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ELIZABETH CITY.

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SEWARD'S SPEECH.

The speech of W. H. Seward, which we gave some attention last week, seems likely to exert a material influence on the political organizations of the country, and is destined, we think to excite in the coming Presidential election, the Democratic party will be probably effected by it there can be no doubt, and we confidently look to it as a means of giving us a brilliant victory in the next trial of strength.

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A NEW ENTERPRISE—AVON HALL.

The handsome edifice recently erected by Mr. P. H. Dozier, has been converted by him into an exhibition room, and neatly and tastefully fitted up with a stage, scenery, and all the conveniences usually found in a well-arranged theatre.

Avon Hall will be opened on Tuesday night by Waller & Company's V. D. Troupe, in the thrilling Tragedy of La Tour de Nesle, or Chamber of Death.

The Portsmouth Transcript thus speaks of Waller & Co.'s Troupe:

Preparation for North Carolina.—Waller & Co.'s theatrical company is concentrating in our city for the purpose of proceeding on a winter tour through North Carolina. We hear that they are to leave Portsmouth in time to give their first exhibition in Elizabeth City on Tuesday next, and we predict that our friends at that point will enjoy themselves prodigiously.

FREE NEGROES. We expressed the hope some time since that the Legislature would do something at its present session to remove or mitigate the evil under which the people of the State are suffering from the large number of lazy, indolent, drunken free negroes quartered upon us.

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HON. K. RAYNER—THE SLEEPER AWAKE.

An impression for some time rested upon our mind that the gentleman whose name stands above had become so heavily charged with "intensified Americanism" that he had collapsed and been hastened off to that bourne from whence no useless or defiant politician ever returns.

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To the Editor of the Pioneer.

DEAR SIR: In an article recently published in the Standard, as "A Special Notice," by W. W. Holden, in reply to numerous charges that have been brought against him, is the following sentence: "If I were to say, what I do not choose to say, that in no event would I accept a Senatorship, they would be gratified, and charged like those I am now replying to, would be a great deal of truth in that assertion."

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LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Standard says, the members elected to the Legislature of North Carolina assembled in this city yesterday (Monday) at 10 o'clock the Democratic party and the Opposition (styled, on this occasion, the American party), held separate private meetings to arrange for the election of officers for both branches of the Assembly. So far as we have heard, their deliberations were quite harmonious.

Monday, Nov. 16th, 1856. SENATE. The Senate assembled at 12 o'clock, and was called to order by Hon. John Hill, late principal clerk.

Mr. McDowell moved that the Senate do now proceed to the election of Speaker, and nominated Henry T. Clark, Esq., of Edgecombe.

Mr. Clark was declared elected, and conducted to the chair by Messrs. McDowell and McDougl.

Mr. Cunliffe nominated Mr. C. C. Tally as Assistant Doorkeeper.

Mr. McDowell nominated Mr. Jos. Risher as Chief Clerk.

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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of North Carolina will assemble in the city of Raleigh on Monday the 15th inst, being the third Monday of November. This will be exactly three weeks from the date of this writing.

The session will be an important one. It will require the exercise of vigilance and forbearance to prevent the more than usual excitement and confusion which will be the result of the meeting of the Legislature.

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OHIO ELECTION.

William Allen's (Dem.) victory in Congress in the 5th district of Ohio, is a matter of great importance.

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