

The old question of taxing dogs reours with its bisanial regularity. There appears to be somewhat more interest in the matter now their beyelofore, but time must show whether the interest in yet sufficient to take form in effective

ention the matter here, howover, to call attention to what has been so often used as the principal argument ich a tax, to wit; the mutton and wool argument. While this is entirely legitimate, it appears to us to be of local application only and to to far from the most important. It would apply to the sheep ruining mountain districts with some force, but with less force or none at all in the districts not adapted to sheep-raising.

It seems to us that the argument

shick should have state-wide weight lientica is, that a dog is or aght to be property, and if property hen taxable. Subject to hydrophobia and given to more or less victonaness, he undisary dog is at best a dangerous on of property, and for that reason legislation abould be welcomed th would tend to eliminate the app ry and the worthless and to improve the quality and character of the better

Of course, too, there are many holes in which to drop the money we might derive from the tax, but our present scational necessities, if no other, ould be sufficient to allay any aueying soruples which the contimental my entertain against the taxation of may entertain against the taxation of degs, when there are so many desirable eachs to be accomplished by this tixarition as such, and an imperative need in many directions for the revenue which would be raised thereby, legislators should no longer delay in performing what seems to be a plain duty.

Take the sheep argument out of the lead. It's the wrong seems, backing up the groug tree, much cry and little

the wrong tree, much ary and little weel. Keep a warm trail on the property idea and the state's need of the revenue, and the dog tax question will not resur many more times before the fex is tailed.

The Senate has already perced and here is no doubt, that the House will pass the re apportionment bill is made assessary by the new s. This bill will give to Gaston sty as additional representative in House. There are two or three or counties which will gain a memh and about the same number which will lose a member each.

The House has pessed the resolutions I impossionent against Justices urches and Drouglass, and on poster-op the charges were formally presented at the bar of the Senate. If the eand one presented six Demo-rates, the imprestment will

Fits Los A Brigadier.

or appointment of Firshigh Los to Brigadier General in the regular of the desire the state of th

AN OLD WAR PAPER.

Carlos From Front the State

her 4, 2000. As indicated just week, we are indebted to Mr. Refus Carnon for accept, or rather a helf-sheet copy, of the Biobmond Christian Advocate of Septem-ner 4, 1802. While we cannot conentently copy all the interesting was from giving two or three select ount of their value as illus trating how the events of these sticring

lays were frented In thereligious press The date of the old paper in hand fullows immediately upon the second tattle of Manassa, and the account of this we copy below. It is beaded

FROM THE PLAINS OF MANAGEAS.

We once more date our intelligence from the historic plairs of Mannana, Our forces under Gen Live occupy the old ground upon which they distinguished themselves lit is more than a year a ago, and on Neutrday celebrated their return with a anoguinary battle upon the heights of Bull Run. The Confederate truops were immediatly under the command of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson, and those of the extent of the intelligence which comes to us it, as assaul, meague; but it ends with the gratifying assurance that the enemy were completely rented and driven from the field.

LATEST.

We bearn that on Saturday night the President received a despatch from General Lee, commanding the Army of the Petomac, that the enemy had been repulsed in three several attacks upon our forces, General Ewel and Trimble were seriously, but not mortally, wounded. Brig. Gen. Tallaterro was slightly wounded. Everything looked favorable.

avorable.
The following desputch was received with President last evening about o'clock:

HEAD'QUE ARMY NORTH'N VA., GROVETON, 30th Aug. 10 P. M., Via Rapidan, To PRIMIDENT DAVIS:

To Primident Davis:

This army arbieved to day, on the Plains of Manassas, a signal victory over the combined forces Generals McClellan and Pope. On the 28th and 19th each wing under Generals Long-street and Jackson, repulsed with valor, attacks made on them separately. We mourn the loss of our gallant dead in every conflict, set our gratified. In a every conflict, yet our gratitude to limighty God for his mercies rises ligher each day. To Him, and to the alor of our troops a nation's grati-uds is due.

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[Signed]

Another despatch (nemi-official.) was also received Monday night by Minjor Palitrey, A. A. G., which stated that the enemy had been routed, and that our army was in pursuit.—We were unable to obtain a copy of this despatch. We regret to learn that a private despatch was received Monday night, by Col. Jas. L. Orr, announcing that his hrother-in-law, Col. Marshall, of the 1st S. C. Regiment, was killed in the battle of Friday.

A private letter from Gordonsville, dated Saturday last, says:

"Our flag now waves over Manassas. A fight took place this side of it, with mi say victory for us, and the corupulion of the place by our forces. There is a large number of prisoners on the way, some six hundred of whom were taken at Manassas. McCletlan is believed to be in command, and concentrating in sud around Alexandria, and it is also believed that he will order (if he has not stready done so.) the troops from Fredericksburg. The destruction of quartermester and commissary supplies by the Yankee semy on their retreat has been immense."

It also seems that the northern press

It also seems that the northern press was in the habit of announcing what in these latter days has been called Spanish victories." Banks whipping Stonewall Jackson, indeed! The truth of it seems to be given in

A TANKER LETTER. The following extracts are from a the enemy. We omit the name of the writer and his correspondent, as well as his private matters. The letter is written in an excellent hand, and is given below verbatim:

CULPEPER, Va., Aug. 18, 1802.

I sm sorry to say that the order of General Pope in regard to substetling in the country, has had a bad effect. There was always a large number who would, in spite of the most stringent rules, rob and plunder, but the number is now five times as great, and they contend they not under Gen. Pape's order in going into houses and demanding syerything the people have that is satable.

You have heard of the great victory over Jackson. If you had been here you would have som the rictory over Banks. Benks was be in defeated; his whole army corps is rendered here de combet. He has of trues over tame from the rebes to bury their dead. The has of true was taken from us to them. However hadly we are defeated, I intend to tell the truth.

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A defeat is so metione inevitable, but lying is always unjustificable. I went, with 800 of our regiment, to the field on Monday morning to hary the dead. The Rebel General Stuurt rude up to a true near by, and said that home arrangements must be made, or dan they would fire on in. General Bayard negotiated a trace, and we then proceeded to carry the price mention, swellen, teachered, putrid bodies that have arrangement over the field, to trothe instruction place—a damp ditch dag—in which they were piled two or three deep. This seemed hard indeed, but could not be helped. They hed help on the field antil the stepsed way as great that is assumed lappacefiels to bury them in any way. The hardest part was, that many of our wounded had take in the sun for forty elykt hours, during which time they fad that to water, and, of course, were almost dead.

Two nights the past with I slept on the wes ground without any blashets—every thing we had being in the rest. Of course that was not conductive to besit, and I find myself worse than before. The doctor tells me that unless I am very exceful my lungs will soon become affected. While I am at all times willing to be attached by the rebuit, I must acknowledge my fear of disease. Disease in comp are as generally fatel that they are surely to be druded. It is estimated that nine die by disease to one by the enemy's bullets.

President Lincoln was Sippantly referred to as Abraham, even in the religious press. A letter which he wrote to Horace Greeley would have interest coanse of its murrelous sucoincries and lucidity of statement and its strong pure English if for nothing

A LETTER FROM ABBAHAM. l'hilosopher Greeley, in behalf of the "twenty millious" for whom he claims to speak in a letter addressed to Abra-

to speak in a letter addressed to Abra-ham, says that a great proportion of those who triumphed in his election are a-rely disappointed and drepty pained by the policy he seems to be pursuing with regard to the slaves—Abraham replies as follows: EXECUTIVE MARSION.

Washington, August 22, 1862. Donr Sir. I have just read yours of the 19th, addressed to maself through the X X, "Tribune." If there be in the M. X. "Tribune." If there be in it any statements or assumptions of fact, which I may know to be errone-ous, I do not new and here controvert them. If there be in it may inferences which I may believe to be falsely drawn, I do not now and here argue against them. If there be perceptible in it an impatient and dictatorial tone, I waive it in deference to an old friend whose heart I always supposed to be right.

with them. It there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time save slayery, I do not agree with them. It there be those who would not eave the Union unless they with them. It there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time destroy slavery, I do not agree with them. My paramount object in this struggie is to mare the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any alave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves. I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves. I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would slave do that. What I do alout slavery, and the colored race, I do be cause I believe it helps to save this Union; and what I fortear, I forbear because I do not believe it would help to mave the Union. I shall do less whenever I shall believe what I am do-ling burts the cause, and I shall do more whenever I shall believe doing more will help the cause. I shall try to more will help the cause. I shall try to correct errors when ishown to be errors and I shall adopt new views so fast; a

they shall adopt hew views so fast; a they shall appear to be true views. I have stated my purpose according to my view of efficial duty; and I in tend no modification of my oft-express ed personal wish that all men every where should be free.

A. LINCOLN. There are also two accounts of Steart's brilliant railroad dusbes, som orders from General Bragg, some army correspondence, some appeals for hospital supplies, and numerous other items, which short space forbids us to give.

MEDICINE PORTY-PIVE YEARS AGO

An Old Boctor Bill Which Tollag Tale of Its own

An old receipt found by Capt W. I Stowe among the papers of the late L G. Cathey will have some interest for the antiquarian. [Lis a recoipted bill given by a physician for attention to a negro woman 44 years ago, and runs this way :

Jentius Mackey, debtor to James A. Barnwell for medical attention to negro woman, 1868.

Nov. 14th visit and attention... \$1 25 Comp. Dovers 10-sider 4 doses.... 75 Comp. Dovers 10-sider 4 doses.... 75 Camp. Dovers 10-sider 4 doses... 75 Cam

Bee'd the above account in full by cash January the 20th A. D. 1859. JAMES A. BARRYMELL.

blue pills I d.me.....

A study of this will suggest different lines of reflection to different minds. A druggist with note better prices than prevail now for similar medicines. A doctor would be interested also in the charge of \$1.25 per vait and in looking over the bill of physic to see if he could tell what was the matter with the negro woman, while all of us after reading it over will wonder if she got well.

And, by the way, who was Dr. Barn-

And, by the way, who was Dr. Barnwell? Who man-femina Mackey? Who concembers them?

A three year old negro baby fell in a well in Durham one day last week. It was about forly feet to the water but stronge to my, he was not hurt in the fall. The water was shallow enough to allow the boy to tip toe and keep his heed about the water until a ladder could be let down to him.

A Volumble Seed Sant.

T. W. Wood & Bons, Seedscoon, III-I duird, Va., and us copy of their New Catalogue of Seeds for the Farm and Gurden. This firm is an established for itself a high reputation throughout the Scoth, which will be enhanced by the savard of a gold medal at the Farm Exposition, recently cloved. Wood's Seeds are seld in every State of the South and Southwest, and their trade throughout this metion of the country has steadily and constantly grean from year to year until new they sell more needs it is obtained, then any other house doing business in the South.

SECR-RING VS. THE GROUND-HOU.

The Latter a Mitchell County Institu tion Which Robotly Wants Hown thin Way-Other Notes and Charrestons

Correspondence of the Genette STANLEY. Feb. 18 -The people of Stan ley are about to abundon the ground-bog, and adopt the bige bird for a weather prophet, slees these awest lit-the songaters have linguished with us weather prophet, siece these awest litthe songsters have lingered with us
during the entire winter. Two or three
years ago we hardly ever saw one but
now their cheerful notes are heard
almost daily. The ground bug belongs
more to Mitchell county than Gaston
anyhow, and neither Mectionberg nor
Gaston nor any other county down this
way wants to be in that district.
Although the shortest mouth of the
year and only owing us eight pleasant
days, February has already more than
paid the debt.
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Nearly every one has made some at tempt at gardening over here. Many have planted potatoes and other seeds. The weather for court week as yet is all that His Honor or the editor onuid

We have had St. Valentine's and pan cake day with Washington's birthday yet to come. So no complaints, Mister Editor.

Visitors to Stanley the past week were: Mrs. Dr. Reedy of Bowland S. C., 170f. F. Stewart of Mouroe; Sheriff C. B, Armstrong of Dalles, Tum Lave of Gastonia, A. P. Rhyne of M. Holly, M. A. Carpenter of Dallas.

Mine Watton's At Stome.

One of the most enjoyable occasions in the social circles of Gastonia this One of the most esponship occasions in the motal circles of Gastonia this season was the charming "At Home" given by Miss Madge Walton at her home last Friday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Kate Aucrum Burr and Eliza McKesson. Those present were Misses Kate Aucrum Burr. Hillsa McKesson. May Jenkies. Addie and Winsse Barren. Nancy Hoffman, Chara and Bessie Hulland, Kritte Smyre. Emma Page, Ireun Costner, Rosebud Adams, Agnes McGeachy, Many Bwatt June Moore and Mabel Craig. Massrs. Kd Tuttle, C. H. Gavia, F. I. Smyre, J. L. Gray, T. L. Craig, S. A. Robinson, Tom Summerrow, A. G. Mangum, R. M. Jones, J. A. Page, L. C. Pegram Sam Shuferd, Legare Harden, Dr., Falls and Bunting. Little Miss Helen Walton and Minnis Costner met the guests at the door and univered them into the parlors where they were received by Miss Walton assisted by her beautiful crusirs and guests of homor, Mismass. ful cousins and gursts of honor, Misses Burr and McKesson, Refreshments

Bandaughter on Happy Hill.

We fear Happy Hill must soon lose its beautiful title unless it meuds its ways. Mosday night it becames place of violence and bloody tragedy. Andrew Jackson, a negro, was slain by another negro named Bob Coleman, the instrument used being a shot gun. Coleman who is about twenty years of age, has so far escaped apprehersion. Coleman who is about twenty years of age, has so fer escaped apprehersion. Jackson owns some bouses which he rents. In one of these Coleman was busiding with a "widow." Jackson came around to see her and a difficulty ensued which caused the fatal load of what the land of the cause of the ca bot to laud in Jackson's neck and

Mrs. C. M. Compbett Bood.

There are many among our readers who will hear with a pang of sorrow of the death of Mrs. Campbell, wife of a former pastor of the Gastonia Methodist church, which occurred Tuesday of last week at Cornelius, where Mr. Campbell is pastor, She was burled at Eimwood in Charlotte on Wednesday.

Clyde Manney Hurt.

A jump by his frightened borse caused Clyde Mauney to full to the ground-last Friday just as he was mounting his delivery wagon. Both bones of his left arm were broken but he held on to the running horse and stopped him. The broken arm is getting along well.

Mrs. C. A Purrar Bend.

A deuth sadder than words or pen can tell was that of Mrs. Charlie Par-rar, last Thursday night. She leaves a serrowing bushand and six children to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. We tender our sin-care sympathies to the hermand ones.

Harden, Peb 28.—Again it is our painful duty to amounce the death of a good weman. Mrs. Adolphus Harris departed this life last Friday morning a good woman, Mrs. Adolphus Harris departed this life last Friday morning at four o'clock, leaving seven amail children, one an infant of 10 or 12 days, and a nusband, with many relatives and friends who mourn their loss. Nho was an examplar member of Salem Baptist church, and was loved by all who knew her. Her burial took place Salemday syecing at the Hovis family grave yard. The exercises were conducted by Hav. Mr. Johnson of High Shouls.

Miss Cullie Payseur resumed her school again to-day, having suscended

school again to-day, having sustended hast work to visit her sister at Lucia, Mrs. A. N. Stroup, who is in yery deli-oats bealth.

Miss Benish Shelton and her little protiers and sister, spent z day last week with their grand-ma Shelton n-ar the river bridge.

Honorty The Best Policy.

Charlotte Observer, 17th.

The Ducham Herald commends the president of the Baptlet Fernale University at Releigh for having promptly gives off the news when a case of smallpox developed to his institution and adds that "limb was wisen a home paper printing a news item of this kied would have been adeased of working against the hest interests of the city and institution." Such was the case, and yet it has been accertained that in the case of the breaking out is a community of a contagious or infectious disease, the best cryries that a newspaper can do the community and the general public is to publish the straight facts of the matter and to keep up with them from day to day. It is true that this polloy will keep some people from the town for the time being, but not as many nor for as long a time as if exaggranted reports becomm current—as is always the case—and the slience of the press prove a purpose to conceal amenting. In this as in everything cite housely is the best policy.

W. I. Harris, proprietor of the "Nickel Plate" show died at his home in Chicago Monday night of heavy discase.

NEWS ITEMS.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to place statues of Nathaniel Macop and Z. B. Vance in Statuary fiall, Washington.

The Willardville Honory mill in Raileigh was burned down last Friday murning, loss about \$20,000, partly covered by justicence.

One of the first bills introduced in the present session of the Legislature was the establishment of graded schools in Rocky Mount.

South Carolina is spending considerably over a million dollars every year on her schools. It is a big business and requires wise business management — Marton Star.

Henry J. Ellicott, the famous sculpter died at his home in Washington last week. He made the statue of Vance which stands at the east entrance of the State capitol. The Oxford Orphanage is to have a

new industrial building well equipped for the use of its children. The or-phanage now contains 315 children who are taught by eight teachers. Money is so plentiful in Cabarrus county, that a man in Concord one day last week offered to had mooney at four per cent interest in amounts from \$100 \$50,000 and could get no takers. —Shel-

Ly Star.

Last week's A. R. Presbyteriun sus a: According to the request of Synod Dr. W. L. Pressly left for Mexico last Frilay. He was to spend last Subbath Birmingham, Als. Dr. Pressly will be gone from tour to six weeks.

Mr. II. A. Wolfsohn, the singer, well huown in Gastoria, has changed his address from Atlanta to Chattanooga, where he has gone to aing is one of the churches. Mr. Wolfsohn is preparing for the press a Hymn Book for general

Dr. Hawley, city physician, visited the pest house yesterday. He found six cases of varioloid. There are 22 persons in quaisotine, among them afamily of white people. The trouble all came from a negro who was brought down from Bavidson.—Charlotte News

A special from Releigh to the Char-Young the largest negro woman in this section, died suddenly today. She is so large that a special coffin had to be so large that a special coffin had to be made for her. Mary Wortham was at her bedside weeping over the death of her friend, when she was stricken sud-dealy and died in a few minutes.

News reaches here from Bakersville M. C. that H. N. Hoars, who fived just across the line in Tennessee, com-mitted suicide a few days ago by hanging times! with a piece of hetery bark. His bedy was found on White Oak mountain. He had been soling strangely for some time and it is sup-posed was insane.—Atlanta Journal, 18th.

A c-immittee consisting of Senators Burroughs and Stikeleather and Rep-recentatives Reinhard, Robinson of Anson, Carson and Burnett who left Tuesday to investigate and examine ared insane asylumat Goldsboro returned yesterday afternoon. They found the institution is good and sat-isfactory condition.—News and Ob-

The Wilmington Messenger mys The Wilmington Messenger mys: there is a movement on foot to have a white republican or sound money democrat appointed vollector of Customs at the port of Wilmington to succeed Collector John C. Dancy, colored. If it is true that a white collector is to be appointed, it may bear out a rumor that comes from Washington the President McKinley will not appoint any more negrous to effect in North any more negroes to office in North

New Advertisements.

J. B. Carry-Fresh field, garden and flower seeds. The varieties that are

S. N. Boyce, Cashier-Publishes statement of condition of First Nation-

Elite Grocery-Can supply choice but nutritious groceries for the Len-Robinson Brothers-A look in at

their windows may be worth something to you in the way of shoe satisfaction.

GOOD FROM EVIL.

Women's Trailing Skirts Spoiling the Begging Basines

A street beggar is thus quoted by the Philadelphia Record: "Strange as it may seem, the trailing skirts that we men are now wearing have almost rulued our business. That sounds queer, doem't it? One not acquainted with our business might full to see the con-nection between professional begging and women's skirts. And yet what I say is true. The greater part of our revenue ordinarily comes from women. but since they're taken to these long skirts for street wear they are forced to hold them up, and that keeps one hand constantly occupied.
"It takes two hands to open a purse

and I have often seen women stop as though about to give something but this would necessitate letting go of the skirt, and they have passed on again. Yes, we have to study all them things. The trailing skirt has already driven a lot of us out of the business

Strange Result of Orly

Of all severe effects of grip Mrs. Lan ra A. Ellis of New York section to be suffering one of the most comarkable and most painful. Hie is losing the tips of two ingers, and her physician is mable to find any record of a precisely similar case before. Mrs. Ellis has been in poor iscalib since her marriage. Last fall she tregun to complain of a tingling sensation in her finger ends. Bome weeks ago she fell ill from the Her attack was not especially painful. About a month ngo, however, she awoke stricking with pain and ex-claimed: "Oh, I am dentisy iff: I am

A ductor was instity called in and bad to me hypodernic injections of inorphine to quiet Mrs. Ellis' agong, which centered in the tips of the little and third fingers of her right band. These had turned bluck and were swellen and very sore to the touch. From that tiepe Mrs. Eith saffered agony through all her waking moments till a few days ago, when the affected finger this liegan to withor. Since then the pain has been how serves.



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