SATURDAY MORNING, Jan. 9, 1875. THE CENTENNIAL.

Tuesday morning a meeting of the members of the county government of Mecklenburg, of the members of the city government of Charlotte and of citizens generally, was held in Charlotte to discuss the question of celebrating the Centennial of North Carolina Independence, May 20th 1875. Mayor Davidson presided. Cogent addresses were made by Maj. W. A. Graham, Senator from Lin coln and Catawba, Col. R. P. Waring, Senator fron Mecklenburg, Mr. McNinch, Col. William Johnston and Col. John E. Brown. Maj. Graham, who is Chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee on Centennials, in the Legislature, earnestly hoped that immediate steps would be taken for the proper observance of the day, and suggested that a committee be appointed to draw up such a bill as was needed, and have it presented to the Legislature for their action. This should not be a Charlotte or Mecklenburg celebration any more than the glory of the Declaration is confined to this town and county. It is the pride of both Carolinas and all who love liberty everywhere. He spoke of the attempts which had been made to rob the State of the credit of the first movement to rid America of the tyranny of George the III, and suggested the printing of a pamphlet containing the original declaration and the proofs of its authenticity. Many people outside the State do not believe that such an event ever took place. We regret that Maj. Graham should have suggested that the appropriation for the Geological Survey could be turned over by the Legislature for the purpose of celebrating the Centennial. The Survey is an important enterprise, and we do not believe in robbing Peter to pay Paul. Let the appropriation stand, and make another appropriation for the Centennial. Col. Waring was of opinion that an appeal by the citizens would strengthen the movement. He said the occasion appeals to Anglo-Saxon people all over the world. There was never such an incident; such a stupendous event ought to be their pride and glory. The deed is the property of the whole people, and numbers will flock here, not only from all parts of the State but from all parts of the United States, to celebrate it. As to its legitimacy a distinguished man is now preparing a document which will place it beyond question or doubt. Mr. McNinch offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously

Resolved, By the Board of Commissioners of the county of Mecklenburg, and the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Charlotte in joint meeting assembled, That it is the duty, not only of the county of Mecklenburg, but one which the State of North Carolina owes to herself, and the friends of free government everywhere owe to the memory of those who participated in the Declaration of Independence promulgated in the town of Charlotte on the 20th day of May, 1775, that the centennial anniversary of that illustrious event be appropriately cel ebrated in the city of Charlotte.

Resolved, That the said Boards will do al their power in their individual as well as in their official characters to aid in the contemplated celebration.

Resolved, That a mass meeting of the citizens of North Carolina and the friends of the enterprise everywhere, be held in Charlotte on the 1st Thursday of February, 1875, to appoint committees to make all the necessary arrangements for said celebration. Resolved, That we especially ask the Legislature to make a suitable appropriation to aid in defraying the expenses necessarily incident to the occasion. And that our Senator and Representatives be requested to urge this matter upon the attention of the Legislature forthwith

Resolved, That the Legislature be requested to appoint a State Committee, to cooperate with local committees to make all necessary arrangements for the said cele bration.

Resolved, That the General Assembly in a body be invited to attend the ceiebration, as well as the offices of the Executive and Judicial Departments of the State.

Col. Johnston urged State aid. He wished to see the genuineness of the Declaration of the 20th of May, 1775, proved, so that all the world would acknowledge it. The State should not hesitate to spend \$20,000 or \$30,000 in aid of the Celebration.

A mass meeting, to which the citizens of the State are invited, was called to take place on the 4th of next February. The press are earnestly solicited to work up interest in

hundredth anniversary of the grandest historical event in our era should not be passed without appropriate celebration. We are bound to recognize the lustre of the deed done on that long-ago May morning. The authors of our liberty are not honored in this act of commemoration, but we, their. posterity, are. Let us do ourselves this honor with ungrudging, full-hearted spirit.

NEW ORLEANS TESTIMONY. The committee appointed by Congress to investigate the condition of affairs in Louisiana and report to Congress, so that that body can take intelligent action, is composed largely of the best brain and the respecta bility of that body. Mr. Clarkson N. Porter, of New York, is one of the most laborious and conscientious Democrats in the House of Representatives, and his colleagues, Foster, of Ohio, and Phelps, of New Jersey, are both able and high-toned gentlemen. The committee has been carefully for some days taking testimony from officers in the military and civil service of the Government, from officials of the State of Louisiana and from private citizens of both parties. The yiews of Mr. Phelps are published. He says that the organization of the House of Representatives last Monday was not in accordance with a statute of 1872, but he likewise contends that the action of the President in interfering was totally unwarranted by law and indeed was subversive of law and liberty. Mr. Phelps explodes the charge of the Administration claquers, that the White League is a secret political organization dangerous to the public peace ramified through the State. It is confined to the city of New Orleans, where it numbers only 2,800 men. Its meet-

from charges of fraud and terrorism. We append specimens of the evidence taken by the committee on Monday and Tuesday and telegraphed from New Orleans:

ings are open, and its design is de-

fence in emergencies. As far as pub-

lished the weight of evidence is con-

demnatory of Kellogg and the Radi-

cals, and exonerates the Conservatives

Rev. C. Hunt. a Methodist minister, testified that at Alexandria during the election he noticed that many colored people voted the Conservative ticket; saw no attempt to control votes. Dr. C. Trezevant testified that several negroes declared they had been forced to vote

the nepublican ticket. Mr. W. W. King, a lawyer, testified that ne knew of a secret organization known as

the Black League. Mr. Dumassey, of Iberia, knew of no intimidation whatever; was United States supervisor; knew of a colored Democrat who was murdered for making a Democratic

Gen. Hazard, a cotton merchant, former ly of the Federal army, testified that he found no difference in the treatment received by whites or blacks on account of politics; neither saw nor heard of any in timidation at the last election. estified that one Democratic negro was as

J. E. Dixon, Jr., a lawyer of this city, saulted on account of his politics. He requested the arrest of several Republican negroes who had assaulted Democratic ne groes, which requests were refused. A great number of witnesses testi-

fied that there was no intimidation by the Conservatives, nor any one discharged for voting the Democratic ticket. On the other hand a few Republicans like J. R. Beckwith and J. L. Imboden, who from their testimony we should judge to be office-holders, though they refused to testify as to Kellogg's personal character, gave blood and thunder accounts of violence towards Republicans. These were all general, however, and were such as any interested partisan could have given with only a twinge now and then of conscience.

That private Mecænas and eminent philanthropist, W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, some time ago offered to give Columbia University of his city a tract of land worth \$250,000 as a permanent endowment provided an additional sum of \$100,000 should be raised. That sum has been raised and so the University will be speedily endowed chiefly by the generosity of this liberal and public-spirited citizer. Mr. Corcoran has before this contributed munificently to the endowment funds of universities and colleges .-He does good with his wealth while he lives, and that good is the highest good in his power to do-the mental and moral advancement of the young.

New Hampshire has denounced through her Legislature the conduct. of the Federal Administration in Louthe celebration. A committee of five isiana. The Governors of two other Anson county to consider the subject gentlemen was appointed to issue an | States, Ohio and Massachusetts, have | of Convention, and according to the address to the people of the State. called the attention of the Legisla- report of the proceedings, copied from Another committee of like number tures in those States to the necessity the Wadesboro Herald, seemed was appointed to draft a bill asking | for similar expression. A great meetnot to be satisfactory to the friends the co-operation of the Legislature. | ing will be held in New York Monof that measure. They propose to The committee is composed as fol- day night to condemn the monster do it over next Wednesday, hoping lows: Ex-Gov. Z. B. Vance, Hons. usurpation of the age. Let the ball for better results for their cause .-W. M. Shipp, R. Y. McAden, Col. roll on. The Legislature of North | Col. Bennett made a strong speech Wm. Johnston and T. L. Vail, Esq. | Carolina, a State always the unflinchshowing the impolicy and danger of These proceedings are a personal ing foe of tyrants, whether epaulet- the proposed movement. Thus it appeal to every native of North | ted or unepauletted, will doubtless on | is seen that an important county in Carolina, wherever he may reside. reassembling pass suitable resolutions the southern part of the State, if We hope they will be effective. The | denouncing the unparalleled outrage. | not out and out opposed to the prop-

osition, is not as yet in favor of it not-BRIBING CONGRESS. The rottenness of some corporawithstanding agitation in its behalf. tions and legislative bodies is well Gentlemen, don't force upon the Legshown in the Pacific Mail investigaislature a measure so sure to produce tion. A sum of nearly seven hundissensions in the party. The Condred thousand dollars was taken from servatives of North Carolina are not, the furd of the Company and handand probably will not soon be, a unit ed over to an agent named Irvin, the in favor of holding a Convention to only discoverable object of said money change the Constitution. How then

being to work through Congress a

subsidy of half a million dollars a

year to the Cacific Mail Steamship

Company. The diversion of that

large sum seems to have been made

under cover of a resolution by the

Board of Directors, to pay a small

amount of legal and other expenses

connected with the procurement of

said legislation. Yet when the Direc-

tors, who were in that Board when

the resolution was adopted, are asked

about this resolution and the scope

and meaning of it, none of them have

more than a flimsy recollection, and a

few of them have vague ideas that

the amount of money they were voting

was intimated by the President of the

Board, as some seven to ten or fifteen

thousand dollars. None of them

ever knew that nearly seven hundred

thousand dollars were paid over to

vote. Such of the Directors as were

then on the Executive Committee,

and to whom the executive part of

the business would have gone in reg-

ular course, none of these remember

anything about it. There is similar

ignorance on the part of the Direct-

ors who were then members of the

Committee to examine the Company's

accounts. Although these seven hun-

dred thousand dollars were taken by

checks from the Company's cash ac-

counts, the Committee on Accounts,

if we are to credit the testimony,

never had the subject before them.

No Director knew anything on any

subject connected with the Compa-

ny's financial operations at this time,

though one or two of them seem to

have known enough to enable them

to speculate in the Company's stocks.

seem to have entrusted the whole

business to the operating manager,

This is the corporation weakness,

and shows the foundation on which

man large corporations rest. But

look at the other party to the busi-

ness, look at Congress. Seven hun.

dred thousand dollars was paid to

somebody for votes-yes, votes!

Who got this money? As yet only

one poor sinner's wings are scorched,

those of a Mr. King elected last fall to

Congress from one of the New York

districts. King, who was postmaster

of the House of Representatives was

agent in placing \$115,000 of this

money "where it would do the most

good." King swore last summer that

not a dollar passed through his hands

on account of this subsidy. With all

that is proven or believed capable of

proof will the next Congress receive

Mr. W. S. King into fellowship?

Irvin has been committed this week

for contempt at the bar of the House.

He should be made to divulge all he

knows of this horrible business of

FEARS OF A. H. S.

Mr. Alex. H. Stephens alone sees

brains in this outrage programme of

the Radicals. He compares the pres-

ent condition of the Republican party

to that of bees about to swarm-dis-

organized, buzzing to and fro; but

while the Democracy are beating on

pans and kettles they will settle on

some twig, which may be represented

by the southern-outrage policy, and

then the organization will begin. This

opinion is just like Mr. Stephens. He

is generally behind everybody else in

his views. The outrage business,

which was once so eminently success-

ful, is now a boomerang that flies

back and knocks down the Radical

Mr. Stephens' fears have more than

once carried him into ridiculous ex-

tremes. They mastered him during

the war, and they have, since the be-

ginning of this Louisiana business

about which he seems so uneasy, led

him to endore the Williams-Grant

policy of "blood and iron." Mr.

Stephens is a queer little body who

annually gets the fidgets while other

ANSON AND THE CONVENTION.

Last Monday a meeting was held in

people are calm.

party every time it is used.

bribery, let it hurt whom it will.

the President.

Astonishing ignorance! They all

gates be elected? The leading Republican journal in the United States, the New York Times, continues its severely but calmly critical articles on the Louisiana outrage and blunder. It says: "Some of the people in Washington must be curiously incompetent to gauge public feeling." Which remark squints a little toward the truthful aspect of the question to a man who looks not through a Government glass darkly,

shall a majority of Conservative dele-

A dispatch from Springfield says that John C. Haines, (Dem.,) was elected speaker of the House on the afternoon of Wednesday. In the Senate, A. A. Glen, (Dem.,) was elected presi dent. This gives the Democrats the Irwin or anybody else under that organization of both houses. A re sult not altogether anticipated though it was known that the Democrats and Liberal Independents would control the Legislature.

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The Christmas issue for 1874 will contain special

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