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CRIME AND THE COURTS.

The Raleigh Chronicle has an able discussion of "Judicial Reform." It is well prepared and shows a large familiarity with the Courts and the defects of the present system. It says:

"It is a mistake to say that crime is increasing in the State. Any person familiar withe criminal dockets for the past ten years knows that in regard to larceny there has been a great decrease and that among the country people cases are becoming rare.

We believe our contemporary in this is egregriously mistaken. We would be glad if true, for our impression, drawn from our State contemporaries, is that during the last five years crime generally has in-creased, and especially the great crimes of murder and rape. We think the Judges would hardly agree with our respected contemporary. We have made up for ten and a half years nearly the digest of State news daily for the STAR, and we believe that the items of crime gathered during the last five years are more numerous than during the preceding five years. It strikes us as certain that more murders have been perpetrated and, possibly also more rapes, than in the preceding lustrum. As to stealing we had supposed that it abounded to as great an extent as at any previous time in the history of the State. We had thought that the constantly increasing number of penitentiary convicts showed this. Persons who lost all of their chickens and turkeys during the late holidays, and persons whose stores have been broken into and whose dwellings have been robbed, will be comforted to learn that crime is really on the

sentimental gush in the way of petitions. Let justice be done though the heavens fall. Let the laws be executed faithfully, fairly, firmly. If the criminal laws are on the side of crime then let them be amended. The people have some rights as well as the acoused. The murdered vio tims of lust and crime have outraged rights that cry out for vindication from their untim by graves. Society must be protected. The women of the land must be shielded from eemen ? ducers and murderers. The violated and murdered women who sleep in lonely graves plead trumpet tongaed for speedy justice and against con doning orime. If the laws of evi dence are found to be too favorable to bloody handed murderers then change the laws. Trials are often conducted in such a way as not to vindicate and protect humanity but to shield crime. Evidence, under technical construction, is ralea out that is positively necessary to fasten guilt and secure proper punishm sut. The whole system is often works i in the direction of saatching a red

handed murdeder from the elutches of the law and taking away proper safe guards from society. Time is the great assunger. It softens the aggravations of orime and tends to making heroes of crimi nals. What a State needs is speedy trial and a quick execution of sentences. The law's delay is an unmingled curse, and the failure to punish crime with a resolved and prompt hand is an outrage, not upon villainy, but upon society.

CONCELLED WEAPONS. The N. C. House of Representa tives passed by a tremendous ma jority -more than three to one -the bill forbidding the sale of deadly weapons. This is perhaps better than allowing weapons to be sold and then forbidding their use. But a law will not sure the evil. South Carolina, Virginia, and New York will supply the pistols, &c , by mail or express. It will only prevent dealers at home from doing the basi ness, or will throw it into the hands of law breakers who will take the hazard and do all the selling. You can not extirpate any thing by legislation unless there is a sound public

apo Pear River Impro ation to reward with office "its friends, the enemy," why is it wrong for Pearson and his set to and harbor improvements, furnishes infor-mation in relation to the improvement of tote with "their friends, the enemy," when they think it is advisable? If Cape Fear river, above and below Wilming here is so little difference between Up to June 30, 1886, a total of \$1,698,

Republicans and Democrats that it is 411.74 has been spent in all upon the proeemed expedient, proper and wise to need improvement of the river below this divide the offices between the two ity with great success, obtaining a 18 5 to parties, why is it so oriminal for 14-foot least depth of water at the main bar Pearson and company to vote with entrance, and completing to partial width the desired sinteen-foot channel twentythe Republicans for measures or eight miles further to Wilmington. This depth, combined with the average rise of

The STAR repudiates out and out he whole business. It believes in the principles of the Democratic party. It believes that the two parties are and ought to be in eternal an agonism. It believes it is common sense, common-fairness to employ the friends of those principles to excoute them It believes that lifeenure in office is monarchical, dan gerous, and vicious. It has no polit real favors for those who oppose Democratic principles. If the Civil Service system is so

ry good why is it so very wrong or Pearson to imitate the Presi-

dent's example and vote for legislaive officers of both parties! He has been abused for supporting Republicans for office, but that is no more han Cleveland has done. Many Republican officials are now wearing and enjoying Cleveland's favora. The STAR is very sick of all such

monsense. Be something. Be a Re ablican or be a Democrat, but do not try to be both at the same time. If the Civil Service law be so admirable, so essential to efficient public service, then by all means apply it to all the offices, from the Presidency down, and to all State officers, from Governor to Justice of the Peace.

Why not? But the Democrats who favor Cleveland's humbug will not dare to ask for such a service in North Caro lina. They know that it would disrupt and destroy the party in the

The STAR must express its surprise t Mr. Leazer's declaration of ind reement. We wonder if he be lieves that Cleveland did right in apmunting Pearson and Conger and the Luisville postmaster to the high fices they hold, blatant Radicals as

FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS. The annual report of the Chief of Engi-SECOND BESSION. eers of the U.S. Army, in charge of river The Centennial of the Constitution

tide (4.5 feet at the bar and 2.5 feet at Wil-

ington) is such; that at present vessels

aded to 16 feet draught can readily go

from Wilmington to the ocean in a single

tide any day of the year. The total com-

aerce, exports and imports, foreign and

coastwise, has increased from about \$18-

000,000 of transported goods in 1870 up to about \$17,000,000 in 18865(all this increase

being foreign commerce) showing that each

dollar spent upon this improvement has

been accompanied by the development of

about \$8 40 of annual (foreign) commerce,

although the last increase of gtwo feet in

draught in the river channel is too recent

to have produced its effect in such develop-

The officer id charge recommends that

the improvements be carried on as

originally projected, by completing the un-

inished dike south of Zeke's Island, so as

to thoroughly secure Smith's Island from

erosion by the ocean; and by widening and

deepening the existing river channels to

the ir full dimensions of 270 feet width and

16 feet least depth at low water, and by

further protecting them against deteriora-

tion by submerged stone dikes where ne-

cessary, an ! by straightening, deepening

and fixing the bar entrance, at a total ex-

pense of \$245,000, in addition to the

far as can be seen at present, this amount

nent Postal Telegraph-Col-opis's World's Exhibition-lation Bills - The Mexican Appropriation Bill Passed. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 .- Mr. Hoar, from lect Committee on the Centen estitution, reported a resolution ant that the Centennial At it is expedi versary of the Inauguration of the Consti-tution be celebrated in April, 1889, by an address to be delivered before the Presi-dent of the United States, and the two Honses of Congress, by the Chief Justice of the United States, to which representawas competition or no competition would not affect the section fixing rates under this bill. The restriction only went so far as to say that no more should be charged for s short haul than for a long haul. As an illustration of the evils of the present tives of foreign governments shall be in-vited; and that the occession be further occession be furthe brated by anitable civic or military ob servances the details thereof to be settled eafter. Adopted.

leans, which had water competition. This railroad which charged 76 cents per hun-dred pounds from New York to New Or-Mr. Edmunds called attention to the bil leans, charged \$1 10 per hundred from New York to Atlanta, which is about halfed by him and referred to the Post Office Committee, providing for a government postal telegraph. He wished the committee to report it either favorably charge from New York to New Orleans or unfavorably, so that he might try to get the judgment of the Senate upon it.

impossible for a railroad to get freight for Mr. Edmunds offered a resolution, ma New Orleans unless it charged rates which king it a standing rule that when the report of a Conference Committee, agreeing with the House conferees, shall have been made toutes. and be under consideration, the first ques-tion thereon shall be, "Shall the Senate haul altogether? agree to same ?" and that if the report be not sgreed to, or if a disagreement be reported the matter shall stand in the sam way as if no conference had been had that must he settled, not on the basis of If a conference be asked or agreed competition, but on the basis of cost. to by the Senate, it shall be in order to in struct the Senate conferees Referred to tition was one of the factors in a settlement committee on Rules. .

Forty pension bills, principally Hous bills, were passed, and then the Pension by transportation companies. They lost sight of the business for which they were Appr-priation bill appropriating \$75.000,-000 was taken up and passed, with only few immaterial amendments. The Army Appropriation bill was then taken up and passed with few unimportant

The Senate bill to establish agricultural experiment stations in connection with agiduitural colleges was taken up as unfinshed husin as and was discussed by Mesara Ingalls. Vest and Butler. With ut action on the bill of any pend-

amount available for the fiscal year ending ing amendments the Senste at 510 ad-June 80th, 1887, to be appropriated in one HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. sum during the next fiscal year. Smaller appropriations will increase the cost. So

Under the call of States a number of bills were introduced and referred. Among them the following: By Mr. Kelley, of Pa, appropriating \$600,000 to promote the Colored People's World's Exhibition, to be held at Birming-

ham, Ala, in September next. By Mr. Lovering, of Mass, grabting pension of \$25 a month to Walt Whitman. Mr Lovering stated that Whitman had made no application for a pension but that the bill was introduced at the request of a number of the poet's friends in Massachu-

The House, by 139 to 118, refused to take up the Inter-State Commerce Con ference report to the exclusion of unflaish ed busicess, b ing a motion to suspend the rules and pass bills on the calendar. A letter was presented from Representa

tive Green, of N. J., announcing the re sign-tion of his seat in the House. The House passed, under a suspension of

Mexican Pension bill The bill now only

the rules, by a vole of 179 to 76, a bill for the relief of dependent parents and houorably discharged soldiers and sailors who are now disabled and dependent upon their bor for support

gress. Mr. Call s railroad company where goods came 1 or where they went after they left its li senate in favor of the resolution. After peaking about half an hour Mr. Call ielded to Mr. Edmunds, on whose motion ts business was to transport at miles any freight that might be be ates any freight that might be brought. Believing these things, his understanding of the section was that it would brin about reasonable rates without discrimina-tion and would fix charges for through traffic at maximum rates which might oharged between any other points on t same line. To a hypothetical case put he Senate at 2 25 went into secret session At 5 45 the doors were reopened and th

same line. To a hypothetical case put Mr. Butterworth to ascertain Mr. Crisp's

terpretation of this section in a case wh

of a given line. Mr. Crisp p

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of railroad from New York to New Or

Mr Butterworth suggested that compe

Mr. Usisp regarded the suggestion

rroneous. It was one of the errors made

to intermediate points, for they were taxed

to make up the loss: so at last it was a

question of reasonableness of rates.

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the question.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Mr. Bragg, of Wisconsin, from the Con littee on Military Affairs, reported back ted back wards in the army. Committee of th

No action was taken on the resolution set aside a day for consideration of the Biair Educational bill, and at the concluion of the morning hour the House re-umed consideration of the conference re-port on the inter-State Commerce bill. Mr. Drisp gave notice that he will ask for a vot in the report to-morrow, after the morning

Debate to-day was entirely among West ern members, Messrs, Durham, of Illinois, Bynum of Indiana, and Henderson, of lows, while objecting to the long and shor haul and pooling clauses, would vote for the hall, regarding it in the light of experimen-tal legislation in a very pressary direction slation in a very necessary direction Mr. Weaver, of Iows, opposed the bill, and Butterworth conceded that the Messrs. Gunther, of Wisconsin, and Nelson, of Minnesota, spoke in favor of the bill as

was based on water competition. It was it stands. Pending debate the matter went A bill was passed authorizing the con

allowed it to compete with the water struction of a bridge across the Mississipp Could the gentleman explain how river at St. Louis, t would benefit Atlants to cut off that long After an ineffectual attempt on the part

of Mr. Crisp to obtain a night session for Mr. Crisp contended that Atlanta was debate on the conference report on the Inentitled to reasonable rates; that it was or ter-State Commerce bill, the House at 5.45 was not reasonable was a question of fact adjourned

CHAPEL HILL

College Elections for Commenceme Officers.

Special to the Star. CHAPEL HILL, Jan. 17 .- College elect

ions for Commencement officers were held organized The gentleman from Ohio said sturday, with the following result: that if the railroad from New York to

New Orleans did not charge a certain rate Representative Orators-Phi. Society: O. t could not get business. It should not D. Batchelor, L. D. Howell, H. F. Mur-phy. Di. Society: J. R. Parker, J. L. Crowell, T. A. Hendrix. have any business unless it could make reasonable profits, and if the rate of 76 cents per hundred was a reasonable profit chief: Be Marshals-W. M. Little, rum New York to New Orleans, what Thorp, C. W. Toms, W. R Eure, W. M. kind of profit was a dollar from New York Gulick, J. S. Hill, -- Redfern, S. H to Atlanta? If it made no money by the Kell, D. J. Currie. transportation of freight from New York to New Orleans it was a double hardship

Ball Managers-F. M. Parker, chief; W E. Borden, Henry Johnston, H. G. Wood, A. C. Shaw, W. S. Scott, J. W. Wilson, jr.

GEN. W. B. HAZEN. He then proceeded to argue in support of

he pooling section, characterizing the preidden Death in Washington of the sent system of pooling as a device on the Chief Signal Officer-Funeral Prepapart of independent monopolies to build up rations.

and maintain one great corporation. was a device to defeat competition, and the WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- General W. talk about maintenance of rates and traffic Hazen, U. S. A., died in this city of diabetic coma at 8 o'clock this evening. He The bill was not at all as he would like to had suffered from diabetes for some years. see 11, but taken as a whole he commended but of late had improved in health and it to those representatives of the people who strength, and hopes were entertained of his believed that there was some substantial complete recovery. At the reception to wrong being done by railroad corporations. the Diplomatic Corps, given by the Presiwho believed that murmurs of people were dent, he took a severe cold, causing him to well founded and who proposed to make keep his bed on the 14th. On the 15th inst. the first assertion of the power of the gohe was up and reported himself much imverament to control those corporations. proved, saying that he would go to his Other speakers upon the report were office on Monday. On Sunday morning, his physician, P. S. Harvey, U. S. A., was O'Neill of Penn., against it, and Caldwell of Tennessce and Hopkins of Illinois, fasummoned to see him soon after daylight. voring it. Pending debate the matter went He at once repaired to his rooms and found an alarming change in his condition, suggesting poisoning of blood from his consti-

Mr Blount, of Ga, from the committee on Postoffice and Post Roads, reported the tutional disease. He at once adopted measures to overcome this condition and re-store strength. Consultation was also a Postoffice Appropriation bill, and it was

American.

WASHINGTON

and Mrs. Frank Blair.

cluded by the general law.

Saved His Life

OHIO.

Spirits Turpentine

Shelby Era: All honor to few Democrats who voted against the Bh bill resolutions in the General Assemb - The Charleston, Cincinnati & Railroad have resumed their work ing track. The track is now laid landy Run, and by Saturday night expected that the track layers will Rutherford county.

- Reidsville Times: We that the sentiments of prchibi gradually widening in Reidsville, in June another still stronger effo made in its behalf. ---- We ar learn that Rev. S. D. Hall, of Va., has decided to accept the of the Madison, Leaksville and) Presbyterian churches.

-- Fayetteville News: Robt ered Dallas Alston's restaurant or Sunday night and carried off at worth of stuff. --- The horse r tween Fayetteville and Silver Run was continued on Monday, and Uncle B. ris, who has been carrying the mails out of Fayetteville for forty year now become a stranger to us.

- Murfreesboro Index: M tie Harding, wife of Rev. Nat. the Rector of St. Peters Church. ton, N. C., died at that place — The net proceeds from the in November, 1836, after payin alums and expenses of \$661.76, which is a small fraction

per cent. on the cost of the property - Charlotte Chronicle: railroad is heading for Bluck's the Air Line road, and it is pos Charlotte acts in time it may pro information which follows, in extension of the route to this seems that the Newberry Railro pany, and the Northwestern Company have effected a consolid

the contract has been signed. - Lumberton Robesonian; O. P. Meeks, pastor of the Baplist

in this town, arrived with his fun Saturday night and is stopping rily at the National Hotel. welcome them to our town. He last Sunday morning and night. people are delighted with the naw schedul We receive the on the C. C. R. R. Wilmington STAR befor 10 o'clock in the norning and the New York papers the

morning after they are printed - Wilson Mirror: The Wilson Cotton Factory has received one order for

yarns which will amount to ninety thou-sand dollars. ---- Pride frequently builds the nest in which poverty hutches out in brood of wretchedness. ---- Men are like tea-their real strength is not known with they have been in hot water. --- Our highly esteemed and very talented young friend, Fenner S. Stickney, has prepared. and it is now in press, a book of over hundred pages, containing an admirable and felicitous narration of the life and

times of the late Hon. F. B. Satterihwaite. - Henderson Gold Leaf: Notice s given by advertisement in this paper that polication will be made to the Legislature of North Carolina, now in session, to charter the Henderson Water Works Company the Henderson Gas and Electric Light Company, and the Henderson Street Ra way Company. - J. L. Capps sold out barn of tobacco, all grades, last Friday et an average of \$66, realizing the nice little sum of \$273 75 for 415 pounds of topacca The best grade brought \$90 and the po \$32.50. Yesterday L. H. Lankford two baras at the following prices: once sought with Dr. D. L. Hutchinson, of \$21, \$22, \$29, \$30, \$45, \$75 the Army, who agreed in the main with the -Charlotte Chronicle: The Thom attending physician. The case was deemed son-Houston system is now in possession of so extreme gravity that his relatives in Charlotte, Wilmington, Raleigh and Dar the city were informed, and they at once ham, and at each place the service is regathered about him and spared no effort to ported to be rapidly growing in public fa bring him relief. Some improvement revor. — The people of Dallas, in Gasta county, were suddenly thrown into rief b ulted from treatment, but towards evening his symptoms became aggravated, and at a calamity which could not have b the request of his family, Dr. Lincoln m e seen. Connic and Lillie Typton. Drs. Harvey and Huntington in consulta of B F. Tipton, aged 6 and 4 year tion. Every measure that skill or science little Violet, daughter of Capt. W. F could suggest failed to rally the sinking land, aged 5 years, were crushed under i officer, and he breathed his last at 8 o'clock in the evening. His final illness was no falling door as they came out of a cellar up der the dwelling house, into which Mr Ti accompanied by suffering, and his death was calm and without a struggle. ton had moved only a few days before Violet got up and ran out, but Connie could Information of Gen. Hazen's death was not help herself and within a few moment conveyed immediately by Col. Huntington Lillie was found to be dead, with her hea and Capt. Greeley to the Secretary of War, buried in the ground, and blood running who communicated the and intelligence from her nose. Connie was severely the President. . The General of the Army, shocked and bruised, and fears were awai who was advised of the death by telegram ened that her back was broken. will be conferred with by Capt. Greeley in - Goldsboro Argus: The new behalf of Gen. Hazen's family, as to miliomes to us of the death of Mr. Bryan tary honors to be paid the deceased Yelverton, a very estimable oid gentleman Owing to the delicate condition of Mr. of the Sauls' X Roads section. He was \$ McLane's health, the funeral will take years of age and a bachelor. ---- We have place from St. John's Church. Mrs. Hazen, noticed for the past few days quite a numwho is in France, has been notified by ber of Northern sportsmen and pleasure cable, and will return immediately seekers passing through our city on their way to the Eastern section of the State. Friday's Wilmington STAR reached this city yesterday evening by the train from the North. If the Legislature Hon. S. S. Cox's Condition Improved would do the patriotic thing it would ad--Defeat in Committees of the Bills journ sine die. The tax-payers of the State Granting Pensions to Mrs. Logan would thus be more benefited than it sppears they will be by any legislation that is likely to be accomplished by the wranging coacern aforesaid. At a special meet WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.-Representative S. Cox rested well last night and his ing of the Board of Aldermen Friday night condition is improved this morning. contract was perfected between the city The bills granting pensions to Mrs. Lo-ran, and Mrs. Blair, widow of Gen. Frank of Goldsboro and the Washington Automatic Gas Light Company, to continue for Blair, were defeated this morning in the three years. Not less than seventy-five House Committee on Invalid Pe sions amps, mounted on ornamental iron pests There were two absentees (Pidcock and and furnished with Wellington pates Eilaberry). When the Committee met the burners are to be at once erected, each members were arrayed on party lines, seven amp to be of sixteen candle power tested bemocrats voting against and five Republicans in favor of the bills. The advers - Charlotte Chronicle: There was majority report on the Logan and Blair right lively little fire among the collon bills will be made by Messre. Swoope pales on the depot platform at Davidson and Taulbee respectively, and the favorable minority reports by Messrs. Conger and College yesterday. Twelve bales were pa tially destroyed and others were damaged. fortill. It is understood that the basis No injury resulted to the depot building of the opposition to the bills is the reluc-- Mr. John Vogel, the well known mer tance on the part of the majority of the com chant tailor, was assaulted and robbed last mittee to a continuance of the policy of night by three colored men on Sixth street, granting high pensions to the widows between Church and Graham. ---officers who did not die from injuries inregret to learn that Miss Sue Johnsion curred in service. The only precedents ister of Capt. James F. Johnston, of th for passing such bills are found in the city, is lying ill with pneumonia at Ba cases of the widows and families of Adningham, Ala. She left Charlotte several miral Farragut, Generals Hancock, Thomas months ago to visit relatives at that place and Grant, and the majority of the com-mittee believe that it would be bad policy - At a gin near Mooresville, last Fri day, Mr. Nail was very painfully injured to follow these precedents, in view of th by one of his hands coming in contact with fact that there are about one hundred surthe saws. The hand was so badly injured viving widows of officers, who would then that several fingers had to be amputate be entitled to pensions, who are now ex-- On the first Sunday in February Rev. R G. Pearson, the celebrated revivalisi, will begin a series of religious meetings it Charlotte that will continue daily through he entire month. --- Congressman Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave R. Cox of this State has introduced a b Ky., says, he was, for many years badly afflicted with Phthisic, also Di allow the widow of the late Rev. Mose . Hopkins, who died recently while Min abetes; the pains were almost unenister to Liberia, a sum equal to his year, durable and would sometimes almost salary. The late Minister Hopkins Wasa throw him into convulsions. He tried Electric Bitters and got relief from first bottle, and after taking six bot this county and a resident of Davidson tles was entirely cured, and had gained in flesh eighteen pounds. Says College, has filed an assignment for benefit of his creditors. The schedule liabilities and assets is not yet fully ma he positively believes he would have died had it not been for the relief af-forded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by W. H. Green & up, but it is said that preferred credits at made to the amount of \$10,000. Mr. H. assets are fully \$16,000. - Raleigh News Observer: Th rumors and reports to the effect that Bingham had been seen near Carmansville, for the second time, have proved to be ground-Big Fire Raging in Alliance-Lo - The net receipts of the Y M.C. Aiready Over \$100,000. A. from the Mendelssohn concert amount By Telegraph to the Morning Star. ed to \$120. - Yesterday Rev. Chas. S Farris, of the Biblical Recorder, received PITTSBURG, PA., Jan 19.-Specials from Alliance. Ohio, report a big tire raging there. The loss already reaches more than telegram from Lexington announcing the death of his brother, Mr. Walter Fatra, \$100,000. The fire started in Evans & who was telegraph operator at that place. — Dr. J. J. Harrell, of Gulf, has abay: Co.'s shoe store, about 3 o'clock this morn ing, and spread quickly to the adjoining buildings on both sides. At 10 o'clock this doned the practice of medicine, in o study for the ministry of the Preso

will complete all existing projects for this improvement. After this improvement is finished, its proper maintenance may cost from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year for a few years, but the improvement should be "fairly perma-For the improvement of the river above Wilmington, it is recommended that the

work be completed in accordance with the present project, so as to secure a thoroughy cleaned four-foot channel to Elizabethown, thence a similar three-foot channel o Fayetteville during cleven or twelve months of the year; at a total expense of about \$200,000, to be appropriated in yearly instalments of about \$30,000, as smaller appropriations will increase the cost. Up to June 30.h. 1886, a total of \$64,530.81

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decrease in North Carolina. That is, if our friend, the Chronicle, is not in error. We shall be glad to be as sured that we are wrong in our suppositions and conclusions.

We agree with our excellent contemporary in some of the other points it makes. There is a great need of change in the criminal code of the State, and steps should be taken to remedy the defects. The Chronicle suggests, and perhaps it is a wise suggestion:

"We favor the appointment of a Com-mission to consist of one lawyer, the Attorney General and the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, whose duty it shall be to prepare a Code embodying the criminal law and prescribing a near as may be the punishment and management of the penal in stitutions of the State.

The Chronicle also favors a quarterly court for each county. We inclub to the opinion that this would remedy the evil referred to -keeping prisoners in jail for long terms, secur. videdly. They in luced the Congress ing speedy trials and collecting debts promptly. This cannot be done without a change of the constitution. The Chronicle proposes to amend so as to enable the Judges to visit the same county at a shorter interval than that prescribed, and to enable the Legislature to lay off the State into three circuits, with four districts each. It says:

"There are 95 counties-and twelve Judges-assuming an equal division, which there could not be as some counties require more than four weeks, there would be eight counties to each district-thus giving thirty-two weeks a year to each district. Thirty-six weeks should be about the work of a Judge, thus giving four weeks in each district to those counties requiring the additional time. There are a few very small counties-as Dare, Swain, &c., fi which two weeks would suffice-thus giv ing the larger counties the additional weeks. The courts should be so arranged that the Judge would go from one county to the next adjoining one, and not ride from on end of the District to the other to hold his courts. In the counties having no large towns two weeks terms are objectionable Witnesses, jurors, officers and attorneys become wearied after the first week and Judges find it difficult to secure that prompt attention which is so necessary to the con duct of a court.

This suggestion is certainly worth the attention of enlightened law-Democratic party in North Cirolins makers and of the legal fraternity. the old Radical party is able to pro We cannot confidently affirm that pose very dangerous anl absurd what is proposed is the right thing legislation. But it is not able to not being a lawyer; but of this we are commit the Democrats of North assured; something is needed to make | Carolina to the grandest humbug of the Courts more efficient and to sethe age - that it is the solemn daty cure a speedier justice. of an Administration that was elected

We have no great confidence in the improvement of morals and suppression of crime as long as three evils exist; the one man pardoning power; the present system of jury trials as juries are composed; and the sympathy for crimes and criminals

that prevails to a greater or less excrats in North Carolina openly estent in every community. Let a vilpouse the Cartis-British system of lam slay his fellow-man--let the life tenurs in office-a system that is murder be of the most devilish, fiend. anti-republican, anti democratic -- and

sentiment, and that sentiment sus tains de law. The law against con R-publicans in the offices in Washcealed weapons is very rarely en-101 ? forced. We have no doubt that Mr. Leazar is probably the ablest there are five thousand violations of

Democrat in the House. He did not the law every day. You can not approve of the attack on Senator cure the evil aimed at by taxation, Vance, but he did indorse Cleveland. as every householder must own a pis-The most candid and consistent man tol, gun or both. The present law that spoke in the House was Wilagainst carrying concealed weapons liams, a colored Republican. "He is practically a dead letter and ought did not believe in Civil Service," to be repealed. It puts law-abiding and the honest Republicans generally men at/a serious disadvantage, and are with him in this view, we have no compels them sometimes to violate doubt.

law for self-protection and safety. If the Democrats mean to indorse THE SOLOTS ON .IVIL SE IVICE the Civil Service system in national It is making to see Republicans in affairs they ought to be forced to inthe Legislature trying to instruct dorse it in State affairs also. It is Senator Vance how to vote upon

into effect. For Republicans to

essay to play the part of reformers

is a little too ridiculous -is positively

too amusing. For wool-dyed North

Carolina Radicals to pretend to tell

Senator Vance what his duty is is

about as ridiculous as for an elephant

to set up a dancing school. It is

only another evidence of the unmiti

gated "cheek" of the representatives

of that corrupt old party that has

been repudiated at the polls in two

national elections, and has been

beaten again and again in North

Because of the aid of bolters of the

as Democratic to appoint to import-

ant offices pronounced and active Re-

of other Republicans in office, and

who are alike capable and honest.

publicans, to retain tens of thousands

exclude from office Democrats

We sincerely believe when Demo-

Carolina.

far more essential, far more necessary Civil Service. I'hey represent a to North Carolina taxpayers that party that enjoyed the plunder and there should be honesty, efficiency pay for twenty-five years and undi and capability among the officials of the State, counties and towns, than to enact a law that gave the Repub to have these qualifications in Washlicans a still farther lease upon office. ngton offices or 1a other sections They were sharp enough to secure a of the country. If it be true law the operations of which were dethat the only way to secure signed to retain in office many of these qualifications is by the Civil their party friends and because they Service system then show your honheld the test. If the law had been esty and consistency by extending, intended to be fair and equitable in widening it until it shall be all-emits working there would have been a bracing, and towns, counties and division of offises, giving to the States shall all receive the blessings, Democrats half, b.fore the law went

and the President and all other officials shall undergo the same severe tests -the same scrutiny before examining boards. Then it will come to pass that the

Administration will be mixed -thus a Democratic President shall have in part or all a Republics a Usbinet, for at the examinations all may stand and Republicans may get the places. This will be quite apt to be the case if, as some Democrats seem to think, Republicans are better qualified for responsible offices than Democrats

are qualified. The STAR has no countenance or espect for such politics as those indiested. It is Democratic or it is nothing.

Through Trains from Wilmington to Hatherfordton. The first through train from Wilmington

R therfordton, ou the Ourolins Central Rational, will be run next Monday, the 24th n.t. leaving this city at 6 a. m. and reachu: R aberfordton at 8 40 p. m.; distance 265 uiles. The through train from the west will leave Rutherfordton at 6 a. m. and arrive in Wilmington at 8 p. m. There seems to be every prospect that the Carotus Central will be extended to Asheville The listance from Rutherfordton to that

plac : is only forty two miles arpentine Distillers.

The Naval Stores Manufacturer's Protect live Association, of Georgia, have issued circulars to distillers in which they urge a

ey are? Can he believe that th had been spent in all upon this improve Under suspension of the rules the House President is wise in keeping so many ment. oncurred in the Senate amendments to the

Narrow Escape

requires Presidential approval to become a law It provides that a pension of \$8 a Mr. John Cooper and Mr. Gus. Latham. of imitaville, had a carrow escape from month shall be paid to all surviving officers and eatisted men, including ma dr wning Monday last. The two men rines, militia and volunteers of the military stated about half-past 7 o'clock on the and naval services of the United States who morning of that day from Lockwood's Folbeing duly colisted, actually served sixty days with the srmy or navy of the United ly to Smithville is a sharpie loaded with States in Mexico or on the coasts or frontier oysters. The wind was fair and the sea thereof, or en route thereto, in the way smooth, but when about four miles up the with that nation, or were actually engaged in battle in said war and were honorably beach the wind began to blow with great discharged, and to such other officers and force and the sea to rise, and when they soldiers and satiors as may have been per had completed about nine miles of sonally samed is any resolution of Contheir journey, it was with great diffigress for any specific service in taid war; and the surviving widows of such officers culty that they prevented their bost and enlisted men Provided, that such from sicking; waves sweeping over them widows have not remarried; provided, that

and nearly filling the sharpie. They had every such officer, ealisted man or widow who is, or may become 62 years of age, or about thirty bushels of oysters in bags on who is, or may become subject to any disa-bility or dependency equivalent to some board, and were compelled to throw overboard some twenty bushels to keep the cause prescribed or recognized by the pension laws of the United States as sufficient vessel from foundering. Finally, the boat reason for the allowance of pensions, shall was driven on the beach, about three miles be entitled to the benefits of this act; but it from Caswell light, and the men managed shall not be held to include any person not to get ashore after being nearly drowned. within the rule of age or disability or dependency herein defined, or who incurred Mr. Sam Newton, two boys and a colored such disability while in any manner volun man went down from Smithville in the aftarily engaged in or aiding or abetting the termoon and carried the men up to that late rebellion against the authority of the United States. Section 4716, Revised place. The sharpie was badly damaged in Statutes, is repealed, so far as it relates to its cocounter with the waves. this act.

Adj urned. Obituary. Mr James G. Bagley died last night at his residence in this city, from an attack of mal srial fever, supposed to have been contracted in Florida, from whence he returned to Wilmington about a week ago. Mr. Bagley had been engaged in the steambost business on the Cape Fear for several years, being the owner of the steamer River Queen, destroyed by fire in March last, and part owner of the steamer J. C. Stewart, which ran on the river between Wilmington and Payetteville until a few months ago when the boat was sold to parties in

Geo gis or Florida. The funeral of the dec used, will take place at half past 3 o'cl ck this afternoon, from the Second Presbyterian church.

New Biver's Oyster Farms.

surroundings

The Missing Bingham,

of Texas, where he has relatives.

Gen. S. H. Manning, Sheriff of New

Hanover county, settled in full last night

with the County Commissioners for the

Sheriff's Settlement.

Tue commerce of New River, the objective point of the proposed Wilmington & Onslow Railroad, is estimated to be about \$400 000 per year. The report of the chief engineer in charge of government improvements says that from Jacksonville to its mouth, a distance of fourteen miles, it forms a fine basin of brackish water of from 500 to 10,000 feet width, of at least five feet changel depth, with 40,000 acres of o ster farms and with rich agricultural

Mr. Edmunds gave notice that, early tomorrow, he should move that the Senate proceed to consideration of executive busi ness for the consideration of topics of wide public interest . He gave notice now, se that all Senators might understand it. It is supposed to refer to the Nicaragua canal Adjourged

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

provisions f the hill,

Mr. Cutcheon of Michigan, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the President to return the Twiggs s word Committee of the Whole, The House in the morning hour resumed e consideration of the joint resolution for the investigation of the accounts of Pacific

After a short but spirited debate, in which Mr. Hayden, of Massachusetts, though in the name of President Adams of the Union Pacific Raliroad courting the proposed inuiry, declared that this investigation resoution has been originated for stock jobbing purposes, and to accomplish the defeat of the Funding bill, the joint resolution was passed without division, after offering several amendments increasing the scope of

Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, on behalf of the Committee on Labor, called up the resolu-tion setting aside the 29th of January for consideration of the Biair Educational bill. Mr. Springer, of Illinois, moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost-yeas 76,

nittee of the Wh The Speaker announced the appointment of Messis. Bragg. Viele and Steele, confcrees on the Army Appropriation bill. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.-Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to authorize the President of the United States to protect and defend the rights of American fishing vessels, American fishermen, American trading and other vessels in certain cases, and for other purposes. He said that he had also a written report on the subject, which he had been directed by the Committee to submit together with documents, papers, evidence, tc. He would submit them a little later. The report had all been drawn up, considered and agreed to, but he had been authorized to go over it again, in the sense of editing it, to see that the punctuation &c. were right. He would therefore submit a report a little later. He gave notice that ust as soon as the bill and report were printed, so that the Senstors could examine hem, he should ask the Senate to take up the bill and proceed with it, and dispose of t at the earliest possible day.

Mr. Mitcheil, of Pa., from the Committee on Pensions, reported back favorably the House bill for the relief of dependent parents and honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, now disabled and dependent on their labor for support. He gave notice that to morrow morning he would ask the Senate to take it up and consider it.

Mr. Frye, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported an amendment to be offered to one of the appropriation bills, appropriating \$50,000 to take part in the international Exposition in South Austraia, June 30th, 1887.

Mr. Hampton, by request, introduced a bill to promote the efficiency of the civil service of the Government by establishing a retired list. Referred. Messrs. Plumb, Teller and Walthall were

appointed the Conference Committee on the bill for the forfeiture of the Backbone Railroad land grant, passed yesterday.

The presiding officer presented the re-sponse of the Secretary of the Treasury to he resolution relative to the indebtedness of the subsidized Pacific Railroad. Referred without reading to the Judiciary Committee.

On motion of Mr. Hampton, and after speeches in its favor by Messrs. Hoar and Conger, Senate bill appropriating \$300,000 o expedite the completion of the Charleson jetties (appropriation to be available mmediately)' was taken up and passed.

The bill authorizing the construction of an additional bridge over the Mississippi river at St. Louis was passed after being mended so as to provide that this bridge shall not be placed nearer than two miles to the Easting bridge, and that no future bridges should approach nearer than two miles to each other. The new bridge is to be a high bri ige with long spans. Messrs Allison, Plumb and Gorman

were appointed conferees on the Army Ap-Mr. Edmunds presented the report from

the Committee on Foreign Relations on the subject of the fisheries, and it was ordered printed. It is very long Its concluding paragraphs contain the essence both of the report and the bill which it accom panies They are as follows: "In view of all that has taken place the committee thinks it to be the duty of the United States in a firm and just way to pro-tect and defend the just and com-mon rights of the people of the United States, whether fishermen, or traders, or travel ers, or all, by all such measures as may be within our power. The measures the committee proposes to this end rests upon the principle universally recognized as right and necessary in the intercourse of nations, and it has often been resorted to in one form or another by many nations. It s recommended that the President dent of the United States be invested with power and that it be made his duty, whenever he shall be satisfied that unjust, unfair or unfriendly conduct is practiced by the British Governmeat in respect to our citizens and their property, within the ports or waters of the British dominions in North America, to deny to the subjects of that government in British North America and their property,

So far as could be ascertained no information was received by any one in this city yesterday, either confirming or denying the rumor telegraphed from Raleigh Monday night that Walter L. Biogham was in custody Members of the Turlington family were of the opinion that if he had been captured they would have been promptly advised of the fact. They think that Bingham is in hiding somewhere in the State

nays 165.

SENATE. WASHINGTON, Jap. 18-Mr. Morrill, from the Finance Committee, reported sill to reimburse the depositors of the Freedmen's Bank Calendar

Mr. Hawley, from the Select Committee on the Centennial Celebration of the Adop tion of the Constitution, reported a join resolution provided for the appointment of a joint committee of five Senators and eight Representatives to consider the expediency of having in 1893 an international exhibition of the industries and productions

of all countries Adopted. The Senate took up as the special, order the House bill to declare forfeiture of lands granted to the New Orleans, Baton Rouge & Vicksborg Railroad Company-the back bone railroad-forfeiture to spply to land east of the Mississippi river, and to con firm to the New Orleans Pacific Railroad Co, assignee of the other company, granted lands not forfeited. After a long debate the bill was passed, with an amendmen offered by Mr. Gibson protecting the rights of settless on sands embraced within the

