PRICE ONE DOLLAR A YEAR Wm. C. HAMMER, Editor.

A REPUBLICAN EDITOR ON THE RATE QUESTION.

While this arrangement is termed a campromise, it is a complete victory for the State over the Soutern and Coast Line railways, which positively refused to obey the laws of the State and sought Federal aid in their efforts to comtinue to violate the laws enacted by the Legislators who came direct from the people. It was a short but pretty fight, with Judge Pritchard standing by the rail-roads, while the State authorities were determined to enforce the law as it appears upon the statute books.

At one time it looked as if

the railroads would fight to the bitter end, but when Govenor threatened to call Legislature in extra session. which might have meant the an nullment of the lease of the North Caro' na road, and the anthorities arrested the presi-dent of the Southern road, it surrendered to the powers that should have been recognized at first.

We did not believe that pas senger rates should have been reduced at this time and we still believe that the law will work a hardship upon the roads, but the action of our State of-ficers is to be commended, for a corporation should obey the law as well as an individual, and in their actions in this particular case demonstrates that the rich corporations must bow to the law, which is the will of the people.—Mt. Airy Ledger. The foregoing is from an editorial

by Jack Albright a member of the legislature which enacted the rate law. Mr. Albright is unlike most Republican leaders in the State, he believes in standing by the state when it is right.

A TALK TO BEGINNERS ON ROAD-BUILDING.

That is a fine book on road building written by John W. Hayes, Petersburg, Vs. It will be sent by the author for a two cent stamp for the asking. It is needed in this section, and in fact, everywhere. The Progressive Farmer editorial refers to this little book:

He wrote it because he wanted new and inexperienced road commissions to know and profit by the mistakes of others instead of going along and repeat-ing those mistakes. They who pay the money as Mr. Hayes well observes, will soon forget the cost if the road is a good one, but they will never forget a bad job. For those who want to know how to start the road-building business right and keep it right, this little talk-book by s practical road-builder has more real juicy meat in it than anything of the kind we've seen in many a day. In a note on the subject, the author says:

In reply to your inquiry re-garding my "Little Road Talk," will say that it gives me pleasure to mail it without charge to anyone who may be interested in the subject. The prepara-tion of the paper was prompt-ed largely by the faulty road ed largely by the faulty road work have more than once seen in North Carolina, and by my desire to say, if pos-sible, something which will tend to restrain year road boards to restrain new road boards from repeating the mistakes of others. I refer chiefly to the want of proper location for the new roads, and the too frequent tendency to confine new and expensive improvement work to seek no other return from this paper than the public good. That which I say may not hold the attention of road authorities at this time, but I will gladly place it in the hands of snyone sufficiently interested in the subject to read my recommendations. By such repeated ad-monition, and especially by the citing of mistakes patent to everyone, the public may be educated to demand good work in the roads hereafter to be undertaken.

The State Convention of the Superior Court Clerks of North Carolina will be held in the assembly hall of the McAdoo Hotel in Greensboro August 14-15th. We remember once upon a time the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake called the clerks of the State together.

The Asneboro Courier was to devise means by which larger bills of costs, could be made and more fees charged. The result was that in many counties clerks soon after the Wake meeting began charging illegal fees and padding the bills of costs. The clerk in Wake died in disgrace and was, we believe, indicted for malfeasance in office.

The clerks of the Superior Court in this State are honest men, so far as we know, but we sincerely hope that the purpose of their meeting at Greensboro is a social gathering together, for now is not the time to devise means by which to enlarge fees. The tendency should be in the direction of reducing fees if anything is done.

The Courier has a way of sending out bills and sending them out often to delinquents. Our rule is cash in advance and nine-tenths of our subscribers pay in advance. Every offer a present or premium to all who pay up and pay in advance. We have no names on our books except subscribers, and do not send the Courier to any one except those who subscribe. There is a class of papers of small circulation that send out papers to all the names and addresses they can get and after a few years they send duns and if payment is not made the so called delinquents are sent to a blackmailing collecting agency for collection. We collect our bills ourselves and collect usually in advance. Our patrons have been kind to us and we have put all

To School Committeemen.

Some who were appointed public school committeemen at the last regular meeting of the County Board of Education have not qualified. The patrons of the public schools are requested, in such cases, to rec-on m and suitable persons for committeemen on or before the first Monday in September. It is hoped that more of those already appointed will qualify and send in their cards at once, but it is necessary to have a in your recent contest for the chair-full committee in each district, and manship of our executive committee, unless those appointed qualify at you had failed to get into your county once the pitrons of the schools convention from the ward in which where such vacancies exist should you live, and your county voted its recommend names of suitable persons for committeemen at once.

The census has been mailed to all districts. The law requires the census to be taken during the month of August, and when this is done the committee is entitled to draw two cents per name for the census. However, unless the census is sent in on or before the first Monday in September they cannot draw pay for taking it. Graded schools operat-ing under special acts of the General Assembly are required to obey the General School Law with reference to taking the rehool census, but they are to pay for same out of their own

All of the above matters should be attended to now. Those districts in which, the committeemen are slow to qualify and to meet and organize will be just that much behind in the selection of teachers. A little later on many of them will be crying out for teachers when teachers will be scarce. There were not a half doz en schools where the committeemen began in time last year that did not

cure teachers on time.

The graded schools have already mployed all their teachers, many of them having done so two or three months ago. If those who have charge of the rural schools would act as promptly in securing teachers as do those who have charge of the schools in the towns and the cities they would soon find that it will be much easier to secure such teachers as they would like to employ. Teachers are now looking

teachers at once.

If as many as ten teachers or comsincerity. mitteemen will write me at once The Democrats hate him as they requesting a public examination on do the devil, but they have cause. the second Thursday in September Surely we should not join them in I will call one for that date. But denouncing him for saving us in unless there is some assurance that "sweeping the State" in two differnt more teachers will attend a public elections. examination in September than usually aftend the July examination. No is a waste of time to call one. No private examinations will be conduct the woods," and you know it was the boys in this section that saved J. M. WAY, Co. Supt. of Schools.

Randleman Defeats Millberg.

In a very exciting and interest-ing game Randleman defeated Millboro at Randleman Saturday after noon by a score of 4 to 3. The features of the game were th

batting of Hayes and the steady pitching of Dennis for Randleman. Batteries: Randleman—Hapes, Dennis and Nelson; Millboro— Wood and Wood.

A charter has been issued for a

OLD BUT RACY.

A Letter Which Ex-Judge Robiuson, of Goldsboro, Wrote Republican State

Raleigh News and Observer. The Hickory Mercury Frints a rather belated letter from ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson to Spencer B. Adams, Republican State chairman, that is another interesting chapter in the Butler-Adams war-if the war is still on. Evidently Adams did not give the letter to the public. Perhaps he wished it suppressed, but though old, it is racy, and here Perhaps

Law Office of W. S. O'B. Robinson, Goldshore, N. C. May 14th. 1907.

Freeze, freeze, thou winter sky

Thou dost not bite so nigh As benefits forgot Though thou the waters wrap.
Thy sting is not so sharp. As friend remembered not

> Judge Spencer B. Adams, Greensboro, N. C.,

Dear Judge—I had written you ere now, but that I am at a loss to know ust what to say—a predicament that I have more than once been in before -perhaps the best thing to do is to tell the truth.

When you were the clerk of a lit tle county court in far away Caswell county, just on the "outsquirts of the State and adjoining the "rhu-barba" of Viiginia, Senator Butler marshelled his forces with such consummate skill and gave battle ly in advance. Our patrons have been kind to us and we have put all the money paid us into improving our plant and in an effort to make a better paper.

To school Committeemen.

To school Committeemen. rescue we did not have a sufficient cumber of m mbers in our legislature to call for the yeas and nays under section 26 of the Constitution.

In the legislature succeeding this, we sent Senator Pritchard as senator to succeed Senator Vance; to the next Congress we sent Marion Butler. himself. We elected a governor and all our State officers; a Supreme court and put six Superior court judges on the bench.

In your recent contest for the chairentire strength against you. I was opposed to you for chairman, and yet I took the twenty four delegates from this county and went to the convention and fought for you at the request of this same Butler, to whom I am not indebted except that I happened to be one of those whom he lifted from obscurity and seated with careless case upon the bench, though I had been more than a clerk before he found me, and had mad some little noise in the State. Now you charge this man with duplicity, and so far as you can try to read him cut of the party and brand him as a tailor who blights in his wake.

I really would rather undertake to solve the problem, "How old is Ann," or "Who struck Billy Patterson," than to try to assign a reason why you did this. It looks to me that I have better judgment than has Butler, for I told him that you would go back on us and that the reputation you bore was that of an ingrate. If it were not that it is a hurt to the party in the State and does much to bring us into contempt and disrepute beyond the borders of the State, I would be inclined to rejoice in being able to inform Butler that

"I told him so." Butler is the man that made me withdraw from the contest for re-election on the national committee in favor of Duncan, and I expect to be able to prove to him that he made a mistake in that instance, too. I have always found Butler an earnest, ardent advocate of the cause he espouses. I have disagreed with for employment. We hope that him as in the instance of your elec-each district will get to looking for teachers at once. the hope that him as in the instance of your elec-tion, and that of Duncan, but have always scoorded him the mode of

Suppose you train your guns on ally attend the July examinations it the enemy; it will give more satis-is a waste of time to call one. No faction to the party in this "neck of

Sincerely yours, W. S. O'B, ROBINSON.

Protracted Meeting.

Rev. J. W. Ingle closed an 8 days revival meeting at Farmer Sunday last. The meetings were most successful. Besides scores of conversions there were twenty-one additions to the church Sunday

morning.
Mr. Ingle is spending this week at Jamestown, a member of the Courier party, and upon his return the clerks of the State together. match factory for Greensboro with he will begin a meeting at Oak
The purpose of the meeting in Wake \$20,000 paid in capital.

THE TAR BABY

Born And Bred In A Brier Patch-Uncle Remus

There was once a farmer who had spring of very clear water. Every morning, before he went to work, he would go down to the spring to get a drink of this water.

One morning, however, he found that some one had been there ahead of him and muddled the water. It was so muddy that he could not

The next morning he went down to the spring bright and early. Again he found the water muddy. He went to work quarreling because be could not drink it.

The third morning, when be found that some one had muddled the water, he was mad. He began to look around to see who could have done such a thing. In the soft ground near the spring he saw some rabbit tracks. So he concluded that it was Brer Rabbit who had mud-

died his spring.

All day long, while at work, the farmer was thinking of some way to catch Brer Robbit. At last he hit upon a plan: he would try a Tar

Baby, when he returned home, he mixed some tar and turpentine together and made a Tar Baby. He set Tar Baby near the spring. Now, Brer Rabbit had been going

to the spring every morning for sev-eral days to wash his face. By the time he was through washing, the water was quite muddy.
One cold frosty morning he found

a queer-looking object aiting near the spring. He did not like the looks of it, but he thought he would be polite; so he said, "Good morning."

The Tar Baby didn't say a word.

Again Brer Rabbit said, "Good morning," and still the Tar Baby didn't say a word. Now Brer Ra' bit began to get an

gry. "You had better answer me when I speak to you. If you don't tell me 'Good morning' I'll smack

Still the Tar Baby didn't say a

word.

"I'll teach you some manners,"
said Brer Rabbit. With that he
drew back one of his fore feet and
smacked the Tar Baby as hard as he could. His foot stuck fast in the

"If you don't turn me loose, I'll knock you into the spring," said Brer Rabbit, getting more and more said angry, He drew back his other fore foot and hit the Tar Baby with all his might. This foot stuck fast.

Then he kicked the Tar Baby with both his hind feet, and these stuck fast.
"If you don't turn me loose, I'll

bust the life out of you." with that he drew back his head and butted the Tar Baby in the face. His head stuck fast. It was not long before the farmer

came along to see how his plan had worked. He saw Brer Rabbit tiwst-

ing and turning, trying to get loose.
"So you are the one that has been muddying the water in my spring, are you? said the farmer.
"I've caught you now and I'm going to boil you for my dinner."
"Please, sir, turn me loose," begged Brer Rabbit; "I wont muddy

you: spring sgain if you will let me go this time." But the farmer wouldn't listen to him. He took Brer Rabbit by the hind legs and started home with him.

Brer Rabbit began to get uneasy The nearer the farmer came to his home, the more uneasy Brer Rabbit became. He stopped begging the ped begging the his thinking cap. farmer and put on his thinking cap Now, Brer Rabbit knew that nea

the farmer's home there was a brier patch. As the farmer was passing this place, Brer Rabbit began to twist and turn as if he were afraid of

it.
"Please, sir," said he, don't throw me into the brier patch. Burn mel Roast mel Skin me alive! Do anything with me; but please don't throw me into the brier patch this cold, frosty morning!

Brer Rabbit begged so hard that get even with him would be to throw him into the brier patch. So he threw him out among the briers as far as he could send

Now, this was just what Brer Rabbit wished him to do. As soon as he touched the ground he kicked up has heels and laughed and laughed. He ran off, crying, "I was born and bred in a brier patch! Born and bred in a brier patch!"

The Greensboro police have discovered a negro man supposed to be covered a negro man supposed to be afflicted with leprosy. Soon af-ter he became ill his body became covered with white spots, his teeth dropped out and his hair is coming out in patches. The health author-ities are investigating the case.

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The east bound Passenger train from Raleigh collided with a freight at Auburn Tuesday night killing Engineer Parker and two firemen.

Many passengers were injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Waiter Craven, of Level Plains, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dougan.

Misses Ida and Gertrude Jarrell have returned home after spending a week with friends at Troy and other points South.

E. N. Farlow returned to Carthage last week after spending a few days with his family here.

HIS ODD AD.

The Collar That Gave Plumlay a See and Start In Business.

"Nothing succeeds like perseverence," said Mark Twain at a dinner.
"When the lock seems most against
us, then we should work and hope
hardest of all. In moments of discouragement let us remember my old
friend Henry Plumley of Virginia City.
"Henry Plumley ran a collar factory.
Times were reported to be hard with
him. When his factory, which was
very heavily insured, burned down,
there was every indication that he
had set the place on fine himself in

there was every indication that he had set the place on fine himself in order to get the insurance money. Vir-ginia City was the soul of honor in these days. - Shocked beyond words, it rose on murse, seized Henry Plumley, put a halter round his neck and lynch-ed him.

"But he did not die. The sheriff ar-tived and cut him down in time. He

"Not he did not die. The sheriff arrived and cut him down in time. He
was tried and found guilty, and he
served a term in jail.

"On his release you wouldn't have
thought that he'd return to Virginia
City again, eh? He did, though. He
came back, reopened his collar factory
and prospered.

"What gave him his start was the "What gave him his start was the odd advertisement with which he aunounced his return to business among
us. Preceded by a brass band, Henry, in Breat gilt charlot, burst upon our
affects. He sat on a kind of golden
throne, and he held on a crimson cushion in his lap an old, old collar. Above
the delivery a grimson banner warved

the collar on a crimson banner waved this inscription in huge letters of gold: "This is the collar we were when we were lynched. It saved our life. Be wise in time and use no other. At all retailers, 10 cents apiece, three fo a quarter."—Indianapolis Star.

Old Glory Humiliated Old Glory Humiliated.
One instance is known in which Old
Glory's shame is the crown of a famlly's prestige. At the battle of Bladensburg the American troops were
defeated by the British under the command of an Irish officer named Ross.
In recognition of his services in winning this victory his sovereign granted
him the title of Boss of Bladensburg. him the title of Ross of Bladensburg, and to his crest was added an Amer-ican flag, reversed, with the shaft broken. The title is hereditary. In our generation the possessor is a colo-nel of the Irish fusileers. And this Ross of Biadensburg uses as his creat today our stars and stripes turned up-side down and with the shaft broken in two.-Chicago Record-Herald.

Metallic Metaphors.
"It is most amazing," said a metal-largist, "how the world relies on met-als for its metaphora and similes. als fer is metaphora and similes.

Shus, an orator is sliver tongued or
goiden mouthed. An explorer is
brough by African suns. A resolute
chap has an iron will. A sluggard
moves with leaden feet. An estrich
has a copper lined stomach. A millionaire has its. A swindler is as slippery
as quickalizer. A berrower has breas. na quicksfiver. A borrower has br.
--New Orleans Times-Democrat,

SHORT STORIES.

The Southern has stopped all double tracking in the city pending settlement of rate legislatica.

J. D. McAnulty, who is charged with the murder of the keeper of the Rowan pest house, has been released on a bond of \$500.

Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, of Winston-Salem, died Monday night. The remains were interred at Moores-ville. The deceased was 65 years of age.

Contract has been closed with the Southern Power Co. to furnish light and power for the town of Concord. Three cotton mills and other indus tries will also use this power.

Alex Davis, a negro, was killed by a train at Salisbury Monday while attempting to cross the track in front of passenger train No. 36, on the main line of the Southern.

Rev. J. Q. Wertz died at China Grove Sunday and the funeral con-ducted Monday was attended by 2,000 people. He had been a Luth-eran minister in the North Carolina Synod for 18 years.

A stock company, consisting of Mesars. E. L. Gaither, J. L. Sheek, T. I. Byerly and others, has been organized in Mocksville with a view to building a \$50'000 cotton mill at Mocksville. The mill seems to be a certainty, half the desired amount having already been subscribed.

Caraway News.

Mrs. Frank Horney and children, of High Point, have returned home after spending a week with her sis-ter, Mrs. E. N. Farlow. W. R. Ashworth, of Holly, spent

Saturday night and Sunday at J. F.

The protracted meeting at Mt. lew began Sunday and will continue for a week.
Mr. and Mrs. Waiter Craven, of

TWO CHEERFUL LIARS. 2

A Queer Cherry Tree and a Book As-tion Cannon Ball.

Mr. Finlayson, town clerk of Stirling in the latter part of the seventeenth century, was noted for the marvelous in conversation. He was on a visit to the Earl of Montelth and Airth in his tenstle of Tabs, on the loch of Mon-teith, and was about taking leave when he was asked by the earl wheth-

er he had seen the sailing cherry tree,
"No," said Finlayson. "What sort of
a thing is it?"
"It in," replied the earl, "a tree that "It in," replied the earl, "a tree that has grown out of a goose's month from a stone the bird had swallowed and which she hears about with her in voyages round the loch. It is just at present in full fruit of the most exquisite flavor. Now, Finlayson," he added, "can you, with all your powers of memory and fancy, match the story of the cherry tree?"

the cherry tree?"
"Perhaps I can," said Finiayson, clearing his throat, adding, "When Oilver Cromwell was at Aith one of the cannon sent a ball to Stirling and lodged it in the mouth of a trumpet which one of the troops in the castle was in the act of sounding." "Was the trumpeter killed?" said the

earl.
"No, my lord," said Finiayson. "He
"No, my lord," said Finiayson. "He blew the ball back and killed the artilleryman who had fired kil"—Pearson's Weekly.

ALEXANDRIAN LIBRARY.

The Greatest Literary Treasure That the World Has Lost.

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Perhaps the largest and most valuable of literary treasures the world has lost was the Alexandrian library. This collection, the most remarkable of the ancient world, is said to have contained in its most floorishing period 400,000 or, according to others, 700,000 manuscripts. Its royal founder collected from all nations their choicest compositions. We are told that one collected from all nations their choic-sat compositions. We are told that one of his successors went so far as to re-fuse to supply the Athenians with wheat until they had given him the original manuscripts of Æschylus. Sophocles and Euripides. When Ju-lius Cascar laid sieve to the city the Sophocies and Euripides. When Ju-lius Caesar laid slege to the city the greater portion of this library was de-stroyed by fire. It was later replaced by the collection presented to Queen Cleopatra by Mark Antony. But it was not deatined to endure long. When the Emperor Theodosius the Great in 391 A. D. ordered the destruc-tion of all benther termines within the tion of all heathen temples within the Roman empire, the Christians, led by Roman empire, the Christians, led by the Archishop Thosphilus, did not spare that of Jupiter, in which were kept the literary treasures. From this general destruction about 4.006 man-scripts escaped, only to be burned in 640 by Surucene under the Callph Omar.—Arconaut. Omar. - Argonaut.

A Pretty Fast Clock.

He was standing in front of the cir-cular elevator indicator in one of the office buildings, watch in hand. It was the morning after, and I suppose that he had forgotten to concern himself with the frivolous detail of winding his timeplece the previous evening. His equilibrium was far from stable. and his eyes, unsteadly following the indicator hand, blinked with efforts at comprehension as he tried to set his

'Diculous clock (hic)-very 'musing "Diculous clock (hic)—very 'musing (hic)—very fast pace we live (hic) thesh days (hic)—parity fast for my ole timer (hic)—whost—there you are —gone again (hic). Pabawi—'diculous clock."

I left him still trying to get his watch into conformity with the speed-ing indicator.—Boston Traveler.

He x s Hies Jumps.

It is said that a San leaps 200 times its beight, and while it usually does land on its feet, it often fails, especially when it falls on a perfectly smooth surface, where the claws can get only a slight hold. A fies has six legs, whose great length and bulk make them so heavy that they must be a great help in ascepting their owner right side up when it makes one of those gigantic jumps, and when it lands upside down or in some other way its ability to kick is so great that not more than one wriggle is needed to set things ability to kick is so great that not more than one wriggle is needed to set things right. A flea's wings are mere scales and of no use. But smell and worthless as they are, they tell the entomologist something about the proper classification of the insect. To the flea itself they have no value.—St. Nicholas.

Polishing Small Articles.
It is said that a high polish may be obtained after nickel plating on small steel articles, such as screws, by tum bling them with leather and dry rouge The articles are placed in a tumbling barrel with leather scraps. Some dry rouge is put into the barrel along with the screws and leather and the whole tumbled for some time. The rouge coats the surface of the leather and causes it to act like a polishing wheel. Canvas scraps may be used in place of

Politeness.

Lady (to Irish gardener, who "obliges" by the day)—Well, Dan, and what do I owe you for today? Dan—Sure, ma'am, I'd sooner be taking the half crown you'd be offering me than the 2 shillings I'd be asking of you.—Punch.

Birds and Feathers Birds and Feathers.

Mistress—Mary, have you any rooted objections to using a feather duster? This room looks as if you had. Maid—Yes, mun, I have. I belongs to the Abdubon society.—Harper's Weekly. Yes, mum, I have. I bele Andubon society.—Harper's

It is easier to suppress the first de-sire than it is to satisfy all that follow tt.-Franklin.