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raries are warming up to the work, and are bent on having a reduction n salaries and a strict economy in the administration of the State government. The STAR has already expressed its views in general terms. We are really gratified to see so much interest in the matter of public economy, and we have strong hopes that much good will come from the discussion. The power of the press to reform abuses and to carry forward to successful consummation works of public utility, cannot be questioned by any one. If the press has been sometimes an engine of oppression, it has generally stood up for the right with a manfulness worthy of the noblest characters, and has been the real custodian and friend of the liberties of the people. When then · the press of any State takes hold of any principle or practice with a united purpose to crush or improve, we may look for results corresponding entirely with such results. We regard it as a matter for gratulation that the papers of North Carolina are devoting so much of their space to the discussion of those great questions that so much concern the material and intellectual development of our people. Every true friend of sound,

Among the most timely and practical articles we have seen appeared in the Raleigh News of some weeks ago, and was signed "A Farmer." We intended at the time drawing some figures from it, but other matters commanded our attention.

economical government, and of pop-

nlar education, must wish them God-

We suggested in an editorial some time ago that whilst it was necessary to cut down salaries and curtail expenses, that care should be taken not to be too excessive in that direction. To be "penny-wise" sometimes ends in being "pound foolish," according to the well known saw.

The writer for the News considers first the Governor's salary, and says correctly, as we think, that no reduction can apply to the present incumbest. But he adds:

"The proposed reduction must, there-fore, be made by the Legislature this winter, as new incumbents will be elected before the next Legislature, and then their salaries cannot be touched for four years to

The next Legislature cannot avoid this matter. They will be bound to act. He estimates the Governor's pay, including clerk bire, at \$5,350,

"Before the war, Graham, Bragg, Reid, Ellis, and others received \$3,000 and no clerk hire. Why then should there con-tinue to be this increase of \$2,350 in one office to be paid by a people not ball as wealthy as we were in 1860?"

We think the Governor of a State with some twelve hundred thousand people should receive, all told, \$3,000 as his salary, exclusive of a house. Expenses in Raleigh are greater now to the same office by the Legisthan they were in the days of Graham and Bragg. It costs more to live. In those days a Governor had often to draw on his private funds. This ought not to be required where there is no extravagance. A Governor of a great State, being a public official, must often incur expenses, the private citizen, need not incur, unless he be mean and niggardly as some of our officials

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his hire. A man of generous and

kindly instincts who was poor could

not well live at Raleigh as Governor

The News correspondent next con-

siders the Attorney General's pay.

He says the present pay is \$3,500

He states the case forcibly when he

Hears up to the Supreme Court of the Uni-

ted States. His duties, so far from inter-

fering with practice, are a good advertisement. Why the taxpayers should continue to pay \$8,500 for Attorney General,

when there are at least one hundred

competent lawyers in the State who would be glad to get the place at \$1,500 per annum, (or certainly at the present Re-

porter's extary plus the old Attorney Gen-

ciates, debarred from all practice at the bar, getting \$2,500, and their Attorney General getting \$3.500, with full liberty

That salary will have to be re

duced. A good lawyer, one of expe

rience and large reading, with a high

and opportunity to practice law."

on less than \$3,000 a year.

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 1878

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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Session. The Board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment yesternay at 2 P. M., present, J. G. Wagner, Chairman, and Commissioners W. L. Smith, D. S. Sanders, G. Worth and Duncan Holmes. The minutes of the last meeting were

ead and approved. The unfinished business was taken nd continued asserte states It was ordered that the sum of \$2 00 be allewed J. J. H. Doncen to assist him in

getting to Shelby, in this State. It was ordered that the county warrant in favor of J. W. Griffin, for \$35 70, be

paid in full. It was ordered that the report of the ounty Treasurer be received, and spread on the minutes and placed on file.

It was ordered that the claim of James

Heaton for \$1,000 38 be referred to the Ordered that the double tax on C. Tietgen, in Harnett Township, be remitted. Ordered that the double tax of James dowan, in block 45, west of lot 3, be re-

Ordered that the printing of the two scense books, one money order book and two Auditor's warrant books, for which proposals were invited by the Board, be warded to the STAR Publishing House, the proprietor of which made the lowest

The Board proceeded to count and burn he bonds and coupons paid by the Treasuer, as by his November report submitted to the Board, including twenty-one bonds of \$500 each, due 1st March, 1879, amounting to \$10,500; and eighty-eight coupons \$15 each, and two coupons not numered, amounting to \$1,320; and sixty-five coupons of \$3 each, amounting to \$195. The Board adjourned until Monday next, the 2nd December, at 12 o'clock, A. M.

Atter the Wrong Man. A young gentleman of this city, who is not very deeply immersed in politics, was somewhat surprised yesterday afternoon to City, 2.10 P, M., and purporting to be from N. P. Deweese, Chairman pro. tem., countersigned by Alex. Troupe, Secretary, and couched in these words: "National Executive Council deem it important you should meet them here on Monday. Don't fail." This was followed later by another dispatch to the same purport, upon which our young friend, whose name happens to be Russell (without the prefix of D. L), telegraphed to the Chairman pro. tem. of the Republican Executive Council, that he was not in politics, and that D. L. Russell must be the individual he intended to summon to his councils, not himself, though the telegrams came to his name instead of that

of the Congressman elect.

Railroad Collision. A collision occurred on Wednesday night, about 7.20 o'clock, about a quarter to a half a mile east of Meares' Bluff bridge, between the through freight train on the C. C. Railway going out, and the local freight on the W., C. & A. Railroad coming in the former consisting of eighteen and he latter of twenty-eight loaded cars, by which both engines and three or four cars were considerably damaged, there not being much difference in the extent of the loss sustained by the two roads, which is not very heavy. The debris was all cleared away Wednesday night and Thursday, and the trains have since been running as usual. Which of the roads is most to blame for the accident has not as yet transpired. There was very little, if any, damage to the

reight on either train. To the Teachers of Pender County. Mr. A. J. McIntire, member from Pender county of the State Advisory Board, requests the teachers of that county to meet at Lillington on Saturday, 21st of December next, at 12 M., for the purpose of organizing a Teachers'Institute. A full atendance is earnestly desired, as matters of vital interest to the profession will be thooughly investigated.

The State Board of Canvassers. Raleigh Observer Report Condensed.] At the session of the State Board Canvassers, at Raleigh, on Friday, both candidates from the First and from the Second District were repre-

ented by counsel. Before the returns from the First District were opened the counsel asked that the actual canvass of the vote be delayed until there should be afforded an opportunity of examining the returns from the various counties to ascertain if they were regular, and if they contained the vote actually east, which, after a slight discussion, was agreed to. The returns were then opened, and upon their face showed the following vote:

J. J. Martin, 12,185; J. J. Yeates, 12,084; J. B. Respess, 430, giving Martin a plurality over Yeates of 51. Definite action as to this District was

After considerable argument by the counsel of each candidate as to the power of the restraining order served pon the Board, restraining them

out final action.

At a subsequent session the returns from the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts were opened and the votes counted. The following are the official majorities: Third District, Russell, 881; Fourth District, Davis, 8,511; Fifth District, Scales, 2,646; Sixth District, Steele, 4,650; Seventh District, Armfield, 1,103. In the Eighth District there was no opposition to Hon. R. B. Vance, his total bote being 2,894.

TERROBETINAL COURT IN

have been & New York Herald. The general assertion in regard to the expense of the Criminal Court, is answered by the fact that while all courts are neces-A private letter from a lady in Louisiana has been put into our hands, by the fact that while all courts are neces which throws a strong light on the sarry expensive and workersome, yet the folly and wickedness of these Northpresent criminal system in this county is in the politicians who insist on trying to truth the least expensive of any we have the Northern people to the fact tried in the last ten years.

An examination of the figures will prove that war at the South is really a string to the the satisfaction of any, one that, not An examination of the figures will prove to the satisfaction of any one that not withstanding the Judge's satisfy of \$2,500. There has been a contact satisfaction of any one that not withstanding the Judge's satisfy of \$2,500. The past year, as compared with the previous twelve months, and this too, in the face of the fleet that the old donket which was turned over from the Superior Court to the Original contained ever one white. The writer of this letter white the province of the phrase as the country of the phrase of the Original contained ever one white. The writer of this letter than the province of the phrase of the phrase of the phrase of the phrase of the Original contained ever one white. The writer of this letter than the province of the phrase of the p

Court to the Criminal contained over one hundred cases, many of them very expensive, and the Criminal Court is charged (which is manifestly unjust) with the expense of this Superior Court docket. The saving to the county would be much more favorable to the Criminal Court if the calculation should be made for twelve months beginning at the August (erm, 1877.

In estimating the expenses of the Court if the salary of the Solontor, which expenses is considered in the calculation, then it can be clearly shown that there is a great sasaw the more respectable classes of all be clearly shown that there is a great saving in that office.
In addition to his duties as Solicitor he

is, ex officio, the attorney for the county and legal adviser of all officers of justice, and is required once in every three months to make an examination and a written report thereof of the condition of the books, dockof Deeds and Clerk of the Superior Court and Judge of Probate, and for which he receives no additional compensation, while it is well known that during the fiscal year ending March 1st, 1876, the County Com-missioners paid for attorney fees the sum

If this office had been in existence the defalcations and neglects of duty which occurred in the offices of the Probate Judges and Clerks of the Superior Court from 1868 to 1877, and from which the public interest has suffered so much, could not have taken place.

It is charged that the fines and forfeitures of the Court do not go towards the pay-ment of the expenses of the Court. This is very true, but the same can be said of all other Courts in this State. They cannot be applied to that object, and for this reason: it is a provision of the Constitution of the State that all fines and forfeitures incurred upon the State dockets of the various Courts, shall go to the benefit of the educational fund of the several counties; so that it will be seen, while the moneys arising from fines, penalties and forfeitures incurred in the Criminal Court are not anplied to defraying the expenses thereof, yet these moneys are still kept within the county, and are applied to the purposes of the public schools of the county, thus relieving the county, to this extent, of the necessary taxation for that purpose, and it

had no power to alter it. To conclude, the intelligent and respectable portion of the community were unani-mously in favor of establishing the Criminal Court. I think they are still in favor of it, for the reason that it exercises a powerful influence for good and is a terror to evil-doers, and for the further reason that justice is fearlessly and impartially administered by a Judge who asks no favors and shrinks from no responsibility.

being a constitutional provision and applica-

ble to all Courts, of course the Legislature

CURRENT COMMENT.

-- South Carolina does not fear nvestigation, whether by Courts, by Congress, or the grand jury of the American people. It is not South Carolina who nullifies the law; it is the Federal officers who violate and pervert it. And until the State knows that her people are justly dealt with, the State must and will demand an to the very end of the chapter .-

Charleston News & Courier. — While the great heart of the populace is warming up toward John Sherman as the Republican candidate for 1880, somebody's sepulchral voice announces the hame of Wm. A Wheeler. Evidently the popular instinct is tending in the right direction. From Sherman to Wheeler is victory or death"-probably the latter. - Washington Post, Dem. - Having got Judge Russel

afely elected to Congress from the North Carolina District lately represented by Mr. Waddell, the Republ cans will be astonished to hear that he is the most harrible kind of Republican ever heard of. It is reported that in a speech at Wilmington only a day or two ago, this man, who had been elected by Republican votes, deof Southern claims, whether the claimants were loyal to the Union or not, and the pensioning of Southern as well as Northern soldiers of the late for their country. This may be the one Republican Congressman elect to persuade Jay Gould's New York organ and Mr. Cameron's Harrisburg newspaper to set their rebel claims igures up a few millions more. They have both rather neglected this wholesome pastime since election.-Philadelphia Times, Ind.

[Reading (Penn.) Times, Nov. 20.]

On Friday night the sorrel mare Maud and a two-year old bay mare, owned by Mr. George Leiper, of Leiperville, Chester county, broke loose from their pasture and got upon the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Bal-timore Railroad track at Eddystone. An up freight train overtook them leap she was struck and killed. Mand \$500 for her last week.

The Real Cause of Louistana Disturbances.

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der, in and no true sense of the phrase Uthat a terrible accident occurred at Swift found herself in the heart of the late riots in Louisiana, having left New Orleans with her family to escape the yellow fever. She says that all the trouble in the region round about her home was fomented by the harangues of the lower grade of Republican poli-

colors deserting their ranks. These men actually assured the negroes that they were in danger of being re-enslaved, and that if they wished to preserve their liberty they must kill the whites and burn their property. The deluded blacks were further told that Northern opinion would uphold them in pillage, arson and murder in such a cause. A certain Capt. Peck went, according to this account, to remonstrate with one of the leaders among the negroes and was shot dead as he approached the house. A report was instantly spread that five hundred whites had gathered to avenge Captain Peck's death, whereupon three or four thousand negroes, armed with old United States muskets, pistols and shot guns, surrounded Waterproof and occupied all the roads leading to it for miles, "the whole neighborhood," as the writer says, "presenting the appearance of New York during the riots." These crowds declared that they would kill every white man, woman and child in the town, and all efforts at pacifying them met with but partial success. Imagine a woman with several young daughters in the centre of such an excitement! Happily the militia from Natchez appeared before anything worse than the burning of a mill and some cotton had been attempted. The truth seems to be that the least reputable of the negroes, under the demoralizing rule of reconstruction, have had things their own way so long in regard to politics and labor contracts that in the rural regions they have become intolerant of opposition.

No Wonder that the Latter are Repudlated Everywhere. [Philadelphia Times.]

THE SOUTH AND THE RADICALS.

With some show of right the South points to the character of the men whose defeat as candidates for Congress the Northern Republicans are lamenting. Certainly the country would have been disgraced and the Republican party could not have been permanently benefited by the appearance in Congress of such men as the eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth | bigamous O'Hara, of North Carolina, the disreputable Mackey, of South Carolina, who stands indicted for felony, and the infamous Wells and other Returning Board scoundrels of Louisiana, not to mention a dozen of the same cloth who were candidates in other States. Nor can the Republicans of South Carolina point with pride to the only three members of the Legislature that they have elected, one of whom is proved by the State records to have been doubly progress. The triumphant end of ed, one of whom is proved by the the trip will bring the "grand old State records to have been doubly party" to Dawes and Colfax, and to bribed, and another of whom is await ing trial for malfeasance in office, while the third is of thoroughly bad repute. Nevertheless, it is well for the South to remember that the way to keep such men out of public life is not to stuff ballot boxes or frighten their supporters out of their wits. This is not the civilized method of ridding a community of such knaves. The courts are still open there, as in the North, for the punishment of

clared himself in favor of the payment | The National Republican on Russell. Judge Russell, the so-called Green backer, who is elected to succeed Waddell, of North Carolina, in the Forty-sixth Congress, has fallen down war, each of whom, he declared fought | from the pinnacle of independentism, so to speak, and begun to manœuvre kind of Republicans they produce in for a re-election to a second term the Solid South, but the platform is even before his first one begins. In absolutely new and wonderful from a recent speech at Wilmington he de-Northern view. We should imagine | clared himself in favor of the paythere is enough in the position of this | ment of all Southern claims, whether the claimants were loyal to the Union or not, and the pensioning of Southern as well as Northern soldiers of the late war, each of whom, he declared, fought for their country. It is evident from this that there will be a Fourth Party in the next House -a Russell party; that is, if Russell lives to take his seat, which we fear Mare Jumps Twenty-Three Feet. he will not. A man with so much on his mind, so many schemes in his head, is apt to explode, you know.

Death of Heller, the Magician. Mr. Robert Heller, widely known both in this country and in Europe as an expert magician, died a few days ago at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia. Previous to Mr. Heller following in the footsteps of Hermann, Houdin, and other famous near Patterson's culvert, just below ler following in the footsteps of Her-Crum Creek. The colt was killed this mann, Houdin, and other famous side of the culvert. The mare Maud jumped the culvert, which is twentythree feet wide, but for all this noble | he introduced into his public entertainments showed to be possessed of was the fastest running horse in Delaware county, having a record of 1:58. Mr. Leiper refused an offer of parents reside in Georgetown, D. C., rare musical ability. His wife, who is at present in Paris.

- The Federal Court is in session at Raleigh, Judge Brooks presiding.

- The Shelby Aurora says the Cleaveland magistrates speak of organizing an Inferior Court.

- Two of the children of Colonel Webb, of Durham, died last Saturday—one at 4 o'clock, A. M., and the other at 2 P. M.

Rufus Edmundson, a Commissioner of Wayne, has resigned, says the Raleigh Observer, and Gov. Vance has appointed W. B. Fort to fill the vacancy. - Charlotte Democrat: N. C. Railroad stock sold at Salisbury last week, at auction, for \$58 per share of \$100. Stock in the National Bank at Greensboro sold.

for \$105 per share of \$100. off On Tuesday 20 convicts were sent to the penitentlary: From Warren 2. colored; from Hyde 1; from Polk 2, colored; from Davidson 7, colored; from Caswell 3, colored; Mecklenburg 7, colored; and nearly all for stealing.

1- Newbern Nut Shell: We learn dreek, a day or two ago, which resulted in the death of an old citizen of this county. It seems that the citizen had purchased a let of gunpowder, which he was carrying in his band, when a spark from his cigar ignited the powder, causing an explosion, resulting in the mortal wounding of the citizen. It is stated that the man was drunk when the accident occurred.

Greensboro Patriot: There came to the poor house last week a man aged 80 family and provided for them as well as he could. Now they are all grown up, and in-stead of taking care of him cheerfully, as they should, complained so at the expense providing him with food and clothes that he took refuge in the poor house rather than remain under their roof, feeling that he was an unwelcome incumbrance on his ungrateful children.

- Wilson Advance: The news has just reached us that a murder has been committed in Nash, the circumstances of which, briefly stated, are these: Two negroes, Wiley Brantly and Crawford Eatman, came to Wilson last Saturday, and, on their return home, got into a dispute over a trivial matter, whereupon Brantly proceeded to chastise Eatman, who was a mere boy, being only about fifteen years old, and from the wounds which, it is beleved were there inflicted by Brantly,

Satman died on Sunday about 12 o'clock. - Louisburg Times: Capt. Josiah Lankford died at his residence on the morning of the 25th instant, aged 83. - A very serious, if not fatal, cutting affair took place at a corn-shucking, at the residence of J. H. Baker, near Baker's Cross Roads in this county, several nights ago. The parties were James Carter and his cousin, Samuel Carter, white. They both had in-dulged pretty freely in "strong drink," and as a matter of course a quarrel ensued between them, when James Carter drew his knife and stabbed Samuel Carter in the back, just under his right shoulder. -On last Tuesday Mr. James Squalls, ginner at the cotton gin of Mr. W. K. Davis, about seven miles from town, had his hand badly mangled in the gin. Two of his fingers were cut entirely off, and it is thought by his physician that he will lose another one.

- Charlotte Observer: Services were held last night at Calvary Mission Church as well as at Tryon Street. Rev. T. Page Ricaud preached, and afterwards an invitation was extended to penitents to come forward and kneel around the altar. In response to this five persons went forward. Rutherford items: Judge Logan is in feeble health, but still was able to appear at the bar at the recent terms of Rutherford and Polk courts. The times are hard in Rutherford. The recent shooting affray h a bar-room near the county seat did not amount to much; the darkey was shot with a small pistol and the ball barely penetrated beneath the skin. —A countryman recently left with Lawyer Churchill a beet which is a curiosity; it is shaped exactly like a pig-has a tail, snout, eyes, ears and four legs, exactly like a pig, only it can't

- Raleigh Observer: Cleaveland is the banner county this year. Sheriff B. F. Logan has paid up her taxes in full, and they have been deposited in the State Treasury. The public tax is \$2,424 88, the spedial tax \$2,102 93; making a total of \$4,000 and the state of \$4,0 527 81. - The negro, Crumel Atkinson, who is supposed to have committed a rape upon Miss Melvina Atkinson, was captured on Mr. Dodd's farm, near Raleigh, yesterday morning, by policemen Mart. Thompson and Paul Lincke, under the direction of Mr. W. Richardson, from Johnston county. The rape was committed in Boon Hill Township, Johnston county, last Thursday evening, terday evening by Mr. Richardson.

The Governor has pardoned Thomas
Laughter, convicted of larceny at the fall term of Polk Superior Court and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. He does so on the recommendation of the Solicitor and the statement of the prosecutor that Laughter is weak-minded, and under the gircumstances the case was hardly larceny. The authorities will discharge from the penitentiary on the 29th inst., Andrew Davis, colored, convicted in Mecklenburg county of arson and burglary and sentenced to the penitentiary in May, 1869. He is about forty years old, five feet eight and a quarter inches high, and weighed when admitted 181 pounds. — Mr. J. J. Powell died at the residence of his brother, H. H. Powell, at midnight of the 26th inst. No young man in North Carolina had a larger circle of friends, and his death, though long expected, causes a pang in many hearts outside the family. His death was caused by a wound received at the battle of Chancellorsville, on the 3d of May, 1863, which made him a sufferer and an invalid to the time of his death. When he was wounded he was a Lieutenant in Manly's Battery, and was universally beloved and respected for his worthiness. - Charlotte Observer: The STAR

is right. General Clingman is not a native of Buncombe; he was born in Yadkin, where he has a number of relatives now living. - A Nash county man has been blowing around for about two weeks over a sweet potato of his production, weighing 114 pounds, until new a Columbus county man comes along and knocks the stuffing out of him with one weighing 12 pounds. Whit Ferrin, the negro who was captured here a few weeks ago with a stolen horse in his possession, which was afterwards re-cognized as the property of Mr. Nathan Neely, of Rowan county, was taken to Salisbury by Coroner Alexander, last week, where he was tried by Judge Graves in the Superior Court and convicted. and taken before U. S. Commissioner Pittman, charged with having in his possession a lot of unstamped manufactured tobacco. - As foreshadowed in yesterday's paper, a hostile meeting took place yesterday near a hostile meeting took place yesterday hear Pineville, in the southern part of this county, on the C., C. & A. Railroad. One of the parties is Mr. Jas. Wilson, son of Mr. B. W. Wilson, a prominent lawyer of Yorkville; the other is a young man of Syntax grant of Dr. Sanders Both belong Sumter, a son of Dr. Sanders. Both belong to good and leading families. There was one exchange of shots and no damage. Less than a month ago we chronicled the killing of a white man named Hamrick, in Rutherford county, by two negroes named Thorn and Daggett. They were arrested, and when Rutherford court came on the case was moved to Polk. It came up in that court last week and the defend-ants were convicted of manslaughter, and sentenced each to ten years' imprisonment, and are now safe in the penitentiary.

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STATE EXPENSES.

moral character, can be found to take It strikes us our State contempoit for \$1,500. This is ample with the field open to him to practice his profession in the courts. "A Farmer" next examines the large salary of the Secretary of State, and places his pay at from \$6,000 to \$8,000. He naively or sarcastically

"As we pay the Chief Justice only \$2,500, we could probably get a good Secretary of State by giving him \$3,500 in lieu of all fees and salaries." We think a thoroughly competent man could be easily secured to take this office at \$1,800. There are prohably one thousand men in the State abundantly able to discharge all of the duties thoroughly, conscientiously, and honestly, who would rejoice at the opportunity of doing so, even f the pay were but \$1,500. We

> Carolina who to-day work hard at from \$1,000 to \$1,200 per annum. "A Farmer" sums up his proposed

scholarly and gifted men in North

Saved on Governor...... \$2,350

" Attorney General... 2,000
" Secretary of State... 3,500 Total reduction \$7,850

We would prefer the reductions to

Goyernor's salary and Secretary's pay. \$3,600

The present pay of these offices is speed in their efforts to secure the greatest happiness for the largest \$14,850. This is probably the minimum. Reduction as above \$7,950, or \$100 more than "A Farmer" would save by his plan. The only difference of importance is in the place or manner of reduction. We leave the Governor more pay, because we think it necessary, and cut down the others to a lower point than "A Farmer"

> But the real point is to secure the reduction. It ought to be done. Discreet, sober, industrious officials dan get along easily with the salaries proposed. What say the people? What say the press?

DEATH OF HON. B. F. MOOKE.

We regret to learn from the Raleigh papers of Thursday that Hon. Bartholomew F. Moore, the Nestor of the North Carolina Bar, died in that town on Wednesday, the 27th inst., in his 78th year. He had been in declining health for some months, and his death, therefore, was not unexpeoted. He was born in the county of Halifax, January 29th, 1801. He was graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1820. He read law under Hon. Thomas N. Mann, of Nash, and in 1834 married Louisa, daughter of Mr. George Boddie, of Nash. He represented Halifax in 1836, 1840, 1842, and 1844 in the Legislature. He was appointed Attorney General in May, 1848, by Governor Graham, and in the December following was elected ature. He held this office un til May, 1851. He removed to Raleigh in 1848. He was one of the Commission to codify the laws of the State in 1851. He was a member also of the Commission in 1855 appointed to superintend the publication of the Revised Code. He was emphatically an able lawyer-one of the ablest thus far produced in North

Carolina. The Raleigh Observer says: have been. He should to some extent offer hospitalities worthy of his high position. Let us give our Governor enough to live upon genteelly and easily. The workman is worthy of

Carolina Reports. That brief stood, when filed, without a superior in the annals of legal argument in the State, and so it stands to day. It settled then and for all time to come the true relations between master and slave is North Carolina, and settled them in favor of the right of the slave to protect them against the unlawful violence even of his own master."

We have not space to enter upon a review of his political career and opinions. He was eminently conservate "The duties of the Attorney General, aside from those of Reporter, are almost nominal. He is allowed to practice in all courts, from that of the Justice of the tive in his views. He wrote well when in his prime. His oration on the death of Mr. Clay was a fine specimen of the kind. Mr. Moore did not look like a sa-

perior man intellectually, and yet no man ever questioned the fact. He was an able and astute advocate, a consummate equity lawyer, a man of eral's salary of \$200 per annum), is a question which this General Assembly must be prepared to answer. We hard now the anomaly of the Chief Justice and his Assolearning in his profession and wellinformed in many departments, and was resolute and bold in expressing and defending his opinions. He has gone down to his grave at a green old age, respected by all for his devotion to North Carolina, for the principles he held tenaciously and expressed fearlessly, and for his uncommon abilities as a great lawyer. One by one the great men of the past are passing to their home beyond the

DEATH OF MAJ. SEATON GALES. It is with the deepest sorrow that we record the death of this eloquent, gifted, genial, noble-hearted man. He died at 12 o'clock, yesterday, in Washington City, whither he had gone to resume his duties in one of the offices of the government. He was born in Raleigh in 1828, and was graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1848, taking first distinction. He became the editor of the Raleigh Register in 1849, succeeding his father. He married Miss Mary Cameron, of Fayetteville, daughter of Dr. Thomas N. Cameron, in 1850. know some of the best educated, most | Maj. Gales was a thorough gentleman, amiable, good hearted, generous, brave, kindly, lovable, and naturally of fine parts. He wrote elegantly, and was remarkably successful in his literary address. We never knew a more courteous, courtly, winning, large hearted man. Hundreds and thousands of persons in North Carolina will have a pang of profound regret and sorrow when they learn that Seaton Gales is no more. We knew him long and thoroughly well, and esteemed and loved him as we have

esteemed and loved few men in our day. We have not space to say more of a noble gentleman who has fallen asleep when his intellectual powers were at their highest. He might have won a very prominent place in our State if he had given his nights to study, and had exercised to its utmost his bright, chaste and commanding intellect. In the prime of his manhood he has passed to silence and eternal sleep. 'So may be rest, his faults lie gently on

The corner-stone of the Lee mau soleum was laid at Lexington, Va., on Thursday, the 28th. Prof. J. J. White delivered an address of welcome, Gen. Pendleton offered a prayer, and Senator Withers pronounced a eulogy. A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun says: 37 "Hon. J. R. Tucker introduced Gen. Johnston as a companion of Gen. Lee at West Point, a fellow-soldier through long years, a comrade in many battles, and the greatest living soldier of the late war, "Gen. Johnston responded with feeling, thanking Mr. Tucker for his kind words,

and the committee for giving him the opportunity of participating in ceremonies commemorative of the great and good man who had been his friend from youth until God took him. He then placed in the cavity of the corner-stone the records of the Lee Memorial Association, a letter of Gen. Washington to the Board of Washington College, donating \$50,000, dated June 17, 1778, Gen. Lee's letter accepting the Presidency, dated August 25, 1865, with a number of other documents. Rev. Gen. Penileton pronounced the benediction, three hearty cheers were given for 'Old Joe John-ston,' and the proceedings were ended."

When we contrast what North Carolina is doing in the way of educating the children of the State with what is doing in the same direction in Northern and Sonthern States, we can but lament that we are so far behind. Take New Jersey, a small State, and see what is being done to advance the educational cause. The school fund for 1877 amounted The school fund for 1877 amounted from counting the vote in the Second to \$1,972,639 34—nearly two million District, the Board adjourned withof dollars. The school property is valued at \$6,390,398. Male teachers receive \$60 50 a month, female teachers \$36 14. This is the only way to obtain competent instructors and faithful services—pay fairly for it.

- The Charlotte Democrat learns that Rev. Dr. N. H. D. Wilson refuses to surrender the office of Trustee of the N. C. Railroad to Mr. John W. Graham, elected by the Directors, claiming that the Board