THURSDAY MAY 4, 1893.

THE JAMES CITY APPAIR.

Last week the First Regiment of the State Guard was ordered to New Bern to large majority of their own sex. It has enforce the judgment of the courts in the suit of James A. Bryan against the occupants of James City, a settlement just that pinnacle of purity and veneration across Trent river from New Bern. The suit had been decided in favor of Mr. Bryan, but the occupants of the land refused to obey the mandate of the court, and resisted the sheriff in his execution of the writs of ejectment, threatening to kill him or any of his posse should any of them attempt to put them out: When the sheriff of Craven county found that he could not execute the writs issued by the court he appealed to the Governor for assistance, and the troops were ordered was no conflict.

Many sympathize with the negroessympathies are with them in their loss.

If these colored people suffer by the were instrumental in their being there these are beyond the reach of the law, must suffer the loss of their property see. In this they are by no means alone. for the entire South presents a picture, ing, of we ug and oppression and deprivation of rights for which there has been

Perhaps some of our readers would like to know the origin of James City and bow the question of property rights arose, as I we give a brief statement:

James City is situated on the South the town of New Bern. The land on or deleterious to the softer sex. which it is situated formerly belonged to Governor Richard Dobbs Spaight, Jr. Later it became the property of Mr. Jas. A. Bryan. In 1862 General L. O'B. Branch went into winter quarters at tended. The citizens made the members what is now known as James City, and creeted a large number of rude barracks their visit pleasant. There was a concert. for his command. These were abandon. a trip down the river and driving through ed on the evacuation of the place by the the trucking country. The Association Confederates, and a large number of negroes flocking into New Bern immedi- leave for a visit to the World's Fair. ately on its occupation by the Federal Army, an officer of the Freedman's Bureau-one Capt. James, Congregational minister from the North-gave the negroes permission to occupy the old quar- tion of manufacturing, mining, agriculters, in fact gave it to them, but without authority or even consideration. Acting on this permission the Freedmen took possession and have since remained there. thinking the verbal deed of James was a sufficient title. Mr. Bryan began his suit for the possession of the property about ten years and it has been in livigation since then. After the courts had sustained his right Mr. Bryan made sevbut the holders would listen to nothing, and insisted on keeping the property without remunerating Mr. Bryan and the latter asked that he be put in possession, which was done as stated above.

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Will be of value to the world, by illustrating the improvements in the mechanical arts and eminent physicians will tell s far in advance of all others.

THE subject of woman suffrage has years, and most of the discussion concerning it has been by those who opposed it. The few men who have labored to bring about woman suffrage have been ridiculed and others are making their marks in and laughed at not only by men but by a been declared over and over again that woman suffrage would take the sex from upon which it has so long been placed, and put it on the same level with men; and when it is remembered how low a level men may sometimes reach in the thick of a political campaign one naturally from contemplating the possibility of lowering women to it. The fear of contaminating women by

proximity to the rough sod tumble features of practical politics, of destroying their refinement and bringing them down to what seems a lower sphere in out. Happily for all concerned the oc- life, is most natural to people who have cupants of James City agreed to submit never had opportunity to see from actual peaceably to the civil authority, and there experience what real effect woman suffrage would have on women. There has been limited woman suffrage in several States, for nearly all, if not all, of them are ne but this, because it is limited, is not the groes-in the loss of their property. In best criterion to judge by. Wyoming deed it was a hardship, for however the is the only State in which unlimited original settlers came into possession of woman suffrage has prevailed, and there the property, most of those who hold it it has been permitted for nearly a quarter probably paid for their holdings in good of a century; so that to that State the faith; and we do not hesitate to say that student of politics must look for results. The testimony of Governor Osborne, of But just as soon as the courts declared | Wyoming, is one of the highest tributes the land to be the property of Mr. Bryan ever paid to the excellent results of just then was the question reduced sim- womanhood in American citizenship ply to the proposition that the law must and politics. Governor Osborne says: be enforced; because the dignity of the "Great good has been accomplished in law must be upheld at all hazards by the many directions by the exercise of sufwhole power of the State, as well for the frage by our women." The resolution weak as for the strong. Because if one recently passed by the Democratic House set of men is allowed to successfully resist of Representatives not only endorses what the law and set it at defiance, then anoth. Governor Osborne says, but goes more er set must be granted the same privi- into details. It declares that woman lege. Should such a state of things be- suffrage has "largely aided in banishing come the rule the weak, of whatever crime, pauperism and vice from the State, color, must inevitably succumb to the that it has secured peaceful and orderly elections, good government and a remarkable degree of civilization and public orenforcement of the law it is not because der, and we point with pride to the fact of the violation of the law by those who that after twenty-five years of woman suffrage not one county in Wyoming has in the first instance; but unfortunately a poor house; that our jails are almost empty, and crime, except that committed and the present citizens of James City by strangers in that State, almost unknown; and as the result of experience without compensation, so far as we can we urge civilized community on earth to enfranchise its women without delay." Nothing could be plainer than this, and which is, we are glad to say, fast dissolv, although it may be a question whether the House of Representatives in passing this resolution was not giving the fair no remedy but in the strong arms and voters a little taffy, still the absence of hearts and brains of her sons and daugh. poor houses and crime and the empty juils speak for themselves. While this testimony, coming from such sources, must be highly gratifying to advocates of woman suffrage it refers only to the effect on others of woman suffrage. The or gument is the bad results its exercise would have on women themselves, would side of Trent at its confluence with the like to know whether the exercise of Neuse, and on the opposite bank from suffrage has been in any way injurious

THE State Press Association held its annual session at New Bern last week The meeting was interesting and well at welcome and did everything to make will meet at Greensboro on May 19 to

Resolutions were passed against type and paper trusts and opposing unwise legislation tending to drive capital from the State and interfering with the promotural and railroad interests.

Mr H W. Ayer presented matters relative to the State fair, and Hon. A A. Thompson, of Raleigh, President of the Business Men's Association, address ed the convention by invitation on the business interests of the State, and resolation were passed pledging the press to cooperate in the work.

The following officers were elected for eral propositions looking to an amicable the ensuing year: Jerome Dow, Presiand favorable adjustment of the matter, dent; J. B Sherrill, Secretary; H. A. Foote, Orator; W. C. Erwin, Poet, and Messrs Ashe, Hilliard, Thomas, London and Waring, Executive Committee:

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> Another successful native of this State is J. W. Osborne, who opened an office in New York City immediately on receiving his license to practice law, and soon built up a practice which necessitatated the employment of several clerks. Mr. Osborne is now assistant District Attorney and had charge of the prosecution of Dr. Buchanan, who was tried for the muzder of his wife and was convicted. He is a younger brother of Attorney-General Frank Osborne.

Columbian Exposition.

Another successful North Carolinian is a son of Capt. Turner Battle, of Rocky Mount, whose success we have heretofore noticed. He also has secured a lucrative law practice in New York City and holds a position on the staff of the District Attorney.

Still another North Carolinian who has made a deserved reputation is Mr. W. S. Yeates, a son of the late Hon. Jesse J. Yeates who has lately been appointed State Geologist of Georgia by Governor Northern. Mr. Yeates in 1881 was made assistant scientist in the department of minerals and economic geology in the United States National Museum and a month afterward was placed in charge of the mineral collection of the department. Lately he has immediate charge of the department. He goes to Georgia with the highest recommendations from the New Jersey College of Sciences and the Smithsonian Institute.

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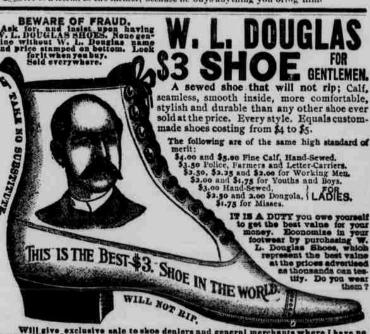
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