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EDITORIAL BRIEF MENTION.

YESTERDAY 103 YEARS AGO THE American Congress then assembled in Philadelphia adopted the famous Declaration of Independence. Comparing the progress of the nation, and its prospects, and the condition of our people to-day with those of other the most civilized nations on earth, let us devoutly thank God for our good heritage, and take courage.

are demonstrating the fact that peo- fresher works of George Eliot. The ple can live a great deal more sayings of many of her characters means, and instrument, -but indi- heart knows its own bitterness. How cheaply than is supposed, and live con fortably too. It is a fine thing to see men and women reduce their boys' and girls' school a friendly salpersonal expenses to a minimum in order that their noble part, the mind, may feast. Four or five dol- to "how he can write so many quence every pupil wide awake as to lars a month suffice for bread and things that sound as if he were him meat. Daniel and his fellows lived happy as a boy," says t'at he hopes on less when at school, and found gain in it, two thousand four hundred and eighty-five years ago.

THE GRADED SCHOOL MEETING President Battle led soff with a be safely calculated upon." speech of unusual excellence, even been lived down, and they were now an acknowledged necessity. Staunton voted \$11,000 to support them this year. Property holders, men of ceived many other honors from vaof them. Profs. McIver, Dugger, Winston, and Messrs. Jones Watson and H. B. Guthrie all spoke to the purpose, and with effect.

a copy of a newspaper printed with proving prosperous. The great disa lead pencil on half a sheet of let- covery of the means of rapidly and ter paper, and issued monthly by a cheaply converting pig iron into boy eight years of age, "The South- steel, by blowing a blast of air ern States" is published at Gibson- through the iron when in a state of ville, Alamance Co., N. C., by J. A. fusion was the result of ten year's B. Scherer. Price 50 cents a year. labor and experiment, during which You are invited to subscribe "just his failures were many and disheartto p'ease me," and your fortune will ening .- "The substitution of Besbe told for five cents additional. A semer steel for iron in rails will proserial story occupies one column. duce a saving of expenditure during We give one installment of "Saved the life of one set of steel rails on by His Horse."

not roam from right to left as his dred and seventy millions sterling." horse picked his way over the There is no other instance in history rough road, but remained fastened of such an impulse given to manuon the lovely face that looked out at him from the parted curtains of the "Conestoga. It was the face of a young girl who could not have passed her 18th year. (To be con-

A MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR of Texas to its Legislature, now in session, is to be found in the Galveston Daily News of June 17. From it we quote the following comil ment to our friend and neighbor of the good old times :

'Any ore who will visit the publie free schools in the city of, Housthe great benefit in our common schools of teaching teachers how to teach. This visit will force the conelse may be done, without the aid time of its delivery. of Normal Schools. I regard the establishment of these schools as the first step in the right direction. If extent of its expense, aid in the consummation of the final success of what we think of it presently. our undertaking to establish a sys-

tem of public instruction." to be an associate of Maj. Hotchkiss est recently tendered him. Now in teaching, this summer, five Nor- let the Trustees put on their specs parts of Mississippi.

NOTES ROOKS AND AUTHORS.

Tennyson's new Poem was partly written when he was nineteen years old. The "fourth part" or conclusion is a work of his mature life. Critics say he wrote at nineteen pretty much as he writes now, and that there is no more powerful and passionate love story in verse than this. He is said to have received fifteen hundred dollars for the five undred lines which compose the

The first edition of "George Eliot's" new book "Theophrastus Such' was sold before its publication. One circulating library ordered 500 cop ies. It creates a deep interest as work of genius-the fruit of deep thought and ripe experience-written with a pregnant force of concendiscriminating precision of eloquent language." It is a collection of essays, short and self-contained, the quintessence of wit as well as of wisdom and supposed to be a piece of "psychological autobiography." The Times thinks it is not likely to be popular in the ordinary acceptation of the word. It requires some mental effort in the reader.

Prince Albert delighted in no SOME OF OUR NORMAL STUDENTS books more than in the earlier, were often on his lips.

The poet Longfellow writes to a utation and replying to a query as he is like Gov. Endicott's old pear tree that was planted 200 years ago and still bears fruit.

Theophrastus Such speaking o was distinguished by the excellence capriciously tempered people says of the addresses made by some of "It is essential to what is worthy to our most distinguished Professors. be called high character that it may

Queen Victoria has conferred the for him. Prof. Ladd gave an account honor of Knighthood upon Henry opposition they had met with had associated with the development of the steel industry in England and other countries. He has already re business, all classes felt the benefit rious sources throughout the civilized world,-and besides, has reyalties on his inventions, which have brought him more than a million pounds sterling. He is an inventor WE HAVE BEEN AMUSED WITH by inheritance, not all his inventions all the existing lines in Great Brit-Chap. 2. His keen blue eyes did ain, of a sum of more than one hunfacture by the brain work of a single individual.

living in Madrid in old age and poverty. A fund for her relief is being raised in England.

Dr. McCosh stated at the recent Commencement of Princeton College that the College did not owe a cent, and was under bonds never to contract another debt.

livered last year to the Press Assoton, under the management of Prof. ciation by Dossey Battle, of the Tar-Smith, will be made to understand boro Southerner. We hereby express our thanks. Have read it panionable-but it is not necessary "clean through" as the children say, clusion that no efficient system can and can imagine it was thoroughly ever be secured in Texas, whatever appreciated and well received at the

We have been diligently reading Moore's History of North Carolina, persisted in it will, above all to the the publishers having favored as with a copy, and propose to say

REV. DR. WINCKLER has de We understand that Prof. Smith is clined the Presidency of Wake For mal Schools, established in various and look carefully through North Carolina for a President.

THE UNIVERSITY NORMAL SCHOOL.

THIRD TERM.

(Continued from first Page.) Monday, June 30.

THIRTEENTH DAY. Usual excercises enlivened by each member of the school including the Faculty being required to rise and repeat a verse of Scripture, and give chapter and verse; the subject being faith. Prof. Ladd said they acquitted themselves handsomely.

PROF. NOBLE.

Latin class. Nouns of second declension. Lesson on the ablative case. Rule of 'cause, manner and means." The Prof. first asked what was the subject of the day's lesson, being reported to be the last book and the first one to whom he put she will ever write. The London the question could not tell.) Here-Times says: "It is emphatically a upon our reporter remarks: "Prot. Noble's manner is good,-very encouraging, for a young teacher. They generally try to be so fierce. "Marcus Helvetios injuriis non vextrated expression, and with a most abat." "Marcus and Cicero" by the way pronounced " Markoose Kikero." North Carolina backwoods teachers 'see sights" getting the continental pronunciation.) (O, for old Dr. Hoover, and his exquisite common sense on this subject, and his keen se. se of the ludicrous."

Different members of the class at the board writing. Prof. gives out the English and they translate it into Latin as they write. Those who reman seated parse the sentences on board, decline nouns, &c. Very thorough instruction as to ter minations, and exceptions. "Don't pupil in the room, and in conse-

PROF. FOMLINSON

continues on Grammar-and Prof. Melver on Reading. Sounds of letters discussed, and members of the school called up to read, &c.

PROF. LADD

at 12 o'clock was very entertaining. Qualifications of a teacher, the theme. Very hard to know how to manage other people's children-a

gigantic work .-Neatness of person in teacher ne cessary. No matter if your boots of the schools of Staunton, Va. The Bessemer whose name is inseparably be patched, so they have been well blacked. Brush your hair neatly. Lady teacher with next calico and well dressed hair and nice bow. (LEDGER reporter puts it beau which however it is clear the Professor did not mean) Would rather see a rattlesnake on the floor than tobacco spit. Never let a boy spit on the floor at all unless he is sick, and it he is carry him out. Neatness of desks insisted on. Care of books, &c. Remember you are yourself a model. Have system, but be not too rigid. Be punctual yourself if you wish the children to be. Get the habit here. -Why are some people so hateful to children? There are people whom bees will crawl over and never hurt. If a bee sees me I don't care what he is doing, he will go for me, and give chase. Don't have any vinegar in your composition. Visit your children at their homes and take a meal with them once a year all round whether they ask you or not. Take the little ones up and kiss them-never mind the sorghum on the little apron.-Don't bellow at the scholars. Story of the person who yelled out to the child: WHO worked all the six days and rested on the seventh?" (rising inflection.) Poor child whimpered out : "I did it-but I'll never do it no more."-If you find yourself fret-The sister of Keats, the poet, is ful, easily provoked, take yourself in hand at once. The man who gets ntad, and shows it, is a weak spot .-Children criticise you.-Patience from Latin word which means to suffer. Teaching is a self-sacrificing profession. Teachers are public servants. Learn discretion in conversation. Weigh your words in the school-room. You will become a poor wandering minstrel if you are We have received a copy of not discreet. Take tea with every "Pests of the Press" an address de. one who sends you a scholar. It they don't ask you, send word you are coming. Get the good-will of the wife and mother, or you might as well "sell out."-Be friendly, com-

> a good thing in its place. Story of a teacher who set out to rule by love alone. The scholars rode him on a rail before long. Story of another who subdued a very bad scepol of boys by the display of two revolvers. - &c., &c.

In afternoon classes in Drawing and Penmanship, Arithmetic, &c. PROF. TILLETT

in order to this to go a "wrestling"

with the boys. They may find out

easily they can thrash you. Love is

on English Analysis at 7 p. m., and Prof. Mangum at night in Chapel, a lecture-subject : "The Best Lights are those that Shine from Above." ment of the Programme of the Anthony Comstock, Sec., 150 Nas- cents apiece. To many of them The higher a teacher's education, the Teachers' Association to-day. After sau St., New York City.

more easily be can impart instruction | lectures in course from Profs. Mc in the lower departments. All Iver and Tomlinson, the Association classes in a common school demand met. Sung "Carolina." President knowledge of higher studies in the Battle made the opening speech. teacher. The Alphabet should be Words of welcome and gratulation. studied-its history, &c. Concen Unity of teachers a fine thing. tration of all the powers demanded. Have made a good beginning from Elocution particularly difficult. Com- which great results may be expectmon school studies are grand studies, ed. A grand coalition against igand demand the whole mind. Even prorance, prejudice, &c .- His theme definition of technical terms in should be Education for farmers. Grammar demand an extensive ac- The agricultural interest much the quaintance with history of the lan- greatest one in the State. A conguage, and with the mental sciences, servative class and much there

You also need to study the stu- serves knew nothing of. dent. The physique, the mind, its | Education in practical matters capacity, and development. Teach- wanted .- The great problem is to ing is the intercourse of mind with learn how to derive from the earth mind. Foundation of the Kinder- the maximum product at the mini- in guilty of manslaughter, but res garten system. Physics without mum expense. Our lands must be metaphysics is a dead failure.

to control. Here is a great diffi- age living all his honest and indusculty-to know how to control the trions and toilsome life on his poor mind. Study of Psychology neces rocky bit of land-never got any great moral mission, train his moral as he began it because he never had nature. Greatest defect in North intelligence enough to know how to Carolina Public School instruction is improve his lof. An educated man the ignoring of this.

Tuesday, July 1.

FIFTEENTH DAY. Prayer by Rev. Mr Betts. PROF. M'IVER.

Review of his former lectures. riosities of No. 9, &c.

PROF. LADD

say ablative of cause, manner, on School teachers' trials. Every cate which one of these you mean." many of you have had trouble with Class all deeply interested. Prof's. parents of your pupils. (Only seven method very good-(all but his pro rise to reply.) Wonder at so few. nunciation!) Wide awake to every Don't know where you all have been living. School teacher's trials arise mainly from the fact that he has to deal with the wearnesses of other people. * * Never under any circumstances deceive a child.

(Prof. Ladd, to the extreme de light of the LEDGER reporter, says that if Cicero were to come back and hear his name pronounced "Kikero" he would soon return to his rest.)

REV. N. B. COBB

at night. How shall me Develop North Carolina? What does she need to bring her out? Possesses great natural advantages. * * E.m. merates her minerals-(150 different kinds). Her water-power, products. Yadkin river, Little Tennessee, and others. Why is it all left lying idle. Only one four-hundredth part of all the water power East of Blue Ridge made use of. Contrast with New York. Most of N. C. lands still wild forest. How comes it? Our boys have been going away and giving their services to other States. When I was here at College, Gov. Swain said that nearly three-fourths of the Congressmen and Governors of Western States were either North Carolinians or graduates of the University of N. C. (Applause.) I wouldn't appland that statement. New York stated in the race a little behind N. C. must be educated for North Caroher. A young man got a situation as teacher in one of the most intell. could not bound a single county within it-because cousin John, who pay, noor teacher, &c. was on the school board, thought making \$20.00 per month as any one -wonderful to see how much and their Common Schools. We must educate our mechanics.

People from abroad come here and thing else than we do, but know more about our own State than we do. They pick out our best lumber, know where our best lands lie. Education -not merely reading, writ- on "Language as the Instrument of ing, ciphering-but education tells Thought." in every employment a man can go machinists and mechanics lack mental training-education of their fac-

whites in some places, and will get ahead of them. * * We must establish good graded schools. In one, the attendance is now 450 pupils, at an expense of \$2800. It is by far the best and cheapest way to educate. The poorest boy can get a good education. * *

Mr. Cobb refused to call it anything Chicago and other large cities. but a "talk." President Battle hopes we shall have more such "talks.")

> Wednesday, July 1. SIXTEENTH DAY.

Prayer by Mr. Doub. Announce-

* To teach History, what is not | worthy of praise. But too great innecessary-what reading, what study, disposition to give their children adwhat broad and deep acquisitions! vantages, which the parents them-

brought up to 40 bushels of wheat In order to teach we must be able an acre. Tells of a man 80 years of * * To train man for his higher or any richer, and ended life is a competent man-is to be trust ed in work-knows how-can combine-invent-think. (Gives examples,-in a manner most anin.ated and earnestly inspiring.) A worn Rev. Dr. Shearer, another of our out field is a sick field. Needs med- highly respected neighbors of the icine-stimulant. Cotton field needs ante war times, has been elected some sort. Corn field needs an Professor in the School of History Definition of numbers-Concrete other. An American characteristic English Literature, and Rhetoric in numbers, Abstract, Simple, Com- to wish to see our children better the Southwestern Presbyterian Unipound, &c. Gives examples of multhan we are ourseives; better off; versity, situated at Clarkesville. The tiplication-methods of proof. Cu- better educated. For this we work Stewart College, of which Dr. willingly.

Treasures hid in the earth. Marls, bones, mines. Use of a State Geologist. Men have discovered valuable mines and then lost all through ignorance. Man daubed bis cabin

with mud full of gold dust, &c. (Many who heard this speech of Mr. Battle's say there never has been and never can be a better speech delivered in that Chapel. Nothing could have been more inspiring-and at times he rose into cloquence that held his abilience breathless.)

Mr. Scarborough. Did not propose to give a written speech. Comes with only plain facts to state. Gives his town experience. - Belonged to the uneducated class Mr. Bat le spoke of. Set out at 24 years old in a Confederate soldiers uni for a with an a cent, to get an ed neition. Went to Wake Forest and staid there four years. - Taught school, till elected to his present position. His experience in it. #Pubfie school system of N. C. consid ered .- Calvin II. Wiley and his before he fell, but the son was killed good work thereon. (Appleuse.) at once, President Caldwell .-- First bill to establish common schools-1776--Gov. Miller --

Four hundred and twenty-two thousand children in North Caro ina, and \$452,000 to educate them with. All building of school houses, repairs, and other expenses to be supplied out of that fund, leaving less than \$1, to each child's school term. Teaching school nine weeks for 90 cents per head. Such pay lina. They know nothing about lies at the root of the poor teaching Bro. Cobb spoke of last night, -No man who was worth anything as a gent communities in the State who worker would consent to give his and her husband were just complete time for such compensation. Poor ing a tour round the world.

(This address, though rather too that cousin Robert, who had gotten long, was in the highest degree valthrough his crop, might as well be uable, being practical, sagacious, and full of information. Mr. Sear * * Tells of letter from borough is a man of good sense, and Sup t of Education in Massachusetts fully awake to the pressing needs of North Carolina, namely, more eduwhat high branches they teach in cation, and of a better quality, and better inducements to first class teachers to engage in the business. If we want good teaching we must lift. We have been sufficiently not only know more about every- pay well for it. That's the right gusted with "hotelist," "burglared,

Wednesday night we had a lec-

MR. HORNER

A FRIEND SENDS US A COPY OF heard of her son's death, alter we can't manage machinery—our the Fifth Report of the New York sharp ery of agony she fainted as society for the Suppression of Vice. remained insensible a long.time To read it is like lifting a curtain Since then she has given way to particular Colored people in this State show which has heretofore concealed a has paid her a visit—the scene more alacrity in this matter than world unknown and unsuspected. A most affecting, and when the Quee world of vice of an aspect so pecu- re-entered her carriage she liarly malignant, and so especially weeping. All the crowned here Fayetteville such was the opposition | designed for the corruption and deit was thought impossible to start gradation of the young and innocent that the mind recoils, as if contemplating the work of fiends. In the five years of its existence the the Orphan Asylum in Oxford will Society has done much. Branch So-(This was a capital address, though cieties have been formed in Boston, Guilty parties have been arrested, ner enough for all. The orphis convicted, and punished, and their were allowed to sell ice-cream stock confiscated, and public atten- lemonade for their own benefit, tion has been awakened to stamp when the proceeds were country out the curse. All good men every- out it was found that one hundle whom a fifte where are entreated to aid the work. and twenty-eight orphans had fifted

FROM OUR EXCHANGES The Franklin county folks had a grand time on the 4th. The Press Association will not

convere till the 20th of August. Memphis has been cleared up, and

is now reported as "epidemic proof" Dr. B. F. Arrington, of Golds boro', is going into the cultivation of the silk worm on a large scale.

The Christmas dinner of the U. s. Consul in Bankok, Siam, was com posed almost es tirely of canned fruit from America-turkey, chicken, beet fish, vegetables, fruits of all sorts, and mince pies.

Miss Duer, of Maryland, who shot and killed her intimate triend, Miss Hearn, has been tried and brought ommended to mercy. On payment of a fine of \$500 she was released. Mrs. Hull's murderer has been an

rested, and is a negro-formerly a waiter in her house. He confessed at once, and says he did not mean to kill her. He saw a window open and entered the house to steal. He tied her up to prevent her making any alarm, and was "shocked" to find that he had caused her death. The Clarkesville (Tenn.) Tobacco

Leaf of June 6th, informs us that Shearer was President, has been merged into this University.

The value of fruit crops in the United States is estimated at \$149. 000,000 annually, or about half the value of the wheat crop. Michigan is put down for \$4,000,000 worth Chlifornia produces 10,000,000 gal lons of wine. Norfolk, Va., reported last year 3,000,000 quarts of strawberries. In Great Britain fruit is scarce and dear. Peaches and to matocs are grown in hot housesalso grapes. America is sending her canned fruit over there.

When the Zulus rushed in on the British detachment of Col. Wood and while there was yet open road in one direction, Col, Weatherly, a caralry officer, clapped his son, who was with him, a boy of thirteen, on horse back, kissed him and told him to fly tor life. The lad jamped from the saddle, struck the horse a lash which sent it galloping off-then said:-"Father, I'll die with you." The tather handed his revolver to the child just as the Zulus reached, over British bodies, the spot where the stood. Weatherly slew five Zulu

LATEST NEWS.

Mt. Hood, in Oregon, has become a volcano. Clouds of sulphurou smoke have been issuing from it

The President has sent in his fifti veto message, and Congress has adjourned. The Democrat party ap pears satisfied with the session

A Mrs. Rolland shipped into rapids of Niagara river June 21st, and was carried over the falls. Si

The health of the Emperor Germany is rapidly failing. He eighty-four, and the attacks upon his life have already weakened powers. On his death Queen Vic toria's eldest daughter, who married the crown Prince, will be Empres of Germany.

The villianous word coming that going on in America has got a free 'excurted," "interviewed," "dona ed." ' walkist," "suicided," but wha are these outrages to the new work furnished by the death of the French Prince in Africa? People are not said to be "asseguied"!

When the ex-Empress Engen oxysms of grief. Queen Victor of Europe have sent her message of condolence. She neither eats it sleeps sufficiently to preserve "

St. John's Day was celebrated great enthusiam. Speeches were livered by Judges Cox and Men mon, and other distinguished gen men-1500 people present, and di first cent they ever carned.