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FAYETTEVILLE will celebrate in an appropriate manner the centennial anniversary of North Carolina's ratification of the Federal Constitution. This was definitely decided upon at a public meeting of the citizens of that town, held last week, at which much enthusiasm prevailed. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and twenty-five of Cumberland county's most enterprising citizens were appointed as the Committee of Arrangements with full power to appoint such sub committees as may be found necessary. The proposed celebration has therefore assumed definite shape, and we doubt not that it will be a great success and be one of the grandest occasions in our State's history. An immense crowd may be expected, as it will be at a season of the year (Nov. 21st) when most people can conveniently attend.

PROHIBITION was defeated in Massachusetts, on last Monday, by a large majority. On that day the people of that State voted upon a proposed amendment to their constitution, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Both parties had been active during the campaign and much interest was taken in the election. The amendment was rejected by about 40,000 majority. This election is another proof of the fact that the most practical way of securing prohibition is by means of the local option law and not by amendments to the constitutions of the several States.

THE JURISDICTION of Justices of the Peace was changed in several particulars by the late Legislature. They are given final jurisdiction in all cases for the offences mentioned in the following sections of The Code, viz: 970, 972, 1054, 1057, 1113, 2811, 2819, 2820, 2827 and 2828. By reference to these sections it will be seen that these offences are the abandonment or unworthy or habitual neglect of his duties by a road overseer, peddling without license, hunting on Sunday and divers offences under the stock law.

A WONDERFUL snow was witnessed on last Monday. On that day the crazy brown of imperial Oklahoma settlers were about exchanging the long coveted Territory. Tents were hunt in such a hurry and in an incredible short time on the side of civilization had wrought a total change. Such a rush of emigrants has never been known before and much suffering and hardship will be the result.

THE ONES hundred dollars raised by the citizens of Elizabeth City last Monday and used during the recent session of the State Medical Convention at that place. Such spending of money is publicly denounced, and as is a hotel is a curse to any town. The citizens of Elizabeth City are hospitable and public spirited as any in the State, and it is unfortunate for them that they are cursed with such a hotel.

THE DANMARK's passengers and crew were all saved. After weary days of waiting, when everybody began to think that all on board the ill-fated steamer had found a watery grave, the glad tidings of their safety is flashed throughout the country, and great is the rejoicing thereat. In another column is published an account of the rescue.

Judge Phillips Vindicated.

Over a year ago the Sanford Express published some severe charges against Judge Eccl Phillips, and in consequence thereof the grand jury of Moore county indicted the editor, Mr. D. F. St. Clair, for libel. The case attracted much attention on account of the prominence of the parties, and some of the best lawyers of the State were employed in it. At the superior court of Moore county, held last week, the case was settled without any trial, the defendant having signed and filed the following retraction of his charges:

"The defendant D. F. St Clair comes into Court and not confessing his guilt, but protesting his innocence says that he is unwilling further to contend with the State, and puts himself upon the mercy of the Court. He further says that in the publication of the paper of writing set forth in the bill of indictment, he stated merely what he had been informed, believing the same to be true. That since the publication he has become aware of the incorrectness of the statements made and admits that by such publication he has done Hon. Frederick Phillips gross injustice. That he regrets the publication of such matter and publicly makes a full retraction."

Our Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1889.

Chief Justice Fuller has announced that the United States Supreme Court would cease to hear arguments on the 26 inst. and adjourn from then until the 15th of May and then adjourn for the term.

All the laws passed by the last Congress have been published in book form by the State Department, and copies may be obtained for 55 cents each.

Senator Wade Hampton is still here, and he says he does not expect to leave until Ex-Gov. Thompson, of South Carolina, is appointed a member of the Civil Service Commission, an appointment which, he says, is found to be made unless Harrison ignores the strongest endorsement ever given an applicant for a position.

Owing to the funeral of the late John P. Usher, who was Secretary of the Interior from 1863 to 1865, that Department was closed yesterday. This is a senseless and useless custom, and is besides very costly to the Government.

Postmaster John Wanamaker is being roundly abused by the 500 applicants for positions as special agents of the Post Office Department because he has sent all the applications to the Civil Service Commissioners, and notified the applicants that they must stand a civil service examination. These positions are much sought after, and the impression had got out among the Republicans that no examination would be required.

John Sherman had a candidate for Controller of the Currency but he got left and the place went to Ex-Congressman Lacey, of Michigan. Verily these be parlous times for the Republicans.

Another fat plum has been captured by a new-spun man. The fortunate individual is Robert P. Porter, Editor of the New York *Press*, who has been appointed Superintendent of the Census. Harrison is certainly making himself solid with the Republican Editors and subeditors. Applications have been made to the Commissioner of the Currency by Chairmen of several national banks to have their banks closed, and official inquiry made as to what he should do. The law requires applications to be made for the year before the charter is granted, but this being a new matter the applications thought a special ruling should be given in their case. The question has been referred to the Attorney-General for adjudication.

Several years ago the Post Office Department issued an order prohibiting any employee from receiving or transmitting personal correspondence at the post offices or stations of railroad trains carrying letters or packages. Last October was put in force and newspapers as a matter of course received notice that all correspondence at the post offices must cease. Many complaints were made to the Postmaster-General, and also protests coming from publishers that the order would work a hardship. The Department quibbled and said that it was only intended to apply to the large cities, but the order was finally withdrawn and the old system restored.

Ex-Governor Foster, of Ohio, has been appointed Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, and Mr. Rockwell, of New York, has been appointed Assistant Commissioner. Mr. Rockwell is a son-in-law of Mr. Evarts, and is a gentleman of wealth and culture, and will be a worthy representative of the United States.

Mr. Blaine has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold, but is now convalescent.

Mr. Cleveland has been invited to attend the Centennial Celebration of the inauguration of Washington as President, but has declined to be present