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THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of North Carolina meets to-morrow. The session should be a very important one. There are many very pressing matters that are calling loudly for a hearing. We do not know how much of wisdom, practical ability and backbone there is in the body. It remains to be seen whether it is a working body or an idling body; a sober, discreet, consecrated, far-seeing and resolute body, or a carousing, weak, vacillating set of men, who have neither wisdom to devise, ability to execute, nor nerve to do what is right. We have not had in ten years a Legislative body that was equal to the emergency. Time and acts will show how much worth attaches to the body that assembles at Raleigh on Wednesday.

The people of North Carolina greatly need judicious legislation at this time. Our old State is behind in many things, and a prudent, sagacious, devoted, wise and firm Legislature can do very much to relieve North Carolina of some of its stigma and burdens, and give it a genuine impetus on the high-road to prosperity. Will this be done?

This is an admirable time for real statesmanship-for broad views. A genuine North Carolina spirit should animate every heart. Each legislator should feel himself the custodian of North Carolina's good name and honor. He should endeavor to rise above mere local prejudices or party animosities, and legislate for the whole State. Bad laws should be repealed or amended. Additional law are needed, and they should be carefully framed so that their execution will be found possible. Among the questions that specially deserve and absolutely require the attention of the Legislature, we may venture to mention the following:

First, the adjustment of the State debt by fair, equitable and honest compromise. This matter has been delayed far too long. Its being postponed so long has been a real injury to the prosperity and character of the State broad.

Second, our common school system needs overhauling completely. There must be a more efficient system of superintendency, and a larger fund applied for educational pur-The schools should be held for a longer period of time, and a higher grade of teachers should be employed.

Third, sheep husbandry should be protected and fostered. It is a great shame that one of the greatest sources of wealth to any State should be so neglected and despised. The people demand a law that will encourage and protect sheep raising.

Fourth, the Moffett Register should be adopted, but the Virginia laws require decided amendment to make the system efficient and thorough. Such a law, if properly executed, would bring into the treasury from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 annually.

Fifth, the salaries of many officers must be cut down-some of them very greatly-whilst others should be dispensed with altogether.

Sixth, some legislation is needed to make the public roads of the State

Seventh, the freights on railroads

need to be inquired into. Eighth, a law ought to be framed allowing counties to vote on the

Ninth, the Returning Board ought to be done away with, and the old system returned to if a better one

cannot be devised.

Tenth, we believe that the Legislature ought to make some changes in the pardoning power. The STAR has already had much to say on this subject. We shall take occasion to recur to it at length before the Legislature has been many weeks in session. We know of nothing in our State system so anti-republican and so monstrous as the one-man power. The best man who ever walked the earth, save Him who was the God-man, was not good enough and wise enough to be entrusted with any such dangerous, arbitrary and imperial powers.

We shall take occasion to urge the passage of some or all of these measures, which we regard as timely and necessary. We only desire such legislation as our wisest and most discreet men may approve of-such

legislation as grows out of experience and profound reflection. Hasty, crude legislation is apt to end in disaster and disappointment.

PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS. The STAR is not committed to the candidacy of any man for the Presidency. As clearly intimated the other day, it is too soon at the beginning of 1879 to be speculating as to who

will be nominated in June, 1880. The best laid plans" of politicians, like those of other men, as well as of "mice," will be found often "to gang agley." The favorite to-day may be set aside before six months passes and a new man be brought to the front as the most promising and conspicuous claimant for Presidential honors. The STAR will be content to accept the nominee of the National Convention, if he be a man of solid parts and unblemished integrity, and is governed by broad and patriotic ideas. The country needs a wise, prudent and able statesman. Political adventurers and nameless nobodies have had the reins long enough. The perils and distresses of our great country have all flowed from legislative quackery and unbridled corruption. A reform, deep, wide, thorough, is needed.

We are inclined to the opinion, from the present outlook, that either Judge Thurman or ex-Gov. Hend ricks will be nominated. Either will be a strong candidate and will be acceptable to the South. Gov. Hendricks is an able and pure gentleman. who is by right the Vice President of the United States. He is a strong man with a good deal of personal attractiveness. His heart is warm, and his life is pure. In his own State. Indiana, he is held in deserved esteem, and is the favorite of the people. The probability is he will have a strong following in the next convention. The fact that he can carry Indiana, and the necessity of having that State, may weigh heavily in his favor when the hour comes to make

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a great intellect, and a character without stain or suspicion. He is, in its best sense, a statesman. He is probably the ablest man in the United States Senate, and is generally regarded as the ablest lawyer. He always makes capital speeches -clear, logical, plain, forceful. He is a wise man as well as a pure man, and has great influence among Democratic leaders. He will probably be compelled to run for Governor in Ohio. although he has declined, and evidently doubts the wisdom of making the race. If he is elected it will be a great feather in his cap, and will do a great deal towards securing him the first place on the next national Democratic ticket. If he is beaten, he is done for, as no convention will select a man to be the candidate for President who has been defeated in his own State. Recent Washington news is to the effect that the pressure upon him from home is so great he will be forced to yield and to accept the nomination of the Democratic leaders of Ohio, all of whom are clamorous for his election.

The position of Judge Thurman on the financial question, as set forth in his Mansfield speech of last summer, is the right one, as we said then and still believe. He can win upon that platform, we cannot doubt. He has been often misrepresented and often misunderstood. He is a conservative not a radical, in finance, as in other questions of statesmanship.

The Richmond Dispatch is a cold, calculating, sagacious paper, very chary in its praise, and well posted in financial matters. It fought the Greenback craze with exceeding vigor pertinacity and ability. It is so much a friend of gold it would not support Thurman if it believed him unsound on questions of finance. Because of its views on the money question, and because Judge Thurman has to be denounced by certain organs of the bondholders, we copy some remarks from the Dispatch, as that paper does no more than justice to the illustrious statesman and patriot from Ohio.

"He is a man of liberal culture. He is a statesman of enlarged views and wide horizon. He is a man of exceeding great prudence—not a 'rascally virtue' in his case. He is not a 'goldbug' nor a 'green-back lunatic.' He is a fair representative of the popular creed upon financial questions. He has consented to the idea that the Government rather than the banks should issue all the currency of the country-an idea which has yet to receive the popular sanction; but he placed his acquiesence partly upon the fact that the present system could not be continued after the public debt was all paid off, inasmuch as there would then be no Government bonds upon which to base bank-circulation; and partly upon the assumption that the Government would save money by the change. He also took pains to let it be known that he was not willing to do any-thing that would interfere with the business interests of the country, but would favor a very gradual substitution of greenbacks for bank notes, issuing the former only in place of the notes of banks whose charters had expired by limi-

tation of law. In fact, his whole course during the Ohio campaign of 1878, as well as all his antecedents as a Democrat, shows that so far is he from being a greenback lunatic that he really holds all advocates of thought that he conceded too much to the Greenbackers; but we are inclined to say with one of the shrewdest of our New York contemporaries, that he is entitled to the popular gratitude for having switched off the people's train from a dangerous track to a track which, if not the best, is at least one upon which the country may travel without peril to its dearest interests. We know Mr. Thurman to be sound on the financial question; and we are ready and willing to trust him in the Presidential chair, though we may not approve all of his recent utterances.

We have only space to add a word when we would like to say more. The country—the Democrats of every section—may agree to lay aside questions of finance in the selection of candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, in view of more important questions that will be uppermost. The preservation of the liberties-the safety and peace of the country-may demand that all other questions shall be kept in abeyance, and that all good men of every section must unite in 1880 to drive from power the robbers and thieves who hold office through fraud and violence. In that event Hon. James A. Bayard, of Delaware, may be a for midable candidate, and he may get the nomination. He is a man of un spotted name, and of real abil ities. He can get New England and the Middle States, and he may get a considerable support from the South. His financial views are no those that are generally held in the Northwest and in portions of the South. He is regarded as being thoroughly identified with the extreme goldites and is too much of a favorite with the bondholders. But he may be nominated in spite of this, if the delegates to the National Convention should unite in making the great test question in the campaign the salvation and peace of the country.

But at present the chances of Judge Thurman appear to be best, and ex-Governor Hendricks next.

"Gath" is not a newspaper correspondent after our taste, but he is gifted. The trouble with the reader is he can never tell when "Gath" is telling the truth or drawing a long bow. We find two paragraphs taken from one of his letters to that not very veracious paper, the Cincinnati Enquirer, that are worth copying. Of North Carolina he says:

"In North Carolina was captured one of the two great armies of the Confederacy; her representation in Congress since the war has been the best behaved and least recriminating from the South. A dexterous and able politician who could put this State with the North in the next Presidential contest would make her the most powerful political community in the South.'

"Gath" has interviewed Mr. T. B. Keogh, the chairman of the North Carolina Radical State Executive Committee, when there was one.

He represents Mr. Keogh as saying: "The Democrats in our State have no sympathy with the rifle club business, and dividing the time' of the South Carolina Democrats. I went there from a Western State, am well treated, and like the people and the country. It has the most forbearing and Christian population of the South.

If "Gath" would always be truthful he would be interesting, and if the Enquirer would stop its sensational lies it would not be suspected when it stumbles on the truth.

Some Radicals say if Judge Thurman should be the Democratic nominee for the Governorship of Ohio, that Secretary Sherman will be nominated to run against him. The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore American (Radical) writes:

"The Ohio campaign of next fall is attracting greater attention among politicians than any other topic. Every one appears to believe that its result will exercise a powerful influence on the Presidential conflict the year following. Despite his declinations it certainly looks as if Mr. Thurman will be the Democratic nominee for Governor of Ohio. This will unquestionably bring out Secretary Sherman as his opponent. The latter, his friends say, will be glad of the opportunity to defeat Mr. Thurman, and will cheerfully resign from the Cabinet if the Republicans of Ohio select him as their standard bearer in the gubernatorial fight."

Conger-the great, the illustrious Conger, has been in Wilmington, and on yesterday went down the "Raging Cape Fear." When he got to classic ground—that is to say, at historic Fort Fisher, where the greatest bombardment of the world occurred—the immortal Conger blew his "wreathed horn," which awakened all of the minnows and Tritons and mermaids of "the vasty deep," and even the alligators were seen to wag their tails in token of extreme delight. Con ger's horn is not only musical, but tremendous. He blew so long and loud that seafaring men twenty miles out at sea thought it was Gabriel's trumpet, and began to take in sail for the day of wrath.

Hon. Alexander Stephens, of Georgia, we regret to learn, is worse. But for the fact that he has been so often ill, and has shown such uncommon recuperative powers, we might expect the worst.

- The Roanoke at Weldon was frozen over on Saturday night.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

From the Raleigh Observer we copy the list of successful applicants for flat money in contempt. Some people have license to practice law in North Caro-

Jacob Thomas Barron, Edgecombe William Wainright Barber, Wilkes. George Samuel Bradshaw, Randolph. George William Britt, Sampson. William Franklin Carter, Rockingham Parish Alexander Cummings, Madison James Alexander Davis, Orange. John Hamliu Dobson, Surry. Theophilus Burt Ethridge, Guilford Swift Miller Emple, New Hanover. Samuel James Erin, Burke. Benjamin Stancell Gay, Northampton. John Steed Gibson, Cumberland. Eugene Early Gray, Forsyth. James Madison Gray, Rowan. Fernando Godfrey James, Pitt. Robert Hasell McKoy, New Hanover. Thomas Hall McKoy, Jr., Sampson. James Bryan Martin, Bertie. Zachariah Boardman Newton, Cumber Benjamin Posey, Henderson. Addison Guy Ricaud, New Hanover.

Bernard Philip Ryan, New Hanover.

John Peyre Thomas, Mecklenburg.

Thomas Devereux Turner, Orange.

George Henry White, Craven.

David Mitchell Vance, Mecklenburg.

William Roberts Whitson, Buncombe.

Foster Alexander Sondley, Buncombe. George Archibald Shuford, Transylvania

Robert Clarence Whitaker, Wake. The Radicals profess to have found in important witness in a man named St. Martin, who is a cousin of Gov. Nicholls, of Louisiana. He served as deputy sergeant-at-arms to the Stenger committee, that visited New Orleans last summer. We know nothing of this Saint, and he may tell the truth in what he testifies. The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore American writes on

"Mr. St. Martin has made an affidavit charging with a minuteness of detail that of itself corroborates the truthfulness of his statement, that money was raised and paid to secure those witnesses who came before the committee and denied their former tesimony before the Republican Congression al committee. Mr. St. Martin furthermore declares that Mr. Stenger, the chairman o he Louisiana Potter sub-committee, directed him to ascertain whether the witnesses summoned would give testimony of value to the Democrats, and if they would not to return them as not found.'

It will be in order for Mr. Stenger and the others of the committee to speak out and say whether St. Martin tells the truth or not.

Senator Sharon, all the way from Nevada, after an absence-a holiday -of two years, has appeared in Washington and occupied the place it was fondly hoped would know him no more forever. The said Sharon proposes to celebrate his return to the scene of his glories by voting to seat Corbin in place of Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina. The calculation is, according to a Baltimore Sun special, that it will be a tie vote, and the Vice President will give the casting vote for Corbin. But this nice little arrangement might miscarry if Senator Davis should vote for Butler, as that would give him a majority of one. So it may depend upon Judge Davis whether South Carolina shall continue to be represented in the Senate by its ablest man, who has bigh character for integrity and honor, or by such a creature as Corbin.

Senator Voorhees has made a timely speech in favor of trade. He spoke in behalf of making the trade dollar a legal tender, and for its recoinage into the standard silver dollar. There is no earthly reason why the resolution should not pass. As the law now is, the trade dollar is a fraud, as Mr. Voorhees characterized it. It is heavier than the standard dollar, and ought to be as valuable for purposes of commerce. The Government ought to be compelled to receive it for 100 cents for all purposes, such as customs dues, &c.

The first stage of the Louisiana investigation by the Teller committee indicates either great lawlessness in one or two parishes, or great lying on the part of the witnesses. If Senators Garland and Bailey agree in Ireporting that intimidation and violence were clearly established then we shall credit it and deplore it. Lawlessness must be suppressed, and legally qualified electors must be protected in their rights.

"The Wilmington (N. C.) STAR advocates General W. S. Hancock as the Democratic candidate for President in 1880."—

Wrong again. The STAR advocates no man for President or any other office. The paragraph quoted by the Gazette did not appear in this paper. Please correct.

We learn that the Carolina Central Railway Company, and the people of Hickory, in Catawba county, have consummated, or are about to consummate, an arrangement by which \$10,000 are to be raised to build a branch of the road from Lincolnton to Hickory, with the view of tapping at the latter point the Western North Carolina Railroad. It is greatly to be desired that the Carolina Central should form all the connections originally contemplated in its construction. With those properly formed, and a wise administrative policy, the vast traffic which new flows to other points would soon find its way to he isn't able to "draw" in Cork.—Baltimore Wilmington, where it naturally belongs. | Gazette.

The Warsaw Row.

The STAR of the 2d of January contained reference to the Christmas Eve row at Warsaw, our informant as to the disturbance avowing that Friday Hill, colored, after the row had about been quelled, rode through the streets with a gun and tried to incite another riot, for which he was promptly arrested and bound over in the sum of \$150 by Mayor Davis for his future appearance to answer the charge In a communication to us Friday states that injustice was done him. He admits that he obtained his shooting iron, but declares it was only for the purpose of defending himself in case he was attacked. He did not, he says, attempt to incite riot, that he is a law-abiding citizen, and that he regrets the occurrence referred to. However. Friday had to give the bend demanded by the Mayor of Warsaw, and time will either vindicate or convict him before a proper tribunal, when we will give him the benefit of the decision.

A Man Frozen to Death. During the recent cold snap, John Bartley, a mulatto, came down to Fair Bluff, Columbus county, this State, on a raft bound for Georgetown, S. C. He was, for some reason, discharged from the service of the owner of the boat late one afternoon, and accompanied only by a dog attempted to return to his home, some distance from Fair Bluff, on foot. He was compelled to cross a stream, and instead of availing himself of the ferry at that point, waded across and was found next morning, on the opposite bank from his place of departure, cold in death. The dog was fastened to bush near by, and the supposition is that Bartley, chilled by his passage through the water, tied the dog and essayed the building of a fire, but was unable to relieve himself in this way and perished from the intensity of the cold.

Robbery of a Brunswick Store.

Information has been received by us of the recent robbery of the store of Mr. J. W. Wilson, at Calabash, in the lower part of Brunswick county, of several hundred dollars. It seems that Mr. Wilson kept his store open quite late on the night of the robbery, and it is supposed that the thieves unlatched the windows, which had been previously closed before his departure, and, at a later hour, on this account, were enabled to gain admittance to the store and possession of the funds. A negro, George Stone, who was present in the building just before Mr. Wilson closed up for the night, was arrested on suspicion, and afterwards confessed his guilt, implicating Henry Mahler and two other negroes whose names our informant did not remember. All of the parties were thereupon arrested and lodged in the county jail at Smithville. Only thirty-seven dollars of the money stolen has been recovered, that sum being in the possession of George Stone, who was unquestionably the ringleader of the

Hon. Omar D. Conger-His Arrival and Entertainment. As was intimated in the STAR, the Hon Omar D. Conger, M. C. from Michigan, arrived here by rail Tuesday morning, and after a brief stay in the city, accompanied by a number of prominent business menin which there was no recognition of section-made a trip down the river in the revenue cutter Crawford, Capt. Glover. Among others whom we recognized were Mayor S. H. Fishblate, A. H. VanBokkelen, Esq., President Chamber of Commerce; H. Nutt, Chairman Committee on River and Harbor Improvements; C. H. Robinson, President Produce Exchange: Postmaster E., R. Brink, Gen. J. C. Ab bott, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, and Messrs. James H. Chadbourn, George Chadbourn, Edward Kidder and L. E. Rice. We understand the trip was one of unmixed pleasure in a social sense, and that the visiting Congressman was not only gratified by what he heard and saw, but was special ly impressed with the judicious manner in which national appropriations have been expended for the improvement of our river and harbor. We are glad to note this result. because the better our necessities are understood at Washington the sooner will ustice be done in the measure of govern-

The Crawford returned, with her human freight, before sunset, every one participating manifesting the utmost good humor n referring to the excursion. The company were unstinted in praise of the bearing of Capt. Glover and his associate officers.

MR. EDITOR-Much of the argument

used in your editorial on the cause of Eng-

For the Star.

land's distress, in the STAR of yesterday, may safely be applied to our own country. The writer desires to commend you for so plainly pointing out the source of poverty, crime and wretchedness to a people, as is found in the article referred to. If no people can expect prosperity with a record hat gives an average annual expenditure of \$20 to every man, woman and child for strong drink, then are we in a worse condition and with a darker future, unless the evil be corrected, than England can possibly be; and it behooves us to look the matter squarely in the face. You state that the sum spent in the United States for iquors in the last ten years would have paid off the national debt. Now, what would you think if the writer stated that this could be effected with about one year's expenditure for liquors? Facts are stubborn things, and figures, they say, "don't lie." Then, from a report made by Secretary Wells, over ten years ago, we have the sum total spent for drinks annually, or the value of the retail liquor sales for one year. which is the same thing, to be, one billion four hundred and eighty-three million four

hundred and ninety-one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars, (\$1,483,491,865), or at that time, forty-three dollars for every man, woman and child in the country. No one presumes to believe that there has been much improvement since then (1867). So that we spend for drinks over double what is attributed to England. The above figures could be moralized upon to a great length, but the matter belongs to you and your Carolina Central Rallway. brethren of the press, Mr. Editor, more than all others, to discuss and furnish a

> proper channels, will not in the future as in the past so lightly view this truly vital Question, I am, PRO BONO PUBLICO. WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 6, 1879. The components of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup are daily prescribed by the ablest physicians, whose success is due to the specific influence of these components. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, skilfully prepared for immediate use, is for sale by all Drug-- Grant has drawn a good many

remedy, and with the hope that you and

others, petent to direct public sentiment in

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Abstract of Proceedings. The Board met yesterday afternoon, Col. Wm. L Smith, Chairman, and Commissioners James A. Montgomery, H. A. Bagg, B. G. Worth and A. J. Grady,

The committee on poor house and public buildings reported progress.

The Chairman appointed Commissioners Worth and Bagg to audit and settle the accounts of the Sheriff with the county Treas-

Ordered, that the double tax on A. Hocut's land, in Harnett township, be abated. Edward Schriver having been appointed constable of Cape Fear township at the previous meeting of the Board, tendered

his official bond for \$500, which was ac-

Thomas Harrell declined the appointment offoverseer of the public road, second division, from Desert branch to Sturgeon

The petition of A. Carr, for hands, in connection with the Gordon road, was referred to Commissioner J. A. Montgomery, with power to act.

Applications from the following persons for licenses to retail liquor in the city were granted: John D. Dosher and R. J. Scarborough. D. C. Davis tendered his resignation as

member of the school committee of Harnett township. On motion the same was accepted, and Mr. Norwood Giles appointed instead. The election of Standard Keeper for the county coming up, Mr. N. Morris and J.

C. Millis were voted for, the former receiving three and the latter two votes. Mr. Morris was then declared duly elected.

The bids of Nora Sampson, Jas. A. Lowery, Duncan Holmes, Thomas Rivera, Robert Sweat, and James H. Bryant, for furnishing coffins and burying the dead of the county, were opened and the contract awarded to Nora Sampson as the lowest

The contract for keeping the county poor and insane was awarded to Mr. John F. Garrell, as also for keeping the prisoners at the Work House. He gave a bond in the first instance of \$1,000, and in the second of \$500.

It was ordered by the Board that the prisoners at the Work House be turned

over to Mr. Garrell on the 7th inst. Dr. W. W. Lane was ordered to be continued as County Physician under the

The following resolution was offered and

WHEREAS At the late meeting of the Board, it was ordered that the clerk of the Board should request His Honor, Judge McKoy, not to hold a term of the Superior Court in the month of January, 1879, the Board having been advised that the said term was not in conformity with law; and whereas, the Board is at the present time advised that there is doubt in regard to the legality of the holding of this court, some of the legal profession being of one opinion, and some being of the contrary opinion; therefore, be it

Resolved. That the Board intended by heir action no disrespect to his Honor, Judge McKoy, in making the request aforesaid, but only to express their desire to save

expense to the county. ORDERED, That it be referred to the At orney of the Board to examine into the claim presented by H. Nutt as an offset to the judgment rendered against him by the County as surety upon the bond of J. C. Mann, and report to the Board if the same be just, and also if the said Mann is indebted to the County in any other amount than is included in said judgment; and he be authorized to indulge the execution now in the sheriff's hands, until after the next meeting of the Board.

The Board proceeded to destroy two bonds, Nos. 50 and 100, each for \$100. with last coupon attached to each; 13 coupons, \$3 each, and two gold coupons, \$15

The County Treasurer's report for the month of December was received and ordered to be referred to the Finance com-

Ordered that the Finance Committee meet on Monday evening, 13th inst., at 7 o'clock. The Board adjourned to meet next Wed

nesday, 15th inst., at 21 o'clock, P. M.

Success of Wilmingtonians. We were glad to learn by a telegram received in this city last night that Messrs. R. H. McKoy, Thomas H. McKoy, Jr. Swift M. Empie and Addison Ricaud had all passed their examinations before the Supreme Court of the State, now in session in Raleigh, most creditably, and have been granted licenses to practice law. We heartily congratulate the young gentlemen on their success, which we feel assured was

most richly deserved and which we are glad to make public. All four of the newly fledged attorneys will return shortly and we presume their "shingles" will ere long adorn "the outward wall."

Serious Fire in Raleigh. From Mr. John P. Hayes, of Raleigh who arrived in this city last night, we learn that a serious fire occurred in that city on yesterday morning. The fire broke out about half-past three o'clock, in the store of Messrs. Lewis & Jones, on Hillsboro street, and extended to the store of Rush Jolley, and aftetwards to the dwellings of Mrs. Drake and R. W. Best, Esq., all of which were entirely consumed. Mr. Lewis was found on the pavement in front of the store, badly burned, unconscious, and with an arm broken, and as he slept above his store the supposition is he was compelled to jump from a second story window to save his life. The origin of the fire is unknown.

saved, and it is thought that but for the scarcity of water the buildings might have been also. The total loss is estimated at \$15,000; insurance on Lewis & Jones' stock, \$2,000.

Insured.

We mentioned in yesterday's issue the fire at Dr. F. W. Curtis' dwelling, in Smithville. We now have the information that the building was insured for \$1,000 in the Home Company, of New York, of which Mr. Norwood Giles, of this city, is agent.

- Wood, from the flats, was still at a high figure yesterday morning, retailing at from \$3, to \$4 per cord. The prospect of open weather and increasing supplies will soon cause a tumble in prices.

Spirits Turpentine.

- That must be a remarkable body which contains 120 members and every one of whom would make a capital Speaker. Selah!

- The Shelby Aurora learns that several government distilleries will be opened in Cleaveland and adjoining coun-

ties in a few months.

- The Salisbury News has ceased to tell what is going on in the busy world, and the Randelph Sun has gone out in endless night. "Rest for the weary."

- An engineer on the railroad be tween Charlotte and Concord made thirteen miles in fifteen minutes. The Observer says: Talk about telegraph poles looking like a fine-tooth comb! They looked at times like a row of wooden buildings.

- Rev. F. M. Jordan, the Baptist evangelist, states in the Biblical Recorder that during the last five years he has preached fifteen hundred sermons, and there have been fifteen hundred professions of religion. This is a remarkable exhibit of zeal and usefulness.

- Raleigh Observer: The Supreme Court met at 10 A. M., yesterday. Associate Justice Ashe is retained at his home in Anson on account of severe illness, so that Chief Justice Smith and Justice Dillard were the court of last resort for North Carolina. It was a pleasant sight to see a North Carolina court representing North Carolina ideas, habits and justice. The people selected these Judges.

-- Concord Register: It is enconraging to see the success Dr. Mears accomplished by his energy and perseverance with his process for extracting gold from sulphurate ores. He really does not leave a trace of gold after going through his process. It is putting quite a value on the rich sulphurate ores which have lain dormant so long in Cabarrus county. There has been this week a valuable mine sold by Wm. A. Smith, of Concord, to a Philadelphia company,

- Rockingham Bee: The news you cannot find in the Wilmington STAR is hardly worth the while to look for. -The Baptists commenced a series of meetings here on Friday. A church is to be organized, and the Revs. John Monroe, F. M. Jordan and W. T. Jordan are in at-- Died, at his home, five tendance. miles east of Rockingham, on the night of the 28th of December, 1878, John Watson, one of the oldest and best citizens of Richmond county, and lately a member of its Board of Commissioners.

- Newbernian: In the country ound about Newport, in Carteret county, the farmers have, for the last six or seven years, been regularly engaged in draining swamp lands. The colored ditchers are occasionally surprised by finding in the ditches, several feet below the surface, large bones, for which they can find no name. The bones are all, as far as we have observed, the remains of the mastodon, an animal that existed in what the geologists called the Cenozoic times—the age immediately preceding the age of man.

- Raleigh News: Stepping into he Yarboro yesterday ever porter was greeted by Dr. Blacknall with one of his blandest smiles, and confidently told that at that moment he had under his roof three men whose combined height was twenty seven feet nine inches. -- The community were shocked on Sabbath morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Jno. B. Burwell. tion with members of the Legislature discovers a general recognition that retrenchment will be the real issue of the session. and a pronounced ambition to make it efficient enough to at least satisfy somewhat the demands of the people.

- Charlotte Observer: Twelve colored people were buried in Pinewood Cemetery last month. - While skating on Park's pond, Monday, Mayor Smith got a very hard fall, his head striking first. He was stunned for several minutes by the fall and received a painful cut just above the - There is no demand for gold whatever at the city banks. Only a few persons have expressed a desire to have it instead of greenbacks. - The vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal church have invited a minister of Canada to come to Charlotte and survey the field with a view to a call from the church, and he has accepted the

- Raleigh Biblical Recorder: Rev. Wm. J. Fulford, of Nash county, has been called to the pastorate of the New Hope and Society churches, in Davie county. --Rev. H. Petty, of Chatham, Va., has resigned the charge of the Church in Greens-- Rev. N. B. Cobb, of Lilesville, has been called to the pastorate of the church in Fayetteville, and has accepted. - Rev. Jacob Utley has resigned his charge of the church at Moorehead City, and has accepted the pastorate of the three churches in Onslow county. His postoffice address is Swansboro, N. C. —— Rev. J. L. Carroll, a native of North Carolina, and recently of Warrenton, Va., has returned to the Old North State to work in the interest of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

-A number of Mecklenburg counbonds were sold in this city last week at 1 cents. This is not bad, and considering that the county is in debt \$300,000 it is a striking evidence of the public faith in the county's ability and purpose to meet its obligations. - A citizen of Gaston county reports that scarlet fever is raging there quite an alarming extent. - Two young men got into a squabble on the ice pond yesterday and drew pistols on each other, but the row was quieted without serious results. - Many herses have died in this county recently from blind staggers.

- The Messrs. Warlick, the enterprising young proprietors of the Lincolnton News, will, in the course of three or four weeks, establish a newspaper at Newton, Catawba county, to be under the immediate supervision of Mr. George A. Warlick, Mr. W. M. Warlick to continue in charge of the News at Lincolnton.

- Oxford Free Lance: All our ice houses are filled with a most superior quality of ice, averaging about three inches in thickness. - The fact was developed in the late county election that every Democratic candidate was a member of the Masonic fraternity. Every one was a farmer, directly or indirectly, and every church was represented by the candidates, viz: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and Protestant Methodist. - We understand that Rev. Mr. Shields, of Winous, Miss., has been called to the Rectorship of the church of Holy Innocents, Henderson. - We regret to learn that Mr. Thomas, foreman of the Torchlight office, met with a painful accident yesterday. While working the job press one of the fingers of his The furniture of the two dwellings was | right hand was caught in the machinery Jordan, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian Church, was the recipient on New Year's day of quite a number of "substantial" evidences of the high appreciation in which he is held by the people. — On Saturday, while Mr. S. S. Haithcock was engaged in putting up ice, he had the misfortune to drive an ice hook entirely through his right hand, disabling him for work at present. It made an ugly wound. - It is generally conceded that Granville county is nearly unanimous in favor of Governor Vance remaining Governor and Judge Merrimon going back to the Senate. Our members will make a note of this.

- Now that General Sheridan and General Schurz are at it the Indians have stopped fighting and seem to enjoy looking on better than their old occupation. A paper war is something wholly new to them. -Boston Post.