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THE COURT OF APPEALS IN NEW YORK

The Court of Appeals in New York, which is superior to the Supreme Court (curious as this may seem) because it is the Court of last resort, has reversed some decisions of the lower Court and adjudged Wm. M. Tweed, the great corruptionist and plunderer of the age, entitled to his liberty. The decision was unanimous.

IT IS FUNNY HOW THEY DO IT.

The devilry of reconstruction keeps on cropping out. In his letters to the New York Herald Mr. Nordhoff details how the Radical politicians in Alabama last year organized and trained negro bands of repeaters; how they held secret sham elections, at which black voters were taught how to vote early and often; and how, while this was going on United States troops were used to intimidate Democratic voters in the country districts by threats of arrest on blank warrants, and bacon given by Congress to help those farmers who have suffered by an overflow of the Alabama river was used by Republican politicians as a means to gain voters for their party and themselves.

A MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

A gentleman of great activity and prominence in matters relating to the material interests of Western North Carolina, who resides in one of the chief towns of that delightful section, writes to us as follows: 'I am interviewed every day by parties desiring to learn something of freights from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore, etc. 'Wilmington, Charlotte and Statesville to Old Fort. Our people are of opinion that Wilmington is the "port for us." The writer then requests information which we presume will reach him in a few days from the authorities of the Carolina Central Railway Company.

Will all this be an issue in the next Presidential election? Facing such facts, the Republican nominees will have the sweetest time on record—and about the liveliest.

The author of the new novel, "The Old Trump," is said to be "a Southerner, who, at one time, edited a leading newspaper in the South."

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A Northern paper remarks that the Southern journals, as a class, are dropping their old sectional jealousies and letting the dead past take care of its dead. We don't know so much about the "jealousies." But years ago, if the same kind spirit that is now exhibited by Northern journalists toward this section had been shown, Southern newspapers would have "let the dead past take care of its dead." Many did this in the face of ill-treatment.

THE UNIVERSITY. The members of the Faculty of the North Carolina University so far elected are gentlemen of culture and ability, some of whom, however, are not very widely known. We shall endeavor to give a slight account of each of these professors. First in experience and prominence is Rev. Charles Phillips, D. D., a professor of Mathematics in the old University, now occupying the same chair at Davidson College, a gentleman of great dignity of character and intellectual force. Dr. Phillips is son of Rev. Dr. James Phillips, so long and favorably known as a professor at Chapel Hill. He is chosen Professor in the College of Mathematics.

J. DeBerniere Hooper is the senior Professor in the College of Languages. For many years Mr. Hooper has presided over high schools, and is now Principal of the Wilson Collegiate Seminary. He is a son of a former University professor, Rev. William Hooper, D. D. Mr. Hooper is a fine linguist.

Prof. John Kimberly, of Asheville, filled the chair to which he is now elected in the old University, namely: that of Agriculture and Applied Chemistry. Perhaps the best man in the State for the place.

Rev. A. W. Mangum, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church, in Raleigh, and a descendant of the illustrious United States Senator, Wiley P. Mangum, will be professor in the important school of Philosophy.

Rev. A. F. Redd, of Raleigh, a University of Virginia man, and editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, the State Baptist organ, is chosen professor in the College of Physical Science. If he makes as good a teacher of geology and chemistry as he is an editor he will be useful to the University, which needs such fresh young talent.

Mr. George T. Winston, of Bertie (we think), having had many years experience as an instructor in the department to which he is elected, it is presumed will make a capable adjunct professor of Languages.

Mr. Ralph H. Graves, Jr., is son of the well known R. H. Graves of Horner & Graves' shop at Hillsboro. He is the youngest of the professors, bright and well informed, and will not be the small man of the faculty by any means.

The Trustees did not decide whether they would elect a President or leave the Faculty free to choose a Chairman from among themselves. That matter will come up at a subsequent meeting, to be held in Raleigh on August 31st. The University will be thrown open to students on the first Monday in September.

Now the work is fairly begun let the blows fall thick and fast until the University of North Carolina shall be the pride of the Southern States and an honor to America.

CHARLESTON, June 15, 1875. To the President and Directors of the Charleston Exchange.

GENTLEMEN: We beg to submit the following statement of the acreage in cotton the present year taken from the National Cotton Exchange report for June 1st, and based on the acreage of last year, as reported in the *Financial Chronicle* of July 4, 1874, page 21, which gave 9,053,033, from which 100,000 acres were afterwards deducted, making an average of 8,953,033. As some of the States are divided among several Exchanges, we give below the reports of each Exchange to show how the average is made:

Table with 2 columns: State/Exchange and Cotton Acreage. Includes Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Showing an increase of 118,923 acres of 1 1/2 per cent. above last year, which at half a bale to the acre, would give an increase of 57,000 bales.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. The members of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Conservative Party of New Hanover County (being the Committee as constituted before the county of Pender was established) are requested to meet at the Star office, in this city, Wednesday, June 30, at 3 o'clock P. M.

An Honored Belle. [Raleigh News.] When Gen. Sherman's army passed through Raleigh in 1865, some soldier robbed the State archives of a letter written by Gen. John Steele, of Revolutionary memory, to Gov. Alexander Martin, dated New York, May 17th, 1790.

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After vote of thanks to Chairman and Secretary the meeting adjourned.

Wilmington Market. The following prices, ruled yesterday:

Apples (dried) 1 1/4 cents per pound; dried peaches 25c per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per peck; pickles, 20 cents per dozen.

Two Men Hung at Burlington, S. C. A correspondent writes from Timmonsville, S. C., that on Friday Oliver Spencer and Kelley McDonald, two colored men, suffered the extreme penalty of the law, for the crime of murder, at Darlington Court House, South Carolina.

Recently, Rockingham, Nash, Edgecomb, Randolph, and our own Brunswick have put their candidates into the field. On the 26th quite a number of counties will nominate. The campaign is beginning.

On Heavy Duty. Our townsman, Col. A. M. Waddell seems to have had his hands full during his late visit to Murfreesboro.

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Damage to the W. & W. R. R. Says the Raleigh News of Thursday: "In the U. S. Circuit Court yesterday the case of W. Weller and wife, of Montgomery, Ala., against Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, was argued, the suit being based on injuries received by Walker's wife in an accident on said road, September 1873.

Writing in Duplin. [Star Correspondence.] BLADEN COUNTY, N. C. June 16th, 1875.

The Conservatives of Abbott's Township met in convention at Abbottburg, and were organized by calling Mr. I. H. Smith to the Chair and Mr. J. S. Cain to act as Secretary.

On motion the following were appointed a Township Executive Committee: Dr. T. F. Newell, J. W. McLeod, John Smith, Jr., L. A. Russ and I. H. Smith, Chairman.

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A severe hail storm visited the upper portion of Mecklenburg county and Cabanus around Concord. On some farms the damage was severe.

A Pasquotank demented woman gave birth to an infant in the Asylum the other day. She had not been long in the institution. This is the first case of the sort.

The Charlotte Democrat says the growing crops, of all sorts, are very promising, and the seasonable rains have done much to advance the prospects of farmers.

The Democratic county meeting in Edgecombe last Tuesday nominated for delegates to the Convention, J. E. Dickson and James H. Exum, Esqs. Good selections.

The Greensboro News North State says the hail storm of Wednesday evening, did great damage to the corn and wheat crops, in the section through which it passed.

The News learns that both Messrs. Reid and McManis, of Raleigh, will accept the positions that have been assigned them in the Faculty of the State University.

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