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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.

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.

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.

First, the adjustment of the State debt by fair, equitable and honest compromise. This matter has been delayed far too long.

Second, our common school system needs overhauling completely. There must be a more efficient system of superintendency, and a larger fund applied for educational purposes.

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.

Fourth, the Moffett Register should be adopted, but the Virginia laws require decided amendment to make the system efficient and thorough.

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

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

Seventh, the freights on railroads need to be inquired into.

Eighth, a law ought to be framed allowing counties to vote on the fence law.

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.

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.

We are inclined to the opinion, from the present outlook, that either Judge Thurman or ex-Gov. Hendricks will be nominated. Either will be a strong candidate and will be acceptable to the South.

Judge Thurman is a cold man, with a great intellect, and a character without stain or suspicion. He is, in his best sense, a statesman. He is probably the ablest man in the United States Senate, and is generally regarded as the ablest lawyer.

"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.

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"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 'fascally virtue' in his case. He is not a 'goldbug' nor a 'greenback fanatic.' He is a fair representative of the popular creed upon financial questions."

tion 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 as he is from being a greenback fanatic that he really holds all advocates of fiat money in contempt.

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.

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SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

From the Raleigh Observer we copy the list of successful applicants for license to practice law in North Carolina: Jacob Thomas Barron, Edgecombe county.

William Wainwright Barber, Wilkes. George Samuel Brudshaw, Randolph. George William Britt, Sampson. William Franklin Carter, Rockingham. Parish Alexander Cummings, Madison. James Alexander Davis, Orange.

The Radicals profess to have found an important witness in a man named St. Martin, who is a cousin of Gov. Nichols, of Louisiana. He served as a deputy sergeant-at-arms to the Stenger committee, that visited New Orleans last summer.

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THE WARSAW ROW.

The STAR of the 2d of January contained a 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.

A Man Frozen to Death. During the recent cold snap, John Bartley, a mulatto, came down to Fair Bluff, Columbus county, 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.

Robbery of a Brunswick Store. Information has been received by 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 unfastened 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.

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 men—to which there was no recognition of section—made a trip down the river in the revenue cutter Crawford, Capt. Glover.

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 reporting 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 for President in 1880." Baltimore Gazette.

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.

Carolina Central Railway. 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 Lincoln to Hickory, with the view of tapping at the latter point the Western North Carolina Railroad.

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, skillfully prepared for immediate use, is for sale by all Druggists.

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, present.

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

Ordered, that the double tax on A. H. Curtis' land, in Harnett township, be abated. Edward Schriver having been appointed a constable of Cape Fear township at the previous meeting of the Board, tendered his official bond for \$500, which was accepted.

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

The election of Standard Keeper for the county coming up, Mr. N. Morris and J. C. Mills 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 Rivers, Robert Sweet, 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 bidder.

WHEREAS, At the late meeting of this 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 their 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 Attorney 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 induce 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 each.

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

Ordered that the Finance Committee meet on Monday evening, 13th inst., at 7 o'clock.

The Board adjourned to meet next Wednesday, 15th inst., at 2 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 Ricard 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.

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 afterwards to the dwellings of Mrs. Drake and R. W. Best, Esq., all of which were entirely consumed.

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, retaining 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 Cleveland and adjoining counties in a few months.

The Salisbury News has ceased to tell what is going on in the busy world, as the Randolph Star has gone out in endless night. "Rest for the weary."

An engineer on the railroad between 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, has been in the city for some time 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 related to our 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 man representing North Carolina ideas, habits and justice. The people selected these Judges.

Concord Register: It is encouraging to see the success Dr. Mears accomplished by his energy and perseverance with his process for extracting gold from sulphurates. He really does not leave a trace of gold in the soil. His process is. It is putting quite a value on the rich sulphurates 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 Wm. Ordway are in attendance. Died, at his residence, five miles east of Rockingham, on the night of the 23rd of December, 1878, John Watson, one of the oldest and best citizens of Rockingham county, and lately a member of its Board of Supervisors.

Newbernian: In the country round 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, or 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 time; the age immediately preceding the age of man.

Raleigh News: Stepping into the Yarbrough yesterday evening, a News reporter was greeted by Dr. Blackwell with one of his blindest smiles, and confidently told that at that moment he had under his roof three men whose combined height was twenty-seven feet. The men, it was said, were struck on Sabbath morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Joo. B. Burwell. Conversation with members of the Legislature discloses a general recognition that retrenchment will be the order of the day, 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 severe fall, his head striking first. He was stunned for several minutes by the fall and received a painful cut just above the eye. 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 session 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 invitation.

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 Greensboro. Rev. N. B. Cobb, of Lenoirville, 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 newspaper, N. C. W. 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 county bonds were sold in this city last week at 91 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 has written a newspaper article in regard to a young man who got into a squabble on the ice pond yesterday and drew pistols on each other, but the row was quieted without any bloodshed. Many horses have died in this county recently from blind staggers. The Messrs. Warwick, the enterprising young proprietors of the Lincolnton News, will, in the course of three or four weeks, address a newspaper at Newton, Catawba county, to be under the immediate supervision of Mr. George A. Warwick, Mr. W. M. Warwick 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: Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopal and Protestant Methodist. We understand that Rev. Mr. Shields, of Winona, Miss., has been called to the Rectory of the church of Holy Innocent, Henderson. We regret to learn that Rev. D. E. 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 his congregation. On Saturday, while Mr. S. S. Halthcock was engaged in putting up ice, he had the misfortune to drive an ice book entirely through his right hand, discharging 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.