WILMINGTON, N. C.: Friday, April 12th, 1878.

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THE DEMOCRATIC ADDRESS. We publish to-day the address just issued by the Democratic State Exeentive Committee. It will be read with interest. To most of the sentiments expressed we can yield a hearty indorsement. There are some few expressions that do not sound well in a Democratic address. But we let them pass without special comment, without however giving them our approval or acceptance.

We commend specially to the consideration of every voter what is said concerning the necessity of holding primary meetings and the evils of independent candidates.

The Committee "urgently recommend that the utmost fairness and impartiality shall be observed in the primary meetings, and that no practice tending to disaffection or disorganization shall receive the slightest countenance or sanction." This well enough. But the Committee do no go far enough in their recommendation of the manner of selecting delegates. They say:

"We recommend to our friends in every township and ward to hold primary meeting at which delegates may be selected by ball or otherwise to their conventions, &c."

We regret they did not, in their wisdom, think proper to recommend some special mode of election. W do not see any thing new-any im provement in this recommendation It leaves the matter as it was, a far as we can see. We have no idea that a very desirable part of society can ever be induced to take part in a political meeting, but they would to the polling booth and vote for delegates. One reason the vote in North Carolina has generally been so small compared to the registration, is, that this very class-modest, quiet. retiring, worthy citizens-felt but little interest in the election of candidates, many of whom were but little if any better than their opponents, and who were not worthy to represent them, or the party at large. Not having had any responsibility in se lecting such candidates they did not care to assume any responsibility in electing them, so they remained at home, and thus avoided the exercise of the elective franchise.

This state of things could be remedied, as we believe, by adopting s system that is not repugnant to the judgment, tastes and inclinations of probably the very best men in society.

We must do the best we can under the circumstances, and try to avoid the evils of the past as far as possible. Because the Committee recommend no definite mode is the very reason why the people should choose one for themselves. In Nash and other sections the plan of selecting delegates by ballot has been adopted and tried with satisfactory results. Let the people in the townships adopt that part of the Address that refers to holding primary meetings and selecting delegates by ballot. It would perhaps add to the efficiency of the system if delegates were selected who had declared their preferences for particular candidates.

We are careful to make these suggestions because we desire very sincerely the success of the Democratic party; because we desire most especially that none but worthy and capable men shall be chosen for office; because we wish to see "the utmost fairness and impartiality observed? in the primary meetings. If it is right and proper and good to select candidates by ballot, why not select delegates by the same mode?

We hear intelligent, true, honest sober, virtuous men say they are done voting for disreputable men for office—that if conventions foist such men upon the public they will not vote for them-that this they are resolved upon ever hereafter. There are many such gentlemen in Wilmington, and they are in fevery community where intelligence rules and virtue prevails.

Let men of unblemished record be chosen to represent the people-men of integrity and men of intelligence. We have had enough of corrupt, trading, vicious politicians - men with their price.

abilities are selected for very important offices, they will be an incubus apon the party -a dead weight to be lugged throughout the contest. This and control the deliberations of the body.

TWO IMPORTANT REPORTS OF

It appears almost certain that evey Southern Senator owes it to himself to vote for the Judiciary bill. The Government was guilty of very indiscreet legislation when it became the backer and lender of many tens of millions of dollars to the Union-Pacific Railroad Company. We gave in a former article the chief difference in the bill reported by the Judiciary Committee and that favored by Judge Matthews, and others, includ ing the three Southern Senators of so much reputation, viz: Lamary Hill and Gordon.

Whilst we do not believe these gentlemen are purchaseable, and have not, therefore, sold out to the Union Pacific, we must say they are in very doubtful company, and if they are not suspected, it will be because of their high characters for integrity and honor.

If we may credit many reports from Washington-those sent by both Southern and Northern corres pondents—there has been some trading going on, in which Sena tors and Representatives have participated. It will be fortunate for the South if some of our own members do not come out at last with the taint of corruption permeating their characters, and the pitch of defilement sticking to their fingers. It is stated that the Union Pacific has been carrying on business in Washington quite in the old style, when "Christian statesmen" were the great exemplars, and Oakes Ames and Company did a heavy and remunerative business among the members. We quote from one of the most reliable papers in the country that our readers may have a glimpse of life ducer, merchant, and consumer." behind the scenes in Washington Congressional life. The New York

"The unscrupulous manipulators of this stock did seem, for a while, to have everything their own way. They showed them-selves brazenly at Washington, not only in the corridors and galleries of the Senate but on the floor of the Chamber itself. They distributed free passes openly. They They held high junketings at the hotels. were known to have at their disposal large sums of money, presumably to be used after the manner of lobbyists upon members who cannot be influenced by less tangible and vulgar considerations. The Credit Mobilier gaug was not more impudent and careless in letting it be understood that it was bent on playing its game out at all hazards. Down upon this audacious and confident crew Senator Edmunds brought his heavy hand last Tuesday. In a speech of great directness power he charged the lobby with attempting to influence votes in the Senate against the Sinking Fund bill. He particularized acts that cannot be explained on any other theory, to which our Washington correspondent referred yesterday. He gave notice that he should move for an inquiry into these corrupt pro-ceedings. The Senstor is a judicious and reserved man. Every hearer knew that he had a store of facts, at which he barely hinted, but which he will produce if driven to it by his antagonists. His speech caused a painful sensation in the Chamber. A good many Senators wore long faces and looked as if they were hit. His allusion to the old Credit Mobilier disclosure and its damning consequences on all the public men blackened thereby was most pungent and affective. Every Senator who has committed himself to the Pacific Railroad lobby, or contemplates yielding to it, took this hint home. The consequence was an immediate improvement in the prospects of the bill supported by Senators Thurman and Edmunds, of the Judiciary Committee, and by other high-minded and conscientious men of the two parties."

Senator Merrimon has sustained the Judiciary bill in a speech of so much force as to excite unjust and derisive criticism from some of the advocates of the Matthews bill. The Judiciary bill, as we mentioned some days since, provides a sinking fund, for the gradual payment of the debts due by the two Pacific railroads, each of which owes the Government, or will owe the Government, over fifty million dollars. The Journal of Commerce savs:

"The debts cannot be denied, and it is in the power of the companies to pay them. The bill is as easy and generous to the companies as one could be made which proposes to force a delinquent debtor to a final ement. But the roads wish to escape this and all other modes of bringing them to book; and while they oppose it with specious arguments in public, they resort to the basest practices of the lobby in private. We are encouraged to hope from the developments of the past few days that

It is thought that the bill will pass 275,000 bales; in 1873, 265,000; in the Senate by a handsome majority. 1875, 273,000, and in 1875, 260,000. The debates on the merits of the two There is one gratifying aspect of bill have been marked with great the tables for which we were scarcely ability. An honest and well meaning prepared Take the crops for the Southern Senator or Representative last pine years and North Carolina would do well to consider thoroughly produced more pounds to the ore and pause long before he votes for a

The war fewer is intensely high in England The London correspondent can be avoided if patriotism, fair- the uncontrollable war fever now ra-North after Fort Sumter had been fired upon. The war feeling how ramifies every circle and all ranks of society. All classes and conditions appear to be eager for war. All hope to make, and many are doomed to saddest disappointment. Greed appears to be thicker than blood. The Herald telegram of the 7th says: "A distinguished English statesmun said

to a Herald correspondent that the Angle-Saxons are naturally blood-thirsty and fond of war. He feared that England was now on the scent and could not be held in. "Peace can only come from the powerfu influence of Germany. Count Andrassy is anxiously striving to revive the Congress. In the meantime friends of peace will make gallant and strenuous efforts. Germany is using her utmost efforts in favor of a general accommodation.

ussia holds a defiant attitude, and argues that if it should cost a hundred thousand men to hold San Stefano, she would not leave until after a general, genuine peace.
The Vienna correspondent of the Herald telegraphs that a scheme has been proposed for a settlement of the difficulty, whose origin is attributed to the Archduke Albrecht of Austria. Count Andrassy told General Ignaties, at their recent confer-ence, that the security of the Austrian Em-pire was incompatible with the Treaty of

The plan is for Russia to seek territorial compensation in Asia; for Turkey to be divided into three slices-Austria, Russia and England each to get a piece. This will probably be the upshot of the whole matter. There may be war, but in the end the carcass of Turkey will be divided as Poland was, and then there will be peace for a season. The Straits and the Danube are to remain as they were before war. It is said that England will demand a neutral zone between India and the Russian Asiatic possessions.

"COTTON FROM SEED TO LOOM." William B. Dana, editor of the Commercial and Financial Chronicle, New York, has published a valuable octavo volume bearing the above It is evidently the production of one who is familiar with the subject, who Journal of Commerce says editorihas studied it with much care, and who has collected and arranged the facts used with great diligence and circumspection. The book may have many faults and errors, and we can give no opinion on these points, but it must be of real value to all who raise the cotton, who sell it, and who manufacture it. The author discusses at large the whole subject of growing ootton. He discusses the important question of acreage and of the entire routine of cultivation; gives a history of its cultivation in America; gives in tabulated form the receipts of cotton at the different the past and future of India cotton; supplies many new and valuable statistics concerning the American crop; has a chapter on picking and marketing; shows how the markets have been influenced; describes the changes in the cotton trade; furnishes a mass of statistics concerning "futures" and "spots," and offers very full information concerning the consumption of cotton in Europe and Ameri ca. This is the merest outline very thin and attenuated, and it can give only a faint notion of the comprehensiveness and value of the works We will gather from it a few note worthy facts concerning North Caroling. In 1869-70, the total acreage was 451,714; bales, 210,000; pounds per acre, 204. In 1870-71, acreage, 543,000; 275,000 bates, pounds per compliment that was evidently quite acre, 223. In 1871-2, acreage, 450, 000; bales, 175,000; pounds per acre 71. In 1872-3, acreage, 500,000 bales, 200,000; pounds per acre, 176. In 1873-4, acreage 600,000; bales, 265, 000; pounds per acre, 194. In 1874-5 acreage, ::591,000 ; : bales : 273,000 pounds per sere, 203. In 1875.6 acreage, 620,000; bales, 260,000 pounds, per acre, 185. In 1876acreage, 607,000; bales, 225,000 pounds per sore, 163, 11 These figures are worth considering. The greatest average per acre was attained in 1869, when it was 204 pounds to the

In 1874 h was 203 pounds In 1870 North Carolina produced than South Carolina, Georgia, Florida,

A REMINISCENIE. Mr. Alex. H. Stephens says that no better delegation was ever sent to Washington from any State than Georgia now has in Congress. ness, justice and wisdom preside over | ging to that which swept over the | doubt if North Carolina ever had a better, an abler delegation, all considered, than she now has. She has often had in the House some one two men of more distinguished mark than any now among Her delegation, and when Badger and Graham sat in the Senate she had an abler representation, for both were of national reputations, Gov. Graham at one time being the Whig candidate for Vice President. Mr. Badger was the great est genius ever born in North Carolina. He was for a long time the Whig leader in the Senate, when there were many great men in that body. When he was retired by the action of the North Carolina Democratic Legislature, the Democrats in the United States Senate actually passed a resolution expressive of their regrets that the exigencies of party

and distinguished services.

One of the great lawyers of North Carolina -a contemporary and classmate of Gov. Graham-has told us recently of an incident that occurred in the Senate, as it was related to him by Daniel Webster, on the occasion of his visit to Wilmington in 1846. Mr. Seward had prepared an oration on slavery. It was not a practical question at that time. Mr. Seward had certain views on slavery generally he wished to ventillate. He had stuffed for the occasion. He came with his cut and dried speech, full of learning and fairly bristling with facts. He determined the world should hear it, although there was nothing before Congress requiring any such manifestation of prejudice, ability and learning. He introduced a resolution that he might speak. Mr. Webster says that Mr. Badger was walking about whilst Seward was title. It is intended to be "a hand- speaking. Every now and then he book of facts for the daily use of pro- would step to his desk make a not and send a messenger to the library By the time Seward had ended his essay, the desk of Mr. Badger was covered with books that stood in piles. He at once took the floor in reply, and, said Mr. Webster, "he made the greatest speech I ever heard

delivered in the Senate." The reminiscence is authentic and too good to be allowed to pass away with the hearing, so we have committed it to paper. All who knew that great man-at once so versatile, so logical, so eloquent, so dramatic, so full of bright fancy and irrepressible fun-know well how ready he was. He always spoke without notes whenever we heard him, and it was very often, and we have the distinct ports from 1826 to 1877; treats of impression that he was not only the greatest master of English we have ever known or heard, but he was the most consummate logician and the most original mind His voice was magnificent, and his dramatic gifts of a high order. We have heard him when he rivalled Mr. Clay in eloquence, and when the exquisite rhetoric and studied mannerism of Edward Everett became paltry and mean compared with the sonorous tones and robust English of George

E. Badger. Horace Greeley disliked Mr. Badger because he refused to be introduced to the editor of the Tribune when he was a member of the House, He wrote a very fierce philippic against our great North Carolinian for his paper, but he paid Mr. Badger a spontaneous. He said if Mr. Badger's head had been thrown on Broadway, that the newsboy in the early morn ing as he oried the Tribune would have said as he stumbled over it-"there lies the head of a great man." Mr. Badger's head was indeed the most beautiful and symmetrical we have ever looked at It was as perfectain its proportions as a Greciar dome, and was massive as beautiful,

U. s. District Court. #119amdogagaM The following comprise a list of the Grand Jury to serve at the approaching term of the U. S. District Court, which meets, in this city on the 29th inst. : New Hanover B. F. Hall, M. P. Taylor, John E. Lipptit, A. Weill, T. H. McKoy, J. I. Metts, D. R. Murchison, Jesse Wil-der, W. A. Martin, Robert S. Radeliffe, J. W. Atkinson, J. G. Burr, Donald McRae. Brunswick Thomas G. Drew, F. M. Wescott, Francis M. Moore, John M. Benbett, William Doslier, Thomas W. Gilbert Duplin James G: Kenan, A. G. Mosely

W. H. Sloan, J. C. McMillan, A. D. Mc-Gowen, George Middleton. Wilmington, Columbia & Auguste The Baltimore American of Tuesday measure that arouses suspicion and Alabama, Mississippi or Tennessee. the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta places him among the defenders and The only States that surpassed it are Railcoad Company met vesterday at noon corrupt lobbyists. No man can be The State Convention has a very important work to do. The success of the party in the year 1878 will depend very greatly upon the wisdom of its action. If men of questionable records are chosen, or men of small cover and are said to be mated again.

Corrupt lobbyists. No man can be too man can be too particular as to the company he keeps.

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he Board met to day in adjourned regular session; present, Mr. Wagner, the Chairmesioners Sanders, Worth, Atkinson and Holmes.

cation of sundry citizens praying he Commissioners to build a small house worship for the use of the paupers at the County Poer House, was ordered laid on the table for the present.

Petition of E. G. Styron, to be allowed to transfer his privilege license to a party to whom he has sold his business, was not granted.

Canaday Blue, a man who had lost an arm, applied for transportation to his home n Louisiana, and he was ordered granted ransportation as far as Florence, S. C. Sheriff Manning reported \$2,024 79 poll tax collected on last year's list, and of this the amount of \$449 95 was appropriated by the Board to the general scho I fund of the country at the tribe to the they rause

The contract for the burial of the pauper dead was awarded to Duncan Holmes, h being the lowest bidder, at \$1 95 each. C. H. Thomas was appointed Overseer of Public Roads in Cape Fear township, vice

Thomas Williams, 'in the interests peace." every files. The Board then took a recess until

compelled that body to lose his great The Board reassembled at the appointed hour, but the business transacted was no of a character to be made public.

> Prisoners Soutenced. The following comprises a list of the conviets, all colored, sentenced during the late term of the Criminal Court to imprisoument in the State penitentiary and the county work house:

Solomon Smith alias Solomon Butler, arceny, two years in the penitentiary. Mark Johnson, larceny, four years in th

penitentiary. John Morrison, larceny, two years in the penitentiary.

William Becton, larceny, five years in he penitentiary. Samuel Robinson, mauslaughter, four

ears in the penitentiary. Emma L. Sanders, misdemeanor, three

months in the work house. Mary Eliza Lively, assault and battery

hirty days in the work house. Frank M. McClammy, larceny, twelve months in the work house.

Mary Nixon, misdemeanor, three mouths in the work house. Henry Malone, larceny, twelve months

in the work house.

Yesterday's Raleigh News says: "The statement is made that 'a convention of the commissioned officers of the North Carolina State Guard will be held sometime in May, in Charlotte, for the purpose of discussing measures in which the organization is deeply interested; and that 'the call wil be issued by the Adjutant General,' &c. We are authorized by the Adjutant General to say that the proposed convention will not be held in May, but later in the year; and that the meeting will be composed of delegates from each company embraced within the call, as well as the commissioned officers. This convention will be confined to the white troops. Subsequently, it is proposed to hold a convention of delegates from the colored organizations to memorialize the Legislature in behalf of their branch of the State Guard."

Fremont Beats Us. Messrs. Aycock & Edgerton and others, writing us from Fremont, on the W. & W. Railroad, says: "We see in your to-day's paper that your people are in possession of a telephone in the city. We wish t call your attention to the mistake you make when you say Wilmington is the first place in the State to have one. We have had one in operation in our little town of Fre mont for more than two weeks, and have lines running over different parts of the

We were not positive in the assertion that Wilmington was the first place in the State to introduce the telephone, otherwise we have nothing to say, gracefully surrender-ing the palm to our wide-awake little cousin up the road.

Wilmington Cotton Mills.

The fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Cotton Mills was held this morning at the Bank of New Hapover, Mr. B. G. Worth was called to the chair and Mr. R. E. Calder requested to act as Secretary. The Treasurer of the company and the Secretary of the meeting were requested to verify proxies, and reported 571 shares represented in person and 600 shares represented by proxy, making a total of 1,171, which being a majority of the 1,253 shares, the meeting proceeded to business. The President read his report for the past year and explained the financial condition of the corporation; after which a resolution was offered providing for the appointment of a trustee with full power to advertise and sell the property, stock and franchise of the corporation and with the proceeds to pay its debts.

After discussion a stock vote was called for and the resolution was unanimously overpount, but is to be subsiquent An election of officers was then beld, which resulted in the choice of the followng gentlemen:

Donald MacRae, President. Wm. A. French, Vice President Directors-Edward Kidder, James H. Chadbourn, F. W. Kerchner, Nerwood lies, John W. Atkinson.

On motion, the meeting adjourned,

R. E. CALDER, Secretary. The Carolina Farmer for April is on our table. This is certainly one of the very best agricultural journals that comes to our notice. The typography is clean and neat, and the selections always found in its pages are of the most important character to every farmer, Published at Wilmington, N. C., by W. H. Bernard,

Mile. Volunte's Drendful Pale-A Report that the Was Tuten shot by a Jealous Woman. New York bun, 8th.1 liss Lottie Mailly, whose stage

House, on Friday evening, by Josie Fowler, known among variety per formers as Mrs. Jennie Franklin, in an attempt to perform the well-known feat of shooting an apple from the head, the aim being taken by a reflec-tion on a looking glass on the wall. Mrs. Franklin had been performing the featin public only a few weeks, but she had been very successful, She usually began by hutting various objects at a target, and wound up by shooting an apple from the head of Mr. Franklin, who taught her to shoot She would shoot paper balls from under his arms, and shoot between his fingers. But on Friday evening Mr. Franklin declined to stand; for what reason is not definitely known. It was said among variety performers last evening that Mrs. Franklin had threatened to shoot him. Mile. Voand tripped lightly on the stage, placed the apple amid the luxuriant hair on the top of her head, and, smiling at the audience, stood awaiting the shot. Mrs. Franklin also took her station near the mirror, placed the gun over her shoulder, and, taking deliberate aim, fired. The audience was thrilled with one fearful shriek, and Mile. Volante fell forward on the stage, the bullet having pierced her brain: Amid the wildest confusion the audience was dismissed. Mlle. Volante was taken away by physicians, and Mrs. Franklin was arrested. Rumors were affoat that Mile. Volante had been shot intentionally by Mrs. Franklin, who had become enraged at Mr. Franklin's at-

tentions to her. Mrs. Franklin was not the wife of Mr. Franklin, although she bore his name. She first made her public appearance in New York as a waiter girl in Harry Hill's, under the name of Josie Fowler. It could not be ascertained that there was any cause for Mrs. Franklin being jealous of Mile. Volante. She was not generally intimate with men, but seemed devoted to her profession, which was that of a trapeze performer.

A WORLD PABLE.

The Prancing Steed and the Donkey New York World.

A prancing steed having come to a newly frozen stream, over which he desired to cross, and being apprehensive that the ice would not support him, said to a donkey, who was in his company, "My Honorable Friend, do you but lead the way, and I will follow you with the greatest effort of my life." The flattered donkey thereupon essayed the passage, but hardly had he set foot upon the treacherous surface than it gave way and plunged him into the water. Turning to his companion, the unhappy animal exclaimed, "Tell me, I bray you, how I am to extricate myself from this sad plight!" "Howe!" replied the prancing steed, who was putting away an undelivered oration in a pigeon-hole, "why, walk out on your ear, of course."

Moral.-If you are an ass, do try and have horse sense.

The Cause of It.

[Philadelphia Press.] There are forty millions of people n the United States. If each one economizes but ten dollars-saves that amount in food, or, clothing, or travel or luxury—the sum of that economy is a withdrawal of \$400, 000,000 from the circulation of the country, and, worse than that, a subtraction of \$400,000,000 from the necessity of production. In other. words, it is a paralytic stroke. If this is done several times we have a succession of paralytic strokes, and this is probably the secret of hard

A Dismond Found in Alabama.

[Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer.] Professor J. E. Bassett, of French Broad, N. C., who is now in Wetumpka, Ala., has a diamond, not only of enormous size, but remarkable parity. It was found by his wife, Mrs. A. H. Bassett, on the bank of the Coosa river, just below the the falls, within the corporate limits of Wetumpka. As soon as the Professor exhibited the stone he was offered \$10,000 for it. He had the stone examined by W. J. Preston, a watchmaker and jeweler, who pronounced it intrinsic ally worth \$75,000.

Another Daring Robbers in Texas;

NEW ORDEANS, April 5. A special to the Galveston News from Dallas, says the through express train on the Texas Pacific Railroad was stopped and robbed last night at Eagle Ford stationed The express messenger and mail agent surrendered without resistance, and the passen gers were not molested. The amount stolen is not known down od Him Il

One of the Best Papers in the Coun mands the kissers ionshest then there The Wilmington Daily STAR has entered on its eleventh volume. It is

one of the best papers in the country. One of the Best Sannd and Able The Wilmington Stan one of the best dailies that comes to this office, has entered upon its twenty-first yol-ume. The STAR is thoroughly Demoeratic. Its editorials are able, pointed and full of sound judgment. May it ever be a star of splendor and bright-

oney is the essential nerve of war, ason The Carolina Farmer for April

Spirits Turpentine.

Mr. Van Brown, a worthy citizen of Madison county, was assaulted by a man named Farmer, at Lynn, S. C., with a stone and was so injured it is thought he name was Mlle. Volante, was instantkilled in the Pawtucket Opera

stone, and was so injured it is thought he will die. Farmer jumped abourd of the cars and fled. This we learn from the Asheville - We are under special obligations to the Oxford Free Lan e. Tarboro South-erner, Wilson Advance. Louisburg Times,

Charlotte Observer, Charlotte Democrat, Charlotte Southern Home, Greensboro Pa-triot, Greensboro Central Protestant, and Salem Press, I'm their recent kind r ferences to the Mountag Stan Many thanks, breiliren 2882778988 Goldsboro correspondent of Raleigh News thus refers to Chief Justice Smith: During an extended visit to various sections of the eastern part of North Carolina, we have heard the question of "Thirt Just ce" thoroughly discussed, and

we have yet to hear a dissenting voice to his numination for the exalted position from a true Democrat. - Monroe Express; The Rocky River Springs property in Stanly county, which was sold on the 19th ult, was bought by Rev. C. C. Foreman, Messrs. David Bennett, M. H. Blalock and M. L. Baruhardt, who are all gentlemen of means. They propose erecting a large hotel on the property, which they expect to get ready in

time for the reception of guests the coming Referring to the big chicken fight that was to begin at Charlotte on Tuesday, the Observer says: "Both sides are heavily backed, and a large amount of money will be lost and won. The amount is variously estimated at from \$40,000 to \$60,000. The importance of the main in the sporting world may be judged from the fact that several Northern papers, including the Sun and Herald, have reporters here for the purpose of giving a full account of each day's fights."

- Biblical Recorder : The Annual Exercises of the Oakdale High School, at Rock Creek, Alamance county, will occur on the 17th of May. Rev. D. A Long, of Graham, will deliver the address. Marshals: G. A. Foster, W. A. Teague, W. L. Kimrey, T. M. Robeson and J. R. Foster. - Rev. N. B. Cobb has received his appointment as delegate to the International Sunday School Convention, to be held at Atlanta, Ga, on the 17th of April. He is the very man to attend such a meeting.

-- Oxford Torchlight: There will no doubt be a great scarcity of tobacco plants among our farmers this year. The complaint of the tobacco fly destroying them is becoming very general-we hear it from all parts of the county. - "Felt gray" is the fashionable color for ladies spring goods. Many a man has "felt blue" when he went to settle with his merchant. Young man, with limited means, don't try to cut a swell. Buds are on a swell now and one green thing at a time, if you please. --- Our recent fishing expedition was productive of a great eel. - The Charlotte

Observer tells of "the man and the bear." y man ought to have two bears-bear - Raleigh News : The revival of religion which has been for some time in progress at the Edenton Street Methodist Church, has now closed. The results are gratifying. There have been fifty-four conversions; thirty-four accessions to the membership of the church, besides several received by other churches. —The man suspected of the murder of the colored man who was recently found near the railroad track, a mile this side of Warrenton, was captured last Friday. It was said at the time that suspicion rested on a man. He was known to be the suspected party by a peculiarly spotted dog which followed. The Governor yesterday drew \$21,367.88 on account of appropriation for purchase of

material for the construction of the West-

ern North Carolina Railroad. - Of the

twenty-five prisoners now in our jail, nine are held for capital offences. - The Lumberton Times says that Richardson Johnson was killed near Hamlet Saturday night last by Nathan Walters, Jr. They were hunting opossums. Wal ters began to kick up a big fuss. Johnson remonstrated; told him it was wrong. They had some rough words. After awhile Walters said, "let's make friends." Johnson told him all right, but to let him see his other hand, whereupon Walters plunged a knife into his throat, making a good sized wound, which produced death. They had both been good friends up to this time, but were drinking, which accounts for the occurrence. Walters' ancestors had a good deal of Indian blood in them. Johnson had just returned from Texas. He was a clever young man; has a brother and a blind mo-ther living at Hamlet, and a sister in Mon-

roe Walters made good ins escape.

Charlotte Observer : Mr. J. B. Hawkins, whose skull and leg were broken in the railroad accident last Saturday afternoon, died yesterday morning at a quarter past 5 o'clock. — It was resolved by the Memorial Association that the poem and psaim written by Mrs. Margaret J. Preston, at the request of the Ladies' Memorial Association, of Wilmington, for the memorial celebration of 1878, be used in the ceremonies of the day. The Inferior Court meets to morrow. The docket is very large and there are thirty-four prisoners in all. The Agricultural Department purchased from the hatchery about 40,000 eggs, but only about 18,000 fish were hatch ed from them. Mr. Worth left Baltimore a few days since with this number. He deposited 1,000 in the ponds around Greensboro; 8,000 or 9,000 in the Dan river, near Darbury: 1,000 at Saliabury. Arriving in Morganton yesterday afternoon he deposited 600 in the mill pond of Maj. Wilson, near the town, and the following Initiatives of the Catawba; Upper creek 500, John's river 500, and Linville river 5,000 to 6,000. These fish live exclusively in fresh water, and attain their full growth in about three years.

Raleigh Observer: James Towell, convicted of larceny at the January term of Rowan Inferior Court, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary, was pardoned by the Governor yesterday. The application for pardon was signed by the Justices of the Court the Solicitor and a number of chizens, and was based upon the imbedility of the pri-Grove township, had his mill and gin burned pn Saturday hight last. When he got up about midnight he found the gin on life. It soon spread to the mill and both were consumed a Loss about \$8,000, with no insurance, as our informant tells us. Vance, vesterday, by Governor Helliday, of Virginia, for a fugitive from justice. Also one received from "Governor Hampton, M. South Carolina, and manuate, issued.

Kinston correspondent: The first meetleg of the Inferior Court was held in Kinston on Monday, April 1st, and adjourned on Wednesday. It was organized by the election of Col. N. B. Wantield as Chairman, and J. M. Hines and C. S. Wooten as associates; A. J. Loftin, Esq., w s elected Solicitor, and C. E. Harvey Clerk. Ringwood, Halifax county, correspondent:
I have conversed with many of the most influential and intalligent difference of the county, and I see but few that find fault with W. N. H. Smith for Chief Justice. mington, N. C., by W. H. Bernard, has made its appearance. It is a say the resolutions so far as they refer to hand in honor of May Shober, daughter of Hon. Francis E. Shober, of North Carolina.

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