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GOOD WORDS FOR THE SOUTH.

Ex-Governor Seymour wrote as follows in a letter declining an invitation to attend the Georgia State Fair: "In five years from this time the census will show our numbers to be more than 50,000,000."

THE CONVENTION WORK REVIEWED BY THE TRIBUNE.

The New York Tribune thus notices the work of the North Carolina and Alabama Conventions: "A great deal of evil was predicted from the fact that the work of remodeling the Constitutions of North Carolina and Alabama had fallen into the hands of the white people."

These comments of the Tribune are significant. In his address to the farmers of his native county of Christian, in Kentucky, Hon. Jefferson Davis said he had shaken hands with politics, and was steering clear of all political questions.

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NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF ELECTIONS.

Last week Connecticut adopted certain constitutional amendments. Among these was one providing for the annual elections to take place in November instead of April as at present.

The time for holding the election in this State was changed by the Legislature from August to November. The change from an earlier month to November has likewise been effected in Pennsylvania and other States.

"We regard this movement as important. Certainly our own State has found no reason to regret having made the change last year. State after State has dropped into this custom, and the probability is that it will eventually become almost or quite universal."

The advantages manifest. First, the season is more favorable in every way. The harvest can be conducted after the farmer's work is done and his crops harvested. It can be concluded in the cool weather of autumn, instead of in the heat of summer, as in warm North Carolina, or the rigors of winter, as in bleak New Hampshire.

STONEWALL JACKSON.

The ceremonies at the unveiling of the statue by the English sculptor Foley of the glorious Stonewall Jackson, which are soon to take place in Richmond, will excite universal interest at the South. Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, late colonel commanding the Maryland line in the Confederate army, has issued an address to the survivors of that organization inviting them to participate. From this address the following extract is taken:

"The bronze statue of General Thomas J. Jackson, presented by friends and sympathizers with the South in England, is late way to Virginia, will be unveiled at Richmond on the 26th day of October inst. (the first day of the State fair) with appropriate ceremonies. Many veteran associations will be represented, and among them the Baltimore Light Artillery, the Stonewall Brigade, the First Virginia Regiment and the Richmond Howitzers. I suggest that on this occasion you ought to be represented. The First Maryland Regiment, the Baltimore Light Artillery, the First Maryland Artillery and the First Cavalry, all served under Jackson, and won their spurs under his knightly accolade."

At a meeting of the ex-Confederate soldiers and citizens, held at Hawk's Nest, Fayette county, West Virginia, a few days since, a committee was appointed with instructions to take such steps as they may deem best to bring to the attention of the public the fact that the remains of the mother of the late General Stonewall Jackson lie buried in a neglected grave-yard at the Hawk's Nest. A resolution was also adopted that an appeal be made to the soldiers of the late army of Northern Virginia, and all others who may feel an interest in the object, to contribute a necessary fund to enclose the grave-yard and erect a suitable monument to mark the grave of the mother of the illustrious soldier. The Ladies' Memorial Association of Richmond, Va., was requested to receive all contributions made to this object, and it was suggested that the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to General Jackson would be a favorable opportunity to bring this matter to the attention of the people. A few days ago it was telegraphed from Georgia that Alexander Stephens was in a very critical condition of health. Now we have the announcement that he will lecture in Chicago on the 28th. Triumphant over death and derision, the little Georgian remains to talk of the happy past and the happier days to come when he shall attain the ponderous averdupois of ninety-nine pounds and the States of the Union shall lie down together like the lion and the lamb. "There is no hate in woman which is not born of love." Bohefoucauld. May you not be mistaken, Roche?

SYNOPSIS OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

A few of the ordinances which passed the late Constitutional Convention were not included in the preliminary and accurate synopsis which THE MORNING STAR presented on Wednesday morning. Section 25, Article 1, condemns secret political societies in these words: "But secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and should not be tolerated."

Art. 3, sec. 10 is amended so as to provide for the appointment by the Governor, by and with the consent of a majority of the Senate, of all officers whose offices are established by the Constitution and whose appointments are not otherwise provided for. Those sections of Art. 2 in which the Senatorial and House districts of the Legislature are named are stricken out.

The ordinance adding two sections to Article 4, provides that clerks of any of the Courts of law in the State may be removed from office for mental or physical disability by the Judges of the particular Court. But such clerk must have a written notice with specifications of causes served on him at least ten days previous to removal; and he is entitled to appeal. An ordinance was passed submitting the question of "Ratification" or "Rejection" to the qualified voters of the State at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1876, the election to be held and returns made in the same manner as are held elections for members of the General Assembly, a majority vote being required to ratify. An amended ordinance makes it the duty of the Secretary of the Convention and Public Auditor to have printed in pamphlet form the amendments and proper certificates, together with the revised Constitution as proposed, a hundred thousand copies, to be distributed in proportion to population in the several counties of the State after each delegate shall have been provided with a hundred copies.

A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

Undoubtedly the Republicans in carrying Ohio by a small majority have imparted new life to their prospects in the National election. A hope is born to them, and they are therefore jubilant and boastful. The ground of this confidence when examined carefully seems very slight and treacherous. In the first place they barely succeeded with the powerful assistance of the New York moneyed Democrats and of Carl Schurz. With all their sophistries, falsehoods, briberies and other disreputable agencies, by pandering to religious prejudice, by arraying class against class and nationality against nationality, they scraped together a bare majority. On other issues and when the purse-strings are shortened, these elements can no more be combined than oil and water. Mark the prediction: Without such alliance as was effected on Tuesday for a particular purpose and by special agencies the Democrats will carry Ohio because the people there abominate the frauds and extravagance, the shiftlessness and utter good-for-nothingness of Grant's administration. As in Ohio so in Pennsylvania there is a wholesome disgust of Republicanism as illustrated by Grant and his satellites and retainers. These and other robust and honest Commonwealths if asked to endorse the party which has sustained these men in all their wicked practices will sharply and with sweeping indignation decline to do so. The prospect may not be without clouds and the sun may not gleamly shine with complete effulgence, but if the Conservative hosts of the country will forget their late bickering on the currency issue and will heartily unite in the common cause of sound and honest government November of Centennial year will not come without bringing with it healing for all wounds and peace and prosperity for the whole land.

The sublimated essence of impudence is the following from the original political items of the New York Tribune: "Gov. Tilden and Senator Bayard are the sole surviving Democratic candidates for the Presidency." Chief Justice Waite is looming up as a candidate for the Presidency on the Republican side. He will probably have to wait for Grant.

The following prices ruled yesterday: Apples, (dried) 12 cents per pound; dried peaches 25c per pound; walnuts, 25 cents per bushel; pickles, 20 cents per dozen; lard, 18 cents per pound; butter, 30c per pound; cheese, 25 cents per pound; grown fowls 75c per pair; geese \$1.50 per pair; beef 10c per pound; pork, 12c per pound; mutton, 12c per pound; ham, 18c per pound; shoulders, 12c per pound; tripe, 20c per pound; clams, 25 cents per bushel; open clams, 20c per bushel; oysters, 25c per bushel; eggs, 25c per dozen; potatoes, new Irish, 40c a bushel; new sweet 35 cents a bushel; fish-trout 25c. per bushel; mullets 10c per bushel; turkeys, 10 cents a bushel; onions, 50 cents a bushel; cabbages 10c per bushel; wild ducks 50c per pair; radishes, per bushel, 5 cents a bushel; onions, 50 cents a bushel; carrots, 5 cents a bushel; rice, 12c a bushel; soap, boxes 20c per bushel; squashes, 20 cents a bushel; cucumbers, 10c per bushel; green corn 20c a bushel; tomatoes 10c a bushel; okra, 5 cents a bushel; watermelons, 15c per bushel; strimps 20c a bushel; cranberries 15c per bushel; grapes 20c per bushel; butter beans 50c per quart; green field peas 10c per quart; apples 50c per bushel; liver pudding, 20 cents per bushel; blood pudding, 25 cents per bushel.

THE FAIR AND THE BANDS.

The telegraph just completed to Southville, we suppose it is generally understood, has been constructed under the act of Congress solely for the use of the "Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce and Agriculture," of the War Department. Under the act governing the Signal Service the paid messages of citizens are not allowed to be sent over the line. Some private messages have been forwarded, through the good offices of the Observers here and at Southville, and, as we have previously intimated, have been of important service in directing the movements of shipping at the mouth of the river, but these were forwarded, as our understanding of the case is, entirely as a matter of personal favor, or a general desire on the part of the officers to advance the interests of commerce in such ways as are not positively prohibited. It seems very desirable, however, that the general public should be afforded the privilege of sending messages over this line at some regular rate of compensation. This is not only demanded by the business interests of the port, but, we believe, also favored by the Observers in charge of the respective offices. We think a petition should be prepared at once, to be presented to Congress when it assembles, asking that an exception to the general operation of the law be created in our favor, on the ground that the line is one which will not only pay to build and operate as a private business enterprise—though of great importance to the commercial interests of the port—and that we must therefore be without private telegraphic communication or depend upon the Government to furnish it for us to us. We suggest that our merchants take the matter actively in hand and urge Congress will see the justice of their request.

SCHOOL FUND.

An Ordinance to Amend Article Nine of the Constitution, Providing for the Preservation and Investment of the Public School Fund—Passed by the Convention. The people of North Carolina in Convention do ordain, That section four of article nine of the Constitution be stricken out, and two new sections be inserted in said article in lieu thereof, as follows: "Sec. 1. The proceeds of all lands that have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States to this State, and not otherwise appropriated by this State or the United States; also, all moneys, stocks, bonds and other property now belonging to any State fund for purposes of education; also the net proceeds of all sales of the swamp lands belonging to the State, and all other grants, gifts or devises that have been or hereafter may be made to this State and not otherwise appropriated by the State or by the term of the grant, gift or devise, shall be paid into the State treasury; and, together with so much of the ordinary revenue of the State as may be by law set apart for that purpose, shall be faithfully appropriated for establishing and maintaining in this State a system of free public schools, and for no other uses or purposes whatsoever. "Sec. 2. All moneys, stocks, bonds and other property belonging to a county school fund; also, the net proceeds from the sale of estrays; also, the clear proceeds of all penalties and forfeitures, and of all fines collected in the several counties for any breach of the penal or military laws of the State; and all moneys which shall be paid by persons as an equivalent for exemption from military duty, shall belong to and remain in the several counties, and shall be faithfully appropriated for establishing and maintaining free public schools in the several counties of this State: Provided, That the amount collected in each county shall be annually reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction."

WILMINGTON RETAIL MARKET.

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A DEEPER CONFLICT.

Quite a desperate conflict, we learn, took place lately at a point on the line between Colman and Bladen counties. It appears that a feud had long existed between a family of whites by the name of Buie and a family of mulattoes in the same neighborhood by the name of Young. On the day in question a squabble took place between some of the parties, in which all the male members of each family finally became engaged, including the elder Buie and his two sons on the one side, and Jim Young, his son, Isaac Young, and an Indian half-breed, by the name of Wilson, on the other side. During the fight, in which a gun and a hatchet figured among the weapons, the elder Buie received a severe gun-shot wound in the side of one of his legs, and Jim Young got a severe blow from the hatchet. The wound of Mr. Buie is said to be a very serious one, and may result in the loss of his leg, if nothing worse.

OUR FAIR.

We have been informed that Mr. T. A. Granger, of Wayne county, intends visiting our Fair and exhibiting his specimens of farm products, which elicited so much attention and praise at the State Fair at that Fair. Mr. Granger was the second largest contributor, and Mr. James W. Norwood, of Orange county, whose expected presence here we have already been assured, who exhibited cattle, blooded horses and field products, was the largest. This is a very encouraging indication of the success of our approaching Fair, which we have reason to hope will be the best we have ever had.

We also learn that the mammoth hog which was exhibited at Raleigh—measuring 6 feet 6 inches in girth and 3 feet 7 inches in height and which jures the scale at 1,600 pounds will be here. Messrs. Mitchell, Allen & Co. will send a variety of their farming implements, &c. There will be a number of agricultural and other steam boilers and engines, shingle machines, horse-rakes, &c., &c., and a Goldboro house will send a lot of carriages and buggies.

And now the heads faces are covered with smiles, from their glistening anchors away past the canines, hiscups and molars even into the angle of their jaw-bones which is under the ear. As a good Methodist brother used to remark to his inebriated friend, so say we: Go on, gentlemen, with your raving; if you don't believe there's any hereafter.

THE BEST PORTRAIT OF STONEWALL JACKSON.

The correspondence below, copied from the Raleigh Sentinel, shows that the honor of painting the portrait from which Foley's great statue of the immortal Stonewall Jackson, belongs to a North Carolina artist, a modest but very able painter. RICHMOND, Oct. 2, 1875. W. Carl Browne, Esq., Raleigh. My dear Sir:—We are having a discussion in the papers as to the best portrait of Stonewall Jackson. I claim that mine (yours) is the best, and assert that you painted it from the coat in which Jackson was furnished, his boots and sabre being furnished you by Mrs. Jackson. Write me particulars about the painting of the picture. Did you have his uniform, sabre, &c.? If so, which uniform? 2d. What assistance did Mrs. Jackson render you? 3d. How large is the picture you painted for her, compared to mine? My picture is considered by Dr. McGuire, Maj. Harman, and others of his staff, perfect. So do Generals Early, the Lees, Payne, and everybody who knew Jackson. A letter will be printed in Monday's Dispatch, claiming that Guilleme painted one in 1855, from Jackson's clothes, which Mrs. Jackson lent. Volk, the sculptor, which is the only life-like picture. I am going to challenge a comparison by a public exhibition of both yours and Guilleme's here on the 26th of October, the day of the unveiling of the Jackson statue, presented by J. B. Besford Hope, and other Englishmen. Foley's statue was very incorrect when I saw it in England, and I had a photo of your picture taken and sent to him, and he remodeled the plaster cast from it, so the bronze statue is, in fact, a copy of your portrait. Write me full particulars about your painting the portrait, and also how much you will make a copy for. Your obedient servant, BRADLEY T. JOHNSON. STUDIO, RALEIGH, N. C., October 8, 1875.

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Gen. Bradley T. Johnson. My dear Sir:—Your letter of the 2d inst., for some cause or other, did not reach me until the 5th, and I avail myself of the earliest possible moment to reply. At the time I painted Stonewall Jackson I had on hand the portraits of several other general officers, and had a number of uniforms of generals in my studio, but cannot remember correctly whether I had General Jackson's or not, but my impression is, however, that I did have it, and think I had his sash and sword; Mrs. Jackson will probably recollect more. Mrs. Jackson made a special visit to Raleigh at my request to see the portrait of the General before its completion, and visited my studio day after day for over a week, and brought with her her little daughter, whose eyes, as Mrs. J. informed me, were exceedingly like her father's both as to expression and color. This was of great service, enabling me to produce that characteristic and peculiar expression so lacking in the photographs, and besides, Mrs. J. sat behind me watching with intense anxiety every touch of the brush until the completion of the work. Her admirable powers of description and the excellent suggestions which she made were of great assistance in perfecting the likeness. The portrait which I painted for Mrs. Jackson was life-size, representing him down to below the elbows—size of canvass 28x36 inches. So you will perceive it is not more than half the size of the portrait I painted for you. I am delighted to hear that my Jackson has met with the approbation of so many staff officers, and am glad that you are going to exhibit the picture on the 26th of October, for comparison and just criticism are the only ways to determine merit. I shall most certainly be in Richmond at that time, nothing serious intervening. I am most truly and respectfully, W. CARL BROWNE.

THE CHANCE AND CHANCE.

We have the heathen at our doors in a double sense, and the experiment of the effect of christianity upon them is an interesting one. The Rev. Charles M. Fitch writes that there are 2,000 Chinese on the Pacific coast under christian influence. He says the converts are industrious and frugal, yet liberal. They will roast a whole hog for dinner, and then sell off what remains, because it is cheaper, and then go to the mission at night and give liberally to relieve a brother or help spread the gospel. We have often heard the phrase "getting the whole hog," without getting a clear idea of what it meant; we presume that the Chinese practice just described is "going the whole hog" in religion.

TILDEN'S CHANCES.

Tilden's chances for canonization are better than for a Democratic nomination for President. Philadelphia Press, Republican. The jealousy of rivals, each of whom will have some support, is another obstacle to Mr. Tilden's getting two-thirds of the delegates, and unless he secures two-thirds he might as well have none. His success, as a fourth candidate from New York, depended on his coming late into the contest and making no enemies. His good fortune will be extraordinary if he wins the prize in violation of these conditions. New York Herald, Independent.

CHARLES CARROLL.

In the year 1820, after all save one of the band of patriots whose signatures are borne on the Declaration of Independence had descended to the tomb and the venerable Carroll alone remained among the living, the government of the city of New York deputed a committee to wait on the illustrious survivor and obtain from him, for deposit in the public hall of the city, a copy of the Declaration of 1776; graced and authenticated anew with his sign manual. The aged patriot yielded to the request and affixed with his own hand to the copy of that instrument the grateful, solemn, and pious supplemental declaration which follows: "Grateful to Almighty God for the blessings which, through Jesus Christ our Lord, He has conferred on my beloved country in her emancipation; and on myself in permitting me, under circumstances of mercy, to live to the age of eighty-nine years, and to survive the fiftieth year of American independence, and certify, by my present signature, my approbation of the Declaration of Independence adopted by Congress on the 4th of July, 1776, which I originally subscribed on the 2d day of August of the same year, and of which I am now the last surviving signer, I do hereby recommend to the present and future generations the principles of that important document as the best earthly inheritance their ancestors could bequeath to them, and pray that the civil and religious liberties they have secured to my country may be perpetuated to remote posterity, and extended to the whole family of man." CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton. August 2, 1826.

WEDNESDAY LAST.

At Weldon business is "activer," as telegraph men say. A two-headed turtle has been found in Wilson county. A little Oxford negro, while getting ice, fell and broke one of his legs. A negro man was committed to jail at Oxford, a few days ago, charged with having murdered his child.

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Holt will appoint at an early day his Executive Committee, when the work for the next year will be arranged. Winston Sentinel: On last Friday evening as the team of N. T. Sullivan, Esq., was returning from D. N. Dalton's saw mill the horses became frightened and ran away, throwing the driver, Bowman, off the wagon, killing him by breaking his neck. Berry Beck, a negro man who was drunk, had been tied on the wagon to keep him from falling off, was also thrown from the wagon and dragged some distance and badly injured. The Tarboro Southerner on the authority of two of our most respectable citizens gets off a rat-annibal story as follows: Mr. Gattin left a barrel partly filled with peas in his store on Main street, during the night. The next morning 17 rats were found dead in the barrel, with their heads and legs were eaten off, and badly mangled. One, severely crippled, was the only survivor of the most sanguinary encounter, in a small way, that ever shocked the nervous in our town. Southerner: The Colored Eastern Missionary Baptist Association held its seventh annual session with the First Colored Baptist Church in Tarboro, commencing last Thursday and lasting four days. There was a large gathering on Sunday, supposed to be at least 1,500 persons. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Washington, and the Association was presided over by Rev. J. A. Davis of Washington. The next annual session will be held in Pitt county, with the White Oak Church. Charlotte Observer: One of the most important cases tried in Caldwell county in many years, came before His Honor Judge Furches, at the last term of that court. The action was brought by plaintiffs to recover 42,000 acres of land, and caused much interest in the county. It was commenced on Friday morning of the first week, given to the jury on Tuesday evening, and the final argument on the question closed on Thursday morning. When a decree was made for defendant, Gathier, O'Leary, Avery, Felt and Armitage, for plaintiffs, W. W. Fleming and J. G. Bynum for defendant. The Gazette thus describes what barely missed being a fearful catastrophe: On Wednesday night of last week, just as the lodge of God Templars had closed, and the members were leaving the hotel building, a young man, Wm. W. W. was leaning against the iron railing of the balcony of the third story, when one end gave way, and was precipitated to the pavement with a terrible crash. Powell was severely lacerated, and dragging him back. The railing fell between Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. W. W. Cole and Miss Smith, the latter lady being caught and held back just in time by Mr. Stouchem, who was standing near. Statesville Landmark: Some officers interested, tried to have Judge Cloud indicted at Yadkin Court for appearing on the bench in a state of intoxication—just as if a judge didn't have a right to very much troubled about a suit threatened by the administrator de bonis non of his grandfather's estate. It seems that the Judge is a lawyer by request. A legacy was bequeathed to him by his grandfather upon condition that he studied law and became a successful lawyer. In due time the legacy was turned over to him by the Executor. The administrator de bonis non now steps in and asks the Judge to "step down and out"—that the condition upon which the legacy was bequeathed had never been fulfilled—in other words, that Judge Cloud is not a lawyer and that payment of the legacy was grossly lach.

Spirits Turpentine

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Tarboro Southerner: A little child of Jesse Latham, colored, living on the Bell Place fell in the fire last Wednesday morning and was severely burned that it died in a few hours. The cost of the change of gauge on the A. & N. C. R. R. from Goldsboro to Newbern, reported upon favorably by a committee of private stockholders, will not amount, it is understood by the Journal of Commerce, to more than \$200,000. The case of the United States vs. Prince Winstead and Ross Joyce, both col. charged with robbing the mail at Marlboro, Pitt. Co., which was before U. S. Commissioner B. J. Keech a few days ago, resulted in the confinement of Winstead in Tarboro jail, in default of \$2000, to appear before the District Court at Newbern on the 4th Monday in October. Winston Sentinel: The case of the State vs. Isaac and Joseph Atwood, for killing Sandy Hauser, colored, in Yadkin county last week, was tried in Davie county last week. The jury acquitted Jos. Atwood but brought in a verdict of manslaughter as to Isaac, who was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for ten years. At the meeting of the State Agricultural Society, Thursday night, Col. T. M. Holt was unanimously re-elected President for the next year, and the same Vice-Presidents were re-elected with the exception that Mr. Jas. Norwood, of Hillsboro, was elected in place of his father, Mr. Jas. W. Norwood. Col. Holt will appoint at an early day his Executive Committee, when the work for the next year will be arranged. Winston Sentinel: On last Friday evening as the team of N. T. Sullivan, Esq., was returning from D. N. Dalton's saw mill the horses became frightened and ran away, throwing the driver, Bowman, off the wagon, killing him by breaking his neck. Berry Beck, a negro man who was drunk, had been tied on the wagon to keep him from falling off, was also thrown from the wagon and dragged some distance and badly injured. The Tarboro Southerner on the authority of two of our most respectable citizens gets off a rat-annibal story as follows: Mr. Gattin left a barrel partly filled with peas in his store on Main street, during the night. The next morning 17 rats were found dead in the barrel, with their heads and legs were eaten off, and badly mangled. One, severely crippled, was the only survivor of the most sanguinary encounter, in a small way, that ever shocked the nervous in our town. Southerner: The Colored Eastern Missionary Baptist Association held its seventh annual session with the First Colored Baptist Church in Tarboro, commencing last Thursday and lasting four days. There was a large gathering on Sunday, supposed to be at least 1,500 persons. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Washington, and the Association was presided over by Rev. J. A. Davis of Washington. The next annual session will be held in Pitt county, with the White Oak Church. Charlotte Observer: One of the most important cases tried in Caldwell county in many years, came before His Honor Judge Furches, at the last term of that court. The action was brought by plaintiffs to recover 42,000 acres of land, and caused much interest in the county. It was commenced on Friday morning of the first week, given to the jury on Tuesday evening, and the final argument on the question closed on Thursday morning. When a decree was made for defendant, Gathier, O'Leary, Avery, Felt and Armitage, for plaintiffs, W. W. Fleming and J. G. Bynum for defendant. The Gazette thus describes what barely missed being a fearful catastrophe: On Wednesday night of last week, just as the lodge of God Templars had closed, and the members were leaving the hotel building, a young man, Wm. W. W. was leaning against the iron railing of the balcony of the third story, when one end gave way, and was precipitated to the pavement with a terrible crash. Powell was severely lacerated, and dragging him back. The railing fell between Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. W. W. Cole and Miss Smith, the latter lady being caught and held back just in time by Mr. Stouchem, who was standing near. Statesville Landmark: Some officers interested, tried to have Judge Cloud indicted at Yadkin Court for appearing on the bench in a state of intoxication—just as if a judge didn't have a right to very much troubled about a suit threatened by the administrator de bonis non of his grandfather's estate. It seems that the Judge is a lawyer by request. A legacy was bequeathed to him by his grandfather upon condition that he studied law and became a successful lawyer. In due time the legacy was turned over to him by the Executor. The administrator de bonis non now steps in and asks the Judge to "step down and out"—that the condition upon which the legacy was bequeathed had never been fulfilled—in other words, that Judge Cloud is not a lawyer and that payment of the legacy was grossly lach.