

Patet Patria Day. The anniversary of the birth of the Father of his country was not ushered in by booming cannon or strain of martial music.

Our American public days, or National holidays are few enough, and we have ever advocated the setting apart more marked periods as times for national rejoicing.

The Republic rejects the old time folly of deifying public men. We honor them alive, and do not forget their virtues when dead.

In reply to letters from friends; some objecting to certain forms of expression in our "question of color" article; we would say that a thoughtful examination of that article, and of the spirit and intent of the same will disclose the fact that we have not changed in our kindly feelings towards our colored citizens, nor did we intend to offend the honest and competent.

To them we have to say that the Republican party in the State of North Carolina needs all the care that the wisest can bestow; all the patriotism that our people may possess; in order that we may weather the storm now beating our political bark to pieces, and driving us upon the reefs and rocks of defeat and reaction.

Not too soon have our people commenced the good work. Not too soon have the wise and conservative in our party arisen from their seclusion and obeyed the call of the party of the Union and the Nation.

With a party disintegrated and a treasury bankrupt. With men in high place charged with grave crimes; it does not do for a public journalist to mislead words or to be mealy-mouthed about telling the truth.

We unite with many of our best men, and demand that a State Convention be called immediately. There can be little doubt of its necessity and also that in this Convention as few of the present majority in the legislature appear as possible.

WHILE Senator Trumbull was doing his "level best" on Thursday last, during the debate on the Mississippi bill, to show that the guarantee clause of the Constitution substantially pledging republican governments to the States amounted to little or nothing, Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, interposed a few remarks that completely upset the logic of the technical Illinois lawyer. We copy from the Globe of Friday:

Mr. Trumbull. Most clearly not. Under no circumstances whatever can Congress make a constitution for a State. It would be an act of usurpation, and nothing else. It can guarantee a constitution, but the people of the State must make the constitution.

Mr. Cameron. Allow me to ask my friend how would the United States fulfill their guarantee?

Mr. Trumbull. Not by making a constitution. A guarantee does not mean to create; that is not the meaning.

Mr. Cameron. But if the principal fails to do the thing, you must do it as the guarantor.

Mr. Trumbull. Every State in the Union has a republican constitution at the beginning. No State is admitted into the Union without a republican constitution, and none can be; and the States which formed the Union all had republican constitutions. Let me say to the Senator from Pennsylvania that under no circumstance can Congress make a constitution for a State.

Mr. Howard. Why not?

Mr. Trumbull. Because the power is not given to the Government. The State governments are one thing and the Federal Government is another; and there never was a greater heresy in the world than to suppose that all wisdom and all power are embodied in the Congress of the United States.

Mr. Cameron. Allow me to interrupt the Senator for a moment!

Mr. Trumbull. Certainly.

Mr. Cameron. I am no lawyer; but listening to the Senator's own definition of the word "guarantee," I understand it to be a promise to pay a sum of money, or to do a thing on the failure of the principal who has made the promise first. Now, if I guarantee the bond of the Senator from Illinois, and he fails to pay it, am I not bound to pay that bond in good and lawful funds of the country? To my common sense it seems that when we guarantee a republican form of government to a State, if the people of that State fail to perform their duty we are bound to do it. That is common sense, according to my idea; it may not be law.

NEBRASKA has ratified the fifteenth amendment of the Federal Constitution by an almost unanimous vote of her Legislature. This completes the work. The States which have ratified that amendment are as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Maine, Pennsylvania, Missouri, New Hampshire, Ohio, Arkansas, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Georgia, Rhode Island, Indiana, Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Mississippi, Vermont, Michigan, Louisiana, New York, Wisconsin, Florida, Virginia, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, Iowa, Nevada, South Carolina, Kansas, Texas—20.

The States which have rejected the amendment are as follows:

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: New Jersey, Maryland, California, Delaware, Kentucky, Oregon—6.

Of those voting for the amendment New York is claimed to have retraced her ratification, while Indiana's ratification is challenged, because the Democratic minority of her Legislature deserted their seats, leaving less than a quorum of two-thirds of all the members elected. But it makes no difference, for even if New York and Indiana are both counted in the negative, the amendment is still ratified, with one State to spare.

The amendment is in these words: ART. XV, sec. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Among the many magnificent internal improvements now in progress, there is one that gives brighter promise of success and usefulness than the line of railroad being constructed through the State of West Virginia, by means of which it is proposed to connect the tide-waters of the Atlantic with the great channels of trade in the West and Northwest. The business of those thriving sections is becoming so vast, that such an outlet is absolutely demanded, in addition to the great lines of communication already established, as the Baltimore and Ohio and Pennsylvania Central roads. This new route will not only aid in developing the great natural resources of the fine territory through which it will pass, but it will also be the means of building up at either terminus great marts of business. Some of the advantages claimed for the road so far as construction and running are concerned, are light grades, abundance of timber and coal for ties and fuel, comparative freedom from snow and ice. Less than two hundred miles of the road remain to be completed, in order to connect the city of Richmond with the great West. The entire length of the line will be four hundred and thirty-seven miles. The work on the part to be completed has already commenced, and is being prosecuted with great vigor, by a company of heavy capitalists.

THE other day in Congress, Mr. Loughridge, believing that if our national currency is a good thing, the more we have of it the better, offered a resolution that the interest of the country require an increase to the amount of fifty millions. This resolution was adopted by a decisive majority, but instead of showing political lines on the question, the vote exhibited unmistakably the fact that the West was pitted against the East, and the East against the West. Thus we have another sectional question upon us. As we said above, even the political parties cannot be distinguished in the vote for the Democracy of the West has swung clear away from its hard money notions, and can endure—yea embrace—paper money; and the more they embrace the better they like it.

A short time since a meeting was held in New York for the purpose of forming a Cuban League, the object of which is to create public opinion in favor of the independence of Cuba in this country, and to give such other aid to the members could without infringing the laws of the United States. Several prominent gentlemen were present; among them we recognize the names of Gen. McMahon, late American Minister to Paraguay, Gen. Frank Blair, and Gideon J. Tucker, a noted New York politician. A meeting of the league was held this week, and petitions prepared to Congress, asking that the belligerent rights of the patriots of Cuba be recognized. It seems to us that this is a move in the right direction.

Mr. Foster introduced a bill to the British Commons on Thursday that belongs to the New order of things, it not to an order that has hardly yet been inaugurated in full. The bill provides for elementary education in England and Wales. It makes the elementary schools free to all, furnishes local inspectors, and renders attendance compulsory. This is a part of the popular movement in Great Britain, and it is a great part. It is a weapon in the hands of the people that they have won through recent victories over the aristocracy, and by which they will assist their progress to further gains and a more substantial success.

THE New York Tribune, commenting on the fact that the fifteenth amendment is now ratified beyond question, makes a loud call for universal amnesty. It says, and with great force and truth, that our triumph is not perfect so long as one man shall remain disfranchised and incapable of taking office because of our late convulsion. We have fought secession; the republic has conquered; her triumph is perfect. Now, "let us have peace," and a peace that can best be secured by universal amnesty.

SENATOR GRAHAM made a rather unhappy illustration of the condition of affairs in this State when he told the Republicans "the Cossacks (conservatives) are thundering in your rear." It is most unfortunate for the opposition that their "young Napoleon" considers his followers "Cossacks." It is not reassuring to the people of North Carolina that their State is about to be governed by a lot of savages.

It is said that there is a tremendous cat congealed under the meal of the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Fenton, to make a proposed submerged tunnel under the North River a post route. By an ingenious reference to certain New York State laws, it is believed that if this bill becomes a law it will give the company named in it the right to tunnel New York City at any point and to construct underground railways.

The Standard is out in double leaded denunciations of the legislature saying: "We repudiate this legislature as a body, although we sustain those of its members who have proven true to the principles of the Republican party and to the people who elected them."

The following is a literal copy of a notice posted on a stump last week not a thousand miles from this office: All pursers at herbi worned not to moov thees pil of tye becoss thia is my tys and i dont want nobody to pester mi tys til thia hey ben inspected by mister Hol. man.—Gadsden Union.

The Mystic Krewe of Comus, New Orleans, will make their annual parade on the night of March 1st. The exhibition this year will surpass anything yet attempted by this time-honored society.

In the Louisiana Legislature the Chattanooga Railroad bill, appropriating \$3,000,000, passed the Senate, with amendments, in which the house will doubtless concur.

The Missouri House of Representatives, on the 14th instant, passed a resolution denouncing officers controlling school funds from making a discrimination in the salaries of teachers on account of sex.

As an inducement to Yankee immigration, it is averred that the wars and executions have so thinned out the men in Mexico that the young women of that country, many of whom are of great beauty, have hardly a hope of marriage.

Representative Snyder, of Louisiana, is one of the parties alleged to have been engaged in the traffic in cadetships. His friends claim, however, that the charges will amount to nothing.

SPECIALS. MARSHAL'S OFFICE. CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C. FEBRUARY 19th, 1870. THE CITY AUTHORITIES HAVING DE-termined to no longer sweep off the sidewalks of the city, all persons are hereby notified that the duty devolves upon them of keeping the same clean. The sidewalks will be swept by the city, but once a week; and that after market hours on Saturday evening. By order of the Mayor, W. P. CANADAY, City Marshal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NATHAN MAYER, WHOLESALE DEALER IN LIQUORS & CIGARS. Corner Market and South Water Streets, (H. B. Eilers' old stand,) Wilmington, N. C. KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND A FINE and large assortment of LIQUORS and CIGARS, which he offers to the trade at the lowest New York prices. feb 24 354-1f

J. T. JAMES, Auctioneer. By JAMES & NEARES. COUNTY BONDS AT AUCTION. UNDER DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE, we will proceed to sell on Saturday morning, 26th instant, at 10 o'clock at Exchange Corner, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS New Hanover County Six per cent Gold-bearing Bonds, in sums to suit. feb 24 354-1f

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE. TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED AND especially to such as are indebted to W. B. Flanner, Robt. Robinson, O. G. Parsley, Henry Nutt, The President of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company, The President of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad Company, NOTICE Is hereby given that the Jury, drawn according to law to view the land required by the city of Wilmington for Nutt street, between Red Cross and Brunswick streets, will meet at the corner of Red Cross and Nutt streets on Friday the 4th day of March, 1870, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of assessing the benefits and damages to the owners of said Land or Lots. J. W. SCHENCK, Jr., Sheriff. feb 24 354-14m

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LOST. ON TUESDAY NIGHT A MEMORANDUM BOOK, containing money and valuable papers. The owner of the Book will pay a liberal reward to any person who will return the same to his office corner Water and Princess streets, or to the Assistant Assessor, feb 29 1w 354-1f

MAGISTRATES BLANKS! AT THE OFFICE OF THE POST.

MISCELLANEOUS. D. A. SMITH'S SASH, DOOR AND BLIND EMPORIUM. SOUTH FRONT STREET. WE INVITE THE ATTENTION OF ALL IN WANT OF SASH, BLINDS AND DOORS To our stock, which is the LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE IN THE STATE. and our prices as low as any other House, North or South. Odd work of every description made to order. SEND FOR PRICE LIST. D. A. SMITH, Granite Front Building, Wilmington, N. C. feb 17 352-3f

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Farmers, Planters, Builders and Mechanics are invited to call and examine and supply themselves from our stock, which they will find to be a FIRST CLASS ONE, and every article warranted to be as represented.

Being Manufacturer's Agents for two of the best Factories we keep a complete assortment of Paints, Glass, oils, Sashes, Doors, Blinds, &c. Also Machinery, Lubricating and Tanners Oils. The patronage of my friends and the public is respectfully solicited.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, Italian Strings, FORSALE, at HEINSBERGER'S. BLANK BOOKS, at HEINSBERGER'S. PAPER AND ENVELOPES, at HEINSBERGER'S. INK, black as Erabus, at HEINSBERGER'S. THE LATEST MUSIC, at HEINSBERGER'S. feb 29 353-1f

M. CROMLY, Auctioneer. BY CROMLY & MORRIS. EXECUTOR'S SALE. BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY vested in me as Executor of Henry N. Jones, deceased, I will expose for sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder on THURSDAY, MARCH 10th, 1870, At Exchange Corner at 11 o'clock A. M., a LOT OF LAND in this city on the West Side of Seventh between Church and Castle streets. Terms made known at sale. PRINCE LARRINGTON, Ex. H. N. JONES, deceased. feb 10 350-1awis

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. RALEIGH, Feb. 11th, 1870. TO MILTON S. LITTLEFIELD, President of the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad. Sir:—Your attention is directed to the law entitled "An act to restore the credit of the State, and facilitate the construction of our unfinished Railroads."

You are hereby notified and required within twenty days from the publication of this notice, to file before the Governor or Superintendent of Public Works a statement showing the following items: 1. What amount of bonds of the State was received by such President or other officer from the Public Treasurer, or from any predecessor in office of such President or other officer, with the respective date of such reception. 2. What amount of such bonds have been sold, in what markets, and at what prices, with the respective dates of such sales. 3. What amount of such bonds remain on hand unsold, or have been received by any successor of such President or other officer, and whether any interest, and if any, how much has been received by him on any unsold bonds of the State. 4. What amount of such bonds remain on hand unsold, or have been received by any successor of such President or other officer, and whether any interest, and if any, how much has been received by him on any unsold bonds of the State. 5. What amount of such bonds have been sold, in what markets, and at what prices, with the respective dates of such sales. 6. What amount of such bonds remain on hand unsold, or have been received by any successor of such President or other officer, and whether any interest, and if any, how much has been received by him on any unsold bonds of the State. 7. What amount of such bonds have been sold, in what markets, and at what prices, with the respective dates of such sales. 8. What amount of such bonds remain on hand unsold, or have been received by any successor of such President or other officer, and whether any interest, and if any, how much has been received by him on any unsold bonds of the State. 9. What amount of such bonds have been sold, in what markets, and at what prices, with the respective dates of such sales. 10. What amount of such bonds remain on hand unsold, or have been received by any successor of such President or other officer, and whether any interest, and if any, how much has been received by him on any unsold bonds of the State. Very respectfully, W. W. HOLDEN, Governor. feb 17 352-4f

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