sufficient appropriation will be made to day the engine will pass the summit, and finish the wing now so near completion, the track can be completed to Asheville and furnish it for the reception of patients, easily by midsummer. This can be done at an early period of the find room in the asylum at Raleigh.

For reasons well known to all who are acquainted with the state of the treasury, an asylum for the colored. An appropricepted and the foundation of the building 121.50 per hand. laid, as will appear by the report of the constitution are alike imperative that it heretofore agreed upou. doing it.

THE PENITENTIARY.

support the institution. The plan adopt- have carned net about \$ per head. tion upon the work done, it will be seen your favor. that they have earned handsome wages It is reaching out in a direction perhaps panies should be charged.

VALUE OF CONVICT LABOR.

hired labor.

induced to say that, in my opinion, it is work, beyond the ridge. ple be accomplished.

DYKES FOR THE ROANOKE. As a further illustration of this idea, I thing is not done to reclaim it. If the sults are seen, these unjust impressions counties or citizens interested will under- will be removed. take to support the convicts and their guard, I recommend that sufficient force be furnished them to rebuild those levees and thus rescue that importrut pertien of our State from ruin, and enable the citigens thereof to recover their prosperity, and increase greatly the public wealth.

BAILROADS.

The public works have been pushed confidently expected when your prede- to be done promptly. essors adjourned. No energy or determination has been wanting, but insuper-

lars. No work ever undertaken for the and rock, some of them as great as fifteen State has been done better or more cheap- acres of surface, have been continually ly, and when finished, all its surroundings falling into the track as fast as it could considered, it will, in the opinion of many, be removed. But the work is now almost be the most desirable institution of the done, day-light is nearly through the kind in the United States. I trust that a great tunnel. In a few weeks from this

Owing to the condition of the treasury. summer of 1880, and will give much relief I did not purchase the whole amount of to many distressing cases which cannot iron which I was authorized by law to North Carolina Railread has been expenbuy, though greatly tempted to do so by the low price for which it was offered. About twelve miles of rails only were par- of the sum given to the Western insane but little has been dene toward providing chased, the cost of the whole being a little over \$75,000. The remainder of the ation of \$20,000 was made by the Legis- appropriation will furnish the iron neceslature, but no tax was levied to raise sary to reach Asheville unless it should money, and at an early day the treasurer rise greatly in the market. By the reports notified me that he could not pay my war- of Maj. Wilson, president, it will be seen rants. Unwilling to do nothing toward that the earnings by his estimates as euan object so much needed, I appointed a gineer, of 427 hands (about the average board of commissioners, as the act re- number furnished him) have been nearly quired, and requested them at least to \$100,000 per aunum, or \$200,000 for the select a location and make a beginning. years 1877-78, being about \$236.00 per After proper deliberation and examination annum, per hand gross. The cost of supthe board finally located the asylum near porting, guarding and overseeing them Goldsboro, as being near the center of our has been for the same time about \$98,000. colored population, and purchased a beau- Their health has been excellent. As neartiful site containing 170 acres on the rail- ly as can be ascertained their net earnroad and Little river, within one mile of ings, deducting everything and including the town, for \$5,000, a large part of which the sick, the women and all others not at is farming land. A design has been ac- work on the road from any cause, is

On the whole the experiment of concommissioners. It now remains for you structing that road by the convict labor to provide means to crect the buildings, has been a success. I hope it will be conwhich I respectfully recommend be done. tinned, the number kept up and every The care of our insane is a heavy and necessary step taken by your body to fingrowing burden, but humanity and the ish the road to its Western connections as

shall be done at State expense. Let us & The squad of hands employed on the not try to evade a plain duty, but face it Georgia and North Carolina Railroad has manfully, using due care to prevent ex- finished grading to the town of Murphy, travagance and waste in the manner of in Cherokee county. I have received no official report of the work.

Col. L. C. Jones, president of the West ern Railroad, makes a very flattering re-The penitentiary system of dealing with port of the progress of the work done by our criminals is comparatively new in the convicts on his line. Having deterthis State, and it is now by far the most mined to extend it in the direction of costly of all our institutions, and is almost Greensboro, the company began work at daily becoming more so, everything per- or near Egypt in March, 1878, with 100 taining to it is deserving of your earnest convicts, and there is good prospect of attention. The main idea of such a sys- soon seeing this road completed to Greenstem is to punish offenders with hard la- boro. It will open out a fine section and bor, either to reform or deter them and be a great benefit to the country through others from the commission of crime. The which it passes to Fayetteville and to economic problem is to make this labor Wilmington. The hands on this road

ed at present is much more than doing The Chester & Lenoir Narrow Guage this if the work being done by the con- Railroad company has finished its line to victs was paid for in cash. The number Dallas, in Gaston county, and the grading of convicts now on hand and their distri- to Newton on the Western North Carobution is shown by the report of the very lina Railroad. From that point to Lenoir competent and energetic board of directors | the greater part of the grading is done. and superintendent, sent herewith. The and the work is being pushed with energy. able force kept in the enclosure has been They have been furnished with fifty conconstantly employed upon the walls and victs, and the number has been kept up. buildings, and by placing a cash valua- I cordially commend this enterprise to

over and beyond their keep. The returns more important to the welfare of the State from those engaged on the various rail- than that of any other railroad, except roads show greater wages, valuing their the Western North Carolina. It not only work by engineers' estimates. These es- points towards the most remarkable and timates are very liberal toward the com- extensive iron and copper mines in the pany for whom the work is done, yet it South-Cranberry and the Ore Kuobwill be seen that the convicts have earn- but also the salt, lime and plaster deposits ed more than four times the minimum of Washington county, Virginia, the cheap fixed by the Legislature at which the com- importation of which would probably do more to renovate the agriculture of our State than anything which could perhaps be devised. I regret to say that work on From this we may draw some valuable the Spartauburg & Asheville Railroad has been suspended, just as it has attained 1. That convict labor is almost if not the crossing at the Blue Ridde into the quite as valuable for road construction as beautiful valley of the French Broad. Two hundred hands has been kept with 2. That convict labor is more valuable that company under a contract made beused in this kind of work than employed fore I came into office, at a small hire, at trades and mechanical work in close which contract was respected by my board until last September, when finding the 3. That the health and general tone of the company in a failing condition, and mathe convicts is better in outdoor work. Influenced by these considerations I am and placed on the Western North Carolina treasurer's report, amounts to \$16,960,-

which confined the Roanoke within its caused such local opposition, and subject- good name and our fugure prosperity. hanks. In the demoralized state of labor ed all concerned to the imputation that FEDERAL INTERPERENCE WITH STATE there and the reduced condition of the the great desire of the board and myself planters, it has been found impossible to to save the State's property was pursued replace them, and the whole region will without regard to private interests. I be lost to the State for generations if some- believe and earnestly hope that when re-

ANGOLA BAY.

It is also a source of regret that the work of cutting a canal through Angola Bay was not undertaken as provided by law. The board were ready to do so at It is entirely practicable as I am informed. my request, and offered the convicts; but found it practically impossible to do the work, owing to the omission of the act to provide the necessary means for its exeforward with energy and economy. I re- cution, there being authority for neither a gret exceedingly that the management has survey to be made, overseers to be emnot been able to have the cars on the ployed, nor implements to be purchased Western North Carolina Railroad running by the board. A little amendment to the

NAVIGABLE WATERS.

It is gratifying to see that the general of the country and the insufficiency of government has begun to take an intermaterial now used in such operations, and favorably, I would suggest that a result- against any officer acting by authority of

The treasurer's report will engage vont earnest attention. You will see that whilst the utmost economy has been practiced, yet the funds in his hands have not been sufficient to meet all the objects provided by law. The reason is simply that the last Legislature increased the appropriations without increasing the taxes. But little over half of the \$140,000 appropriated to buy iron for the Western ded, none of the \$20,000 appropriated to the colored insane asylum, whilst \$15,000 asylum was paid out of this year's taxes. All other small items which could be so postponed bave been carried over into this year's account in order that the treasurer should not be compelled to borrow. This deficiency, it will be noted, is only in regard to the special appropriations, and is to some extent attributable to the lenghthening of the fiscal year from October to January. It is to be regretted, and I have no doubt is very surprising to the finance committees of the last Genereral Assembly, who thought the tax bill would yield sufficient revenue; and so it would, and more, under a better scheme of assessment. I cannot conceive it possible to devise one which would operate more unequally, unjustly or prejudically to the treasury. The rule for every county, town and township is different, and the values of property situated in the same locality and of the same character are as variant and unequal as the avoided, arbitrary, and often indifferent opinions of the assessors may chance to be. Very little property is assessed to anywhere wihthin the neighborhood of its value, but that does not matter; the essential idea is to have the assessment bear the same uniform proportion to the true value of the property taxed. Unless this is secured, one man pays a vastly higher tax than his neighbor, and one township or county than the adjoining township or county, and it is in the power-and often happens in practice-of the two county assessors and commissioners to defeat the will of the Legislature by lowering the assessments. It becomes also a heavy tax on honesty, and compels the conscientions man to pay sometimes double or treble the tax paid by his less scrupnlous neighbor. A remedy for this evil is demanded alike by justice and good policy. What that remedy shall be your wisdom treasurer, auditor, or other State officers, by be authorized to act as a State board of assessors, with power to supervise and equalize the assessment of the county officials whose lists should be submitted summon witnesses, hear testimony, &c.,

by this State board it seems to me we would almost have a guaranty that uniformity could be secured. So, too, some disposition should be made relative to the lands sold for taxes and bought in for the State. For ten years these lands have been accumulating, until, as the report of the Secretary of State informs me, there are now in his office sheriff's deeds for 1756 tracts and lots of real estate, representing taxes to the amount of nearly \$17,000, on which the time for redemption has expired, and the State's title is absolute. In most cases 1874, against G. W. Swepson and M. S. the owers continue happily in possession, Littlefield having been tried, as was alwhilst their defaults go to swell the taxes leged, before Judge Watts in 1875, and

comment from me.

many parts of the State, and valuable promised, on terms which it is thought were based was want only destroyed by not, and so refused to interfere with the swamp lands to be drained, at which con- will enable the road to live and meet its consent of a large majority of those who due course of law. I respectfully ask viets might be employed with great profit interest promptly hereafter, the accumu- held them, and no court of conscience your will in the premise, and forbear furto the State, the counties or communities lated interest being funded, and time of upon the earth would permit a creditor ther remarks as manifestly improper upsupporting the convicts. I think that payment extended, the bondholders sur- to destroy one-half of his security and on a case now before the courts. whenever any county or community will rendering \$10,000 of bonds and coupons claim full payment out of the remainder. obtain a charter for building a railroad or to be canceled. When it came into the But we can and should pay something. STATE PROPERTY HELD BY THE UNITED a turnpike, or draining a swamp or dyk- hands of the present board, it was appa- The resolution of last session constituing a river, and will undertake to support | rently in the last extremity of exhaustion. | ting the Governor, Treasurer and Attorthe hands, they should be given the con- Its road-bed, track and bridges, worn out ney-General, a committee to confer with the Confederate Hospital, now known as I also send in a communication and revict labor. There are many fertile val- and unsafe, its rolling stock run down, our creditors, gave no power to make or the United States barracks in this city, port from the Grand Lodge of Masons in in the petition. leys of greater or less extent, remote from its employes unpaid, its interest really accept any proposition wathever; and so has been occupied by the United States this State relative to the Oxford Asylum railread facilities, such as the great val- twelve months in default, and a floating an invitation to visit New York to con- ever since 1865; and although the troops for Orphans, and commend it to your atley of the Yadkin from Salisbury to Pat- debt of about \$27,000 due-all this has fer with the holders of our bonds was de have long since been removed, possession tention, in connection with section 8 art. terson, where well-to-do farmers I am been changed. The road bed, bridges clined as the accompanying correspon- or payment for its use have both been re- XI, of the constitution. sare would be induced to attempt the and rolling stock, are now much improv- dence will show. Besides this no attempt fused contrary, as it seems to me, to both And now, gentlemen, having briefly rebuilding of the narrow guage railroads if ed; the floating debt has all been paid, to open negotiations with us has been law and public comity. they were given the necessary labor; and employes are paid off weekly, arrange-many excellent turnpikes would be conments made to adjust its bonded debt, an that very reasonable terms indeed can be structed as feeders to our railroads, and old tax debt due the United States, com- obtained if we evince a determination to the Secretary of War to restore the offimany rich swamps might be drained in promised at \$6,500 is being paid at the settle the question and be done with it. cial letter-books of the executive office of Spirit of all Wisdom, praying that your the same manner. In this way the in- rate of \$500 per month, \$1,500 being al- I refer exclusively to what is known as this State taken by military authority in labors may be such as will redound to the creasing cost of the penitentiary would be ready paid; and the president reports the "recognized" debt. So far as the 1865, or to permit me to make a copy to welfare of the great people whose serkept-down, and a vast benefit to the peo- \$10,000 in the treasury on the 1st of Jan- special tax bonds are concerned, my opin- supply the place of the original in this ofuary to meet the interest when the first ion as expressed to your predecessors, re- fice. Both requests were refused. The installment becomes due in July next. mains unchanged—that they are not bind- correspondence between the Secretary of Its gross receipts for 1877 were about 12 ing either in law or good morals, unless War and myself in relation to the barper cent. greater than the year previous, it may be as to a very small fraction hon- racks and the letter-books, is herewith beg leave to call your attention to the sit- and up to date of report were still greater estly appropriated to the State's use and submitted. My opinion in regard to these nation of that rich and once productive for 1878. These are certainly very grati- accepted by her. For one I vow my readi- matters being intimated in the corresregion, the Roanoke country below Wel- fying results, and give positive assurance ness to co-operate with you to the full pondence itself, I make no further com-At one time the Egypt of our State that the road can take care of itself, if extent of my power in devising the methand a source of great wealth to our peo- run on business principles and by busi- od and bearing the burdens of an honorple, those splendid and inexhaustible ness men. It is a source of much regret able adjustment of all our indebtedness, lands are fast becoming a wilderness by to me that the plan adopted by the board as something which sooner or later will

last session, and which give rise to questions of difficulty and grave importance, involving a serious conflict between the laws of the United States and those of

the State. and two others were indicted for an as sault and battery upon Levi Humble. In March, 1877, the defendants having been arrested, filed in the office of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western district of North Carolina, their petition under oath, in which they set forth that they were officers of the internal revenue department of the United States, and that the acts charged against them across the Blue Ridge by this time, as was law in this respect will enable the work in the bill of indictment I have mentioned were committed under color of their office; they therefore prayed that the prosecution against them, should be removed from the State Court to the Cir cuit Court, in pursuance of an act of Confunds. Naked labor can make little pro-gress in such work as cutting a railroad waters. Surveys of the Neuse, the Yad-track through our Western mountains, kin and the Catawba are in progress or and which provides that criminal proseunaided by all the modern appliances and contemplation; and if reported upon cutions commenced in any court of a State

which cost more money than the company tion of your honorable body in this behalf any revenue law of the United States, on ance of Adjutant-General Jones we are could command. Owing to the geological would materially strengthen the hands of account of any act done under color of indebted for the nucleus of an excellent top has been fully commensurate with appropriations. The report of the appropriations. The report of the commissioners will give all the particusuch prosecutions are pending. The pray- been already organized; the former coner of the petition having been granted, a sisting of thirty-two companies, uniformcopy of the order removing the case was, ed at their own expense, and armed and on the 5th of March, 1877, served upon equipped by the allowance from the genthe clerk of the Superior Court of Guil- eral government. The great majority of ford county, and when, at the ensuing them are excellent, industrious young spring term of that court, the case was men, the flower of the communities where called, the defendants objected to further they live, and not likely to sympathize in proceedings in the State Court, upon the any way with lawlessness and riot. In ground that the court no longer has juris- case of emergency they would be invaludiction of the case. Upon argument be- able for maintaining order and enforcing fore the Hon, William R. Cox, then hold- the laws. To all apearances the colored ing the Guilford Superior Court, that companies are equally well disposed and officer was of opinion that he could pro- deserving of encouragement. I earnestly ceed no further in the matter, and so de- | call your attention to the memorial from the cided. From his decision the solicitor officers of this organization sugesting the for the State appealed to the Supreme | means of supporting it and premoting its deemed it to be my duty to assist the when assembling for parades, reviews, deliberations of the Supreme Court with &c., fall quite heavily ou them. argument from counsel learned in the law. The State Guard really do all the duty accordingly employed counsel to aid the and fill all the functions of the whole mil court the views entertained by the gov- should be encouraged and supported libernment of the State. After a full dis- erally. I respectfully recommend that cussion by counsel, the Supreme Court, that the Adjutant-General's pay be inwith one dissenting voice, affirmed the creased to \$600. His duties are now conopinion and judgment of the lower court, siderable, and are daily increasing in laand dismissed the appeal. The same question was presented to the Supreme Court at the same time in the case of the State against William Deaver appealed udge presiding. Deaver and another had | tion. been indicted for a conspiracy to extort money from one Henry Summit and had obtained from the Circuit Court of the Inited States an order of removal simi-

> The decision of the Supreme Court was the same in uoth cases.

ar to that obtained by Hoskins.

Impressed with the importance of havng the earliest possible settlement of a mestion of so great moment, I directed he State's counsel to carry, by writ of error, both cases to the Supreme Court of the United States, where alone such questions of such a nature can be finally lecided. Transcripts of the cases have accordingly been prepared and forwarded and the cases are now depending in the Supreme Court. I am advised, however, by the State's counsel that there may be difficulties growing out of the peculiar constitution of the Federal Supreme

Court, which will prevent an adjudication | this and preceding administrations in rein these cases of the question I desired to gard to the exercise of executive elemency mands. Their ready made stock in hand must devise. We do not want an increase have presented. I have reason to believe toward criminals. In accordance with of taxes, but an equalization of taxes, that similar difficulties have arisen in law, I herewith submit a list of those to and a faithful collection of those which other States, and that public attention whom elemency has been extended by me, are levied. My own opinion is that the and discussion has been excited there- with a brief statement of the reasons Cupboards and China Presses, Candle Stands, I therefore refer it to your honorable It will be seen that the number amounts &c. They also keep an assortment of body to decide whether I shall further in all to 106, of which is were commuta-

Supreme Court of the United States; or ing those in confinement at the beginning to it; and it should have authority to whether it more comports with the digni- of my term, and those convicted of offenand if the county assessors were chosen

United States. STATE PROSECUTIONS. An indictment inaugurated by Governor Caldwell, in Wake Superior Court in

of their neighbors. I refer to the treas- taken by certiorari to the Supreme Court urer's report for a statement of the an- and being continued there until August nual expenditures of the government, last, was then decided upon and case rewhich is so clearly set forth as to need no manded for a new trial. The circumstances are all set out with particuliarity in said decision, reported in 79 N. C., to which you are referred. Under a resolution of the Legislature ratified on the 16th of February, 1874, I employed counsel to 045 principal and \$10,160 182,25 interest. assist. An amended bill against both deour policy to provide labor for them on The Atlantic & North Carolina Rail- This is known as the recognized debt, as fendants was found for obtaining money public works altogether, after the comple- road has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the special tax under false pretences, and the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with difficulties contradistinguished from the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error there has been environed with the case now If error the case now If error the c tion of the penitentiary buildings, leaving ever since my accession to office, some of bonds. What shall be done with it is a stands for trial. It is alleged, however, within its walls only such as from feeble- which were called to the attention of the question that deserves your best consid- that a compromise was made between ness or the nature of their crimes cannot last Legislature; a suit begun in the State eration. It is out of the question for us parties acting for Swepson and the Westbe sent outside. In addition to the com- courts to impeach the validity of the mort- to attempt to pay it at its face value. In- ern Division of the W. N. C. R. R. Completion of the roads begun by the State, gage bonds, on the ground of usury, was deed I do not conceive that there is any pany, which by implication binds the and to which labor has been already as- followed by a counter suit in the Federal moral obligation on us to do so; nor do State not to prosecute. I did not wish, if signed, there are a number of local rail- courts to foreclose the mortgage and sell our creditors expect it of us. Quite one- I possessed the right, to take the responroads and turnpikes greatly desired in the road. These have at length been com- half of our property upon which our bonds sibility of deciding whether it does or does

The property of the State, once called the attendance of pupils.

STATE GEOLOGIST.

The State geologist survey having been made a co-worker with the board of agreason of the destruction of the levees and approved by me to reach this end have to be done alike for the sake of our riculture, its usefulness has been thereby greatly increased to the people. In order that it may be made still more to meet the popular needs, I recommend that it be placed under the direction of the board I also call your attention to certain of agriculture, of which the State Geolomatters which have occurred since your gist is ex officio a member, instead of the board of education as at present. I am satisfied that the dissatisfaction which has for a long while existed with a portion of our people towards this most val- friends and customers of Mock & Kluttz, and uable and important work, has arisen At the fall term, 1876, of the Superior from a failure of the latter board to direct Court of Guilford, county, one- Hoskins the labors of the geologist in those channels in which the majority of the public feel most immediate interest. The board of agriculture, constituted as it is, can surely do this; and if so good results may be anticipated.

THE UNIVERSITY. The success which has attended the efforts to revive the university is gratify ing in the extreme. The number of students is constantly increasing, a large proportion of whom receive tuition freethe course of study is practical and thorough, the corps of professors is ample and excellent, and the administration of Presdent Battle has proven able and untirng. I commend most heartily to your favor this cheerished memorial of the wisdom and natriotism of our fathers.

To the unceasing energy and persever-

Attorney General in presenting to the itia contemplated in the constitution, and boriousness and usefulness.

Provisions also should be made for a speedy and cheap enrollment of the militia by the tax-lister, or otherwise, and a at the spring term, 1877, of the Superior | small sum levied as an equivalent for ex-Court of Rutherford county, from the emption from duty for the benefit of the judgment of the Hon. John M. Cloud, the school fund, as provided in the constitu-

ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Complaint is frequently made by the Secretary of State and others, at the careless and insufficient manner in which many of the acts and laws in the original are kept and enrolled. Some that were passed by your predecessors were lost entirely, to some the amendments were lost and could not be supplied from the journals, being often mere scraps of paper pinned to the originals which were tost n handling, together with other inaccuracies, which made it difficult to prepare proper copies for the printer. I trust your committees and clerks will remove all further trouble in these respects. It is of sufficient importance to be looked after Their prices are as low as it is possible to closely.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY. Much criticism has been made upon

prosecute the cases now depending in the tions and 3 were simply respites. Countty and gravity of the question, that you ces during the past two years, the whole of walnut, pine and poplar, from \$3 upward should instruct your Senators and re- number of offenders cannot fall short of Also, Window Sash. They fill orders with quest your representatives in Congress to 3,000, of which those pardoned and comcall the attention of that honorable body muted would be one and one-half per penter's work and warrant satisfaction. Will to the fact that persons indicted under bent. per annum. It is quite possible take good lumber and country produce in the criminal laws of this State are seek- that in some cases I have been imposed exchange for furniture. - Shop nearly oppoing and obtaining immunity from prese- upon, though in most cases of importance site Watchman office. Julian & Fraley. ention, under a Federal law enacted for I have made it a rule to consult both judge the only purpose of protecting the co!- and solicitor, and obtain their approval. lections of the internel revenue of the And it may also be that in some case I have yielded to the importunity of friends sembly of North Carolina to amend the Char--human nature could scarcely avoid this ter of Davidson College. in a government like ours-but in the vast majority of the cases acted on, I exercised this grand and majestic attribute of the collective sovereignty of the people, with a sincere desire to promote the publie good, and in the fear of that God who is to pardon our transgressions as we trust. The subject of the proper exercise of this prerogative is so grave, the responsibility | tion. especially in capital cases -is so great, that the criticism of those unacquainted NORTH CAROLINA IN SUPERIOR COURT. with the facts is often dangerous as well as anjust, as tending to force executive action one way or the other contrary to judgment or conscience. I have tried to of Abel Kennon, dec'd. Plf. avoid this; but it is hard to hold the bal- Geo F Kennon, L E Gaines, ance even amid such complicating clamor. wife of R F Gaines, W Frank | sell land for

> it was on mercy's side. The reports of the Secretary of State, Willie Emma Kennon, heirs at Auditor, and Superintendent of Public law, nstruction are herewith sent and comeconomy and faithful work on the part of Kennon of the defendants above named, is a to say that he reserves his special sugges- publication be made for six successive weeks

pear from time to time. The Superintendent's report shows an eneouraging increase in the receipts and expenditures of the school fund and in

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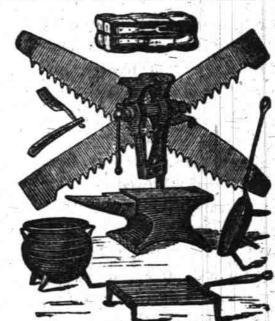
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