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Under the new law which goes into effect January 1st, 1875, we are requir ed to pre-pay postage on the WERKLY STAR. And while this will add to the cost of publication, we shall make no

afford to furnish the paper at \$1.00 per year and pay the postage besides. The following will be our revised terms of subscription: One Copy 1 year, postage paid. \$1 50 6 months, "

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While Vance has been giving Betle broken doses of destruction almost daily in the Western counties, the canvassers in the East have not been idle. On the contrary Fowle, Jarvis, Kenan and Engelhard have been striking from the shoulder in manner quite lively and interesting. Other speakers of ability are to take the field. It is announced that Senstor Ransom and Congressmen Waddell are to speak to-morrow in Beau-

Last Thursday was eventful in both Wilmington and Kinston. In our city the oratory of Davis and Fowle lent an additional enthusiasm to an earnest and organized party. The work done that evening will be permanent and substantial. At Kinston, we learn by a correspondent, a large crowd assembled on the Court House green, and there listened to immpassioned appeals and convincing arguments from the lips of three candidates on the Democratic Conservative ticket. Mr. Jarvis spoke first, and for two hours. He was followed by Maj. J. A. Engelhard, nominee for Secretary of State. These speakers directed their efforts chiefly against the corruptions of the Republican party. The third speaker, Col. Thos. S. Kenan, discussed the Constitutional Amendments. Our correspondent says the speeches were

The nominee for Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Jarvis, has gone to the West, where he will conduct a joint discussion with Major William A. Smith, his competitor. Jarvis will complete his canvass of the Western counties about the first of October. and will immediately return to the central counties, and speak in Chat ham, Wake, Moore and Johnston. He told a reporter of the Raleigh News that he thought in the counties east of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad we will gain enough votes to overcome Caldwell's entire majority in 1872. He has spoken in Wilson, Wayne, Jones, Lenoir, Craven, and perhaps one or two other

heard with unusual attention, es

pecially by the negroes, and a num-

ber of conversions were effected on

the spot.

The work is going bravely on.

PENDLETON' VINBICATION.

It has ever been a source of satis faction to us to chronicle the vindication of any man, whether private citizen or politiciau, Democrat or Republican, whose reputation has been assailed, but it gives us special pleasure to be able to point to the unanimous report of the Congressional Committee, composed of Republicans and Democrats, which fully and completely exonerates the Hon. George H. Pendleton from all moral technical, legal or constructive wrong in his management of the Kentucky railroad case, about which so much was said last winter when his name was prominently mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. As the Richmond Whig says, doubtless the charge was only preferred by his unscrupulous enemies to defeat his nomination; and now, that he is but a private in the ranks of the great Reformer's supporters, they will be well content to let their refuted slander perish from the public memory until such time as it may be necessary to revive this, or manufacture another alike infamously false. The attempt to revive this, however, would be vain thing, as his vindication is so ample and conclusive that the most vindicative, however unscrupulous and great a fool, would hardly make | purposes of its own. the venture. The Committee not only find his conduct was that of a high-toned gentleman, and irrego out of their way to say that even with regard to the contract with the railroad company, every owner of any interest whatever in the railroad tesright, but that all parties in interest were not only satisfied but gratified at the bargain made with him.

THE NEIGHBORING COUNTIES. The news is highly encouraging from nearly all of the surrounding counties. In sturdy old Duplin the good Democrats are forming two or three Tilden and Vance Clubs every week. Pender, our offspring and proving it somewhat by electing in next door neighbor, is likewise bestirring herself. Brunswick, the good justices, commissioners and friend just across the river, judges, but wearying more and more, was early in making a start, nevertheless, of the system foisted and is going on at a steady pace, on them for sinister purposes by Robeson is ablaze, so to speak, Our rogues and malignants. They desire friends say there will be no sort of this year to take advantage of the opdifficulty in carrying the county portunity offered by the Constitufor all the candidates by a Gonal Amendments of 1875. These

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ment of the County Commissioners at the hands of the Radical party. The camp fires have been lighted in Bladen, that old stamping ground of the enemy. If the present energetic efforts are kept up, the county will come over to Tilden, Vance and Reform. Among those who are working in Bladen is Mr. J. H. Currie, of

this city. But perhaps the best news is that from Onslow. The County Convention, held on the 7th, was unusually large. A correspondent writes that there is a more earnest feeling in favor of reform and change in administration than has ever been known before. Many leading Republicans are now acting with the Democratic

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

There is no interest that requires more attention on account of its intrinsic importance than the interest of Agriculture. So obvious is the force of this proposition it is really a useless task to attempt to argue it.

The present Constitution provides that "there shall be established in the office of Secretary of State a Bureau of Statistics, Agriculture and Immigration, under such regulations as the General Assembly may provide."

This was well enough, as far as it went, but it did not go far enough It was a slight attempt to foster our material interest. The late Convertion, however, did more than authorize the establishment of a "bureau" in the office of the Secretary of State. It passed an ordinance striking out the incomplete provision in the thud Article of the Constitution,

and substituting what follows: "The General Assembly shall establish a Department of Agriculture, Immigration and Statistics, under such regulations as may best promote the agricultural interests of the State, and shall enact laws for the adequate protection and encouragement of

The formation of a Department of Agriculture and Immigration is demanded by every consideration of wisdom. A well regulated Department, independent and well sustained, will work wonders for the State in a few years. The last clause of the Amendment, that requiring the Legislature to pass laws for the protection and encouragement of sheep husbandry, is likewise most timely.

COURTS-SUPREME, SUPERIOR AND INFERIOR.

In nothing has the rule of the Radical party in North Carolina been more baleful than in the matter of our courts of judicature. That party came into power in 1868 finding a system modelled on the freest, sim. plest and most intelligent known in modern times, and they at once fastened their poisonous fangs in it and mangled it so badly that its best friends would never recognize it as being the plain and honest Anglo-Saxon system of our fathers.

The particulars of what they did in the Constitutional Convention. wrongly so called, would fill a volume; and after the Constitution was ratified and published they violated it in many ways, and always seemed to regard it as a foot-ball to be kicked about for the amusement and benefit of the great Republican party.

We shall not this morning enter into a complete arraignment of the Radical party for its treatment of the Constitution of its own partisan making; nor shall we even examine into the violations of its spirit in the the State, and not by the districts, one Article on the Judiciary. Suffice it to say, the Supreme Court has had to construe parts of that Article to make it intelligible, or for ulterior

The Radical revolutionary Convention of 1868, controlled chiefly by Northern adventurers, some of them proachable man of honor, but they of the worst character, tore down the time-honored and efficient system they found in operation-they abolished the county courts, extended the jurisdiction of tified that he was not only entitled to | Justices of the Peace, established the the fee as a matter of pre-stipulated | new and cumbrous township courts and courts of county commissioners. increased the number of the Superior Court Judges, and, lastly, enlarged the ample Supreme Court. All this they did "without remorse," and the honors of these various places some of their basest minions "grasped and

wore without shame." Ever since 1868 our people have lived under this Radical system, imsome of the counties and districts, must do so in a body-all the names, majority of perhaps two hun- Amendments make pretty nearly a dred. The Conservative people radical change in our courts of judi- for several years.

cature, certainly to far as the num. ers of the judges and some other articulars are concerned. It is our irpose to day briefly to examine ese proposed changes

We are to consider Article IV. Sec on 4 is to be replaced by a new tion to be numbered 2. It provides that "the judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Court for the "trial of Impeachments, a Supreme Court, Superior Courts, Courts of Justices of the Peace, and such "other Courts inferior to the Su-"preme Court as may be established "by law."

Under this latter provision the Legislature may establish a system of local and county, and even of district or circuit courts. There is nothing said as to township courts, but the spirit of the people is to abolish these as being repugnant to the genius of our citizenhood, as they are wholly unsuited to the character, tastes, and requirements of North Carolinians. Very properly the whole matter of establishing inferior courts was left in the hands of the lawmaking power. At present it is not known precisely what sort of courts should be established, and changes might have to be made from time to time even if certain courts, were now established.

Of the need for such courts of inferior jurisdiction there is no question. So bungling has been the conduct of judicial affairs under the reign of Radical ignorance and intolerance, the desire is general to have a speedy and a complete change both of the kind of courts and of the manner of appointment, "The Amend ment wisely leaves the whole matter with the Legislature. . That body will probably do something for the relief of the people and the conspicuous betterment of our juridical sys

- Section 8 of Art. IV. is altered so as to reduce the number of Supreme Court judges from five to three. In the days of Battle and Manly, and, earlier, in the illustrious time of Ruffin and Daniel, three Justices transacted all the solemn affairs of this august tribunal, and the work was so well done that the opinions of the Court were quoted frequently in Westminster and by the Supreme Courts of States in the Northern part of this Union. The State has not so suddenly grown that two additional judges are needed to perform the work of the Court. If the Court is now busier than it was in the olden time the cause is just at the elbows, yea, immediately under the eyes of him who will see: Good Superior Court Judges make little work for the final Court of Appeals. Saunders, Caldwell and other Superior Court Judges of the olden time had an intimate knowledge of the law. In truth, in those days Sam Wattses and Jaybird Joneses and the like we have too frequently seen since 1868, were never known on the bench, for in those days the pettiest Magistrate's Court would have been degraded by

their presence as attorneys. As with the Supreme Court, so with the Superior Courts of law has the Convention dealt in a vigorous and entertaining manner. Section 12 of Article IV. is changed, dividing the State into nine instead of, as at present, twelve Judicial Districts. As the Judges are to be elected at the first election by the whole people of the chances are that a first-rate bench will be chosen both in ability and moral character. Nine such Judges will do more and better work than the twelve now do, composed in part of weak and inefficient men. Therefore, the new (which is the old) plan, will work well, and besides there will be a considerable saving in money to the tax-payers.

Other and equally important points in this Article we defer for consideration to another time.

Bar and Hiver Improvements. Mr. Henry Nutt, Chairman of the Com mittee on Bar and River Improvements of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, has been officially notified of the appropriation by Congress of the additional sum of \$132, 500 for the continuance of the work for the improvement of the Cape Fear River and Bar, mention of which (quofficially) has already been made in this paper. Our immediate Representative, Hon. A. M. Waddell, and Senator Ransom, of this State, are, we understand, entitled to special praise for their efforts to procure the appropriation for this great work.

Pauper's temetery. What was formerly known as the City Cemetery, but which may now be more preperly designated as the County Cemeery, since the city paupers are now, and have been for some time past, cared for and buried at the expense of the county, is reported to be full, and the County Commissioners, we understand, will open a new pauper's cemetery on a portion of the Poor House tract, thereby avolding any additional expense to the county. The old cemetery is a small one and has been in use

Board met at 12 o'clock, M. Bresent Chairman, John G. Wagner, and Comsloners S. VanAmringe, D. C. Davis

and Delaware Nixon. The Board went into an election for a commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of B. G. Bates. Duncan Holmes, colored, having been put in nomiation, and having received a majority of the votes cast, was duly declared elected. The Board then took a recess until a o'clock, p. m., at which time the Board met, when Duncan Holmes came forward and qualified according to law.

The following order was passed; WHEREAS, The city cemetery for the

burial of the city paupers is full; and, whereas, the city paupers having, according to law, been turned over to the county for support, and it being necessary to have a suitable place of burial for the paupers of the county; now, therefore, be it

Ordered, That the Chairman of this
Board appoint a committee of two to select
suitable grounds in the County Poor House tract, to be set apart for a burial ground for the county paupers, and that the said com-mittee are instructed to have the said burial round enclosed by having a cheap and duble fence placed around the same.

It being shown to the Board that Henry Moore had lost the use of one of his arms and having applied to be relieved from poll tax, the same was granted.

The bill of J. W. Thompson was referred to the Finance committee. The Board then adjourned until the first Monday in September.

Effects of Sate Air and Serf Bathing

Two gentlemen of this city, one badly offlicted with rheumatism and the other suffering very much from liver disease, decided to try the effects of salt sea air and serf bathing. They went down to Bald Head with that object in view, where they remained about two weeks, indulging in bath or two regularly every day, and the result was wonderful. One of them (the rheumatic individual), whose appetite had been very deficient for some time past, in forms us that in two or three days after going to the seaside he could devour with the greatest avidity a chunk of corn bread and a rasher of fat bacon, and his 'rheumatiz' has nearly entirely left him; while the gen tleman with the liver disease says he "les! like a new man," the sea breezes and seri bathing doing him more good in the short space of time alluded to than all his pre vious experience at springs and other resorts noted for their health restoring pro perties. The parties referred to intend to repeat the visit, with the hope of being finally cured.

Let suffering humanity in the interior

Capture of a Cattle Thief. City Marshal Price received a telegram from W. A. & J. B. Cox, of Jones county, on Saturday evening last, in regard to two fine steers that had been stolen from them a few days previously. In response to their request a description of the supposed thief was placed in the hands of a skillful detective, who soon got on the track of the cattle. It appears that the two steers were brouget here and sold to two of our butchers, but the latter informed the detective that the colored man from whom they pur chased the animals, who gave his name as James Bryant, had left for home, with the intention of returning again, however, to get his money. Sure enough, yesterday morning he put in his appearance, when it was found that the description of the sup posed thief suited the fellow to a dot. He was thereupon taken into custody and lodged in jail, to await a hearing before Justice Gardner.

The Evening Review. The first number of this paper, under the auspices of its new proprietors, Messrs Seeders and Willis, made its appearance yesterday afternoon, the purposes and plans of the publishers being set forth in long and well-written salutatory. The size of the paper has been reduced to meet the exigencies of the times, while smaller type is used to give as near as possible the same amount of reading matter as formerly. - In politties the paper will be Democratic. As we have before stated, the proprietors are both practical printers of very extensive ex perience, well-known in our midst, and will no doubt publish a paper worthy of the support of the community. The copy before us is well printed and neatly gotten up. The subscription price is twenty-flye cents a month or three dollars a year. We renew our expressions of good will, with the hope that the little craft just launched may meet with "favoring gales."

The Stolen Steers. The case of James Bryant, colored. charged with the stealing of two fine steers from Messrs. W. A. and J. B. Cox, of Jones county, had a partial hearing before Justice T. M. Gardner, yesterday morning. All of the State's witnesses were examined. including one of the owners of the oxen, and the testimony adduced showed conclusively that the animals stolen were the ones claimed to have been lost by the Messrs. Cox, and that Daniel Bryant was the individual who brought them to this city and sold them. Counsel for defendant asked for more time in order to secure the necessary witnesses for the defence. The court therefore took a recess until some time in September for that purpose

It appears that Bryant also had a yearling, which he sold at the same time with the oxen, and which was claimed vesterday morning by a Mr. Grady, residing near this city, as his property. The prisoner proposes, we understand, to prove that he swapped a wagon with one of the Cox's for the two steers, may be so, and the defendant may figure himself out innocent in that transaction : but then comes the question-how about Grady's yearling ! Frem present appearances things look a little squally for James Bryant, who was remanded for a further

Messrs. W. S. & D. J. Devane appeared for the prosecution, and J. D. Bellamy, Ir. for the defence; hi thio! the Vice

Swansbore. On the 24th just, Maj. J. A. Engelhard will address the people at Swansboro, Onslow county.

We see by the Raleigh News that Theo N. Ramsay, G. W. C. Templar, has appointed the following deputies for North Carolina, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee:

State Deputies-N. B. Broughton, P. W. C. T., Raleigh; Samuel J. Fall, G. W. Sec., Raleigh; V. Ballard, G. W. Treas., Raleigh; Moses Gilliam, G. W. C., Windor; W. S. Bell, P. G. W. C., Greensboro; Dr. S. D. Booth, P. G. W. C., Knap of Reeds; T. C. Williams, P. G. W. C., Warenton: W. C. Bowman, Bakersvill District Deputies-1st district, Rev. A. D. Cohen, Edenton; 2nd district, Dr. J. H Jenkins, Greensboro; 3d district, W. H. Kitchen, Scotland Neck; 4th district, J. C. Ellington, Clayton; 5th district, W. A. Albright, Graham; 6th district, J. W. Caho, Bay River; 7th district, J G Smith, Golds-boro; 8th district, W. J. Stanley, White-ville; 9th district, B F. Little, Charlotte. The 10th, 11th and 12th districts have

not yet been acted upon. Among a long list of county deputies we find J. D. Burch, for New Hanover; J. H. Myrover, for Cumberland: W. P. Wemyss. for Sampson and Duplin; E. L. McNable, for Bladen, and Rev. R. B. Hall, for Ro-

From the reports of the officers of the Grand Lodge it appears that during the year there were received into the order in this State 4,969 members; expelled 467 died 30. There are now 230 working lodges in the State, with a membership of 10,000. In point of membership North Carolina is now the second State in the Union. Kentucky being first. Good Templarism was introduced into North Carolina in August, 1872, the first lodge being formed in Raleigh, with 282 members. It has since grown rapidly, and numbers among its members some of the most prominent men in the State.

Death of a Former Wilmingtonian. A dispatch was received here yesterday norning, announcing the death at Princeon, Johnston county, of Mr. Evan Hansley, formerly a resident of this place, aged about 53 or 54 years. The remains of deceased will arrive here on the Northern rain this morning, and will be taken direct from the depot, at half-past 7 o'clock, to Oakdale Cemetery. Mr. Hansley was formerly well known in this city, where, at different periods before the war, he was a nember of the business firms of Stokley & Hansley, and Hansley & Singletary. Since writing the above we have been re

lested to state that the funeral will take place at Front Street M. E. Church, at 10 o'clock A. M., thence to Oakdale Cemetery.

District Conference. The Wilmington District Conference of the Methodist E. Church, South, will be held at Bethany Church, Cokesbury Circuit, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, the 20th of September, and will embrace the fourth Sabbath. The pening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. B. Bailey.

For the Star.

THE ONSLOW DEMOCRATS. Pursuant to previous notice the Demoeratic County Convention for Onslow county, metat Jacksonville on Monday, the 7th of August, and organized by the appointment of Dr. Edward W. Ward as Chairman and A. C. Huggins as Secretary. The roll call snowed that every voting place in the county was represented by regularly accredited delegates. The following nominations were made

of Representatives-John W Sheriff-Elijah Murrill Treasurer-Lewis W. Harget Surveyor-L. G. Woodward. Register of Deeds-James O. Frazel. Coroner-Thomas J. Jarman

County Commissioners-A. J. Wm. P. Ward, John Sheperd, Charles Gerock, Sr., and J. W. Thompson. The following Executive Committee wer ppointed viz.: Jere W. Spicer, Richard W. Nixon, Simon B. Taylor, Edward W. Ward and Wm. J. Montfort.

The Convention endorsed both National and State tickets, recommended the ratification of the constitutional amendments. and adjourned amidst the utmost harmony and good feeling. EDWARD W. WARD, Chairman. A. C. Huggins, Secretary,

HALLSVILLE, Duplin County, N. C., August 12th, 1876.

At a meeting of a portion of the Demo cratic citizens of Limestone township, held here to day, a Tilden and Vance Club, numbering forty, was formed. The following officers were elected, viz:
T. J. Armstrong, President; E. W. Far rior, 1st Vice President; G. Lanier, 2nd Vice President; G. L. Smith, 3rd Vice President; S. M. Judge, 4th Vice President; O. Quinn, 5th Vice President; S. O. fiddleton, Secretary,

Dr. V. N. Seawell addressed the meeting in a short but forcible speech, showing the necessity of thorough organization. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and we hope to increase our majority at least thirty votes in the coming electi Respectfully yours;

S. O. MIDDLETON, Sec'y. For the Slar ARMORY LA FAYETTE SILVER C. BAND. FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 14, 1876. We, the undersigned committee, appointed to draft resolutions expressive of

ur high appreciation of the many kindnesses rendered us on the occasion of our ecent visit to Smithville, beg to submit the following:
Resolved, That we consider ourselves under lasting and binding obligations to the fair ladies and good citizens of Smithville for their unbounded hospitality and un-

selfish exertions to render our trip enjoy-able, and our most heartfelt thanks are due and hereby tendered them. Resolved. That to the captain and crew of the Mary K. Sprunt, for their kindness in allowing us an opportunity of "settling our accounts with Old Ocean," our thanks are

with gratitude the kindness of that veteran Captain of the *Uriah Timmons* (Capt. Kit Morse), who was ever ready to lend his aid

in our behalf.

Reso'ved, That we cherish feelings of respect and gratitude for the officers and solliers of the garrison for efforts to render our stay agreeable.

Resolved, That we tender to Capt. I

Garrison, of the steamer Mur kison, our thanks, justly due, for his untiring exer-Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the Morning Star. lutions be forwarded to with a request to publish.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McK. Woodward, Com.

J. M. Dobson, Described Popular—We mean Dr. Bali's ble rills, for everybody has derive much from their use. Physicians recommend them Appropriations for New York

and Other Improvements. eial dispatch to the New York World WASHINGTON, August 10.
The river and harbor bill is through ouses at last, and is a little less had than it was, although still open to very severe criticism. As passed the bill appropriates \$4,682,500, divided round as follows:

New York (out-side of the Hell-Gate im-· 444,010 · 387,(0)

The remainder is given in miscella. neous appropriations as follows: Mississippi river, \$320,000, including \$100. 000 for the mouth of the river and 15,000 for Ead's jetties, both for the first benefit of New Orleans; Tennessee, river, \$270,000; Ohio river, \$175.

From this statement it will be seen that Wisconsin gets the largest slice, then Michigan, New York, West Vir ginia, Texas, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Oregon, Georgia, and Min-nesota, in the order named, all these getting \$100,000 or more. New York's \$298,000 is divided as follows: Buffalo, \$85,000; Dunkirk, \$18,000; Wilson, \$10,000; Oak Orchard, \$2,000; Putneys-ville, \$3,000; Great Sodus Bay, \$5,000; Little Sodus Bay, \$5,000; Oswego, \$90,000; Hudson River, \$50,000; Round-

All the appropriations for surveys were struck out, except \$10,000 for surveys in Galveston harbor, and \$40,000 are appropriated for miscella-neous expenditures. The following statement from the New York Times shows the money appropriated for Virginia and West

erginia rivers: For improvement of Rappahannock river, \$10,000; for improvement of ames river, \$60,000; for improvement of the Great Kanawha river, purchase of sites for dams and locks, \$270.000 for removal of Beaver and Nailor Bend rocks, and cleaning out snags in Little Kanawha river, \$7,300; for mprovement of Appomattox river, \$30,000; for improvement of south branch of Elizabeth river, \$5,000; for mprovement of Nansemond river. 85,000; for improvement of New river from lead mines in Wythe county Va., to mouth of Greenbrier, West Va. \$15,000; for harbor at Norfolk, \$35,000.

THE LIGHTNING-DEATH.

Terrible Effects of Lightning in Franklin County-Two Whole Famllies Nearly Destroyed-Pour Killed and Four Seriously Injured. A terrible storm swept over Frank

in Co., Va., Sunday evening (5th in-The Salem Conservative gives the following account of the fearful effects of the lightning near Helms A happy family, consisting of five persons, Mr. Randall Abshire and

wife, and their two sons and, one lit tle daughter about five years old, were quietly seated in their home, when a thunder-bolt struck the house, decended-the chimney and killed outright the mother and daughter, and very seriously injured the father and oldest son, a young man about grown. The other son, a lad some twelve years old, was also badly shocked and rendered incapable of rendering any assistance to his wounded father and brother, or of making known the horrible death of his mother and sister. How long the family was left in this condition is not known.

But Mr. Samuel Jamison, a near neighbor, who was uneasy about one of his little sons that was absent during the storm, was looking for him. and called at Mr. Abshire's, thinking he might find him there. He halloed several times, but no one responded to his calls. He went into the house and what an appalling scene greeted his vision. It was more than he could stand. He instantly left the house and ran to Mr. G. M. Helms', who lived near by, and informed him of what had happened. Mr. Helms at once proceeded to Mr. Abshire's, and found the horrible story of his fright ened neighbor to be but too true. He did all he could to resuscitate the dead and ministered to the wants of the wounded. The little boy who was stunned had by this time got up and gone for another neighbor. Dr Muse was summoned and rendered the necessary medical attention. He thinks Mr. Abshire and his son will both recover, though they were both very seriously, as well as similarly, hurt. The electric current struck both of them on or near the right shoulder and passed down the right side to the hip, thence to the crotch and down the inside of the left thigh of the father and down the right thigh of the son, tearing and burning the flesh and skin in its entire course

A PARALLEL HORROR. The Danville News gives the followng account of a similar terrible visitation to another family the following formed that Monday last, while Randolph Showles, wife and two children were in their yard under a tree, a small cloud was seen above; the weather clear, and they not suspecting any danger, didn't even go into the house All at once a flash of lightning de scended, stunning Mr. Showles and one child, and killing Mrs. Showles and the other child. It happened in Bowbrook township, Franklin county, cear the Courthouse. It was certainly a visitation of Providence.

The Robeson Candidates for the House of Representatives. | Robesonian |

We place at the head of our columns to day the names of our candidates. No better selections could have been made. Col. Murdock Mc-Rar, the head of the ticket, har been long and favorably known to the citizens of Robeson county. He represented them in the House of Commons in 1862, and in the Senate in 1866, both of which places he filled with satisfaction to his constituents. with credit to himself and to the honor and best interests of the State and county. He was Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in 1870-72, and he was mainly in-strumental in arousing the citizens to the necessity of capturing the Lowrey gang, and in inaugurating measures by which that bloodthirsty band was afterwards exterminated.

Alfred Rowland, Esq., is a young and rising lawyer of brilliant abilities. He is well known throughout all parts of the county.

The Rads are demoralized in