

Carolina Watchman,

MARCH, 25.

CANVASERS WANTED.

We are offering liberal inducements to persons canvassing for the Watchman.

If a few editorial parasites in this State imagine that whomsoever they puff and recommend should be accepted and worshipped by the rest of the people, it is, perhaps, about time they were informed that the thing won't work.

The Legislature passed a bill to change the time of holding the State election from August to the 1st. Tuesday in November.

The act to provide for the employment of convicts upon Railroads and other public works, is to be commended.

The Repudiation bill will prove a delusion and a snare.

The Legislature adjourned last Monday, and the members have all returned home ere this in safety and health, we hope. The session was quite a long one.

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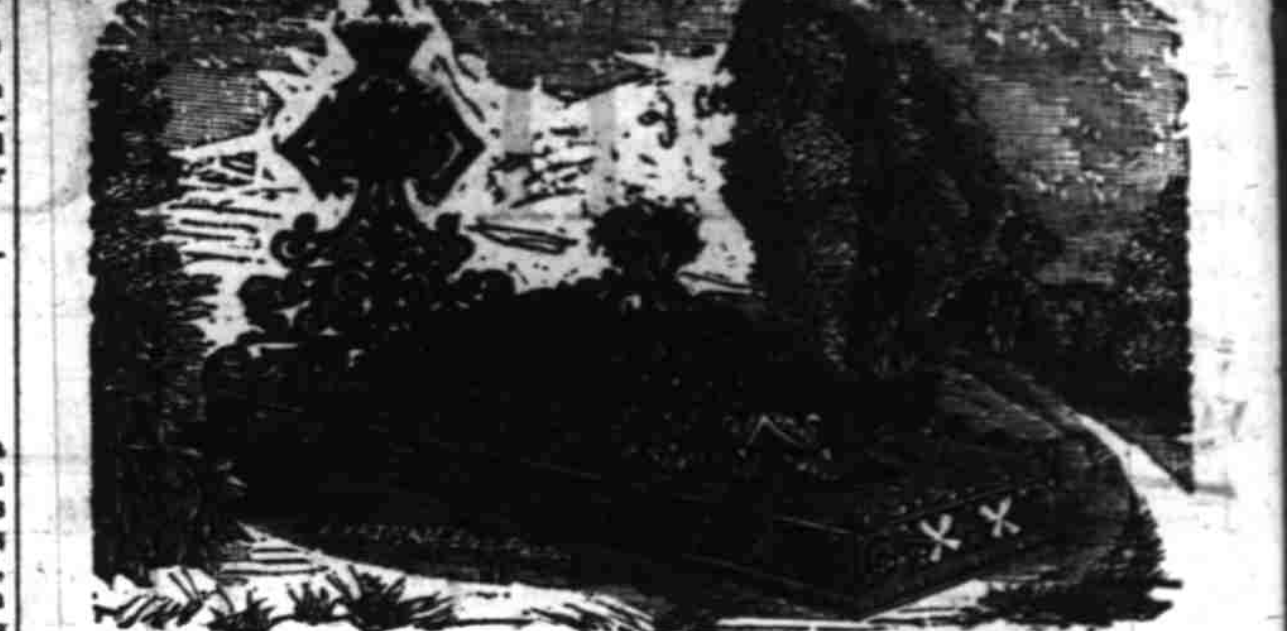
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