

It will be remembered that this man Merrill was an ensmalled Claverhouse going about the upper part of the State of South Carolina arresting men and dragging them up for trial on all sorts of charges, some of which were trumped up for political purposes. But malignant and cruel as the persecutor of the Scottish Convemanters was, we have infinitely more respect for him than we have for the United States officer who did the foul work for Grant in South Carolina .-This resolution of Senator Bayard should be adopted and the facts should be forthcoming. If Maj. Merrill did receive the reward alleged, it ought to be known how far the degradation of the military service is to extend. No officer of the army under the old regime, when Southern gentlemen were the life of the service, could have acted with the audacious impunity charged upon Merrill? Are the charges true?

[Furnished by a Raleigh Correspondent of the Morning Star.] AN ACT Supplemental to an Act Passed at the Present Session of the General Assembly Regulating the Times of

Holding the Superior Courts of the Fourth Judicial District.

SEC. 1. The General Assembly of North Curolina do Enact, That the Act passed at the present session of the General Assembly entitled "An Act regulating the times of holding the terms of the Superior Court of the Fourth Judicial District, and for other purposes, be and the same is so amended as to read after the words "New Hanover county" in the first section, down to the words "unless the business be sooner disposed of," as follows: There shall be four terms of the Superior Court of the county, and the times for holding said terms shall be on the second Monday in January and the tenth Monday after the second Monday in February. The fourth Monday in June and the tenth Monday after the second Monday in August. The terms of the Court which may be held in January in each year may be continued in session for a period of four weeks.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be in force from and after the 1st day of July, A. D.

Ratified 11th day of February, A. D. 1874.

AN ACT

In Reference to Inspection in the City of Wilmington.

SEC. 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That all such provisions contained in chapter 61 (entitled Inspections) of Battle's Revisal of the Public Statutes of North Carolina, which are in conflict or repugnant to an act concerning inspections in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, ratified the 21st day of December, 1870, being chapter 6 of the Private Laws of 1870-'71, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification. In General assembly read three times and ratified this 2th of February, A. D. 1874.

also that a certain fund be set apart for similar conduct. Adopted. Bill passed its second reading. Mr. Love moved to amend by allowing a certain amount of tobacco. Adopted.

Mr. Troy moved to amend by providing divine service. Adopted The amendment allows \$200 for services.

ceedings against such parties. Mr. Troy moved to amend by providing Sabbath school teachers, appropriating \$250 to that end. Not HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES adopted. .

House.

versity.

Adopted.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11. The Speaker announced the special order, being the act concerning the election of certain officers, which, after some debate, and amendments offered and rejected, passed its second reading.

passed several readings. The bill to raise revenue and for other purposes was tabled. The bill to incorporate the Carolina

"Stock and Poultry Association passed its several readings.

The bill to incorporate the Farmers', Mechanics and Laborers Union and Association of New Hanover county, passed its several readings. Resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Bladen oounty, passed its several readings.

The bill to amend the act passed at the present session of the General Assembly to incorporate the town of Lumberton, passed its several read-

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY.

ings.

SENATE.

THURSDAY, Feb. 12.

Mr. Love, by consent, introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Attorney General be, and he is hereby requested, to inform the Senate, whether in his opinion, the prohibitions found in section eleven, of an act, entitled "an act to amend the charter of the North Carolina Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and found between the words "places," in line 4, and the words

"and the bonds" in line 20, Senate engrossed bill, are or are not unconstitutional." Mr. Love spoke on the resolution.

Mr. Merrimon read a paper in regard to his action on the consolidation bill. (The speech will be here- along, especially if he has the least appearafter published.)

Mr. King spoke in opposition to the exclusion of Maj. W. A. Smith from being President or Director of the North Carolina Railroad.

Messrs. Love, Humphrey, Welch, Gudger, Todd, addressed the Senate. The question then recurred upon

The vote then recurred upon the several readings. passage of the bill. Ayes 26, nays 17.

- Aaron Heath and Jerry Morris, Mr. Troy offered a resolution inturned over to the Sheriff by the Mayor's structing the Attorney General to in-Court, on the charge of larceny, were lodged vestigate as to \$5,000 worth of lumin jail, they being unable to give the necesber purchased by the State at Locksary security. ville, and if private parties have taken

- In the House on Wednesday possession of it, to institute legal pronight, on motion of Representative McLaurin, the bill to incorporate the Wilmington Cotton Mills was taken up and passed its several readings.

- The bill to incorporate the Farmers', Mechanics and Laborers' Union On motion of Mr. Craige, the rules Aid Association of New Hanover county were suspended and the Senate bill passed its several readings in the House to provide for the election of two Suon Wednesday night. perior Court Judges was taken up

and passed, as amended by the - Work on the new prison building at the Work House is progressing rap-On motion of Mr. Luckey, the rules idly and will soon be completed. It is to be were suspended and the bill approa strong, substantial building, two stories priating \$65,000 for the support, &c., high, with the necessary cells, &c. of the Insane Asylum, was read and

- A young man who has worked one or two years at the printing business Mr. McGehee moved to take up the bill to allow the sale of certain public and wishes to complete his trade, can obtain a situation, as apprentice, by applying property in and about the city of Raleigh for the benefit of the Uni- at the office of THE MORNING STAR. .tf

> -Mr. Bennett introduced a bill in the House on Wednesday night to allow

an amendment to strike out "Unithe holders of the second mortgage bonds versity" and insert "Public schools." of the C. C. Railway Company to vote in the meetings of the stockholders, which was appropriately referred.

- Mr. William Hayes has exclusive charge of the circulation of THE MORN-ING STAR for all that portion of the city South of the centre of Market Street. His contract commenced January 1, 1874, and all subscriptions from that date are payable to him. tf

The Wilmington, Raleigh and Roxbero Railroad Company.

In the House of Representatives, says the News, the Committee on Internal Improvements reported favorably upon the bill incorporating the Wilmington, Raleigh and Rexboro Railroad Company. The bill is of an ordinary character; it names J. C. Heyer, John Thornton, J. P. Richards, A. A. McKay, J. A. Engelhard, A. A. Willard, David R. Murchison, Groome Williams, Oscar G. Parsley, W. H. Bernard, Donald McRae, Luke Powell and S. N. Martin, as corporators. The proposed road is to commence at the city of Wilmington, or some point in the vicinity, and go to some point on the Virginia line, provided it passes through the city of Raleigh, or within one

mile thereof. The capital stock is fixed at \$1,000,000, and may be increased to any sum not exceeding \$3,000,000. The bill also allows the counties, cities and towns through which the road may pass to subscribe to the capital stock, provided that the subscription be left to the vote of the qualified voters of such counties, towns, &c. As the title of the proposed corporation indicates, the terminus of the road especially to the victims of the extremely will be at the town of Roxboro. Person

got stuck. He will now have ample time, in the quiet shades of private life which will be vouchsafed him in the Penitentiary, to reflect upon the fact, which must now be apparent to him, that verily and truly "the Tuesday. way of the transgressor is hard."

Mayors' Court.

The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: Dennis Miller alias Dennis McKoy, Aaron

Heath and Jerry Morris, charged with larceny, were found guilty. Miller was required to give security in the sum of \$300, and the other two \$200 each, for their appearance at the next term of the Superior Court. Miller alias McKoy is the individual who was caught in the act of stealing a pair of pants from the store of M. M. Katz, Esq.,

on Wednesday last, and Heath and Morris have since been arrested on the charge of being implicated in the same affair, which the evidence indicated to be the case. Dennis Miller alias McKoy, charged with disorderly conduct and fighting the witness

in the above case, was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 or work for thirty days on the streets.

large, was appropriately disposed of.

A Sad Death.

Cards, Bill-Heads, Letter-Heads, Programmes, Ball Mr. Lewis W. Huggins, son of the late Owen Huggins, of Onslow, and formerly a resident of this place, breathed his last on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at Mrs. Blount's Hotel, in Wilson. The Advance says he arived there about one week before his death and was so sick when he came that he was delirious most of the time. He was travelling in the interest of the American Grocer Publishing Company. During his sickness, he was the recipient of every attention that could be extended by the citizens of Wilson, but the disease, pneumonia, had taken such a deep hold before his arrival that medical skill and unwearied nursing proved of no avail. In response to a telegram from Col. Devane, of this city, the remains were forwarded on Wednesday to Magnolia, to be taken thence, we suppose, to Onslow. Camerden, H C Beck, Chas R Greste

under the direction of the energetic and persevering Chief Engineer, Maj. D. G. McDuffie, the work on the Florence Railroad has been commenced. The first ground was broken on the 10th inst., at the intersection of Dick with Person street. It is understood that a narrow gauge has been determined upon for the present, and as the prospect brightens so will the road widen. It is possible that the gauge may

More Stealing.

Early vesterday morning some one made

The State docket for the term has been finished up, with the exception of the trials of Amos and Mahala Gregory, for murder, a hearing of the first named being set for

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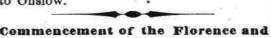
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J. C. OLLHABER-Notice to consignees. A. D. BROWN-Corsets. OPERA HOUSE-Katio Putnam matinee.

A Word About the Hucksters.

Complaint is made that some of the huck sters in the market indulge the practice of seizing upon every poor fellow that comes ance of being hungry, and trying to force

him to partake of their delicacies whether he is inclined to do so or not, frequently quarrelling and almost fighting over a coveted customer, to the great annoyance of people in the vicinity generally and more

Pending the consideration of the bill on its third reading, the House adjourned. THE CITY. The Mails.

The mails will close from this date as fol-

Northern through (night) mails. ... 8 P. M.

Mr. Brown, of Davidson, offered

THURSDAY, Feb. 12.

	contained in Battle's Revisal and leaves the bill as ratified the 21st day of December, 1870, being chapters 6 of the Private Laws of 1870-'71, just as it was before these pro-	the vote:	should inaugurate a reform in this particular department of industry, and make the hucksters understand that if a man won't	Cool Impudence. Yesterday morning Mr. John Wiley, re-	a raid upon the residence of Mr. Jas. Skip- per, on Queen, between Fifth and Sixth streets, and stole a dress coat and vest, to- gether with a police badge, No. 119, and a gold Temple of Honor and Temperance badge. The coat and vest were hanging on	POCAHONTAS	No. 1 Granite Row, South Front Street, THE UNDERSIGNED TAKE THIS METHOD of thanking their friends and the public general- ly for the liberal patronage extended to them since their advent in business, and to inform them that their stock still consists of
	The organization of a new company to lay a light cable from the coast of Great Britain to Halifax, via the Azores Islands, is announced in Lon- don. The capital is £380,000, and	Long, Love, Mabson, McCabe, Mc- Cotter, Ransom, Seymour, Smith, Walker, Welch20. NAYSMessrs, Allen, Avera, Barnhardt, Cowles, Cunningham,	The Sound Road-Meeting Monday Night. We are requested by Capt. F. M. Wooten, Chairman of the Committee on Subscription of the proposed Railroad to the Seashore,	enth streets, noticed a colored boy enter his premises, go to the clothes line in the yard and deliberately take therefrom a pair of pants, with which he was departing when Mr. W. hailed him and asked what he was	a nail near a window in one of the rear rooms of the house, and the thief secured the articles by raising the window, reaching his hand in and taking them off the nail.	In the evening at 8 o'clock, the great Sensational Drama of SANS SOUCI!	The Best Liquors, Wines, Cigars, LAGER BEER AND ALE, in this city, and respectfully ask a continuance of the patronage. feb 12-6m GERKEN & HAAR.
4	the prospectus, which was opened on Saturday, says it is the intention of the company to convey messages over	Grandy, Horton, McCauley, Miller, Merrimon, Morehead, of Guilford, Morehead, of Rockingham, Murphy, Murray, Nicholsen, Norwood, Powell, Price, Scott, Stafford, Todd, Troy,	portant enterprise, to be held at the Court House on Monday evening next, at 7 ¹ o'clock. Every friend and well-wisher of the proposed road is earnestly requested to be present, as matters of importance will	pants from him, after which he turned him loose, being more lenient in that respect than most people would be under like cir-	The old practice of discharging firearms on the streets in the neighborhood of Sixth and Castle streets, after nightfall, has again	KATIE PUTNAM. PRICES OF ADMISSION : Parquette and Dress Circle	Secure a Home. Building Lors for SALE IN HEALTHY and desirable localities on Church, Nun, Ann, Orange, Dock, Chesnut, Mulberry, Walnut, Red Cross, Rankin, Dickinson, Wood, Charlotte, Sixth, Seventh, Wilson, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Seventh, Wilson, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth sta. Satisfactory time given for payment. Apply to feb 12-1w* JAMES WILSON.