

qualified for the place. He made an excellent circuit Judge, and he ranks high as a lawyer. We have no information as to whether his friends will urge his name before the Convention or not.

The other gentleman who has been mentioned in at least three papers, is Marcellus V. Lanier, of Granville. He is a gentleman of such modesty, and lives in such a quiet, retired way he is not known even to the legal profession as he deserves to be. He mained is an unusual scholar for our State, being more or less acquainted with some half dozen languages. It was the opinion of the late Chief Justice Pearson that no more learned lawyer appeared before the Supreme Court. It is not two years since one of the ablest advocates in the Raleigh district said that the first four hours of Mr. Lanier's argument in a case tried before Mr. Wm. Eaton, of Warren, was equal in ability to anything he his Administration. With one or two ever heard from Mr. George E. Badger. Mr. Lanier 18 a very devout Christian, is a member of the Presby-\_terian Church, and never held an office | wisdom and a proper regard for the in his life. He will not seek a nomination. That is not his style. In the or nine months his course has been wild scramble such men will not be heard from. We, nevertheless, do not think that so great a lawyer should be overlooked, as his name will amend and do better in the fuhas been mentioned several times in connection with the Supreme Court. The STAR does not mean to indicate any preferences. It is only anxious to see the right men chosen-men who are qualified intellectually, physically, and, which is of the utmost importance, morally. None but pure,

ported for that high position. "Since 1840 the inumber of sheep in Connecticut has fallen from 500,000 to 4,000. Prot. Brewer attributes the extra-

true, virtuous men should be sup-

ordinary decline to dogs."-New York Sun. Is it not a serious reflection upon the intelligence of any people that such a statement as this can be truly made? To enjoy the laxury of keeping a million or so of useless dogs that eat off their heads every two weeks, a half million of sheep are destroyed, and the breed becomes extinct. When will the people wake up and learn their own interest? Will the voters of North Carolina see to it that sheep husbandry finds a protector hereafter in the shape of a j

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1877: half to the service of one or more "I ask the attention of the public to the paramount necessity of reform in our Civil Service-a reform not merely as to certain abuses and practices of so-called officia patronage which have come to have the sanction of usage in the several departments of our government, but a change in the system of appointment itself; a reform that shall be thorough, radical and complete-a return to the principles and practices of the founders of the government. They neither expected nor desired from public officers any partisan service. They meant that public officers should owe their whole service to the government and the people. They meant that the officer should be secure in his tenure

as long as his personal' character reuntarnished and the performance of his duties satisfactory. They held that appointments to office were views. not to be made or expected merely as rewards for partisan services, nor merely on the nomination of members of Congress as being entitled in any respect to the control of such appointments.

In nearly every particular his subsequent acts have stamped insincerity upon these judicious and timely sentiments. It is a misfortune to the country that such is the case. Mr. Hayes did well in the beginning of exceptions he selected a better Cabinet than was expected, and his earliest acts were marked with discretion, cation among the masses.

Constitution. But for the last eight singularly disappointing, and has been distinguished by much weakguires have given it a same that is ness and vacillation. Whether he

## SUPERINTENDENTS.

ture cannot be foretold.

Tennessee has a Superintendent of Public Instruction for, each of its three grand divisions. Virginia has one Superintendent, and an excellent one he 18, Rev. Dr. Ruffner, with a county superintendent of public schools for each county. We noticed in our exchanges some time ago that there was a prospect of a change being made in Virginia. A joint committee on constitutional amendments in the Legislature have agreed to report a bill abolishing that office (county superintendent), and to devolve its duties upon the school trus-Post says: tees. We doubt if the change will prove a wise one, unless very capa-

ble trustees can be secured in each county. The difficulty will be not in finding men of intelligence and education, but in finding such men who are willing to devote a part of their time to an active supervision.

congregations, receiving from each, say \$300 or more. But the point is to get an efficient system of supervision. The General Superintendency. the District Superintendency, and the County Superintendency will secure the desired end. As we have said, the latter may be effected either by an officer appointed under the present

Virginia plas, or by devolving his duties upon an efficient and competent board of trustees. Such are our That something must be done to

wipe out the stigma of ignorance and to lessen crime must be agreed among reflecting and intelligent people. The crying evils of ignorance and superstition demand a change of system and more liberal appropriations. The wisest money spent by our State will be that appropriated to the education of the masses and the general diffusion of knowledge. In the free interchange of opinion a better system may be evolved and a greater impulse be given to the cause of edu-

The State of Pennsylvania has undoubtedly the worst population of any of the States. Its Molly Ma-

any thing else than savory. The other day a devil incarnate in the shape of a twelve-year-old boy killed another lad in Philadelphia because he would not give him some candy. Now this is quite horrible, but something more horrible has just occurred at Canton, in the same State. A young woman, half-witted and inoffensive, became a sort of vagabond, and strolled into Canton. A parcel of unfeeling scoundrels, some of them reported to be among the most respected people of the town, began to ridicule and abuse her, and actually "stripped her naked, burned her flesh, and otherwise treated her with shocking indignity." The Washington

"Finally they tarred and feathered her and thrust her into the street without a particle of clothing. More dead than alive. she reached the cabin of a poor negro, who gave her shelter for the night. One of the ruffians who took part in this outrage has turned State's evidence and has given the name of his associates, among whom are several well-known and hitherto respected citizens of Canton. There are no words in the English language strong enough to condemn this villainy, which has disgraced the

colimities want to denrive us of that: the strangest part of the whole matter is, that there are among us those to the manor born who are willing to take that which we have and give to our Hastern task master. We have always been the subjects of Eastern calousies and the butt of Eastern ridicule. They never would give us anything worth having, not even a good name, while the kindest thing they can say about us is that we are a set of mountain boomers, composing the wool-hat and copperas breeches section of the State.

We have italicized some of the expressions, and believe them to be utterly unfounded. The statements of that paragraph do the people of the East great injustice. It is an unseemly effort to excite improper prejudices, and to array one section against another. It is not the real North Carolina spirit, and we hope it is the utterance of one who knows not whereof he speaks There is no such proclivity, purpose, wish or feeling as is indicated in this precious paragraph. It is a slander, and deserves to be rebuked by every one who desires to foster feelings of reciprocal kindness and sympathy among the people of the different seetions. It can be shown, we think, that in the matter of offices the West has the lion's share, and if complaint is to be made the East has the right

The Chicago Inter-Ocean is makng a vigorous campaign against in temperance and in behalf of liquidation at the same time. That is to say, it is strongly favoring the introduction of the Moffett bell-punch into that heavily taxed city. It has caused some of the Virginia Congressmen to be interviewed at Washington upon the subject, and with this result:

to the floor.

Said Congressman Tucker: "It works perfectly, and will increase the revenue 75 per cent.

Said Mr. Goode: "I was originally opposed to the law, but am now satisfied that it will prove the financial salvation of the Stata."

"In the face of such testimony, and situated as Chicago is, should the City Connell onger hesitate to give the law a trial?"

The Gettysburg campaign has been exceedingly fruitful of controversy. The Northern writers are now engaged in an effort to show that there was not so very much disparity in the forces of Gen. Lee and Gen. Meade. No Southern General has

The dead man's head was blown almost to pieces, and the wounded man was shot in the wrist." Miller's term of imprisonment was five years.

Columbus Superior Court. This tribunal, which has been in session at Whiteville during the past week, His Honor, Judge Eure, presiding, completed the business of the term on Friday last and was expected to adjourn that evening. Several cases of some importance were disposed of during the week, among which may be mentioned the following:

Heman High, charged with assault and battery in two cases upon the person of his own father, and in one upon that of a colored boy, and also with robbing his mother of a sum of money belonging to his father, some mention of which was made in the STAR at the time of the unnatural occurrence, was convicted in one case and submitted in the others, whereupon he was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Geo. Shaw, colored, for firing a grir. ( United States Courts have exercised jurismill, the property of D. M. Butler, was found guilty and sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary.

Darry Wood, colored, convicted of larceny and with obstructing the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, some allusion to which has already been made in the STAR, was sentenced to seven years in the may proceed to the issue on its merits, and penitentiary.

In the case of Swann vs. George Myers, being an action for the recovery of certain property held and occupied by the defendant in this city, a motion was made and affidavit filed by counsel for defendant to remove the cause to the Circuit Court of the United States, on the ground that defendant is a non-resident of the State. The motion will be heard at the April term of the Superior Court for New Hanover county.

We learn that there are one hundred and fifteen cases on the criminal docket of Columbus Superior Court, which is in session this week, His Honor, Judge Eure, presiding.

We were informed yesterday that a colored man, whose name our informant did not remember, was tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years, on Wednesday, for placing obstructions, consisting of six iron bars, on the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Rail-

In reply to an inquiry as to whether post masters are compelled to receive for postage stamps pennies, nickles and three cent pieces in any quantities, the Postoffice Gazette (good authority) says: "One and two cent pieces are a legal-tender for five cents; three cent pieces to sixty cents; five cent pieces to one dollar. The older silver three cent pieces are now refused at the Treasury in Washington-they will not be taken for one cent, so we advise postmasters

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The Lingering Indian Familie.

New York Sun.

The Right Men inj the Right Places.

The Herald says: "It is to be re-

Unearthing a Dead Man.

[Indianapolis News.]

- Newbern Nut Shell: A short the government, and that though in Engvisit to the truck farms near Newbern will land, in admiralty causes, the consent of disclose to the enraptured eye of the lover the government is required to be obtained of nature a most beautiful sight. Vast yet that consent is generally given as i patches of peas, covering many acres, are matter of course. He shows that in other met on every hand, and from the healthy, such, respecting personal property, the U thrifty appearance of these remunerative . Supreme Court has, in many cases, be crops it is reasonable to presume that a large ginning with Osborne vs. the United States mount of Northern cash will soon be find-Bank, ruled that suit may proceed whenever ing its way to this section. ----We learn the sovereign is not a defendant named in that the smoke house of Mrs. Brinson, at the record. Proceeding to suits concerning (loose Creek, was robbed a few nights since. Mrs. Brinson is a widow lady, and land, the Judge shows that the decision o the English courts, which hold that ejectall her provisions for the year were stored ments will not he against the Crown, are in the smoke house. She is now left almost not applicable in this country; that the destitute, every pound of her meat having present action is in the nature of a writ of been stolen. ---- Herrings sell here at four right, and is only ejectment in name, under dollars a thousand, or four cents a bunch of State law, and that the English decisions, ten at retail. in holding that ejectment will not lie, but that petition of right will lie, really prove that the crown may be sued by judicial

- Elizabeth City Economist: The subject of rebuilding the Academy is again agitated. When Judge Furches came to proceedings. Coming to the final ques-Elizabeth City he asked some one: "Where tion, whether the government may be indiis your courthouse ?" Answer: "We have rectly sued for lands in its possession, in proceedings to which the occupants are none." He next asked: "Where is the Academy ?" Answer: "We have none." parties defendant to the record, the Judge Fellow citizens, don't let us let that quescites a line of cases from Meigs vs. Mc-Clung, 9th Cranch's reports, down to Cooley tion be asked again. - A telegraph wire vs. O'Conner, in 12 Wallace, in which the from Elizabeth City to Norfolk will be in operation in sixty days. Guirkin and Cobb. who are engineering the important enterdiction in just such cases as this of Arlington, with the sanction of the Supreme prise, so state. - The port of Indian Town shows some vitality. Bell & Mor-Court. He then shows that the Supreme gan, merchants, doing business near Indian Courts of Virginia, Louisiana, Illinois Town, loaded two large schooners with California and other S'ates have supported corn last week. - Ducks are loth to the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in the exercise of such jurisdiction. leave the hospitable waters of Currituck Sound. Blue Peters are numerous. Last The Judge declares that he is bound by week Stevens Gordon killed 104 at four these authorities to hold that this cause shots

county, and yesterday was returned to his

- Winston Sentinel: A wagoner to sustain plaintiff's demurrer to the Attornamed Sherfield was robbed last Thursday, near Tabernacle Church, Rockingham county, by three negroes. They got fifty dollars and a lot of provisions. --- The Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina From Calcutta we learn that duhas issued a dispensation for the organization of a new lodge at Sugar Grove, Waing the recent famine in India not tauga county. — The charades and tab-leaux given on last Thursday night for the less than two million of people died of actual starvation. The amount benefit of the M. E. Sunday School, was well attended, and netted about thirty dolspent by the government in relief lars. - M. C. Norman has been apwork and in camp charity was about pointed postmaster at Panther Creek, Yad-\$3,000,000, and the contributions. kin county, vice B. F. Jones, removed. Matt. Chamberlain, a son of Dick chiefly, from England and Australia, amounted to \$2,500,000. The famine Chamberlain, and well known to the citizens of Stokes and the habitues of Piedis considered at an end, as the new mont Springs, has been missing for sometime. He is supposed to have been drown-ed. \_\_\_\_\_Judges Cannon Honor Honor crops are coming in, and are safe from damage. Nevertheless, many ---- Judges Cannon, Henry, Furches, living skeletons may yet be seen in and Cloud, will retire to private life after the cities, and, at latest advices, hunthe spring courts are over. Requiescat in dreds were lying by the roadsides pace

- Goldsboro Messenger: On Tuesday night Sheriff Grantham arrested and lodged in jail a negro named Lewis Taylor, who is strongly suspected of being the murderer of poor Calvin Ethridge, who was killed in Saulston township about a year gretted that the war party of London ago. The arrest was made upon a warrant was not sent to Turkey before the issued by Mayor Griswold, and is the result of untiring efforts on the part of Sheriff Grantham and Mayor Griswold, who were fall of Plevna. If they had been added to the Turkish forces Osman aided greatly by several good citizens of Pasha might now be smoking his the neighborhood in which the murder was chibouque in St. Petersburg at the committed. — The gin house of Mr. Andrew J. Barfield, near Mount Olive, was head of his victorious army. That destroyed by fire one evening last week. Mr. Barfield's loss is about \$2,000. No inchance has been lost, but it may be well for Russia and her sympathizers surance. The fire was accidental, originating from a lighted candle being taken near the gin. — His Honor, Judge Kerr, is holding Superior Court at Snow Hill. to note the martial spirit of the London braves, now that the war is over, and to take heed how they shape The criminal docket is quite an important their demands before the forthcoming one. The Gergenus case is to be tried this week yet, and the negro Chambers will also be tried for his life on the charge of killing his step-daughter.

- Hendersonville Courier: Re-

road. It adds:

Postoffices and Small Change.

Columbus Superior Court.

