

WM. H. BERNARD, Editor and Prop'r. WILMINGTON, N. C. FEBRUARY 18, 1887.

Deaths of Bishop Green. Many readers of the Star will be pained to learn that Bishop William Mercer Green, of Mississippi, is dead. He died at Swansboro, Tenn., on the 13th inst. He was born in this city, and had reached the advanced age of 88 or 89. He was long a Professor at the University, and for some thirty or thirty-five years has been Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. He was a fine reader, a high bred, courteous gentleman, a sincere Christian, a man to be loved and honored, a man of cultivation and full of humanity and the milk of human kindness. He published only within a year a "Life of Bishop Otis," of Tennessee, that has been well received in the North and commended by as high an authority as the last number of that able paper contains a long communication from the venerable prelate upon Christian union.

This writer knew him personally, used to recite to him at the University, and always revered and esteemed him as one of the most godly of men who illustrated the spirit of Christ in his life, and taught by example that holy living was a supreme duty. We cannot doubt that in his last extremity the Master was with him, and that in the end he also illustrated the blessed assurance of holy dying. He was married twice, but we are not informed how many survived him. One of his wives was Miss Sneed, of Granville county. He has relatives in this city. It was less than two years ago that he visited Wilmington and conducted religious services.

Common Schools - Blairism. The revenue law before the Legislature proposes to reduce the tax to 23 cents on the \$100 of real and personal property. We think both Governor Seales and State Treasurer Bain recommended a reduction to 22 cents. It is believed that this sum will raise ample funds for the effective running of the Government. The educational fund is to be reimbursed by a tax of 69 cents on the poll.

A correspondent some time ago in the Raleigh News-Observer showed how a reduction of the tax would affect the School Fund. He said 69 cents on the \$100 worth of property was the constitutional limit. He makes an argument to establish the following conclusion: "It follows that every reduction of State or county taxes widens the margin for the levy of the supplemental school tax. To put the matter strongly, if the State could run on a tax of 20 cents and the county on a similar sum, a margin of 39 cents for educational purposes would be left.

It is certainly proper that the selection should have come from the middle part of the State, as Chief Justice Smith is from the Albemarle section, although residing at Raleigh at the time he was nominated; while Judge Merrimon is from Western Carolina, although a citizen of the capital when nominated.

We have received the report of the Adjutant General of the State for 1886. It covers 36 pages and is very full. The total force of the State is 1,043, a decrease of 48 as compared with 1885. This small force is divided into four regiments, and this multiplies officers. There are but 877 privates. The companies ought to be larger and the regiments should be composed of at least 500 officers and soldiers each. North Carolina ought to have a State Guard of at least 2,000, with not less than 1,500 privates. The time may come not far in the future when such a force will be needed. We believe that any appropriation that the Legislature may make to secure the efficiency, increase and permanency of the State troops will be wisely done. Any expenditures for more show-for "pomp and circumstance" and a display of shoulder-straps are not to be thought of. But whatever sum required to give stability, efficiency and full ranks to the State Guards should be furnished by the law-makers.

Delicate persons, and all whose systems have become debilitated, should bear in mind that Simmons Liver Regulator is not a drastic, purging medicine, does not weaken or deplete the system as other purgatives do, but acts gently. It will invigorate like a glass of wine, but is no intoxicating beverage; it tends to interpermeate; will promote digestion, dispel headache, and generally tone up the system. Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, of Georgia, says: "Simmons Liver Regulator is mild and suits me better than more active remedies."

OSWALD RAILROAD.

Proposed Amendments to the Charter. The proposed amendments to the charter of the Oswego and York Railroad are now before the General Assembly. The proposed amendments to the charter of the Oswego and York Railroad are now before the General Assembly.

Section one provides that the time within which the company is compellable to begin the construction of the road shall be extended for the term of five years from and after ratification of the act. Section 10 of the original act is amended by adding thereto the following clause: "And it shall be the duty of the county commissioners and other proper authorities of each city or town to meet and pass upon said application within thirty days after the same shall be presented to them, and if the terms of this section shall have been complied with in making the same, to issue all the requisite and proper orders calling the election in this section prescribed, which said election shall be held within forty days after the day of the meeting aforesaid of said county commissioners."

Section three provides that if a majority of the qualified voters of New Hanover county shall vote in favor of a subscription to the capital stock of the Oswego and York Railroad, that the company shall be organized, both private and municipal, shall be called by any three of the private stockholders, or the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, within sixty days after such election, for the purpose of reorganizing the company and electing a board of directors. The company shall be represented at such meeting and at all subsequent meetings of the stockholders, by some resident tax-payer of the county, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and by one member of each ward, who shall vote the stock subscribed by the county on all questions, except the election of directors.

The Board of directors of the company is to consist of thirteen members, which may be increased to fifteen, of which number the county shall always be entitled to elect such a number as shall bear the same proportion to the entire number of directors as the stock subscribed by it shall bear to the entire capital stock of the company. Any stockholder who shall not be a resident tax-payer, selected by the commissioners and to serve without pay or emolument; no member of the Board of Commissioners to be eligible as a director.

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Registrars and Poll Holders. The Board of County Commissioners made the following appointments yesterday: Registrars and Poll Holders for the election on the question of subscription to the Oswego Railroad, to be held on the 24th of March next: First Ward - Registrar: J. M. McEwen; Poll Holders: J. C. Stewart, George Potter, Charles Hayes, Andrew W. Gale, Second Division - Registrar: C. H. Hester; Poll Holders: J. R. Gardner, J. Frank Maunier, Dan'l M. Smith, Thos. Brinkley, Third Division - Registrar: James Jones; Poll Holders: J. W. Alderman, Walter Thorburn, A. Kellogg, James H. Howe.

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County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners met in their regular session yesterday at the Court House. Present: Chairman E. G. Gannett and Commissioners Worth, Pearce, Montgomery, and Moore. Applications were received and read from J. B. Coatsworth, Thos. W. Howard, E. M. Surles, Jordan W. Branch, S. H. Terry, R. B. Murray, J. M. Hays, Lewis H. Bryant, J. K. Jones, B. R. King, David West and Isaac West, for the position of Superintendent of the County Poor House and Keeper of the House of Correction, made vacant by the death of the late Superintendent Savage. An election was entered upon, and proceeded without result until the twenty-first ballot, when S. H. Terry, having received three of the total number of five votes cast, was declared duly elected.

As you wish a good article of Pigeon Tobacco, ask your dealer for "Old Red."

SEVENTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

Mr. Henderson consented to a postponement of the consideration of the bill to amend the law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives. The bill to amend the law relating to the election of members of the House of Representatives is now before the House.

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Sports Turpentine.

Greenboro Workman. W. R. Moore has shipped this season so far 30,000 gallons of turpentine. A great revival of religion is now in progress in the Methodist church in Newville. Up to Sunday convicts numbered 70. G. F. Smith of Greensboro has been in attendance.

Charlotte Observer. Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, Miss Letitia Hunter died of consumption at her home, Sevier, a well known young lady of this county, died at the home of his late father, near Hillsville, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A young man, Mr. J. H. Jones, introduced in the Senate a bill to incorporate the Cotton and Grain Elevator of New Bern. At an auction sale of the court house yesterday stock in the National Bank of New Bern was sold at \$188.50.

Charlotte Chronicle. Yesterday we made a note of a bright light which had been seen about five miles northeast of this city on Friday night, and it has since been seen on several occasions. The light was seen by Mr. W. Flenker's residence, Sharon township. No insurance was taken out on the light, and it is rapidly gaining strength, and it is probable that it will soon be a great calamity.

Raleigh Visitor. Just before 12 o'clock on Saturday night last, Mr. John H. Hargrett, who had been visiting in this city for some time, was killed by a falling log from the top of a tree near his residence. The log fell upon the family and the accident was a most shocking one. The family had been sitting on the porch, and the log fell upon them.

Statesville Landmark. Rev. Edward Wooten - excellent man - late of this place but now of Sanford, Me., has recently returned to his home in this city. He is a member of the Synod of the Southern Baptist Church, and has been a member of the same since his conversion. He is a most devoted man, and his labors have been very successful.

Asheville Advance. The friends of Col. How are already booming him for Governor. An attempt was made last Friday night to burn down the residence of a young man named Baker who was accidentally killed while out hunting near the residence of his father. The fire was extinguished, and no one was injured.

Raleigh News-Observer. Nine hundred dollars worth of turpentine were seized by Deputy Collector Oliver, which were brought here yesterday and taken charge of by the internal revenue office. The turpentine was found in the possession of a man named John H. Jones, who was arrested at the time.

Charlotte Chronicle. Early yesterday morning a little son of Rebecca Cross, found the body of a colored infant in a cow pen on the premises of Mr. R. Arnold. The child was found dead, and the cause of death was ascertained to be suffocation by the cow's udder.

White Murrel Freeman was plodding along a road in the city, and was overtaken by two negroes who assaulted him with rocks, knocked him down, and rifled his pockets. He was taken to the hospital, and is now recovering from his injuries.

Physicians prescribe it. Thousands take it. Price 25 cents.