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As we have been out of the city all the week our readers will please excuse scarcity of news as we have no help.

On Tuesday last, Free Love Lodge, G. U. O. O. F. was called out to bury Brother Gabriel Rieves who died Monday morning. He was an old member of the Order and consistent Christian. The lodges were out over sixty strong.

Congress convened last Monday. The present Congress will expire on the 4th of next March at 12 m. and if the President does not see proper to call the new Congress in extra session it will not convene till the first Monday in December '83. The present Congress is republican both House and Senate but the next will be democratic by a President will be a democrat or not we cant say, but unless we do better two years hence than we did a month ago, he will be a DEMOCRAT.

Rev. R. S. Reeves preached his first sermon to his new church last Sunday. His text was Romans 1-16. The gospel of Christ and its power. He is very mild, though forcible in his speech. His first sermon was very short and his people highly appreciate his preaching.

## OUR MORALS.

We do not propose to discuss this subject at present, but simply desire to call the attention of our readers to the subject.

It is said by some that the morals of our people are worse now than years ago, and that we are the most immoral people in America. Now if this is true, we ask why is it so? Why not improve our morals and successfully contradict such charges?

Indiscretion in many instances on the part of our people is taken for immorality. They mean to do right, but forget that a man's actions are looked at by man and his intentions by God. Our people are more exposed to imposition and susceptible to temptation on account of poverty and the want of proper early training, and home influences. Many of our people are convicted of things they are innocent of and suspected of things they never dreamed of. Other races are not so generally apprehended and exposed as ours for several reasons. They protect and shield their own and the Negro is afraid to meddle, while the Negro is always ready to search out and expose the wrongs of his own race, and the whites, besides offering premiums on crime, delight in publishing our shortcomings. We are much worse than we ought to be, still we are no worse than other folks, especially when our chances are considered. Let us improve.

## THE PRESBYTERIANS.

The Yadkin Presbytery met at 11 to ordain J. W. Savage. Examination was very rigid. The candidate answering the questions satisfactory was passed. L. R. Johnson was moderator and R. H. Armstrong secretary. The questions were asked by Revs. Billingsley, Potter, Armstrong, and one put in now and then by Revs. Haskins, Saunders, Dorland, Twine and others.

The Atlantic Synod convened on Wednesday evening 7 o'clock. We regret our inability to remain in the city longer. Among delegates to the Synod we were pleased to meet Revs. M. G. Haskins, A. D. Waugh, J. C. Simmons, J. E. Jones, L. Dorland, R. P. Wyche, Twine and others. We hope to notice this again next week. Rev. Dr. Blyden, of Liberia, was present and preached on Thursday night.

## ZION CONFERENCE.

Last Sunday night we left the city via the C. C. Road, to visit the Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, in Wilmington. After a fatiguing ride of over thirteen hours we arrived at Wilmington, and in company with Rev. D. J. Sanders, we visited the conference and found them hard at work, with Bishops Hood and Lomax presiding. Rev. J. C. Price was on hand, active and useful, working in the finance of the church. Rev. Alfred Hill of the M. E. Church, made application to join Zion, and was taken upon his credentials without objections. Rev. Daniel Sanders, a deacon from the A. M. E. Church, presented his credentials, whereupon Rev. Farley fearing something was wrong and that Zion might be overrun, questioned if the brother left things all-right behind him. Upon assurance that the brother was alright, he

church in search of her. As this is the best and dearest old mother we ever had, of course we were glad to meet her. Glad to find her in good health, looking almost as young and strong as she looked "just twenty years ago." After dining with her at Mr. C. A. Foreman, we spent the balance of the afternoon with other friends of our childhood. Among them was a sister. Then D. W. Evans, a young lawyer, Dallas Chesnut, P. O. Clerk, and that dear Christian girl, Janie Bryant, all formerly from Fayetteville.

At night we returned to the church. (St. Luke's,) where eulogies were delivered upon the death of two ministers who died during the conference year—Revs. John Waddell and Matthew Edwards.—The eulogies were short addresses by Elders Pearsall and Keys. Each taking the text, "The days of thy years are three-score and ten."

After the introduction and passage of some resolutions, the conference proceeded to consider the proposition of Hon. Wm E. Dodge, of New York, to give the church \$5,000 to build a college as soon as the church itself subscribed \$20,000. Mr. Price made a forcible appeal to the audience upon the necessity of the church itself doing more. He reviewed his visit to Europe. Spoke of the Alabama Conference sending a young man to Zion Wesley and paying his expenses, and of a minister of the same conference sending another at his expenses. Said that the Central N. C. Conference had subscribed \$1,412, and it was proposed that this conference lead by subscribing two thousand dollars. The subscription books were then opened and as over \$1,100 had been already subscribed the amount was raised to \$1,735. Mr. Price made special mention of Mr. J. W. Gordon, mail agent, subscribing \$63.

## THE CHURCH.

This conference is held in St.

Luke's, one of the finest churches in the connection. We judge it has a capacity of comfortably seating 1,200 persons in the auditory and galleries. The conference is held in the basement. The house is heated by steam and elegantly finished. Over the arch of the pulpit in large letters are these words: "Thus far the Lord hath brought us." The ceiling is native pine nicely varnished, giving its natural color, laid off into 24 panels with heavy moulding that give it a grand set off. There are two bronze rods for the gas lights, with one large shade each, covering sixteen gas jets, closely arranged, which give abundant light. The pulpit and choir having additional lights. The pews are new and stylish, the pulpit and altar the same, and an ante-room in the rear of the pulpit. The windows are large, oval-top and the glass beautifully colored in style. In short, it is a first-class church. The object is to stucco it outside which will greatly improve its outward appearance.

## Our Raleigh Letter.

Since my last communication, I have been able to ascertain facts concerning the case of suicide committed at the residence of Miss Saunders, and it gives me no little pleasure to inform your many readers, that it was not so distressing to this fair damsel as we at first supposed. The young man who committed this desperate act was not her intended, as we were informed, but simply a distant friend. Her intended still lives, and they will enter into the sweets of conjugal bliss, Wednesday evening, December 6th. Should nothing serious interfere, you may expect an account of it on the following day.

In response to the notice issued sometime ago, quite a number of the leading educators of this State who were present, we noticed the following distinguished instructors, viz: Prof. C. W. Chestnut of Fayetteville, Prof. N. F. Roberts, H. C. Crosby, J. S. Lea, E. H. Lipscombe, W. F. Wilkins and Joseph, of Raleigh, Prof. N. W. Harlee of Laurinburg, and many others, whose names we disremember. On the evening of the second day, His Excellency, T. J. Jarvis, delivered an excellent address on the benefits accruing from practical education, and recommended that each teacher impress upon the minds of those around him, "this fact," that there is no fortune in politics for them, but that their entire hope rests upon education, industry and frugality.

In conclusion; he expressed his delight at the wonderful progress already made by the negro in North Carolina, and especially in education, and assured the Association of his hearty concurrence in the laudable move they were making, and pledged his support and influence to make it a success.

The Legislature will convene soon; we hear daily conjectures as to how the next session will be conducted. The Democrats have a working majority, still it is thought by many, that they will be more careful than heretofore, and in legislating will not overlook the interest of the people. It is also thought that their first transaction after organization, will be to modify the present county government system, so as to allow the people to choose their own rulers. The liberal element struck a powerful blow among politicians, and doubtless somebody got hurt, but with safety we can assert that the colored politicians passed through unharmed, and came out whole. The result being one Congressman, three Senators and fifteen members of Legislature and two Registers of Deeds.

On Sunday night, 27th ult., at the 2nd Baptist Church, (colored,) the ordinance of baptism was adminis-

tered, by Rev. N. F. Roberts, upon fifteen candidates. Thanksgiving was duly and sacredly observed by a great many, while many others defiled it by making a heartless attack upon the feathered tribe. We heartily recommended the former, but felt disposed to take part in the latter. C. S. B.

Raleigh, Dec. 4th.

This list of colored legislators in the North and West, as amended, reads: Massachusetts, J. C. Chappelle, of Boston; Ohio, John P. Green, of Cleveland; Illinois, J. W. E. Thomas, of Chicago; Michigan, name not given; Nebraska, E. R. Overall, of Omaha; Kansas, John C. Waller, of Lawrence; and Colorado, George C. Sample of Denver. J. Lynch, of Mississippi and J. E. O'Hara, of North Carolina, will keep up appearances in the National Assembly, and E. P. McCabe, of Kansas, will audit the accounts of that State for the next two years. Thus grandly has the race come to the front. If Republican disaster means the colored man's success, then "Let the galled Jade wince, our withers are unwrung."—Ex.

## STONED TO DEATH.

How Winnemucca's Young Squaw Fell a Victim to Savage Superstition.

Beno Gazette.

The evening before old Winnemucca died about one hundred Indians took his young squaw to a large spring, where she had been ordered to bathe. Other squaws stripped her and washed her from head to foot and then sprinkled her with fine ashes. They then started for a range of hills a few miles from Coppersmith Station, leaving the squaw naked and barefoot. Upon arriving at a chosen spot they built a circle of fires, which lighted up a space of ground about one hundred feet in diameter. In the centre of this was a stump eight or ten inches high, to which the trembling squaw was securely bound by one foot with a rawhide strap. She still held her child, a bright little papoose about two years old. When she had been secured each buck sought for a certain number of stones about the size of a man's fist and laid them in a pile within the circle of fires. When all was ready for the sacrifice the Indians joined hands and begun a monotonous chant, which lasted for a few

poor, agonized squaw gave vent of piercing shrieks, crouching upon the ground and pressing her babe to her breast. This lasted for some moments. Then, at a signal, there was silence, except the wails of the intended victim. Suddenly the speaker sprang toward her and grasped the child. She struggled frantically but unavailingly to retain it, and was compelled by force to let it go. The fiend immediately swung the infant around his head, holding it by the ankles, howling like a demon and being echoed by the red devils about him; but the squaw did not raise her head nor emit a single sound. Suddenly he dashed the child upon a rock and killed it instantly. Then he resumed his place in the circle, which swum around again, chanting as before, till the one who killed the babe came opposite the pile of stones he had collected, when the movement stopped. Stepping forward he picked up a stone, and going to within ten feet of the crouching victim he hurled it at her with all the strength possessed by his brawny red arm. The missile struck her on the side, and was answered by a shriek of anguish. He returned to his place and the circle revolved again until another Indian was entitled to a murderous fling. The wretched creature at the stake was crouching in such an attitude that only her side and back were exposed. It was forbidden to hit her upon the head, and the second savage, choosing the most available target, launched a rock at her with the projectile force of a catapult, striking her between the shoulders and cutting a fearful gash, from which the blood flowed down her back in a small rivulet. He then retired to his place and the circle moved on as before.

Thus they continued the murderous pastime until the poor, pitiful object lay prone upon the ground, a bleeding, senseless mass of mangled flesh. As she lay upon her back the savage who had harangued the band at first raised a large rock over his head with both hands and inflicted the coup de grace by smashing her skull. Then there was pandemonium for a few minutes, after which they dispersed and collected wood for a pile, upon which the remains of the luckless squaw and her babe were burned. A few were left to keep up the sacrificial fire, while the others returned to old Winnemucca to comfort his dying moments with the assurance that his young squaw had preceded him to the Indian's happy land.

## New County.

Asheville News.

As will be seen by advertisement in this issue, application will be made for a new county to be formed out of Jackson and perhaps portions of adjacent counties. That part proposed to be cut off embraces the Southern portion in which Cashier's valley is situated, the reason being great distance from the court house. We remember at the last court some parties told us they lived 40 miles from Webster, and yet in Jackson county.

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..	Matthews	8:08 a m
..	Charlotte	10:40 a m
Leave	Tuckasee	8:44 a m
..	Lincolnton	11:08 a m
..	Shelby	12:40 a m

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..	Matthews	11:55 p m
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