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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1882. NO. 5

A THREATENED CONTEST.

The Charlotte Observer thinks Dockery will contest the election of Col. Bennett. It refers to the circular of instructions sent out by Mott in which the following occurred:

Verify the votes returned on this card and with the official returns as they came in from the precincts on the morning after the election. Then mail this card to Dr. J. J. Mott, chairman, at Raleigh. This is very important.

The object was to make out a case in favor of the contestants, and in the face of the official returns as counted by the State Returning Board. The Observer says:

"As indicated in Sunday morning's Observer dispatch, the returns of the precinct judges and the returns of county canvassers have been charged, with how much truth we do not know, but we do know that the matter will go through a course of official investigation, and that the Liberator has the data and figures, with absolute power to point out and establish whatever discrepancies may appear on the official count."

We have confidence in the State Returning Board that they will not count in Bennett unless he is elected. If he is elected he can very well stand a contest. Dockery ought to contest at his own expense and not at the expense of Democratic taxpayers, unless he should get his seat, a not probable occurrence.

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opportunities were given by the war to the men of the South to assert their manhood and to prove their endurance and fortitude. In 1860 Northern papers generally wrote of the Southern people as lazy, effeminate, and incapable of endurance and hardihood.

Now there is a vast deal of palaver and nonsense about a new breed of men in the South. There is more energy and life because times have changed. The Southern character is elastic and easily adapts itself to changed circumstances and conditions.

Then we read a good deal in the public prints of Southern women, and very much of it is written in ignorance or in malice.

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RAILROAD MATTERS.

Further About the Improvements at the Wilmington and Weldon and W. C. & A. H. R. Depots—The Large Warehouse, Machine Shops, &c.

The activity at the depot of the Wilmington and Weldon and Columbia Railroads still continues. We mean by this to refer particularly to the improvements going on, and not to the vast amount of freighting, business being done by the two roads.

The immense warehouse or freight depot of the W. C. & A. R. R., which has been under process of construction for some months past, is about completed, and it was being occupied yesterday.

This freight depot will be under the charge of Capt. John L. Keene, Assistant Freight Agent, Mr. W. J. Yopp being the agent in chief.

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The railroads crossings on Nutt street are being neatly and conveniently paved and platformed with boards, so that drays and other vehicles can pass without difficulty.

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VIRGINIA.

Supreme Court Decision Concerning State Coupons—Death of a Telegraph Superintendent—Fire and Loss of Life in Mecklenburg.

RICHMOND, Nov. 23.—The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, all the members concurring, today decided that the act of the Legislature passed at the last session in the matter of the State debt, known as the coupon bill, does not include the coupons of October 1879, known as the McCulloch bill.

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THE POSTAL SERVICE.

Systematic and Successful Robberies of Mails—An Enormous Aggregate of Losses—The Department Halted.

DENVER, Nov. 23.—There is no doubt that the mails between Denver and Eastern cities, particularly New York, Cleveland and Buffalo, are being systematically and successfully robbed.

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NEW YORK.

A Ghastly Discovery Made by Workmen in the Old Dutch Church—An Editor Arrested for Libel—Browning Accidents.

NEW YORK, November 24.—While workmen were engaged in digging away the foundations of the old postoffice, formerly the old Dutch church at Nassau and Cedar streets, this morning they came upon a place in the floor of one of the vaults which was covered with "bones."

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SUGAR.

Crop Reports from the West Indies.

HAVANA, Nov. 23.—Advises from Demerara to the 9th say, in regard to sugar, that all the estates are engaged diligently in grinding, and that the crop presents a splendid aspect.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Shelby Aurora: Mr. Jacob Hogue has this year made on sixty-five acres of ordinary land 46 bales of cotton and raised his corn crop and bacon (not in the West) at home.

Charlotte Journal: Mrs. T. J. Jackson and daughter, Miss Julia, returned to the city from a visit to the West.

Carthage Gazette: William Fry, colored, was shot by one McMillan, colored, in this county a few days ago.

Edenton Enquirer: Monday last arrangements were entered into between the Roanoke & Baltimore Steamboat Co., and the E. City & Norfolk Railroad, by which they are to bring the freight and passengers of the Seaboard & Raleigh Railroad to this point.

ROANOKE, Nov. 24.—Yesterday afternoon Chas. Sutcliff, 14 years old, while attempting to cross Poultry river, was drowned.

NEW ENGLAND.

Southern Exhibits at the Fair of the Manufacturers and Mechanics Association.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—The Northern Manufacturers' Association, of Boston, has just closed its annual fair.

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION: A letter in the Atlanta Constitution, written from a Southern point of view, and especially by a Southern man, is a strong and commendable position, professionally and socially.

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER: Last Monday morning a colored man named Jack White, who lives on the farm of Capt. S. E. White, near Fort Mill, left his two little children in his house while he went for a stroll around the neighborhood.

CHARLOTTE JOURNAL: Every other farmer in the county seems to have twelve pounds worth of cotton, which they are no longer curious to.

Raleigh News-Observer: To the stupidity or carelessness of some election officers there really seems to be no limit.

CHICAGO: A large crowd of sportsmen is reported at High Point, where the Eastern Fair Trials Club is having its annual meeting.

VIRGINIA: Arrests in Richmond for Violations of the Federal Election Law.

FLORIDA: A Few Cases of Yellow Fever at Pensacola.