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OHRISTMAS.

In our editorial experience this is the second time that we have had the privilege, as well as pleasure, of greeting you, dear readers, with a "merry Christmas."

We deem it hardly necessary to tell you that this is the last visit we will make you in the old and well nigh spent year Virginia Legislature, we learn, in a few of 1881, so you need not expect us next days providing for the removal of the week. Every one of you must have a heart, stirred at one time or another by generous impulses, and now you will forbear and let us rest a week and spend some time with our friends, enjoying their companionship and hospitality.

We have endeavored to serve you faithfully, and if at times you did not find the GLEANER as readable as you expeeted, we point you to the extreme difficulty of preparing something novel every week. If you have been displeased once or twice, we have been many times. We have tried to be faithful in the publication of the news, and at all times have spoken our sentiments on public matters; in these we do not try to conform our sentiments with these of all our readers. Men will differ in their opinions, honestly, and because an opinion emenates from the editorial sanctum, it is not expected that it will meet with universal favor. If we have brought any man to reflect, then we think we have accomplished some lasting good.

For every reader of the GLEANER we feel a friendship, and we desire the prosperity and advancement of all for the building up of our common country. More especially, have we devoted ourselves to the interests of Alamance county, which was owr first duty and therefore took precedence.

It is natural to feel some regrets for duties unperformed and those ill-done, to all who have such regrets we would venture a word of encouragement and beg them not to give up or yield to despair, but resolve to start in with the new year with more earnestness and fixedness of purpose, A great drouth has visited a smiling country and a prosperous people, but there is enough for all, and the generous Providence who doeth all things in wisdom will not let this visitation pass without teaching erring hamanity some useful lesson.

During the holiday festivities let all, old and young, take freely of pleasure and enjoyment, but of one thing be certain, that your pleasures and joys are harmless and innocent.

The young, the little folks, must not be forgotten, their little hearts must be made glad toe. Many of them have thought it ages since last Christmas, and now that the time is at hand again, don't disappoint them.

week ago. Though a republican, he was a warm supporter of Gen. Hancook in the last Presidential campaign, and withal a bold writer.

Our space was so much taken up with the "Exhibit" last week that we could not get in anythingsbout the trial of Guiteau and the President's message. We will speak of the latter in another article in this issue, and as for the former is contiques, and is likely to continue some time yet. Witnesses for the prosecution are being examined now, and with rather a bad showing for the prisoner.

A bill will be introduced into the political dissbilities of persons who engaged & dueling during the campaign of 1879 and last Fall, in that Stars. would be a most excellent thing to let them cool a while longer, and they would, perhaps, exhibit more sense and less furor in subsequent campaigns.

The comments by the press upon the President's first message to Congress, so far as read by up, have been very fayorable. The words of wisdom contained in it have been greeted with commendation generally.

We have read the paper and in the language of another consider it "ponderout." To give those, who have not read extracts from or the whole of it ome adequate conception of it, would require a very long article, which we have neither time nor space to get in.

Our diplomatic relations have been satisfactory, and our high position as a great nation has been preserved. Already we have given something of the Treasury department. The allusions made to the Navy, Pos-

tal Matters, Internal Improvements, the Mormon question, Department of Jus-tice, Education, Merchant Marine and what should be considered Presidential in ability, are of special interest to the country, and we shall take occasion to refer to them in detail shortly. Many bills have already been introduced in congress upon these important matters look ing to their rovision and improvement The President recommends the aboli tion of internal revenue except on tobaceo and spiritnous liquors. But we shall write on the matters again and for the present we say no more.

Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, D. C., ?

Dec. 16, 1881. (There has never been a greater scram-ble for office than that inaugurated with the opening of this Congress. It beats everything. The city is full of stran-gers and they are nearly all after some-thing. Six years ago when the Demothing. Six years ago when the Tremo-crate came into control of the House of Representives it was the first sight they had caught of the 'spoils' for wany years and saturally there were namerous ap-plicants for the two hundred email offices to be filled. We all remember the terrible how! that went up from the Republican press about the hungry Dem-ecratic 'mob.' But there has been right bere in Washington during the last two weeks a larger aud more ravenous meb of office-grabbers than was seen in De-cember 1875. This great Republican party which has had 100,000 offices under its control for twenty years scrambles harder for the few small places under the llouse than did the whole Democratic

Early next year we will present our- another Congress or carry another gen- and now and the party would never control aral election. Clerk McPherson has had a hard time satisfying the different State delegations whose demands exceed his resources. Then in addition to his the old crowd who held office under him be. fore have all come back except those who are dead. A d the overflow from the House cast eager glances towards the Senate, where the corpulent form of Judge Davis alone stands bewieen them and the seventy or eighty positions now held by Demecrats under that body. Even ex Members of Congress are caudidates for the privilege of opening the doors which were once opened for them Aside from the avalanche of bills dumped into the two houses there is ter upon which Congress has authority of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ter upon which Congress has authority of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year ending on the 20th of September last. is in favor of abolishing the Internal Revenue System and leans to lynch iaw. If the latter prevails we arsure that journal that ere long it will be of no use the latter aready offered there are bills to the mass arready one of the are only to repeal taxes and to impose taxes, to erect public buildings, impleve barbors and dig out the beds of rivers, erect inter-occanic canals, provide against epidem-ics, create additional executive Depart-ments, to amend the Constitution in sev-eral particulars, grant tensions and to ments, to amend the Constitution in sev-eral particulars, gran- i ensions, and to or undo every possible thing that the lu-genuity or cupidity of man could sug-gest. A large number are old acquaint-ances that have made their appearance in Congress with regularity for years past, and many of them were presented in the last Congress and failed for lack of merit or lack of time to reach them. or merit or lack of time to reach them. Theadjournment of the present Con-gress will find these bills suppended in the same manuer and for the same rea-sons, but their familiat faces will doubt-less be found on the calendars of the succeeding Congress. New members always introduce the greatest number of meanways introduce the greatest number of And it is about right. We are glad to see that promute Democratio senators are making an effort to have the tariff revised. It is wrong to prohibit the im-portation of foreign goods that home in this direction at the start. Benator Logan's bill to place the great the Army will probably pass the Senator Logan's fill providing for the payment of the ex-measures and give it to manufacturers without returning any adequate consider-ation. It is high time to have this thing ohanged.

Col. John W. Forney, editor and pub-her of the Philadelphia Progress, died this amount would not be sufficient to week ago. Though a republican, he cover all demands, but doubtless the Senator has made a correct estimate, based upon information. The bill of fored by Representative Hewitt of Ala-bama, in the House, to amoud the arrears of pension act, ought to pass. The effect of it would be to cut off the arearages for the time intervening be-tween the date of discharge and the time of filing the claim in the thousands of cases now peuding. President Arthur states in his message that it will take \$285,000,000 to settle the 193,000 pend-iug claims, and it is estimated that Mr. Hewitt's bill would save \$200,000.000 of this. One of the novelties comes from Mr. Phelps, of Connecticut, who wants authority given the President to appoint a commission of three colored persons to inquire into the intellectual condition of the colored people of the Southern States, their needs and what, if anything

can be done by the Federal Government for their relief. We are promised some new developments in the Star Route fran s. It is stated that within a few days there will

be made public a remarkable report on the straw bond system that prevailed ander which the Government lost heavily As to the Philadelphia cases it is understood that certain persons who were behind the ostensible contractors will indemnify the Government for losses sustained rather than risk criminal prosecus Mr. Dorsey is reported to own a tion. ranch of great value, but it is believed that he is under such heavy pecuaiary obligations to John Boster, ex-Indian contractor, and now of Carlisle, Pa., that he is by no means a rich man. General Brady who attributes his fortune to lucky speculation in telephone stocks, is commonly credited with having to stand the brunt of the expenses under the prosecution. Three expensive lawyers engage themselves in the detence. There are two or more newspapers that are avowedly conducted with special ref-erence to the defence. There are manifold other expenses and there are reports of promiscuous bribery. Even if the Government fails to secure a conviction the money filched from the pockets of the people will not have done the conspira-tors great good. Already Mr Bliss, and Mr. Brewster who is expected to be made Attorney General, are the subjects of fierce attacks by the ring organs.

Resolutions of the N. C. Press.

(Atlanta Constitution.) At a meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, held at the Exposi-

fion Hotel, Thursday evening, the fol-lowing resolutions offered by Mr. II. A. Loudon, Jr., were adopted : Resolved, That the thanks of the North

Carolina Press Association are hereby tendered to the railroad authorities for transportation over their respective lines. and especially to the Richmoud & Danville Company, for placing a special car at the disposal of the association, and also to the exposition managers for ' cour tesics extended.

Resolved, That we are under obligations to the Willimantic Manufacturing Company for an invitation to a recep-

tion. Resolved, That we have seen with pride and pleasure the creditable ex-hibit of the resources and preducts of North Caroliaa, made by the State Board el Agriculture and the Richmond & Danville Raircad Company and the citizene of North Carolina, who have centributed thereto. Colonel John D. Cameron offered the

fellowing resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Press Association of North Carolina expressing their sentiments as Southern men, have witnessed with pride the grand exposition of southern industries grand exposition of southern industries now being held at Atlanta. rejoicing in the exhibit of the mighty capacities of the South as presented in the display. of its agricultural, mineral and forest wealth, and in the wonderful develope-ment of its manufacturing industries, and de regard their existence and proper

Ignorance or Prejudice? [Charlotte Observer.]

A prominent agriculturist of the coun-try, and one who is indentified, with the efforts to bring about an improvement in the agricultural and stock interests of the State, has handed us a clipping from the Cultivator and Country Gentleman, which is suggestive, to say the least, and is anything but creditable to the manner In which our State Agricultural fairs are managed. Here is a case in which the gentlemen serving as judges in a certain department are convicted of ignorance that is inexcapable, and which is well calculated to work serious injury to one of the first interests of the State, viz: The improvement of the stock It demous strates very clearly that it the Agricultural Society would have its awards worth the paper on which they are written. it is necessary that men must be appointed who can appreciate the difference between a 'scrub,' a 'grade' or a 'thor-oughbred.' The action of the judges in the case noted is about on a par with the spirit which sometimes awards a premium of greater intrinsic value to a collection of laney but worthless hot house

plants than the exhibitor of a mlection of useful farm products can secure on his exhibit.

We give below the extract in question:

"A strange case of ignorance or prejudice in connetion with the North Car-olina State Fair at Raleigh, has just come to my notice, and I ask this statement in your columns, because the case is closely connected with some of the best Jersey hords in the State of New York, and. unless corrected, will tend to lessen the usefulness of a valuable animal, in a section of the country where he is capa ble of great good.

ble of great good. Through an advertisement in the Country Gentleman, Mr. William Burns, proprietor of Melville Stock Farm, on Haw River, N. C., last spring purchased the foursysar-old Jersey bull Butter Boy, No. 3248, A. J. C. C., from Moughton Farm. Upon exhibiting this ball at the fair named, last month, accomparied by his complete pedigree, the judges ruled him out entirely as "not a Jersey!"

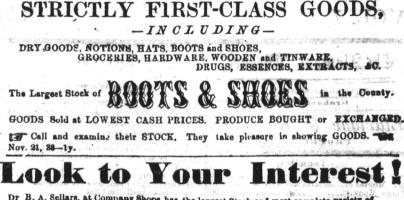
Now Butter Boy is not sulv a herd register Jersey, but comes of stock both tashionable and productive, Besides this, his own get (in the herds of his former owners, Mr. Wing, Mr. Faile, and Mr. Valentine) are with few exceptions animals of great promise. His sire Balsora was at the head of Mr. Edwin Thorne's herd, and was also sire of Euig-ma, who averaged 15 pounds of unsaited butter per week. The dam of Butter Boy was Mr. King's ewell-known Oak Leaf, who made a butter record of 16 pounds 10 onnces in a week, and whose dam Echo and sister Maple Leaf did al-most as well. Through Oak Leaf, But-ter Boy traces by different lines, four times to Saturn and three times through Jupiter to Rhea, the parents of the famous Alphea, and also to the fine cow Edith, imported with Saturn and Rhea, by Mr. R. M. Hos. Other branches of this bull's pedigree as Messrs. Samuel Faile, J. P. Swain, Kittridge, Watson, Hughes, Tainton, and the Massachusette Society,

There may be better bulls than But-ter Boy in North Carolina, but when 'Judgee' pass him by as 'not a Jersey,' they make a grand mistake, and really injure the dairy stock interests of their wn State. HENRY E. ALVORD. Mountainville, N. Y., Nov. 12.' own State.

Guiteau in his Cell.

TALKING TO VISITORS AND GIVING III AUTOGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, December 11 .-- The refused, a favored few were admitted to the corridors. Your correspondent accoms panied by an artist, called opon Warden Crocker, who first called attention to the scaffold noon, which Guiteau will be excuted if the jury find him guilty. Upon this instrument of death three criminal Upon have already explated their crimes Among the number is one whore head was torn clear from his body The structure is firm and well braced and commands a full view of the corridor which crosses the rodunda to Guiteau's place of confinement and in passing to and from the jail he is given the fullbenefit of its appearance. After making a drawing of the scat-fold, the hall was crossed and the iron gate unfastened, which gives entrance the narrow passageway where Gulican is confined. He has been removed to the far end of the passage for the day, where he might enjoy more light and room. When your correspondent enter. cot, attired in a red flannel undershirt ook attinuing old cutaway coat. He looked bright and fresh and said he was feeling much improved in health, as he had had a good rest from the court are vice. As to his feelings towards certain members of the press, he said it would be all right in the end, and with a smile shook hands with those he met. He said he would give his signature to the dosument he intended to read in court when first arraigned to-morrow. He seemed much pleased to know that three seemed much pleased to know that infee of the jurors were unwell, but did not express himself upon the subject. He said the furnishing of his autograph to callers had become quite a feature in connection with his confluement. He signed himself Charles Guitsau since he had entered politics last June a year are and Charles J. Guiteau prior to that time as an attorney. He then procured his like and Charles J. Gulteau prior to that time as an attorney. He then precured his ink such paper, such kneeling at a chair, fur-nished several autographs. He said that his brother had act been down to see him during the day. His calters were here saluted with a smile and a hand-shake and Guiteau was left alone in his glory. The artist present made a portrait of Guiteau in his Sunday attire and in his Sunday cell.



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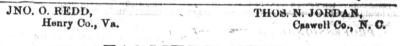
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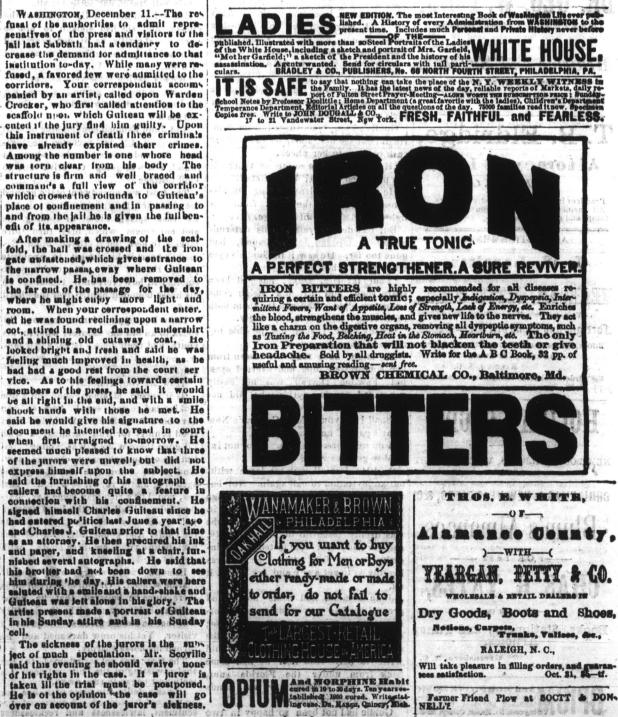
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There is much more we might have said under this head, but we forbear. Again wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy new year, we let the curtain fall on 1881.

The Roxboro Herald, if we read aright, to abolish the Revenue System, for there will be no government to sustain such a system. The lynching business is getting to be to o common. We know that the cry is heard on all sides, that the law is too tardy to allow base perpetrators . of foul deeds to await its yerdiet. It is better to have tardy justice, order and protection for the people and State, than lynching, anarchy and disintegration.

The Wilmington Star refers to the tariff as "The great giant monoply of Christendom-the American-High Protective -- War-Prohibitory Tariff." And it is about right. We are glad to changed.

use as the agencies which are to make the South great, powerful, prosperous and self-sustaining, and the great store-house of the wealth and power of this great country, now reunited and harmo-nious, its sections engaged in amicable rivalry in the race of national progress.

Treasurers' Account.

[News-Observer.]

The Commissioners appointed by the last General Assembly, viz: Messre, V. V. Richardson, O. W. Carr, H. F. Grainger and D. C. Moore, to examine the accounts and vouchers of the Treas-After comparing the entries of receipte and disbursements with the vouchers they found the balance as stated by the Treasurer, to be \$255,286.26. Of this balance, \$85,778.55 velonged to the public fund, applicable to the several charitable and penal institutions, the in-terest on the public debt and a small mount to general expenses. They counted the coupons of the new four per cent onds, amounting to \$63,597 00, and tactory in every particular, ev. ry en-try being properly made, and the books kept in a strictly business manner. They examined also the accounts of the charitable and penal institutions, and the Agricultural Department. (the Treasurer of the State being group from the agreent

of the State being ex-officio treasurer of these institutions), and tourd all entries

The sickness of the jurors is the sub-94,763.10 14,947.22 and this evening he should waive none of his rights in the case. If a juror is taken ill the trial must be postponed. 50,750.01 He is of the option the case will go 45,190.75 over en account of the juror's siekness.