

would relieve the road and put it in the possession of the State.

We hope Mr. Flemming's resolution passed the House yesterday. That young gentleman deserves credit for the courage he has shown in fighting the Southern Security Company in their effort to get control for a mere song of one of the finest railroads in the South. This sale should never take place,

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

On Thursday in the Senate Col. Allen, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back two bills in relation to a poll tax qualification for voters with a recommendation that they do not pass, the requirement, in the opinion of the committee, being unconstitutional.

This is our opinion, though we have not deemed it worth our while to discuss the measure with those of our State contemporaries who have urged such a qualification for voters. The abstract righteousness of, or the necessity for, such a qualification we do not dispute.

THECITY

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Pee Dee Courier-See ad. WELLIAMS & MURCHISON-A Card. J. C. STEVENSON-Lemons and Oranges WRIGHT FOY-Notice. DEROSSET & Co.-Shingles, Flour, Bacon G. R. FRENCH & SON-Save Money. BENFORD, CROW & Co.-Sundries. HEIDE BROS. -- For sale. E. H. BEAZLEY-Kentucky Mules. CRONLY & MORRIS-Auction Sale.

The Fire Thursday Night.

Just as we had gone to press about 2 o'clock vesterday morning a fire broke out in the paint shop of Mr. P. W. Fanning, on Front, between Orange and Ann streets. The building burned as if it had been so much tinder and was almost entirely destroyed before the engines could get any water on it. The residence of Mr. C. R. Mayer, adjoining the scene of the conflagration on the North, was considerably damaged by the fire and for awhile it was thought it would certainly be destroyed, all the furniture, etc., having been removed with this expectation. As soon as the entines got to work, however, the fire was squickly extinguished and the damage averted. The shed on the wharf of Messrs. Williams & Murchison, in the rear of the burning building, in which was stored a quantity of spirits of turpentine, caught fire once or twice, but the flames were not suf-

of fire, and as a convenience to all classes of our citizens, an ample and reliable supply of water must be provided; and we feel assured that influences are now at work to make the Wilmington Water Works a great success, and that before the close of another year the Company will be one of the fixed and prosperous corporations of out growing city.

Duprez and Benedict's Minstrels.

On Friday and Saturday nights of next week our citizens will be treated to lively entertainments from a first-class Minstrel

Troupe-one of the "old established," which taavelled in this State twelve years ago and has since been steadily growing in popularity. In alluding to their appearance in Macon, Ga., the Telegraph of that city says:

The entire performance was good, and reated the liveliest applause from beginning to end. Every act was encored heartiiy, and no audience could have manifested more delight.

An agreeable feature of this performance was the utter absence of anything that approached indecorousness. Everything was genteel. The jokes were neither broad nor vulgar, the songs were refined, even when funniest, and the actions, while in strict consistency with negro character, were never such as could shock the modesty of the most delleate lady.

The troupe is one of the best gotten up that was ever in Macon. Their costumes, especially in the jubilee act, were very ele-

The company are in Charleston this week and will go from the re to Columbia.

Flattering Testimonial.

gant.

A very interesting episode occurred during the closing exhibition of Prof. Cromwell at Petersburg, on Wednesday evening last, which, as the Index says, was alike flattering to the Professor and pleasant to the people of the "Cockade City." This was the presentation by Dr. Gibson, of the Episcopal church, of a beautiful massive silver cup richly chased and bearing the inscription, "The citizens of Petersburg, Va., to Prof. G. R. Cromwell, February 11th, 1873." Dr. Gibson presented the cup in a simple, kind and eloquent speech, paying the Professor a high compliment for the very satisfactory entertainment given there. Prof. Cromwell received the gift with a few remarks, expressing his gratitude to the pulpit, the press and the people for their kindness to him. Our citizens will have an opportunity of witnessing one

Monday next.

Failed in their Purpose.

of the Professor's popular exhibitions on

Mr. Thorburn's Bakery, on Front, between Dock and Orange streets, was visited by thieves on Thursday night, who endeavored to effect an entrance. The blinds of a window in the rear of the establishment were prized open, but when it was found that they would be under the necessity of filing their way through a set of iron

ation of our people. As a necessity in case Burglarious Attempt. Thursday night, just before the alarm of

fire sounded, a member of the police force discovered a key in the lock of one of the doors of Mr. S. Levy's store, southeast corner of Front and Market streets. The key was a trifle too small for the lock, and, going in too far, had become hitched, but was withdrawn with some little difficulty. It is supposed that some thief was endeavoring to effect an entrance to the store when the fire broke out and he was

frightened from his purpose. Railroad Accident.

We learn that two freight trains on the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad collided about 9 or 10 miles from this

city some time during Thursday night, by which several freight cars were badly smashed and one of the engines considerably injured. The train coming in this

direction is reported to have been behind time, hence the accident.



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Roll o'er the prairies of the nation,----For the sick and ill of every station! Roll down the Andes--towering mountains! Roll oyer Afric's golden fountains! Through India and the Chersonese! Through distant isles of Japanese! Wherever dwells a sinking heart Roll or to do your mights part Roll on to do your mighty part, Ayer's Pills, on!-Putnam for Oct.

North Carolina Legislature.

[Condensed from the Raleigh News.] THURSDAY, Feb. 13, 1873.

SENATE. Messrs. Allen, Todd and Gudger, from the Committee on the Judiciary; Mr. Ellis, from Joint Standing Committee on Insane

Asylum, made reports from their respective Committees. On motion of Mr. Flemming, the resolu-tion in regard to the Western North Carolina Railroad, offered by himself, (reported yesterday) was taken up, passed its third reading, was engrossed and sent to the House.

On motion of Harris, colored, the vote by which the Constitutional Amendment in regard to the rotation of Judges was defeated, and was reconsidered, and, on motion of Mr. Allen, the consideration of the motion was postponed till next Wednesday at 12 o'clock. The bill to incorporate the Raibon Gap

Short Line Railroad Company, came up as the special order for 111 o'clock, having been postponed from 101 o'clock, to make room for the morning business. The motion of Mr. Morehead, of Guilford, to strike out the sixth section of the bill, which provides that this Company shall establish means and ways for steam ships, steamboats, breakwater, &c., was

The bill passed its second reading, when, on motion of Mr. Love, its third rea

striking out the cla ticle I, D down to the word "but." This is the clause relating to the State debt. And also strikes out section 4 article 5, relating to taxation for the purpose of paying the Public Debt and interest thereon.)

The bill passed its first reading by the following vote: Yeas, 100; Nays-Messrs. Abbot, Bryant, of Halifax, col., Bunn, col. Dudley, col., Gorman, Goodwyn, Jones, of Northampton, col., King, of col., Lloyd,

col., McLaurin, col.-11. The Senate bill to amend the Constitution so as to abolish the office of Superintendent of Public Works was taken up and passed its first reading by vote of yeas, 98, nays 12. The same vote as the above with the exception of Messrs. Gorman, Heaton, Hughes, col., and Gray, who voted in the negative. The Senate bill abolishing the Code Commissioners was taken up and passed its first

reading. Messrs. Abbott, col., Bryant, of Halifax, col., Brown., col., Dudley, col., Goodwyn, Heaton, Jones, of Northampton, col., King., col., Floyd, col., and McLaurin, col., voting in the negative. The vote stood yeas 100, nays 10.

The Senate bill to alter the constitution so as to amend the constitution in relation to exemption from taxation, adding the words "or any other personal property"

was taken up and passed its first reading by a vote of yeas 103, nays 10. The same vote as above with the exception of Messrs. Corson, Heaton, Hughes, who voted in the negative.

The Senate bill to amend the constitution so as to take the control of the University of North Carolina from the Board of Education and place it within the control of the Legislature, was taken up and passed its first reading by a vote of yeas 94, nays 11. Messrs. Abbott, col., Bryant, of Halifax, col., Bunn, col., Dudley, col., Goodwyn, Heaton, Hughes, col., Jones: of Northamp-ton, col., King, col., Lloyd, col., and Mcthereafter. Laurin, col., voting in the negative. The Senate bill to amend the constitution to do away with the census clause was

taken up and passed its first reading by a vote of yeas 98, nays 10.

Messrs. Abbott, col., Bryant, of Halifax, col., Bunn, col., Dudley, col., Goodwyn, Heaton, Jones, of Northampton, col., King, col., Lloyd, col., and McLaurin, col., voted in the negative.

The Senate bill to amend the Constitution in relation to Federal and other officeholders, was taken up and passed its first reading by a vote of yeas 97, nays 18. Messrs. Abbott, col., Bowe, Bryant, of Halifax, col., Bunn, col., Corson, Dudley, col., Goodwyn, Heaton, Hughes, col., Jones, of Northampton, Col., King, col., Lloyd, col., McLaurin, col., and Patrick voted in the negative.

The Senate bill to amend the Constitution in relation to public charities was ta-[Making those inmates of the ken up. [Making those inmates of the charitable institutions who own property over and above the homestead pay, and those who do not shall be supported at the charge of the State.] Messrs. Luckey, Turner, and Brown, of

Horner, Dr. Wingate and Senators Ellis, Avera, and Mr. Howell, of Gates. Davidson, opposed the bill. Mr. Morrison was in favor of it. It was nothing more than just and fair.

Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, was opposed to the bill. Williamson, col., favored the amend-

ment

Mr. Houston gave numerous reasons why the bill should pass.

A vote was taken and the bill failed its first reading by a vote of yeas 70 nays 40. Messrs. Abbott, col', Brown of Davidson, Bryant, of Halifax, col., Bunn, Bryant, o Pitt, Brooks, Carter, Carson, Corson, Dudley, col., Fletcher, col., Godfrey, Gormon,

Goodwyn, Gray, Heaton, Hughes, col.,

- The Hickory Press says four of the six families that left Catawba county two years ago for Arkansas, have returned. The last of this number is N. H. Fry and family, a respectable and well-to-do farmer. BOO Fry said to us that he "didn't regret his trip-he thought now his children were perfectly satisfied to live in Catawba."

- The Baptist State Educational Convention at Raleigh on Wednesday elected these permanent officers: President, W. Royal, D. D.; Vice Presidents, B. Oliver, J. W. Ellis, J. H. Picot, R. H. Lewis.; Secretaries, W. H. Page and N. B. Cobb. Revs. D. S. Sears and Pritchard, Prof. Hobgood, Elder Cobb and Knapp and Mr. Miles participated in the proceedings during the day.

- The Greensboro Patriot says that Mr. Jonathan Davis, of Guilford, was hauling hickory logs to the depot at Friendship, when in getting on or off the wagon he slipped and the heavy load passed over his body, crushing him so as to cause his death in a few minutes. Mr. Davis was a respected citizen, a representative in the Legislative for some time, the father of a family, and a prominent member of the Society of Friends.

- Capt. R. T. Fulghum left for Raleigh on Monday evening to assume the charge of his new position-that of Secretary to the State Agricultural Society. It affords the Goldsboro Messenger pleasure to be able to state that the first number of Capt. Fulghum's State Agricultural Journal will be issued from his Raleigh office on Saturday next, and is then to appear weekly

- These from the Newbern Sun: In Jones county, on the 9th inst., died Mrs. Franck, after a long and painful illness. - We learn that Mrs. James L. Latimer died at the residence of her husband in this city, Wednesday. — The funeral of John D. Flanner, Esq., Wednesday, was largely attended. The Masonic fraternity and various fire companies and a large concourse of citizens followed the remains to the grave. - In the Baptist Educational Con-

vention Thursday Dr. R. H. Lewis delivered an address on the "Necessity of Endowment." Drs. Wingate and and Pritchard followed on the subject of endowment for Wake Forrest College. On motion of Dr. Pritchard, the subject of the "Present Condition of Education in North Carolina, and what can be done by the Baptist to improve it" was taken from the table for further discussion. Elder Hiden addressed the Convention at some length on the subject. The discussion was participated in by the Rev. Messrs. Knapp, Sears, Tupper, Hufham, Pritchard and Oliver. At the evening session Dr. Pritchard read a paper tendere on "An Endowment Essential to the Prosperity of a College." Elder Hiden folowed Dr. Pritchard in an address. Other addresses on the same subject were delivered by Elders Slade, Ivey, Bailey, Knapp,

- At the agricultural meeting in Raleigh Thursday night. Col. Walter Clark of Halifax presided. Mr. Kemp P. Battle explained the object of the meeting to be to endeavor to raise sufficient money to erect suitable buildings upon the fair grounds which have been purchased just West of this city, the old grounds being inadequate and unsuited for the North Carolina State Agricultural Society. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. R. H. Tucker, I. J. Young, A. S Merrimon, M. T. Beach, F. H. Busbee and others, favoring, in an earnest manner, the taking hold of the matter

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feb 15-tf JAS. C. STEVENSON.	Admission 25 cents; Reserved Seats 35 cents. Doors open at 7 o'clock; to commence at 8.
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OUR THANKS ARE DUE AND ARE HEREBY tendered to the fire companies of the city for their	r children. CHAS. H. DEARBORN, Manager.
able and efficient efforts at the fire last night, which saved our naval stores yard from the flames.	OPERA HOUSE,
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