

fudge! the charge isn't worth talking simple. about. Nobody who knows me will believe a word of it." He then entered into a free and very interesting conversation in reference to the points of the test of instruments is applied. It arletter bearing personally upon him, pears that, in reality, there is not much and being finally asked which portion room for a display of great skill in enof the interview he would authorize for gineering. Almost any old woman can publication in the Herald, the Secreta. do the engineering. ry gave the following as au authorita. tive denial on his part:

"There is no truth whatever in the tensive, and most of them very rich .story. I never made any such bargain This will also appear by an inspection as is alleged in the letter, and I do not of the map. I heard the remark rebelieve any of the others did. I voted peated several times, by intelligent men and made a two hours speech against in Duplin county, that the drainage of the Electoral bill, and fought these very of all the swamps in the county would men, Randali, Gibson, &c., with whom be benefitted by the canal, except two Chandler says I made a bargain. As to my going to Ohio to see Gov. Hayes Stewart's creek and Turkey creek. I Secretary of the 'Treasury, which he had offered to me, and as to the alleged secret writing in possession of Mr. Burke, I know of none and do not believe there exists one. As regards the reason for removing the troops from Louisiana and South Carolina, I have given them fully already in my Mansfield Ohio speech last summer. That much of the cypress being very fine. of our canal explorations. is all I desire to say."

This route is taken only as a sample; North East river, on the west and north others may be selected equally practicable, and perhaps more so, when the ported, some of which I saw. On the east side of Cypress creek, and

> river, after leaving the streams two to four miles, excellent forests of large timber are reported. I saw the borders of some of these forests, which were

THE SWAMP LANDS

to be affected by the drainage are exvery fine. Vast quantities of lightwood, suitable for the manufacture of tar, may be found throughout all the region east of the North East river, also between Goshen and the North East river.

We found the people everywhere on our journey very anxious for the canal. small streams west of the railroad They fully comprehend its importance to them. Its accomplishment is looked it had solely reference to the office of found the swamps more extensive and forward to as the dawn of the good much richer than I expected. I have time to come; and verily it will be so if never seen better lands than those of it enables them to reclaim their swamp Guin Swamp and Goshen Swamp, not lands. The people were everywhere to mention other bodies equally good. hospitable and obliging-abxious and An abundance of marl is generally willing to turnish any information in found underlaying or contiguous to the their power. We are greatly indebted swamps. The growth is principally to them for many favors, and shall al black gum, sweet gum, cypress and ash, ways retain very pleasant recollections

I estimate that if the rich swamp lands In conclusion, and not to repea

where they were received by the 4th Mari swamp and Gum Swamp and the Battalion. On Tuesday morning, at 9 large bodies of excellent timber are re- a. m. Col. Mabson formed the two Battalions in front of the Yarborough House, the 5th Battalion, with the Bose Bud Band, occupying the right, the 4th along the east side of the North East Battalion the left. 'On Hilsboro street. the Battalions were drawn up in line for review.

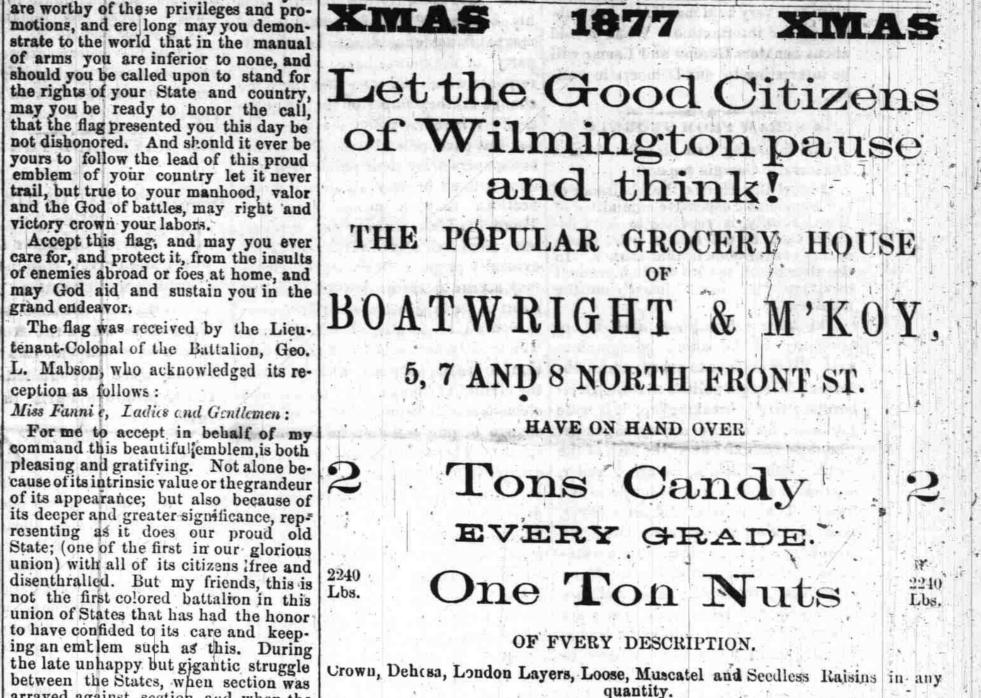
> At an early hour on-yesterday morning the troops of the 4th and 5th Batgrand endeavor.

talions of the North Carolina State Guard present in the city, assembled in front of the court house. The commands were two companies each, those of the Fifth Batttalion, commanded by

Lieut. Col. Geo. L. Mabson, being the Hanover Light Infantry, Capt. A. B. Lind, and the Cape Fear Light Infan-try, Capt S. W. Nash, numbering about Miss Fannie, Ladics and Gentlemen : For me to accept in behalf of my command this beautifuljemblem, is both pleasing and gratifying. Not alone be-65 men. The 4th Battalion, commanded cause of its intrinsic value or the grandeur by Maj. A. G. Oden, was composed of of its appearance; but also because of the Oak City Blues, Capt. A. Haywood, its deeper and greater significance, repand Oberlin Vance Guards, Captain resenting as it does our proud old Jno. Flagg, numbering about 100 rank State; (one of the first in our glorious and file. Lieut. Col. Mabson, as rankunion) with all of its citizens lfree and ing officer, assumed command of the disenthralled. But my friends, this is four companies and the line of march not the first colored battalion in this was taken up Fayetteville street, the union of States that has had the honor line wheeling around the Capital square to have confided to its care and keepand into Hillsboro avenue. On arrival ing an emtlem such as this. During opposite the Exchange Hotel building, the column was halted and the line formed. At the command to prepare arrayed against section, and when the between the States, when section was for review, the ranks were opened and nation's truest and best were giving the officers took proper positions. His their life's, blood for the perpetuation Excellency, Gov. Vance Commanderor this grand union of States, colored in-Chief, accompanied by Adjutant battalions were seen where the clashing General Johnstone Jones and Captain of arms were heaviest, and the roaring Peter F. Pescud, Jr., Aid-de-Camp on of artillery the loudest, with the ensign General Jones's staff, then rode up and that had been entrusted to their keeptook position in front of the centre of ing, proudly waving and being gallantthe line. Arms were presented and the salutes acknowledged by the Governor ly defended, because like this of ours, it ever reminded them of their dear naand Staff. tive State, and of their loved ones at The reviewing officers then rode down home. While as to the valor displayed in front of the line and passed beyond by them when called upon to protect the left flank, returned in rear. As soon and defend the living principles of as they had resumed their former positheir State and country, much can and tions the commands began the march will be said though the blind historian past in review, the Rosebud band taking will not yet look from behind the position at the head of the column .-screen of his prejudice to see it. That The companies passed in column of no men displayed more fidelity and platoons and wheeling, returned, again courage, that none have yet trod this forming line. Arms were then present-ed, and his Excellency dismissed the grand earth to prove by acts or words a higher or nobler devotion to National review, taking occasion in a few reor State pride and honor will not, canmarks to compliment the men upon not be denied; and to-day many of the their appearance, good order, neatness, noblest and best of our color eleep the &c. sleep that knows no awakening, in Lieutenant Colonel Mabson then protestimony of the truth of my assertion. posed "three cheers for the Governor Permit me Miss Sampson, to return of North Carolina." These were given to you, and through you' to the ladies with a will. His Excellency then, acwhose representative you are to-day,on companied by the staff, 'returned to the behalf not only of my battalion, but of Capitol. its friends, our heartfelt and sincere The troops present deserve especial credit for their good order and obedithanks, for this evidence of your confidence and esteem. When we shall ence to discipline. Their marching was bear away this flag from your presence. steady, the uniforms neat, and on every rest assured no act of ours shall cause hand favorable comments on their apyou to regret having bestowed it upon us, neither shall shall we forget your pearance and bearing were heard. After the review the troops, with admonition to guard, honor and protect it for to prove ourselves worthy of this their honorary members, headed by the ensign shall ever be our most cherished Kose Bud Band, joined in the civic proand fondest ambition, cession and paraded through several of And now, Sergeant, into your hands the principal streets. and in your keeping Lplace this flag.-Too much cannot be said of the kind You have heard the charge of the young lady who presented it. I now ch rge and hospitable manner in which the you to'die, if need be, in defending it. On 5th Battalion and its honorary memit is displayed the coat of arms of our bers were received by the citizens of dear "Old North 'State," I charge you to see that it ever remains untarnished; both races, in Raleigh, on it too are inscribed the words tell-On Wednesday morning at 6 a.m., ing us from whom it came; I charge you the troops again embarked for return to see to it that the donors will never home, which they reached at 10 p. m., have cause to regret having presented last night. They all express extreme it to us. And now comrades, need I say to you that you too have a duty to gratitude to the Conductors and employes of the railroads for the courtesy shown them while going and returning. both as a soldier and a citizen, as not On their arrival the 5th Battalion to bring dis credit upon the State Guard of North Carolina. You are upon trial; was received by a committee, accompanied by Hill's Cadets, under the comyou friends, wives and sweethearts are awaiting, anxiously awaiting, the result. mand of Capt. David Jacobs. The Bat-It remains for you to say whether you talion gave three hearty cheers for Gen. will prove yourselves worthy of the trust confided in you by your state or Taylor, Capt. I. B. Grainger and Capt. V. Q. Johnson. not. As your commander I beseech you to so conduct yoursolves in all the dif-It is the intention of the Battalion ferent relations of life as to bring credit to take another method of proving their upon yourselves and honor upon your heartfelt gratitude to their esteemed organization. Guard well the flag, and

the rights of your State and country, may you be ready to honor the call, that the flag presented you this day be not dishonored. And should it ever be yours to follow the lead of this proud emblem of your country let it never trail, but true to your manhood, valor and the God of battles, may right and victory crown your labors. Accept this flag, and may you ever care for, and protect it, from the insults of enemies abroad or foes at home, and may God aid and sustain you in the

The flag was received by the Lieu. tenant-Colonal of the Battalion, Geo. L. Mabson, who acknowledged its reception as follows :



New Citron, New Turkish Prunes, New Crop Currents

Some of the South Carolina Demoson desires to have the prosecutions against him stopped he must resign his seat in the Senate, and that if he will do it he will be relieved from any chance at the Penitentiary. We suppose that one of those "high-toned' and "chivalric" rascals would utter the above as complacently as he would swallow a plate of bacon, collards and none. Behold! that elevated condition of society!

THE DUPLIN CANAL.

Keport of A. R. Black, Fsq., in Re gard to the Feasibility of the En terprise.

Messrs, Edward Kilder and others: GENTLEMEN:-About the 10th of November, in company with Major Wilton L. Young, I set a out to make reconnoissance of the valley of the North East river, preparatory, as I understand, to locating a canal for shortening distances, improving the navigation, and drainining the swamp lands along and contiguous to the river; also for the further purpose of collecting all the information I could as to the character of the country and its resources. In order to being better understood, I found it necessary to prepare

A MAP.

in connection with this report.

The map has been carefully drawn and is founded on the best information that could be obtained without an actu al survey.

The location of the river has been determined, generally, by certain known directions and distances between places on the river and Railroad. The meanderings of the river were given by persons in the neighborhoods, who profe-sed to be familiar with its curves, which are not fancy sketches, but are believed to approximate the truth. The contour of the country, and general quality of the lands, together with the growth of timber, when seen, are represented as they appeared, and when not seen they are represented according to descriptions given, by persons well acquainted with the country.

be separated and laid down in different "Duplin Canal." bodies, I think it would average nearly as follows: cypress would occupy about 15 miles of the belt, black gum about the same, sweet gum about 5 miles, ash about 5 miles, poplar about 2 miles, maple 2 miles, spruce pine 2 miles, hickory 2 miles, birch 1 mile, and holly 1 mile. The map will show where bodies of timber may be found.

THE UPLANDS have generally a clay subsoil. I think it would be safe to say that two-thirds of the land in Duplin county has a clay subsoil. Most of this land produces good crops, and is admirably adapted'to improvement, and with the vast amount of muck and marl interspersed thoughout the country, almost every foot of this land may be made rich. What a tidal wave of prosperity awaits Duplin county when her swamps can be reclaimed, and her people become fully awake to the wonderful agricultural advantages that surround them! When the Duplin Canal is constructed-and it can only be a question of

time when this shall be done, for sooner or later this canal surely will be con-Dry Goods, structed-Wilmington will be greatly benefitted by it. This is no doubtful dec 21 3t enterprise for Wilmington. It will not turn the products of the country away from her, as some others have done, but as sure as water runs down stream, it

will pour them into her lap. Cast your See ad. eye over the map and note the green chain marked "Trade Line." See what a scope of country it embraces. It sweeps along in 15 miles of Goldsboro, this market. See ad. in 12 miles of Kiuston, and in 25 miles

New Berne. What a splendid country this is. This line marks out the section of country that is likely to trade of the canal will be found, in Pender | respecting the Duplin Canal, and with

land. We come now to speak of "THE PINES! THE STATELY TOWERING PINES!"

How shall we speak of them in terms

of Duplin county were laid down in what has already been said, by way of one body, they would constitute a belt summary, we recommend to the very crats openly say that if Senator Patter- of swamp one mile wide by seventy favorable consideration of Messrs. Kidmiles long. If the growth of timber could der and others, the construction of the I am, gentlemen,

> Your ob't serv't, A. R. BLACK.

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Estimate of Acreage of Swamps i Duplin County. Island Creck.

Loshlin Pocosin. Cypress Creek and Tributaries. 1,500 Muddy Creek000 Maxwell Swamp and Tributari s... Big and Little Limestone and Tributa-Grove Swamp.

Persimmon 'ark Branch Hell Swamp oshen Swamp and Tributaries. **Burnt Coat Creek** Wild Cat Creek Great Branch., Back Swamp... Green Swamp and part of Gum Swamp in Duplin Count Sorth East River in Duplin

Total acreage in Dupli Dr. Blount, of Kenansville, aided me in this estimate.

I estimate the swamps of Pender County at about 20,000 acres.

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A meeting of the citizens, and others interested, will be held at the Rooms of Produce Exchange at 3 o'clock p. m. with Wilmington, when the Duplin on Tuesday the 8th day of January, to Canal is completed. Along the route hear the report of A. R. Black, Esq.,

county, also, large bodies of excellent | a view taking action on the same. EDWARD KIDDER, H. B. SHORT, E. PESCHAU, R. E. CALDER E. D. MACRAE,

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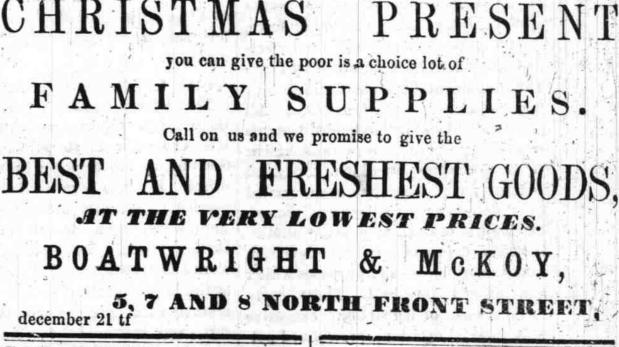
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thence to Hallsville to innes, thence to Howses' 16 miles; quepin 25 miles, thence to Bowses' 16 miles; thence to Rafting Oar 15 miles, thence to Abe's Point 20 miles, thence to Bannerman's 9 miles, thence to Peggy's Island 6 miles— in all 14 miles,

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