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THE TWO COUNTS. We referred yesterday to the de cision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina sustaining the claim set up in behalf of the Federal Government It is to be deplored. As long as the Court is composed as it is, our people can have no guarantee that fairness and justice will enter into its delibera tions. Its past record is so blurred. is so shameful, that the most law abiding and law-reverencing people in America have lost much of their respect for its members. The de cision, we must believe, is partisan, because the Judges are not ignorant or inexperienced officers of the law. They hold an opinion which, as we

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state courts to a Federal tribunal a grave offence is committed against the ent and inalienable rights of the people, and a serious blow is inflicted upon the sacred rights of sovereign and independent Common wealths. We said in our last issue that the tendency was to centralization-to an obliteration of State lines and State authority. Read this, the last utter ance of Northern Republicanism Ben Wade writes this to the Washington Republican of three days ago "He greatly fears that the President's policy, under color of what is called local self-government, is an ignominious surren-der of the principles of nationality for which our armies fought, and for which thousands of brave men died, and without which the war was a failure."

HONURARY DEGREES.

prary degrees ought to mark extraor scholarship, talent or service, or a

men. These degrees ar cheap, and are rapidly becom netitutions that are only mode ing a jest. Institutions that are only mode-rate high schools, are conferring them pro-fusely; and institutions that ought to have sound discretion are conferring them very strangely. All young colleges and univer-sities ought to be very modest in this par-ticular; their cases should be few and emi-nently proper, -N. O. Christian Advocate.

So writes a very sensible corres pondent of the Raleigh Advocate He is right in all he says. For a one horse academy, called by way of dignity "a college," to dub a man of mediocre abilities and the smallest amount of human learning a Doctor. is foolish and wicked. It is a fraud -a gross deception. Who can call one of these recipients Doctor with out an inward smile and a pang of pity? When one met the late Dr. Mason, of Raleigh, or Dr. Hooper, of WILMINGTON, N. C.

will show how much there is in the magnetic telegra tion," and says that Intelligent newspaper correspon ing on of the Fre dents concede that the Russian invention would hav armies are well commanded, and that rally knownar The no little generalship has been dison the scaffold. Mr. played thus far in their manner of in- agriculturist, and by vasion. They leave large armies to has preserved the protect their rear and beleaguer the inventive genius. important cities, whilst they press to-

venality.

wards the mountains and the regions "Had Arthur You beyond. Their movements show delence, the attention of the second second cided strategic ability, and if they sereated of pigs and vas naturally overlo cure the important passes, and then sweep on and take possession of the ats to Mr. Lou ngs the honor of railroad, critics say it will be one of the most splendid exploits of modern from him?" warfare. The "Sick Man" is doomed Men of sober i inevitably unless Austria and Engto conclude that n the invention itself bel land intervene to save him from his Sam Morse. It is true h fate. It is merely a question of weeks or months. of the goods, but I

THE BLECTRIC TELEGITAPH. Relving upon evidence that now ppears to be insufficient, we once held that the Electric Telegraph, one of the greatest of human inventions,

owed its paternity to North Carolina. The STAR was partly instrumental in urging and giving currency to the claim of Mr. Junius L. Clemmons, formerly of North Carolina

and a native, as the inventor of that great instrument that has fairly rivalled Prospero and put a girdle " the idea of the magnetic telegraph around the earth. Our readers have first occurred to him while on a voyseen upon what evidence Mr. Clemage from France to the United States mons' claim rests. He conceived the in 1832. Now, considering the fact idea of a telegraph in 1833. We that Young, in his travels in France, have no doubt of this fact, for he published over thirty years before offers good evidence to prove it. And

Morse visited Paris, gives a detailed yet he was not the first to entertain description of the mechanism and acan original idea. We think operation of Mons. Lomon but just that we reproduce some evitelegraph, as seen by him in 1787, dence of a very striking and concluit not a possible conjecture that the sive character that goes to establish shrewd Yankee drew his inspiration, the fact that the invention was of not from the Heavens above, or the European origin, and that Samuel salt water beneath, but rather from Morse was not, as is so confidently descriptions, and, perhaps, a model of asserted, the originator or inventor. the French mechanic's invention ?" Colonel George Wortham, a lawyer We take leave to quote the con of Oxford and a gentleman of considcluding paragraph of Col. Wortham's erable information in some departletter: ments of learning, appears in the "In view of all these facts, would it not be wise to pause and ponder the subject columns of the Raleigh Observer in a be wise to pause and ponder the subject well, before proceeding to burn incense on an altar which, after all, may prove to be one whose only divinities are brazen faced assumption and shameless imposture. In the code of morality prevalent in certain quarters, an adroit theft, if money is made by it is held to be could use the properties and charged. well written and well guarded communication that merits more than a passing notice. He undertakes to establish two propositions: by it, is held to be equally as honorable as an original discovery, but no gentleman should, directly or indirectly, countenance any such heresy in ethics." "1st, that Mr. Clemmons was not the first North Carolinian to whom the idea of a magnetic telegraph presented itself; and, 2d, that Prof. Morse was not the first man who embodied this idea in an invention and produced a practical working telegraphic It appears from the way in wh Col. Wortham states his facts makes his points that he is abundantly He then draws a very just and clear able to dispose of any claims that difference between originating an idea may be set up by the admirers of Mr. Sam Morse. When we see the and making an invention. He says. stolen robes falling from the apotheoadmirably: "The first is only to conceive that a thing sized charlatan we are reminded of can be done; the second is to change that what James Russell Lowell says of on into a fact by actually doing it. An idea is not the subject of a patent; an invention is. In the case of the magnetic those who steal other men's ideas: "Borrowed garments never keep one h, the truth is, that the science of had been carried to such a point, warm. A curse goes with them, a that from known facts, the idea of the mag with Harry Gill's blankets. Nor cun netic telegraph might and did suggest itself to several men acting separately and inde-pendently of each other. This is usually one get smuggled goods safely into kingdom-come. How lank and pitithe case in such matters. A great invenful does one of the gentry look, after not spring up for the honor of having made posterity's customs-officers have had se the science on which it de it, because the science on whitthe next step the plucking of him." Col. Worlmost necessarily leads to the inventio This, however, does not relieve one who appropriates the idea of another, founds an invention on it, and heralds it to the world as all his own, from being justly chargeable with fraud and falsehood.". tham has acted well the part of one of those much needed "customs-officers," and we thank him in behalf o truth and fairness. The Frenchman Col. Wortham then mentions anis dead, but his robber has been other North Carolinian to whom the "plucked." idea occurred twenty years before it Make a note of this: You can buy did to Mr. Clemmons. He says: the best English novels, according to "Dr. William A. Turner, of Bertie county, in a letter written in 1811, from size, for from ten to twenty cents, re-Nashua, New Hampshire, to his brother, Thomas Turner, Esq., of Wiadsor, after published in the "Seaside Library" ng some experiments of his in of New York, or in the "Lakesid electricity, goes on to say that if there was a wire from Nashua to Windsor with a bat-Library" of Chicago. George Eliot's a wife from Manda to windsor with a bat tery in each place, they might converse to-gether, by means of preconcerted signals, with almost as much ease as if face to face. Here is the idea clearly stated. It originated with Turner in 1811, and with Clemmons novels can be bought at 20 cents per volume. A great benefit is thus done and thousands who are not able to over twenty years later, but neither of their changed it into a fact by inventing a sys purchase the library editions of leading publishers can thus obtain the tem of telegraphing greatest triumphs of genius in the But there was an invention long world of fiction. It is to be hoped before the time of Turner, Clemmons that the idea of cheap publication or Sam Morse, the falsely laurelwill be indefinitely extended until crowned. Col. Wortham then quotes poems, travels, biographies, critical the following from Arthur Young's philosophical and scientific works, Travels in France, vol. 1, p. 135, nd the great histories, will all be

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or-The Prisoner Committed on th Conrad Houseman (not Houston, as gen was first reported to us), the alleged mai robber, was arraigned before U. S. Com-missioner Van Amringe, at the United State was al chanc Court-room, yesterday morning, at 1 o'clock. The evidence of Mr. Goutre a grea May was to the effect that Houseman an orthan himself were stopping at the same board ing house, on North Water, between Che writer nut and Mulberry streets, but that only casual speaking acquaintance existed be tween them; that a few days since he (May) which was engaged in writing a letter, and was Ate asked by Houseman who he was writin to, when he was informed that he was writing to his father in South Carolina. send him some money, as he was out funds. Two or three days passed, and was about time for witness to hear from his o Mi father, when Houseman inquired if he (wh ness) had got his money yet. Mr. May re lied that he had not, but it was, time the he had received it. The next day (which y is exceedingly strong that the was Wednesday) Houseman asked wit-ness if he had been to the postoffice to are stolen-that a great and unfortunate genius of France has been inquire for a letter yet, and upon receiving robbed by one who knew how to dea reply in the negative, he volunteered to go for him, apparently being aware of the ceive a world as full of credulity as fact that if he could get authority from Mr. May to get the letter a case of mail rob-Col. Wortham says he published bery could not be made up against him. an article in the Raleigh Sentinel, in Mr. M., however, declined the proffered 1869, setting forth substantially the courtesy, saying he would attend to the above facts. This called forth a letmatter himself. Then it was that House man resolved to get possession of the letter ter from a correspondent, in which it and the money before Mr. May could call is said that Morse admitted, in 1868, for it. He then went to the postoffice, as at the grand banquet given him, that

was shown by the evidence of the officials. and, representing himself as Gottfred May, called for a registered letter to that address obtained it, got the money for the order (ten dollars) and signed the name of Gottfred May to the receipt for the same. The fraud was discovered when Mr. May subsequently called for the 'same letter, and Houseman was arrested.

The evidence being apparently conclus to the guil

NO. 39 light) say 4,000 to 5,000 bags; red (large ay \$3,000 to \$5,000 bags. Demand good

and market sleady. From the best information in referen o the grap is our own State, it is safe to av that the average will be from 30.to 35 er cent, less than last yean; stand yea bad; condition at present fair. The sto in Wilmington comprises 12,000 bags. I mand good.

Patal Accident with a Bovolver. [Special Dispatch to Baltimore Sun. e Sun. I

RICHMOND, July 17. Julian Harrison, of the firm of Per and partner of the owners of Shoekee warehouse, accidentally shot himself to-day with an old seven-shooter, bich was kept in a drawer of a desk in his office. He was looking through the drawer for something at the time, and in moving the pistol out of the way it is supposed he struck the ham-mer, exploding the charge. The ball entered his head, just above the e of the p bridge of the nose, going clear through and striking the ceiling of the room. He fell back in a chair, and expired almost instantly.

Result of General Reneau's Mission

NEW ORLEANS, July 17. Gen, N. S. Reneau, who went to the City of Mexico bearing dispatches from Secretary Evarts, returned today by steamer from Vera Cruz. Gen. Reneau reports that the country is quiet, and says that Diaz's authorty is recognized throughout the republic, and he believes that now Mexico has the best government she has had for twenty years. In an interview President Diaz expressed a desire to do everything possible to assist in breaking up lawlessness on the Rio Grande. Diaz earnestly hoped his government would be recognized by the United States at an early day.

> Sitting Bull in Canada. WASHINGTON, July 18.

d Jo Lewis, got into a fight a

- Elizabeth City Econ in the 46th Il be colebrated by tertainments, at No y, August 16th, proximo, All are in-ied. — Nag's Head excursions consti-te the staple gossip.

- Statesville Landmark: In pany with several intelligent gen had the pleasure of hearing, on bath evening, Bishop J. W. Ho African Methodist Episcopal C was the opinion of all that the was able, and cloopently deliver place last Wednesday evidamage was done the growin cially corn. — The oat crop in this sec-tion has turned out considerably better Uian was anticipated. — The States-ville Male Academy will be sold at public auction to day, Tuesday. — If a snake bites you, and you have to depend on whickey to be purchased in this place, you'll die

ndent Ralei *Observer*: "There are perhaps 300,00 worthless dogs in the State mongrels, ours hounds, bench-legged fise, and others o a thousand grades and mixtures that would defy classification; even Huxley would find himself at sea should be attempt it. A good, substantial tax-not less than 8 would pay the tuition of the poor children of the State, while the farmer could the raise mutton enough to board them, and wool enough to clothe them while at school. One of my neighbors has lost his last sheep of a large flock, while at least fifty others have been killed within a mile of me recently. I lost a fine ewe last week by a negro's dog that would not sell for 874 cts at any guano mill in the county. We have asked for a dog tax, but our un legislators tell us that it is 'unconstitution-al.' Howsis it that nearly every sheep rais-ing State in the Union has a dog tax?"

- Tarboro Southerner: Dr. S. Westray Battle, Assistant Surgeon in United States Navy, a native of Tarboro, and son States Navy, a native of Tarboro, and son of our prominent and worthy townsman, Wm. S. Battle, Esq., is visiting his father's family. — All the colored prisoners in jail needed to complete the choir, making night hideous, was a class-leader and preacher. These they have in the person of John Young. — We know several roguish papers but won't tell. — On last Monday night Tempy Dozier, a notable colored woman, of this place, died, and while dying the negroes stole her burial lothes. ---- Mr. T. T. Thorn, living on the plantation of Major J. M. Mayo, near Whitakar's, fell from the door of his dwelling on Wednesday dislocating his shoulde Wars are no doubt terrible things to tackle, and red headed women ferocious to handle, but did you ever hang on the ragged edge of an impending sneeze and have a man to ask you "what's the matter!

said yesterday, is atterly subversive of the rights of the States that com pose what once was regarded as Confederation, not a nation.

The Governor will take an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. We confess that since the experience of the country in regard to the three Republican Judges who were members of the Electoral Commission we do not leel confident that the Supreme Court will find in accordance with law and right. We have lost much of our confidence in the impartial character of that high est judiciary. That body may possibly lift itself above mere partisanship, and may decide in favor of the rights of the States and against the grasping and usurping Federal pow er. We shall await the issue with singular anxiety and interest.

The Raleigh News has been examining into the appeals taken from th State Supreme Court to the U. Supreme Court, and the result every ruling of the lower court has been set aside, where "the construction of the Constitution of the United States has been before it." This is indeed, encouraging, and but for the Electoral Commission business should be sanguine that law and jus tice would be vindicated at last. The News says:

" So our Court has taken three deliberate aims at the Constitution of the United States, and, as the Chief Justice som expresses it, has 'missed the mark' ever me. It was said of one of our old Judy that he didn't know much law but 'lucked well' and 'guessed well," but our Suprema Court have neither of these good fortunes to console them. The Legislature ought to present our Judges with a copy of 'Story on the Constitution,' with the injunc-tion to 'read, learn and inwardly digest it' before they make another effort to con-strue the Constitution.

"But not only the Supreme Court of the United States, but even Judges Bond and Brooks have often snubbed them and disregarded their opinions. Note Dunlap's case, Kirk and Habeas Corpus, and the estead cases."

That excellent gentleman, that con scientious, honest and noble jurist. Hon. George W. Brooks, to whose memory the legal profession of North Carolina should erect a fitting monument, although a Federal Judge, once saved the people of North Carolina from civil commotions, and broke the shackles from the limbs of the oppressed and imprisoned, and gave them their liberty. When Pear- rectly in the way to the long coveted son, and the ignoble set around him, and diligently sought prize-Con-

Chapel Hill, he might feel a glow of pride, for they were indeed men of learning, and were richly entitled to the degree of Doctor of Divinity. But how can we keep from smiling when we meet Dr. Aristides Windbag or Doctor Ignorantius Polycarp and salute him with the very title we would have to bestow upon Dr. Jas McCosh, of Princeton, or Dr. Philip

entic.

Schaff, the historian and biblical The recent summer flood was no so wide-spread and devastating a we have known it, but it was bad enough. The sad part of the business is, the Doctorates deceive igno rant people. Call a man a Doctor, and although he may not have one idea of his own in that huge head of

his, unsuspecting people who are impressed by titles, will give the fellow credit for ten or fifty times more brains than he possesses. And then too, when we know what ugly in fluences cause the degree to be be stowed in many cases, we must despise the sham. What value can there be in any title that means nothing now and that is so cheaply be-

stowed ?, Bishop Lombard, of Paris, was the first man who was ever honored with the title of Doctor of Divinity. was over nine hundred years ago. meant a great deal then, and for a long time thereafter. It was a sign of eminence, of erudition. It should be so now, but, alas, it is about as cheap as "gunger bread" on court day, or herrings in fish season. Is

THE WAR.

there no chance for reform ?

The papers one while complained that the Russians moved slowly Latterly they have moved rapidly enough to please the most restive and impatient. They first made every necessary arrangement, collecting immense stores, and then they marched with a celerity and a re sistlessness that are quite admirable They have already passed the Bal kans in large force, and but for the unexpected order to slacken, caused by the interference of some of the great Powers, they would be still

nearer to Adrianople, which lies di-

ordered to give a justified bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the U. S. District Court, which meets in this city on the first Wednesday in November, in default of which he was committed to jail.

Before being taken to the lock-up House man requested Deputy Marshal VanSoelen to hand over three dollors in his possession to Mr. May, saying it was his money, (this amount being among the effects taken from the prisoner at the time he was arrested), thus virtually confessing himsel guilty of the crime with which he stand

Accomplished at Last.

It will be remembered that some fifteen or eighteen months ago a subscription wa raised among the white people of New Hanover and Brunswick counties to pur chase a monument to be erected over the we of one Daniel Rowell, a very worthy red Democrat of the latter county, wh had lately died. The monument, with suitable inscription, was purchased, and was to have been erected with becomin ceremonies on the 4th of July, 1876. I transpired, however, that the land upon which the old man was buried belonged to a rabid politician of the opposite stripe, and he forbade the carrying out of the plane proposed upon his land. The intende ceremonies were thereupon indefinitely postponed. In the meantime the lands pass ed into the hands of another party, a colored man, who did not entertain the same "con scientious scruples" in regard to the matter and a week ago last Sunday the long de ferred ceremonies took place, Mr. E. R. Taylor presenting the monument to the widow, which was erected over the grave two colored preachers-J. J. Fry an Mack Miller-officiating on the occasion and a handsome donation being subscribe by the whites present for the benefit of the widow. There was quite a large attendance of both white and colored people.

he Pennut Crop-Conditions In Vir ginia, Tennessee and North Cares

A gentleman of this city has taken the trouble to obtain all the information possi ble in regard to the condition and prospec of the growing crops in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, together with other facts of interest to the trade. In refer ence to the crop in Virginia, it has been as certained from reliable sources that the has been about twenty-two per cent. de crease in the area of land planted in pea nuts as compared with 1876. The weather has been much less favorable than in 1876 or than the average for many years The stands are very poor and choked with grass, owing to continued wet weather The crop is about twenty-five days late than last year. The labor in number an fliciency is about the same as last yea The use of fertilizers, as compared with 1876, shows a decrease of about forty pe

A letter received here from Canada states that over 2,000 Sioux Indians. including Sitting Bull and his band, have taken up a position in Canada, not far beyond the United States border. The Canadian authorities are anxious to be relieved of these unwelcome visitors, but are puzzled about how to proceed. They have instructed all Indian traders not to sell these Indians any fixed ammunition or rifled-guns. They are allowed to purchase shotguns and powder and shot for the purpose of hunting.

Threatening Confingration in a Penn svivania Coal Mine.

SCRANTON, PA., July 17. A fierce fire is raging in the Roar ng Brook colliery at Dunmore, in the suburbs of this city, and it feared the mine will have to he flooded in order to save it. The fire broke out some time during las ight, in the stable situated in the ower vein, 300 feet below the surface of the earth, and was discovered before six o'clock this morning the watchman, who found all mules, ten in number, burned to death. A gang of men have been busy all day trying to extinguish the flames, but it is feared their work will be fruitless.

Jersey Lightning. Special Dispatch to Charleston Journal o

Commerce.]

NEW YORK, July 18. The thunder storm yesterday was one of the most violent which has occurred, and the most disastrous in its effects. From all points come reports of damage done by lightning, and in many cases it was accompanied by fatal effects. In this city it was very severe, but it seems to have given full yent to its furore over in Jersey, where three people were killed. The storm was also very bad along the Hudson and Long Island.

Hilton on Jews and Gentiles. NEW YORK, July 18. Relative to the rumored rescinding the order for the exclusion of Hebrews from the Grand Union Hotel in Saratoga, Judge Hilton said that he knew nothing of it until he saw it in the papers this morning, and said that his orders bearing on that ques tion remain anchanged. He added with much force: "I am determin they shall remain so; I have no inten tion of altering them.

Paurth of July. Tarboro Southerner. accosted a typical Tarbon "What's the matter with your eye

bab?" "Fourth of July, sir." "How ?" "Bill Jones bet Sam White he cou

hit my nose with a fire cracker, riking the eye. Well, it car-

You ask why we do not laugh, The reason's very clear. Our devil's now startling us With "Some more copy here."

Statesville correspondent of Raleigh Observer: Yesterday, Jerusha Lazen-berry, daughter of Alphonso Lazenberry, of this county, made the diabolical at-tempt to kill her new born illegitimate infant by burying it alive. — This morn-ing Solicitor W. H. Cowles received the sad intolligence of the death of his wife sad intolligence of the death of his wife, which took place at her father's residence in Ashe county, on yesterday. — Barah Johnson, a young girl not more than six-teen years of age, stands indicted for the years of age, stands indicted fo der of her own infant shild. H ston, the reputed father of the ille c thild, also stands indicted in the efore the fact. bill as acc ll as accessory before essrs. Wallace Bros., ing a great deal to develop the mineral and botanical resources of North Carolina. From the descriptive catalogue befor they advertise 752 different kinds of herbs, barks, &c., and they are now fi an order for over four hundred specim for the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, to be sent to the different societies in Europe.

-Salem Press : Mr. John H Crutchfield, of Winston, was found dead in his bed on Tuesday morning last. He had for some time been subject affections, a severe stroke of which is thought to have occasioned his unexpected death. — R. C. Poindexter and Adam Hauser, Esquires, of East Bend, Yadkin county, have each a hog weighing ent 500 pounds. — The people county will vote on the question whether or not the county shall subscribe \$50,000 to the Mt. Airy Railroad on the first Thursday in August next. — Two hundred and fourteen crates of peaches, each crate con-taining seven-eighths of a bushel, were shipped on Monday evening's train for Richmond, New York, and other points by our several orchard men. peacan and almond tree, but neither are ring this year, on account of late frosts. - Several deaths have occurred in this section among the children by the disease generally known as cholera infantum. — Dried blackberries bring only four cents per pound. — The Colorado beetle or potato bug has been found in a potato atch, but as yet in small numbers.

- Raleigh Observer: There are in the State a number of Clerks of the Superior Court who are behind hand with th te Treasurer in the payment of the fines forfeitures to the school fund. Some of them are considerably behind, and the amounts when collected will aggregate a very neat sum. We learn that the Treas er will proceed at once to sue on the nds of all clerks who fail to make pay Brer willment within the next ten days. — O. R. Smith, the cotton picker man, is now in York, Penn., superintending the construc-tion of his machines, several of which be tion of his machines, several of which he proposes to have ready for use this season. ——Our correspondents in eastern Caro-lina speak very discouragingly of the crop prospect in their section. In Chowan and Pasquotank the corn is reported very trifling and the farmers do not anticipate a

