

be unable to provide for themselves shall be provided for in the exercise of the State's power.

In my opinion, the people will be content with the present constitution, if amended in the particulars above referred to, and I feel by no means confident that they desire all the amendments which I have enumerated.

The Board of Education still has the control of a large body of swamp lands, which it is desirable to utilize as early as practicable.

The progress of the geological survey will be principal operations and results will be presented to you in the report of the State Geologist, shortly to be submitted.

The annual report of Dr. Eugene Grison, the worthy Superintendent of the Insane Asylum, shows in detail the operations of the Institution for the last fiscal year.

The State of North Carolina has such superior advantages, in point of geographical location; its climate and soil; in the variety of its products; in its freedom from the extreme rigors of the North and from the enervating heat of the South;

Our mineral wealth is only equalled by our agricultural products. The coal and iron of the Deep and Dan rivers, capable of affording profitable employment to thousands of operatives, do not exceed in richness the gold, the copper, and silver, and lead, and marble to be found in our more Western territory.

The Northern and Northwest-tern States are striving every nerve and making every exertion to allure to their borders every immigrant who comes to the United States.

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The business and responsibilities of this office having naturally increased since the amount of the land was fixed by law, I respectfully recommend that the bond of the Agent be correspondingly reduced.

George Z. French, Esq., a member of the House of Representatives from the county of New Hanover, tendered his resignation as such on the 1st of July. His resignation was accepted, and an election to fill the vacancy ordered for the 3d of August.

By virtue of authority vested in me by the present General Assembly at its last session, I caused the Executive Mansion to be rented out at public auction on the 6th day of May last, at the rate of \$105, secured by note, which fell due on the first of the present month.

Carolina Watchman, SALISBURY, FRIDAY, DEC. 1, 1871. YADKIN RIVER RAIL ROAD. It is a gratifying fact that the public are awakening to a better appreciation of the advantages to result from the successful prosecution of this great enterprise.

Much praise is due Col. Townsend for his persevering efforts in behalf of this enterprise. But for him it must have failed. Like the late Hon. J. M. Morehead, when working for the N. C. Canal, he believed it ought and could be carried, and never once looked back or remitted his efforts for its success.

The law is extremely rigorous in respect to Sheriffs making their annual settlements with the State Treasurer. If they fail to do so by the first Monday in December, they and their clerks are liable to a loss of commissions on taxes collected, loss of credit for insolvent taxpayers, and a fine of one thousand dollars, and 10 per cent. on amount of taxes due, and if the whole amount is not paid within ten days, judgment is granted against the Sheriff and his clerks, and pressed for collection.

We learn that Mr. Richard A. Caldwell of this place, applied to Judge Henry for an injunction or mandamus, or something of the kind, against the Legislative branch of the Eastern Division of the Western N. C. R. R., and in favor of the gubernatorial branch, for possession or control of the Road.

who were not present on that night and advised them to disband agreeably to Gen. Leach's instructions. This was in May 1870.

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At 2 o'clock on Tuesday, the examination was held in the Court House at Winston, before U. S. Commissioner John P. Vest, U. S. District Attorney Starbuck appearing for the prosecution, and Col. Jos. Masten for the defence.

After a few preliminaries, the prosecution placed upon the witness stand A. R. Bowers, who being sworn, deposed: "Was made a member of the White Brotherhood, near Thomasville, in the last of March or first of April, 1870. Was initiated in the woods. Did not remember who initiated him. Did not remember the first oath read by Mr. Starbuck, but took the last one. The object of the organization was to put conservative men in office."

Cross-Examination. Was promised by W. F. Henderson that if I came here to testify, I should not suffer. "Something less than a barrel of whiskey, belonging to me, had been seized by Henderson, and I had been indicted for violation of the revenue law. This indictment was to be dropped if I testified. About one-half of the members of the organization were radicals—some of them office-holders. Never heard of any one being molested. Understood the object to be to get Conservatives into office. The organization was in existence only about two months. We disbanded about the last of May, 1870, and have never met since. Would never have testified had I not received the promise from Henderson that I should be let off from the whiskey indictment. Was in camp when J. W. Thomas brought Gen. Leach to us. There has been no meeting since that night to my knowledge. I did not hear Gen. Leach take any obligation, but heard him, after we had been there a short time, advise us to disband, as the organization was illegal. In pursuance of this advice we never again assembled. I afterwards heard that he had written a letter, inquiring if we had disbanded, but we had disbanded already. Had no purpose to violate the laws of the United States or of this State. Col. Henderson said he was after Gen. Leach; that he wanted to break him down; that I and my friends should not be hurt, as he was after Leach only. No Republican has been arrested, but about one-half of our members belonged to that party."

Alex. W. McClary, who had first been arrested, and subsequently released in order to make a witness of him, was then sworn, and he deposed as follows: "Lived in Thomasville. Belonged to an order called the White Man's Brotherhood. Was organized about the last of March, 1870. Was initiated near High Point, six miles this side on the Salem road, in the woods and at night. Six men from Davidson county were initiated at the same time (names were here given). Started a camp in Thomasville about three weeks afterward. (Oaths were here read by Mr. Starbuck.) Took both oaths. Know of no other camp in Davidson. I organized the one at Thomasville. Hambrick was the chief. Moore was Secretary, and I was Lieutenant. Our purpose was to get all good white men into the order, and advance the interests of the Conservative party. Can't tell how many members were in my camp, but think there were sixty or seventy. I administered the oath to all who joined. I repeated over the obligation to Gen. Leach. Cross-Examination. Gen. Leach said the oath was not binding, and that the organization was contrary to law. Did not hear Gen. Leach advise us to disband, but heard others say that night that he had advised us. No meeting has ever been held since the night he was there, or since we broke up upon his advice. Hambrick who was not present that night, went around in a few days afterwards to all

the candidates named for the Presidency in opposition to Gen. Grant, embrace some of the ablest men of the country. Here are some of them: Gen. W. S. Hancock, of Penn.; Senator Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio; Chief Justice S. P. Chase, of Ohio; Gov. Parker, of New Jersey; Ex-Gov. English, of Connecticut; Hon. Millard Fillmore, of N. York; Ex-Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana; Judge Trumbull of Illinois; Gov. Grant Brown, of Missouri, and so on. The fact that men like these, of both political parties—men pure, capable and above suspicion—are enlisted heart and soul, against the rule of the ex-Union, whom Grant leads, controls and manipulates with, through the patronage of the Federal government, is most significant. Any noble leader of the grand army of K. K. FORM. Salem Press.

By the time the Doctor was through, the Major was on his feet, looking around the room, and after giving his report a shrill cheer up, he remarked that "he would like to be shown to his room." The Doctor insisted that he sit with him

and "chat awhile," but he (the Major) was tired—had been riding hard and wanted to go to rest.

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Look! Litigants! In pursuance of an order from the Governor of North Carolina, a Special Term of the Superior Court for the County of Rowan, for the trial of Civil Causes, will be held on Monday, the first day of January, A. D. 1872, at which Term of said Court parties and witnesses in all Civil Causes are hereby notified to appear and prosecute or defend their suits.

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