Tuesday, December 9, 1873.

The Consolidation Scheme.

The Consolidation Bill is still before the General Assembly. The original bill authorizes the North Carolina Railroad to purchase the Western North Carolina and Atlana tic and North Carolina Railroade and place the whole under one head and arrangement, with power to mortgage the whole line at the rate of \$13,000 per mile.

The main object of the measure is to secure the completion of the unfinished road that the money-kings Swepson and Littlefield manipulated with sommuch advantage to themselves. This is well. It is very important to the State, and especially to its western portion, to have a railway line through the mountains. Everybody recognizes this necessity. But there is some difference of opinion as to the mode of securing this great object.

The consolidation scheme is in the opinion seemingly of a majority of the Gen ral Assembly the very best plan yet hit upon. The Senate jumped at the scheme. With a few exceptions its "grandeur" made a wonderful, impression upon the minds of our Senators. The bill met with little opposition in that quarter. It will in all probability pass the House of Representatives as easily.

There are serious objections to this scheme.

A gigantic corporation is created that must inevitably become the controlling power in the State-There is danger in it. In the hands, of a Radical railroad ring it will become a vast engine of evil.

It establishes a grand monopolizing system of railway, that in the hands of unscrupulous men can be operated to the injury of every other road in the State. And what will be the consequence? The traders and farmers of North Carolina will feel some of the grinding oppressions that have made railroad combinations officus in the States of the West,

The State's interest in these railroads will be hazarded. If the scheme proves unsuccessful, the entire stock of the roads in which the State holds so large an interest will be sacrificed; and the good old North State that "went out a wool-gathering" will come home shorn.

And what guarantee is there that the scheme will prove successful?-None, worth the ghost of a North Carolina Bond. We believe that the bill provides that only three-and-ahalf millions of bonds shall be issued prior to the completion of the road to Asheville. It is questionable if money enough can be realized by the sale of these bonds to accomplish this work, even if every dollar raised were honestly applied.

To secure the honest application of the money, the bill provides a ten thousand dollar penalty and ten years imprisonment for malfeasence year. or default of any officer in the corporation. What is such a guarantee as this worth? Absolutely nothing! The President and Directors of this grand consolidated corporation could defy the law as George W. Swepson and others do. With Radical courts, and perhaps a Radical Legislature to shield them from justice, they could do exactly as they pleased, charters and statute laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

If this consolidation bill is to become a law, it should contain a provision that will guard other railroads has this good joke on Gen. RAMSON. and the people of sections of country remote from the central line against other railroad in the State should of holding a caucus, Senators Gorbhave the same rights and privileges as the consolidated roads. Uniform freight rates for all our railroads rooms had been for the time set was reported by said committee which course was reported by said committee, and been for the use the rooms had been for the time set was taken.

Ty schools, which had been referred to the committee on military affairs, was reported by said committee, and was reported by said committee, and recommended to be referred to the Judiciary committee which course was taken.

Democrat and Home copy nov 8 would prove the best safe guard.

An Old Subject,

selves an unenviable notoriety through the newspapers, and he wished they were out of the State; that time was too calcable to be wasted in the establishment of a fact that had not been counted for fifty

The resolution was laid on the table under a call by Mr. Moring of the ayes and nays.'

Immigration.

We want population in Western North Carolina, There are hundreds and thousands and tens of thousands of acres of land lying idle in the Piedment region that ought to be cultivated. diaro

Why can't our Grangers-the farmers of Mecklenburg, of Iredell, of Catawba and elsewhere follow the example of the Grangers of Mississippl, and agree to supply rent free for five years forty acres of land to every white family?

Landholders can afford to part with portions of their estate for a time in order to increase the producing population of the country.-Large land owners would find it to their advantage to donate land to good white settlers 31734

We need more capital and more labor. If the proper inducements were held out by our people to immigrants, we might confidently expect in a few years a large increase in population.

One of our State Senators thinks we might-we might have a bad Governor in the course of time." There is no doubt about that, if the Conservative party suffers the Radicals to beat them out o' their boots in the next Gubernatorial election.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

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The New Orleans Picarune is offered at

There is a strike among the train men of

The carpet weavers of Philadelphia have struck against 5 per cent reduction.

The Democrats have carried Texas by a majority of 40,000.

A fire at Springfield, Mass., caused damage to three millions of postal cards.

Preparations for war are still being push ed forward in all the leading navy yards of the country. ASID FOR THE

Small pox exists in the suburbs of At lanta, Ga. A pest house has been established. On a zone in H ii

The bombardment at Cartagena continues. The defenders are in good spirits and made a sortie Friday.

A Fort Gary dispatch says that the Parliament buildings are burned, but that the records were saved!

Cornwall & Co., cotton brokers of New York, failed on Saturday. It is not believed to be a very bad failure.

Seventy-nine thousand dollars have been appropriated to hospitals and other asylums, to shelter and feed the poor of New

A special says Fish has officially refused to comply with the Spanish Cabinet's request that the Virginius be delivered to neutral powers.

The late Jesse R Grant's personal property amounts to between \$7,000 and \$8,-000. Not much for the father of a Pres.

General Fremont has cancer of the stomach, but has, until lately, kept the matter a secret from family and friends. His physician says that he cannot live a

Mr Cameron, the Mormon, has been admitted to his seat in the House of Representatives on the assumption that-his credentials being in proper form-he had a prima facia right to that privilege.

The nomination of Judge Williams, as Chief Justice, was referred to the committee on Judiciary. This was contrary to the usual custom of the Senate with regard to Senators and ex-Senators whose nominations escape the investigation of committees.

BINDING ON GEN. RAMSON.-The Herald's Washington correspondence As the Republican Senators were assembling in the ladies' reception freight rates for all our railroads rooms had been for the time set was taken.

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Bill to prevent the enticing of serdoorkeeper politely informed them they could not go ine At this Senator Ransom got indigmant and asked The renewned "explorer of his-torical channels"—the "Galilee" of the employe if he knew who he was, reminding him, at the same time Warren county—the clever gentle—
man whose "pen is at pointed at his of the Senate. The parely blocked brain is clear," will with "X" (his secret adviser and public horn-blower enjoy the following from the proceedings of the Senate, December The Demogratic Senators withdrew their demand for admission and "Also resolution inviting Gov W. found more congenial atmosphere to the senator of the senate was called to order at that he was a Senator and had the right of access to the public rooms that had the right of access to the public room of the secret that had the right of that he was a Senator and had the

(Condensed from the Raleigh Sentinel.)



FRIDAY, Dec. 5. 1873 The Senate was called to order a

li o'clock, a. m. Mr. Flemming, reported adversly on the bill making conductors of Rail road trains peace officers and allowing them in certain cases to make duty when to the extent of his ability

Mr. Grandy, from the zjoint select committee on the report of Profes- the history of their illustrious achievesor Kerr on the Vienna Exposition | ments The committee commend the liberality of the citizens in aiding Prof. K. by oan of monoy sufficient to enable him to visit the Exposition, and ask an appropriation of twelve hundred ed.

dollars to reimburse the liberal citizens who advanced the Professor money, and proposing to print five tions. Not sustained. thousand copies of the report of the Geologist! To F. wil 101

SPECIAL ORDER.

The bill relative to commercial manures-provides for the punishment of frauds-and require the manufacturer or agent to place upon each package of any fertilizing gua- HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. no or manure a correct analysis of its ingredients.

Mr Troy, a bill to prevent the des-ecration of the Sabath. Prohibits the sale of intoxicating beverages on

that day under penalties. A resolution requesting Congress to re-emburse the tax collected on cotton in 1865, 66--'67. Passed.

Mr Waring introduced two bill. one to "raise revenue and protect sheep." The other in relative of public roads.

The Railroad consolidation bill. Mr Troy, moved to strike out the line providing for working convicts in chain gangs. Adopted.

Cel. Ellis moved to strike out the 16th and 19th sections. These sections provide for working able bodied convicts upon the uncompleted roads. He doubted the constitutional authority of the General Assembly to work them upon works of internal improvements.

Col. Humphrey hoped the resolu-

tion would not prevail. Mr Murphy said he was chairman of the board of Public Charity; that he had thought a great deal upon this subject and that he could see no inhumanity in working the convicts as proposed in the bill. He thought upon the other hand it would conduce to the health and happiness of Mr Love concured with Dr. M.

Col. Ellis' motion to strike out did not prevail.

Col Ellis moved a provision that horse theives and murderers should not be taken out of the Penitentiary—ayes 13, noes 19. Not adopted.

Mr We'ch offered a substitute for section 11, merely changing the phraseology. Adopted.

Mr Harris proposed to strike out the word "Governor" in the 16th and 17th sections, and insert "Board of Directors" wherever it occurs. Said we might have a bad Governor in the course of time. Withdrawn. Mr McCauley moved to strike out

several sections. Not adopted.
Mr Todd moved an amendment that the non-payment of interest shall not work a foreclosure of the mortgage bonds. Not adopted.

The bill pased its third reading, ayes 32, noes 5. Messrs. Allen, Avera., Chamberlain, Cramer, Cunningham, Ellis of Catawba, Ellis of Columbus, Flemming, Gudger, Harris, Hill, Holloman, Horton, Humphrey, Long, Love, McCabe, McCotter, Miller, Morehead of G., Morehead of R., Murphy, Murray, Nicholson, Price, Ramsom, Seymour, Stafford, Todd, Waring, Welch, Worth-35, Messrs. Barnhart, Cowles, Davis,

McCauley, Powell-5. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5. Mr Speaker Robinson called the them. Honse to order at 11 a m. Journal of yesterday read and ap-

Mr Moss, resolution authorizing the State Treasurer to pay over to the Oxford Orphan Asylum the sum of five thousand dollars.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. Mr Bean, a bill to limit a day's work of employers in cotton mills &c., to ten hours.

Mr Johns, bill to authorize the Dan River Coal Fields railroad to buy the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio

railroad. Referred. Mr Reid, of Mecklenburg, bill to make the jurisdiction of justices of the peace final in certain crimnal matters. Referred.

The bill to provide arms for milita-

vants from fulfilling their contracts

SENATE, DECEMBER 6.

"Also, resolution inviting Gov. W.
A. Graham to deliver, an address upon the subject of the "Mecklenburg declaration of Ludependence" during the present session.

Mr. Avera meved to lay on the table.

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Mr. Grandy, a joint resolution authorizing R B Greecy, of Pasquotank, to complete the history of North Carolina from the date of Hawks history to the present time. Sensite out in the knake, and across the top is the name of W. I.

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Mr Graudy urged the passage of e resolutions—he said that while ir sister States were liberal in their efforts to perpetuate the deeds of a noble ancestry, our noble men were sleeping in unknown and almost forgotten graves. He alluded in energetic terms to the lives of Davis, Yancey, Stanly, Ephraim Brevard, and many others. As a North Carolinian he he contributed in giving to posterity

Mr Johnson moved to strike out "thousand" before the word dollars, and after the word R B Greecy, insert "or any other man." Not adopt-

nays upon the passage of the resolu-The resolution failed.

Resolution requiring - the public printing to be let out to the lowest bidder was introduced by Mr Cramer. Mr Morehead, of Rockingham, called the previous question and the resolution did not pass.

SATURDAY, December 6. Mr Trivett, bill to exempt \$300 of

personal property from taxation, &c. Referred Mr Blythe of Henderson, a bill exempting three hundred dollars' worth of personal property for each citizen of the State. Referred.

On motion of Mr Brown, of Mecklenburg the rules were suspended, and Senate bill to authorize the sureties of John Foly, late Sheriff of Pitt county, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Ellison, col., bill requiring County Commissioners to make no distinction in selectieg jurors; on account of race or color was taken up. The Clerk read the adverse report of the Judiciary committee upon the bill.

Ellison, col., took the floor in support of the bill. He asserted that in some counties of this State, distinc tions were made in this particular to the prejudice of his race, &c., and was favored by Williamson and op-posed by Mr. Houston, who said that the passage of this bill would conflict with the present law.

Mr Freeman moved to lay the bill on the table, on which Ellison asked the aves and noes-aves 51, noes 31. On motion of Mr Johns, the bill anthorizing the Dan River Coal Field Railroad to purchase the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad, was taken up and passed its several read-Adjourned.

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