and you have.

Several of our candidates were many in this county, they are very many. I see notices recommending some of these as "the ones etc." Our opinion is small in matter, but it is this, that Tom Gilman is far ahead of any one in our county for the Senate, and the Jones county people are of our opinion too, notwithstanding some few notices we have seen to the contrary, and I do not believe, after Elijah Merrill leaves, J. W. Spicer is the next man for the place and you will see it if you live; for treatment W. N. Marine, the present incumbent, has been elected. J. F. Giles for Register Deeds if he wants it, and any body that knows "Jake, knows that he does want it, and knows also, that it would be a great honor to get beaten this year, but we are going to try our level best to beat him, because we know we can attend to the office as well as Jake can, and another Jacob, one of the 18 candidates will give you a showing—just a friendly set to.

The lower house candidate I am not posted on, but S. W. Venter and J. H. M. Jones are the present incumbents. W. W. McClammy for Congress Onslow's choice. McClammy is a farmer, we want some farmers in our Congress, and while he is not a politician, he is a man of some good man, we say lets have McClammy again. We have one good man in our county who would make a good Representative in Congress, and when we turn McClammy out, lets put in Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Onslow county. "Cyrus" is a little man but he can make a loud noise and don't you forget it. We have a new member now, James Longlin is the lucky man.

Jones County Items.

Teachers' Institute for the week beginning June 30th and ending July 5th. All white teachers requested to attend to attend to the institute conducted by Prof. J. Y. Joyner.

In Trenton on July 4th, there will be a joint public installation of the officers elect of Trenton Lodge and of the famous resolutions of A. F. & A. M. All Masons from all other places are invited to be present. A grand Masonic day, also a meeting of the Confederate Veterans and of the Onslow County Alliance, and a general public picnic. All persons invited to come and bring baskets.

On Saturday, June 28th, at 3 o'clock, a meeting of the Onslow County Convention to be held at Trenton July 5th. County Convention for the purpose of electing delegates to the senatorial, congressional, judicial and State convention. The township primary meeting will elect a township executive committee.

Gilman Again.

EDITOR JOURNAL.—Being a careful reader of the Journal, I have observed that in regard to senatorial matters in this, the 9th district there is a "Wild Goose" in Onslow county and he is in full pursuit. We crouched behind a pine and strained our eyes in the direction of the sound, expecting every moment to see a magnificent stag, the king of the forest, with a pair of horns, leaping over the bushes in front of us, when to our dismay we heard a gun fire. We felt sure that our companion had dropped his sporting words. With this elating assurance, he and his trusty hounds were soon lost from sight in the tall prairie grass. It was not long after they disappeared before we heard the dog express his grief in full pursuit. We crouched behind a pine and strained our eyes in the direction of the sound, expecting every moment to see a magnificent stag, the king of the forest, with a pair of horns, leaping over the bushes in front of us, when to our dismay we heard a gun fire. 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