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SENATOR JOHN SHERMAN.

Of the great men of America, Hon. John Sherman, Senator from Ohio, has held his own as well as the best of them.

Since the emancipation of the Southern Negro has been discussed, Mr. Sherman has shown himself a staunch friend to freedom.

Mr. Sherman is a financier worthy of, and in possession of, the confidence of the monied men of New York.

It is understood that Mr. Cleveland will be the nominee of the Democrats, and no better man can be put up to defeat him than John Sherman.

THE BLAIR BILL.

The Blair Educational bill is still before the United States Senate. It is one of the best measures ever undertaken by that body.

My greatest pleasure consists in doing my part of the training of the little ones, who are to be the great men and noble women of our race.

A DAY IN LUMBERTON.

We spent last Wednesday in Lumberton. This is court week there and the little town shows unusual life and stir.

This county seems to have an able bar, and there were several visiting counsel. Two colored lawyers practice at this bar: Hon. J. S. Leary of Cumberland, and J. S. Lewis, Esq., of Robeson.

Mr. C. W. Simmons has moved in the heart of the town, and opened an eating saloon. Persons visiting this town should enquire for Charlie Simmons.

Dr. L. A. Rutherford is still succeeding with his practice and his church, while his wife manages the parochial school.

Prof. D. P. Allen has a school of over a hundred scholars. It was our pleasure to take tea with the Professor and Mrs. Allen and we enjoyed a very pleasant evening with Mr. Lewis.

Letter from Maxton.

MAXTON, N. C., Jan. 28, 1888.

Mr. Editor:—Permit me to say a few words in your very valuable paper.

Its columns are perused every week by the writer and friends with much pleasure. We delicately suggest to our friends that it is a poor policy to borrow, by asking them to subscribe.

Our people here are struggling with ignorance. Still we can see some faint shadows of the real desires for intelligence. Some glimmering rays of light, from those who have worked to do good, can occasionally be seen surpassing the darkness.

Were they financially able they would have their children in school nine months in a year, but as it is they can't all do so.

"Education is power" and should the Blair bill pass successfully, thus open a wider passage for education, it will be one of the greatest blessings for our race.

It would allow them a livelihood. But until better times come we will be content. I expect to open school here next spring, as the kind friends of the place persuaded me to come down here for the purpose of teaching their children through the summer.

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gone no nearer to London than the top room in Honeysuckle cottage.

The truth was the major had discovered what was going on when he had come upon the lovers unexpectedly. He then devised a scheme which he afterward carried out so successfully, in order to test the sincerity of Lieut. Mapleson's attachment to Maude.

Maude's grief and humiliation were so real when she heard these details that her uncle, thinking she would not care to remain where her story was known, wisely suggested returning home the following day.

"We can give a garden party or something of that kind in honor of your 21st birthday. It will be a few days after the event, but that won't matter. I would give a good deal to see that young fortune hunter's face when he finds out how he has been duped.

Maude drew herself up to her full height. "No, indeed, uncle, that I never will. To use his own words, I am quite cured."

Before the year was out another suitor asked for Maude's hand, and on this occasion the anxious suitor did not have any cause to complain of Maj. Henderson's obstinacy.—Chambers' Journal.

CAROLINA CENTRAL R. R.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1888.

WESTBOUND TRAINS.

Table with Westbound train schedules: No. 1, No. 3, No. 5 & 7. Stations: Wilm'gton, Laurin'bg, Hamlet, Charlotte, Lincolnt'n, Shelby, Ruthef'n.

EASTBOUND TRAINS.

Table with Eastbound train schedules: No. 2, No. 4, No. 6 & 8. Stations: Ruthef'n, Shelby, Lincolnt'n, Charlotte, Hamlet, Laurin'bg, Wilm'gton.

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.—1st Round.

- Fayetteville—December 8-11. Manchester—December 17-18. Jonesboro—December 31-January-1. Lillington—January 7-8. Oak Grove—January 14-15. Haywood—January 21-22. Johnstonville—January 21-22. Glover's Grove—January 28-29. Gee's Grove—February 4-5. Egypt—February 11-12. Carthage—February 18-19. New Zion—February 25-26. A. M. BARRETT, P. E. Raleigh N. C.

WADESBORO DISTRICT.—1st Round.

- Flat Rock—January 7-8. Lethce—January 14-15. Jordan's C. Manly—January 21-22. Green Lake—January 28-29. Chesnut—February 4-5. Hallie's Grove—February 11-12. Roper's Grove—February 18-19. Bennettsville—February 25-26. Forestville—March 3-4. Rocky Mount—March 10-11. Robeson's X Roads—March 17-18.

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TRAINS MOVING SOUTH.

Table with train schedules moving south: Passenger and Freight and Mail. Stations: Ruthef'n, Shelby, Lincolnt'n, Charlotte, Hamlet, Laurin'bg, Wilm'gton.

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Table with factory branch train schedules moving north: Leave Millboro, Arrive Greensboro.

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