

THE STATE LIBRARY

TRUSTEE SALE.

Having assumed charge of the assets of Hiram J. Ham, I hereby give notice that I will sell AT AND BELOW COST for the next thirty days all his stock of DRY GOODS, ROOTS AND SHOES, GROCERIES, &c.

JOHN R. SMITH, Trustee.

HILL & ROBINSON, Family Groceries.

Would call attention to our stock of Family Groceries, Confections and other good things for the holidays. We will not be understood as respectfully soliciting a liberal share of public patronage.

W. H. HILL, T. R. ROBINSON.

FOR RENT

The comfortable dwelling on James St., recently occupied by W. H. Freeman; also the rooms over the store of W. S. Royall, and the store formerly occupied by the Express Office.

Apply to E. M. BORDEN.

FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

JNO. W. EDWARDS, Opposite H. Weil & Bros., invites the attention of the Public to his first-class saloon, where he keeps a ways in stock the best quality of Whiskies, Brandy, Wines, Cigars and Lager Beer.

Wholesale Liquors.

E. M. Lehman, Importer and Rectifier of Wholesale Prices.

FOR RENT.

The Fair Ground Property, containing about 22 acres of land, suitable for Truck Farming.

FOR RENT.

The Store House now occupied by L. Edwards under Bonitz's Hotel, will be rented from January 1st, 1879.

FOR RENT.

The Store House on West-centre St., next to L. D. Giddens' Jewelry Store and formerly occupied by Powell & Son.

Notice to Debtors.

All persons indebted to Gregory, Galway & Co., must make payment immediately of the undersigned.

A Large and Fresh Supply of

Oysters, Crackers, Candy, Tobacco, Glee, Feathers, Corn, Grains, Sausages, Hay, Linn, Plaster, Hair, Bagging, Ties, Twine, Salt, Alumina Yarns, Apples, Butter, Lard, &c.

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING GOOD For Christmas, GO TO A. H. KEATON'S, Family Groceries & Confectionery.

POETRY

WITH MANY MYSTERIES.

This world is filled with many mysteries:— Today we live, to-morrow we are dead;— And thenceforth when we waken from the dead,— We shall see the sea-whirlpools smile on us;— And shall know the great unknown;— And shall see the light of day,— And shall know the great unknown.

THE MAJOR'S STORY.

The Major laid down his book. "These Irish writers," he said, "have much to say of the relation between foster-brothers. It is a feature of domestic life almost unknown in this country, but I saw a curious instance of it once. Did I ever tell you the story of 'The O'More'?"

"No, no!" We all drew our chairs closer to him, and he began, nothing loth.

"As a boy I lived, you know, in a small town in West Virginia. We had no slaves and little money among us; but we were bitterly pro-slavery, and were more arrogant in our petty notions of aristocracy than the great slave-owners of the eastern part of the State.

"When I was about fourteen, I met one day at the gate of the front yard a ragged, red-headed lad of my own age.

"Is this a boy to carry coal, or dig, or drive the carriage, ye'd be wanting' the day, zur?" he asked with a laugh and a bow.

"Now, I was not often called 'sir,' or addressed half in hand, and of course I was conciliated at once. My father wanted a boy, and I urged him to take this one. He was pleased with his honest, ugly face.

"What is your name?" he asked.

"Michael, zur."

"I took Michael out to show him the coal-bins, pump, and his room over the stable. As I turned to leave him, I said, 'Have you only one name?'

"His face grew red as his hair. 'I'm the O'More, zur.'

"What? I burst into a shout of laughter, but Michael stood grave and anxious.

all sorts of mischief, from ringing door-bells to breaking windows; but he was terribly afraid of being found out.

"Public justice was sharp and swift in the town. It had some features, too, peculiar to pro-slavery districts. The Board of Magistrates were the seven oldest and wealthiest land-holders. They appointed their own successors on retiring; they punished offenders by fines, or by putting them on the chain-gang, a body of men who worked on the street cleared, by one foot to a grant from the town.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Democratic Organization—The Senatorial Election—Vance the Choice—The Coming Governor—State Policy of Governor Jarvis Forfeited—The King Master—State Debt and Other Matters—Report and Retrenchment.

The first legislative week has closed without anything of special or general importance transpiring. As is the case with all legislative bodies it requires a week or ten days always to perfect their organization, appoint Committees and get underway. An assembly of utter strangers cannot enter at once upon the work of domestic legislation.

THE SENATORIAL ELECTION.

This is the all-absorbing subject to the legislative mind. While it is not so much a matter of general discussion among members, in the hotels and lobbies, as one would suppose, it is nevertheless clear that it is the most prominent question in the public mind at the capital, and it is a matter that must be disposed of before the Legislature settles down to quiet earnest work.

THE RING TAIL ROARER.

Here, Josiah Turner is in his natural element and happiest mood. The Democrats expelled him from their caucus, which gave him the requisite amount of cheap martyrdom to set him up in business in the Legislature.

RETIREMENT.

The Senate has passed the House bill repealing the special privilege tax on merchants. The House has passed a bill fixing the rate for State printing at forty cents per thousand ems, in accordance with the circular proposition of the Legislature, without regard to party.

"The picket guard saw him as he reached the open space where the moon shone clearly. There was a sharp rick of a bullet. The poor fellow sprang convul-

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

WAYNE COUNTY. Sessions Office, Jan. 6, 1878.

The Board met in regular session at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present: B. F. Hooks, chairman; D. A. Cogwell, John Ivy, F. C. Patrick, W. B. Fox.

The unfinished business of the last meeting was called, and the following orders passed:

To W. B. Lewis for bridge lumber, \$8.13

To J. M. Jenkins, carrying prisoners to jail, 1.85

To J. F. Bann, carrying prisoners to jail, 1.50

The following persons were released from double tax, and allowed to list:

Stephen Frazier, W. H. Wilson, W. P. Raiford, Thomas Powers, D. O. Smith, Daniel Hollomon, Richard Ward, Hillary Best, Providence Sasser.

The following persons were appointed overseers of road in place of the former overseers, whose resignations were tendered and accepted at this meeting:

W. R. Barett to be overseer of Section 16, Goldsboro township; D. V. Ingram, overseer of Section 6, Fork township; J. H. Hood, Jr., overseer of Section 16, Grantham township; David Rayner, overseer of Section 16, Grantham township; James Lancaster, overseer Section 16, Pikeville township; George E. Grantham, overseer Section 13, Bridgetown township; Bright Holt, overseer Section 5, Fork township; M. D. Perkins, overseer Section 14, Pikeville township.

The following accounts were then read and ordered to be paid:

To H. D. Ham, for board 2 1/2 months of Robert Best, (insane pauper) \$10.00

To H. W. Thompson, jail fees and turkeys, 126.50

To Dr. J. B. Person, medical attendance to Coleman (pauper), 20.00

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county records. After consultation, the Board appointed W. B. Fox, H. B. Borden and L. G. Parrish, a committee to consider plans and report to next Commissioner's meeting.

W. T. Yelverton, clerk, presented bill, No. 6, inferior Court, amounting to \$176, which was approved and ordered to be paid.

Blake Dinkes' application for relief was laid over to next meeting.

The Clerk was ordered to send to the State Auditor a certified copy of the supplemental annual report presented at this meeting by W. T. Yelverton, C. S. O., and which was read, approved and ordered to be registered and filed.

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THINGS IN GENERAL.

The death of Caleb Cushing leaves Mr. Jefferson Davis the only surviving member of the Cabinet of Franklin Pierce, which went together in 1853.

For the last eighteen years Maine has made no progress in population. Her resources seem to have been employed in the development of a few great statesmen rather than in increasing the aggregate of average American citizens.

The case of Gov. Chapman has reached so satisfactory a stage that only his regular physician, Dr. Taylor, is now in attendance, and his visits are limited to one a day. Cushing has been ordered by telegraph from New York to be transferred that the Governor will be about again at an early day.

Runners from Sitting Bull's camp in British America, near the United States boundary, have come in to the Cherokee Agency with news that the warriors of the band, they propose to surrender horses and arms and submit to agency rules if guaranteed protection by the government.

James Smith, a bar-tender for Charles Fisher, New York, was arrested Saturday, charged with robbing his employer, his thefts extending through several years and amounting to \$17,000, which he placed in banks, with a view to starting business for himself, and was released on promising to return \$4,000 of the stolen money.

Thomas Graham, Benjamin Hunter's apprentice, and accomplice in the murder of John M. Armstrong, will be arraigned at Camden, N. J., on Monday, in accordance with New Jersey law, which allowed no leniency on account of his turning State's evidence. The prosecuting attorney insists that Graham must be hanged.

Two Indians, called White Owl and Quit Ty Temple, were arrested at Washington, Washington Territory, Friday, for murder. Both were dressed in full Indian costume, met their doom with profane stoicism, and died with the death-chant on their lips. They were members of a band and militia was on duty for emergencies.

THE GUERNSEY CATTLE.

The Guernsey breed of cattle is now receiving considerable notice from the public. In this country the Jerseys have heretofore monopolized the attention bestowed upon Channel Island cattle, though the number of Guernseys exported is large. The average yearly number of calves from the island of Jersey is about 2,000, and from Guernsey half that number.

The Guernseys are similar in build to the Jerseys, though larger and inclined to flesh and not so stylish. Their color is usually a rich fawn, with much white; the muzzles and eyes are buff; in fact, all the points are light, offering a strong contrast to the black points of a fashionable market Jersey. The Guernsey is a deep milker, producing the yellowest of butter of superior quality.

The Board then adjourned to first Monday in February, 1879.

Published by order of the Board,
R. W. EDGERTON,
Register and Clerk Board County Comm.

A BILL.

FOR REVISING AND DIGESTING THE PUBLIC STATUTE LAWS OF THIS STATE.

The following was introduced by Mr. Dorch:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Sec. 1. That three commissioners be appointed by the Governor, to collect, digest and revise all the public statute laws of this State now in force, and including those which may be enacted during the present session of the General Assembly; that they shall carefully collect and reduce into one, the different acts, and parts of acts, which from similarity of subjects ought in their judgment, to be so arranged and consolidated; distributing them under such titles, divisions and sections as they shall think proper, following and retaining the general arrangement and plan of revision of the Revised Code adopted in the year 1854; and in every other respect, they shall complete the said revision in such manner as to them shall seem most useful and proper; and they shall send most useful and proper to the said enactments and plain and easy to understand.

Sec. 2. That said commissioners shall designate their names, or parts of acts, if any, as in their judgment, ought to be repealed, changed or modified; and may also suggest the passage of such new acts, or parts of acts, as shall seem to them necessary in order to improve and perfect the whole.

Sec. 3. That said commissioners shall prepare the said digest and revision, so that the same may be submitted to the next Legislature.

Sec. 4. That said commissioners shall cause to be printed and distributed free of charge, three hundred copies of said digest and revision, for the use of the next Legislature.

Sec. 5. That to enable the commissioners to complete their work in time for the meeting of the next Legislature, it shall be lawful for them to employ a clerk to said commissioners at a compensation not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be paid out of the public Treasury.

WINE WITH CAFE FOR ENTERTAINMENT.

We take pleasure in directing the attention of the public to Spear's celebrated "Port Grape Wine," a pure and unadulterated article upon which every one may safely rely. This wine is made from the finest grapes, and is highly recommended by the medical profession for its invigorating and refreshing properties. For sale by Drs. Kirby & Hill.