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found sympathy with. The above extract expresses our own views and purposes precisely. If you call that "gashing," then make the most of it.

Jo Bradley, the infamous Judge who betrayed the cause of right and justice, and his country also, is mean enough to do anything. But even Jo is entitled to a hearing.

Let us have peace. Having shown conclusively that the position of the STAR is identical with that of such Southern Democrats as Senator Lamar, Gen. Forrest, Hon. Beverly B. Douglass, and scores of others, to say nothing of the position of nearly all the leading Democratic papers, we are entirely willing to "play quiet" with our brothers of the Democratic press in North Carolina on the questions of party policy that have recently created some division of sentiment in our ranks.

That resolution. The Wadesboro Herald is astonished that the STAR attempted to construe a resolution of the Postal Convention as an endorsement of the President's Southern constitutional policy. We supposed it embraced all of the President's "efforts to restore peace and quietude to the country," or we would not have copied it, and commented upon it. We certainly had no purpose to misrepresent the introducer of the resolution, Col. Jones, editor of the Charlotte Observer, for whom we have high respect.

The Hillsboro Recorder asks the STAR: "But is Stephens' opinion either worth heeding or quoting? Or that of Toombs either, for that matter?" Why not? Are they not both very able, well-informed and independent thinkers? They are both native Georgians. One was a Confederate General, the other was Vice President of the Southern Confederacy.

A noble sentiment. When Col. Lamb, of Norfolk, temporary chairman, was addressing the Democratic Convention of Virginia, a few days ago, he thus referred to the late Gov. Henry A. Wise: "In his grand campaign of 1855, Henry A. Wise, the Gamalal at whose feet I learned my lessons in civil and religious liberty, speaking of the inviolability of the public faith, said: 'Though direct necessity may come, which will at all hazards the public credit of the State of Virginia shall be preserved. Private honor is precious, but as infinitely higher than an individual is the honor of the State. Reproach Virginia, who will reproach her whoever is so foolish—no man can say her honor has yet been stained. If it be necessary to tax you to defend her honor, I shall commend taxation, though it makes us groan.' The noblest sentiment that Knightly Virginian ever proclaimed throughout his long and brilliant career."

A pernicious insect called the carpenter-bug is now on the march in this city. It is an annoying and somewhat pestiferous insect. It is in any relation to the ancient "bug" that visited so long on the green things of the South, and known as "caterpillars." They are now here, and they will devour your substance, and leave you poor indeed.

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A woman of pluck. There is a lady in South Carolina, once in good circumstances, who has exhibited indomitable pluck and energy that lifts her above the ordinary man and woman of our age. By her own personal efforts she has actually supported herself and her nine fatherless children upon a one-acre farm. How she has done it is a victory to the lazy and uninitiated, but so it is. An effort—a most commendable one—is now on foot in South Carolina to raise a fund for the purchase of a comfortable, but, modest homestead for the heroic, widow, and her household.

Five hundred and fifty-five murders have been committed in New York during the last ten years. The population of North Carolina is now probably 1,300,000. We doubt if there have been five hundred and fifty murders committed in this State in this century—in the last seventy-seven years. The population of New York ten years ago was about 750,000; it is now over 1,000,000. Of the 550 murderers how many have been hanged? We suppose five have been hanged in North Carolina to one in New York.

The papers North speak hopefully of signs of returning prosperity. Seeing is believing is an old adage. When the prosperity comes we shall believe strongly in the signs. The money market is said to be improving—that is to say, the decrease of greenbacks in the New York banks is three millions dollars for the past week. The Baltimore Gazette says: "It is a popular idea that business is thriving when the rate of interest is low. The reverse is true. Active business creates a demand for money; when business is dull money lies in the banks, and money is cheap. It is the opinion of those who watch narrowly, the signs of the times that the money market will be better this fall than at any time since 1875, and that business of all kinds will sympathize with it."

This Hon. Samuel J. Randall will be elected Speaker of the next House is strongly believed and hoped for. He richly deserves it. He is the right man for that responsible place. We hope no Southern man can be induced to oppose him. Let us make haste slowly. We are looking at the policy not at the right.

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Truth is the child of time, and she shall appear to vindicate those who have been wronged.

The STAR has necessarily and unconsciously become a platform for the opinions of Grant and the Editorial Commission. It branded the fraud in such terms as was deemed fitting. It still regards that act of Bradley and his confederates in crime, by which the people of the United States were cheated out of their rights and their choice, as despicable, mean and shameful, and it still believes and hopes that the people of the United States will vindicate their rights and drive from the offices of the Government all who march to the music of corruption and under the soiled and disgraced flag of Republicanism.

It may be proper to state that there was a difference of opinion as to the name of the unfortunate man, some of the witnesses stating that it was David Smith, and others that it was David Davidson, and there is reason to believe that the latter is correct, from the fact that a railroad pass and other papers found on his person bore the name of David Davidson.

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South Carolina Affairs. (Special Dispatch to the News and Courier.) Columbia, Aug. 8.

The event of to-day is the resignation of S. J. Lee, colored, the solicitor of the Second Circuit. The resignation will take effect on the 14th inst. Lee was formerly speaker of the House of Representatives, and was arrested, a few days ago, on charges of fraud in the issue of pay certificates. Being unable to give bail, he went to jail. This afternoon, however, he furnished bail in the sum of \$10,000, and was released from custody.

The only witness examined by the investigating committee today was Ruford Holland, colored, a member of the Legislature from Aiken.

Ex-Senator John Pool of North Carolina, who has been picking up a living here as a sort of claim agent, since his State repudiated him, has lately had a wide-mouthed in a large share of influence in helping the President to pick out servicable old-line Whigs for office, has had his fealty very decidedly approved by the publication of the following extract written by him to a friend in Alamance county, North Carolina: "Southern Republicans cannot expect anything from Hayes, or the powers that be under him particularly, for they get nothing from Postmaster-General Key. Pool still hangs about the White House, however, and claims to have the President's ear."

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Proposed Conference with Minister Bull. (Special Dispatch to the News and Courier.) Washington, Aug. 9.

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Three aged people have just passed away in Stokes county, viz: Benjamin Wood, in his 70th year; Mrs. Mary Mitchell, in her 70th year; and Joseph Martin, in his 80th year. All were pious and worthy.

—Cherokee Herald: Wheat crops are good this year in this section; farmers report a heavy increase over last year; our people are beginning to find out that their farms are very well adapted to the growing of wheat.

—Oxford Free Lances: At the entertainment given by a chapter of orphans at Henderson last week, the handsome sum of \$48.35 was realized against \$16.20 at Kizzell, 30-35 at Amis Chapel, and \$6 at Grassy Creek.

—Hickory Press: We don't hardly think it is the intention of the train lands on this road to strike. Rather than do this we would advise them to tie a box car around their necks, jump into the Catawba river, and remain there the balance of their days.

—Franklin Courier: At his residence, about six miles from Louisburg, on Monday night, August 6th, Mr. Ebenezer Green died, in the 80th year of his age. He was one of Franklin's most respected citizens, and was beloved by all who knew him.

—The Oxford Free Lances: The Radical Commission of Granville lately allowed H. E. Cozart \$450 extra for performing one of the necessary duties of his office, to wit, in writing on the minutes of the court. It gives other misapprehensions.

—There is quite a number of jamstons weeds growing in different parts of the town that should be rooted up.—Clematis? Cut in August and dried, and they are good for the relief of asthma—not cure, but instant relief. Smoke in a pipe. Fact—STAR.

—According to Mrs. S., in Raleigh Observer, Gov. Vance began his speech before the Normal School by saying: "He had been invited expressly to give a speech without any instructions in it, and he flattered himself the very man in all North Carolina best able to do it."

—Wilson Advance: We attended the big August meeting at White Oak, last Sunday, and found an immense crowd in attendance, estimating as high as 4,000. We regret to announce the sudden death of Wiley Williamson, Esq., a worthy and respectable citizen of the Old Fields township.

—Superintendent Mills, in his travels with the orphans, found the crops very abundant in all parts of Granville, such as he never saw before. Here is what he says on another point: The ample grove is full of peaches, and the writer of so much fried chicken and peach pie that he freely forgives all those who have ever mistaken him for a preacher.

—The New York World makes special note of Senator Merrimon's late speech at Chapel Hill. It says: "Perhaps the most healthful and the disposition of public men to be honest in the criticism and tell the truth about the shortcomings of their people. There never was a better example of this plain speaking than the speech of Judge Merrimon at Chapel Hill last week at Chapel Hill, N. C."

—Greensboro Protestant: The Register of Deeds for Alamance county has 370 copies of marriage licenses, as we learn from the Greensboro white and colored. Many have already come down to a low figure, and five cents will capture one of very respectable size. The fact is, the fields, gardens and orchards have been doing their level best, and our only fear is that they will have to be amputation left for the campaign of 1878.

—Charlotte Observer: At the meeting of the stockholders of the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad, held at Lincolnton Tuesday, it was decided, as between Newland and Hickory, to run the road by way of Newland to Lincolnton. As was anticipated, Mrs. Charlotte Denton, who was struck by the engine on the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, Wednesday, has died. Although the body was severely bruised, she will survive at least a few days.

—Raleigh Register: Johnny W. Massey, aged 14, son of Mr. John P. Massey, one of the Board of Commissioners, killed a rattlesnake on his father's farm one day last week. His snakehead had 13 rattles. Good work, and well done. Mr. Massey, who has been operating in this State for some time, has returned to Washington with full reports made to the Commissioner as to the condition of affairs in this State so far as they affect the revenue.

—Charlotte Democrat: The negro man, Dock Hanes, who was struck on the head with a hoe by another negro, Rufus Lowrance, has died. The discovery of a process to turn forty gallons of common water at a cost of only one or two cents, into a permanent Preserving Fluid, is the most wonderful discovery of the age. It was made by a physician in Mississippi. A snake head will capture one person from selling liquor on Sunday, several persons have been fined for violating the law in this city.

—Ashville Citizen: Gov. Vance appointed on Tuesday the following directors on the part of the State for the Western Division of the Western Atlantic Railroad: T. D. Bryson, of Swain; R. V. Welch, of Raleigh; J. of Haywood; David Coleman, of Wayne; and F. F. Davidson, of Hancock. W. W. Rollins, of Madison, and J. S. of McDowell, of Madison. Gen. Clinch's hook is rapidly growing in popularity, and it is now thought a new edition will be necessary. Our senior devil went fishing last week in Haywood, and succeeded in killing a black snake 14 feet long. And it was a poor snake for Haywood that! [A snake story, by St. Patrick's.]

—Raleigh Observer: Rev. Dr. F. M. Hubbard, now of Memphis, N. Y., but formerly of our State University, is the city, the guest of Captain T. M. Argo. The first term of the University Normal School closed on Wednesday with appropriate ceremonies. Pittsboro correspondent: Our County Commissioners have rescinded their former order to hold an election on the 6th of September for our citizens to vote on the question of a county subscription of \$50,000 to the Western Railroad from Egypt to Greensboro, and \$50,000 for a narrow gauge road from Lookville to Durham. The opposition to the proposed subscription was so great that the Commissioners very properly decided not to put the county to the useless expense of holding an election.

—Tarboro Southern: The Methodist camp meeting at Greeneville was hardy a success, owing in great part, to the unnumbered quantity of the old time hymns, which were almost unburied. Old Bro. Closs said that as he did not swear and did not wish to begin now, he had concluded to break up the meeting and leave the little piece in charge of the field of Mr. J. Moore, a prominent citizen, died on Sunday, 29th ult. at his residence near Hamilton.

—Miss M. E. Lines, of this place, has two gemstones of the rose species, cut this year, measuring 1 foot 4 inches in circumference and 30 in height. It has been emphatically asserted that no man who has paid regular for his newspaper is ever taken by a mad dog. There will be a third meeting of the citizens of this place, viz: August 17th, 1877, at 11 o'clock.

—Col. L. L. Folk is expected to address the people of Rockingham, at Wadesboro, on the 24th inst. and those of Caswell, at Yanceyville, on the 24th.