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BE CONTENT.

We have been advised North Carolinians to remain at home. Hundreds of people leave the Old State every year who would return if able.

SOUTHERN ILLITERACY.

The negro Congressman Cain, from South Carolina, to whose statements we referred several weeks ago, concerning illiteracy in the South, appears to have been at fault in his statistics.

WHAT A NORTHERN COLORED MAN SAYS.

Southern papers have often asked why the extreme men of the North were eternally mouthing about the negroes not holding office in the South.

THE POLL-TAX QUESTION.

Good government is the most desirable political and civil blessing that can be vouchsafed. Good government costs something. To have due protection in life, liberty and property is a great boon.

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that could never bear investigation. Another reason that is generally given in explanation of this systematic practice of political rascality upon colored men, is that should nominations of members of their class be had upon the Republican ticket, the effect would be the 'weakening' of the support of that ticket.

The colored men in North Carolina have acted more like slaves than freemen in the past. They have gone crazy over the election of white men of their party, when it was plain enough that said white men only hobbled and fellow-shipped with them to get their votes.

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DEATH OF REV. DR. WINGATE.

We are exceedingly pained to learn of the death of Rev. Dr. W. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College. He died at his residence on Thursday afternoon in his 51st year.

A YELLOW FEVER REPORT.

The Special Report of the Homoeopathic Yellow Fever Commission that was made to Congress recently came into our hands through the courtesy of the late Dr. Freeman.

Radical Senators are irate.

They charge Kellogg with duplicity. They say he promised to vote for Corbin and then dodged. The Richmond State's Washington correspondent says one of the oldest Republican Senators declares that Corbin's title to a seat is twice as good as Kellogg's, and though he voted to admit Kellogg as a political necessity, he knew of no political necessity that would compel him to vote to keep him in after the duplicity he practiced in the Corbin case.

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Georgia not only compels all voters to pay a poll-tax, but its new constitution requires all arrearages of taxes to be paid before voting. The ballot should be sacred. It should be kept free and inviolate.

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ARCHAEOLOGY.

Interesting investigations at Middle Sound, in this County—Indian Remains, &c.

On Thursday last Rev. Dr. Bernheim, President of the New Hanover County Historical and Scientific Society, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Wilson, of the First Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Edward Kidder, visited the plantation of A. R. Black, Esq., on Middle Sound, about ten miles below this city, for the purpose of continuing the investigations as to the character of the remains already alluded to on several occasions as having been discovered on Mr. Black's land, which has attracted the attention and excited the interest of quite a number of the scientifically inclined in this immediate section.

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Arrested on suspicion.

Mr. John D. Burch, formerly of this city, but now of Winston, states in a letter to us from that place, dated on the 26th ult., that a negro corresponding to a letter with the description given in the STAR of Eli Bethune, who is alleged to have committed the outrage on Miss McDuffy, near Laurinburg, recently, has been arrested in Stokes county, thirty miles above Winston, and the party arresting him has telegraphed to the Sheriff of Richmond county, asking for information. The man has tried to escape several times, and has given several different names.

Attention Sportsmen.

Under the law recently passed by the Legislature the close season for partridges begins April 1st. Any person who shoots a partridge between April 1st and October 1st will be fined ten dollars for each offence. All sportsmen should be on the lookout for the nest robbers, as the same law makes it an indictable offence to break up or rob a partridge nest. The law applies to New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Sampson, Columbus, Union, and some other counties that we do not now remember.

Sudden Death in Jail.

Washington Andrews, a colored lunatic, was found dead in the county jail at Smithville on Thursday morning last. Deputy Coroner D. W. Manson held an inquest over the body the same day, and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from cause or causes to them unknown. It is supposed that he died from the effects of a fit of some kind.

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF FRANCE.

His Ancestry, Talents and Family Affairs. [Paris Letter to New York Tribune.] Grevy's character is misunderstood by the English press. He is a man of Spanish race grafted on a Franche-Comtois stock. Spain long held the Franche-Comte, which Charles V. thought one of the most important of his military positions. He garrisoned it strongly with Catalan and Aragonese troops. Greivy has the cold dignity of the Spaniard, and the capacity which we have seen in the Carlist wars to devote himself to a cause, though it is a losing one. He has also the indolence of the Hidalgo, though but little of the grandiloquence or the showy chivalry. His patience is Franche-Comtois, and his simplicity of tastes Swiss. I never saw Greivy in the chair that I did not think of a Presbyterian elder distributing the elements at the Lord's supper. He is not a picturesque man, quite the contrary. The Spanish soldier, his ancestor—from whom he took his intensely dark eyes, his gravity, his disinterestedness and laziness—I suppose, if Greivy finds official life a bore he will resign. There is, however, one great attraction for him at the Elysee. It is the billiard room. Without billiards and chess he would not think the Presidency worth having. He resigned the Presidency of the Assembly shortly before the 24th of May to get back to the Cafe de la Regence and indulge there nightly in his favorite recreation. He is an excellent speaker in a small room where the acoustic conditions are good, but he never cultivated oratory at the bar. It was a bore to walk or drive to the law courts, to robe, to walk about in the Salle des Pas Perdus, to go home to receive clients, and then to sit up working at briefs. What he liked was business in chambers, which he could attend to in a dressing-room and slippers, and smoking a cigar. This kind of professional employment poured in upon him during the empire. If he found his brain too sluggish for work he got his wife or daughter to play the piano, and himself performed a flute accompaniment. He interspersed his legal occupations with literary studies. In the country he goes about dressed like a peasant. Madame Greivy's quarrel with him arose from his hatred of fine clothing. She has lately been reconciled to him, after a separation of five years.

Killed for his Gold.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 26.—A dispatch to the Avalanche from Inka, Miss., gives the following account of a double murder perpetrated near that city yesterday: Major A. M. Hutchens, accompanied by Thomas McNatt, both highly respected citizens of this county, left Inka in the afternoon to go home, being neighbors. Hutchens had drawn \$1,700 in bank from the express office, sent by a Cincinnati house to be used in purchasing a farm. Late in the evening McNatt's horse reached home riderless, with blood marks on the saddle. This aroused the suspicions of McNatt's family, who feared foul play, and a search was instituted which revealed the dead boy of McNatt terribly mutilated about two miles from his home. One hundred yards further on Major Hutchens's body was found in like condition. It is thought that some parties who knew of the gold being at the express office waylaid and murdered both men in order to secure the money.

Supreme Court.

The following were among the cases before the Supreme Court Wednesday: E. F. Moore vs. Mayor and Commissioners of Fayetteville, from Cumberland; argued by B. Fuller for plaintiff, and N. W. Ray for defendant. State vs. J. A. Lambeth, from Robeson; argued by Attorney-General Keenan, for State, and W. F. French for defendant. William Griffin et al vs. Josephine Griffin, (two cases) from Robeson; continued for absence of counsel.

Winston Sentinel.

Five miles of the Winston & Mooresville railroad is graded, and work is progressing rapidly. The road will soon be under contract to Mooresville.

Spirits Turpentine.

The Charlotte Observer praises Professor Hartley's recitations. The Northern settlers were to hold their convention at Raleigh yesterday.

Fayetteville will invite Colonel D. K. McClae to deliver one of his lectures in that place.

Mrs. Elvira Childs died at Lincolnton on Saturday, the 23rd of February, at the age of 93 years.

Aaron Skinner tried to poison Turner Battle at Winston, both colored. Turner was made deadly sick by a copious drink of whiskey administered by his enemy.

The Winston Sentinel will henceforth be a semi-weekly, and to this end Mr. Mathew Birmingham is in business with him Mr. S. T. Darlington, late of the Danbury (Stokes county) Reporter.

The farmers of Castalia township, Nash county, held a meeting and resolved: That we will not buy any manipulated fertilizers at a price to exceed one bale of good cotton weighing 400 pounds for 2000 pounds of such fertilizer payable Nov. 1st, 1879.

Polkton Argus: Two lawyers, one from Alabama, and the other from Mississippi, appeared as counsel in a case before two of our magistrates last Friday.

Mr. Sam Birmingham who lives about a mile and a half from this place, accidentally smothered to death his infant about six weeks old last Saturday night.

Winston Sentinel: The question of consolidating Winston and Salem is being discussed. The two committees have agreed to send a memorial to be presented to the Legislature. We have not seen the proposed charter, but from what we learn of its provisions the terms will not be acceptable to the citizens of Winston.

Mr. George Dismukes, aged fifty, and a most worthy citizen ofatham county, was drowned in Deep River on the 19th inst. The dwelling house of Mrs. Mary E. Spearman, Gray's Creek, Cumberland county, was burned on the 20th. Loss \$1,000. No insurance.

A little son of Henry Brooker was fatally burned near Osgood,atham county, on the 28th.

Raleigh Observer: Rowan county lunatics drew \$400 yesterday. Col. Lou. D. Stephenson showed us an old-fashioned smooth bore musket, which was one of a lot ordered expressly for and used by the Fayetteville Light Infantry in 1793.

J. B. Harris, a youth of some sixteen summers, was up before Mayor Manly for the very disgraceful and punishable offence of defacing the residence of Rev. Dr. Pritchard. It was a filthy action, and the prompt and energetic manner of its punishment reflects credit upon our excellent municipal chief.

Elizabeth City Economist: Oysters fifty cents a gallon. All on a par. The rich and the poor are in the same boat now. Pneumonia prevails to an alarming extent on Powell's Point. There have been five deaths in one week.

Capt. W. A. Harney's yacht, "Governor Jarvis," intended for a cruise, was launched from the shipyard of Lawrence & Son on the 19th inst. Some days since, in Gum Neck, Tyrrell county, N. C., while Miss Cahoon, aged about fourteen years, was with her father, a party was along the public road, a gun was discharged by a boy who was gunning along the road, and one of the shot struck and entered the head of Miss Cahoon, near the temple. She died from the wound in a few moments.

Greensboro Patriot: We are pained to announce the death of another child of Captain Henry Smith from diphtheria. Robert Williams was seriously injured on Monday at the Richmond & Danville Railroad Depot, whilst coupling freight cars; the bumper of one car struck and he was caught between the cars and two of his ribs were broken, besides receiving other serious injuries. The residence, kitchen and smoke house of Mr. Hiram Cobb, six miles from this place, was burned on Saturday last. The fire originated in the roof of the dwelling, caused by sparks from the stove pipe, and before Mr. Cobb, who is quite old and infirm, could remove his invalid wife, the fire had progressed so far that he could save but a few articles of clothing or furniture.

Goldboro Mail: Miss Victoria Smith died at her residence, in this place, on Thursday last. North Carolina has 261 turpentine distilleries. The Goldboro Rifles celebrated Mr. Washington's birthday with a parade. Miss Jeanette Davis was burned near Statesville last week. There was an auction of the unclaimed freight in the Express office on Tuesday last. The highest bid for any one article was a little over \$7.00. Fifty-five boxes and packages were sold, aggregating \$54.46. John Edwards was hanged at Smithfield on St. Valentine's day, and

The trap was sprung and the Express was burned. At the end of the hagsman's line, As the d—l, elate, Stirred up his grate And ailed his valentine.

Charlotte Observer: During the past year the number of hogs that have died of cholera in Mecklenburg county is quite alarming, and even yet the disease has not altogether subsided. The loss from this source in the county will amount to several thousand dollars. If the new county called upon and proposed to be taken from parts of Richmond and Robeson, is established, Glasgow will be the name of the county seat. Mary Cromwell, the Concord pump woman, fell from the tank window last Monday morning and broke her neck. She was drunk. A prominent citizen thinks that a street railway from the Union depot, when that is built, to the public square, and thence down Trade street to the Central, North Carolina & Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta depots, with a few short branches, say in both directions on Tryon street and through cotton towns, would pay handsomely.

Tarboro Southern: On Thursday, the 20th, a colored man, while fishing in a canal at Blakely's fishery, in Beaufort county, had a fit, fell overboard, and was instantly drowned. Messrs. C. F. Morrell and J. R. Clifford, the Boston gentlemen who are spending the winter in our town, have got in a barrel of glass balls and a spring trap, and some rare old sport is experienced in shooting. We again call on the Legislature to make a three foot fence a lawful enclosure, and so sadly need a law for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Will not the State press help us wait for such a law.

On the night of the 19th inst. the smoke house of Mr. H. Means was burned and about 400 pounds of meat stolen. We know a young man who will soon be "Annie mated."—Roanoke News. The young man's feelings should be Ann Elizabeth, or Annie Lynch.

A young Jew, named Max Leopold, committed the crime in Hamilton on Wednesday night, the 19th inst., by hanging himself with a small rope, made fast to a joist in Mr. Hoffman's store. When the body was discovered he had been dead some time. His neck was not broken, the rope being too short for him to swing clear of the floor. He was on a visit to Mr. Hoffman, his uncle.

Tis of retrenchers that I sing, And first of Senator Graham, He holds a "flush," all in his hand, And knows well how to play 'em.