WILMINGTON, N. C .: FRIDAY MORNING. March 30, 1877.

THAT COMMISSION. If President Hayes can do no better for the country than get up a powerless and unauthorized Commission, composed of Radicals, many of whom are so bitter their bite would be as fatal as that of the cobra, then he would do well to subside early. That Commission bears fraud and rascality on its front. We would as soon trust for fair dealing and an honest count Joe Bradley, Old Morton, Hoar and Garfield. There never was a more foolish, useless concern extemporized for any occasion, and its utterances and findings will be as futile in settling the disturbing questions as they will be marked by partisan recklessness and subserviency. To trump up that Commission is really to add insult to injury. Hayes has large ability in one direction-in exciting through his friends great expectations, and then prolonging the agony and dashing

cherished hopes to the ground. We can only see a "wooden horse' in a commission with such members. A commission of statesmen animated by the highest motives of honor and patriotism, could do but little; how much less a commission made up of partisan nonentities and political nobodies?

AN INTERESTING CORRESPON One of the acts by which the pa

ternal government has endeavored in the past to increase the loyalty of the South, and to excite a deeper re gard for "the best government under the snu," was to refuse certain acts of justice and courtesy to the "subjugated rebels." Our own State has been a sufferer at the hands of the haters, and the gentleman who now occupies the Chair of the Chief Executive has been a special victim, having been on more than one occasion the recipient of such favors at the hands of the dominant party in the North as enemies only accord to

The following decidedly rich correspondence is good reading for the times. That Pennsylvania Don, we doubt not, wished in his heart that he had not sent that brief letter of "One circumstance fixed the memory of the passage of the British troops very firmly in the mind of young Benjamin, so firmly in fact that it remained fresh till the day of his death. It was this: When the Jan. 26. The letter of Gov. Vance very handsomely and properly puts the cayenne in the cup of insolent and unaccommodating officials. Read and enjoy. We copy from the New York Herald of March 27:

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 1877. To the Governor of the State of North Caro-

Sir-I respectfully request that you will furnish this department with a complete set of the reports of the Adjutant General of your State for the years 1861-6 inclusive, for use in connection with the official records of the war of the rebellion for publication. Express charges for the same will be paid by the department. I am, your obedient servant, J. D. CAMERON, Secretary of War.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, Feb. 5, 1877. To the Honorable J. D. Cameron, Secretary

Sir-Your letter, asking me to furnish you with a complete set of the reports of the Adjutant-General of this State for the years 1861-6 inclusive, has been received.

It would afford me great pleasure to comply with the request if any mutuality could be infused into the transaction. In 1865, one month after General Sherman had issued his proclamation announcing the cessation of hostilities and forbidding the further seizure of property in North Carolinh, the letter books of the executive of this State were seized at Greensboro, and placed in the War Department at Wash-

ngton, where they now remain.

Permission has been asked again to return them or to obtain copies for the State archives, which has been persistently re-fused. My predecessor, Governor Worth, on one occasion sent a special messenger to Washington with an urgent request to be permitted to make a copy of a letter from those books, to be used in a law suit pending in our courts wherein the State was interested, which reasonable request was refused. In 1871, while I was in Washington seeking admission to my seat in the United States Senate, a standerons article appeared in the Daily Chroniels charging me with crueity to the Federal prisoners confined at Salisbury. The refutation of the calumny was contained in certain official letters recorded in those books. I went in person to the War Department, stated my object, and asked permission to copy two letters which contained my full vindication, and was refused on the ground, as was assigned, that no copies would be given without the authority of Congress.

And yet last spring when I met my competter, Jadge Settle, who was the Republican candidate for Governor, I found him supplied with an armful of garbled and mufused. In 1871, while I was in Washing-

supplied with an armful of garbled and mu-tilated copies of these same official letters, certified as true copies by yourself as Secretary of War, with the great seal duly attacked.

I applied to Congress, believing that body would feel it beneath the dignity of a great Republic to suppress the truth in order to oppress so humble an individual as myself. A resolution which would have as myself. A resolution which would have effected my object was promptly passed by the House of Representatives and was as promptly laid on the table in the Senate.

Under this state of things, therefore, I should deem myself wanting both in self-respect and in appreciation of the office which I have the honor to fill, were I to

which I have the honor to fill, were I to comply with your request.

Were I other wise I should gladly furnish you me required documents, first, because it would afford me real pleasure to extend his or any other official courtesy, and, sendly, because I would be proud for the origin to know how faithfully and nobly sople of North Carolina struggled to their the cause, whether right or wrong,

in which they considered their rights and nonor to be involved.

rare to hear of a person as old as one

hundred years probably not over

one in thirty millions. Among

the countless lawyers who have lived

in America but one has lived to reach

his hundredth year, and he is still

living. We do not think there is one

recorded instance of such advanced

age in the legal annals of the British

empire. It is such well-known facts

as these that render it highly impro-

bable that people of more than a hun-

dred years are often found in the

United States. We have never been

able to discover but one other well an

thenticated case of a centenarian in

North Carolina before Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. Alston, of Granville, who died

some thirty years ago, lived to 103

She has descendants living in Gran

ville, Warren, Raleigh and other

Mr. O. S. Johnson, grandson of the

late Benj. Johnson, supposed by the

papers to have been the oldest man

in North Carolina, says his grand-

father had been a plough-boy for

several years, and was well up in his

teens when Cornwallis passed thro

that country on his way to Wilming-

ton after the battle of Guilford Court

House. If this was so, then he may

have been 110 or even 115 years old.

The following story gives an air of

probability to his extreme age. The

Alamance Gleaner gathers the fol-

of his death. It was this: When the British were passing his father's, in all "the pomp and circumstance of glorious war," young Ben ran out to the road to see them

pass, clothed in the long shirt worn by boys in those days, until they were nearly grown. His father, unfortunately for Ben, was that day splitting and drawing hoop poles, and being an ardent rebel himself,

was incensed at the interest his boy Ben

took in the troops of the enemy. So, as

soon as they had passed, he took one of his hoops, and not allowing the long shirt to be much in his way, he proceeded to take the admiration for British soldiers out of young

The editor of the Gleaner, writing

to his paper from Pitssboro', adds

the following interesting account of

boro, and it is court, which accounts for the

presence of the descendants of this very

"The children, grandchildren, great-randchildren, and great-great-grandchil-

dren are scattered over the States, and how

many there are, and their whereabouts are

unknown. The old man Ben's grandson

is stepping around, quite active, bragging

"Only a short time ago the old man was

"He was always a good Democrat, and

went regularly to elections, which no doubt

contributed much to to that quietness of conscience and peace of mind so essential

to long life and does to sham ad life anois.
"Old people have no doubt that the age

of this old man at the time of his death was at least one hundred and ten years, and the

confident opinion is that he was one hun-dred and fifteen."

So in our own trustworthy table of

very old people we score two for this

century in North Carolina, viz: Mrs.

Alston and Mr. Benjamin Johnson.

We will add others when the proof is

forthcoming queen proling to the shade

Hereafter American physicians in

Paris must stand an examination like

native students. If the foreigner is

found to come up to the required

standard he will be excused from at-

able to mount his horse and ride to Egypt,

about his own grandchildren.

distance of six miles.

Mr. Johnson:

aged man.

never known to be drunk.

lowing from the grandson:

points. But to Mr. Johnson.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, Z. B. VANCE. engraving of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, which recently been published by Mr THE LATE BENJAMIN JOHNSON. We begin to believe that the el Pearce, of Charlotte, is really papers have at last found one very handsome. It is an engraving 20x24 old man, who had passed his huninches in size, with a likeness of Gov. dredth year considerably. There was Vance in the centre, and the name no record of his birth, but there are of the signers at the bottom. We do facts and incidents that go to estabnot consider the likeness a good one lish his very old age. Although and the representation of the Capitol thorough sceptic in regard to the is poor, and yet the engraving as ordinary "cock and bull stories," we whole is attractive and desirable. are not disposed to reject a well at Every North Carolinian should buy tested case. As we have before one and have it framed. It makes stated, there is not a single case of handsome ornament for the wall record where an English nobleman Price \$1.00. Address Samuel Pearce, ever attained to his hundredth year Charlotte, N. C. there is not a single instance in which We are glad that Gov. Hampton an insured person ever reached his has gone to Washington. It will do centennial anniversary, although for Haves good to be face to face with two hundred years life insurance has prevailed, and hundreds of thousands. of select cases have held policies There have been tens of thousands of Methodist preachers and but one centenarian among them all. In England, where the birth record of children is preserved, it is extremely

such a man, "who never sold the truth to serve the hour." Hayes never sat down to talk with any man of the elevated type of Hampton. The men he knows best are of the gutta-percha sort-elastic, impressible and yield-The President may look out for a thunder storm if he has any little schemes of bargain and corruption to propose. He may like to swap off Chamberlain for a Radical Senator, but Hampton wont swap. As to Packard, Hayes is doubtless heartily tired of him, but be can not well hold on or turn loose. He will swap him, too, if Nicholls is a trading man.

The people of Louisiana may rest con fidently assured that the government of which they have chosen me executive head will not be imperiled or impaired by any compromise of their rights .- Gov. Nicholls

That is right. Stand firm and resist all compromises. You are fairly, justly, honestly the Governor of the sovereign State of Louisiana. The people have proclaimed their will at the polls; remain true to them and to their choice, and, come what may, yield not to the seductive influences of a patronizing President, or the persuasive tones of superserviceable friends who are swift to promise for

Forney's Press of March 24 takes very dangerous ground. It has a double-leaded article headed-"The government must help the people who saved it." By ruining the South and almost destroying the government, and with it all commercial and industrial prosperity, the Republican leaders have reduced hundreds of thousands of honest and industrious laborers in the North to starvation. Now Forney wants the government to provide for them. This is the very cry of hundreds of thousands in Europe.

It is almost certain that J. B Eustis, Senator elect from Louisiana, will be permitted to take his seat. He was elected two years ago for the short term, but the committee on Elections reported against him on the ground that the vacancy had been filled by the election of Pinchback. Subsequently the Senate decided that Pinchback was not elected. Morton has recently expressed an intention to support his claims. So the bull-dozed State will in all probability have one Democratic Senator atleast. This will be a gain of one.

"Physically he was a very powerful man, and weighed as much as two hundred pounds up to his death. His habits were temperate, never using tobacco, but always taking his dram regularly, though Messrs. DeRosset & Co., of this "His life was one of activity and induscity, State agents of the "Carolina try, and in all the heavier labors of the Fertilizer," have been instructed by farm he was said to have had no superior and few, if any equals. When he was the manufacturers to add five dollars rather an old young man he married a young girl, about 1800, and with her lived per ton to the recent price of that up to 1865, when his wife died in her fertilizer. It is now strictly in order eighty-fourth year. Her age was accuratefor careful calculators to determine ly known. This couple, who for so long a time lived together, had nine children, and whether the farmer or the manufacone of the younger boys has just stepped in turer pays the license tax imposed by to see me, and tells me that he was twenty-one last January. I am writing in Pittsthe Agricultural Bill.

Horrible Outrages in Herzegovius

MANCHESTER, March 26. The Ragusa correspondent of the Guardian sends further details of the massacres in Herzegovina. He says some of the peasants who took refuge in Austrian territory have re-turned to their homes. A band of Bashi Bazouks, five hundred strong, from Vokup and Petrovatz, fell upon the village of Otchievo where returned refugees were rebuilding their homes and hurned the partly-restored houses and murdered ten of the refugees with nameless horrors. Others fled across the frontier. From Glamosh I have the particulars of another butchery. A Greek of the orthodox church had celebrated his marriage with a girl of the same faith. The bridal procession was stopped by the Turks, who cut down and beheaded four of the guests and exposed the beads on poles at Gla-mosh. The bride died from the effects of outrages inflicted. There is ne redress for these crimes. The condition of the rural districts of Bosnia and Herzegovina is becoming inconceivable in its distress and horor. To leave these provinces to be accided by the Turk after his peculiar tending lectures and hospitals, and fashion would be a great political shall receive authorization to prac-tice physic and surgery in any part Crime Wilmington Links emiro of the territory of the republic. This certainly seems rais enough, though it has been himsed that lealous had something to do you A cable dispatch announce of Woolne CARDS AND Sh

South Carolina. Mr. Nordhoff, writing to the Her-

ald from Washington, says! Hampton and Mr. Chamberlain is the beginning of the end of the South Carolina troubles. Mr. Chamberlain will have a civil hearing. An effort will be made to persuade him out of the way, and it is believed that he is not unwilling to go, but if he should prove obstinate, not only will the troops be withdrawn, and Gov. Hampton told to go ahead and take possession by legal process, but the President will take care to put Mr. Chamberlain so clearly in the wrong before the country that he will get no sympathy from any quarter. This is the plain truth of the

Probably the oldest lawyer in the world is Elbert Herring. He was born on the 8th of July, 1777, at Stratford, Conn. He was admitted to the bar in 1799, and made a Judge in 1805. He was the first Register in the State of New York. It was in his office that Charles O'Conor studied law.—N. Y. Post.

POLITICAL POINTS.

- The infamy of Bradley makes all good men decline the honor of the Com-

- Speaking of Hayes' attempt to build up an administration party, the Chicago Times dryly remarks: "It isn't the first time that a miracle has attended the judicious distribution of the loaves and

- Chamberlain is on his way to Washington. As Mr. Macbeth remarked to Mrs. Macbeth, "My dearest love, Duncan comes here to-night." Mrs. M.-"And when goes hence?" The raven himself is hoarse that croaks the fatal entrance of Chamberlain. - Gazette.

- The true inwardness of this southern commission business and this invitation of Chamberiain and Governor Hampton to Washington is that the administration is burgaining for Republican Senators from South Carolina and Louisiana. - Baltimore Gazette.

- Boston Herald: Chamberlain's friends say any action is in their favor except the withdrawal of the troops or the open recognition of Hampton. That is to say, anything will help them except leaving the matter to the people of South Carolina. That they cannot stand.

- The course of the administration in respect to Louisiana and South Caro lina will disappoint its best friends, while it will delight its worst enemies. There is no sufficient excuse for its failure to decide the question which was before it, and its refusal to decide it will appear to many as a clear evasion of duty.-New York Post,

- We hope that a safe and satisfactory conclusion will be reached in spite of the new commission, if not by means of it; but we cannot help believing that the President and his advisers have missed a rare opportunity for putting their administration before the country in a position of unassailable strength .- New York Evening

- Now that Hayes is backing down from the southern policy which he had announced, Matthews and Foster begin "to wheel about, and turn about, and do just so." They are already trying to explain away the pledges they gave the southern leaders as being merely the expression of personal beliefs, meaning nothing.—

- A gentle hint to Packard and Chamberlain: Don't stand on the order of your going, but go at once. Nobody wants you who can help you; and if you don't go soon, the order of your going may be inconveniently hurried some fine morning by the sudden disappearance of bayenets from about the temples now defiled by the last run of carpet-baggers. Go!—Philadelphia

TWINKLINGS.

- A South Carolina man's nose was kicked off by a cow.

- A chair of homeopathy is to be established in the Iowa State University

- During 1876, the sugar export of Peru amounted to 71,722 tons, English, against 50,000 tons in 1875, 84,000 tons in 1874, and 16,000 tons in 1878, thus showing an increase of nearly 350 per cent. in the

- "Mamma," said a little girl to her mother, "do you know how I get in bed quick?" "No," was the reply. "Well," said she in great glee, "I step one foot over the crib, then I say 'Rats!' and frighten myself right in.

- Poet laureate of Nebraska: and the hounds were baying so long and When along a path came an hunter

He was all robed o'er from head to toe, In buckskin made from the hind of the roe.

The News, of that well represented burgh, announces that "the Danbury public will be gratified to learn that the man who only offers one finger when shaking hands, slipped down in front of the post office Sunday morning, and seri-ously injured himself."

- The editor of the San Francisco Post has been shown a monster orange, which weighed 31 pounds and measured in circumference 24 inches. It was grown at Riverside, San Bernardino county, upon the grounds of G. W. Garcelon, The tree which produced it is just four years old.

- Dr. Holland says the most precious possession that ever comes to a man in this world is a woman's heart. It would seem that he has never observed the tender care with which a man handles a meer-chaum pipe that is just beginning to have a billious look around the base of the bowl. - Worcester Press.

PALMETTO LEAVES.

- They are catching shad for the first time in several years out of the Conganion of this city will baye out to notice — Cotton planting has begun in Anderson, but the corn and oat crop pro-mises to be a failure.

- The troops were moved out of the Statehouse on Monday-but another

company was moved in general adT -While the passenger train was moving out of the railroad yard at Abbeville, on Monday morning, a little colored boy, about ten years old, attempted to run across the track, and before he could ac-

complish the feat was caught by the cow-catcher and crushed to death. -Me David H. Ruff died near PERSONAL.

San Francisco has thirty milinset Cox is now lecturing in

How would Col. T. F. Goode, of Mecklenburg, do for our next Governor ?-

- Grant was so dead in Washington that he had to hunt up the old army ofcers to bid them good-by - The President has been invited

to go to Long Branch, but he will probably send a commission.—Philadelphia Times. - A pauper at Scituate, Massachusetts, aged 73, recently left the alms-house and returned to it a few days later

with a pauper bride of 65. - In the year 1758 Lord Clive, then Governor General of India, proposed to conquer China if Parliament would supply him with a force of 15,000 men. But

The marriage in Vienna of Miss Mamie Beale, daughter of our Minister to Austria, with M. Bakhmeteff, lately the Secretary of the Russian Legation in Washington, who is enormously wealthy, has just been announced.

- The Roman Catholic peers in England now muster exactly three dozen, including one duke, two marquises, seven earls, four viscounts, twenty-one barons and one countess in her own right; in addition to which there are forty-seven Roman Catholic baronets,

- Baltimore has a resident princess. She is a daughter of King Louis of Bavaria and Lola Montez, and she calls herself Princess Editha Solela, Baroness of Rosentlal, Countess of Landsfeldt. She has a large income, lives luxuriously, is thirty years old, and is a widow. Her husband was Count Messant of France.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.

- Mme. Adelina Patti is engaged for forty representations next winter at the Theatre Italien, Paris.

- Hanslick, the famous Austrian critic, says that Nilsson is not only the best but the only Ophelia living, just as Patti is the only Rosina.

- Wagner lost \$30,000 in gold by his performance last year at Bayreuth, notwithstanding the enthusiasm of the sons of Fatherland for "the music of the future."

Mme. Jenny Van Zandt (Vanzini), the American prima donna, is at Milan with her daughter, Marie, aged sixteen, who is studying for the operatic stage, under Lamperti, and who, we are informed, predicts for her a brilliant career. Her debut is expected to take place in the spring of 1878 at one of the opera houses in London. Nous verrons.

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