

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.

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.

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 respectability of that body.

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

That private Mecenas and eminent philanthropist, W. W. Coreoran, 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 the General Assembly in a body be invited to attend the celebration, as well as the offices of the Executive and Judicial Departments of the State.

New Hampshire has denounced through her Legislature the conduct of the Federal Administration in Louisiana. The Governors of two other States, Ohio and Massachusetts, have called the attention of the Legislatures in those States to the necessity for similar expression.

BRIBING CONGRESS. The rottenness of some corporations and legislative bodies is well shown in the Pacific Mail investigation. A sum of nearly seven hundred thousand dollars was taken from the fund of the Company and handed over to an agent named Irvin, the only discoverable object of said money being to work through Congress a subsidy of half a million dollars a year to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

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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 president. This gives the Democrats the organization of both houses. A result not altogether anticipated though it was known that the Democrats and Liberal Independents would control the Legislature.

This is the corruption weakness, and shows the foundation on which many large corporations rest. But look at the other party to the business, look at Congress. Seven hundred 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.

Fears of A. H. S. Mr. Alex. H. Stephens alone sees brains in this outrage programme of the Radicals. He compares the present condition of the Republican party to that of bees about to swarm—disorganized, 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.

ANSON AND THE CONVENTION. Last Monday a meeting was held in Anson county to consider the subject of Convention, and according to the report of the proceedings, copied from the Wadesboro Herald, seemed not to be satisfactory to the friends of that measure. They propose to do it over next Wednesday, hoping for better results for their cause.

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osition, is not as yet in favor of it notwithstanding agitation in its behalf. Gentlemen, don't force upon the Legislature a measure so sure to produce dissensions in the party.

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