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Be waiting, and watching for me?"

Oh! I long for the shores of a far away

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For the slopes of its sunny vales;

I long for the gleam of its silvery strand,

And the breath of its fragrant gales;

But the waters run dark on the hither

side.

Of that far away land, unknown,

I stand in the shadows and wait for

That must carry me out alone.

I see in my vision a city so fair,

Its spires can never be told;

And I witness the joys that the sanctified

land,

In that far away city, so old.

I hear the melodious raptures that roll

Like the mending song of the sea;

They tell of the lost and loved of my soul

Who are watching and waiting for me.

The voices I love, in yon "home of the

soil,"

Call faintly from over that sea

Whose death-silent waters unceasingly

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"Between that fair city and me,"

My soul in the silence of joy waits apart,

And uplifts her frail wings to be free,

When the voices of dear ones, the loved of

my heart,

Come calling and calling to me.

The light of their glorified faces I see;

I scent the sweet breath of the flowers

Which the sunny-white hands were in

beckoning me.

Across those heavenly bowers.

Oh! many and many are they who await,

Where the blood and the purified

At the shining bars of the beautiful gate.

They are waiting and watching for me.

The friends of my youth, whom my love

would recall,

Have joined that ethereal train,

And one of my heart more beloved than

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Is chanting the heavenly strain.

That city more near seems to be,

When I think that beyond, at the beauti-

ful gate,

So many are waiting for me.

Blow softly, blow softly, ye balm-bring-

ing gales.

Of the land of this low-lying shore;

Your favoring breezes are filling the sails

Of the boat that will carry me o'er.

I'll fear not, though dark be the hour, and

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To sail out alone on death's sea,

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Wednesday, February 18, 1880.

Col. E. W. Hancock, of Westworth, N. C. is authorized to solicit subscriptions and advertisements for the PATRIOT, to receive moneys therefor and receipt for the same.

## Should the Legislature be Convened in Extra Session?

The rumor is current that notwithstanding the adverse action of the Board of Directors it is the intention of Gov. Jarvis to call the Legislature together to consider the Best combination proposition for the so-called purchase of the Western North Carolina railroad. We will go Gov. Jarvis the justice to take for granted that he is actuated by what he believes to be the interest of the State in this matter, and is therefore persuaded that the Legislature ought to be convened and the question submitted to the representatives of the people.

There are thousands of citizens of North Carolina, also desirous of her welfare, who honestly differ with the Governor and the Governor's advisers on that subject. If the Legislature were in session to-morrow we do not believe it would seriously discuss, and it ought not for a moment entertain the one-sided proposition that Best makes.

Under the circumstances it is good policy to call the Legislature together. Can Gov. Jarvis or any body else control that body after it meets? Can he prevent the introduction of political questions, and new issues by certain Radical politicians who are now eagerly anticipating this special session? It would not be called for anything of this kind, it is true, but that prevent smart politicians from introducing questions and provoking discussions that have no relation whatever to the original business?

At this time, with the immense issues at stake within the coming months between now and the Presidential election we do not deem it good policy to give the enemy any opportunity to throw the apples of discord amongst us, to create new grounds of dissension and widen those that may already exist.

This Western railroad is a dangerous question and one on which it is always easy to get up a discussion in this State, simply for the reason that it has been made by politicians a sectional question.

This is one of the principle reasons urged by the friends of the proposed sale to Mr. Best, that it will get it out of politics. But it won't be given away, and consequently it won't be taken out of politics.

The Republican leaders are very anxious for this special term for it will give them an opportunity to throw in their torpedoes and get up a row, and they are eagerly awaiting the opportunity now. We venture the assertion that if the Legislature be convened that there will be no sale of the Western N. C. road, but that there will be an indefinite quantity of dissension and wrangling, and bad temper enough engendered to dangerously split a party even much more closely united than the Conservative party of North Carolina is to-day. Mark this.

## Mineral Investments.

We notice by some of the Virginia papers that a considerable number of capitalists from Northern States are visiting the mineral section of that State with a view to investing, and that some investments have in consequence been made. Virginia possesses green mineral wealth but, like North Carolina, it is for all practical purposes useless at the present time for want of facilities to get the ore to market. Not long ago we heard the remark made by a gentleman representing large iron operators in Pennsylvania, who had been inspecting some of the mineral properties in this and adjoining counties, that all this State needed to make her one of the richest in the Union was railroads to reach her immense mineral deposits and bear them to market. He said we had more valuable minerals within the same area than any other section he knew of.

We publish on the outside of the paper this week, from the Raleigh Observer, an article with a moral to it. The article is good and to the moral we call the especial attention of our politicians. "Samuel, beware of Vidlers." New issues to us are more dangerous by far than "vidlers" ever were to the State.

## Let the Battle of Guilford Court House be Celebrated.

We have in these columns frequently alluded to the battle of Guilford Court House and asked the question why there was no effort made to have a centennial celebration. Charlotte told five years ago with her centennial of the Mecklenburg Declaration, and like it so well that she has been having a celebration of her own every year since. This showed that the people of Mecklenburg were proud of their heroic ancestry and glorious record as they ought to be. They saw the importance of taking the place which belonged to them in the revolutionary history of this country and they went in and took it, and with their chiefs they graced the name of Mecklenburg deep on the towering shaft of fame. Mecklenburg can't be robbed of her glory now for she has asserted and maintained her claim to it.

And now comes Yorktown, Va., proud in having been, so to speak, the cemetery where the hopes of Cornwallis and his army lay buried. He fled thither after the rough handling he experienced at Guilford Court House, and found after some reflection that the best they could do would be to surrender and accordingly surrendered.

Now Yorktown has an appropriation of \$100,000 to celebrate that event and build a monument. That's all right. But what we want to ask is why there is no effort at a celebration in this county where the last battle of the revolution was really fought. The battle of Guilford Court House was fought March 15th, 1781. The celebration at Yorktown will be Oct. 19, 1881. Our celebration would take place eight months before that of Yorktown and would come in very appropriately. We don't want any government appropriations or any thing of that sort, all we want is an effort on the part of our people to celebrate as we ought to the event which crippled Cornwallis and made his surrender at Yorktown a necessity.

Let a movement be made in this matter and see what can be done. At the next term of our Superior Court would be a good time to start it.

This matter in which the State is interested quite as much as the people of this section for it is her glory as well as theirs, and we trust that the people of the State will feel that Guilford's battle was their's also.

Some of our contemporaries are abusing Col. Buford, President of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, because he happened to speak to Gov. Jarvis during the Governor's late visit to Washington City. Col. Buford was in Washington at the time, but we are informed by one who knows that he had no interview with Gov. Jarvis in regard to the proposed sale of the W. N. C. Railroad, and we are further advised that Col. Buford has nothing whatever to do with the proposition of Mr. Best to buy the W. N. C. Railroad.

—We trust the Press of North Carolina will co-operate with us in stirring up a little enthusiasm on the question of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House.

## Editorial Notes.

About 6,000 miles of ocean cable were laid last year.

Gov. Vance is recovering from his sore throat but his doctors won't let him make any speeches.

John W. Mackey, the Nevada Bonanza King, has contributed \$10,000 to the Irish relief fund.

It is reported from England that Baroness Burdett Coutts intends donating \$300,000 to the relief of Ireland.

Adolph A. Bore, Secretary of the Navy under Grant, died recently in Philadelphia and in his will left \$100,000 to Grant.

Mrs. Tweed, widow of Wm. M. Tweed of New York, better known as "Boss" Tweed, died at Paris on the 13th inst.

The report comes from Europe that a special alliance between England, Germany and Austria is about to be formed.

Washington is to be edited with another scandal in which a young woman and a Southern senator are said to be the chief actors.

A German, on Long Island, felt so lonely after the death of his wife, that he found life a burden, and went to the grave where she was buried and shot himself.

Capt. Eads says he can build his ship canal across the Isthmus for \$500,000, while the ship canal talked about, will cost \$200,000,000.

A meeting of merchants in St. Louis last Thursday donated \$2,500 and a shipload of flour, meal, etc for the relief of the suffering Irish people.

If the Best speculators should get control of the Western North Carolina railroad will not every other road that may be projected in that country to connect with it be at their mercy?

A heavy rain-storm passed over Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia last Thursday and Friday, raising some of the rivers to flood height and doing much damage to property.

Rev. Dr. Wild has been editing the New Yorkers by an elucidation of the prophecies going to show to his satisfaction at least, that Grant figures in them and that we are to be blessed with him as Dictator.

## From the State Capital.

The Late Meeting of the Directors of the W. N. C. Railroad, Feb. 16, '80.

Ex-U. S. Senator Washburne has no presidential aspirations just now. The fact is he is so much engaged in the Grant boom that he hasn't much time to look after himself.

The exodus investigating committee at Washington has established two facts anyway; one that North Carolina is a very good State for negroes to remain in; the other, that Indiana is not a paradise for them.

Mrs. Kate Strong of Atlanta has patented "chalk mark" to keep ants out of cupboards, &c. If they undertake to cross that mark they get sick and die, and as they don't want to get sick and die they give Mrs. Strong's chalk mark respectful deference.

James R. Scott of Texas, and Charles Peck of Louisiana, who were friends, quarrelled over some letters from a young lady and remarks made by Peck which led to a challenge by Scott. They fought with Spencer rifles, and Scott was killed. All this happened a long way from home, at Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

A colored woman in Charlotte last Sunday, gave her child six drops of "Godfrey's Cordial" and a short while after the child was called to hold an inquest on it, and the verdict was, "killed by Godfrey's Cordial." Druggists say this cordial contains something over a grain of opium to the ounce, and is exceedingly dangerous in the hands of inexperienced persons.

Our neighbor, the North State, has exercised itself largely the past few months on the subject of Penitentiary punishment in North Carolina, with a view to political effect. It should be borne in mind, by all who read its essays, that the party of which the North State is the organ, is responsible for the establishment of the penitentiary, and for the adjustment of the criminal code to the same, and the failure thereof to graduate punishments to the several forms and degrees of crime.

—Our leading citizens—we mean the old residents of Guilford county—should take steps at once to have the anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House celebrated.

Where Shall the Convention be Held? [Wilmington Star.]

You will find all the papers that are published at places convenient to Raleigh favoring that place for the meeting of the State Convention. They ought not to be selfish. For three-quarters of a century the people of the remote sections—east, west and south, have been paying out many dollars to meet at Raleigh. We think it is time there was a change. Wilmington, however, we are not disposed to be selfish. Goldsboro or Charlotte would be good points. There are thousands of intelligent voters who will be glad to see the convention in the State capital. There is an odor of "ring" that has gone out, and this is offensive to the rural voter. It will be wise in the State convention to select some point where the convention has never met or has not met in a decade or two.

Greensboro was the first city in the State to ask for the Convention, and it is the point where it should be held. Then again, we have no aspirants in this city for the high position of Governor, hence there is no danger of coming here. Seriously, however, we do hope the claims of our little city will not be ignored by the State Executive Committee.

—The One Hundredth Anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court House occurs March 15th, 1881. Shall we celebrate the occasion?

The Battle of Guilford Court House. [Milton Chronicle, Feb. 12.]

While Congress is called on to appropriate \$100,000 to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, which is all well enough to be sure, why is it or how is it, that the centennial of the battle of Guilford Court House is passed over in silence and all remembrance of that bloody but decisive fray, as "twere," "in the deep bosom of the ocean buried?" We can see no reason for the one celebration which does not equal, or even in a more important respect, suggest the eminent propriety of the other; and with this in view, we are glad to see several of our North Carolina contemporaries bringing the subject prominently forward in their respective columns. Beyond all historical doubt or traditionary question the affair at Guilford, though it resulted adversely to the patriots cause, was one of the most, if not the most important, engagements of the Revolution, in its immediate results; because, as it has been well observed by an ancient writer by modern chroniclers of authentic reputation, "by the fact that Cornwallis was so badly crippled there, the surrender of Yorktown would not have come at all."

It seems strange, indeed, that our Congressional orators from this State, usually fond of exercising their eloquentary abilities even on minor and inferior subjects, with such a glorious opportunity for airing their rhetoric as the occasion affords, should remain so surprisingly dumb in their places. "Like grandees of the olden time," while nothing like this potent theme stirs the lightning within their souls.

Awake ye sleepers, who drown the thunder of the god of war in the din of the "Who does 'mid the din of Trafalgar?"

To say that North Carolina, after building the Western North Carolina Railroad from Salisbury to Asheville can't complete it, is to be little the State, and put her in a contemptible attitude.

She can and will if the politicians will keep their hands off and their mouths shut.

Calhoun's Watch. [New York Herald.]

A grandson and namesake of the statesman John C. Calhoun is keeping a saloon in St. Louis. He tends his own bar. A brother of his has a law office opposite to Ben Hill's office in Atlanta, Ga. The St. Louis saloon-keeper has a watch which belonged to the great statesman.

In the old-fashioned, open faced kind, in gold cases, made in Liverpool and weighing six ounces. On one side of the cases is an engraving of a dog chasing a rabbit, and on the inside are the words "John C. Calhoun, born (S. C.) March 31, 1782. Died, Washington City, D. C., March 13, 1850."

—The Battle of Guilford Court House was fought March 15, 1781.

Suppose the New York Best-combination gobbles up the Western N. C. railroad, what becomes of the North Carolina system that we have heard so much talk about?

## From the National Capital.

The Late Meeting of the Directors of the W. N. C. Railroad, Feb. 16, '80.

Editor Patriot:—The gift to see ourselves as others see us, would, after all, notwithstanding the poetic authority of Burns, be a question of taste. It would give most of us many unpleasant sensations and with the consequent general distaste of *amour propre*, there would be nothing to prevent many intensely-disgusted people from suiciding. We must have a little self-delusion to make life at all tolerable.

To illustrate let us take the average politician, most of whom are a kind of intellectual wall-frit, sunned and ripened only on one side. One-sidedness, owing to a curious pervasiveness of human nature is voluntarily accepted, because prejudices commonly the result of early education, are very rigid and fix in their nature, and they repel all things not in accord with their tastes, theories or sympathies.

The current estimate of the politician needs speedy revision. However important may have been his services, he should be relegated to a secondary place in the economy of society. At present he fills a place in the social horizon far transcending his importance. Every body discusses his theories, listens to his utterances, and gossips about his intrigues. Every X roads paper is filled with elaborate reports of idle personal squabbles in the chambers of Congress.

Ponderous books, recording debates, relating only to distribution of spoils, or to contests for office—pamphlets after pamphlet, containing speeches, supposed to be delivered after the style of a Demagogue, while in reality read to empty seats, and then mailed free to a credulous constituency. They tinker with the finances, and then tinker to their special advantage. The lobbies and anti-chambers of the departments are filled with a herd of hungry office seekers.

Levees, and dinner parties by which the elite are only given to which silks and satins are as common as calico, and \$50,000 diamonds sparkle under the gas lights.

There are fierce debates between wise leaders in both branches of Congress, there are revelations of fraud, and explanations that explain the explained, and an amount of gossip and scandal furnished that is unparalleled, and these men are all held up as shining lights.

Many of them know how to manage elections, and are brilliant leaders of faction, but have no remote idea of the operations of finance and the laws of money much less the principles of free government.

The tendency of the times is to make Lactaria Borgia a good woman, Elizabeth Spoleas, Henry VIII the pattern of domestic virtues, Judas and Benedict Arnold justifiable, and Andre a British gentleman and patriot.

We need and want men of high personal character for all official places—no tramps, no sectionalists, and the public intelligence directed to the study of principles, rather than to the partisanship of factions. Statesmanship, (of Webster's definition) is almost obsolete.

The past week's legislation affords nothing new, and the week's current events are devoid of interest, save the trial of the murderers of young Hirth, who was brutally assassinated a few weeks since, the circumstances of which I have before made mention.

A Question for the State Medical Board to Consider.

The Tarboro Southern says a colored man, who was bitten by a rabid dog before Christmas, and was attacked violently with hydrophobia, from which he is still suffering. The victim was a poor fellow, who had no hope of his recovery after the attack.

Only a few days since a boy in Catawba county died of hydrophobia—the most dire of all diseases. Our Law-makers dare not tax the dogs, but certainly it is within the province of our board of health to abate any nuisance, even including the dog. Will they have nerve enough to issue the mandate? Can they fail to see the danger of the most terrible results if the dogs are allowed to run at large? and the entire exemption from such a liability if the dogs were abolished.

A Sensible Letter from Randolph County About the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad.

I respectfully ask space in your excellent paper for a word in regard to the proposed state, present and prospective of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. Although the importance of this road is generally admitted, its completion is desired yet from some cause it has been suffered to linger without much aid from the year of its birth 1852 up to 1880, a period of twenty-eight years.

It has been the unhappiest of human life, and had it not been for the untiring devotion of a few friends, John D. Williams, E. J. Lilly and A. McArthur, the road would have been long since extinct, and even life would have been despaired of in a short time, until by two acts of the last Legislature, hopes were engendered of its revival. It is now the subject of the appropriation of \$20,000 to furnish guard, support convict labor, and also the one \$20,000 of bonds of the road, and in this connection the admirable selection of Mr. J. Gray in the month of April last. The friends of the road are now anxiously waiting for the completion of the road, and the one \$20,000 of bonds of the road, and in this connection the admirable selection of Mr. J. Gray in the month of April last.

The Ladies of Edenton street Methodist Church will give an entertainment next Thursday night, to aid in raising funds to complete their new Sunday School room.

On the 1st of March, a representation of the "Apocalyptic Vision of St. John" will be exhibited at Tucker Hall. This is said to be one of the grandest of paintings.

Politics are rather dull here just now. All seem to be waiting developments elsewhere. The weather is warm. Cotton is coming in freely and is bringing a good price—12 1/2 to 12 3/4 cents. These prices have been sold here already than were sold during the whole of last season. Fertilizers are also in fine demand. An agent told me to-day, that the demand could not be supplied.

## Occasional.

From the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.

Editor Patriot:—The gift to see ourselves as others see us, would, after all, notwithstanding the poetic authority of Burns, be a question of taste. It would give most of us many unpleasant sensations and with the consequent general distaste of *amour propre*, there would be nothing to prevent many intensely-disgusted people from suiciding. We must have a little self-delusion to make life at all tolerable.

To illustrate let us take the average politician, most of whom are a kind of intellectual wall-frit, sunned and ripened only on one side. One-sidedness, owing to a curious pervasiveness of human nature is voluntarily accepted, because prejudices commonly the result of early education, are very rigid and fix in their nature, and they repel all things not in accord with their tastes, theories or sympathies.

The current estimate of the politician needs speedy revision. However important may have been his services, he should be relegated to a secondary place in the economy of society. At present he fills a place in the social horizon far transcending his importance. Every body discusses his theories, listens to his utterances, and gossips about his intrigues. Every X roads paper is filled with elaborate reports of idle personal squabbles in the chambers of Congress.

Ponderous books, recording debates, relating only to distribution of spoils, or to contests for office—pamphlets after pamphlet, containing speeches, supposed to be delivered after the style of a Demagogue, while in reality read to empty seats, and then mailed free to a credulous constituency. They tinker with the finances, and then tinker to their special advantage. The lobbies and anti-chambers of the departments are filled with a herd of hungry office seekers.

Levees, and dinner parties by which the elite are only given to which silks and satins are as common as calico, and \$50,000 diamonds sparkle under the gas lights.

There are fierce debates between wise leaders in both branches of Congress, there are revelations of fraud, and explanations that explain the explained, and an amount of gossip and scandal furnished that is unparalleled, and these men are all held up as shining lights.

Many of them know how to manage elections, and are brilliant leaders of faction, but have no remote idea of the operations of finance and the laws of money much less the principles of free government.

The tendency of the times is to make Lactaria Borgia a good woman, Elizabeth Spoleas, Henry VIII the pattern of domestic virtues, Judas and Benedict Arnold justifiable, and Andre a British gentleman and patriot.

We need and want men of high personal character for all official places—no tramps, no sectionalists, and the public intelligence directed to the study of principles, rather than to the partisanship of factions. Statesmanship, (of Webster's definition) is almost obsolete.

The past week's legislation affords nothing new, and the week's current events are devoid of interest, save the trial of the murderers of young Hirth, who was brutally assassinated a few weeks since, the circumstances of which I have before made mention.

A Question for the State Medical Board to Consider.

The Tarboro Southern says a colored man, who was bitten by a rabid dog before Christmas, and was attacked violently with hydrophobia, from which he is still suffering. The victim was a poor fellow, who had no hope of his recovery after the attack.

Only a few days since a boy in Catawba county died of hydrophobia—the most dire of all diseases. Our Law-makers dare not tax the dogs, but certainly it is within the province of our board of health to abate any nuisance, even including the dog. Will they have nerve enough to issue the mandate? Can they fail to see the danger of the most terrible results if the dogs are allowed to run at large? and the entire exemption from such a liability if the dogs were abolished.

A Sensible Letter from Randolph County About the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad.

I respectfully ask space in your excellent paper for a word in regard to the proposed state, present and prospective of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad. Although the importance of this road is generally admitted, its completion is desired yet from some cause it has been suffered to linger without much aid from the year of its birth 1852 up to 1880, a period of twenty-eight years.

It has been the unhappiest of human life, and had it not been for the untiring devotion of a few friends, John D. Williams, E. J. Lilly and A. McArthur, the road would have been long since extinct, and even life would have been despaired of in a short time, until by two acts of the last Legislature, hopes were engendered of its revival. It is now the subject of the appropriation of \$20,000 to furnish guard, support convict labor, and also the one \$20,000 of bonds of the road, and in this connection the admirable selection of Mr. J. Gray in the month of April last. The friends of the road are now anxiously waiting for the completion of the road, and the one \$20,000 of bonds of the road, and in this connection the admirable selection of Mr. J. Gray in the month of April last.

The Ladies of Edenton street Methodist Church will give an entertainment next Thursday night, to aid in raising funds to complete their new Sunday School room.

On the 1st of March, a representation of the "Apocalyptic Vision of St. John" will be exhibited at Tucker Hall. This is said to be one of the grandest of paintings.

Politics are rather dull here just now. All seem to be waiting developments elsewhere. The weather is warm. Cotton is coming in freely and is bringing a good price—12 1/2 to 12 3/4 cents. These prices have been sold here already than were sold during the whole of last season. Fertilizers are also in fine demand. An agent told me to-day, that the demand could not be supplied.

## Political News and Gossip.

There is a great deal of pulling and hauling, of course, in the matter of selecting a place for the holding of the next Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Tilden's friends are working up the boom for him in Ohio.

If there really is any trouble between the President and Secretary Sherman on account of the latter's want of respect for the civil service reform order, the Secretary will just as soon insist that the President shall resign.

The report comes from Washington that there is an understanding between the friends of Grant and Blaine by which Blaine will take the second place on the ticket with Grant.

Are we to have an anti-Sherman indignation convention in this State or not? There was some talk about it, but Sherman's friends seem to be very busy spreading wet blankets.

Fowle for Governor.

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C., Feb. 4, '80.

Editor Patriot:—I was in the office of a gentleman at Wilkesboro some days ago, when I met a number of gentlemen living in Yadkin, Wilkes, Alexander, Forsyth and Watauga counties, and the question of the political campaign of 1880 was brought up. Of course the candidacy for the position of Governor was discussed. I put the question "how many here are for Jarvis," the reply was, none. How many are for Fowle. "We are all for Fowle," said the small assembly. My informant then generally conceded that Fowle is to be the candidate for Governor this year.

There are other gentlemen in the State who may aspire to that high position whose merits I recognize, and would delight as much or more in their elevation than I would Judge Fowle's. We, however, put our most earnest and eloquent statesman forward for the great campaign of 1880, and candidly that is my reason for supporting Judge Fowle, and I will do all I can to secure his nomination.

Scales and Steadman.

Editor Patriot:—Allow me, a plain working farmer, to nominate two good men for the position of Governor and Lieutenant Governor of this grand old Commonwealth. First for Governor, one who has ever proven himself true to the interests of his people, our present member of Congress, Hon. A. M. Scales of your city, and for Lieutenant Governor, one of the rising young men of the Cape Fear valley, Mr. Charles M. Steadman, of Wilmington. Both of these gentlemen are well known to your readers, and to the people of North Carolina.

A VOTER.

Graham, Feb. 17, '80.

North Carolina Politics.

Philadelphia Record.

Judge Ralph P. Baxton will probably be the Republican candidate for Governor this year in North Carolina. Since the advent of the new constitution, the gubernatorial election occurs once in four years. Judge Baxton is a native of the State, and a gentleman of the very highest order. The Democratic nomination apparently lies between the present occupant of the executive office, Hon. Thomas J. Jarvis, who was chosen in 1876, and Mr. J. M. Moore, who is now in the United States Senate, and Hon. Daniel G. Fowle, Governor of the State, and an accomplished orator in North Carolina.

Gubernatorial Soundings.

The Iredell Gazette, of Feb. 13, says:—

"Whether Mr. Jarvis shall be endorsed by the party nomination, or whether the distinguished abilities of Judge Fowle shall be recognized by the people as the most important matter; but this is the most important matter, the necessary condition of success, that the Convention, whenever and wherever it may be held, shall select from the most good and competent men of the party, those men as our nominees upon the State ticket, who are really the choice of the people."

What They Say in Their Sleep.

(From the Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Don Cameron—If Grant will not accept, I will take it myself, by gracious!

Secretary Sherman—I am undoubtedly the greatest person this century has produced.

Ex-Gov. Seymour—Gentlemen, your honor, (snorts calmly, but firmly).

Senator Conkling—What a rebuke my election would be to that plebeian Sprague.

Senator Blaine—Mr. Ingersoll is right. I am, indeed, a plumed knight, I am also a horse on a pedestal.

General Grant—Do I look like a person who would decline a thing after going around the world to get it?

Senator Sherman—I am the rose of my valley, I am the Billy of the valley. I am for a fact.

Hundredicks—Once for all, I will fly second fiddle to nobody. (Kicks Mrs. H. out of bed.)

Colonel Ingersoll—I am sure Blaine would do the handsome thing for me. I am strongly in favor of that excellent person.

Mr. Tilden—It is not good for man to be alone. If I cannot find a wife, I will at least buy a dog.

## NEWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Oxford wants a graded school.

Raleigh has citizens, for fire purposes, with a capacity of 25,000 gallons.

According to the Raleigh Observer, Wake county has a population of 50,000.

A 4,000 colored God Templars from this State, petition congress through Senator Ransom to investigate the liquor traffic.

The Stateville Landmark of last week, has a forcible editorial on the demoralizing effects of public executions.

The Northern Nutshell is publishing a series of interesting articles on Alcohol and its effects, from the pen of Rev. Jno. R. Brooks.

Up to date ninety-one sheriffs out of the ninety-four in the State have made complete settlements of taxes at the State Treasury.

The Wilmington Library Association has made an effort to have Hon. R. S. Cox to deliver a lecture in that city this season. It is said that he has partially promised to accept the invitation.

Another Chicken Fight is being made up between Mr. Holt of Alamance, and Mr. Walker of Charlotte, to come off on 9th of March at Charlotte.

Gov. Jarvis has been corresponding with the governors of Tennessee and South Carolina with a view of jointly celebrating the centennial battle of Kings Mountain, October 7th, 1880.

Forty-five and our neighboring counties will raise more tobacco this season than ever before. The farmers are making preparations for an exceptionally "big" crop, and the best of all is that every county will find ready sale. The weed has yet to be a drug in our market.

Concord Sun, of Feb. 14.—The county Treasurer has been busy this week cashing county fence orders. The cost for building a fence in this county is one cent for every rail laid, and the total will foot up about \$3,700. The treasurer is cashing the orders as fast as they come in.

Calhouns has 290,125 acres. So their fence around their county cost them less than two cents per acre, no farmer can put a single fence around his whole farm for less than fifty cents per acre, and fences of Guilford will average over \$4.







