

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Legislature re-assembles on the 15th inst; and the session will probably continue till March.

The last part of the present session will be more harmonious than the first, as the vexed Senatorial question is out of the way.

This Legislature is a first-rate working body. With the exception of a few who love to hear the sound of their own voices, speech-making is subordinated to legislation.

Before the recess was taken a number of important measures were adopted.

A resolution emanating from a Republican source was passed, asking Congress for the removal of the political disabilities of all those who are still under the ban.

We hope the petition of our General Assembly will be granted; for a number of our best men are still as it were held under the evil eye of the government.

A resolution empowering the joint committee to investigate the sale of the Western North Carolina Railroad, was adopted, and may lead to good results.

A Joint Resolution making some important changes in the mode of drawing jurors for the Federal Court of this State was ratified in December. Heretofore packing juries was an easy matter, and the Marshal could select whom he pleased.

The judiciary system undergoes a most important change. Judges of the Superior Courts will hereafter be elected by the voters of the respective Judicial Districts of the State.

The bill for the reduction of the salaries of the Governor and Treasurer elicited a great deal of debate, and much time was spent over it. It fixes the Governor's salary at \$4,000.

The act for the support of the Insane Asylum this year, provides ample means for the maintenance of the Asylum at Raleigh, and provides also for the establishment of additional accommodations for lunatics, in the shape of another Asylum, to be located somewhere in the western portion of the State.

In the matter of Railroads much was done. The New York, Norfolk and Charleston Railroad Company was incorporated. This road will open up a magnificent region of country in the eastern part of the State, embracing principally the counties of Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Green, Lenoir, Duplin, New Hanover, Bladen and Columbus.

Strenuous opposition was made to this act, because the charter did not require that the road should touch Wilmington. As it is it will cross the country about thirty miles from Wilmington.

In the coming part of the session

many more acts of public interest and importance will no doubt be passed, and the legislators will return to their homes in the spring with the consciousness of having accomplished through the wintersome good for the State.

STATE NEWS.

Some of the State papers are still "harmonizing the party." The Temperance Society in Tarboro admitted 12 new members last Friday evening.

Salisbury has a number of very handsome private residences which have been built recently.

Hon. A. M. Scales has taken up his residence in Greensboro, where he continues the practice of the law.

A Miltonian 50 years old has never been to but 4 weddings. Three of them his own. The fourth his daughter's.

The Raleigh News says: Curtis H. Brogden, Esq., the Lieutenant Governor elect, arrived in the city yesterday evening, via the Goldsboro dirt road.

The President has pardoned David Ramsaur who was in for eight years at Albany penitentiary for Ku Kluxing. Mr. Ramsaur is of Cleveland county, and the dispatches had his name spelt "Rainshaw."

A young man in Rocky Mount recently attempted suicide by shooting at the reflection of his own pretty self in a mirror. The nice young man was said to be suffering from a conglomeration of Nash brandy and feminine cruelty.

The Raleigh News learns that during the month of December 112 emigrant tickets were sold at Company Shops, on the line of the North Carolina Railroad, besides large numbers sold at other points on the same road.

The Wilmington Journal says: From a planter in this county, who was in the city yesterday, we learn that, for various reasons combined, the peanut crop in this section will fall short this year nearly one-half.

Says the Raleigh Sentinel: John S. Leary, of Cumberland, late a member of the General Assembly of this State was examined yesterday before the Supreme Court and received license to practice law in the State courts.

A PENITENTIARY ROMANCE.—There is no in the State Penitentiary at Fort Madison an aged couple who are serving out a term for the crime of incest, they being brother and sister. The story is this: At the age of twelve years the male left his father's house to seek his fortune and no more return.

Her husband died, and in time she received an offer of marriage from a man who was a widower. She accepted the offer and they were married. Her husband was wealthy, and after a time one of his sons wished to have the father give him some property, but the father refused to accede to his demands.

WHAT A SINGLE WAVE CAN DO.—There is a vessel in Queenstown harbor of 1,200 tons, which received from a single sea a surprising amount of damage. This vessel, a Norwegian, was struck by a sea or wave of so tremendous a character in the late gale as to sweep that portion of her cargo which was stowed upon the deck in a moment into the sea; to carry off her cooking apparatus, made of cast-iron, to empty and injure her deckhouse, to smash her bulwarks and stanchions, to wound and bruise three of her men, and reduce four more to a state of weakness and syncope; to break the mate's thigh and wash a seaman overboard, and finally to fill the cabin and damage all the provisions, so that the crew were nearly starving when they came into Queenstown.

Christmas festivities at a Chicago hotel, the Avenue House, included a sanguinary combat in the dining-room between the colored cook armed with a cleaver, and one of the waiters, whose weapon was a razor.

The Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention assembled in Philadelphia Monday. This is a body of the highest importance, and the true patriots of the State look to them to rescue Pennsylvania from the corruption of the times, and restore the rule of those principles of truth, justice and liberty in which that Commonwealth was founded.

Colonel Hulbert estimates that twenty thousands people have left Georgia in the last two years. The railroad agent at Dalton reports that four hundred emigrants had left that place in six months.

Characteristics of Dickens.

His very idleness, Mr. Foster says, was "strenuous," like his work. He walked eighteen miles in four hours and a half, in the full heat of a glowing summer's day, simply as a sort of relief for the strain of his nerves. On another occasion, Mr. Foster says: "But he did even his nothings in a strenuous way, and on occasion could make gallant fight against the elements themselves. He reported himself, to my horror, thrice wet through on a single day, 'dressed four times,' and finding all sorts of great things, brought out by the rains, among the rocks on the seabeach." When he was living in Genoa in the middle of winter, he dashes over to London just to try the effect of reading the Chimes to his intimate friends.

A LOVER SHOT IN THE ACT OF ABDUCTING HIS SWEET-HEART.—The Christiansburg Messenger of yesterday says: A young man whose name we could not learn, wooed and won the affections of a Miss Price, daughter of Mr. Chapman Price, formerly of this county, but now a resident of Craig. The parents of the young lady bitterly opposed her marrying the youth in question, because of his dissipated habits.

A SAD END.—John Haddy, a gentleman and law student, who had received the best education that England affords, died of starvation in London the other day. Unable to make a living, and too proud to beg, he was carried to the workhouse, where he died of inanition. He was a man of vast erudition, fine abilities and temperate habits. What a commentary upon English charity and philanthropy. The income of the Inns Court in London is not less than \$350,000 a year, positively lying idle, and yet the Benchers of the Inner Temple compel law students to pay for admission to their library. Poor Mr. Haddy was prevented from earning a few shillings at law reporting on account of this arbitrary enactment.

Discussion of Louisiana Affairs. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Sherman called up his resolution regarding elections in Louisiana and Arkansas. Thurman, Frelinghuysen and Trumbull have spoken. The discussion is progressing. HOUSE.—Unimportant.

A Domestic Tragedy Involving the Death of Three Persons. AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Jno. Hillsman, a dentist, formerly of Madison, Ga., shot his wife, her alleged paramour, and himself dead. The paramour is a highly respectable farmer, and leaves a wife and three daughters.

Indians Fighting. OMAHA, Jan. 7.—The Sioux and Pawnees are fighting on Republican River. Several Chiefs have been killed. Troops have been sent to protect settlers.

Death of a Prominent Citizen. BALTIMORE, Jan. 7.—Judge Charles G. Lang, a prominent citizen of Hagerstown, has suicided. A breach of promise suit perplexed him. He leaves a large estate.

Stokes After Condemnation.

At twelve o'clock precisely on Saturday night Edward S. Stokes entered the Tombs a condemned felon, on the very anniversary of the day of the week on which he committed the deed which may send him to a felon's death. On the way from the Court to the prison Stokes said not a word to Deputy Sheriff Shields, who has had him in charge on all the many occasions in which he has been to and from the Tombs during the past year. But the last time he entered the dark gateway of the dingy pile the sentiments he felt were entirely at variance with those of all other times.

THE MENTAL ANGUISH OF STOKES. The keeper went away; but remarking that Stokes did not seem himself, and that the coolness which has become almost proverbial had deserted him; he passed every few moments before the door of his cell. He saw him lying on the bed, which is on the side of his cell, his face concealed in the pillow, and evidently laboring under the most severe mental depression. For hours he never stirred, and at the promenade time of the prisoners, refused to leave his cell to take his customary walk.

Removed. R. P. WARING, Attorney at Law, from his old office on Tryon street, to the office in the Court House next door to the Sheriff's Office. Jan 9-6m

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Works Burnt.

LEBANON, Pa., Jan. 7.—The Lebanon Manufacturing Company's Works have been burnt. The loss amounts to \$75,000.

New Advertisements.

100 Boxes, FRENCH and American Window Glass, in good order. WM. R. BURWELL & CO. Jan 9

MACARONI, Corn Starch, Chocolate, Horsford's Bread Preparation, Pure Powder Ginger and Pepper. WM. R. BURWELL & CO. Jan 9

TROCHES of Lacto Phosphate, Lime and Pepsin. WM. R. BURWELL & CO. Jan 9

HAIR Brushes, English and American. WM. R. BURWELL & CO. Jan 9

LEWIS' Pure White Lead. WM. R. BURWELL & CO. Jan 9

A CARD.

To Our Friends and Acquaintances.

WE the Undersigned beg leave to thank our friends and acquaintances for their liberal patronage bestowed upon our Employer, Mr. E. Shrier for the past year, and most respectfully ask a continuance of the same as we are still at the Temple of Fashion. Respectfully, J. A. YOUNG, JR., A. H. TATE. Jan 9

Special Notice to the Public.

AS a great many changes have taken place this year, I respectfully beg to inform the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general that no change has taken place at my establishment. I am still at my old stand, No. 24 Tryon Street, David Parks' building, with a large and well selected stock of the finest and latest styles of custom-made clothing for Men, Youths and Boys wear, also on hand a fine stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods, Shirts, of Ballou's make, the best fitting shirt in the world. The very latest styles of Hats, Scarfs, Bows and Ties, Umbrellas, &c., &c., and I will still sell them at prices to defy competition.

Clover Seed. A Supply of Pennsylvania Red Top Clover Seed, at STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO. Jan 9

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE Co-partnership which I expected to form by January 1st 1873, will not take place until the latter part of this month and therefore I will continue the sale of the entire

STOCK OF FANCY DRY GOODS, MILLINERY, CLOTHING, &c., At the same reduced prices.

I WILL also continue to keep up my BARGAIN COUNTER.

B. Koopmann, CHARLOTTE, N. C. Jan 4

Wood! Wood!! ALL persons can be supplied with Fire Wood by calling on me, or leaving their orders at Messrs. A. R. Nisbet & Bros. Store, Jan 7-1w

For Rent. A Comfortable Cottage with four rooms, adjoining the property of Col. E. A. Osborne formerly occupied by A. A. Gaston. Apply to F. A. MCNINCH. Jan 1

A Rare Chance. ANY person wishing to purchase an extra fine light harness MARE with excellent qualities for a family "NAG," should apply at once to DR. LINDLEY. Jan 5-1w

Buckwheat! Buckwheat!! A Fresh Lot, Just Received and For Sale by B. M. PRESSON. Jan 5

FOR RENT.

Offices and Family rooms, apply to Dr. Lindley, over Wilson & Black's Drug Store. Jan 5-1w

Paper Bags.

THOUSAND Paper Bags! Straw Wrapping Paper and Paper Twine, for sale at PUREFOY'S. Jan 4

Writing Paper.

MERCHANTS visiting Charlotte, will find Writing Paper and Envelopes very cheap, at PUREFOY'S. Jan 4

Old and New for 1873.

The Editor of OLD and NEW promises his readers to give them in 1873, two volumes even better than the previous ones. They are to include serials by Mr. Hale, Mrs. Greenough, and other first-class writers; short stories by Mrs. Stowe, Miss Meredith, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Hale, &c.; the continuation of Mrs. Martineau's wise and cheerful series of papers on the relations between God and Man; a series of papers on most interesting public questions, such as Railroads and their power; Woman Suffrage; Labor and Wages; the Problems of the New Administration, and the Like.

Provision has also been made for articles on interesting points in natural history and philosophy, by such authorities as Prof. J. P. Lesley, President Thos. Hill, Dr. Gray, Mrs. W. H. Dall, Dr. Kellogg, &c., and for the enlargement and improvement of the critical, record, and art departments. The Magazine will thus more fully than ever before, afford at once an abundant supply of first-class light reading, and an entertaining record of the most important items of human progress for the time being.

VOL. VII. 1873. OLD AND NEW. The People's Magazine. Edited by Edward E. Hale. The enlarged resources placed in the hands of the OLD AND NEW, by the publication; and by the proprietors enable them to announce a volume of wider interest than they have ever published.

Mrs. Greenough's Story, "Pythonia," and Mr. Hale's Story, "Ups and Downs," will be continued and completed in this volume.

A Series of Short Stories by Miss Meredith, Mrs. Stowe, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Hale, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Loring, and others, has been engaged.

Mr. Martineau's Series will be continued in papers on "The Church and its Exclusive Claims," "Scripture, and the Limits of its Authority," "God in Humanity," &c.

The series of articles on Political Science by gentlemen of recognized ability, will comprise papers on "Railroads, Servants or Masters," "The Ballet in England," "Land," "The Law of Maritime Jurisdiction," "The Indian Question," "The Suffrage of Women," "Equal Taxation," "Tariffs and Protection," "What the New Administration must do," "Labor and Wages Question."

The subjects of critical interest in "Natural History and Philosophy" will be illustrated by different gentlemen eminent in their lines of research. We shall soon have the pleasure of printing papers, among others, by Prof. Lesley, Mr. Hall, Dr. Kellogg, Dr. Gray, and President Hill. "The Examiner"

is not confined to the review of the publication of a few houses, but attempts to give some account of the more important issues from the French, German, and English press, as well as our own.

"The Record of Progress" describes the substantial advance which the world has made, in whatever direction or in whatever region, with special reference to improvements in domestic life which may be attempted in America. The magazine will be under the editorial charge of Edward E. Hale, who will have wider assistance than heretofore in the management of its Journal Department.

GIVEN AWAY! The beautiful Chromolith "Confidence," by Hansmat Billings, is presented to every Renewal and New Subscriber to "OLD AND NEW" for 1873 at \$4; or for \$4.25 the Chromolith will be furnished handsomely mounted, ready for framing. Size 10x14. Subscribers received by all Book and Newsdealers at Publishers' rates. ROBERTS BROTHERS, Publishers. No. 143 Washington Street, Boston. Jan 8