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PREJUDICE AND MISREPRESEN. TATION.

Few men are really fair and just. In controversy they will readily expose their proneness to take undue advantage of an opponent or adversary. To be just and fear not is a very rare virtue. When we read the political history of the last twenty years how much of unmitigated prejudice and inexcusable misrepresentation crops out? The Northern press, with here and there an exception, fairly teemed with misstatements during the first years that immediately followed the war. With possibly a majority of the papers of that section this habit of traducing and pervert ing still continues, and the South cannot be justly and fairly treated at their hands. Its measures, its purposes, its desires, its public men are all misrepresented. You may correct a false statement, but it will be reproduced after a while, just as if no contradiction of its falsity had been made. You may vindicate the good name of some honored and worthy representative Southerner, but the old lies and the stereotyped 'slanders will be revived from time to time as it nothing had been said to disprove them.

We take a recent instance. The Philadelphia Press is an able Republican paper. It lately professed to have entered upon an independent course whilst remaining true to the Republican party. It is certainly more intensely partisan, and more unfair than it was under Col. Forney's more recent management. In an editorial on "Senatorial Degeneracy," it well says: "There was a time when the Senate was looked up to as an illustration of the most eminent statesmanlike ability. In eloquence, learning, and all the qualities of political leadership, it stood pre-eminent. That was the time when the American people appreciated true worth, and honored the men who reflected honor on them by the splendor of their genius. In those days seats could not be bought; Legislatures were not venal, and mediocrity was not preferred to solid merit. Senators were not chosen as the agents of office-jobbers and office-seekers; they represented their States and the nation, not the interests of mercenary cliques." We accept this as true. Until the Republican party got possession of the government, and Congress passed completely under its control, the United States Senate was an august body. When the men of the South, who, according to Charles Sumner, controlled and shaped the policy of this country, were dominant in that body-when Calhoun, Clay, Badger, Berrien, Preston, Rives, and men of that type were the leaders, thep indeed was the Senate "an illustration of the most eminent statesmanlike ability"-then indeed "in eloquence, learning, and all the qualities of political leadership it stood pre-eminent." But how changed it became under a new regime? When the Republicans got possession-when men of bitter prejudices and narrow views got control, then the era of rascality, corruption, bribery and jobbery dawned upon the country-then "Senators" were "chosen as the agents of office-jobbers and office-seekers," and they became the representatives "of mercenary cliques." A violent and disastrous change was then introduced, and under the change the character of the whole country went down, all blistered and stained.

scrupulous bonesty. He was as innocent of the crimes and cruelties charged upon him as are any of his traducers. Only last week Judge Merrimon came to his defence in an able, exhaustive speech, in which he fully exposed the dishonest dealings of the Republicans with South Carolina, showed the absolute falsity of the charges brought by Republicans against the people of that State. Senator Ransom also came to the defense of Gen. Butler in a speech that created much comment because of its eloquence and point. We intended to copy one paragraph from his mas-

terly rejoinder to Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, in which he eulogizes Gen. Butler, but our copy of the speech has disappeared. We give a part of the New York Sun's account of the scene.

"Then Mr. Hoar spoke with a good manner and a bad cause. It was a harder fight than the afternoon's attack on a man charged with bargaining the seat he stands indicted for buying. Very dexterously, standing among the empty desks on the Republican side of the empty chamber, Mr. Hoar turned the current of remarks and brought Mr. Ransom to his feet. Dark hair, dark skinned, flushed to a darker color by excitement, his voice husky with assion, he shouted his answer with a ve hemence that woke the sleepy chamber. It was necessary that some things should be said by the majority, become a minority which had been said before. Hoar said hem. Ransom answered the old answer, and there was a certain unusual thrill as he linked to the new change in parties the early memories of the Senate's opening years, as he reminded the Senate that it was keeping knocking at its doors the kinsman of its earliest, oldest jurist, the elder Butler.

"He all but gave the lie to the placidfaced New Englander, who sat twenty feet off. . He raised his voice until the sleepers on the lounges roused, and men in the easy dishabille of a night session stood in the shadow of the cloak room doors. Still he spoke, his face growing darker, his voice huskier, his gesture more wildly violent, and through his vehemence there came a fitness that the return of South Carclina to its old representation in the Senate should be so demanded. His voice had thickened to a hoarse whisper as he dropped to his seat, fainting, flushed and dizzy. On the instant Hoar began to speak, but opposite o him there was a stir, a call for water, the hasty gathering of a little group of frightened men, and out of it Ransom was led, limp, stumbling, feeling his way with un-certain steps, his shoulders dropped, his arms swinging, his face purple, his eyes ROWARD CONIGNASION KILLED. We have never been called upon

to report a sadder occurrence than the accidental killing of Edward Co nigland, Esq., of Halifax, N. C., Tuesday afternoon, by a railroad train. He was returning from his plantation to his home, on the out- The Board being called to order, the min skirts of the town, and was walking upon the railroad track. Being extremely deaf, he neither heard the cars nor the repeated signals of alarm, and was hurried into eternity without any sense of impending danger and death. We knew him well. A noble man has fallen with his mental pow ers in unabated vigor. We write the simple truth when we say that brave, chivalrous, honest, just, true man has thus perished under the most saddening biroumstances. He was a gentleman of fine abilities, was well read m certain departments, and was a capital lawyer. He was widower, but leaves several children to mourn over their melancholy bereavement. He was thrice married, was a native of Ireland, and was about sixty-two years of age. No

man in Halifax county was held in higher esteem, and no man more deserved the confidence of the people. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Deldue lanen The clements

5) mixed in him, that Nature might stand up And say to all the world, This was a man We are pleased to see it stated that

Senator Butler, of South Carolina, will soon make a statement, in the U. S. Senate, of the Hamburg massacre, and demand an investigation. He has been the object of unmitigated abuse and slander, but now that his voice can be heard he will demand a scrutinzing investigation into the whole matter. Heretofore the investigations have been ex parte, without his knowledge, and in the interests purely of the Radical bull-

COUNTY COMMISSION KHS. Abstract of Proceedings in Regular

alession. The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon in regular monthly session; present, J. G. Wagner, Esq., Chair-man, and Commisners I. B. Grainger, B. G. Worth, D. S. Sanders and Duncan

utes of the last regular and special meet ings were read, and, on motion, the same were ordered approved.

The following county officers came be fore the Board and renewed their official bonds for the ensuing year, according to the requirements of the law, with good and sufficient sureties, viz: E. Hewlett, County Treasurer; S. H. Manning, Sheriff; J. E. Sampson, Register; John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court; E. D. Hewlett, Coroper. ant hil of analy

A communication of A. Hocut, in reference to tax assessment, was ordered referred to the Finance committee.

On application from the following named persons they were granted licenses to retail spirituous liquors in the city of Wilmington for the term of three and six months, respectively: H. C. Dravo, R. J. Scarborough, John Meyer, Wm. Ulrich, L. Vollers, Mrs. A. K. Heyer, Cobb Bros., D. R. Canaday, J. G. Oldenbuttel, Henry Ohlandt, R. F. Eyden, Mary Davis, E. Bryson, F. Luhrs It was ordered that the Chairman and Commissioner Worth be appointed a committee to cause to be repaired the public

bridge over Smith's Creek. It was ordered that a special committee consisting of the Chairman and Commis sioner Worth, be appointed to consult with His Honor, Judge O. P. Meares, and Solicitor Moore in regard to certain indictments found by the Grand Jury at the last term of the Criminal Court against Commissioner Duncan Holmes. The annual report of the Sheriff of the county of New Hanover in relation to the school fund was presented, approved and ordered spread on the seconds of official re-

ports and placed on file. It was ordered that all the annual reports of Magistrates be referred to the Finance committee for examination before being approved. It was resolved that the clerk of Audi

Committee enquire into the valuation of John Bissit's real estate, and, if there is any error, correct the valuation.

Application of Whitman Wilson, to be

The petition of Jenny Williams, in refer-

A communication from Commissioner

warded to Gov. Vance his resignation as

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 3, 1877.

To the Board of County Commissioners, New

GENTLEMEN,-I would respectfully

form you that I have forwarded to Governo

Vance my resignation of the seat which

pleasant, but, as you are aware, I only

originally consented to serve after consider

this has now been accomplished; the ord

debt incurred by the county has been paid promptly in cash, and there is now no float-ing debt whatever and no necessity of there

I am yours, respectfully, I. B. GRAINGER

that I have been with you,

The Cotton Compress.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

Hangeer County;

self and the other party.

North Carolina Conference.

[Raleigh News' report condensed.] Friday morning, 9½ o'clock, the Conference convened according to adjournment, Bishop D. S. Doggett D. D., in the chair, who conducted the religious services, reading 2d chapter 1st Timothy. Singing and prayer.

Bishop Doggett made a statement in regard to his inability to reach here before this time. The cause was on account of the broken line of travel. Bishop Doggett said the reading of

THIRD DAY.

the minutes suggested to him a mat-ter upon which he wished to say a word. He then made a statement in reference to the telegram of the Associated Press, announcing the death of Bishop Marvin, and while it lacked confirmation, he was fearful that it was true.

The following telegram from Bi shop Keener was read:

HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., November 29, 1877.

Thomas S. Campbell is transferred to the North Carolina Conference. BISHOP KEENER. [Signed] Pending this call, Dr. Craven said there were several communications from the publishing house at Nashville, which the Bishop ordered to be read.

The first read was from Dr. Thos. O. Summers, in relation to the Nash ville Christian Advocate, and the The second was from Dr. J. B.

McFerrin, on the subject of Missions, and which gave the assessments made upon the different Conferences. North Carolina Conference was assessed \$5.830.

The third was from Dr. Redford on the liabilities of the Publishing House, &c. Rev. D. R. Burton moved that the first and third be referred to the committee on Books and Periodicals, and the second to the committee on Missions. The reference was so made.

Rev. J. R. Ball, fraternal messenger from the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced and invited to a seat in the Conference.

The ministers on Raleigh, Hillsboro, Greensboro and Salisbury Disricts then passed an examination of character, and were continued on the effective list.

Rev. J. R. Ball made a few remarks on his mission as fraternal

The presiding elders of each of the

districts in which these preachers had been laboring were questioned as to the character of each, and the answers being satisfactory, they were all admitted into full connection, except J. F. Craven, J. N. Randall and

Under the next question, to-wit: What traveling preachers are elected elders?" the following appeared in Person county was so badly bitten in the and were duly elected: J. J. Holden, arm by a sow that her arm had to be am-W. H. Watkins, T. P. England, L. E. Stacey, Philip Greening.

T. P. England, having been unable to work for the past year, was, by resolution, added to the superannuated list.

A collection of \$77 was taken up for his benefit." Under the question, "What local

preachers are elected deacons?" the following were reported: Thos. Rea-gan, Alfred Carsen, Jos. M. Matthews, R. M. Hoyle, J. T. Littlejohn, Jas. W. Craig and Kagler. Their characters having been approved, they were duly elected. Under the question, "What local preachers are elected elders?" the following were reported: Edward A. Wilson and Abner K. Murchison. David Brown was reported as having been elected at the Conference at

Charlotte, but not yet ordained. The above having stood satisfactory examinations as to character, were declared elected elders. Dr. A. H. Redford then addressed

the Conference for over an hour in advocacy of the claims of the Publishing House, the time for the adjournment having been extended for a half hour to allow him to conclude. The committee to whom was referred the question of the division of the Conference, with a view of combining the western portion of its territory with the seventeen counties of the extreme western part of the State, now attached to the Holston conference, have decided to report in favor

of memorializing the General Conference to this effect. FIFTH DAY.

Mr. Robinson then asked that the Conference consider the question of memoralizing the General Conference

for a division of the Narth Carolina Conference, in ,

Spirits Turpentine.

- Charlotte Observer: A friend at Center on the Charlotte & Statesville Rail road writes us that Dr. W. B. Mott, who lives near that place, yesterday morning, killed a shoat which weighed 538 pounds. - The land of J. T. A. Davis, known as C. A. Gault, who were reported by the committee of examination as hav-ing been prevented from standing their examinations on the studies pre- 168 acres, and was bought by J. M. Davis scribed by sickness or from other at \$16 per scre. - There were even forty causes. Sunday, among many other transient

guests. - Reidsville Times: A little girl putated. She was a child of Jefferson Brooks. — We are giving the northern-ers a good season around Reidsville. They can't understand how well our dogs are trained or how quickly a tar heel can "bring down" a bird. But they say that we shoot well "on the wing." They have tried us. ____ The published statement that Tom Evans intends running a daily or any

other kind of paper at Danville is news to this writer

-Morganton Blade: A one horse farmer of Burke left in our office an ear of corn with 1,370 grains on it. --- Mr. Vance, on Wednesday, presented to the House of Representatives a paper relating to the establishment of a post route from Burnsville to Green Mountain, N. C. --- Pleasant Home, about six miles from Lincolnton, has been established as a postoffice, with Mr. B. C. Wood as postmaster. — Two lunatics are confined in the Bingham school. — Columbus Holse, a young man living with Mr. Shuffler, on Irish Creek, had his leg broken last Wednesday by a limb fall. ing from a tree on him.

- Raleigh News: In Harnett county, near Lillington, at Murchison's mill, one night last week, at a corn shucking, two negroes, Albert McLean and Vander Murchison, got into a fight, when the latter bit the little finger of one of the hands of the former. The finger inflamed and mortification ensued, from which the negro died three days after the bite. ----Pursuant to an order made at the last meeting of Orange Presbytery, Revs. J. A. Filzgerald and C. H. Wiley, on Sunday, duly installed Rev. Jas. M. Atkinson as pastor of the 2nd Presbyterian Church of this city. The interesting services took place in the chapel of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and were witnessed by a large atlendance.

- Newbern Nut Shell: The cotton gin, gin house and cotton screw with ten bags of cotton already for packing, were burned on the plantation of Mr. Richard Russell, in the upper part of this county, twenty miles from Newbern, about seven o'clock, P. M., on the 30th of November last. Cause, carelessness. ---- Saturday mornion last, at half past four o'clock, Mr. this city, was awakened by the cry of fire, mer the and, on going out, found his gin house and grist mill in flames. Mr. Green's loss is heavy: Two cotton gins, six bales of cotton, a trass of cotton seed, engine and boiler, a large amount of grain, the using in value to \$2,000. A number r. Green's tenants lost small amounts of course and seed. No insurance. Incendiary work.

But the Press, to show how it appreciates the truth, and how elevated are its ideas and principles, has this

to say:

"In the latter part of his administration ex-Governor Kellogg showed certain quali-ties that went far to redeem his previous record, but he is not what a Senator from Louisiana ought to be. Possibly he is as good as can be elected under the present circumstances, and he may turn out to be much better than is anticipated. As for Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, his career is such as to disqualify him for a grave deliberative body. He is violent and overbearing in temper, reckless in the mode of attaining

staring; all the glory and the strength gone out of the strong speaker."

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Judging from the telegraphic synopsis of the President's Message it is very much such a document as the country had a right to expect. He is clearly opposed to the Silver Bill, and is strongly in favor of the Resumption Act. We will not comment now upon what he has said. We will await the reception of the text of the Message before we discuss any of its | paid. This will add 300 per cent. to features. He reiterates his views on civil service reform 'as expressed in The settlement of the State's debts is his inaugural address. He justifies the action of the Government in or- not be arrived at soon we fear.

dering U. S. troops to pursue raiders upon Mexican soil upon the ground that in no other way could the lives Pittsburg rioters have been tried, has and property of citizens be protected. sentenced them to imprisonment He, however, disclaums all intention or | varying from six months to six years desire to provoke hostilities with our and ten months according to the neighboring Republic. He indorses generally the recommendations of the judges will never make human life Secretaries of War, and Navy, and chesp or give a bribe for the perpethe Postmaster General. He dwells tration of crime. We remarked a with satisfaction upon his conduct in few days ago upon the action of the removing the troops from the South, and points to the excellent results in sponsible for the murders, arsons and proof of the wisdom of his course. Whilst no one section will be satisfied probably with all that he says, we believe the general judgment will. be that it is a patriotic and, in the main, a judicious document. The North will no doubt be delighted with his views upon the silver bill and the policy of resumption. The country at large, with the exception of demagogues, office-holders, and bull-dozers, will be gratified at his views upon civil service and a constitutional policy. His views in regard to the Mexican question will possibly provoke adverse criticism in every section and among papers of all parties. But no proper criticism can be indulged until the exact words of his message are before the country.

Judge Humphreys has delivered an opinion favorable to John J. Patterson, and he has been discharged. Gov. Hampton, of South Carolina, had made a requisition for the varlet, but the Judge held that South Carolina had no power to vacate the Senator's commission. He was no fugitive from justice, but was in Wash-

dozers. Day is breaking, and honest men and slandered men can be heard once more.

The leading papers of Tennessee are discussing the proposed settle-

ment of the State debt on a basis of 60 cents in the dollar. The Nash-Moore appointed in his place. ville Banner shows most conclusively that this means 70 cents for the general tax. Then add 10 cents for school purposes, and 80 cents on each he can find employment for them. \$100 of property will have to be the rate fixed by the last Legislature. a very knotty question -one that will

Judge Kilpatrick, before whom the list. ence to tax assessment, was referred back for the want of proper information. aggravation of the offense. Such was appointed to fill the vacancy. grand jury who held the railroads reon motion, a request made that the same destruction of property, and not the be published. It is appended, as follows: mob.

Bay Line Freight via Steamer to Wil-

mington. The Norfolk Virginian of Sunday, says: "The fine large steamer Metropolis, chartered from a New York Company, arrived here last night. She is to make connection with the Bay Line steamers from Baltimore, and will transfer all freights for the W. & W. R. R. to Wilmington for shipment to the stations on that railroad. Apropos of this, several of the railroad clerks in this city connected with the Atlantic Coast Line will leave for Wilmington, N. C., to-morrow morning to conduct the business of the company." utob vioniso The Weekly Washington Star, an adver-

tisement of which appears in this issue, is undoubtedly the leading paper published in Washington, D. C., and to any one desirous of subscribing to a paper published at the National Capital, we would for general purposes unhesitatingly recommend it

Latest from Conference. [Raleigh Observer.]

SALISBURY, Dec. 3-9 P. M. The election of delegates to the General Conference to meet in At lanta, May next, consumed the great-er portion of the day. The follow-ing were elected on the first ballot: Revs. N. H. D. Wilson, L. S. Burk-head, W. S. Black, B. Craven. On the third ballot Revs. E. A. Yates

relieved of a tax assessment on one half of messenger, which were listened to a certain lot claimed to belong to himself. with interest. and another, was ordered referred back to

Rev. P. J. Carraway, fraternal the applicant to be adjusted between himmessenger to the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in North Carolina, made a verbal re-Application of Alexander A. Jones, 40

port of his mission. be discharged as road master of the Nigger Dr. Craven introduced the follow-Head Road, was granted, and James Hardy

ing resolutions: Resolved, That we receive Rev. . On application, Duncan Holmes, Super R. Ball, fraternal messenger from the intendent of the County Work House, was North Carolina Conference of the granted permission to work the county Methodist Protestant Church, with prisoners (under guard) at any place where great pleasure. We assure him, and through him the church he repre-It was ordered that the proposition o sents, that we receive his kind fra-Cronly & Morris, to list, compute and deternal greeting most cordially. Resolved, That two fraternal mesliver the tax books of Wilmington township, and compute and deliver those of the sengers be appointed to bear the

other townships for 1878 (the same as pregreetings of this Conference to the pared by them this yeas) for \$650, be ac-North Carolina Conference of the cepted as final, with the understanding Methodist Protestant Church. The resolutions were unanimously that it cover the returning of the delinquent

> adopted. The Secretary read a letter from the representative of the Society of Friends in North Carolina, Isham Cox.

The resignation of James Grant, over-The greeting of the fraternal messeer of the public road from the four-mile senger was acknowledged and replied post to the seven-mile post, on the Newto by Rev. Dr. Wilson, who had been bern road, was granted, and Garret Walker fraternal messenger from the Conference to the yearly meeting of the Friends, and who gave an interesting B. Grainger, announcing that he had for account of his kind reception by the yearly meeting. member of the Board, was received, and

The Secretary read the reports of the Presidents of Trinity and Davenport Colleges and from the Building committee of Davenports Indiana Dr. Jones, President of Greensboro Female College, read his report concerning that institution, stating the average examination of the Senior class to be 71 where 9 was the maxihold at your Board. I regret that the de-mands of my own private business prevent mum standard of excellence. my serving out the remaining year of my term, as my intercourse with you has been The reports, on motion of Dr.

Closs, were referred to the committee ELEDY IFOURTH DAY. Vold

ble urging on the part of many of our citizens and with the distinct understanding, [Charlotte Observer report condensed.] that as soon as the finances and expenditures of the county could be put on a pro-per footing I should be at liberty to retire. Rev. D. R. Brnton moved that the election of delegates to the General Thanks to the harmonious and earnest Conference, to be held in Atlanta efforts of all the members of your Board next May, he made the special order for Monday at 10 o'clock. The monary expenses of the county have been decreased nearly one half; the old debt prior tion prevailed. to January, 1877, has been funded on a reduced basis, and since that time every

In answer to an inquiry of the Bishop, Rev. Dr. Craven, the Secretary, informed the Conference that it was entitled to fourteen-seven min being any in the future; and in addition to isterial and seven lay delegates.

that you will now be in a position to ma-The Bishop stated to the Confeterially reduce the taxes for next year, as during this year you have had to levy taxes for one year and nine months in place of one year. Thanking you all for the kind renge that he was at last enabled to make an official announcement of the death of Bishop Marvin. The Nashand courteous manner in which each of you has treated me during the whole year ville Christian Advocate, the official organ of the Church, had come to hand, and contained full particulars. The question, "Who remain on trial?" was asked.

In answer to this the following were reported: W. B. Doub, E. J. The Wilmington Compress and Ware-Eudailey, W. S. Creary, J. T. Lyon, F. A. Bishop, J. B. Carpenter.

On m 'ion this election of d. 'was agreed Rev. T. I. Legram, late of the Methodist Procession quarch, then came forward and took the vows of ordination.

(Election of delegates to General Conference next took place. We have already published the list of the

elected). The committee on the division the Conference then reported. After setting forth various reasons for a division the report concluded, as follows:

"With these reasons stated, your committee submit the following:

"Resolved. That we, as a Conference, memorialize the General Conference, which meets in Atlanta in May next, to transfer to the North Carolina Conference all the territory in the State of North Carolina within the bounds of the Virginia and Holston Conferences.

"Resolved, But if in the wisdom of that body they should refuse the request to transfer the territory of the Virginia Conference in this State, and will transfer us the territory of the Holston Conference within this State, we request that a division be made. the line running along the Eastern boundaries of the Charlotte and Salisbury districts on the east, and with the State lines of North Carolina on the west."

A considerable discussion followed, when Dr. Craven called the previous question and moved the adoption of the report as recommended by the committee. The motion prevailed by what appeared to be about a two-The Conference then adjourned till 9:30 this morning.

THE MEMORIAL SERMON. By resolution of the Conference,

passed at Salisbury, Bishop Doggett was requested to preach a funeral ser-mon of the late Bishop Marvin, on Sunday morning, at the Methodist Church.

By 9 o'clock Sunday morning the congregation began to assemble, and long before the commencement of the services the large and handsome church was filled to its utmost capacity.

The text was taken from velations, twenty-second chapter a. fourteenth verse: "Blessed are they which do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

The theme was "Evangelical obedience, or the majesty of the law in the plan of human salvation."

We have not the space to follow the line of argument adopted by the Bishop. Suffice it to say that his exposition was clear and logical, and there were a que s in his discourse full and and enquence

- Raleigh Observer: Sheriff A. R. Cox, of Randolph, is the second on our list. but was really the first Sheriff in the State to settle his taxes, as he notified the State Treasurer that he was in readiness before the first Sheriff settled. ---- The Commissioner of Agriculture left yesterday for Norfolk, where, by appointment, he is to meet the Fish Commissioners of Maryland, Vir-

gibia, and probably Prof. Baird, of the U. S. Fish Commission, and from thence they will make a survey of the principal fishing grounds on the Albemarle Sound and other waters, with a view to establishing a large hatchery for supplying the three States with shad fry by next spring. ---- Governor Vance has accepted the invitation and will deliver the annual address at the Sampson County Fair, which commences at Clinton on the 12th instant. We learn that the Society are making unusually large preparations for making the coming fair eclipse any

of former years.

- Asheville Pioneer : Thursday there passed through here two immense buhr stones, that were quarried out on the premises of Mr. George Gahagan, in Madison county. They are intended for Alex. McBeeb, of Greenville, S. C., and are said to be equal to the French buhr. ---- About three weeks ago Mr. James Ingle, of Spring Creek, Madison county, visited the counties west of this place for the purpose of buying cattle. Nothing has been seen or heard from him for about fourteen days, and his friends are apprehensive that he has been murdered, as it was generally known that he had a large sum of money with him. It is rumored here that his horse, and some of his papers have been found in the woods of Jackson county. — A gentleman from Marshall, in Madison county, informs us that on Wednesday last, a youth named. Neal Tweed had a preliminary hearing before a magistrate in that place, charged with attempting to rape a little gril aged ten years, the daughter of a resident physician. The prisoner was jailed.

- Charlotte Observer: Z. L. Morris, Esq., a well known citizen of Mal-lard Creek township, died yesterday at his residence, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which he suffered some time ago. —About two hundred car leads of freight have been shippen North by the route via Morehead City, thence by steamer, since it was opened last Wednesday. Of this amount about half was shipped from Char-lotte. — During the month of Novem-ber fifty-eight deeds and mortgages were recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg county. -South Iredell has another fire to record. Thursday night the corn crib on the premises of Mr. James White, who lives near Moores-ville, on the Charlotte & Statesville Railroad, was fired by an incendiary and burned to the ground, with Mr. White's entire crop of corn for the year. The build-ing, with its contents, might have been saved, but the incendiary, with devilish ingenuity, had previously thrust a log into the artesian well, the only water supply on the premises, and had thus completely chocked it up.

- Raleigh News: The lecture of Gov. Vance upon the subject of the "Dema-gegue" was delivered at Tucker Hall on Thursday evening before a very cultivated audience, who evinced by their applause their appreciation of the placence which

