Wilmington Journal

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1875.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Report of the Harbor and River Improvements—The Proposed Inland Canal, &c.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening, when the following report of the Committee on Harbor and River Improvements on the progress of the work at the bar and channel was read and, upon motion adopted:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Oct. 28, '75.

Mr. James Sprunt, First Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce:

SIR.—On the 16th inst., we visited the public works for improving the harbor, and ask to report that since our visit on the 19th of July last (reported on the 25th) there appears very little change in the general situation worthy of note. We passed through

BALD-HEAD CHANNEL,

returning on the last of the ebb when the tide was very low, making careful soundings. We found the general draught from 13 to 18 feet, except at two points on each side of the middle buoy and several hundred feet apart two throws of the lead each indicated 12 feet, which was the shoalest water found, from which we infer that they are narrow reefs or lumps not yet worn off by the action of the currents.

THE SUCTION DREDGE WOODBURY

having been thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and having had her suction pipes lengthened to better adapt them to the increased depth of water, commenced operations on the 26th instant, working well, and it is hoped will very soon remove the lumps from the channel

THE SWASHES

across the narrow beach, alluded to in our last report, are considered hardly worthy of mention, the lower one is entirely closed and breached over. The upper one is barely open at high tide and is evidently closing itself, as the lower one has done.

THE POINT OF BEACH AND ZEKE'S ISLAND

have been strengthened by accumulation of sand, and look all right, beach grass and shoals making out in front of them, but between these points does not look to be in as safe and secure a condition as when last reported, either from a protracted prevalence of southerly winds blowing the sand away from it, or the existence of certain leaks inviting a current through, or the operations at New Inlet forcing the currents upon the face of it, or perhaps all combined, have had the effect of wearing away to some extent, the recently formed beach at, or in the vicinity of the former deep time, thus exposing the breakwater. The engineer is aware of the work, however, has his eye upon it, and will no doubt apply a remedy at the proper time.

THE OBSTRUCTIONS

across the channel above the upper jetty have all been removed, and the way is now clear, so far as they are concerned.

The two river dredges have been steadily at work on the

SNOW MARSH CHANNEL,

which has been dredged out to 9 feet depth at low tide, and 100 feet wide its entire length, and one cut through on the west side 12 feet wide has been finished and they are at work on the second cut. The float vessel of any size which has passed through this channel was a brig drawing over 18 feet, which was towed through on the 18th inst.

In the early part of September a contract was effected by the Supervising Engineer with Messrs Bangs & Dolby, of Syracuse, N. Y. for laying an

APRON ACROSS NEW INLET,

as a foundation for any future work which may be adopted for ultimately closing the same. This apron is to be constructed of logs, brush and stone 4 feet thick, and varying in width from 40 to 70 feet, according to the depth of water. It was stipulated that this work should be placed on the line of the contemplated deflecting breakwater at Federal Point, commencing at the outer end of the already constructed portion of the same.

On the 8th inst., the

FLOAT APRON

was successfully placed in position, since which time several others have been placed, aggregating about 300 feet lineal, and as far as we can see and learn from others this work is likely to prove successful.

It will thus be seen that the work is moving on steadily and in a satisfactory manner, with every prospect of ultimate success (provided the necessary funds are supplied by Congress) and we are beginning to see and feel the benefits arising from the present unfinished condition of the work. What may we therefore reasonably expect after its final completion?

We are informed that the Supervising Engineer has recommended an appropriation by the next Congress of $210,000 for prosecuting the work during the next fiscal year, which we hope will be fully answered as the amount seems modest in view of the mammoth work before him, we supposing a larger amount would be required.

Early in September, operations were commenced by order of the Signal Service Bureau for creating a

LINE OF TELEGRAPH

between this place and Smithville, in this connection with the coast line telegraph south of Cape Hatteras as provided for by the last Congress. The line was finished, and an office established at Smithville on the 24, an communication opened on the 30 inst., since which time the contractors (McCulloch and Swift, of Norfolk Va.) have been engaged in putting up the line north from this place, and expect to have communication opened with Cape Hatteras and all points north of it by January next.

In view of the early closing of New Inlet it would be well to urge upon Congress the necessity of providing an

INLAND WATER COMMUNICATION

in the general commerce, but more particularly, so far as we are concerned, for preserving our coasting trade which we are likely to lose from closing the inlet.

Respectfully submitted,

H. NUTT,
GEO. HARRISS,
JAS H. CHADBOURN,
Committee.

After some discussion upon the suggestion of the Committee with reference to the proposed inland canal, in view of the closing up of New Inlet, it was

Resolved, That the suggestion of the Committee on River and Harbor Improvements, as contained in the report presented by the chairman, Mr. Henry Nutt, with special reference to the proposed inland canal through the Sounds, meet with the hearty concurrence of this Chamber; and that a committee consisting of Messrs B. G. Worth, Wm. Calder and B. F. Hall, be appointed to present the matter to our representatives in Congress and through him to urge an appropriation by the General Government for this purpose.

Resolved further, That the hearty thanks of this body are returned to the Committee on Harbor and River Improvements, and especially to the chairman Mr. Nutt, for the untiring energy manifested by him in the prosecution of the work assigned him by the Chamber, as evidenced by the carefully detailed reports which have from time to time been presented.

A communication from the Signal Office was read and placed on file.

The meeting then adjourned.

Important Information.

We are permitted to publish the following interesting and important letter which explains itself:

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 1.

Wm. L. DeRossett, Pres't Chamber of Commerce Wilmington N. C.

SIR.—By direction of the Chief Signal Office of the Army, I have the honor to acknowledge and answer your communication of the 30th ult., just received, the delay probably having occurred through inaccurate address.

The request of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington that the line of telegraph now under construction on the Atlantic Coast south of Cape Hatteras, in accordance with an act of Congress approved March 3, 1865, "shall be open for use in the interests of general commerce and the public" has been considered.

You are respectfully informed that the line of telegraph mentioned will be open for all matters of public interest, and not of a purely private nature. Communication connected with the duties of the service such as relating to the safety or distress of vessels, conditions of weather and the like are properly subjects for transportation.

Respectfully yours,
GORRICK MALLORY,
Capt. and Bv. Lieut. Col. U. S. A.
Acting Signal Officer and Assistant.

Commercial Fertilizers.

As a matter of interest to planters, we copy an extract from a letter of John Gatling Esq., of Raleigh, addressed to Mr. Geo. E. White, of 160 Front street, New York, on the subject of the "Climax" Ammoniated Superphosphate which is made by Mr. White.

Mr. Gatling is a prominent lawyer of our State, a land owner, and having estates under his charge and management.

He says: I sent one ton of "Climax" to a tenant in Franklin county. He used it on land so poor that I gave him the use of the land to induce him to cultivate it. He is a very practical farmer—is much pleased with the fertilizer, and thinks the benefits equal to that of much higher priced manures. I sent another tenant on same farm, one half ton. His land was a little better. His crop is remarkably good for the land. The land on which it was used in both cases is a light pebble soil, with clay subsoil, and very poor."

Mr. White is also manufacturer of the "Defiance" Super-phosphate, an acid phosphate without amonia, and of the "North Carolina State Grange Fertilizer" and a dealer in agricultural chemicals.

"De Pervisions of de Bil."

Smyth, the negro who is reported to us as having been entertained in the parlor of a distinguish d white Radical of this city, and dined and wined with the white company there and then assembled, says he has not had time to read our article propounding certain questions to him. He did not state whether he was winding up the affairs of the Freedman's Bank, or finishing up that little fourteen hundred Index job for the County Commissioners.

Is it true or not, that Smyth did sit in the parlor with these white men, and eat and drink with them? Whose house was it, and who were present? The whole truth might as well come out at once, because these things will leak out, you know, and then there will be no virtue even in an honest confession.

Pender Potatoes.

Our friend G. F. Walker Esq., of the new County, has placed in our hands four very fine sweet-potatoes, weighing in the aggregate 21 pounds. He tells us that he raised on his farm near Burgaw, in Pender, twelve-hundred bushels of the same sort, on a little over three acres; and this we think is hard to beat. Mr. Walker is a fine farmer. He is now at the head of a magnificent enterprize for draining five-hundred acres of rich swamp land, lying at the head of the waters of Long Creek, in that County. He has already cut for himself a large canal that reclaims three-hundred acres, that in fertility is not surpassed, as his neighbors say, in the State. That is the way to build up Pender, and to secure emigration. We hope our Pender friends will come to the Fair next week, and bring specimens of their farm products.

GENERAL ZACHARY TAYLOR.

The Long Neglected Resting Place of the Ex-President Given Attention to At Last.

[From the Louisville (Ky.) Ledger, October 29

It is with pleasure that we mantain the fact that the long-neglected tomb of President Zachary Taylor has at last received the attention of considerate relatives. A number of workmen, at the instance of Mr. Richard H. Taylor, of this city, a nephew of General Taylor, have been busily engaged for several days past in giving the last resting place of our twelfth President a presentable appearence. The Taylor Cemetery is about five miles from the city, on the Brownsboro' turnpike. The iron gate has been painted black, and the narrow walk to the President's tomb has been cleared and widened. The greatest transformation, however, has been effected in the exterior of the sepulchre. The loose and jutting stones have been replaced, and the rough front has been ground down to a smooth and polished surface. New earth has been placed in the cavities, and the summit has been cleared of the briars and brambles which covered it. The other graves in the enclosure, that have not been visible for years, now appear under the shadow of spotless marble slabs. Having a key of the President's tomb our reporter entered the marble portal. He found himself in a room of solid masonry, about eight feet square. The sun cast a mellow light into the chilly apartment and disclosed two coffins. They were constructed of stain d poplar and rested upon marble bases. The one on the left, which contained all that was mortal of the Kentucky chieftain, was wrapped in a black oil-cloth; the other, on the right, had the remains of his faithful consort. At the rear of the room is a life-like bust of General Taylor, in plaster of paris. Leaving the room, our reporter noticed that the inscription, which before was almost obliterated, had been brought out in bold relief: "Z. Taylor, born November 24, 1774, died July 9, 1850."

It is the purpose to make an effort to have the remains of President Taylor and those of Col. Richard Taylor removed to the Capitol Burying Grounds at Frankfort.

THE original "Uncle Sam" was Sam Wilson, of Troy, New York, who used to brand his fish barrels, in filling army contracts in 1812. "U. S.," to stand, as he said, for Uncle Sam, his sobriquet. The site of the old packing-house is still remembered and a nephew of Uncle Sam, Joseph A. Wilson, has just removed to Newburyport, Mass., after a long life in Troy.

INCIDENTALS.

The genial collectors are hustling around lively at present.

Drummers and collectors are flocking hither in numbers.

The private schools of the city are unusually well patronized this winter.

Why don't you step up to Mr. Secrest and pay your poll tax? Isn't your head worth a dollar?

The interments in Pine Forrest Cemetery last week were two adults and six children.

First class harness at prices to suit the times, at Hayden & Gerharette. See advertisement

The Court House sales were fairly attended yesterday, but transactions were small.

When we are alone, we have our thoughts to watch; in the family our temper; in company, our tongues.

The Register of Deeds issued marriage license to four colored and two white couples last week.

A side show on Front street attracted the attention of the young people yesterday.

There is a prospect this season of two nights of Italian opera, with full chorus.

The city Treasurer is now prepared to receive visitors who have not paid their taxes for the current year.

The Eastern Medical Association will meet in this city, on Tuesday, the 7th of December, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Clara Wildman troupe will arrive this morning and stop with mine host Davis of the Purcell House during their stay.

Several of our citizens, outside of the R. L. Infantry, will attend the Wilmington Fair, which commences next Tuesday.

The "Boys in Gray" of the Wilmington Light Infantry are requested to take notice of the advertisement of their Captain in this issue.

Bring in your advertisements for fair week and tell the people what you have for sale. If you don't blow your own trumpet no one else will do it for you.

The Tarboro *Southerner* Say: Gen Jno. W. Cotton of the Police Brigade, is a Marshal at Wilmington Fair. Regulate 'em Gen'l. if any fighting's to be done.

Black cashmere suits dromise to be the popular attire for autumn and winter. They are no longer trimmed with jet and showy lace, but with substantial braids, fringe and made trimming of cross grain.

Appeal for the Poor Ladies Benevolent Society.

To a generous public we are again compelled to appeal for aid in administering to the necessities of our impoverished people. Aided, as we have been in the past, we had hoped the means placed at our command would enable us to supply their urgent needs to the end of our fiscal year at least. But we find it otherwise. It is known to you all that the pressure of the times has thrown out of employment very many—both men and women. Privation and anxiety, in cases not a few, have caused sickness, and the sufferers are constrained to apply for relief. We have aided them as we could, in numbers far greater than in any former year. Our funds from various sources have been larger than ever before. But they are expended. Only $10 of our current funds remain in the banks, while unpaid bills for grain, for drugs, &c. (3 months being due on the latter), amount to nearly $75.

The Winter is before us. Can we let those around us suffer for lack of fuel, of comfortable clothing or blankets? Surely the liberal and the sympathizing will give us of their abundance, nay, even of their competence, that we may feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and provide for the sick and warm the perishing whom God has placed among us, that we may still have to exercise the finer feelings of humanity and of religion, and to "Do to others as we would have others do to us." May He teach us every one to do what is right and the reward will follow.

OFFICERS OF L. B. S.

Fashion Notes.

The Derby hat is to be very much worn, and is almost as simply trimmed as those worn by the gentlemen. Some have a fancy wing placed on the left side.

Cardinal color is used on everything that is becoming. Some traveling costumes are trimmed with it to brighten them up should they be either gray or dark brown.

The brocade wool overdress are exceedingly handsome over silk skirts, either black or colored, and they will not become common, as they sell too high—$3,50 per yard.

La Boitense is the name given to the overskirt, it being a one sided concern, hence the name. It is dragged higher on one side than the other, and is by no means stylish.

Square sailor collars, made of white braid lace, joined with blue, black and red threads, are pretty and very stylish for the little ones outside of coal. Both boys and girls wear them.

Thanksgiving.

The President has issued the usual proclamation, recommending the observance throughout the whole country of that good, old-fashioned festival of whose celebration the Puritans gave the first example, though in a manner quite different to that most favored in these days. The proclamation is not altogether in the usual style, and make some declarations that will be criticised and starts from some assumptions that will not be admitted, but its general recommendation will be none the less welcome, for the festival is of popular origin and needs only general consent to the date and the only use of the proclamation is to fix this.

Till Tapping.

Yesterday evening while the clerk in Messrs. Curtis & Boatwright's confectionary store on Front Street was engaged in waiting on a lady in the rear of the store two negro boys entered the establishment and when the clerk turned his back one of them reached over the counter robbed the money drawer. A small boy who was standing near the door observed the transaction and informed Mr. Curtis. As soon as the parties had gone Mr. Curtis started immediately in pursuit and succeeded in overtaking one of the boys who he handed over to a policeman. At the guard house the boy gave his name as Lewis Green and said that the money in his possession been given him by the other boy to keep for him. The boy is still in the guard-house and will have a hearing before the Mayor Monday morning.

Constitional Amendments.

1st Amendment: That section 4, of article 9, be stricken out and two new sections be substituted. The section to be stricken out is in regard to lands given to the state by congress and the appropriation of fines, penalties, &c. The section to be substituted gives all lands and proceeds of lands, given by the United States to the state, to educational purposes; and all swamp lands, fines, &c., are to be used for purposes of education.

2nd Amendment strikes out section 17, article 3, and substitutes a section providing for the establishment of a bureau of agriculture, immigration and statistics, and the protection of sheep husbandry.

3d Amendment adds to section 25, of article 1, that secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people and should not be tolerated.

4th. Amends section 10, article 3, by providing that the governor, with the advice of the senate, shall appoint all offices whose appointments are not otherwise provided for.

5th, Abrogates and amends section 15, 16 and 17, of article 4, and allows the general assembly to allot and distribute all judicial power among the several counties except that of the supreme court which is fixed by the constitution itself.

6th. Strikes out sections 1 and 2, of article 13, and forbids calling a convention without first consulting the people at the polls.

7th. Provides for submitting the amendments to the constitution to the people, at the polls, Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November, 1876. The amendments will pe ratified or rejected together.

8th. Provides for publishing the ordinances for the information of the people.

9th. Requires the judge to reside in the district for which he is elected and forbids his holding court in the same county more than once in four years.

10th. Reduces the number of judges from 12 to 9, and authorizes the legislature to increase or diminish the number.

11th. Provides for the assembling of the lepislature in January instead of November.

12th Hits civil rights on the head by forbidding white and black children going to the same school, and providing that no discrimination shall be made to the prejudice of either race.

13th Fixes the pay of the members of the General Assembly at $4 a day and 10 cents mileage, and limits the session to 60 days. If the session is prolonged beyond 60 days, members receive no pay.

14th Provides that the term of office for the senators and members of the legislature shall begin at the time of their election.

15th, That section 29, of article 2, is amended to allow the general assembly to change the time of holding elections for the general assembly.

16th Strikes from the constitution section 4 of article 2, which is the old republican gerrymander of the senatorial districts in 1868.

17th Reduces the number of supreme judges from five to three, as our fathers had it.

18th Declares that the judicial power shall be vested in a court for the trial of impeachments, a supreme court, superior courts, courts of justice of the peace, and such others inferior to the supreme court as mey be established by law.

19th Establishes the supreme court in Raleigh, until otherwise provided by the general assembly.

20th Strikes section 8, article 2 from the constitution. This section was the old republican gerrymander of the house of representatives, and the people can do without it.

21st Forbids vacating any office or term of office now existing under the constitution.

22nd Provides for the election of judges of the supreme court and superior court, by general ticket, or vote of all the people, but allows the general assembly to change the mode of electing superior court judges from general ticket to district elections.

23d Requires 12 months' residence in the state, and 90 days in the county, before a man can vote, and excludes felons and ex-penitentiary convicts from holding office or voting until restored to citizenship by due process of law.

24th. Provides for the removal by the legislature of any judge of the superior court; for mental or physical disability. It also provides for the removal of clerks of the supreme and superior courts by the same reason. Appeal in cases of removal is allowed as in other cases or suits.

25th Provides that article 7 of the constitution be amended by adding that the general assembly shall have power to modify, change or abrogate any and all of the provisions of the article, and substitute others in their place, except section 7, 9 and 13. This allows the legislature to appoint magistrates as under the old constitution.

26th Gives jurisdiction to justices of the peace over civil actions founded on contract, when the sum does not exceed $200; and allows the justices to call in a jury of six men in certain cases.

29th Authorizes the employment of convicts on public works and highways.

28th Adds the following new section to article 4: "In case the general assembly shall establish other inferior courts, the presiding officers and clerks thereof shall be elected in such a manner as the general assembly may prescribe."

29th Forbids marriage between white and black and all persons of negro descent to the third generation.

30th Adds to article 1, section 24: "Nothing herein contained shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons or prevent the legislature from enacting penal statutes against said practice."

31st Abolishes section 31, of article 4; and provides for filling all vacancies in offices provided for by this article, by the governor not otherwise provided for.

32d Provides for paying officers and members of the convention.

23d Gives power to the supreme court to try issues and questions of fact as under the old constitution.

Body Recovered.

The body of Geo. D. Lewis, the colored man who was drowned about ten miles up the River last week, was recovered yesterday, a short distance from the scene of the accident. The Coroner held an inquest, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning. After which the body was delivered to the friends of the deceased, and was brought to this city last night.

The Fort Fisher Re-union.

At a meeting of the Norfolk City Guard, held last night, it was decided to visit Wilmington on the 10th instant, to participate in the re-union of the veterans of Fort Fisher. As already announced, President Robinson of the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad, and President Bridges of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad have offered free transportation to the Guard, and letters from the generous people of that city state that they will entertain them.

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