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The following citizens of Granville held Judgeships: Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice of the Carolina...

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The Baltimore Gazette has rather improved in interest since it came down to a one cent paper.

An Irish relief meeting has been held in Norfolk, and a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions.

The latest Washington talk about the appointment of a Minister to England is that Stanley Matthews is the man.

A Republican anti third term club has been formed at Albany, New York. This, mind you, in Lord Roscoe Conkling's beat, at that.

The Kellogg contested election case is to come up soon. The opinion in Democratic circles in Washington is that he will be ordered "to step down and out."

THE MORNING STAR.

Many of our readers will remember Rev. Samuel S. Bryant, one of the most eloquent, superbly endowed Methodist preachers of the South...

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He expressed the opinion that there was a great future in store for the South if the people of that section would give attention to manufactures...

The Louisville Courier Journal is responsible for the assertion that a machine very much like the Clement Attachment was in operation in the South more than forty years ago...

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There is a big scare among Pennsylvania railroad officials. Uncle Samuel Jones Tilden is said to be about to get possession of the Pennsylvania Railroad...

Little Ewgeen Hale kicked the Republican fat in the fire when he stayed in and signed the roll, thus giving the anxious Fusionists enough to form a quorum...

Spirits Turpentine.

The expenses of Duplin county in 1879 were \$5,972.69. Nearly six miles of the Oxford & Henderson Railroad is graded...

Raleigh mortuary statistics for 1879 show 128 deaths—54 white and 75 colored. Charlotte Observer. That was for six months only.—STAR.

Ex-Speaker Moring of Chattanooga, was bitten on the head by a hog, and he is now ill from erysipelas. Cecil Justice Smith is still confined to his house...

John McCullough drew a big house in Richmond, Va. The play, "Virginians," was admirably rendered, the State says. He is to play Othello to Mr. Ward's Iago...

The Supreme Court of Virginia sustains the decision of the Hastings Court of Richmond in every point in the Poindexter case that attracted so much attention...

stroyed by fire two days since. The origin of the conflagration is supposed to have been accidental. The following items were gathered at the collector's office at Statesville...

Mrs. A. J. McQueen sued for a divorce in Richmond court on the ground of cruel treatment. Much interest attached to the suit...

Goldsboro Mail: A mad dog at Rocky Mount, on the 30th inst, bit a negro boy and several dogs and hogs, which were killed or shut up...

Revenue Agent O. H. Blocker has been ordered by telegraph to New Orleans on special duty. He is absent two or three weeks from this State...

A white man by the name of Charles Peterson was before Justice Hill, yesterday, on the charge of committing assault and battery upon the person of a young colored woman by the name of Kitty King...

A party, evidently hailing from the rural districts, was arraigned for drunkenness and ordered to be discharged, the Mayor being satisfied that he didn't mean any harm by it...

Wm. Norman, colored, was arraigned for disorderly conduct at Mr. H. Haas's store, yesterday morning. Decision reserved.

The following will show the state of the thermometer, at the stations mentioned, at 4.31 yesterday evening, Washington mean time, as ascertained from the daily bulletin issued from the Signal Office in this city...

Daniel Howard, jailor, requests us to say that, as there are so many desirous of inspecting the gallows upon which Allen Mathis perished yesterday, he will open the gates to-day to all who want to take a look at it.

The bark Stanley sailed from Liverpool, last Thursday, for this port. The British brig Gem, Dakin, hence, arrived at Glasgow on the 6th inst.

THE DEATH PENALTY!

Execution of Allen Mathis for the Murder of Reuben Herring—Full Particulars of the Hanging-Commission of the Condemned Man, &c., &c.

Yesterday Allen Mathis, colored, who was convicted at the December term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county of the murder of one Reuben Herring, colored, near Burgaw, Pender county, in September, 1878, and whose case was removed from Pender to New Hanover, expired his crime on the gallows in this city.

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Some of the ministering brethren, together with Jailor Howard, remained with him until a late hour Thursday night. Yesterday morning he stated to the jailor that he spent the remainder of the night very comfortably; that he felt of a surety that the Lord had pardoned him, and that he was ready and willing to die.

For the past two or three weeks different ministers of the city have been in daily attendance upon the doomed man in his prison cell, endeavoring to bring him to a sincere repentance of his sins, and especially of the grievous one for which he was so soon to suffer.

Notwithstanding the fact that the execution was to be strictly private, about two thousand persons, principally colored, assembled on Fourth and Princess streets, in the vicinity of the jail, many of them standing there for two hours or more, eagerly waiting and watching to get a glimpse of the condemned man as he was taken from the side-door of the prison to the scaffold.

At 11 A. M. the persons provided with tickets were admitted to the jail enclosure, and nearly all of them proceeded to enact to inspect the gallows. This was effected immediately in the rear of the jail, and was so enclosed that only those inside and upon the platform could witness the execution.

The enclosure was about fifteen by twelve feet and the platform was reached by a flight of steps. In the centre of this platform was a trap door four feet square, working upon hinges, and when closed resting upon a wooden bolt which was withdrawn by working a lever at the head of the flight of stairs.

At 12 o'clock Mathis was brought out of the jail and mounted the steps to the platform, attended by the jailor and the colored ministers who had been with him all the morning. He was a bright, intelligent looking young negro, brown in color, and apparently about 30 years of age.

His arms were tied and he was dressed in jacket and pants of brown jeans, which were new and apparently provided for the occasion; but he was bare-headed and his shoes were old and worn.

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"I am much obliged to all the ministers. I have nothing against anybody." A prayer was then read by Rev. G. O. Brady, of St. Mark's Episcopal church, at the conclusion of which the ministers all advanced and shook hands with Mathis, bidding him good-bye. He said that he was much obliged to them for what they had done for him, and asked them to sing "I want to hear sweet singing when I die," said he. The singing of hymns was then resumed. During the continuance the Sheriff advanced, adjusted the straps upon the prisoner's limbs, and shaking hands with Mathis bade him farewell. Mathis responded to the Sheriff with a firm voice, bidding him good-bye, and adding that he had nothing against him. He also shook hands with the jailor and thanked him for his kind treatment. As the Sheriff adjusted the black cap over Mathis' head and then the fatal noose, the hands of the prisoner trembled violently, and it was evident that only by a strong effort was he able to control himself.

At twenty minutes past 12 o'clock the Sheriff pulled the lever, the wooden bolt flew back, the trap dropped, and Mathis' body fell with a loud thud and spun around in the air. There was but slight motion of the body, merely a muscular contraction and a tremulous movement of the extremities, which lasted a few moments, then all was still and the corpse dangled idly in the air.

After hanging ten minutes the body was examined by Drs. Walker and Lane. The pulse was still, but a faint motion of the heart was thought to be perceptible. Two minutes afterwards, however, Mathis was pronounced dead, the rope was cut and the body lowered into the coffin. His neck was broken by the fall, although the hangman's knot had slipped from under the left ear around to the back of the neck. The Sheriff's arrangements were very complete.

There were admitted inside of the jail yard about forty or fifty persons, exclusive of the guard. Shortly after the body had been placed in the coffin the remains were put in a wagon and taken to the "Potter's Field," just outside the southern limits of the city.

The following confession was made to Deputy Sheriffs Daniel Howard and T. C. Miller, and taken down at the time by Rev. C. O. Brady, one of the ministers in attendance: "I was intimate with Lucy Herring about four years. Last December, two years ago, I was arrested, charged with criminal intimacy with Lucy Herring. There was no real feeling between myself and Reuben Herring, deceased. Reuben Herring had abandoned Lucy about the time that I first became intimate with her. Lucy came to my house with Tom Hayes on a Sunday, the very day of the murder. Tom Hayes wrote a letter for her and left. Tom Hayes had left about three or four minutes when I came out on the piazza and discovered a man in the bushes. I went back in the house and got a gun and walked out in the field. I told him not to come to me. He came up cursing and swearing, and drew back his sick and struck me. I fired and killed him with the gun, walking backwards until I got a chance to run, and he ran after me. I ran into the house and threw the gun down; then grabbed an axe and struck him with it about the hip the first blow; he advanced on me and I struck him about the head as he was coming up to me. As I dealt him the third blow he fell to the ground. I let him lie there about fifteen minutes, and then he was about dead. I took him up then and buried him in the well, and Lucy said, 'Let's hide him, and if you will not tell it will not do it.' And then I said, 'Well, if you don't I will not,' and then she went home and came back and prevailed upon me if I would never tell it she would not. I saw her several times afterwards, and she told me to 'Keep it Keep it!' About five weeks afterwards I saw her, and she said to me that they were going to arrest her about it, and asked me what to do about it. I told her I did not know and then she said, 'If they do I'll tell them that he is gone away,' and then I told her that I would go off and get a letter written and make out like he had gone away, and she said, 'All right' and told me to write the letter back to her and she would take it and show it; and then went over South river and got a letter written back to her in the name of Reuben Herring by Mr. C. O. Brady. This is the only crime I ever have committed."

"It was raised at John Mathis', on Little Coharie, in Sampson county. My mother and father are dead, and I have one sister left, Mrs. W. W. W. She is in Sampson county. I formerly belonged to John Mathis; he raised me. I am a cooper by trade."

This is the first execution that has taken place in this city since February 28th, 1868, when William Wright Parker was hanged for the murder of William Childers in 1863. Babies are too highly prized to permit them to suffer with Colic, Flatulence, etc., when Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup will at once relieve them. Price 25 cents.

Quarterly Meetings For the Wilmington District of the Methodist Episcopal Church—First Series, 1880: Elizabeth, at Elizabethtown, Jan. 7, 18; Whiteville, at Whiteville, Jan. 7, 18; Woodrow Mission, at Bethesda, Jan. 7, 18; Brentwick, at Sharon, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 18; Smithville Station, Feb. 7, 18; Wilmington, at Front Street, Feb. 14, 18; Towson, at Towson, Feb. 7, 18; New River Mission, Feb. 28, 18; Dunbar, at Magnolia, March 8, 18; Clifton, at Andrews' Chapel, March 13, 18. A full attendance of the district is requested at the Parsonage of the Front St. Church, in Wilmington, on the 13th of February, at 10 A. M. L. B. BRYAN, Secretary.

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CITY ITEMS. THE MORNING STAR can always be had at the following places in the city: The Parrott House, Harris' News Stand, and the STAR Office.

FINANCIAL GUNN.—The attention of sports men is invited to the advertisement of Messrs. J. & W. Taylor, manufacturers of fine breach-loading guns, Birmingham, England.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Bananas at Auction. THIS MORNING, AT 10 O'CLOCK, WE WILL sell at our Sales Room...

Overcoats. ADAPTED IN WEIGHT TO THE SEASON, together with the small balance of other CLOTHING on hand, will be sold very low.

Blank Books. CALL AT THE LIVE BOOK STORE FOR BLANK BOOKS. A LARGE ASSORTMENT Just received and for sale cheap.

Pianos, Organs, CHROMOS, STEEL ENGRAVINGS, and Fancy Goods in great variety, at Live Book and Music Store.

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Busbee's Criminal Digest. NOW READY FOR DELIVERY. Owing to the cost of the volume being much in excess of the estimate, the price will be advanced after January 1st.

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