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Gen. William Loring was born in Wilmington 12th December, 1817, and died in Washington, N. C., as the Washington Press had it in its issue for 11th January.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Statesville Landmark has been elected mayor of Statesville. It is to be hoped that the exercise of his official functions will in no way interfere with his journalism. He is a good worker.

Ralph Waldo Emerson became so oblivious of names before his death that on returning from Longfellow's funeral he said, "That gentleman we buried to-day was a sweet and gentle soul, but I cannot recall his name."

A dispatch from Wilmington, Delaware, makes the following announcement:

The Pennsylvania Railroad has made arrangements for a steamship line between Elizabeth City and New Bern, N. C., thus completing its Southern through rail and water line.

We were told in London in 1873 that the proprietor of the London Times always settled the receipts of a column of advertisements upon each daughter for life as a wedding present. We do not know how much the income from this source would amount to, but it would be something handsome. We estimate that the receipts from a column of advertisements in the Philadelphia Ledger for a year amount to over sixteen thousand dollars.

Is not the Augusta Chronicle in error in saying Julius Caesar was not above 5 feet 5 inches high and Napoleon equal in height? John Wesley was a very small man.

In person, Cæsar Julius Cæsar was described as tall and spare. We have not the ancient authorities at our hand from whom to ascertain just what was his height, such as Suetonius and others nor Napoleon's exhaustive Life of Cæsar.

WILMINGTON AND THE C. F. & Y. V. R. R.

The Board of Aldermen of Wilmington at their meeting Jan. 11th, rejected the Report of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley R. R. Commission agreeing to a subscription of \$150,000 by the city of Wilmington in order to secure the extension of that road from Fayetteville to Wilmington. The Wilmington Star remarks:

If the people of Wilmington, including a large majority of property-holders, wish to vote on the question of subscription to the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, why not give them a chance? We cannot afford to be called the city of clans.

OUR VACANT SEAT IN CONGRESS.

It is understood that Gov. Seales will not order an election to fill the vacancy in this congressional district caused by the resignation of Mr. Reid. The Constitution of the United States provides that "when vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue warrants of election to fill such vacancies," but as some thirty days would intervene before an election could be held after the warrants of election would be issued, there would be less than a month during which the congressman could sit, as this session of Congress expires March 1st.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

It is remarkable how rapidly the prominent politicians pass away. In 1880, Garfield and Arthur were the Republican candidates, and Hancock and English were the Democratic candidates. All are dead but English. In 1884, Logan and Hendricks were the Vice Presidential candidates on the two tickets, and both are gone. What a lesson of mortality does this teach! How foolish, how futile, it is to give one's days and nights to office-seeking! How evanescent, how perishable, how vain are all earthly honors and human ap-

plause, for "The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

CLUVERIUS.

As a rule the homestead law has been beneficent, furnishing a home and a means of making a living for the unfortunate debtor and those dependent upon him. It is true the law is sometimes abused—and what law is not—but in the vast majority of cases, the law has been of unquestioned good. That it injures one's credit, the Southern must take issue; that the law causes much loss of money, the Southerner fails to see. When credit is to be extended to a person it is done with a full knowledge that there is such a law; further, it is done with the expectation, that, if from financial stress the debtor has to seek protection under this law, he will not only be awarded the choicest part of his land, but also out of sympathy the value will be placed exceedingly low. There can be no fraud in this—Tarkenton Southerner.

RICHMOND, Jan. 14.—Thomas Judson Cluverius, convicted of the murder of Fannie Lillian Madison, was hanged in the city jail to day.

As early as 9 a. m. people began to gather in the vicinity and by noon every approach to the jail was packed with human beings. Housetops and hill-sides near the jail, from which sight into the jail yard could be had, were also crowded. Admission to the jail was only had through tickets issued by City Sergeant Smith, who, though chary in giving them out, admitted over 200 persons.

The prisoner passed a sleepless night, most of the time being spent with Beverly Crump, one of his counsel, who has done everything to save or extend his life, and who remained with him till 2 a. m. From that time until 6 o'clock he was engaged in prayer and at intervals singing hymns. From 6 o'clock until 9 he slept soundly, then arose and ate a breakfast of tender loin beef steak, mushrooms and egg omelet. During the morning hours there was much speculation as to whether the Governor would further reprieve, and that question not finally settled until some time after noon, when Mr. Crump, who had been to see the Governor, returned to the jail and announced that the Executive power would not be interposed.

Rev. Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher came to the jail about 11 o'clock and remained with the prisoner to the last, administering religious consolation and praying with him. At noon a suit of new black clothes was brought to the jail and the prisoner donned them.

At two minutes to one the death procession was formed, consisting of Sergeant Smith, two deputies, Rev. Dr. Hatcher and the prisoner; the latter having his hands tied in front and his body from neck to ankle enveloped in an old-fashioned ladies water proof cloak. From the cell the march progressed along the corridor and down two flights of stairs to the lower court of the jail and then into the yard fronting the cells of white prisoners; forty policemen being on duty to keep back the crowd. The prisoner, though thin and pale, moved with steady steps to the scaffold, which he ascended in the same quiet manner, and stood on the trap. Sergeant Smith then read the death warrant or a copy of the judgment of the Court, which the prisoner listened to with bowed head and apparent close attention. When the Sergeant had concluded, he asked the doomed man if he had anything to say, and Cluverius replied—"No sir; nothing at all"—his voice being scarcely audible. Dr. Hatcher then knelt and offered a kneeling and fervent prayer, and when he had finished turned to the prisoner who said a few words in a low tone, and Dr. Hatcher, turning to the crowd in the yard, said—"I am requested by the prisoner to utter one word for him, and that is that in this moment of death, he carries to the grave no feeling of ill-will toward any man on earth." Dr. Hatcher then left the scaffold. Raising both hands as he went out, he said the prisoner had asserted his innocence to the last, just before leaving the cell.

When Dr. Hatcher had gone, Deputy Sergeant Allen tied the prisoner's knees tightly together, put the rope around his neck, and adjusted the black cap and hood. Everything being ready, Sergeant Smith gave the signal, and at eight minutes after one o'clock the trap was sprung; there was a sudden swish, the clang of the falling trap-door; and the next instant the body of Cluverius was at the end of the rope—over ten feet below where he had been standing.

The rope, which was made of parti-colored silk, stretched over a foot, and the toes of the hanged man nearly touched the brick pavement beneath. There was a minute of quiet, and then a considerable struggling, lasting several minutes, together with heavy stentorian breathing, indicating that death was being produced by strangulation. After sixteen minutes physicians pronounced him dead and twenty minutes after the trap was swung the body was taken down and placed in a plain wooden coffin and turned over to an undertaker to be prepared for burial at his former home in King and Queen county.

STATE NEWS.

Greensboro Workman: Application will be made to the Legislature at its present session for a charter for a savings bank in the town of Greensboro.

Germanon Times: Mr. C. C. Stoltz, of Forsythe Co. informs us that he has a pair of pure Jersey Red pigs, they are 6 months old and are nearly 4 feet in length.

Wadesboro Times: Everything looks bright and busy in a business view. The crops which came to maturity were very good, and have been sold at fair prices. The trade of Wadesboro has been better this season than for years and the health of the county is excellent.

Charlotte Chronicle: Attached to the Richmond & Danville train, which left here yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, was a car filled with colored people, bound for the turpentine fields of Georgia. There were 65 men and women in the party, and all of them came from points along the Carolina Central road.

Statesville Landmark: A letter received in this place tells of the marriage in Bakersville on the 25th of December of Jacob Bowman, Jr., aged 15, and Miss Parker, aged 13, with the full consent, it appears, of all concerned. The groom is a son of J. W. Bowman, Esq., late Republican candidate for Judge of the Superior Court. If somebody here will contribute a doll for a bridal present to the bride the Landmark will buy a drum and a tin horn for the groom.

Hendersonville Times: Mrs. Smith, of Boston, who was injured in the recent accident on the Asheville & Spartanburg R. R. near Dr. Fletcher's, has since died. It is thought the others will recover.—The tragic death of E. S. Aston, son of Mayor Aston, of Asheville, by blowing out his own brains with a pistol, at the Swannanoa hotel on Christmas eve was a sad affair. The young man was well known here. He was 23 years old.

Asheville Advance: Mr. Grant (the General's son) had selected a cottage, the property of Rev. Mr. Porter, but when he was informed that the owner demanded as rent the sum of one thousand dollars for six months, of course he became disgusted and left the place. The rental required, as every one knows, was unreasonably high. Dr. Porter, the owner of the property desired by Mr. Grant, we are reliably informed, built the house at a cost of \$1,200.

Washington Progress: The mortgage system has not been routed out of Beaufort County yet in evidence of which we received last week an order for 500 chattel mortgages from one firm.—In conversation with a gentleman, a resident of Portsmouth, N. C., a few days ago, he informed us that the tides along that section of the coast have been unprecedentedly low since the Charleston earthquake, in fact lower than they ever were known before. This is attributed by many to be the result of that disturbance. Very few wild fowl have been killed in that vicinity, the low water keeping them a long distance from the shore.

Greensboro North State: Capitalists and manufacturers are directing their attention to this place as an important centre for future operations. We hear there is talk of the railroads joining in establishing rolling mills and furnaces here. The new owners of Ore Hill regard this as the point for furnaces. Mr. R. P. Dicks, we are told talks of establishing a large cotton mill here. Dr. Bethow has been asked to sell the ground from Houston's store to Brockman's corner by some parties who want to build a large block which will have stores on the first floor, and a large opera house above. We are in the centre of a rich coal and iron region. There is a wealth of fine timber, and no end of all natural resources here.

Jefferson Appalachian Philosopher: Corn has advanced to 75 cts. per bushel. Grain is likely to be short in this county until the next crop is harvested, owing to short crops last year.—About 10 persons left Weasel for Montana Territory December 16.—Much of our Ashe county wheat is so trashy that the idea of having it made into graham flour is discouraging, but some of the millers clean it so nicely at their mills that they can make a very wholesome whole grain flour. At least they do at Idol's mill.—The people of Jefferson and Ashe county ought to be planning to make our county a great summer resort for tourists and health seekers. We must take advantage of our natural resources or money will always be scarce here, no matter how prosperous the people elsewhere are.—We learn that Commissioner John Dent of this vicinity, has received another letter from one of the officials of the South Atlantic and Northwestern Railroad, stating that work would commence on the road the first of this month, and that it will certainly be built through Ashe. So cheer up! "Wait for the wagon and we'll all take a ride."

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