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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY.

The rumors from Washington are conflicting. One report represents the President as yielding to the imperious demands of the Radicals, whilst still another report comes that he will remain firm in his policy.

Col. Alex. C. McClure, the editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Times, is acknowledged on all sides to be a politician of uncommon sagacity.

The great political problem that now awaits solution is the future relations of the President to sustain to the old-time leaders of the Republican party, and the issue is one that must be decided at an early day.

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he done all things precisely as the people of the North desired. But take it all and in all, his administration of public affairs has been really better than we had any right to anticipate.

His greatest failure has been in his appointments to office. He has had bad advisors or very imperfect information, or both. He has been doubtless the error of these selections, and he means to be more careful hereafter, according to Col. McClure.

Mr. Hayes was elected as a Republican, and it is best for him and the country that he should continue in that political creed. Democrats have no right to expect him to desert his party, and they could not respect him at heart if he were to be guilty of such desertion. They have no right to expect him to appoint Democrats to office, and have, consequently, no right to complain if he confines his selections and favors to those of his own political household.

We were surprised at the result in the House of the effort of the committee to reduce the army. It now turns out that the friends of increase triumphed because of Democratic absenteeism. This is not the first time in the history of legislation that the wrong has triumphed through the indifference or infidelity of those who had been chosen to watch over the people's interest.

The Russians have at last gained a grand victory at Kar, after long delay. After twelve hours fighting it was stormed and carried. The loss to the Turks is 5,000 killed and wounded, 10,000 prisoners, 800 guns, stores, ammunition, &c., and many flags, together with an important fortified town. The Russians lost 2,700 killed and wounded. They appear to have acted like civilized soldiers, sparing all peaceable citizens, women and children. This victory will have an important bearing no doubt in the future conduct of the war in Asia Minor, and will hasten the conclusion of the whole matter.

Hon. W. L. Steele offered an amendment to the bill in reference to the Paris Exhibition, providing that at least four of the Commissioners should be practical agriculturists. The amendment was adopted as it ought to have been, for it is a good one. Cox made an amusing speech. The bill will be disposed of to-day it is thought.

New Zealand flax is said to be of great value for manufacturing purposes, and to be well adapted to the South. It can be cultivated easily alongside of cotton. There is no limit to the demand and it is said to be more profitable than cotton even. A suitable ginning machine is needed, as no one that answers well has yet been invented.

Gov. Vance gives expression to the right sentiment—the sentiment that pervades the entire South, when, in asking for an increase of the militia of the State, he declares that from North Carolina there shall never be sent any call for United States troops for police duties, an idea utterly abhorrent to the principles of American liberty and the doctrines of States Rights.

FATHER-IN-LAW AND SON-IN-LAW.

If we may credit the statements of the Asheville Citizen, Judge Dick does not show much improvement. Experience to him brings no lessons of wisdom. Ephraim is clearly wedded to his idols, but we are of the decided opinion that it is not well for the public weal that he should be "let alone."

The grand jury, in a body, asked the Judge if they could send for persons and papers, and pursue an investigation against parties who had not been presented, when they were "satisfied that there had been violations of law or malfeasance in office."

The Citizen next gives the following specimen of Dick's scrupulousity: "Joshua Franks has sworn that he has perpetrated frauds on the government as deputy marshal since 1875. He was arrested last week, before the grand jury may have reason to believe that he had committed some of the most heinous crimes of which he is accused."

So much for "Father-in-law." Now, let us glance at the "Son-in-law." Douglas the inferior, "son of my father," the "Little Giant" of Illinois. Does his case improve? Are there no good reasons still pressing why this insupportable youth should be dismissed the civil service? According to the Citizen the Marshal is corrupt as well as incapable. It remarks:

"We have asked every deputy marshal we have met this week if, whenever an item was put in their accounts for expenses paid to wards, or for the purchase of guards and prisoners, (which they have to swear they actually pay out) if Marshal Douglas retained half of all such money, or only half of his legitimate fees, and every one has assured us that, in every instance, he has retained one-half, one-half of all accounts, including everything, expense accounts and all."

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THE PENITENTIARY.

Judge Kerr is quoted as declaring that the penitentiary is not reformatory. He states a fact that is beyond question. It is a robber of the gallows and of the red, an oppressor of the law-payer. If the red is barbarous, the penitentiary is inefficient. The dread of being confined within its walls does not amount to a deterrent from theft and robbery. Such minds as are possessed by those who go to the penitentiary after the inevitable delay of the law, can not be operated on in such a way. Swift and sharp what is needed. It costs too much money for so weak and inefficient an agent of reformation.

We clipped the above from one of our State exchanges some weeks ago, but neglected to write the name of the paper on the margin. We believe the views of Judge Kerr are correct. The great mass of the convicts do not regard the one, five, or more years spent in the penitentiary as a punishment. They rather enjoy it, as they have better quarters and better fare than they get outside. They do not work any harder than honest men work outside, and when they are sick the State pays for the medicine and the medical attendance.

We heard a gentleman from Robeson county say recently that he heard a negro who had served his term in the penitentiary express himself well satisfied with his experience, thought it a "splendid place," and but for seeing his wife and children would like to remain there always.

As to feeling the disgrace or degradation that attaches to a convict life the scoundrels are as innocent of it as they are of honesty or remorse. For many of the crimes committed now-a-days, the whipping-post, "without regard to race, color," &c., will be found more effective than good board and moderate work under an overseer.

"THE SOUTH ATLANTIC."

We have received the December number of this candidate for Southern support. Published in this city, edited and owned by a gifted lady who is a native of North Carolina, it has peculiar claims upon the people of Wilmington and of the State. But it is not narrow in its plans or limited by State lines in its aspirations. "No pent up Utica contracts its powers." It goes out and beyond our borders, and seeks to please, to edify, to entertain the cultured readers of all the States. In the number before us Virginia furnishes several contributors and South Carolina one, the sweetest and truest poet now living in "the land we love."

We have not had time to read the articles before us. When we state that Wm. Brookden Browne, Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, Prof. S. Hassell, John Eaton Cooke, Capt. Maffitt, Paul H. Hayne, and Capt. Samuel A. Ashe are among the contributors, we give assurance that the reader will find matter to entertain and instruct. The December number is a very great improvement upon the first, number in its size and mechanical "get up." The style of the cover is a very decided advance on the one that preceded it. We congratulate the editor upon the happy improvements, and trust she will meet with the most liberal and remunerative patronage. Wilmington ought to take at least three hundred copies. Our Living and Our Dead had one hundred and sixty-five subscribers here, and it was published elsewhere. Price \$3. Mrs. Cicero W. Harris, Editor and Proprietor, Wilmington, N. C.

DOGS AND SHEEP.

A correspondent from Columbus county, of the date of 19th inst., writes us as follows:

EDITOR WILMINGTON STAR:—The two articles recently in your valuable paper, on "Dogs and Sheep," are worth a year's subscription. Keep the subject before the people. Let us have a dog law, and let the law be pressed into execution. I could have a flock of two hundred head of sheep, at this place, at a profit of at least fifty per cent., but the worse than useless dogs of the county prevent me purchasing any. The tax on dogs and the profits of sheep growing would be enough to pay the entire expense of the gospel and of the common schools of the State. If I am correctly informed, the expense of dogs is more than the entire clergy of the United States. I pray, sir, chain up the dog.

I hope to read more editorials in your paper and in condemnation of the miserable dogs of this country.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

A business man on the wharf writes to Capt. Savage, the City Clerk and Treasurer, as follows: "I am credibly informed that there is a wide-spread belief, and it has existed for years past, among the farmers of many of the counties adjacent to Wilmington, that there is an ordinance of the city prohibiting them from selling their produce, such as cotton and naval stores, in this market, except through commission merchants or brokers. Now, will you please state for their information if there is now existing, or has existed, any such ordinance (except that taxing market carts ten cents) within the past twenty-five years, and oblige."

In reply to the above, we are requested by Capt. Savage to say that there is no ordinance of the city to prevent farmers or producers from bringing to this market and selling their own produce, from first hands. As to the placing of cotton, naval stores or any other articles of their own production into the hands of commission merchants or brokers, is a matter altogether for their own discretion and convenience. At least, there is no ordinance of the city affecting the same.

PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

A Board of Health for Pender county has been duly organized, the following physicians of that county being members: Dr. W. T. Eason, President; Dr. George P. Lucas, Vice President; Dr. B. T. Sanders, Secretary; Dr. James K. Powers, Treasurer. Besides these officers, the following members have been appointed upon the following sections, and are expected to make written reports, embracing the subjects to which they have been specially assigned: Diphtheria—Drs. S. S. Satchell, L. L. Alexander and W. F. Murphy.

The Botany of Pender, with its Medical Plants and Herbs—Drs. George F. Lucas, R. T. Sanders and W. T. Eason. Typhoid Fever—Drs. H. F. Murphy, James K. Powers and G. F. Lucas. Drinking Water and Drainage—Drs. S. S. Satchell, W. T. Eason and L. L. Alexander.

A constitution and by-laws, in accordance with the law, establishing a State Board of Health, have been adopted. The meetings will be held quarterly at the time and place designated by the President.

The proposed North Carolina Medical Journal has been cordially endorsed by the Board.

We are indebted to Dr. R. T. Sanders, Secretary, for the above facts.

WILMINGTON AND NEW RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The incorporators of this company, consisting of George Harris, Esq., Col. B. R. Moore and Dr. T. B. Carr, met at the office of the latter gentleman yesterday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when Dr. Carr made an interesting report of his recent reconnoitering trip.

The Doctor, who returned from his trip on Monday evening, stated that he left Masonboro' last Thursday afternoon, and arrived at New River on the following Saturday afternoon, making the entire trip in a small canoe with two colored hands, neither of whom were any more familiar with the route than he was himself. Returning he made the trip from New River to Sloop Point in six hours, and from New River to Masonboro' in nineteen hours, the entire distance being made through sounds, and showing by practical experience the inexactness of the theory advanced in the report of a survey of the inland Atlantic waters, made in 1875, to the effect that these sounds "are for the most part occupied by an intricate network of channels through which a canoe cannot pass."

Dr. Carr stated that from Topsail to Masonboro' he kept the channel straight through, making the distance in three hours, while the balance of the way he followed the channel next to the banks, which, from Topsail to New River, are high and heavily timbered, except where the lands are under cultivation. The Doctor is of the opinion that there will be no danger of storms interfering with navigation above Topsail.

The report was received with much pleasure, as indicating the feasibility of the enterprise to open a canal, with a tide-lock, from the Cape Fear River to the Sound, about six miles below the city, and thence to open up communication through the sounds to New River, and it was determined to meet again this afternoon to organize a company and appoint a time and place to open books for subscription to the capital stock.

Dr. Carr brought home with him some very fine New River oysters, which he distributed among his friends as souvenirs of his trip.

Body Recovered. We learn from Mr. E. Gause, one of the Smithville pilots, that the body of a drowned white man was found washed up on the river, about six miles below the city, on Saturday morning last. There were eight dollars in money in one of the pockets of the deceased, together with a number of orders bearing the name of Thaddeus Moore, the unfortunate gentleman from Point Caswell, Pender county, who was drowned off one of the wharves of this city two weeks ago yesterday. Coroner Leonard, of Brunswick, subsequently held an inquest over the body, the jury returning a verdict of accidental drowning, after which it was interred on the island, where it can easily be found by the family or friends of the deceased, who will no doubt wish to have it removed to Point Caswell.

The body drifted with the current full twenty-five miles, and Mr. Gause says that during his long experience as a pilot up and down the Cape Fear River he has never before known one to be carried such a distance. It looked fresh when first discovered and had suffered little or no mutilation.

Magistrate's Court.

A. J. Swinson, of Brunswick county, brought suit against the Carolina Central Railway Company, yesterday, to recover the value of two steers belonging to him, alleged to have been run over and killed by trains on that road, one on the 11th and the other on the 14th of the present month. The cases were heard before Justice E. D. Hall, yesterday afternoon, the statement of Swinson being corroborated by Benj. Jacobs, also of Brunswick. Judgment was rendered for the plaintiff in both cases, whereupon the defendants appeared to the Superior Court.

We venture the opinion that the trials will be both interesting and edifying when they come before a jury.

Mr. John London appeared for the plaintiff and Maj. C. M. Stedman for the defendants.

As a String Condition. About a week ago Mr. John D. Lamb, a merchant in Clinton, Sampson county, received a severe wound on the head from a hatchet in the hands of an employee, "whom he had engaged in some dispute, and on Tuesday night a gentleman, of this city, relative of Mr. Lamb, received a telegram to the effect that the wounded gentleman was in a dying condition, and requesting the immediate presence. Since that time there has been heard here in reference to Mr. Lamb's condition, but we learn that he is in a dying condition, and requesting the immediate presence. He made a condition precedent to his services as a Receiver that the amount due to his employees for past services should be paid.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.

Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company, held in Wilmington on Tuesday, the 20th of November, 1877.

Pursuant to published notice, the Stockholders of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company convened at the office of the Company, in this city, at 10 o'clock A. M., this day.

The meeting was called to order by the appointment of Col. J. B. Palmer, of Columbia, as Chairman, and J. W. Thompson as Secretary.

B. F. Newcomer, Esq., and the Secretary were appointed a committee to verify proxies and ascertain the number of shares of the capital stock of the Company represented.

The committee reported that 2,893 shares were represented, whereupon the meeting was declared to be duly organized.

The President of the Company, Hon. R. B. Bridges, then submitted the annual report of the President and Directors, with the reports of the Superintendent and Treasurer, all of which were ordered to be printed with the proceedings of this meeting.

The following resolution was offered and adopted: Resolved, That the Directors of this Company be authorized to make sale of the three tracts of land, in the county of Pender, and adjacent to the station on the line of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, called Burgess, and also of about three acres of land at or near the town of Tarboro, upon such terms and in such quantities as may by them be deemed most judicious, in accordance with the provisions of any resolutions of the Stockholders of said Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company on the subject matter of the sale of the lands referred to, that may be adopted at their annual meeting to be held this day, this Company hereby assenting, in all respects to the provisions and requests in said resolution.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when Hon. R. B. Bridges was unanimously elected President, and W. T. Walters and J. B. Palmer were elected Vice Presidents.

The following were elected Directors, viz: W. T. Walters, J. D. Cameron, Geo. S. Brown, S. M. Shoemaker, J. B. Palmer, L. D. Childs, B. F. Newcomer, H. B. Short and W. H. Graham.

On motion, it was resolved that the next annual meeting be held in Wilmington on the Tuesday next succeeding the third Monday in November, 1878.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. B. PALMER, Chairman.

J. W. THOMPSON, Secretary.

Proceedings of the Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company, held in Wilmington on Tuesday, the 20th of November, 1877.

The Stockholders of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company convened at the office of the President at 9 o'clock A. M. this day.

On motion of Hon. R. R. Bridges, Col. H. B. Short, of Columbus, was called to the chair, and J. W. Thompson was appointed Secretary.

B. F. Newcomer, W. A. Wright and J. W. Thompson were appointed a committee to examine proxies and ascertain the number of shares of the capital stock of the Company represented.

The committee reported that 723 shares were represented in person, and 5,287 shares by proxy.

The President, Hon. R. R. Bridges, then submitted the annual report of the President and Directors to the Stockholders of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company, lessee, which was read.

On motion of W. A. Wright, it was resolved, That, in accordance with a recommendation contained in the report of the President and Directors above referred to, the chairman appoint a committee of five Stockholders who reside in the State of North Carolina to examine the condition of the Road and its equipment, and to compare the rates, both for freight and passenger, at present in force, with those of former years when the management of the affairs of the Company was entirely in the hands of citizens of this State.

The Chairman named W. A. Wright and Donald McKee, of Wilmington, Fred. Phillips, of Tarboro, A. Branch, of Wilson, and N. M. Long, of Weldon; as the committee under the foregoing resolution.

Resolutions authorizing the sale of lands in Pender County and adjacent to Burgess, and in Edgecombe at or near Tarboro, were then offered and adopted.

An election for a President and ten Directors was then had, resulting in the choice of Hon. R. R. Bridges for President, and the following gentlemen for Directors, viz: W. A. Wright, George Harris, C. H. Brogden, W. H. Willard, George Howard, W. T. Walters, B. F. Newcomer, S. M. Shoemaker, A. J. DeRosset, and J. D. Cameron.

On motion it was resolved that the next annual meeting be held in Wilmington on the Tuesday next after the third Monday in November, 1877.

A vote of thanks was thereupon tendered to the Chairman, and the meeting was adjourned.

H. B. SNOW, Chairman.

J. W. THOMPSON, Secretary.

Back Pay.

It affords us pleasure to state that the back pay rolls of the Carolina Central Railway Company are now being paid in full. This speaks well for the bondholders, for, as we understand, under the foreclosure suit now pending at their instance, the employees could not have collected this money had they made objections. Especially are all those to whom the indebtedness of the company in North Carolina was due, under obligations to Capt. J. R. Grainger, the receiver, to receive, for by his persistent efforts in a great measure has relief been afforded to many laboring men. He made a condition precedent to his services as a Receiver that the amount due to his employees for past services should be paid.

Spirits Turpentine.

—Tom Slack, a "colored citizen" living near Charlotte, hurled a brick at his wife, who was rocking him, and broke her skull. It is thought she will die.

—Lincolnton Progress: Another convict escaped on Tuesday night from the upper stockade, while the prisoners were being fastened to a chain in the enclosure where they are kept at night with a guard over them. The convict was a negro named Henry Galloway. We were shown this week, by Mr. William Garrison, three nuggets of gold taken from a branch deposit on his plantation, the largest of which weighed 24 pennyweights. We understand that our townsman, Mr. B. S. Johnson, once found a nugget in the same branch which weighed three pounds and a half.

—Raleigh Observer: Only fifty-seven drummers were registered at the hotel yesterday. "Aunt" Caroline, the old and faithful servant of Maj. John Devreux, of this city, who has been suffering for many years with heart disease, died suddenly yesterday morning at Maj. Devreux's residence. She was the former slave of Maj. Devreux, and when the announcement came in 1805 that she was free, she said: "Mars John, don't cast me off, I want to stay as long as I can live just as I am." She died, and served her master and mistress as she had done before, and in that household there was nothing too good but old "Aunt" Caroline should have her part.

—Raleigh News: We understand that a dispatch was received by Genl. Robinson, of the North Carolina Railroad, yesterday, that his son-in-law, Mr. Zack Pace, formerly of Company Shops, but recently an engineer on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, was killed by an accident on that road last Saturday, and that his wife is on her way with his corpse for burial at Company Shops. Ninety-three boxes were ready yesterday, preparatory to sending out the extra copies of the laws of 1877-78, which are now nearly ready for delivery. The young man High who tried to kill his father and mother in Columbus county last week, was pursued and captured in Greenville, S. C., a requisition being issued from that county in Columbia, and he was returned and lodged in Whiteville jail.

—Concord Sun: A negro named John Gill, in the employ of Mr. Teeter, near Harrisburg, was on his way to a mill last Monday, when he was thrown from his mule and his leg badly crushed.

—Concord Sun: A verdict was returned Sunday evening, found John Klutz was found lying dead in the road, near Tulin, this county. Special Coroner E. G. Ervin empaneled a jury and proceeded to hold an inquest over the body, and returned a verdict that the deceased died a natural death. We regret to learn that the wife of our esteemed friend, Dr. Columbus Mills, had her leg broken this week by a fall from a door step.

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—Monroe Express: The Rocky River Baptist Association held its annual session with the Prospect Church, Stanley county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October. We learn that the Association was well attended and its meeting harmonious and pleasant.

—Larceny, highway robbery and burglary have become such common crimes that in many parts of the country no man's property is safe, and a man is hardly any part of the State where it is safe.

—Mr. John Houston, father of Mr. H. M. Houston, President of the People's Bank, at Monroe, died at his residence a few miles north of this city on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Mr. Houston was one of the oldest citizens in the county. He would have been 93 years of age on Christmas day.

—Mr. Allen Chancy has a three and a half acre tract of land near Clinton town, on which he made this year 77 bushels of wheat, 103 bushels of corn, 17 bushels of peas, and 1300 bushels of fodder. This result was reached by high manuring.

—Asheville Pioneer: Tuesday Mr. Erwin Sluiter killed a slop-sucker, aged 14 months and 16 days, whose combined weight pulled down the scales at 1,138 pounds. The case of W. H. Deaver, ex-Deputy Revenue Collector, charged with larceny, was continued to the next term, as well as the case of Rev. W. C. McCarthy, charged with embezzlement. To-day two weeks ago Ned Boone shot and fatally wounded John W. Woodin, a grocery store owner from Bainsville. The grocery is owned by C. F. Young, and at the time of the shooting Boone was acting as bar-tender. Woodin was conveyed to his home, where he lingered for a few days, and died on Thursday, when he had been in the hospital for several days. Judge Dick has appointed Mr. A. H. Summey U. S. Commissioner. Mr. Lamar Guider has been appointed U. S. Deputy Marshal at Clinton. Mr. Esterson has been appointed Deputy U. S. Marshal at the few old officers that Marshal Douglas has seen proper to nominate. At the solicitation of members of both political parties, Mr. H. E. Chancy has been appointed U. S. Deputy Marshal at Clinton.

—Charlotte Observer: Mr. N. Dumont, of the firm of Griffith & Dumont, land agents and editors of the Charlotte Call, left yesterday morning for a two months' trip through the North, with a view of inducing the people of that section to emigrate to North Carolina. Mecklenburg Superior Court will be convened on Monday by Judge Kerr. The docket is as large as it has been within the past three years, and there are thirty-two prisoners in jail, and ten or fifteen cases on the criminal docket, while the civil docket contains over two hundred cases. There is one murder case, that of Rufe Lowrance, colored, for killing Huntsucker, a case against Hobbs, colored, for shooting a man from Iredell county; that against Kirkpatrick for forgery, and others of importance, which will consume much time.

—Rafus Young, colored, was tried at the last Spring term of Rowan Superior Court on charge of murder and convicted. The Supreme Court granted him a new trial, and at the recent term of Rowan Court he was again tried, and this time acquitted. Immediately he was held on another charge of assault with intent to commit rape, and the trial resulted in his conviction and sentence to ten years in the penitentiary. On Monday last he was taken to the head of the Western North Carolina Railroad, and, under the guard of the soldiers there, to work on the line. On Thursday he attempted to escape, and was fired upon and killed by the guard, and Friday saw the earth close over the remains of this misguided wretch. The Porter case, a well known case in this county, embracing 5804 acres, was sold at the courthouse, yesterday, by W. L. Vall, commissioner, and was bid off by J. W. Wads-worth, Esq., for the sum of \$5,015.

—The most curious precedents of the egg kingdom ever exhibited at this office was brought in yesterday. It is shaped precisely like a gourd, and has one end as perfect a handle as any gourd ever produced. It is a gentleman of this city took off one of the trees in his yard, Sunday, what he believes to be a genuine specimen. It is many-faceted and in other respects resembles this year's crop. A young man in this city is engaged in writing a book to be called "This Clean Shirt of Mine." It is a romance, as every citizen of Charlotte would know if we were to call the name of the author.