The Bestern Democrat, Charlotte, 21.C.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION.

Speech of Senator Robbins, of Rowan, In opposition to extravagant Railroad appro priations, delivered in the Senate of North Carolina, Dec. 12, 1868.

It is full time, Mr President, that some voice were raised here in vigorous protest against the wild and reckless propositions now pending before this body, by which North Carolina will be hopelessly involved in debt, her credit destroyed, tarnished. Would that one of the giant North Carolinians of old days were here to perform this task ! But our sages are dead or disfranchised. Humble and inexperienced, upon me the occasion seems to impose this duty. I rise, Mr President. to discharge that duty-feebly, perhaps, but yet fearlessly.

It is well known that there is here a Railroad Ring, each member of which is pledged to vote for the appropriations to all the Roads in order to secure one for his own. Thus banded together, you are giving votes, Senators, for measures which your judgments do not approve. It is a general game of grab; and a multitude of visionary projects are being thus rushed through. the aggregate result of which must be financial ruin to the State. To-day I declare war on this Ring; and if I cannot break it, I shall try to make it at least a ring of fire.

Let us first make a few figures, and see what the debt of the State is, and how much you prcpose to make it. I shall only mention large items, and not waste time on minor expenditures. Let us state the items under three separate heads: First, The present actual debt in bonds issued at various times, according to the report just submitted to us by the Treasurer. Secondly, the amount of bonds soon to be issued under ordinances and acts of the late Convention and the late session of this General Assembly. Thirdly, the bonus to be issued under the bills now pending and passing here:

| 1. Actual existing debt, (se | e Treasurer's | |
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| report,) | | \$19,269,9 |
| 2. Bonds authorized by Co | nvention and | |
| Legislature : | | |
| Western R. Road (by Conv. | cn- | |
| tion,) | \$500.000 | |
| Western N. C. R R . | 4,000,000 | |
| Williamston and Tarboro' | R | |
| Road, | 300,060 | |
| North Western N C R R, | 410,000 | |
| The Penitentiary, | 200,000 | |
| | | 5,410,00 |
| 8. Bonds proposed to be au | thor zed now: | |
| Western N C R R, | 3,660,600 | |
| 3.87 | | |

it did. Will a few roads compensate North Carolina for the discredit thus fastened on her through all the mighty future? No Sir. Neither a State nor an individual can live and prosper without character among men, to say nothing of that divine Nemesis which always curses ill gotten gains. But who knows we shall get the roads? May not those, who thus deliberately cheat the rest of the world, cheat North Carolina too? May they not pocket these millions and then disappoint us? What security have we? But these roads are not worth half her people beggared, and her fair fame forever the amount we are lending them; and on some of them the first spade is not yet stuck in the ground. What are such mortgages worth?

I am a friend of Internal Improvements. No Senator here is more so. I would be delighted to see all these roads built. It is not against we can never pay. Not against the roads! Not of it.

against the roads! Let this never be forgotten! I long to see the Iron Horse with his burden of wrong. Even Railroads are too dear when they named, were entirely consumed. cost us dishonor.

I beg to remind you also. Senators, that these measures, by bankrupting the State, will indefinitely postpone the effective establishment of our roads, found your manufactories, build up your on the other property. - ... aleigh Standard. mechanic and agricultural industry, and quickly make your State rich and powerful. In the name of three hundred thousand children, of both races, now crying for knowledge in North

their resources and doom them to ignorance, I black man in his cabin to raise their united voice of the colored members of this Legislature to American. this sin which is about to be perpetrated particu-

Everyman, whether he admits it or not, who Esq. of Raleigh. votes for these extravagant measures now, is really an enemy to schools. Let the people make a note of him. Now, Mr President, I have about gone over the points I wished to touch. I am deeply sensible of the responsibility under which I have spoken. But I know that the truth of my words pletion. \$37,029,945

North Carolina News.

APPOINTED .- We are pleased to learn that our friend Col. A. W. Shaffer, who has been divide and separate the Eastern and Western for some months acting as Register in this Dis-divisions of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Ruthertrict, was on Saturday last appointed and con- ford Railroad came up. Mr Robbins opposed firmed as Register in Bankruptcy for the Fourth the passage of this bill in a very lengthy speech. North Carolina District, vice J. T. Deweese re- Messrs. Sweet and Long also opposed the passigned. Col. Shaffer is one of the most efficient sage of the bill, as it involved an additional apment leaves only one Register in Bankruptcy in Cook urged its passage, and the bill passed its the 6th District-R. II. Broadheld, Esq., of third reading, as follows, viz : Davie.-Raleigh Standard.

THE LEUISLATURE .- This body has been in session five weeks, at a cost to the State of not less than \$10.000. If it has accomplished anything beyond paving the way of an immense increase of the indebtedness of the State and the roads I speak, but against contracting debts wasting the people's money, we are not aware

o'clock Tuesday morning last our citizens were Sweet and Scott-15. rich freights careering along by the fertile shores aroused by the alarm of fire, and on repairing to of the Albemarle, and far away among the peaks the spot our Reporter found the Seymour and where the stillness is now unbroken save by the Blair House and T. V. Moss' Jewelry Store, musical voice of that grand-daughter of the moun- corner Favetteville Street and Market Square, tains-the laughing Swannanoa. But these enveloped in flames. Before the engines could pleasing visions must not be suffered to cast a be brought out, the fire had communicated to the glamour over our eyes to blind us to right and Market House, which, with the buildings above

In the upper story of the Market House was the offices of the Raleigh Register and Holden Record, which, with the exception of about \$400 worth of material, were destroyed. The old town system of schools. If I am a friend of Railroads, bell and clock shared the same fate. The print-I am still more a friend of Schools. Give me a ing material was fully insured, but our reporter reading. well-educated people, and I will build your Rail- could not learn whether there was any insurance

A., T. & O. RAILPOAD .- We learn upon good authority that a meeting of the Stockholders in this company will be called about the 1st of Carolina, I protest against this expending in January, to decide upon the acceptance of the reckless speculation the means by which they amended charter, and take action for rebuilding ought to be educated. If you will thus waste the road immediately. New stockholders are to be admitted, and the old stock will be assessed. call upon the white man in his cottage and the probably 10 per cent, to equalize the whole stock. Let those who feel an interest in rebuilding the to rebuke those who thus neglect the best of road go to work and ascertain how much new causes, and condemn this generation of children stock they can get taken, and be able to report now growing up to grope their way through this to the meeting when it is called-which will not world in mental darkness. I ask the attention be later than the time above stated .- Statesville

THE N. C. UNIVERSITY .- We learn from the larly against their own race. Will they wink at Raleigh Standard, that the Presidency of the it or will they endorse it with their votes? University has been tendered to L P. Olds, the time, and the owners of the property had scoundrels, and says that the colored people are

N. C. Legislature.

In the Senate, on the 12th inst., the bill to and attentive officers in the State. This appoint- propriation of \$2,000,000. Messrs. Smith and Purdie's right to hold his seat.

> Ayes-Messrs Beasley, Beeman, Bellamy, Burns, Blythe, Colgrove, Cook, Davis, Eaves, Etheridge, Eppes colored, Forkner, Harrington, Hyman colored, Lassiter, Lindsay, Love, Mason, Martindale, Moore of Carteret, Moore of Yancey, Rich, Respass, Smith, Stephens, White, Wynne Wilson-28

Nays-Messrs Barrow, Barnes, Brogden, Hayes, Legg, Long, Melchor, McLaughlin, Os-

MONDAY, Dec. 14.

SENATE-A bill was passed to amend the Chatham Railroad Act, so as to make valid the late appropriation.

Mr Mason introduced a bill in relation to Ex ecutors.

The bill authorizing the Commissioners of New Hanover, Robeson, Union, Anson, Rutherford, Wake, Granville, Halifax, Cumberland and Pasquotank, to issue bonds, was taken up. On motion of Mr Osborne, it was so amended as to submit the subject to a vote of the people of the several counties, and the bill passed its third

The resolution relating to the Committee on the Penitentiary was taken up and discussed at length. Messrs. Barrow, Robbins, Welker and Love held that the Committee had transcended their powers, or, at least, had violated the spirit of the bill, in purchasing the 8,000 acres of land. Messrs. Osborne and Cook sustained the Committee, and held that the General Assembly were alone responsible. Mr Lassiter spoke at length and gave all the facts in his possession in reference to the purchase. It had been represented

agreed to take 100,000 of our bonds at par. Mr fast coming to the same conclusion.

and, consequently, not capable of being transformed into law. The gag was applied by Mr Laffin calling the

previous question, and the bill passed. THURSDAY, Dec. 17.

Nothing of much importance was transacted by either House to-day. A long discussion occupied the time of the Senate in regard to Mr

In the House. Mr Sinclair presented a petition, signed by leading citizens of Lincoln county, asking for a divorce for a lady who married some 18 years ago, and separated a few months thereafter from her husband. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Washington Items.

The U. S. Supreme Court Judges have met for consultation upon the legal tender and other cases, argued before them during this term. It FIRE IN RALEIGH .- About half-past one borne. Purdie, Richardson, Robbins, Shoffner, is given out that the opinion in the legal tender case will be announced on the 21st instant.

> The object of the bill increasing the number of the Judges of the Supreme Court is to keep the Circuits in perpetual session, with a view of maintaining better order in the South.

It is thought impossible to end the Indian war this winter, on account of the character and extent of the country where the savages have taken refuge.

Judge Moses, of South Carolina, having had his disabilities removed by Congress, has gone home to enter upon the discharge of his duties as Chief Justice elect of the State.

The disorderly conduct of members of the National House of Representatives, the present session, is the subject of general comment by the letter-writers. The scene is represented as resembling that of a large, noisy bar-room, more than the chief Legislature of the nation. Sometimes it is impossible for members to hear their colleagues, sitting but a few seats from them, though they scream at the top of their voices.

The Committee on Elections gave Menard, the negro Congressman from Louisiana, only At their new stand, GRAY'S BLOCK, No. 1, to the Committee that there was an abundance indifferent encouragement as to the prospect of of iron ore of a superior quality on the 8,000 his being admitted. His treatment by the Radiacre tract - with a sufficient amount of wood to cal Congressmen has sunk deeply into his soul, have a smelting furnace for twenty years, with | -especially the contemptuous manner in which | an immense water power, and the site for the his Radical colleagues from Louisiana, elected Penitentiary, all for \$66,000. Mr Barrow de- by colored votes, have acted towards him, since sired to know how he made it that amount. Mr his arrival in Washington. He intimates, now, at this House anywhere within the corporate limits Lassiter said that our bonds were worth 66 at that the carpet baggers are a set of unblushing

Discharges in Bankruptcy.

We are indebted to His Honor Judge Brooks of the U. S. Court, for the following list of persons who have received discharges in Bankruptey during this session of the Court :

Mecklenburg-Sidney Reading. Craven-William Cleve, Wm H Romaine. Edgecombe-Robert A Johnson. Greene-Abner Rouse. Halifax-Willie J Higgs.

Jones-James II C Bryan, Thomas E Pritch. ett, James B Westbrooks.

Lenoir-Matthias Harvey, Rich'd W Pelletier Pitt-J J Cherry, William A Cherry, Oliver P Humber, Amos P Labrasher, Jas A Hanrahan. Wayne-John V Sherward, Thad A Granger, Wilson-Richard H Blount. Duplin-Norris Frederick.

New Hanover-Anthony B Cazaux, Wm Smith, Walker Macon, Aug. Keler, Feist Mayer,

Chatham-James J Jackson, Isaac Long. Francis Stone, Matthew Barbee, Richard B Paschaff, Oliver Newlin, Alvis Burns, William F Snipes, John Harrington, T B Farrar, J G Williams, Wm White.

Wake-John R Harrison, Thomas W Young, S G Dupree, John C Fort, George H Pennington, George T Cooke, Wiley R Perry, Wm B Smith, W H Whitaker, W M Lowe.

Orange-Thomas Webb, James Webb, H J Stone, R Morris, Cannon Bowers.

Warren-Theophilus Stallings and George W Myrick.

Granville-G II Fleming, J D Fleming, Geo B Hammatt, Richard II Gregory. New Hanover-Robert McIntyre. Chowan-William Craiton, John H Hall, and Chas. W Skinner, Jr.

Bertie-J J Mizzle.-Raleigh Standard.

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Williamston and T. R Road, 2.200,000 Chimney Rock R R. 2 000,000 Eastern and W R R. 2,000,000 Atlantic, Tenn. & O. E R, 1.500,000 Chapel Hill R R. 200,000 North Western N C R R. 410,000 12,110,000

Total debt as now contemplated,

The Constitution commands you to provide means to pay the annual interest on this debt. That interest will be, The annual expense of State government, (see Governor's message Annual property tax for schools, (see Superintendent's report.)

Total annual tax on property,

In addition to this about \$180,000 State poll tax must be paid. And I have not yet said a word about the town and county and the Federal taxes. Does any one imagine that our impoverished people can hear these burdens-these millions of tax,-when in their prosperous days they thought four or five hundred thousand heavy? You know, Scuators, the people cannot bear them. And yet one of these bills (most of them are rare specimens of literature) uses the words, "There is hereby levied and collected a tax," &c., as if even your enactment could produce the money. It will be as likely to produce it, I admit, as the Sheriff will; for both will fail. I will not insult you by supposing any Senator here is so blind as to expect our people ever to pay the taxes I have enumerated

But let us view this subject in another light In cach of these several Railroad bills I perceive you propose to levy a tax of a certain per cent on all the property of the State to pay the annual interest on these new appropriations. Thus, for the W. N. C. Railroad you levy & of one per cent; W. R. Read 1-15; Chimney Rock Kailroad 1-20; W. and T. R. Road 1-12; N. W. N. C. R. Road 1-40; A. T. and O. R. Read 1-20; E. and W. R. Road 1-20; Chatham R. Road 1-20. Adding these fractions together, we have 1 of one per cent, or 50 cents on the \$100 of property; and this is the sum you propose to raise to meet the interest on your new appropriations alone. But the Public Treasurer says you can under the present State Constitution, only tax property about 40 cents on \$100 for all State purposes. (See his report, page 11.) On this showing, where are your resources for meeting the interest on the existing debt, the expenses of the State government, of the schools and other matters? You leave us less than nothing for all these things !

We have now made figures enough. Here is demonstration piled on demonstration, proving that no honest road lies before us if the reckless measures now pending are carried. Ye men of the Ring, look my figures in the face and answer them if you can ! But I know you will not attempt this. They are not to be refuted. No one can impugn their correctness. What then is the necessary conclusion? Why, that one of the most gigantic swindles is 'on foot that menwere ever made victims to. I understand the covert design underneath all these projects; and in the name of North Carolina honor and honesty, I, an hun ble son of an untarnished old State, stand up here to-day, almost single handed. to beard this giant swindle in its den and expose it to the gaze and the excerations of mankind. The plot is first to raise some money by some means,-by borrowing it, by seiling or mortgaging the State's property,-by vending, if necessary, the very coats off our backs .- to raise some money, and pay the interest on our debt accruing next January, April, and July. This will make a show of honesty and promptness in payment, and will, it is hoped, put our bonds up to a good price for several months to come. In this condition of the bond market, all these twelve millions new bonds are to be issued and sold promptly. Then we are to stop paying interest for the best of reasons-nothing to pay with,no adequate tax possible to be collected, no more years ago - Milton Chronicle. State property to sell, and when these Railroad Companies have pocketed the proceeds of this sharp operation, then we are to stand from under, and let the crash come on the bond buyers whom coming new bonds! Docs not every man here, with his eyes open and his intellect awake, see that this is the scheme ? Is it not darkly whispered in every corner? Certainly it is. Now, Mr President, I unhesitatingly denounce \$151,781,875, and in Illinois, \$119,933,945. all this as shamelessly dishonest and utterly unworthy of North Carolina. Our consciences are this scheme will secure us some roads. Suppose does not begin at home.

\$2,221,796 275,220 200.00

\$3,057,626

voted with it heretofore. I think it likely that some good men have been seduced into doing so. They fancied they heard the whistle of the loconotive in the vicinity of their homes, and the using sound has fulled their judgment to sleep. But after the clear exhibition which has now been given of the unsound basis on which these projects stand, and the secret plot entered into by a few men to perpetrate a deliberate swindle, wheever shall still adhere to this scheme and sustain this Ring, I shall, myself, use no hard words about them here, but I fear the world will call them all suivillers.

So far as may be in my power, I mean to prevent the consummation of the plot which I have mentioned. Go ahead, ye men of the Ring. and vote me down amid laughter and jeers. This is your day of triumph, but mine is at hand. The bond buyers of the world are listening to this voice, to day, and they will heed it, though you do not. I tell them to give you's wide perth, and they will. These new Wild Oat Bonds of yours, if they are issued, will not bring one dollar in the thousand; and I hope this act will prevent their issue, and save us from for the bond-buyers; I warn them of it, and they passed. will see it. "In vain is the net spread in the

light of any bird." I am aware of the enslaughts which will be ade upon me by corrupt men, on account of the course I have taken in this matter. Disap- ing all offices in the unreconstructed States. pointed in their schemes of plunder, they will

of the people of North Carolina. To their judg- Philadelphia to carry the anti-tariff States. ment I submit this matter. Let them decide the issue which I make to-day with this Ring. I know the constituency which I represent here well enough to feel sure that for every word of invective I may launch against dishonesty they will give me two words of thanks. Brave and honest themselves, they expect me to be a fearless and an honest representative. This shall ever be my aim. Their approval will be my safficient reward.

A MARBIAGE WITNESS CALLED TO TESTIFY FORTY YEARS AFTER MARRIAGE - A gentleman named Shirley died possessed of a large estate in Madison county, Virginia, nearly a century ago. He left two illegitimate sons. In his will he bequeathed his estate to both of these boys, in case they could prove good moral characters after reaching the age of twenty-one. One of these boys was married in 1820 at the house of The overseer of the father to a worthy lady residing in this place. He lived for a time in this section, and afterwards died out South-leaving behind him a daughter. This daughter is now bringing suit for her father's share of the estate. And depositions were taken in this town last week; a good character was given the deceased by old citizens that knew him; and the legitimacy of the daughter was established by the day of January, 1869, all the personal property of of the Senator from Wake, or any other Senator, lady who saw the couple married more than forty

15 The Western North Carolina Railroad will, it is anticipated, be in running order to owners of the property, and what it sold for be-Marion, McDowell county, by the middle of fore the Committee purchased it. Mr Harring-June next. Nearly all the contracts between that village and Morganton are approaching com-

s, and will be, felt in every man's secret soul. FIRE INSURANCE .--- The North Carolina My objects has been, and will yet be, to pre- Mutual Home Insurance Company has just been serve the credit of North Carolina, if possible, by incorporated by the General Assembly. At its preventing this proposed increase of our debt, | first meeting on Monday last the following genwhich would make it still more unmanageable tlemen were elected officers, viz: President, J II than it now is, and by reason of the taxation Foote; Vice President, R II Battle, Jr.; Treasfeature, in each one of these bills, would cer- urer, John G Williams; Secretary Wm H Murtainly tax our people at once to beggary. I have dock. Messrs. J H Foote, John G Williams, printing money to furnish the Executive Manendeavored to expose the ghastly features of the | P A Dann, R H Battle, Jr., J H Davis, J M swindling plot, contrived by the prime movers | fleck and W D Jones were elected Directors,

who manage this Railroad Ring. I do not and Gen. R B Vance was appointed General charge dishonesty on every man who may have | Agent for the State .- Raleigh Standard.

Congress.

In the Senate, on the 14th inst., Mr Summer presented a memorial of the colored citizens of leorgia, complaining of wrongs to which the race is exposed, asking relief. Also, a similar document from North Carolina asking a contin- Mechanics' and Laborers' Lien ; which was reuance of the Freedman's Bureau.

Mr Morton introduced his financial bill, pro- ordered to be printed. iding that, after July 1st, 1871, the Treasury shall redeem legal tenders and fractional currency, and after January 1st, 1872, National Banks shall redeem their issues in gold.

Mr Stewart introduced a bill making the holding of office contrary to the 14th Amendment a felony against the United States, punishable with imprisonment not less than three or more than ten years, and a fine not less than one or more than ten thousand dollars.

In the House, a resolution denouncing al forms and degrees of repudiation of national obligations, was passed by a vote of 154 to 6.

On the 15th, in the Senate, the bill repealing the act forbidding the organization of the militin this increase of debt. You are setting a trap in the reconstructed States, except Georgia, was

> directed to report a bill enforcing the 3d section amendment,) reported that they had investigated of the 14th Amendment.

The Speaker announced a special Committee sideration; and the report was concurred in. turn on me. I am prepared for all this; I have to investigate the New York election frauds. counted the cost; I bid them defiance. I be- Mr Brooks charges that half a million was con- raise a Committee to investigate thoroughly the lieve in the honesty and integrity of the masses tributed by the Union Leagues of New York and action of the Committee appointed to purchase a

> On the 16th, in the Senate, the Judiciary Committee reported adversely on some, and favorably on other bills relieving political disabilities.

> A resolution was introduced concerning the financial views of the President's Message. - Mr Hendricks moved to substitute, saying that the Senate cordially endorsed the President's views relating to the inviolability of the public debt. The substitute was voted down. The consideration of the original resolution was resumed. and, without further action, the Senate adjourned. In the House, a bill passed extending the time for the payment of tax on tobacco on hand from the 1st of January to the 15th of February.

On the 17th, the Senate passed the Bill ex- bribery, and that Senator was a member of the 10 weeks. Deduction made when pupils are kept ending the time for the payment of tax on to- Committee. He should like to know when the baceo to the 15th of February. Bills removing political disabilities from certain individuals, delayed, were presented from all quarters.

Love desired to know who were the original ton said the land belonged to Dr. McKay, and he had heard that a Northern Company had purchased it for 65 cents per acre. The Committee purchased it from Col. Heck & Co.

A resolution was then adopted declaring that the Committee on the Penitentiary transcended their power in purchasing the 8,000 acres of land, and instructing the Public Treasurer to withhold the bonds to complete the sale.

HOUSE-House bill repealing an act approsion was taken up and passed its third reading. House bill 114, amendatory of section 473, chapter 10, Code of Civil Procedure. introduced by Mr Ellis, and reported favorably on by Committee, passed its third reading. The bill authorizing the Public Treasurer to

borrow money, was passed.

TUESDAY, Dec. 15. SENATE-A communication was received from the Code Commission, covering a bill to create a ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and

The bill to amend the Charter of the Atlautic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad Company was considered.

On motion of Mr McLaughlin, the following additional section was adopted, to wit: "That an act amending the Charter of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad Company, ratified on the 19th day of Aug., 1868, is hereby repealed." And the bill passed by a vote of 27 ayes to

17 navs. HOUSE-After considerable discussion all the

Railroad bills were postponed to the second Monday in January.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16.

SENATE-Mr Sweet, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the case of Senator Love, (he having been In the House, the Judiciary Committee was charged with being banned by the Howard the case thoroughly, and were unable to procure Mr Whittemore introduced a resolution vacat- any evidence to sustain the charge. Therefore, they asked to be discharged from its further con-Mr Welker offered a resolution proposing to

> site for the Penitentiary, and to report all the facts by the 15th of January next. Adopted. The bill to, repeal an act to provide for the employment of convicts and the erection of a Penitentiary was passed-Messrs. Blythe, Burns, Cook and Rich voting in the negative.

A bill to incorporate the University Railroad Company was passed.

Mr Jones, of Wake, said that it would be recollected by Senators that, some time since, a -Committee had been appointed to investigate charges of bribery. He did not know who the Chairman of that Committee was, but he desired to enquire why the report was delayed. Members were going home, and they desired this matter cleared up before they left. A Senator January 4th, 1869. on the floor had stated that he knew of cases of Tuition \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$10, per quarter of VISITING, WEDDING AND BUSINESS CARDS,

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| Dec 14, 1868. | Gw | Mebaneville, N. C. |

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Copies of all the most popular works can be found in our collection, and we are constantly making additions to this part of our stock as fast as new Books are published. Call and examine the stock, and we feel confident you will find what you want, if not we will order any Books, Music, or whatever you may wish, by mail without delay.

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A large and complete assortment, from 75 cents up to \$15, and from the best makers in the country.

STATIONERY.

We feel confident our Stationery Department cannot be excelled in this City. We expect to make a specialty of this part of our business, and are now, and will be in the future, prepared to fill any order for any kind of Stationery at the shortest notice, and at prices that none will complain of. Our stock consists of Fools-cap, Bill cap, Flat-cap, Legal-cap, Letter, and plain and fancy Note Paper, Initial Paper put up in one quire boxes with Envelopes to match, Mourning Paper, Envelopes of all sizes, Pens, Ink, Percils, and many other articles too numerous to mention, but which we will take pleasure in showing to those who may favor us with a call.

A very large assortment and of the best quality. Also, Wall Paper, Wrapping Paper, Drawing Paper, and all FANCY ARTICLES usually kept in a firstclass Book Store.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR BY RETAIL .-The Special Revenue Commissioner reports that the amount paid in the United States by the consumers of spirits reaches the sum of \$1.483 .we have entrapped into buying these forth- 491,865. The return is compiled from the statements, under oath, of the dealers, for the Kerns, dec'd, are notified to come forward and make purpose of taxation, and is not likely to be overestimated. In New York, \$246,617.520 were paid; in Pennsylvania, \$152,663,425; in Ohio,

Two New York ladies have sent to Paris for sought to be silenced with the assurance that dresses to wear at a charity ball. Their charity

The Senate passed the House bill authorizing militia organizations in the reconstructed States. except Georgia.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

will sell, at his late residence, on Tuesday the 5th said deceased, not sold at a former sale, consisting of one Horse, four Mules, Corn, Wheat, Fodder, Oats, one Road Wagon, Farming Implements, &c. Terms made known on day of sale.

T. J. KERNS, Adm'rs.

Further Notice.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Thos. M. settlement. T. J. KERNS, A. RANSON, Dec 14, 1868 2wpd

Wholesale Buyers

From all sections are invited to examine our immense Stock, as we are closing out business. H. & B. EMAMUEL, Nov 2, 1868.

report will be made, and hoped it would not be Mr Sweet said that, as a member of that Com-

mittee, he would say that the report would be Senate branch of the Committee, that they in-As Administrators of Thos. M. Kerns, dec'd, we and did not intend to make any report until it A. C. Miller. was done thoroughly, notwithstanding the anxiety to see the report.

> HOUSE-Mr Whitley arose to a question of privilege. It had been reported in one of the papers of the city that the report of the Commissioners of Mecklenburg county had been presented by Mr Welker. He wished "Welker" stricken out and "Whitley" inserted. The bill entitled "an act to re-enact and confirm certain acts of the General Assembly, authorizing the issue of State bonds to and for cer-Administrators. tain Railroad Companies," was taken up. Mr Pou said that he was surprised to see members of the House persist in their efforts to pass measures through the General Assembly, which they ought to know now, and which, in a few months. Next door to Mansion House. they certainly will know, are not constitutional.

W. R. WETMORE, A. M. Dec 14, 1868.

LOST.

Host somewhere in Charlotte, on the 19th of November, two promissory Notes and two Certificates forthcoming as soon as the whole matter is of Bank Stock. One Note made by E. Nye Hutchithoroughly investigated. He could say, for the son to A. C. Miller for \$225, with a credit of \$50. Also, one Note on James Elwood for \$64.22, dated tended to sift the whole matter to the bottom. James Wilson and James Flow, Administrators of

> All persons are warned against trading for said Notes, as no one but the Administrators are authorized to receive payment.

Dec 14, 1868 2wpd JAMES WILSON.

Buckwheat and Butter. A lot of Buckwheat Flour, Butter, Cheese, &c., just received at HAMMOND & MCLAUGHLIN'S.

Dec 7, 1868.

Buggies.

Two New Buggies for sale on reasonable terms. Apply to W. S. WEARN Dec. 7, 1868 **Opposite** Presbyterian Church.

Fresh Crackers.

Soda, Butter, Fox, Mushroon, Egg, Cream and Lemon Crackers, just received at D. M. RIGLER'S. Dec. 7, 1868

BLUM'S OLD SALEM ALMANAC.

Every body wants one, and they can be found at the City Book Store at wholesale or retail. Also, Turner's North Carolina Almanac.

News Department,

All the leading Daily and Weekly Papers can be found on our counter at any time. Harper's Month-ly, Godey's Ladies' Book. Frank Leslie's. Demorest's, ippencot's and Sunday Magazines, always on hand. Foreign Journals ordered when desired.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A large lot of Books and other articles just received, ordered expressly for this purpose. The most fastidious cannot fail to be suited with something elegant and appropriate.

100. It is our determination to make the CITY BOOK STORE a first-classestablishment. Charlotts needs a place of this sort, and we respectfully solicit. a liberal share of patronage, and promise to make our Store an ornament to this City. Dec 7, 1868. WADE & GUNNELS.

Dec 7, 1868.

WM. M. SHIPP, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Charlotte, N. C., OFFICE IN DEWET'S BANK BUILDING. Nov. 9, 1868 tf