Editor and Proprietor

The Public Debt.

Thursday, January 22, 1874.

The public debt of North Carolina is still before the Senate. Last week we gave this huge, tangled, unwieldly job a "lick and a promise." - We propose now to come to somewhat closer work. The familiar question, what shall be done about it? is not an swered by inaction. As we gaze upon its enormous bulk, it should be constantly remembered that every day adds to its ponderous proportions and increases the difficulties of the work before us.

If there is truth in figures, the claim against the State is forty millions. How much of this is an honest claim, and ought therefore to be negotiated, is one question; how much are we able to pay, is another; and how much, if any, can the State tion. be forced to pay, is a third question.

As to the first, it is generally agreed that the special tax bonds are fraudulent and the State is under no obligation to pay more than the small amount which has been received into the Treasury from that source. Asregards the other bonds, we think the honor of the State cannot be impaired by demanding the compromise pro posed in the Worth Bill; it offers on those claims quite as much as the State ought to pay. Public opinion has long since settled upon the principle, that individuals ought not to their ante-war obligations, ranging on their duty. from 26 to 50 per cent, and even less, people in one and the same boat; this, the world knows, has been disabled-scuttled by pirates in such vital parts, that it requires the utmost exertions of the crew, pilot and all to keep the good old ship above water. We repeat, there is no want of integrity or fair dealing with crediters, if the State, crippled as she is by the ravages of war, demands the same compromise with her creditors which her citizens have made with themselves.

Passing to the next question-how much of this debt can we pay? It is certain the State can never pay it all. The debt, which is constantly increasing by accumulating interest, is now more than half the value of the lands of the State, and is nearly one-third the total amount of all the taxables. To pay such a debt is simply impos-

The population of the State is about one million; its taxable property and effects does not exceed one hundred and twenty-four millions; the people are now paying for support of the government, for county and local purposes, nearly a million and a half. In view of these facts, we cannot but consider the proposition of the Worth Bill to compromise with the State creditors at six millions, as liberal an offer as the State ought to make.

The State can probably with safety assume the payment of such an amount. We suggest, however, that it should not levy any tax immediately for the payment of interest.

We agree with the Senator from Orange, that the people are "unable at present to pay any part of the public debt." The Legislature should make no levy for that purpose .-Creditors must be required to wait able to pay it.

We also agree with the Senator on the 16th day of February next a first-class female school, under an The bill to authorise error, as proposed in the Worth Bill, to allow bond-holders to receive separately new bonds in exchange. Bebe filed in his office. It is no compromise worth having which embraces less than half the creditors.

But we do not agree with the Hon. Senator in his views about help from Washington. Let us first make every possible effort to help ourselves: then it will be time enough to con-Federal Government will compensate

for the loss of our independence. Since writing the above, we note that the Senate has adopted the imfrom Guilford-that on the first of

These are certainly improvements; but we must consider it would be better to levy no tax until at least half the bond-holders agree to the exchange upon the terms of the

The Atlanta Constitution, in commenting upon the death of the lamented Laura C. Alexander, says: We have not gathered these facts from the short sad life of the young and cultivated actress without a purpose. More than one girl starts out in the belief that she is born for the stage. The gates of the drama are beseiged by enthusiastic aspirants in the crude state. We present to all such the brief story of one who had many advantages. Dramatic genius is rare, and dramatic skill is the result of study and drudgery. At the best, it is a hard, hard life."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A London dispatch says that Gladstone s confined to his residence by indisposi-

There was a slight shock of an earthquake felt in San Francisco on Tuesday. It is conceded that Waite will be con-

firmed Chief Justice with little opposition An Austin, Texas, dispatch of the 20th says :- The Sergeant-At-Arms took possession of all the government offices without opposition. Gov. Davis had previously left the Executive office, a clerk only re-

maining who surrendered the keys. The Supreme Court of Mississippi has decided the election of last November to be constitutional. The new Legislature convened Tueday, and Ames, the new Governor elect and all the other State and pay more than an equitable part of county offices elect, will enter at once up-

Mayor Havemeyer's message, just issued. according to their ability. The State shows the debt of New York City to be ken up and the discussion resumed. is but an aggregate of individuals; it \$106.371,953, an increase since 1871 of \$924, has been crippled, as they have been, 428. Expenditures for maintaining the stating his position as opposed both in all its resources; it stands with its city government, for 1871, were not less to Mr. Worth's bill and the amendthan \$36,262,580; for 1372 they did not exceed \$31,500,000 and for 1873 were about \$32, 00,000.

> Rev. J. J. T. Lattone, Rector of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, in Wheeling, West Virginia, has dissolved his connection with the ministry of said church, present he does not join the Cummins' movement, although he endorses it; but will await for awhile, the action of the church in Virginia and West Virginia.

Two hundred cotton factory operatives in Petersburg, Va., struck for higher wages Monday morning and suspended work. The employers are standing firm, refusing to accede to the demands of the operatives, sition. who assert that they cannot live upon the wages which were paid them. The operatives and employes of Davis, Roper & Co's. and Lynch's cotton factories.

Summary of South Carolina News. A Real Estate Agency has been established in Spartanburg.

Three burglars were caught in o'clock. Greenville last week.

There will be a grand tournament and ball at Blackstocks on to-day HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(Thursday.) A disgraceful riot occurred among

tax-payers in Sumter. Benjamin Hernandez, who was recently convicted of an assault with intent to kill, has been sentenced to

the Penitentiary for three years. Marsh Davis, colored, who killed John Pilgrim, colored, in Spartan

burg county, was lodged in jail on the 14th inst. Mr. W. H. McCaw, formerly of the South Carolinian, has become asso-

and Courier, resident at Columbia .-Mr. McCaw is a gentleman of distinguished talents, and has had much amend section 1, chapter 48, Revised experience as a newspaper man. A number of the prominent citifor interest until the State is better zens of Yorkville have purchased the Yorkville Female College prop-

experienced corps of instructors. Seventy Italian immigrants have &c., was taken up and passed its landed in Columbia without money third reading by a vote of yeas 74, fore the Treasurer is authorized to or food, and without the prospect of nays 11. work. They would freeze or starve exchange with any bond-holder, at were it not for the charity of the least a majority of the bonds should people. It is reported that a gentleman from Spartanburg will give em-

ployment to some 25 of the immi-

-A correspondent of the Jackson for the Deaf Dumb and Blind for the preparations that can never be forgotten. (Miss) News tells how Gen. Jackson year 1874, was taken up. got his title of Old Hickory. He says he got the story from Capt. William Allen, a near neighbor of the General, pletion of the building for the colorsider whether assistance from the and who messed with him during ed department.] the Creek war. During the campaign the soldiers were moving rapidly to surprise the Indians, and were without tents. A cold March rain came By Mr. Ballard, a bill to amend on, mingled with sleet, which lasted chapter 116, laws of 1871-72. Reportant amendment of the Senator for several days. Gen. Jackson got ferred. a severe cold, but did not complain April of each year, the Auditor shall as he tried to sleep in a muddy bottom among his half-frozen soldiers. Capt. Allen and his brother John cut down a stout hickory tree, peeled off the bark, and made a covering for the General, who was with difficulty persuaded to crawl into it. The next morning a drunken citizen entered of the Bill.

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LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CARO-LINA.

[Condensed from the Raleigh News.]

SENATE.

TUESDAY, January 20, 1874. The Senate met at 11 o'clock Lieut. Gov. Brogden in the Chair. Journal of yesterday read and ap-

By Mr. King, a bill to amend section 19, chapter 112, Battle's Revisal.

Referred. By Mr. Waring, a resolution concerning the Penal and Benevolent Institutions. Referred.

Motions. On motion of Mr. Cunningham, the bill to provide for Public Schools in towns and cities of not more than 2,000 inhabitants, which came up as the Special Order for 111 o'clock, was passed over for the present. He stated as his reason for making this motion that the Civil Rights Bill the present generation of women, now pending before Congress contemplated in its provisions mixed educated. schools, and if Congress passed the Civil Rights Bill with this provision in it, he would most certainly vote against this bill, though introduced

by himself. On motion of Mr. Ellis, of Columbus, the rules were suspended, and the bill to amend Sec. 16, Chap. 1, Title 4, Code of Civil Procedure,

Battle's Revisal, was taken up. A discussion ensued on the merits of the bill, participated in by Messrs. and Norwood.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the bill was recommitted to the Judiciary its last session "to prevent the own-Committee. Special Order.

The bill to establish a uniform rate of interest in the State, came up as the special order for 12 o'clock. was recommitted to the Committee | iter of the Boston Post.

on Banks and Currency, and made the special order for 11:30 o'clock to-morrow. At 12:20 o'clock, the bill for the

Mr. Merrimon first took the floor ment. In this elaborate argument in regard to the constitutionality of certain bonds he was interrupted by powers and privileges of the North cupied seat. Carolina railroad construction bond-

on account of growing tendencies in the ments of all the oppositionists to who can split two hundred rails per Episcopal body throughout the United his bill, stating that the excuses of- day. Som folks object to so much States to ritualistic practices. For the fered by Senators reminded him of muscle. It might be unpleasant in the memorable excuses offered at a case of marital misunderstanding. certain great feast mentioned in the

considered-laughter.)

Mr. Worth proceeded at some length to reply to the general oppo-

On motion of Mr. Merrimen, the Governor, Treasurer, Auditor and Secretary of State, were requested to transmit such correspondence in their possession in regard to the State debt for the information of the Sendebt for the information of the Sen-

On motion of Mr. Cowles, the further consideration of the bill was

Adjourned.

the colored men at a meeting of the son called the House to order.

and approve d. By Mr. Bennett, a bill to amend proceed.—Springfield Republican. the act to amen't the charter of the N. C. R. R. Referred.

By Mr. Marler, a bill in reference to the keeping open of the offices of PAIN - KILLER Judges of Probate. Calendar.

1871-'73. Referred By Mr. Moss, a bill in favor of J. J. Dusentery, Cholera, Diarrhea, ciate editor of the Charleston News Hasty, former Sheriff of Union

county. Referred. By Mr. Bryant, of Pitt, a bill to Code. Referred.

By Mr. Maxwell, a bill for the protection of the timber. Referred. By Mr. Maxwell, a resolution to Boils, Felons, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, raise a Joint Committee to report erty, and have determined to open on the expenditures of the Insane

The bill to authorize the town of Newton to take stock in Railroads,

The Senate resolution in relation to entry takers, was taken up and passed its several readings.

The Senate resolution in relation and external remedy. One positive proof of its efficacy is, that its sales have constantly increased, and wholly upon its Senate bill to amend the act to amend the charter of the N. C. R. R.

was taken up and passed its several Senate bill to provide the necessa-How OLD HICKORY GOT HIS NAME. ry appropriation for the Institution

The bill to cure certain irregular

makes the Homestead and personal property absolute as to debts contracted after its ratification. In other words the homestead is made a

fee simple.] Mr. Bennett moved to reconsider. Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, moved to make the motion to reconsider special order for Wednesday.

Mr. Craige moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Car-Adjourned.

There are five one-armed men or the police force of Mobile.

Ex-Senator Doolittle, of Wisconsin, has temporarily accepted the presidency of the Chicago Universi-

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Liberals of New Hampshire met and resolved to support the Democratic ticket.

Emily Faithful has no hope of because they have been so falsely The Governor of Florida recom-

mends that that State deal with Littlefield and other carpet baggers as New York has dealt with Tweed. Martin Van Buren said it was better to walk thirty miles to see a man

than to write him a letter! Caleb Cushing agrees with him. It is not deemed probable that Lieutenant-Governor Withers will

resign his office during the present Ellis, Allen, Merrimon, Dunham session of the Virginia Le islature. for \$40, and all other goods in my line, as The Legislature of Western Vir- | cheap as the cheapest ginia is said to have passed a law at

ers of hogs from running at large.' "What is a more exhilarating sight," asks a Vermont paper, "than Jan 3 to see eighteen handsome girls sliding down hill on an ox sled?" On motion of Mr. Cowles, the bill "Nineteen," says the experienced ed

Two Irishmen were in prison—one for stealing a cow, the other for stealing a watch. "Hullo, Mike, and sure what o'clock is it?" said adjustment of the State debt was ta- the cow stealer. "An' sure," said the watch stealer, "I've no timepiece handy, but suppose it's jist about milking time.'

A Cincinnati court has decided that no seat can be reserved in a house of amusement after the cur-Mr. Humphrey, and a considerable tain rises; then a person having a discussion ensued in regard to the ticket has a right to take any unoc-

The Sandersville, Ga., Herald tells of a charming young creature in Mr. Worth replied to the argu- Bulloch county, aged twenty-three.

Rev. Mr. Parry of the new church in Worcester, Mass., took for his (Mr. Allen suggested that Mr. text last Sunday: "I am in a fix" Flemming, the Senator from Mc- The first gentleman in a fix, he said, Dowell, having recently "married a was Adam, who had no clothing.—wife," his excuse should be favorably Other characters in a fix were Jacob before his meeting with Esau, the children of Israel at times, and David attacked by Saul and Elisha.

A dispatch from Minneapolis, Minnesota, says the Indians at Vermillion Lake are dying of starvation. are the causes. They claim that the government failed to send the usual supply of provisions. Eighty Indipostponed till to-morrow at 12 ans are coming into the settlement for relief.

HOW TO GET DRUNK IN MAINE .-If you want to get drunk in Belfast. Me., you must go to the Mayor and get a written order on the town agent At 10:30 a. m. Mr. Speaker Robin-on called the House to order.

The journal of yesterday was read

for the necessary stimulant, and
then you must get this countersigned by the Board of Aldermen, after which you can get the liquor and

1840, THE GREAT

By Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, a bill to amend chapter 193, laws of FAMILY MEDICINE OF THE AGE. Taken Internally, It Cures

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