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Pittsboro, March 20th.

We arrived at this ancient Borough on yesterday (Monday) about twelve o'clock, and took possession of our old quarters at the only hotel in town, and now kept by Mrs. H. H. Burke. She certainly keeps an excellent hotel. There was quite a crowd already gathered, but it was under order that the Judge would not get here before Tuesday morning. Mr. Solicitor Strudwick we found already on hand. Mr. J. M. Moring, one of the members of the House of Representatives from this county, availed himself of the opportunity afforded by the Judge's absence, to render his constituents an account of his stewardship.

He spoke for about an hour, giving to his people an outline of the more important acts passed by the late General Assembly. He is quite popular with his people, and has made himself quite a reputation as a legislator. He has been a member of three legislatures, and he declares the last to have been the most indelicious one of the three, and yet its members worked for smaller wages. After he concluded, James Powell Esq., his colleague in the House was called for, but not being present, of course did not respond. W. G. Albright, the Senator from this county we have not seen here.

The Judge arrived last night and this morning opened court. His charge to the grand jury was a proper one, and everybody seems well pleased with the new Judge.

The State docket is quite large, there being nearly seventy cases upon it. Quite a number were disposed of to-day, and the whole docket will probably be disposed of by Thursday night. There was a call of the civil case docket to-day and quite a number of cases were announced as ready for trial at this term, so the probabilities are that the term will go well into the second week. There are no capital felonies, and no civil cases of public interest to try.

Besides the Local bar, consisting of Messrs Jackson, Waddell, Howze, Manning, Moring, London, Womack Rencher, and York, there are present Messrs A. W. Graham and S. H. Webb of Orange, J. H. Heaton Esq. of Raleigh, Mr. Wortham of Warren and E. S. Parker of Alamance.

At the recess of the court to-day it was announced that the Hon. Kemp R. Battle, President of the University would address the people upon the relation of the University to the agricultural interest of the State.

We did not hear the address but hear it highly spoken of. He addressed himself to the great advantages of intelligent farming over the present system, and to pointing out the folly of the idea that education and mental training are necessary only to the boys who propose to enter the learned professions as they are generally termed. We of course cannot attempt even an imperfect outline of what, so far as we have heard, is pronounced a very admirable address.

There is a here, as is generally the case, a complaint of hard times and a scarcity of money.

The crowd was unusually large to-day—the largest seen on any court day for years. Horse swapping, in the evening was the order of the day; and quite a crowd seemed engaged in it. It we had had something of the horse kind to have started with we think we could have made expenses, but as we had nothing from which to make a start, we had to content ourselves with being a spectator simply.

We noticed the venerable Gov. Rencher in the bar for a short time to-day. He looks well, and assured us that with the exception of a rheumatic affection of his feet and legs, his health was unexceptionably good. He must be quite an old man.

We see no evidence of improvement in the old town, and the older inhabitants of the place sadly remark, that it is not what it once was.

A quarter of a century ago, there was perhaps no place in the State where bounteous hospitality was more liberally dispensed, and social intercourse more fully enjoyed than Pittsboro. There has been a very wonderful decay of private fortunes, and hence a great falling off of that gay and happy life for which the old town was once noted. Though no more clever people are now to be found than those of Chatham.

We forgot to mention that Col. L. C. Edwards of Granville, one of the visiting members of this bar, was taken quite sick at Dr. Smith's in Haywood, while on his way to this court last Sunday, and so we miss his

We have heard of politics talked, and we believe that the people of this county have quit giving their time to the consideration of other matters than their regular business, and have concluded to wait till next time to give the railroad a hearing as will not be denied.

We had all about as well imitated them.

CHARLES H. HEWITT RESIGNS.

A Letter Explaining why he Wishes to be Relieved.

WASHINGTON, March 4. Hon. Abram S. Hewitt this evening resigned his position as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. In a letter of considerable length, in which after reciting that the last official act of the Executive Committee was the announcement that Samuel J. Tilden was elected President, and Thomas A. Hendricks Vice-President, and that this was followed by a scurrilous pronouncement from the National Republican Committee claiming the election of Hayes and Wheeler, he proceeded to assert that the result of the electoral bill has disappointed the hopes of every lover of the country, and that the grievous wrong has been perpetrated of awarding the presidency to a candidate who has no just title to its honors. Mr. Hewitt defends his action upon that bill, and regarding his assent to the completion of the count says, as an honorable man, no other course was open to him; but if honor had permitted otherwise his judgment was that it was the wisest course for the country, as well as for the Democratic party, to proceed in accordance with the law to the orderly completion of the count, although they knew that it would result in the installation of Hayes. Continuing, he recites his opinion that disastrous consequences would have resulted in a defeat of the count, resulting eventually in civil war, and to him appeared on one side anarchy and civil war, and the other peace and order; "Under the circumstances I could not hesitate as to my course. I felt that as a patriot and a trusted servant of the Democracy no other course was left open to me, and I feel sure that its wisdom will be vindicated by the early and triumphant success of the Democratic party, standing as it does upon the rock of justice and patriotism, from which no amount of passion or provocation has been able to move it."

He continues: For myself I feel that I have now completed the duty which was assigned to me at St. Louis. The result of the campaign was the unquestionable election of our candidates. That they and the people have been defrauded of their rights is true; but for this result, I do not hold myself any more responsible than any other member of Congress upon whom rested the duty of counting and declaring the vote. In the course of my very brief public experience I have already found that my usefulness as a representative in Congress has been seriously impaired by my position as chairman of this committee, and I had long since determined to ask to be permitted to retire from it as soon as the result of the election was definitely ascertained. The unforeseen complications which arose have necessarily compelled me to postpone the execution of this intention until the present time. Now, however, that all impediments to my retirement are removed, I beg to be relieved from further service as chairman.

Wilmington Star: We learn that a colored man, living in Fayetteville, who has the reputation of being somewhat of a somnambulist, was on his way home from this city, a few nights ago, on a Fayetteville boat, and had dropped to sleep, when he suddenly sprang to his feet, gathered up his bundle, containing purchases he had made in this city, and walked deliberately overboard before anyone had divined his intention. The night being dark, and the boat moving forward pretty rapidly, nothing more was seen of the man, and it became the settled conviction among those on board that he had gone to join the ghouly number who had previously found a winding sheet in the treacherous waters of the Cape Fear. Great was their astonishment, therefore, upon approaching the landing at Fayetteville, some hours afterwards, to find the supposed drowned man standing on the wharf smilingly awaiting the arrival of the boat. He had swam ashore and taken another boat.

A notorious horse thief, with the real name of John P. Willis, but going under the assumed name of Henry Williams, has been arrested in Cabarrus county, and is now confined in Concord jail.

A White Woman Flings a Negro Jail.

For some time past a man named Levi Milton has been living on the farm of Col. Myers, about a mile East of the city. He came from Ireland, and had married a woman from near Goldsboro, in this State. Milton is an industrious laboring man, while his wife had borne an excellent character in the neighborhood. The two were living together, as the husband says on the most amicable and pleasant terms, each being a help meet to the other. It is even related that on one occasion when the husband was taken down with the fever and lay for a long time unable to work, the wife went to the field and labored herself in order to save the crop.

Notwithstanding all this, the wife left him on Monday afternoon under circumstances which were of the most disgraceful and distressing character to the unfortunate man. It seems that he had two sons—one white and the other a mulatto—working with him at staying about the premises. On Monday afternoon the wife came into town to purchase some articles for household use. Not returning by dark, the husband grew uneasy, and came into town in search of her. He was told that she was seen going in the direction of the depot, and wore a shawl, which from the description he knew to be one owned by the negro. The truth began to dawn upon him. The negro had left the place that same afternoon. The husband remembered to have heard a voice, which seemed familiar at the time, call to him as the out-going train passed him on his way to town in search of his wife. The painful fact that she had eloped with the negro and the two had left on the train forced itself upon him. On his return home he discovered that all of his clothing had been taken, and \$700 in money. Upon questioning the white man, who had been working daily with the negro, he ascertained the fact that whenever he (Milton) left the place the negro would leave his work, and go to the house.

The unfortunate husband is at a loss to know what to do. Thus far he has heard nothing whatever of the couple. As before mentioned the negro is a mulatto of ordinary brightness, while the woman is about the medium size, has Auburn hair, blue eyes and fair complexion, and a good looking.—Charlotte Observer.

The Danbury Reporter says: A very sad occurrence transpired in our county last Saturday. A little son of Alex. Reid, about five years of age, unobserved by any member of the family, found a bottle of whiskey in the cupboard, from which he drank very freely. No one knew anything of the circumstance until about 12 o'clock, when the little fellow's absence was noticed. A servant was dispatched to look him up, who reported that the child was asleep and could not be aroused. Upon examination the boy was found to be perfectly numb and unconscious. Two physicians were immediately summoned, but their efforts to relieve the little sufferer were of no avail and he died Sunday morning.

THE RALEIGH TEMPLE OF HONOR AND TEMPERANCE. A new order of Temperance in this city by the above name, was organized on Wednesday night by J. N. Stearns, M. W. C. T., a well known publisher and Corresponding Secretary of the National Temperance Publication Society. The temple was organized with eight charter members, and gives good promise of future success. Quite a number of applications for Membership have already been handed in.

This temperance order, we learn, works on an entirely different plan from any other in existence. It does not dabble in what is known as the missionary work, and has more of the beneficiary element in its composition than any other order of its character. We wish the movement great success.—Raleigh Observer.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.—Henderson Simmons, a well-known well digger of this city, met with a horrible death yesterday evening. He was engaged in digging a well on a lot adjoining the premises of Judge W. R. Cox, and he and his son were at the bottom of the well, and had just commenced walling. A tub of rock was being sent down by the rope way, and the tub and contents were precipitated below, killing the old man instantly and seriously wounding the son. Young Simmons was taken out at once, and medical aid sent for, but it is thought that he will not recover.—Raleigh Observer.

THE LATE BRANDY CROP.—For the past season there were in operation in this, the 4th Congressional district, 325 brandy distilleries, and the amount of the tax paid to the United States government on the brandy manufactured amounted to \$24,243.70. Shales of Whitaker and Ramsey here is food for a two hour's temperance speech.—Raleigh Observer.

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