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President Arthur has signified his intention of taking part in the open ing exercises of the Louisville Ex.

A CONSIDERABLE sensation was created in Washington last week by the false rumor that General Grant had dropped dead ou the streets of New York.

SENATOR Wade Hampton has gone trout fishing in the mountains of Vir ginia. Wonder if he will not be called a fish liar by some evil-miuded person when he reaches home?

EDITOR Dana, of the New York Sun, says that Mr. Tilden will posi tively not be a Presidential Candia date. Dana is in favor of Hon, W. S. Holman, of Indiana, as the Deme cratic candidate.

CHOLERA is playing sad bavoc in Egypt. The great pestilence is spreading all over the land, and it is feared that the extent of the territory embraced by its ravages and the num. ber of deaths are even much greater

A LAW forbidding the sale of tobacco in any form to boys under 16 years of age went into effect in New Jersey on July 1, and is said to be working effectively. Though the sales of the weed are reduced, the deslers do not complain, as they say they are rid of a veritable nuisance-that of boys flocking into their stores who were noisy and sometimes thievish.

A BARK containing several families of negroes sailed from New York for Liberia a few days since. Another squad of deluded blacks gone to the land where frogs and bugs sell for almost fabulous prices and snakes are considered delicacies. Their sejourn in that land of freedom will, we optoe, be but short ere they will sigh for the land of white government once more.

EDWARD Spencer, one of the most brilliant newspaper men of Maryland. died at Baltimore, July 17th. aged forty nine years. Mr. Spencer was for several years an assistant editor. of the Baltimore Sun, and also com tributed to the New York Sun, New York World, and several of the mag azines. He was a fluent and graceful writer, ant dis writings in the various papers were always welcomed by the reading public. He was the author of "The Life of Hon. Thomas F. Bay ard." He also engaged in writing plays, the most popular of which was "Kit, the Arkansaw Traveler." Mr. Spencer was a widower and leaves two sons and two daughters. He was cousin to Mrs. Dr. J. M. Spainbour of this place. Land a parved Juodia

THE telegraph operators employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company have been asking for higher wages but the Company has stoutly held out against their demands. Through the medium of the Brother hood of Telegraphers a general strike has been inaugurated and on last Thursday 19.000 operators stop work. Almost every office in the United States was closed and the click of the telegraph was not beard in the land, Here and there a stray operator was found who still remained at work but practically the business interests of the country are not served by the wires. The press telegrams, it is stated, will still be furnished but. until some compromise is reached, the wires will be silent for all other besil mess. It now remains to be seen which side will give in. I harried ad

The electric tower at Fon du Lac. Wis., fell down yesterday, and a piece weighing 500 pounds crashed through the roof of a saloon, demolishing a stove at which a woman was cooking but injuring nobody.

NEWS OF THE WELK

th over \$3,000,000. from 22 votes were cast by the Legislature in joint session to day for United States Senator.

Duncin, July 16 .- An attempt was made yesterday to burn the house of James Carey, the informer, but the police saved the house.

The army worm has made its ap pearance in the northern section of Lancaster county, Pa., in large num. bers, and is committing rayages in the tobacco fields.

An epidemic of pleuro-pneumonia prevails among cattle on Staten Island, N. Y. The State and local boards of health met Wednesday to consult on the subject.

Saturday evening near Helena, Ark., two colored men, one armed with a musket and the other with a rifle, fought a duel at thirty paces. Both were mortally wounded.

CAIRO, July 16,-The cholers has appeared in several quarters of this city and is spreading in the Arab quarter. There have been four cases in the hospital, one fatal.

The first location of space for the American exhibition at Boston was as signed yesterday. There are over a thousand applications on file, representing every State in the Union.

The missing ledger stolen from the State treasurer's office at Nashville, Tenn., last week, was found yesterday on the steps of the Artisan office, addressed to the editor of the Artisan.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the tormal opening of the National Mining and Industrial Ex position at Denver, Col., today Sen ator Warner Miller will deliver an address.

Saturday the New York fruit inspectors seized 30,000 watermelons brought from the South by the Savannah Steamship Company. They claimed that they were rotten and unfit for use.

Reed Alexander refused to go out of a field in Armagh township, Pa. yesterday, when ordered by the owner, Samuel Longwell. The latter struck him on the head with a rail. inflicting tatal injuries.

At Tracy. Tenn., yesterday, while a crowd was waiting in a barber shop a shot was heard, and a colored barber who was shaving a customer fell dead, shot through the head. It is not known who fired the shot,

The young man Rodgers, who was supposed to have been murdered by Samuel Tyson. has turned up all right, having been in the swamp on a spree. Tyson has been convicted of petit larceny for the theft of the pistol and sent to jail for three

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 16 .- In observance of the Sunday law all sa loons here were closed yesterday and all business was suspended except in hotels and drug stores. Dealers were not allowed to sell newspapers. Saloon men took mitiative in com pelling a general suspension of bus-

London, July 17 -A Daily News Cairo dispatch says it is very appa rent that the number of deaths from cholers there has been much greater than has been stated. It is nelieved that 500 or 600 deaths have already occurred. The railway from Catro to Alexandris, it is expected, will dis continue operations immediately,

The Charlottesville (Va.) Jefferso nian states that on the 4th of July the original slab and monument erected over the graye of Thomas Jefferson at Montice!lo were sulpped to Columbia, Mo. The slab was in a very good state of preservation, and will for the future be in the oustody of the State University at Columbia.

Boston, July 16,-- Captala Matthew Webb, the champion swimme". this afternoon performed the perilous feat of swimming the entire length of Hull Gut. This is the most danger. ous inlet on the coas, with an extra. ordinary depth of water and very strong counter currents. In the eve ning Captain Webb gave an exhibition of fancy swimming, during which he dove from a tower ninety feet high.

The ninth, semi aufual convention of the South-Eastern Amateur Press. Association, composed of Amateur editors from all parts of the South and East, met in Washington, D. C., July 4th. Much important business was transacted and the following officers were relected for the ensuing | Chatham | district for a number of term : President, Hiram T. Mercus. Touanda, Pa; Vice President, J. Bascom Sherrill, Lensie, N. C.; Official editor, Jap. W. McClain, Phila delphia, Pa. The next convention will be held in Blohmond, Va., in

warns the liberals not to lend them mind and will, strong in character and selves to hasty action against the Government in regard to the canal scheme. It says an upsetting of the Liberal ministry would bitterly disappoint all reformers and the country might eventually be drawn into an tagonism with France. It sdds that there is no mistaking the seriousness of the situation.

Paris, July 16.-Many of the flags displayed yesterday in honor of the National fete were draped with crape for Louise Michel. After the unveil ing of the statue of the Republic 1wo anarchists stuck a black fing upon the statue. The people surrounding the statue immediately seized the flag and tore it to pieces. One arrest was made. Black flags were displayed in some of the obscure streets of the city. The unfavorable weather somewhat dampened the enthusiasm of the people during the day but at night the festivities were of surpassing brilliancy.

STATE NEWS. .

Kinston Free Press: There are more young men in the editorial chair in North Carolina than in any other State, we believe. About one half of the editors in this State are under 25 years old and the average age of those who attended the Associat'on was only

Asheville Citizen: Mr. Geo. D. Miller, agent of the N. C. R. R. at Durham, reported in our last as having committed sciende, is yet alive. He made on attempt, but the balt of the pistol instead if going through his head, passed around the skull, lodging on the opposite side from the point

Durham Plant: In the college library we saw a copy of the Doomsday Book, compiled by William the Conqueror, containing a survey of all the lands in England. It is written on vellum in small but plain characters, and is very valuable, as only ten copies are known to be in existence in the world. In the way of books, we saw too the first book ever printed in North Carolina. It is the laws of the State published in 1752. It is bound in sheep, and at the time of its publication was known as the "Yellow Jacket," owing to the color of the binding, no doubt.

Journal Observer; The ordinance compelling country butchers to pay a city tax is now to force and has been since its ratification Reports from the country say that the farmers have about cleared the grass from the crops and feel intensely relieved in conse quence . . . Commodere Alexander Chafin, who recently returned from an Oriental tour, is now running as brakeman on the Carolina Central Bailroad The railroad rates for the Louisville exhibition have not been issued, but are expented in few days. The expesition will con tinue 100 days from August 1st.

Goldsboro Messenger: There is a great diversity of opinion as to the condition of the growing crops. From some we hear encouraging reports from others we learn that the crops are hadly damaged by excessive rains and too much grass. .. Mesers. Stanley and Kennedy, of Kinston, we are pleased to learn contemplate locating shops in Goldsboro for the purpose of pushing the manufacture of their ! Cox Cotton Planter" more vigorously Tena Atkinson, an old colored woman in Johnston county, who was a nurse in the Atkinson family for years be fore the war, died last week at the advanced age af 130 years. She was ever a faithful servent, and the Atkin. sons were kind and careful of her old age for the much good she had done in the years gone by. She claimed to have nursed the late Mr. John At. kinson, who died at a good old age some twenty are years ago."

DEATH OF GOV. BENCHER.

A private telegrom from Chapel Hill announces that the Hon. Abras ham Rencher died in that yillege this morning. The intelligence was not unexpected, as the distinguished gentleman had loug heen in failing health, and was so great a sufferer that death comes to him as a friend bringing release and rest.

Gov. Bencher was bern in the down ty of Wake in the year 1798. He was educated at the University at Chapel Hill, chose the law as his profession, and soon made his mark at the par. Entering the political field as a Democrat, he was for many years a conspicuous figure in politics; was member of Congress from the terms, and minister to Portugal under President Tyler. President Buchanan President Tyler. President Buchanan appointed him Governor of New Mexico, and he was residing lat. Santa Be when the war between the States broke out, and he returned to his Southern home. He was in all his Southern home. He was in all

er of the distingished lawyer dward Jones. His wife sur-ion, a lovely and venerable lady towards whom the hearts of many friends in this and in other States will turn in her sorrows.

Secrest Arrived.

Marion Lamp Post,

Wednesday last Sheriff Neal returned from Columbia, S. C., bringing Hoke C. Secrest with him, and placing him in jail to await trial at Court. The prisoner looks well, talks freely and is quite cheerful. Having been granted a new trial by the Supreme Court, on his first conviction, and then under plea of insanity having been transferred to the Asylum for treatment, from which he escaped last winter, he is now brought back for trial de novo. It may seem trying to have to go through all the harrowing details of the tragedy with which he is connected, already so familiar to this public, yet there appears to be no

FACTORIES IN THE SOUTH.

The manufacture of cotten might naturally be expected to flourish in the land where this product attains its highest pertection, and appearances indicate that such an expectation is in a fair way to be realized. A letter from Wilmington N. C., published in the New York Tribune, mentions a Georgia cotton mill which has "just declared a dividend of 20 per cent, and points out that besides getting his raw cotton half a cent a pound cheaper than his northern competitor, saving freight on both the raw material and the finished product, and also saving seventy cents a bale from the fact that he can buy his cotton without compression the Sonthern man ufacturer has an additional advantage in the fact that cotton which has been subjected to the compress sus tains a mechanical injury which materially detracts from the durabil ity of the fabrics made of it. If this be true, the fact will have great influence in promoting the development of cotton manufacture in South. The present difficulty of that section is a lack of manufacturing capital, but its great natural advantage plust soon attract capital from the North and from Europe, and it is not unlikely that within a quarter of a century the cotton-growing States will he manufacturing the larger part of their own staple.

A Guilford Man in Caldwell.

Correspondence Greenaboro Patriot

Leaving Henry we came on to Hickory, where the writer dropped off and into a hotel to rest till morn ing. Then in company with a pleas. ant stranger companion, drove Zeb Vance over the dusty highway, twen, ty miles in three hours, to Lenoir, a quiet and interesting town, nestled among the beautiful hills of Caldwell county. This town is the terminus of the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Guage Railroad. The road is graded to Lenoir, and the cars are running to Newton about 30 miles distant, On my return next day the farmers told me their wheat crop was furning out better than last year and that corn is promising well. They sell their grop of fruit to the distilleries. When I said, of wish you would find some better use for your fruit," one replied, "we get money for our fruit. The distiller gets money for the bran. dy and somebody else drinks it, and we are not to blame for that." I thought this conclusive proof, aside from anything else, that we are verily the lineal descendants of Adam and

TOM THUMB DEAD.

The Famous Dwarf Dies Suddenly a His Home in Massachusetts.

Boston, July 15.—General Tom Thumb (Charles S. Stratton) died at his home, at Middleboro, this morn ing. He was ailing for several days, but no serious result was expected. The General was the oldest and best known curiosity in America. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn., in January, 1832, and when ten years old was engaged by P. T. Barnum, who dubbed him as "Gen. Tom Thumbi" and iu. troduced him to the public at the American Museum, in New York, on December 8 1842. Although but ten years old, the General was so precocious that his manager gave the public to understand that the midget had passed his twentieth year. In Rebruary. 1844, Barnum took the General to Europe and exhibited him in London and the provincial towns for more than a year. On returning to Amer ica General Thumb made a tour of the principal cities and became quite fa mous. Barnum engaged a number of dwarfs, and among the number vere General Tom Thamb, Commo dore Nutt and the Warren sisters, Minuie and Lavinia.

The General became infatuated with the Warren sisters. however, unable to decide which he should marry, and his delay enraged the Commodors, who also had his eye on the fascinating little women. When Nott asked Stratton for an explanation of his delay, the General slapped the Commodore's face. This indignity so maddened the latter that he procured a revolver and vowed that he would kill his insulter. The affair came near breaking up the combination, but Barnum finally pacified the General married Miss Lavinia.

a tour of Europe in 1865 and the intense patriotism of the little mite was the subject of much comment. H: visited England several times after that and made a great deal of money. He left Mr. Barnum several years ago and managed himself and wife in their travels through the country. As he advanced in years the General became very fleshy and it annoyed him greatly. In his early life his habits were regular and temperate. but after his infant daughter died he drank a great deal. It is estimated that his estate is worth about \$50,000. He owned the fine house he died in and a valuable farm near Bridgeport

LAND SALE.

The undersigned will, as Administratrix of R. R. McCall, deceased, en Monday, the 3rd day of Sept. 1883, at Lenoir in the county of Caldwell, proceed to sell the following described land, fermerly belonging to the said R. R. McCall: One hundred and eighty-four acres, lying on the waters of Lower Creek adjoining lands of John Stallings. Philip Largent and others, under a decree of the Superior Court of said county. TERMS—One fourth cash, balance in six months.

M. E. McCALL, Adm'x.

Lenoir, N. C., July 18, 1883.

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LAND SALE. As commissioner appointed by the SUPERIOR COURT of Caldwell County, I will, on Monday, the 6th day of August, 1883, at Lenoir in said county, offer for sale the following LAND in said county

under a decree of said Court, 6 different tracts com-posing the Bee Mountain land: 1st tract, 112½ acres 2nd tract, 88½ acres; 3rd tr ct, 95 acres; 4th tract, 125 acres; 5th tract, 29 acres; 6th tract, 29 acres Each tract to be sold separately, and then the entire body to be sold, and the sale bringing the highest price to be reported for confirmation to the Court. TERMS: Ten per cent cash, balance 6 and 12 months -purchaser giving note. Dated at Lenoir, N. C. this 28th day of June, A. D., 1883.

M. E. SHELL, Conmissioner.

NORTH CAROLINA, IN THE PROBATE Joseph B. Spicer and others,

Sarah Shinant and others. In the above entitled cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Sarah Shinant and D. C. Shinant her husband are non-residents of this State. It is therefore ordered that the service of the summons be made on them by publication once a week for six successive weeks in the LENOTR TOPIC, a newspaper published in the town of Lenor and county of Caldwell, commanding them to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Alleghany county, in the town of Sparta, within twenty days after the service of the same to answer to the Propate of the last will and testament of G.H. Bryan, dec'd. A copy of the Complaint will be file in said office within ten days from the service of th's ummons and let the said Defendants take notice that if they fail to appear and answer judgment will be taken against them for the relief demanded.

be taken against them for the rener demands.

R. S. CARSON,

C. S. C., and Brobate Judge for Alleghany County.

Bower & Welborn, Att'ys for Plaintiffs.

July 25

NORTH CAROLINA,) SUPFRIOR COURT. Spring Term 1883. Martha Lorance Action for

William Lorance. and Alimony IT appearing to the satisfaction of the court upon affidavit, that the defendant is a non res dent of the State, and that the Plaintiff has a cause of action against him, the said William Lorance is therefore hereby notified to appear at the next term of our said court to be held for the county of Ashe at the court house in Jefferson on the 7th Monday after the 4th Monday in September 1883, and answer or demur to the complaint now on file in said cause, and also, then and there, to answer the writ of sequestration which has been issued against him in this action. Witness Jas. M. Dickson, Clerk of our said court at office, the 7th Monday after the 4th Monday in March 1883, issued 18th June 1883, JAS. M. DICKSCY, C. S. C.

SUMMONS-C A Little adm'r of Jos, Corpening Piff Against
C. A. Little and wife Henrietta, C. M. Sudderth and wife Bet.y, S. P. Tate and wife Belle, J. J. Harshaw and wife Ahce, A. N. Corpening and J. W. Corpening Defendants.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. To the Sheriff of Caldwell county-Guegring: You are hereby Commanded to Summons the Defendants above named, if they be found within your County, to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Caldwell within 20 days after the service of this Summons on ham, exclusive day of such service, and answer the Complaint, a copy of which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, within ten days from the date of this Sum-County, within ten days from the date of this Sur ons, and let them take notice that if they fail to answer the said complaint within that time the Plaintiff will take judgment against them for the relief prayed for in the Complaint, viz, sale of certain lands assetts. Herein fall not, and of this Summons make due return. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 28th day of June 1883,

M. E. SHELL, C. S. C., Caldwell county.

SUMMONS-A. E. Haigler Plaint ff,

William Howard, John Brown and wife Prudence, Samuel, Eli and Laura Howard, John, Peter and Sarah Howard, Matthew, Haywood and Martha Howard, Defendants. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To the Sheriff of Caldwell County-GREETING You are hereby commanded to summon the defendants above named, if to be found within your County, to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Caldwell within 20 days after the service of this Summons on them, exclusive of the day of such service, and answer the Complaint, a copy of which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for said County, within ten days from the days of the Superior Court for Said County, within ten days from the days of the Superior Court for Said County, within ten days from the days for the Superior Court for Said County, within ten days from the date of this Superior County, within ten days from the date of this Sum-mons, and let them take notice that if they fail to mons, and let them take notice that if they fail to answer the said complaint within that time the Plaintiff will take judgment against them for the relief demanded in said complaint, viz.: the sale for partition of the land in said county belonging to the he irs stlaw of Cornelius Howard.

Hersip fail not, and of this summons make due return. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 22d day of May, 1883.

M. E. SHELL, C. S. C. Caldwell County.

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