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SCHOOL BOOKS.

The Legislature would do a wise and merciful act if it were to pass a law regulating the matter of school books in the public schools of the We have often felt that it State. would be a genuine act of benevo-



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touches upon the causes and 'events of the late war. Our advice is to eschew them altogether. Avoid them as you would a pest house. We have no book that is all that it

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tation of live quail from this State. hould be. The School History by The bill has been "referred." of Hon. Alexander H. Stephens is the course; and unless Mr. Swaim keeps best we have seen. Its fault is its both eyes wide open it will remain dullness, its stiffness. It is not writin the hands of the committee. We ten in the style that is pleasing to hope the bill will pass. Thousands youth, but it is trustworthy. of live quail are shipped from North

Carolina annually by netters and THE TAXES trappers; and unless the law inter-Hon, David A. Wells has well venes this magnificent game bird will characterized the taxes by which the soon become extinct in some sections American people are burdened as of our State. terrible." They are fearfully bur-Netting and trapping birds should densome. When the people reflect be prohibited entirely, except when it that hundreds of millions of their can be conclusively shown that they honest and hard earnings have are wanted for re-stocking some secbeen squandered and stolen, it is tions of the State in which they have surely enough for them not only to been almost exterminated.

PROTECT THE BIRDS.

We are glad to see that Mr. Swaim.

of Guilford, has introduced a bill in

the Legislature to prohibit the expor-

despise the tax collector, but to exe-TOLD YOU SO." crate the government that thus oppresses them. That the people have All know the story about Colum bus and the egg. In all ages there remained so contented and happy

have been latter-day prophets-peounder the weight of such a curse, is only another evidence to prove the ple who discover precisely what ought to be done when the whole great elasticity of American charmatter is ended and the result known. acter, and the sincere attachment of The Norfolk Landmark says: our people to a republican form of

"The prophets of the past," the "I-told-ou-so" fellows, the "cow-swallowed-thegovernment. The bondholders-the moneyed men may not care under grindstone" party, are as wise as owls, and what sort of government they live so as notey as magples just now. They in-form us that they knew the Electoral Bill was a Trojan horse, a bomb-shell of the it is a fixed, permanent one, but the Orsini pattern, a trap wherein to catch in-nocent and unsophisticated Democrats people are wedded to their rights, and they prefer their own form of and they denounce it now with vituperative eloquence. The chief of these seems to be a Mr. Carr, of whom all we know i The increase of the taxes within a that he succeeded the lamented Kerr, and in his speech he sets forth with great enerfew years is one of the staggering, gy all that can be said by the I-told-you-soperplexing features to be considered.

GRATED, BUT NOT IN DESPAIR. Sad as is our disappointment at the results of the Commission we must not give over to despair. We feel that a great wrong has been inflicted upon the rights of the people, the purity of the ballot, the freedom of election, the honor of the American name. Henceforth there will attach no peculiar honor or dignity to the name of an American citizen. The men of Europe, who are illustrious for virtue and intellectual greatness, must look with anmitigated contempt upon the United States, when they view the action of the eight members of the Commission who voted to shield villains and cover over rascality. They will argue that it is not possible to find among forty-five millions of people fifteen men of elevated characters and high ideals of rectitude men canable of acting without passion, or party bias, but honorably, justly, nobly. We feel that a great cheat and

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1877.

fraud has been perpetrated. But Mt may turn out better than we think. Let us await the appointing of his Cabinet before we predict what course Hayes will pursue.

We grant that a fraudulent Presithese gentlemen were not among dent-seated in the chair of George those chosen, and as the term to Washington through the grace of which they were elected some years Joe Bradley and the scoundrels he ago had not expired, they had very voted to shield, the Louisiana Reproperly yielded their places. We turning Board-does not offer any regretted exceedingly that the cirvery hopeful grounds, and yet he cumstances were such as to induce may possibly do better for the counthem to send in their resignations, try, and for the South especially, than and we are glad to know that they grind-stone-party. This, it strikes us, is in very bad taste. We are not prepared to concede to Mr. Carr the right to we are disposed to believe or anticihave been re-elected at last by the pate. He may not make his Cabinet Solons. cede to Mr. Carr the out of the most rotten timber in the the great majority of his We do not heartate to say, after party, and above this, the great majority of Radical lumber-yard. If he takes due consideration and some know the American people. We do not know that he has achieved a reputation which ensuch corrupt tranks as Morton, ledge of the facts, that the revival of titles him to the "grand, gloomy and pe-culiar" attitude which he has taken; and Chandler, Don Cameron, Logan and the University and its present con Kilpatrick, we may well look out for we should like him to tell us what better dition of hopefulness are to be atcould have been done. As the case stood, the President, the Vice President and the stealing on a yet larger scale, and tributed to these gentlemen more Senate, commanding the Army and Navy, were a unit for counting in Mr. Hayes, through the agency of Mr. Ferry. The House, which expires on the 4th of March, for all manner of vices and villainies than to any others, excepting only and oppressions. The South, under President Battle. They have given such an administration, would be actheir valuable time, their fine abiliwould have been powerless, and it was plain cursed as Egypt was never accursed to the meanest understanding that the game ties, and their observation and exwas lost by the method before us when the during the plagues in the time of Phaperience to the resuscitation, ad-Electoral bill was matured and passed. raoh. Pon vancement and sustentation of our This is well done, and puts the But suppose he selects a different chief literary institution. Among the matter in a nut-shell. It was the kind of timber-men who are not most generously endowed of the Commission or Hayes. Such the hollow in heart and decayed in moral living sons of the Alma Mater, they American people and the American character. Suppose he invites Brishave been its firmest and most conpress believed. We have reason to tow and Evarts and Jewell, and other stant friends. It was due them that think that some of the North Caromen of his party of similar character, they should be continued as guar lina delegation would not have supto take a place in his Cabinet. Supdians of the University. It would ported the bill had it not been un pose he even invites Lamar or Gorhave been a very ungraceful and understood that such a course was in don or Ransom to take a Portfolio grateful act if the Legislature had accordance with the wishes of the Will not such a start give promise of failed to retain their services. We people. The State press clamored a better race than we can now hope may mention that Col. Carter has for the bill. As far as we remember for? Suppose he gets rid of carpetbeen amongst the most munificent of there was very remarkable unanimibaggery in the South and makes al the contributors to the University ty, and the representatives in Con of Grant's officials walk the plank fund. gress endeavored to reflect the senti-Suppose a political millenium, do you ments and wishes of the party at say? Then let us wait, and for the Russia cannot afford to go to war present hope that the worst may not with as weak a power as Turkey be realized. A prominent lawyer writes us: without an ally, although she is of "Had it not been that our State press so such vast size and has nearly eighteen WHAT IS LAW. hundred thousand soldiers in her We heard a conversation not long army. How could the South, pealed, ago between two persons, in which smitten, oppressed by poverty and the question was gravely asked, if usarpation, few in numbers, with four Grant had in any way violated the millions of negroes in its midst, af-Constitution in the course he had ford to go to war with Yankeedom, pursued in the South? This was bewith Europe to draw on ad libitum, fore his recent message, in which he unless she had an ally? Tilden, Hew takes the position that under the itt and the Democrats of New Eng-Constitution he has right to occupy land, New York, New Jersey, Pennthe territory of any State with his sylvania and other States proclaimed. army whenever is pleases him to do "There must be no war: it were bet so, and under any ples he may choose ter to take Hayes than have one drep to offer. It is certain that the Presiof blood shed." And so the Southern dent can find no such grant under the Democrats yielded and accepted the great instrument. He cannot refer Commission. They have been cheated. to any clause in the Constitution to Rascality has triumphed. justify his recent usurping and arbitrary conduct. He is the greatest

APPOINTING TRUSTERS. The truest friends of au institution are those who have been nurtured within its walls and who have partaken of its bounty. The most effective and judicious friends of s literary institution are those who are most familiar with its needs; who have studied carefully the plans and facilities of other similar institutions, and who have reflected upon the reuirements of the sge, the condition of the people, and the particular kind of education that offers the reatest rewards and benefits. The ordinary legislator is not the best calified person to meet the necess ties of a literary institution struggling for life, and to supply the most alutary counsel and the wisest suport. A man must have a know

edge of any enterprise to give it proper impetus and well-directed aid. He who strikes blindly, may injure when he would be glad to benefit. We wrote the above the other day when we saw it announced that Cols. David M. Carter and William L Saunders had resigned as trustees of the University. At the first election of trustees two or three weeks ago,

The question now is at what time did the scheme of villainy so successfully accomplished become a part of Jee Bradley's thoughts ? When did he, conceive the purpose of betraying the cause of honor and justice and fairness? Did it come to him full-fledged, or was it gradually formed? Did it burst full-panoplied from his cunning brain, or did it pass through the various stages of growth? Could he tell if interrogated ? 10 doi "Between the acting of a dreadful thing, And the first motion, all the interim ia." Like a phantasma, or a hideous dream,"

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The Democrats did not want war They could not efford toige to war without an ally, and they could not trust the fighting qualities of the Northern Democrats after the experiences of 1861-5. They accepted the Commission in good faith, understanding that the rascalities and willaipies of Florids and Louisiana were to be unkennelled. The Joe Bradley crowd have merely gathered around the pit of darkness and political death, and covered it with their hameless and assoiled robes of office.

We stated the case yesterday. To-day we give it as very briefly and justly stated by the Savannah News. It is a full answer to the whole army of "I told you So's":

"The truth is, the Democrats of the North were bullied and cheated out of con-stitutional rights which it would have been treason for the Southern "Democracy—"the solid South'-to have insisted upon maintaining. The Radical conspirators played the bluff game, and for the sake of peace and to avoid the responsibility of threat ened civil war, the Democracy, vainly trusting to Radical good faith, surrendered the rights of the people and the powers of

According to our Uncle Tol there was some swearing in Flanders "Cuse words? flew around loosely o Saturday morning, and if Joe Bradle had been about he would have been brained by the fiery missiles. Joe's new office but "points to misery and February 28d, demotor

Joe Bradley is doomed to an unenviable immortality." He will henceforth be famous in story and in song.

The predominant expression on nen's faces on vesterday morning was THE USL LAT W AT A BERREN AND A

The two limmortal Judges-Jeffreys, the Butcher, and Bradley, the Bull-dozeriat prow equal data it and

The National Returning Board hight do worse than count in Hayes. Suppose they should count in Joe Bradley by a majority of one?

-8 and 7 are 15; 2 into 15 goes 7 nes and Joe Bradley over.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings of Adjourned Session. The Board of Commissioners met in adourned session yesterday afternoon, at 1 clock; present: J. G. Wagner, chairman, nd Commissioners B. G. Worth and D. lomeste placed abou it by the setsemlof The following applications for licenses o retail spirituous liquors were granted: S. . Meredith, Jannie Seymour, Abner Slaughter, J. M. Bremer, J. G. Oldenbuttel and Mrs. F. W. Meyer. The application of James Keegan for the

ransfer of Michael Griffin's license was not ranted for want of legal authority.

It was ordered that Commissioner Holmes be allowed to clear up and fence all that portion of the Poor House tract on the right hand side of the railroad leading from the city to the North East re otho main The Board then adjourned to the regular eeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION After the adjournment of the Commisnissioners the Board resolved itself into a Board of Education, with the same members present, when the following proceed-

ings were had: It was ordered by the Board of Education

lence if the teachers of male and female schools, high and low, classical or otherwise throughout the State would hold a meeting and decide upon a scheme of studies and the books to be used. A father who has to educate a large family will have to spend a small fortune for books alone. It is well known that every teacher has his favorite authors, and the consequence is every time a new teacher is employed, or a new school is attended, a complete set of new books must be purchased. This causes a heavy burden to fall upon many parents who are not really able to sustain it. The constant changing of books is an embargo on education to some extent.

We notice that a bill was introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature to prevent the frequent changes of text books in the public schools of that State. We would be glad for some friend of the youth of North Carolina to introduce a similar bill into our Legislative body, and see if some relief cannot be found to the crying evil. It is a painful fact that hundreds, possibly many thousands of children, are now kept from the public schools because the parents are not able to purchase the necessary books. The change of teachers is so constant, and the call for new books so frequent, that hundreds of families are unequal to the expense.

Let our legislators and teacher consider that school books-all books -cost twice as much as they did before the war. In fact, some books are very much higher than they were five years ago.

It is a heavy tax to buy books ton children who are simply advancing n their studies. It is a grievous burden when you have to purchase books just because some teacher loves novelty, or some book-maker has impressed him with the very uncommon value of some recent series he has just published.

The Supreme Court has made a dehopes, and men wearing the robes of If our legislators would consider cision that runs counter to Grant's has 20,000 office-holders. The United justice should draggle them in the this matter carefully they would be dlaim. We give a part of it: States taxes four hundred and fifty Louisiana filth, and besmirch their doing a real service to the State. If "It is a familiar rule of construction o articles, and has the immense army the Constitution of the Union, that the so-vereign powers vested in the State govern-ments by their respective constitutions re-main unaltered and unimpaired, except so own characters, we cannot even then they were not only to regulate the of 100,000 officials-bread and butter turn upon our representatives in matter as to books to be used, but to gentry-who went into office to make Congress and denounce them. The take the necessary steps to profar as they were granted to the government of the United States. That the intention of all they could by doing the least Democratic party at large is responvide the books at the minimum amount of work possible. England the framers of the Constitution in this resible, and not merely their mouthwholesale price, they would save makes gold a legal-tender, whilst our ieces. The Democratic party thousands of dollars to the parents government is satisfied with paper not afford to be unjust any more in North Carolina. rags. England selects tried, capable, than to be dishonorable. Whilst on this subject we take ochonest men for office. In the Umted casion to add a word about a certain States the vicious rule is, "to the The Judicial colossus of party will class of books whose name is legion, victor belongs the spoils," and the add a new word before long to the and very few of which are fit to be result is rascals and scoundrels, full more than one hundred thousand introduced in any school or family. of impudence and the most inveterate words of the English language. Out We refer to the multitudinous school and insatiate self-assertion, secure the of Bradley will come a term to exhistories that are now fairly flooding places and go on in their unchecked press intense hatred of truth and the whole land. We cannot undercareer of plunder and wastefulness. fairness-the "bull-dozing" of facts take to say how many books of this It is well to consider these things and evidence-the foreswearing of a kind have been published since the as we will soon be free from the tyman when wearing the robes of the war. We have had occasion to exranny of shoulder-straps and hayojurist-the zeal and bitterness of the nets, when the "corporal of the amine some six or eight of Northern partisan cloaked under the garb of guard" will disappear, and we trust forever, from American politics. The manufacture, and they are utterly pretended devotion to principle-the Democrats must avoid the offences of worthless, because atterly untrue as depravity and meanness of Radicalto a hundred statements. It is safe the Radicals. They must fulfil their ism when lifted to the highest places butchered all truth, and fairness, and promises, and put only honest and to look with suspicion upon any book justice, and honor, and right, of honor and trust. written by a Northern writer who trustful men on guard.

both State and National governments rebuke is astonishing. There is really no reason under heaven why there should have been any increase. Of course, we all understand that it is peculation and cheating and extravagance that have done the work. Why only consider that in 1872 the net ordinary expenses of the United States government were \$153,000,000. Mr. Wells states that

The increase of the expenditures of very bad taste.

government to any other.

General Garfield stated in that year that the expenses would be reduced by 1876 to \$125,000,000. But what are the facts? Has the prophecy been fulfilled? In 1875 the uet ordinary expenses were \$171,000,000, or \$18,-000,000 more than they were in 1872. That is reducing with a vengeance. The Democrats got a majority in the

House of Representatives last year, they reduced the expenses to \$158,000,000, in spite of a Radical Senate that was disposed to throw many obstructions in the way of reform and retrenchment.

Mr. Wells says of the indebtededness of the States:

and

"Great, however, as has been the increase Federal expenditures, the increase of our State and municipal expenditures has been comparatively greater. The aggre-gate of State debts was reported in 1875 at \$328,000,000, of which \$164,000,000 had de-The present aggregate of municiindebtedness is in excess of \$300,000, pair indeptedness is in excess of solo,000. 000. The aggregate taxation of the Uni-ted States has increased from less than \$5 per head in 1861 to more than \$13 in 1876. There has been paid out in taxes—Federal, State and municipal—by the people of the United States, from 1805 to 1876, the as-touching sum of et lesst \$6,000,000,000 tounding sum of at least \$6,000,000,000. Certainly of all dear and expensive things this country, which people buy and pay r, government has become the dearest

most expensive."

One of the chief leaks in our government is the rascality practiced by those appointed to collect customs, &c. In 1875, England collected from customs \$175,000,000. The United States collected about that sum. It cost England two and three quarters per cent. for collecting that amount: it cost the United States nearly six times as much, or fourteen per cent. (14) to collect a corresponding sum. England taxes nineteen articles and

inanimously represented that our people wished the bill to pass, perhaps some of our delegation would not have supported t; but it was proper that our delegation should on such a grave question fairly represent the will of their constituents. This they did in voting for the bill. It is to be hoped that the press will now frown down any purpose of crimination on the part of those who are ever quick to say 'I told you If an error has been made, about which I express no opinion, it has been made by the Democratic party at large-and as far as North Carolina is concerned t has been made by the people, speaking through the press-at whose instance, our delegation cast a solid vote for the bill." The STAR advocated the passage of

the Bill. It stated at the time fully its reasons for so doing. We stand by what we then advocated. W did what we considered right and proper, with all the lights before us We urged our representatives to vote for the Bill, believing it best for the country and the South. If we should be sadly disappointed in our

By the express terms of the act creating the Electoral Commission. "the same powers" were given it as were "possessed by the two Houses, acting separately or together." The Democrats held-always held-that "the powers" of Congress were such as to allow a full investigation of all frands and rascalities in the elections -in other words, "to go behind the returns." Without the belief that the Commission would investigate

partisan cabal.

An ancient Nimrod of this particular bailiwick was seen wending his way on yesterday through the mire and grass of a morass not far from here. He was accosted by a countryman who was jogging townward in a go-cart drawn by a beast of asinine proclivities, with the inquiry-"Whither bent-for what are you hunting ?" The response came in a sort of dolorous falsetto-as if low down in the huntsman's boots-"For Joe Bradley."

The Democrats have simply been cheated. They proposed to act fairly and squarely and have kept their part of the bargain. The Radicals meant rascality and fraud and unfairness from the beginning, as we can all now see. The Radicals have been faithful to their plan.

What a misfortune it is that Colo ado was improperly admitted as State! Judge Merrimon voted against it, and showed his wisdom in o doing.

- There's no truth in the report that our field editor had wagered a thousand dollars on his ability to eat one quail per day for thirty consecutive days. What he does claim is this That he can kill one quail out of every thurty shots if the quail don't fly. If the quail should fly, why he'll claim a "foul"-that's all.

- One would infer from the perti nacity with which some of our legisators oppose a tax on dogs that the logs were very soon to be invested with the right of suffrage. We assure the legislators that nothing of the sort is likely to be done.

-Now let the Louisiana Returning Board, J. Madison Wells in the chair, hold a meeting and ratify the action of Justice Bradley. Then every patriotic citizen of the United States will feel that justice has been done.

- The law is propounded by Brad ley, Miller & Strong: We do not pre tend to deny that the Tilden electors carried Louisiana by a large majority, but how can we "count in" Hayes we allow the Democrats to prove

- Every water tank in North

that the apportioment of the school funds for the county of New Hanover, collected for the year 1876, be \$1 36 per capita for each township, and that the Secretary of the Board potify the County Treasurer and the different school committees of said apportionment, namely:

Masonboro Township-142 whites; amount 193.12; 60 colored; amount \$81.60. Federal Point Township-76 whites; mount \$103.36; 76 colored; amount \$103.36.

Cape Fear Township-44 whites; amount \$59.84; 196 colored; amount \$266.56. Harnett Township-161 whites; amount \$218.96; 352 colored; amount \$478.72. Wilmington Township-1.751 whites; mount \$2.381.36; 2.304 colored; amount \$3,133.44.

Iotal-Whites, 2,174; amount \$2,956.64. Colored, 2,988; amount \$4,063.68. (Frand total, white and colored, 5,162; amounts, \$7,020.32.

On motion. the Board then adjourned.

How a Coroner was Imposed Upon. A good joke comes to us all the way from an adjoining county, which is to the following effect: It appears, as the story goes, that a little girl, about three years of age, who had been to a funeral, returned home, and, in a spirit of imitation so characteristic of children of about her age, took her favorite doll, dug a hole in the field and buried it. Shortly afterwards a couple of gentlemen, passing in that direction, noticed that the earth had been recently disturbed in the particular locality referred to and resolved to investigate. They went to work, and had progressed so far as to uncover a portion of the dress of the doll, when, being under the impression that they had thus accidentally been instrumental in bringing to light a horrible case of infanticide, or something of the sort, posted off and notified the Coroner, without waiting to get a full view of the supposed corpse. The Coroner, with visions of a fee dancing before his eyes, summoned his jury and hastened to the spot to view the body of the supposed deceased, when they made the ludicrous discovery that the remains were nothing more nor less than those of a waxdoll ! To add to the troubles of the Coroner, the jury demanded pay for their trouble, taking the ground that, though they were liable for duty without pay if the case had been a proper and legitimate one. here was no law requiring them to serve on a jury of inquest over a doll-baby, and hence they must be remunerated for their oss of time, &c.

> A Sad Spectacle. |Washington Union, 15th.]

About 7:30 o'clock last evening a sensation was created by the appearance of two handsome and welldressed young women who were staggering along the avenue, near Seventh street, in a state of maudlin intoxication. For the time they were Carolina now has a newspaper, and crowd gathered around them to such every other place a brass band. Both an extent as to block up the sidewalk, make some very discordant music, seemingly highly amused at the pitiful sight. Sergeant Leach and Denotably the newspaper when it betective McDevitt arrested and escorted them, followed by a miscellaneous to police headquarters, - If any man now doubts that the rabble, where, upon being questioned Republican Eight had fully made up they said their names were Hattie their minds before they went on the Cole and Maggie Johnson, and that they had come over from Baltimore Commission, let that man be sent to for the purpose of witnessing the counting of the electoral yote and having a good time. One of the girls was brazen and defiant; the -There's a good deal of talk in the papers now of the "Blue Glass other, the younger of the two, wept and pleaded to be sllowed to return oure." It's "Blue Grass", that's to her home. Both belonging to a theatrical company in Baltimore, and after being detained until they had become sober, they were placed on the train and sent back to Baltimore. meant, and the effect is in exact pro-- Seven from eight leaves one. mp fano dan

spect might not be misunderstood, his rule of interpretation is expressly declared in the tenth article of amendments, namely, The powers not delegated so the United States the returns, the Democrats would powers not delegated so the United States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.' The government of the United States, therefore, can claim no powers which are not granted to it by the Constitution, and the powers actually granted must be such as are expressly given, or given by necessary implication." never have gone into the arrangement. The Radicals artfully What man will ever be willing to the superserviceable. trust a case before the Supreme Court of the United States after the recent Judicial performances in the Commission ring? We would as soon trust Greasy Sam as Joe Bradley. The English George Jeffreys butchered the unhappy followers of Monmonth. . The American Joe Bradley

enemy to that precious muniment

that ever sat in the chair which

George Washington first honored.

concealed their purpose to "bull-doze" comes an organ. the act at the proper time, and have perpetrated an immense cheat through the instrumentality of Joe Bradley, That was a rather bad job of work the lunatic asylum at once. put up by the Illinois Democrats and Liberals when they sent Judge David Davis to the Senate and gave Joe Bradley the entire track. We believed that our David had a little

portion to the quantity drank. sling with which he would hit the Goliath of Radicalism a fatal blow with the touch-stone of investigation. Hayes won.