## the Meekly Star,

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"Thus the roots of the

war in the very formation of our go

truck deep in the original tonstitution, and the evil results were constantly forcing themselves to the surface long before the nullification policy of Calhoun was heard of.

never have been a Union of the thir-

teer colonies. Our own State would

never put her hand to the great in

State Sovereignty-of local self-gov

ernment-had been incorporated

When Great Britain acknowledged

was done by acknowledging the in

as a Sovereign Commonwealth.

We have had recent evid

o show that States Rights

a living principle, not a dead issue

First: When the Republicans i

Congress last winter were bent or

counting Florida and Louisiana for

Hayes, they became the very earnest

and impetuous advocates of States

Rights. They beat the Democrats

at their own game-they fairly out-

were very insincere and bypocritical

in the advocacy of a principle against

which they had made a ceaseless

war, but they were none the less

Second: Mr. Haves has shown in

his course that there had been a wide

departure from the Constitution, and

To support Mr. Hayes in his South-

ern policy is to approve of Demo-

cratic usage, and Democratic prin-

ciples. He has shown that he re-

garded the Southern States as en

titled under the Constitution to cer-

tain rights and privileges that had

been assailed or ignored by Grant.

So, to sustain him in what he has

done in South Carolina and Louisiana

is to sustain the old Democratic doc-

trine of local self-government and

reserved rights of the States, and to

condemn Grant-to brand him with

THE NEGRO IN POLITICS.

We have already in more than or

article directed attention to the

changed aspect of the Southern

usurpation and unfaithfulness.

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STATE SOVERBIGNTY.

Dr. Von Holst, in his able "Constitutional and Political History of the United States," holds an opinion as to the vitality of the doctrine of States Rights that is altogether opposed to the opinion that prevails in Republican circles and among Republican writers in the North. It is not dead, but sleepeth. Dr. Von Holst states that the work he has undertaken will require his life-time to complete. He has been long at work upon it, and the first volume is the a great invasion of the Rights of the fruit thus far of his long and patient | States. The action of the President toil. The British Quarterly says is a clear concession to Democratic this volume is worthy of a great writer, and gives promise of thoroughness and excellence. He is a Professor in a German University, and has that devotion, industry, learning and fairness which distinguish so many eminent German writers.

Well, what does Dr. Von Holst say what is his opinion as to State sovereignty? The result of his careful investigations is, that it is a great error to suppose that the civil war gave the death-blow really to the doctrine. To regard State sovereignty as of historical rather than present interest is to misapprehend the whole question. He finds it a living question-a vital principle in our government. The British Quarterly. commenting upon the first volume,

remarks: the unity of the American people as a naory from the first. So far, however, is first the seeds of all the subsequent difficulties and complications were thickly sown in the constitutions and relations of the various States. The chief value of the work before us is that it makes this plain after a very laborious and convincing

And then the able Review says, and it follows the proof established by the learned German historian:

The claims to State Sovereignty, which were to cause so much embarrassment grew directly out of the original circumstance and conditions of the Union. The assertion of the right of secession did not lie in aboy ance for any long period during any por-

This is unquestionably true. necessary we could show that New England, which was so remorseless in its attacks upon the South and cried havor with so much joy, was engaged from about 1808 to 1815 in frequent schemes to break up the Union, and to assert the right of secession. The material is abundant and overwhelmingly convincing. The Review says:

"Dr. Von Holst traces all the occasions that gave rise to it, and shows clearly how this claim, so fated to the national integrity, was the patural and almost necessar outgrowth from the circumstances."

The truth is, it was never designed to make the Confederation of States a nation, and the use of the term originated in the North and like other noxions things has propagated itself and become wide-spread.

the Revolution," to Dr. Bledsoe's again the destinies of the American ralysis or even death to the latter. Southern Review in the first two people or give a fatal direction to The Northern people began to see years of its existence, and to his admirable little work in which he shows most clearly that secession was a constitutional right prior to the war, the reader will learn much concerning right of franchise. Some of the leadthe formation of our government, ing papers and periodicals have latand the efforts of England to break up the Union. Hon. A. H. Stephens' "History of the War of the States" contains much valuable matter in the same direction. The first work mentioned was written by Hon. William Sullivan, of Massachusetts, a pure or five millions of ignorant and suand scholarly gentleman. Henry W. Miller said, more than thirty years of the necessary advantages by which ago, that it was a work of great value they could be prepared for the reand should be read by every one. sponsibilities of sovereignty. It is The able reviewer from whom we no wonder that they failed to underhave quoted finds the causes of the stand their powers, and that they In 1870, there were 9,378,086 of the work of the carpet-bagger.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1877.

failed to exercise them wisely, dis- whites in the sixteen Southern States creetly, beneficially. It would have been a miracle if they had done other-

wise than they did all which were it The carpet-bag invasion took place. and the negro became at once a pli-If the reserved rights of States had int instrument for working mischief not been properly regarded when the in their hands. By using the negro Constitution was formed, there would as a machine to aid them in securing and retaining power they were enabled to perpetrate villainies enough to make good men forever execrate denture unless the living principle of their memories. It is a notorious fact that wherever the Republican party got control of the State governments in the South it was done the independence of this country it through the negro; and it is equally notorious that wherever they got dependence of each State separately, control that ruin, devastation, ener-

Not a Southern State has altogether escaped the fearful carpet-bag visitation. All, or nearly all, have been at some period of time under the domination of the carpet-bag set. By the aid of the negro the following curses were entailed upon the vanquished whites. Let the following never be forgotten. It is a part of history, and should be perpetuated in song and made forever memorable

in story:	Debt	Debt
silve have a	close of war.	Jan. 1, 1872.
Alabama,	\$5,939,658.87	\$83,382,967.34
Arkansas,	4,036,952.87	19,761,265.62
Florida,	221,000.00	15,763,447.54
Georgia,	Nominal	50,637,500.00
Louisiana,	10,009,074.34	50,540,306.91
N. Carolina		34,887,467.85
S. Carolina,	5,040,000.00	39,158,914.47
Tennessee,	20,105,606.66	45,688,268.46
Texas,	Nominal.	20,361,010.61
Virginia,	31,938,144.59	45,480,542.21
	\$87,070,937.33	355,661,686,01

368,590,748.68 Average annual income, \$38,370,106.95

Whilst this magnificent robbery was being perpetrated the Southern people looked on in horror and dismay. They were powerless to avert the calamity. The Republican party in the North resorted to every device and every unwarranted exercise of power by which the carpet-baggers should be protected and upheld in their nefarious schemes of plunder. The negro was the instrument relied upon in the South backed up by Federal usurpations and bull-dozing. The negro rapidly developed into an absolute seourge, and for ten years the process of deception on the one hand and of grinding oppression on

the other hand, continued. In the North there were thousands who saw the wickedness, the rascalities, the violations of law. At the right time they extended a helping hand, and thus aided the Southern whites to throw off the incubus and the infamy. These friends were not Republicans, but Democrats. Let help came from those who stood by the constitution and the laws. Without their aid 'the South would this day be under the heel of the oppressor, and the victim of the negro as he was wielded by the carpet-baggers. When you think of bolting and casting in your lot with the Republican party, stop and considerrecall the past, and then you will realize how dishonorable it would b to unite with the party who were your oppressors for ten long, weary, toilsome years.

Mark this: as the white people have gradually regained possession of the State governments in the negro improved with it. There is no exception. This is literally true everywhere. The North sees iteven the Republicans see it. Hence they have toned down, have modified their policy.

But this is not all. The North be came in turn a great sufferen The experiment of chaining a dead bod By reference to Sullivan's "Men of that the regro votes can ever control to a living organism threatened pathat prosperity was fleeing their sec tion-that their best customers had gan to shrink rapidly in value, and s thousand indications of ruin and decay made themselves conspicuous Factories and workshops were closed and hundreds of thousands of skilled workmen were idle and breadless Then came the change, and then the policy was slowly relaxed.

Such, as rapidly hinted at, is the history of the past twelve years. The negro was a scourge under the carpet-bagger; he promises to become a valuable factor in progress and rehabilitation under the white rule.

and 4,495,774 pegroes. In the Nort the whites numbered 23,862,227, and the colored 340,084. So we have 33, 240,313 whites against 4,835,868 ne groes, as the census of 1870. Probe bly now there are at least 45 inhabitants, and the division will be 40,000,000 whites to only 5,00 colored. It is very appare the negro can never become the co trolling power in shaping the dest nies of this great country. With the carpet-bag exodus his supre parted. Henceforth he will used or sought in deciding the

judge him fairly by his acts." Ingiven a similar promise. On March 28th we again wrote a leader on and in his efforts to restore constitu-

From that day to this we have riven out no uncertain sound. We nave upheld the President in his magpanimous and patriotic efforts to bring peace and prosperity to the country, and have cordially applaud ed him when he restored South Carolina and Louisiana to their places in the United States and under the Constitution, and propose to sustain him in all well directed and sincere efforts to reform the civil service that has been reeking with corruption for so many years, and has brought so much disgrace upon the country.

when it was correctly understood.

of the entire South.

We are glad that so many of our agreed in our purpose to support intain inviolable the De ville Reho, and Daubury Reporter and true to ourselves.

"Be just and fear not: Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy

It is thought that a majorary

LIGHT NEEDED AND SOUGHT. The only way the President car ossibly know the views and wishe of the Southern people is by consing the reliable, influential pap How can he know what suits an what is distasteful, what is judiciou and what is hurtful and afflictive, he does not see the papers? It ndeed, a "big thing" to be the Pres ident of forty-five million of peopl who dwell in a country that almo embraces a continent, and to know these people he must have very extraordinary means of information. The politician, the publicist, the com nercial dealer seek the best paper or information concerning the world dent has to meet the wants, the ne-

ritories; the only way he can act intelligently and advisedly is by consulting those exponents of public sen timent—the newspapers. If he does not see North Carolina papers, how shall he learn of our true condition? THE MORNING STAR has been going to the White House for nearly three months. The Tarboro Southerne takes this correct view of the matter:

"By all means let the President be posted. Let him see the utter fruitlessness of his 'new party' scheme. Let him see we do not criticise him for the pure love of the thing. That, giving up no tenet of faith, we have the manliness to give him credit for the good things he may do; that when we may seem harsh it is not from bile or bitterness, but to point out to him the true way."

cessities, the demands of the people

of thirty-eight States, besides the ter-

There seems to be a very strong party for Major John W. Daniel for by manyof thel eading papers of the mellowed by a tremor in harmony State. He is confessedly a very able. and brilliant gentleman-certainly one of the most gifted of living Vir- his aspect. Let not any reader omit

Arrest and Escape of a Suspicious Character-He Radly Wounds On

On Tuesday morning last a colored indi vidual applied to Capt. R. P. Paddison, at the future and hide the past. "By Point Caswell, for work, but that gentleman had reason to suspect the fellow of being an escaped convict and he therefore had him arrested on suspicion, sending to Sheriff Paddison for a pair of handcuffs. The officer put him in irons and placed two white men to guard him: About 11 o'clock that night he asked one of the men to give him a drink of water, and as he turned to do so the prisoner grasped the gun, wrested it from the hands of the guard and knocked him down with the butt end of it. He then cocked both barrels on the other guard and walked backwards out of the house, telling the man that if he followed he would shoot him. After getting out of the building he made his escape across the bridge over the Black River and has not

The man Pridgeon, who was knocked down, was quite seriously hurt, though his injuries are not considered dangerous, his condition being somewhat improved Wednesday morning. He made a very narrow

The colored man, whose name is Hayward Lee, and who may have been arrested ere this, as the irons were securely locked on him, is thus described: Six feet high, stout built; black and rather bushy hair; full black whiskers; stammers a little in speech; has a small scar on the right breast; and also one on the forehead; had on heavy brown woolen coat, light homespun shirt, and pants, the latter badly worn about the knees; had in his possession fine double-barrel shot-gun, nearly new. with steel mountings.

Brunswick Itoms. A correspondent at Smithville sends

the following: The Spanish barque Desengano, Lopez six days from Havanal came in this morning and was ordered to quarantine; no

The recent rain storm was a very come visitor to the farmers of the lower section of Brunswick. The cotton crop, I am informed, will be almost an entire failure in the county. "A little more Grain Capt. Bragg," would save any amount of After a little, hand in hand they went bitter disappointment and large grocery

.The landlords of the various boarding louses have nearly completed their ar

Considerable speculation is at present i dulged in, by those interested, as to the alleged fact of a change of the law in refervarious corparate towns of the State, and especially as regards the late election in this town in May last, some contending that the election is void by reason of some change in the law since Battle's Revisal was is-

Crops in Pender. We learn that the crops in some parts of Pender county are suffering materially from the ravages of worms, in some cases resulting in their almost entire destruction The recent heavy rains have also done much damage in the low lands.

Mr. J. K. Bannerman, writing from Burgaw, states that the farms in that section have been suffering for the want of rain, but now, since a plenty of it has fallen, the crops are in a prosperous condition, and says that they are looking for-

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Bev. Dr. Plumer.

The Chicago Times gives the fo

lowing description of Dr. Plume

who was present at the Norther

Presbyterian General Assembly las

week, and, being called upon, ad

cation. Above the average her symmetrical in propertion, atra and firm, he presented the rare beautiful spectacle of perfect age. His hair and beard are w

as the purest snow; the latter

undulating, in lines of statuesque

grace. His eyes are bright, as with

a conscioueness of being near enough

the Gate of Light to catch a reflec-

tion of the glory from within. His

features, aspect, stature, expression, gesture—already his curving arm commanded a thrilling silence—all

spoke a man of power, strength and

grace. At first his voice was low, but not indistinct. The volume in-

creased with the increasing unction

of his thought, and as he proceeded

all eyes were rapt upon his; for brief as was his speech, the Assembly re-cognized the first true orator who

had stood before it. What he said

must be read in full. How he said,

that pen would be indeed presumptu-

ous which would attempt to describe. The spectacle was one never to be forgotten by those who saw it—as a

spectacle of the grandeur of age, with no trace of its weakness; of

the tenderness of age, without

with the snow upon his head, but

ivitied by a dynamic power in har-

mony with the valor and sanctity of

pleaded, as Paul in old age would

have pleaded, for charity, love and

brotherly good will. He pleaded that

the present might be used to brighten

what this Assembly does to day," he

exclaimed, "Christ will be greatly honored-or dishonored." He had

been told of one who had so excellent

a memory that he never forgot any-

a still better memory-Archbishop

Cranmer, who never forgot anything but injuries. May God in His mercy

Affecting Incident.

[Raleigh Observer.]

years, was convicted of a trivial lar-

years' imprisonment. He had been a

his neighbors to have been a kind

him the condition of this little girl,

and that having been in the Asylum

the full term which the law per-

mitted, she would have to be dis-

charged, and he did not know what

to do with her, as she had no home or

friend to go to, except this poor felon

father. The Governor promised at once

to pardon him if Mr. Gudger would

provide the requisite papers. This

week those papers arrived from

Chowan, the pardon was issued, and

Mr. Gudger, placing it in the hands

of the little girl, went with her to the

penitentiary to liberate her father.

The scene between father and daugh-

ter is said to have been melting in

the extreme. She could not see the

felon's stripes and the haggard prison

look, and he, poor man, could look

with pride and fondness upon the fair

but sightless face of his child; some-

thing pure and innocent still loved

others' arms they wept uncontrolably

away, amid the hearty sympathies of

all who saw them, the erring and the

helpless. May love for his child make

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

Throwing themselves into each

give us all such memories."

"I have read of one who had

imbecility; of the eloquence age, with undiminished fervor,

dressed the Assembly:

- Wadesboro Herald: Whort This man might have set for Michael Angelo's Moses. Dr. Plumer is a living sculpture of historic mould. As he stood there facing the Assembly, calm and rigid, one could not resist the faucy that the statue of a patriarch or a prophet, a Moses or Elijah, would have such a personification.

> four individuals within the last ten days, and will hold another to-day. One was and will hold another to-day. One was killed accidentally, two were drowned and one suicided. — A terrible murder was committed at Landrum Station on the Spartanburg & Asheville Railroad yesterday afternoon. Bud Casey and one Weaver got into a difficulty with Jim Ledford, formerly Deputy Sheriff of Buncombe county, N. C., and killed him.

Statesville correspondence Charlotte Observer: The jury in the case of Jas. Laxton, charged with rape, after remaining out three hours, returned, as I predicted in my last, a verdict of guilty. Sentence will be passed this week. No trial here for years, has been marked by a greater display of legal ability and tearning, both on the passed of present of present in and defeated. the part of prosecution and defence.

Coroner Stimson left here this morning with a jury, being summoned to hold an inquest over the body of a new born infant, killed by the hands of its mother. It was found buried in a potato field with its throat cut. The wretched mother is but a girl of cut. The wretched mother is but a girl of 17 or 18 years, named Sarah Johnson, and lives ten miles west of here on the Taylors-ville road. The child was an illegitimate one. — Three prisoners escaped from our jail on Saturday night—one white man, by the name of Hobbs, and two negroes. As soon as it was discovered that the escape had been made, active measures were taken to recenture. ken to recapture, resulting in the recovery charged with both incest and rape. The victim of his brutality was his own daugh-

- Salem Press: Seventeen-year the perusal of what he said. He John Wimmer, Jr., of this pl eceived the appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis from this Congressional district. — We were shown by a lady a fine chick, which was natched out in two weeks, while the remainng eggs didn't hatch before the three weeks farmers are cutting early May wheat in that section, which, upon the whole, is very fine.

— Johnny, a little son of T. J. Beard, while riding a horse to water on Thursday last, was brushed off by the animal running ecent rains having cooled the atmosphere erally. The farmer and gardener smile

and everybody is more cheerful. tion of the prohibition law brandy peache Quite an affecting little scene was and cherries are in such demand that large itnessed at the Penitentiary yesterday morning. Benbury Floyd, of - We learn from Mr. A. M. Jones that a human skull was unearthed by hogs, from a mound near the site of the Old Rich-Chowan county, aged about sixty mond Court-House in this county. Subsequently other portions of the bones of the ceny in 1873, and sentenced to four ody, some metal buttons and shreds of woolen stuffs, supposed to be part of cloth-ing, were found. A notorious old tory by the name of Tate was hung at the Courtgood soldier and lost a leg in the Confederate service, and was said by hearted and obliging man. He had no wife, chick or child in the world it is supposed these are his remains, as he was buried near the scene of his execution. - Charlotte Observer: And now except a little blind daughter, about they are beginning to say that there is en-tirely too much rain. — The wheat crop 15 years old, who was in the Blind Asylum. Last week Superintendent Gudger came to Gov. Vance and told

s reported from every quarter to be unweeks quite an excitement has been gotten up among the colored people by one of their number from South Carolina, who migration to Liberia, Several emigration or more in the county. There is little pros which took place near Statesville on the 10th inst., a short account of which was published in our correspondence from that place on last Tuesday, are revolting. The woman, Sarah Johnson, it is said, murdered her new-born babe by cutting its throat—nearly severing the head from the body—with a case-knife which she had repared for this purpose, before the little foundling was born. She is said to have confessed to having done the deed deliberstely, but under a threat from a man by the name of Houston; that only by this is wrath. Houston has been arrested and laced in jail at Statesville, charged with eing accessory to the murder, and the woman, who is yet too weak to be removed from her home, has been arrested and is under a special guard, appointed by Judge Schenck.

- Tarboro Southerner: We call he attention of our exchanges to the fact York, is a set of swindlers. They refuse to pay an honest advertising bill. — The Wilmington & Weldon road, under its en-lightened management, is becoming one of the most important roads of the country, of H. W. Minzel, of Williamston, was \$12,000. Q. D. Rogerson's hotel was also Mr. T. H. Griffin, of Rocky Mount, on Saturday night last, pried off the weather-boarding of his smoke-house, and carried away some four hundred pounds of his choice cured North Carolina hams, sides and shoulders. The thief disguised his tracks by wearing shoes made in the shape Club meets to-day. An invitation Secretary reads: "Come. Bullfros toast, Highland terrapin soup. pig variations. Liquid accompanion &c. — Adjutant General John Jones has, since his induction into received the universal meed of praise for the efficient manner of his conduct of the affairs of the office. — Edgecombe

crops of all sorts vastly improved by the

him a better man, and the innocence of the daughter atone for a father's sins, and may God help both.

the Department of Justice will give ear to men who have little character and are in-terested in getting Douglas out of his place false, and their authors knew they were false when they made them. There is nothing charged against Franks and other deputies which Col. Douglas could in any manner have discovered. None of the irregularities spoken of occurred in the office of the Marshal.—New North State, Rep.

We are citizens of the United States, Southerners, the poorest people in the Union, paying half of the entire revenue of the government into the Treasury, bound by the Constitution to defend the territory of the nation, and still Mr. Morton would not have our "Confederates" hold offices of trust. This Union was not intended for a one-sided affair; Our fathers did not so intend it. The Democratic banner proudly floated over the fair domains of America for sixty years since the foundation of the government, and all was peace and happi-ness under its rule.—Rocky Mount Mail.

negro and his influence in American politics. We have shown how he has been abandoned in despair by the Mortons and Blaines, and the cry of a "solid North" is the new slogan by which the clans of New England

and of the Northeast are to be rallied once more around the flag of plunder and piracy. The negro will never that part never be forgotten. The again exert the same sort of influence in politics that he exerted in the flush times of the carpet-baggers, when, like the locusts of Egypt, they devoured every thing before them. But the negro will be a power in the future, but in a different direction. Whenever the votes of the white men of the South shall be divided that moment will the negro vote become important to decide the contest, and that moment will he be patronized, flattered and courted, and then more disgusting scenes will be witnessed in the scramble to ob-

tain his vote than was ever seen when Deweese and the rest of the adventurers, with their carpet-bags con- South, so has the condition of the taining two paper shirt-bosoms, a box paper collars, a pack of cards and Bible, button-holed, hob-nobbed and cheated the credulous darkey. But in this article we do not purpose to dwell upon this rather disagrecable prospect. We wish to call attention to one view of the subject that will prevent us from concluding

American legislation. We will not stop to consider the blander made by the government in departed, that poverty threatened to clothing a million negroes with the be the heritage of all. Property beterly been induced to look at the matter very much as the South has regarded it, and to see something of the magnitude of the blunder. It is sufficient to know that the rights of citizenship were bestowed upon four perstitious creatures who had none

test between the whites in when they shall have be

The position of the News with respect to ne administration, and the duty of the Dethe administration, and the duty of the Democratic party, is no longer an isolated one in the field of North Carolina journalism. We are sustained by many of the best and bravest of our co-laborers. The Wilmington Star, the Elizabeth City Economist, the Roanoke News, the Tarboro Southerner, the Milton Chronicle, the Salisbury Watchman, and the Burke Blade have taken pretty much the same view of the taken pretty much the same view of the situation that we have, we are proud to

The STAR took the position it now occupies as early as March 25th. On that day we wrote an editorial headed "Still Wait and See," in which we encouraged the President to dare do right, and to pacify the country by a constitutional course. We declared our willingness "to hear him and to deed, many days before this we had forth with some elaboration the poition which the STAR held and would continue to hold-to sustain the President in all just measures of reform,

tional liberty.

The STAR was the first paper in North Carolina to lead off in this just, candid and patriotic course. For weeks certain State papers commented with marked disapproval upon its course, to which we made no special reply, feeling assured that in due time the best papers in the land would be our allies, and that the reflecting people of North Carolina would fully sustain our temperate and fair course

We have recently conversed with t least a dozen gentlemen from other counties, and without seeking their pinions in any way they expressed their high gratification at the judicious course pursued by us in regard to the present Federal Administration. Some of these gentlemen are of marked intelligence, and all are true Democrats. We were, of course, gratified at such expressions of approval. We heard no adverse opin-

We have already mentioned that a large majority of the most influential Southern papers have taken the same riew of the situation that we have taken. The list embraces the leading dailies, with but few exceptions,

influential State contemporaries are with us now in what we have said in regard to the President. We are all Haves when he does right, but to organization. In addition to those papers mentioned in the above extract from the News, we have published views and opinions quite accordant with what has appeared in the STAR from the Charlotte Observer, Gran-Let us continue to be just to others

Country's, Thy God's, and truth's."

the people of Georgia have voted for the proposed constitutional convention. We believe the movement originated in the desire to undo some | ward for a good harvest in Pender this