

The report of the Commissioners of the Western North Carolina Railroad, published yesterday, which was unanimously approved by all the members, is a paper of interest.

It is the first official declaration of the completion of the road to Paint Rock and Pigeon River, under the extension of time granted by a majority of the commissioners. It marks the completion of the first part of the contract entered into for the construction of the road.

It remains for the assignees to continue the work to Murphy by 1889, and afterwards on to Ducktown. The report shows no abatement in the prosecution of the work and a large force, both of convicts and other laborers, are actively engaged on the grading between Pigeon River and the Balsam Mountains, beyond Waynesville.

It is significant that the railroad has been built from Asheville to Paint Rock, some forty-four miles, before the management of the connecting road has been built.

We are assured by those engaged in the construction of the Western North Carolina Railroad that it is their intention to continue to prosecute the building of the railroad to Murphy with all reasonable diligence and energy.

IN A RECENT editorial we remarked on the difference in principle between the two great parties of the country. The tendency of the tenets held by the Republican party is to centralization, while the principles of the Democratic party do not lead to such calamitous results.

Their guiding principle was while maintaining the constitution of the Union, to preserve for the people the highest freedom of action in regard to local matters. Our system of government is complex.

THEY note with pleasure that the Wilmington Review proposes to make some changes that indicate growing prosperity. It is to have a new dress, to be a morning paper, printing the dispatches, giving the markets and in every way being a live daily.

It is this that the Democratic party has always recognized, and our leaders have placed great stress upon it because it is the safety of popular liberty and the palladium of our free institutions.

officers at the polls; to be sure he had officers like deputy marshals to browbeat the people, and to be sure he had his inspectors of election to do the counting and make the returns.

but it is not human nature in France; we believe it was fraud in France; and that a similar fraud may come to be practiced in these United States if ever the people consent to centralization.

According to the principles of the Democratic party, it is dangerous to have Federal troops at the polls; dangerous to have deputy marshals and revenue officers at the polls, and dangerous to have Federal inspectors of elections to count the ballots.

THE Charleston News and Courier tells of an incident of cruelty that a colored man in that city thought he had a right to practice on his child.

The executive committee of the Senate and House of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee met at the residence of Gen. Rosecrans to-night.

FATHER O'BROUKE, a Catholic priest, who officiates at Olyphant, a village in Pennsylvania, has a pleasant prospect before him.

WE LEARN that the University Normal School will begin June 15th next and continue five weeks. The Board of Education entrusted its organization to Superintendent Scarborough and President Battle.

They are discussing a new play. "It is not by any means a bad play," says one of the speakers, "but it lacks something; something that you can't exactly describe."

John Ruskin says that smoke "looks as if it were made of dead men's souls." John has never seen a dead man's soul, nor smoke that came from one, and he does not know what he is talking about.

tract the balls, etc., and the next day got an ambulance and had them removed to a hospital. The Federal soldiers have just learned that their benefactor was Hugh Barr, of Moorhead, West Virginia.

I to-day met a gentleman named Dr. Thomas Reeves, who, upon finding that I was a "tar-heel," at once asked me if I knew a family in the State named Mettee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The House committee on commerce has had a long siege with the intra-State commerce bill of Mr. Reagan, and has about concluded its deliberations on the subjects involved therein.

Where the managing partner of a firm buys goods on time when he ought to have bought for cash according to the terms of their agreement, the firm and each member thereof (out of his individual estate) is liable for the debt, even though the seller had knowledge of the stipulation against credit.

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THE Chinese minister, accompanied by his second secretary, two attaches and an interpreter, will leave Washington to-morrow for New York, and will sail thence for Spain.

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The sale of its old building to the government will give the Freedman's bank depositors a final dividend of 20 per cent. This is the last slice the poor darling depositors will ever get.

Digest of Supreme Court Decisions. [From Advance Sheets of the 60th North Carolina Reports]

Allen vs. Jackson. 1. To give a justice of the peace jurisdiction of civil actions under section 27, article 4, of the constitution, the summons, as a substitute for a complaint in such cases, must show upon its face that the cause of action is within his legal cognizance.

Holmes vs. Holmes. 1. An equitable estate in fee may be declared without the use of the word "beirs," if an intention to pass such estate can be guaranteed from the instrument.

Johnston vs. Bernheim. Where the managing partner of a firm buys goods on time when he ought to have bought for cash according to the terms of their agreement, the firm and each member thereof (out of his individual estate) is liable for the debt.

Kendall vs. Briley. When leave to sue on a judgment under section 14 of the Code is refused by the judge below, his decision upon the question, whether "good cause" is shown, is conclusive.

State vs. Locke. 1. An appeal does not lie from the refusal to discharge a prisoner when a mistrial is ordered. The mode of procedure to have such a case reviewed is by a petition in due form for a writ of certiorari, setting forth the grounds of the application.

State vs. Commissioners of Davis. 1. Under the provisions of the "fence law," act of 1881, chapter 172, the commissioners were proceeding to collect the tax assessed upon land to defray the expenses of building the fence, and the court refused to grant an injunction to restrain them.

Commissioners of Davis vs. Cook. 1. No appeal lies from an interlocutory order appointing commissioners to assess damages for condemnation of land for a fence-way, under the act of 1881, chapter 172.

State vs. Edwards. A and B, owners of a mill, employed C as a miller, giving him one-third of the toll received, as compensation for keeping the mill, and the flour alleged to have been stolen was made of undivided toll wheat.

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Traveler: "Ain't you ashamed to beg-a-stout fellow like you? I should think you might work." Picturesque beggar (drawing himself up): "Senor, I asked you for alms, not for advice."

Teacher: "How does the earth absorb water?" Pupil: "Like a dog." Teacher: "How do you make that out?" Pupil: "Don't we read of the lap of the earth?" Teacher: "Go up another grade."

Hoboken has a candidate for Mayor who weighs 440 pounds. They have got tired of brains and will try solid fat for awhile.

Judge Wylie's Decision in the Star Route Cases. Judge Wylie, in denying the motion to quash, said: If the statute of Maryland of 1722 is the law of this District, the objections raised by the defence are fatal.

The Maryland act of 1722, at the time of its passage, was one of the laws of that State, but it did not follow that it was in force in the District. The act of 1722 was not repealed, it was simply not adopted in the new system, but adopted by the United States when it provided a criminal system for the District.

The next subject of consideration was the indictment itself. It was an elaborate and carefully prepared instrument. The offence charged was that of a conspiracy to defraud the United States. It was as charged a conspiracy executed or carried out to a successful result.

Judge Wylie then entered into an analysis of the indictment. If the alleged overt acts were indictable offences, the indictment was good. The first charge was that extension of routes and increase of service on route 38, 113 were obtained by false oaths, petitions, &c., with the connivance of Brady, and further, that subsequently Stephen W. Dorsey became the sub-contractor, after which another order to increase the service was made, and allowances were made both to the contractor and sub-contractor.

He quoted from section 5,498 R. S., setting forth that any officer of the United States who acted as agent in prosecution of any claim against the United States, assisted in such prosecution, or received any compensation, or shared the profits of such prosecution, &c., "shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for one year, or both."

Mr. Ingersoll interrupting the court, without rising from his chair, said: "Will the court allow me to state just how it was?" "You will have opportunity to do that hereafter," said Judge Wylie.

Mr. Ingersoll, "do not appear on the face of the paper." "Well," retorted Mr. Ingersoll, "that is because the indictment is not well drawn." [Laughter.]

Judge Wylie then continued his analysis of the indictment. He quoted authorities, holding that it was enough therefore for the pleader to set forth the offence in such apt words as to describe it against the statutes. He held that the averments made in the indictment regarding the false affidavits, oaths, petitions, &c., were substantially in the words of section 5,479, revised statutes, and that was sufficient.

He quoted from the act of 1872, setting forth that no defect in an indictment which did not tend to the prejudice of the accused should invalidate it in relation to the claim in the case of Brady, that he was not amenable to courts of justice, but liable to impeachment, he said that notion was erroneous. The constitution provided judgment in the case of impeachment should not extend further than removal from office and disqualification, but the person impeached would still be liable to indictment and conviction in due process of law.

For these reasons the motions to quash were overruled. A Card. To all who are suffering from the errors and indications of chronic, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a remedy that will cure you, free of charge.

Frosty weather in Austria is damaging the early vegetation. The pleasures of the fabis cease, When'er the south begin to fall; The beauties of the month decrease; The breath's no more a spicy gale; And all must soon in rut lie, Unless to SOZODONT we fly.

Hanian has begun to train for his rowing match with Tricket on May 1. The appointment of M. de Giers as minister of foreign affairs for Russia has had a reassuring effect at Berlin.

Raleigh Grocery Market. WHOLESALE PRICES. REPORTED BY W. C. & A. B. STRONACH.

Table of wholesale prices for various goods including Bulk Meal, Hams, Lard, Flour, and other commodities.

An Indian chief while in Washington was taken to see a burlesque show. After the performance he remarked, through an interpreter, that the Great Father was very kind to send the poor Indians blankets when they were so much needed at home.

Barnum having secured "Jumbo," Forepaugh is now looking about for an attraction that will excel it. If he wants a bigger English "elephant" than Jumbo, let him bring over Ireland.

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