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We extend to Capt. E. J. Hale, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, our sincerest condolence...

The Supreme Court has lately decided a very important point in the land entry business...

The question of the next Presidency continues to be discussed but no definite conclusion seems to be arrived at...

There is a manifest disposition on the part of the Republican leaders, since the Virginia election...

rious design, but, as we have had occasion to remark before, it is dangerous to confid too certainly upon what the people of the North can be brought up to by designing politicians...

CONGRESS will meet the first of next month and the following from the Charlotte Observer is of interest as indicating which way our representatives will vote on the Speaker-ship:

There are now three recognized candidates on the Democratic side for the Speakership of the House of Representatives: Messrs. Randall, Cox, and Carlisle...

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SKINNER ELECTED BY 1,000 MAJORITY.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Nov. 21.—The Falcon has received returns from the district as follows: For Pool—Pasquotank, 568 majority...

The Last of Three Murders.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Nov. 22.—Andy Taylor, the last living of three brothers, who murdered two sheriffs and captured a railroad train with one hundred passengers aboard...

NORTH CAROLINA

As seen through the glasses of the Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and Wilmington Dailies and of the leading Weeklies in the State.

Raleigh. Dr. Skinner, who has returned from the State Baptist convention, says it was the largest and most successful ever held.

In a few days the committee of twenty-one, appointed to make certain arrangements with regard to the State exposition, will report, it is thought, and then the beginning of regular measures will come.

We are informed by a gentleman, who says that he knows whereof he speaks, that within the past 6 weeks seven happy fathers in this "City of Oaks" have each been presented with twins.

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Capt. E. M. Hayes, of the United States Army, arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of establishing a recruiting office in Charlotte for the army...

Wilmington.

We learn that there was an old gentleman, 68 years of age, in attendance upon the late synod as a lay delegate, who had never seen a steam boat or vessel of any sort previous to his visit here...

Asheville.

Sheriff Tweed informs us that Mr. W. R. Shelton, a successful merchant on Shelton Laurel, Madison county, keeps the larger part of his stock of goods on his front porch...

Asheville's water works are in process of completion. This enterprise is a feather in Asheville's cap.

Morganton.

The negro, Bart Ellis, who was tried in Cleveland last week for the murder of old Mr. Logan, was found guilty and sentenced by Judge Gilmer to be hanged on December 14...

BURNED TO DEATH.—A distressing accident took place in Inard township in this county, near the residence of Mr. Warlick last Thursday night...

care of the house. On their return they were horrified to find their little girl in the yard dead, her clothing consumed and her body buried to a crisp.

It seems that Mr. J. Lee Latta, of crooked cheek fame, has escaped from jail in Atlanta, Ga., and is now in Western North Carolina.

Six U. S. Prisoners were brought down from Asheville to this place Monday night and lodged in Morganton jail. This make 18 prisoners at Mr. Lane's "boarding house."

Indian Summer.

Like some fell destroyer, bleak winter with its chilling winds and its freezing breath, comes and blights the beautiful Indian summer, and who does not mourn the departure of this ever enchanting season...

Perhaps it was in these balcony days, while tending his flocks by night, that the oriental shepherd gazing upon these sublime scenes, caught the spirit of inspiration evinced in the following:

"When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

"Sun-burned, beautiful enchantress, may I have a shared thy charms. Would thou couldst tarry with us long."

The Synod of North Carolina.

The Stated Clerk presented the following statistical report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States:

"The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these consist in whole, of 116 ministers and 234 churches, having under their care 4 licentiates and 20 candidates, viz:

Orange Presbytery—19 ministers, 64 churches, 1 licentiate and 7 candidates.

Concord Presbytery—19 ministers, 38 churches and 1 licentiate.

Fayetteville Presbytery—21 ministers, 51 churches and 4 candidates.

Wilmington Presbytery—15 ministers, 31 churches, 2 licentiates and 1 candidate.

Mecklenburg Presbytery—31 ministers, 50 churches and 8 candidates.

Total—116 ministers, 234 churches, 4 licentiates and 20 candidates.

The Synod further reports that its next stated meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, Winston, N. C., on the 2nd day of October, 1884, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the Synod. W. S. LACY, Stated Clerk.

Justice Meted out in Forsythe.

News and Observer.

WINSTON, N. C., Nov. 22.—In the Superior court here today, Judge Shipp presiding, Albert Davis, Tom Lee and Abram Watkins, all colored, were convicted of the murder of Anderson McCallum, colored, and sentenced to be hanged December 23th. They appealed to the Supreme court.

A Southern Speaker.

Raleigh Chronicle.

The latest news from Washington that can be trusted is that Mr. Carlisle's chances for election to the Speakership are very good indeed. In fact, the probability is that he will be elected. Mr. Cox is sanguine and has an enthusiastic following. Mr. Randall's chance, it is believed this week, are not as great as they have hitherto seemed to be.

AN EDITOR KNIGHTED.

Rewarding by the Pope for Taking a Stand Against Duelling. CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 22.—A dispatch from Rome states that the Pope has created Mr. F. W. Dawson, editor of the News and Courier, of this city, a Knight of the Order of St. George for the stand he has taken in his paper against duelling.

TIMELY TOPICS.

The Durham Plant says that Mr. Fred D. Fanning, the cashier of Morehead's Bank in Durham, died Sunday before last.

Week before last the Norfolk and Western depot at Norfolk was burned, destroying 5,000 bales of cotton valued at \$250,000.

Charlotte had a big fire last week by which several houses were burned.

The citizens of the Virginia second district had the biggest jollification ever known in the tide-water country at Norfolk of Tuesday of last week. The occasion was the rejoicing for the victory over Mahoneism.

Newton had a fire, Saturday week, which a couple of buckets of water happily extinguished.

Charlotte is stirred up by the promised revelations of Adams, the railroad speculator, and is standing on tiptoe to hear who is implicated.

Charlotte is in what was once Pee Dee county. We will publish next week a rare discovery by Secretary of State Saunders of this whilom county.

Turner's N. C. Almanac for 1884.

This popular Almanac, "The old Reliable," which for forty six years—nearly half a century—has been paying its annual visits to the homes and firesides of our people, has been received from the publisher, James H. Ennis, Raleigh, N. C.

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LAND SALE.

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STEPHEN JOHNSON, Executor of CELIA JOHNSON—formerly Celia Bryan, Allegheny Co., N. C., Nov. 2, 1882.

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