

News of the Day.

John G. Saxe will lecture in this State next month. Colfax has recovered his stolen bonds. The postmaster at New Orleans is a scoundrel to the amount of \$10,000.

RELIC OF THE DEAD PAST.

The General Assembly of this State seems inclined to take a step backward on the Usury question. Instead of enacting a law that Legislature of Georgia and other enlightened bodies of lawmakers have done. This appears so from the fact that the Bank of Fayetteville, which has just been incorporated, is to be restricted by the provisions of its charter to the legal rate of interest.

succeeding this Declaration of Independence, marked as it has been by a progress in the arts and science, unequalled in the history of the world. It should be commemorated by an exhibition of the national resources of the State, which our lawmakers have consigned to a dead government.

And whereas, no place is so appropriate for such an exhibition, as the historic city in which occurred the great event it is designed to commemorate, and whereas the exhibition should be an event in which the people of the whole State should participate and receive the sanction of the General Assembly of North Carolina; therefore,

- 1st. That an exhibition of goods, and of the products, resources and manufactures of this State, shall be held in the city of Charlotte, including the 20th day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five. 2d. That a Commission of delegates from each Congressional District of this State, whose functions shall continue until the close of the exhibition, shall be constituted, whose duty it shall be to prepare and superintend the execution of a plan for holding the exhibition, and after conference with the authorities of the city of Charlotte, to fix upon a suitable site in or near said city, where the exhibition shall be held.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE.

Tuesday, February 25. SENATE. NIGHT SESSION. Senate called to order at 7 o'clock. Our report yesterday morning did not conclude the Senate proceedings of Tuesday night. A message was received from the House transmitting a resolution approving the centennial celebration in the city of Philadelphia, in 1876, and urging the co-operation of our people, and asking the concurrence of the Senate. Concurred in.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Tuesday, Feb. 25. NIGHT SESSION. Mr. Johnston introduced a resolution relative to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, on the 20th of May, 1875, which was adopted. By Mr. Lucky, a resolution relative to the appeal in the U. S. Circuit Court, in the case of Henry Clews, Sibley and others, against the Eastern Division of the Western N. C. Railroad. By Mr. Bennett, a resolution in relation to the celebration of the Centennial anniversary of the Union, on the 4th of July, 1876, at Philadelphia, which was adopted. The Amnestty bill was postponed until to-morrow. House bill to incorporate the Cincinnati and Great Western Railway, passed second reading. Calendar.

the Western North Carolina R. R.—This resolution empowers the Commissioners named Joseph H. Wilson, Matthew E. Manly and Walter L. Steele, to confer with the parties interested in the Western N. C. R. R. and if they and the parties to the second agree, then, under order of Court, the Commissioners may sell, pending life for cash or on credit, reserving the funds to be properly applied, and take assurance for its completion to the Tennessee line.—Referred.

Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, a bill to submit the proposed Constitutional Amendments recently passed by the General Assembly, to the people of the State for their ratification or rejection, the said amendments to be submitted on the first Thursday in August, 1873. The vote upon the same to be compared by the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer and Auditor, on the first Monday in December, 1873.

Mr. Humphrey moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Reform, with instructions to report the bill in such a manner as to have the amendments submitted separately to the people. Without any action being taken, on motion, the matter passed over informally.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

House called to order at 10 o'clock by Speaker Robinson. By Mr. Grandy, a bill to amend subdivision 27, sec. 4, chap. 137, laws of 1870-71. Referred. On motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, the bill to prohibit the sale of liquor in certain localities in various counties, was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Bryson, of Swain, the bill to amend the charter of the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad was taken up and passed its second reading. The Senate bill for Amnesty and Pardon came up as unfinished business. Mr. McGehee occupied the floor. He had no personal interest in the matter.

Mr. McGehee then passed on to the merits of the bill. He alluded to the passions engendered by the war and the unsettled and demoralized condition into which the country was plunged at its termination. He alluded to the numerous violations of the chastity of virtuous females, the cold-blooded murder of Col. Nethercut, and others, and to the burnings of barns and dwellings in various localities. Was it strange that men should have associated themselves together to protect the honor of their women, and guard their property against the incendiaries' torch, and especially after it became well known into what a stinking condition the judicial crime of this State had fallen. He mentioned some of the vindictive expressions that had fallen from the lips of Judge Tourgee, and drew a parallel between that officer and the bloody Judge Jeffries.

Mr. McGehee then cited numerous acts of amnesty in Europe, and said that the crime sought to be annulled by this bill was as the unit to the million, compared to the crimes covered up by the celebrated act of amnesty of William III, of England. He appealed to both sides of the House to pass this bill and bring peace and quiet to hundreds of families, and forever bury the wounds and wrongs of the past. He appealed to the Democratic party to come up to the full measure of this lofty mission of grace and pardon to many not intentionally or literally criminals, and many who were hurried into infractions of the law while smarting under cruel wrongs and denials of justice. Mr. Badger replied. He would favor an act of general amnesty whenever it could be done, in his opinion consistently with good order and public safety. He did not think that time had yet come. He continued at great length in urging objections to the bill.

The question recurred upon Mr. Badger's amendment which was put to a vote and rejected by a vote of yeas 56, nays 84. The amendment offered by Mr. Badger to except murder, burglary and arson from the provisions of the bill was next put to a vote and adopted, yeas 93, nays 14. A multitude of all sorts of amendments were offered and rejected, when the bill passed its second reading by yeas 87, nays 49.

The Stephens Murder.

From the Raleigh Sentinel. Caswell County, Feb. 21, 1873. Hon. Josiah Turner, Jr.: My DEAR SENATOR—I have written Mr. Norwood, our Senator, relative to certain reports that I had filed to Canada, and had confessed to Judge Tourgee and one Hester, a detective, and given all the particulars of the Stephens murder, how he was killed who did it. Since writing to Mr. Norwood I have been advised to write to you for publication a contradiction of these calumnies against me, all for party purposes. I went last year, to Mississippi, to see my brother, on business, and was only gone a few weeks. It was made an occasion for Republicans to say that had fled the country. One Major Foot, I learned, in his public speeches charged that I had murdered Stephens and fled. As to confessing to Judge Tourgee, nothing could be more palpably false. I do not remember ever to have seen that grand scamp Hester, the detective. Certainly never made any confession of any kind to him or to any other person. Nor have I any to make. Except yourself, I know of no one who has had his patience and forbearance so severely tried by a set of rascals who I believe, care nothing for the death of Stephens except to make political capital out of it. I have a witness, whose evidence cannot be impeached, who says that a Judge and a lawyer offered him two thousand dollars to procure evidence against me, and he refused. I thought they would give me a little rest. You can assure my persecutors that I will always be on hand ready to meet any charge their malice may invent. I am your friend and late fellow prisoner in Alabama. F. A. WILLIE.

Josiah Turner on Judge Reade.

We did hear that Judge Reade who was a high officer in the order (free Masons) tried to get Gov. Holden, in an irregular manner which displeased some of his brethren. We should be glad if some Mason will give us the particulars of the disturbance produced by Judge Reade, in trying to break Holden into the order. Judge Reade quiet as he looks has all the courage of John Knox, Jackson or the devil. If he ever set his head to putting Holden in, or Patrick, Mcowan out, he would do it or die. Judge Reade would make a choice president of a secret political Society. Before the war he did figuratively in one as we have been told. We do not know that he belongs to the KKK or League, but we venture he is an outside sympathizer with one or the other. His refusing to give us a bench warrant for the President of the League, Holden, inclines us to think he is partial to that order. Some Mason will please inform us how Judge Reade got or attempted to get Governor Holden into that respectable order. Raleigh Sentinel.

Many women who before their marriage make it their study to please the man they wish to marry, lose their affection after marrying by carelessness in dress. Men are fastidious in their tastes. Even those who are careless in regard to their own appearance take delight in seeing their wives neat in appearance. They miss those coquettish garments and neatly dressed hair, and the thousand tasty and fanciful little articles with which young women adorn themselves more than they would be willing to allow. The neatness and order which characterize their foot often give place to a slovenly morning gown, frothy hair, slipshod and unlaced shoes and the like. Men reason that they should have the same desire to please the man they have chosen after marriage as before it. The last new song loses its charm, coming from the lips of a slattern. The poetry goes out of life at a glance, and the household loses its brightness. The wife who, on account of household cares, neglects her personal appearance, commits a grave mistake, which too often bears bitter fruit, and their husbands leave their society for that of others without really knowing the cause.

The Greensboro Patriot regrets to learn that the store of Messrs. Williams, at Summerfield, in Guilford county, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night last. They had in a good stock of goods, but nothing saved. They were partially insured. Supposed to have been fired by an incendiary.

Weldon News: A head of a red accident which happened on Saturday, Feb. 22, resulting in the death of Coff Kelley, a negro man. He had been to town and loaded his cart with meat, bacon, &c., and started home, when his horse took fright, ran away, and threw Coff from the cart, the bag of meal and hoghead or box of bacon falling on top of him which from the excessive fat and massive weight crushed the life from him.

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AUCTION. TO-DAY at 11 o'clock, I will sell, Cottage Furniture, Bedsteads, Chairs, Cradles, Carpets, &c. THOMAS H. GAITHER, Auctioneer.

Building and Loan, and other stocks and Household and Kitchen Furniture at Auction.

By Order of D. W. Oates, Adm'r, I will sell at 11 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, the 20th of March 1873: Household and Kitchen Furniture; Ten shares of Stock in the First Building and Loan Association; Twenty shares in the Mecklenburg Building and Loan Association of Charlotte; Five shares of Stock in the Bank of North Carolina; and Ten shares of Stock in the Fall of the Carolina, all belonging to the estate of W. R. Hill, deceased. T. H. GAITHER, Auctioneer.

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BACKGAMMON BOARDS, CHECKER MEN, PUREFOY'S. 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 in my establishment. I am still at my old stand, No. 24 Tryon Street, David Park's 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 Gen's Furnishing Goods, Shirts, of Ballo's make, the best fitting shirt in the world. The very latest styles of Hats, Beards, Bows and Ties, Umbrellas, &c., and I will still sell them at prices to defy competition. I expect to leave for New York City in a short time to lay in my stock of Clothing and Piece Goods for my Tailoring Establishment and will also bring with me an experienced Cutter and Tailor, and will order my goods by the yard and make to order at my own establishment, and under my own supervision and at lower prices than the same quality of goods can be made up in this or any other city, this side of Baltimore. Being thankful to the citizens of Charlotte and the public in general for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon me, I most respectfully ask a continuance of the same. Respectfully, J. S. SHRIER, Home and Democrat Copy. Just Received. 1,000 The Mountain Cabbage, at B. M. PRESSON'S.