Carolina Watchman. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1879. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resignation of Gov Vance, which took effect on the 5th, and the installation of Mr. Jarvis as Governor, on the same day, and the election of a Lt. Governor to fill the place of Mr. Jarvis, (James L. Robinson), have been subjects of interest at Raleigh, this week. There has been much talk in the Legislature the last few days about the appointment of Magistrates, which takes place on the 18th. Persons having anything to say on this subject are advised to communicate with their representatives before that day arrives, as the list then made up will be voted on without debate.

We hope the Legislature will elect honest and exemplary men as Magistrates. No man of bad or doubtful character should be set before the rising generation to poison the moral atmosphere of a whole township or county for years to come. Select men who are honest and fair in all business matters, and moral in their lives. The influence of rulers is tremendous, and may be traced everywhere for good or evil for generations after they are dead and forgotten.

There are several important bills yet in the hands of Committees to be brought forward. Meantime lesser matters enis very little partizanism manifested indebate. The members, democrats and republicans, seem to be intent on business and work without wrangling. "Battle's 'revisal," and the proposition of the Senate to revise and rectify it, consumes a good deal of the time of the Legislature as it has vexed Courts and the people ever since it was made. There is no doubt a new code comprising all the changes and amendments will be required. It will be almost indispensable, and although. made.

The editor of the Lincoln Progress, af-Free Passes and High Frieghts.-How ter trying to publish his paper at \$1 a many of the present General Assembly year, has returned to the old living rate are running over the railroads of the State on free passes ? And did the people,

of two dollars. It is not possible in the present state of some of whose interests are not exactly the country, to publish a newspaper of re- identical with those of the railroads, electspectable size for one dollar a year, except ing members to work for them, intend that in connection with a paying daily, and they should accept donations from these even then the profits are very small, .Few corporations who need so much watch country newspapers have a paying list ex- ing ? This free pass business should be. ceeding 500, worth one thousand doilars. and is, scorned by some of the members, Printers' wages, house rent, paper, ink but the number who rise above it is be about this just now, than about any other and other incidental expenses consume lieved to be small. And just here let us one subject. all this, and some times more, leaving the call the attention of the General Assembly

editor dependent for a scant living on the to a fact of no small importance. We have seen a letter from a cotton factory. advertising. This paper, the Watchman, was started at Rockingham, N. C., in which it is statby the late Hamilton C. Jones, in July, ed that the freight on their manufactured 1832. There were then two other papers goods to Terre Haute, Indiana, is cheap-

published in this place, to wit : The ll'est- er than to Salisbury or to Charleston. ern Carolinian, by the late Hon. Burton For the same reason the farmers of the Craige; and the Yadkin and Cataxba west and northwest, can send flour and Journal, by Lemnel Bingham, Esq. At other farm products to Rockingham, and that time there was no paper published undersell the farmers of Western N. C. west of Salisbury. There was, perhaps, Can our General Assembly accomplish one at Churlotte ; but there was none at no remedy for such a thing as this !

Concord, or anywhere else sonth, nearer than Cheraw and Fayetteville. There The Concord Sun rather dissents to the was none east nearer than Grecasboro, intimation that it is in advance of the and none in any of the counties north of times in nominating Hon. WM. M. RoBthis place. And yet with the wide scope BINS for Governor in 1880, and urges that News. for patronage enjoyed at that time, the it is the privilege and the duty of the peo-Western Corolinian and Journal, after ple to make their own nominations and

passing through several changes of pro- not wait to have the slate made up for prietorship, capired : the latter about the them by managers at Baleigh, &c. We year 1836, and the former in 1842 or '43. have no objection to arge except this, in Since that time numerous newspaper en- respect to Major ROBBINS : He is the "peogage the time of the two Houses. There terprises have sprung up here, and have ple's man" of the 7th District to represent had a run of from three months to six them in Congress, and many of them years. Few have gone over thece years, cheerish the purpose to restore him to and nearly all changed hands a time or that position at the next Congressional two before final extinction. Counting, election. from 1832 we are able to enumerate about

fifty newspaper adventures made here up There is much talk about the cipher to this time, and they have all passed telegrams, published by the N. Y. Tribune, away not only without enriching a single for the purpose of convicting Gov. Tilden individual conceined in them, but in most and the Democratic party of having atcase damaging the proprietors. tempted to buy the vote of Florida, in

We advert to this subject at present for 1876. Becent events and developments the purpose of saying to some of our indicate that it was a part of the stupeuthe Legislature is in great dread of ex- friends who think \$2 is too large a price dous rascality that resulted in making penses it will probably order it to be for the Watchman, that we can better af- Hayes President. ford to discontinue its publication than to

## RETRENCHMENT.

The Legislature should not be moved from its purpose to make government cheaper in this State, than it has been heretofore, by any sucers or jokes, be they good or bad, sighs or sermons addressed to their pity, their pride or their sensitiveness. Retrenchment is a serious subject with the agen who have to foot the tax bills. They are thinking rather more

which signify and dignify the metropolitan placemen make spiking contrast with provincial dejection and inertia.

The quid pro quo in the social compact for making the official fat is that he tax his brain to teach, in turn the fattening process to the people. The latter write the News frequent letters that they are at present very poor and getting daily poorer. It is not unreasonable to suppose that they attach fictitious importance to paltry dollars, now that the dollars are mostly matters of fiction. Gentlemen of the Legislature help the people and don't fear to be called demagognes. That won't hurt you-in the next election .- Raleigh #2

ROWAN AND LEDELL MATTERS-NEW OUNTY .- Our correspondent at Bear Popar writes that a large meeting was held t Bear Creek Academy a few days ago in the interest of making a new county of West Rowan and South Iredell. W. L. Kistler, Esg., presided, and Dr. J. R. Mc-Clelland was secretary. A memorial was adopted and a large delegation appointed to bring it to the Legislature in favor of the proposed county and of a no fence law. They propose to take their share of existing debts. The proposed new coanty will vote 1,200 to 1,500, is healthy and wealthy. -Ral. Observer.

Sentence of Miection Judges.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.-In the United States circuit court to-day, Judge Bond sentenced Thomas Perry, Robert B. Perry and Wm. S. Wilkinson, judges of election



in respect to which some feeling has been tinuance. manifested. A few days at most will set-'tle the question, but how, we are not prepared to say.

RETRENCHMENT.

From all we can learn from the newspapers, private letters and from persons passing from Raleigh, the friends of retrenchment are determined not to be 'to reduce public expenses. It is believed that a reduction of at least one hundred State system. It is said by persons competent to judge from accurate knowledge chase. But these are exceptional casesof facts that the reduction may even ex- few and far between-and cannot be conceed this sum.

The friends of this measure are covertly subjected to sneers and jeers by those who desire to keep up a splendid establishment, but they have the consolation of knowing that the people will openly and persistently applaud them.

But independent of reductions, Mr Henderson's bill for enlarging the jurisdiction of Magistrates will save to the people tens of thousands of dollars; and his other bill to prevent the removal of causes will also save thousands. On the whole, the people are cheered with the belief that they have at last elected a Legislature possessing the ability and the will to serve the State faithfully and fearlessly. May the sequel verify their best hopes.

It is feared that nothing can be accomplished at this session towards compromising the State debt. We think this is much to be regretted. The patient creditors of the State have a right to demand relief, and we cannot understand how it can be honestly refused them.

A vote on the subject a few days ago, indicated a failure, at this time, of the constitutional amendment with reference to the re-establishment of the whipping post. The republicans vote solid against

The same fate befell the amendment requiring the payment of the poll tax as a pre-requisite to voting.

We believe three-fourths of the people of the State are in fivor of these amendments and will continue to demand them.

From Lincolnton to Hickory .- The ap- to pay. It is also reported that Mobile is plication now before the Legislature for a talking of reljef in a similar way. And

Delegates from Wilmington and Char- publish it for less. There was a time Two vessels left Wilmington in Octo- in the eighth district of Ann Arundel lotte have been in the city to advocate of when it paid very well, and a better time ber bound to Liverpool, England, one six county, who were yesterday found guilty oppose the granting of a charter for the than the present may come again, but we days in advance of the other. But they of irregularity at the congressional elec-Raleigh and Augusta Air Line R. R. It assure our friends that for a sum less than both arrived at their destination on the tion, to pay a fine of \$50 euch and the is one of the vexed questions, just now, two dollars there is no hope for its con- same day. Again, they returned to Wil- cost of the suit. mington ecently, one saming four days

The number who complain of the price in advance of the other; and yet, strange is comparatively small. Most intelligent to say, they both arrived at Wilmington people know that the patronage of a coun- on the same day.

try newspaper is ordinarily limited to the

demand of the locality. If the demand is Outside Insane .- We know of nothing smaller than will justify the expense of more liable to abuse or more likely to bepublication at a low rate, the price must come burdensome to the people, than the go up or the paper go down. When it law which allows counties to draw on the Ms. H. R. STEVENS; frightened or diverted from their purpose happens that a country paper transcends State Treasury for the support of lunatics very painful foot. That some physicians, but tay the limit of local patronage it will be found and insane kept by them. Only a few due either to extraordinary editorial abil- days ago a little county drew \$1,000 for thousand dollars can be made without ity, or to a strong money support inde this purpose, nearly half as much as it impairing the effectual working of the pendent of its regular income, and the paid into the Treasury. This is one of aids which such backing is able to pur- the laws which ought to be stopped.

> The public affairs should be conducted on business principles. That's what residered within the rule. It is simply im-

> trenchment means.-Ral. News. possible to print a weekly paper in the Exactly so. The people's agents should country of respectable size and make up. recognize this simple fact as the rule of for less than two dollars a year without their action in all matters where money starving the editor, or wronging its pat is to be appropriated and services paid rons. The history of the business here for.

and elsewhere sufficiently prove this.

Mr. Vaughan, of Alleghany, succeeded The Russian Plague.- A most fatal in getting 150 convicts for the Mt. Airy plague broke out in Russia in October Narrow Gauge Railroad, so far as the and powerful agent in promoting health and restorlast, and by the 25th of November had House could give them. This was yesbecome alarming. The public authorities terday. The road is an important one in the afflicted districts about that time leading from Winston to Ore Knob in took steps to arrest it. But it spread Ashe county. Under the amended bill rapidly, and now the Russian government the road will traverse Alleghany.-Rcl. have found it necessary to inaugurate News. measures of great magnitude and of the

most positive kind to stop the work of

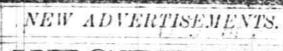
Lieut. Governor, Jarvis, was duly indeath. No remedy has been found for augurated Governor, on the 5th inst. the disease. All, or-nearly all, who are The oath of office was administered in the struck by it die; and deaths are so rapid presence of the two Houses of the General in some places that the living cannot bury Assembly, by Chief Justice, W. N. H. the corpses. It seems to he highly con-Smith. On the same day the Senate tagions, and the only safety to the coun- clected J. L. Robinson, as president of try is to confine it within its present that body,

limits, and this the government is trying to do. Neighboring countries are also alarmed and are trying to cut off all connection with the afflicted districts.

The Legislature of Tennessee, at the request of the city authorities, have repeal-

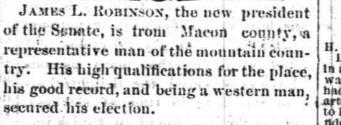
ed the charter of Memphis, so that the city is now decorporated and without title even to its name. It is understood that this proceeding was done to relieve the city of its debt, which owing to the recent yellow fever scourge, she is unable ern Carolina.

A man was hang in New Jersey a few



The next session opens August 28, 183, Board, and tuition in English, \$54 00 permi sion of twenty weeks. Chialogue and circula

sizes, and unsurpassed in quality and durability Great American Lightning SAWS, ery kind and size, embracing MILL & Chossel



The citizens of Goldsboro, ju public

meeting, condemn the extension of the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line R. R. as detrimental to the best interest of East-

