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THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MORALS.

The vigor and enterprise of the public press of our time are above all praise. In these particulars there has been a great advance beyond the journalism of thirty or forty years ago. As news purveyors there is no comparison between the best papers of the present and those of even a quarter of a century ago. But we are not sure that there has not been deterioration in at least one very important particular. We incline to the opinion that but few of the papers of the present time are conducted on a plan in which there is constant and due regard for the public

If we open a daily, or even a week, ly paper, we are apt to find the most accounts of crimes given with the utmost detail. Some of the papers make it a business to report all of the hangings in the land, in which the repulsive exhibitions are described with excessive minuteness, and with due reference to gratifying is indeed a very important matter, that kind of vulgar taste and prurient curiosity that gloats over scenes of human misery and battens upon such feculent garbage.

Now the question arises, can such accounts of crime and suffering be conducive in any way to the elevation of the public morals? Is the human mind strengthened or purified by feeding upon such food? Will not the constant contemplation of scenes of horror and the continued reading of descriptions of crime and villainy have a tendency to blunt the sensibilities whilst stimulating an unhealthy appotite?

The excuse given is that papers must publish what people desire to read. We do not believe that this is sufficient. The duty of the press is to elevate, to teach and to bless. No paper has a right to corrupt the taste, to cater for impure minds, or to give its readers a perpetual nightmare in which all manner of horrors are dished up, and sometimes with exceeding skill.

The Age, the able Democratic weekly, recently started at Louisville, Ky., has some excellent reflections on the evil we are criticising. We avail ourselves of a paragraph that i worth considering. Speaking of the effects of such records of crime, as we have pointed out, upon the minds of boys and girls, and even of ladies,

"The effect, though subtle and imperceptible, is nevertheless pernicious to society in many ways, and something should be done to repress the injurious tendency. A few years ago such journalism would not have been tolerated. Now it seems to afford to those who engage in it the most profitable returns for their time and talents; and the press is perhaps more responsible than the people for this degradation. Instead of repressing a tendency so vicious it panders to it, and even goes beyond what will meet the demand by engaging in a disgraceful rivalry with its members, each striving to excel the other in the work of debasement. We enter our protest more in a spirit of sorrow than in anger, feeling, what every thoughtful person must feel, that the times we live in are full of the seeds of danger and social disorder. Is it true that no higher journalism can receive the necessary patronage to support it, and that these daily ministers of death must continue to distribute their poisonous nostrumsto the devouring maw of society or abandon their profession? The press is rapidly attaining, if it has not already reached, a position of the greatest influence over the morals and opinions of men. Its responsibilities have increased with its power. It is, perhaps, now more influential for good or evil than the pulpit. This being true, much having been given to it, should not much be required of it? Should not a part at least of that rigor of judgment and severe exaction which we may apply to the pulpit, because of its power, be applied to the press because of its power?"

A Northern War Democrat has been selected Speaker and a Southern Union soldier has been made Clerk. The Philadelphia Times say this result "has thrown the organs out of

CONCRUNING THE RECENT LE-

72 cents. The tax on real estate has

been reduced from 29% to 24 cents.

It is estimated by the Raleigh Ob-

server that the reduction on real es-

tate will amount to \$25,000. Score

The State debt has been a great

burden and curse for many long

years. Legislature after Legislature

met and did nothing. In the mean-

time the interest on the debt was

rapidly augmenting. Principal and

interest had at last reached the im-

mense sum of \$27,000,000. Some-

thing had to be done, and the late

Legislature was the first body to

grapple with the difficutly and at-

tempt seriously to give it a solution.

It passed a bill or bills to commute

compromise and settle the State

debt. The basis proposed is to pay

about \$7,000,000 of the amount. The

ways and means to meet it have been

provided in the bill if the debtors will

agree to the arrangement made. This

and if the settlement is effected

the Legislature will be entitled to

lasting gratitude. It deserves the

praise of all the people whether the

effort to settle the debt is successful

or not. It deserves credit for the

earnest and plucky effort it put forth.

It has cut down some expenses

that greatly needed the pruning knife.

It attempted amid much clamor and

ridicule and objurgatory epithets to

to stop some useless and damaging

leaks, and to some extent it succeed-

ed. It doubtless made some mistakes

in its efforts at reform and retrench-

ment, but it did good, nevertheless.

We will have other comments to

offer. It has, perhaps, blundered in

enlarging the jurisdiction of magis-

trates and other public measures to

which we may have occasion to refer.

Its law about carrying concealed wea-

pons is of doubtful utility if execu-

ted, as the vicious will still go armed

whilst the law-abiding will not. The

probability is the law will be a dead-

etter. The changing of the name of

the Lunatic Asylum was a splendid

piece of legislation. It was sublime.

It required exceeding ingenuity to

accomplish that magnificent feat.

This is meant, as Artemus Ward

Altogether it was a better body

it would not be necessary to have a

General Assembly elected more than

Gen. Roger A. Pryor, the well

known Virginia lawyer residing in

Brooklyn, and practicing in the

higher courts of New York, made a

speech a few nights since at Tam-

conference, to talk over the political

outlook. We learn that he confined

his remarks to national questions and

urged the necessity of Democratic

unity to meet the contest of 1880

He said among other things that the

signs indicated the renomination of

Gen. Grant by the Republicans, and

against a military candidate he

thought it clearly the duty of the

Democratic party to pit a civilian,

and to pit one, moreover, who would

Church at Shelby.

- Revival going on in the Baptist

would say, "for sarkasm."

once in six years.

Score five for the Legislature.

So score four for the Legislature.

three for the Legislature.

for the Legislature.

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THE BUSINESS CONDUCTOR.

AN INDIAN'S STORY. There are always two sides to every

The last Legislature passed amend story. Those who have been conments to the School Law by which cerned in persecuting and abusing the some \$40,000 additional would have Indians have had the ear of the pubbeen raised for school purposes. A lie for a long time. The Red Man comparatively small sum, but still it has no newspapers or organs to reprewould have given school advantages. sent his cause, or to show up the rasto a large number of children who calities of agents and the outrages of hopeful view of the outlook in this will be deprived of them because the heartless officers of the Sheridan country. That paper, after reports bill was not signed. This effort to stripe. In the April number of the raise more revenue for the school North American Review, which has and South, is led to the conclusion fund was commendable. Score one just come to hand, and which we will that there are promises of properity, The appropriations made by the Legislature of two years ago for Outten by an educated Indian, who preside Lunatics amount to some \$50,-000. The late Legislature repealed this law, thus saving the people from a heavy burden that threatened to grow worse daily. Score two for the

this remarkable article is no other The late body made some changes than the famous Chief Joseph himin the old revenue law that wil self of the Nez Perces tribe. His Inlift to some extent the heavy presdian name is In-mut-too-yah-lat-tat, sure resting upon the tax-payers. and what it means is beyond us. The poll tax is reduced from 89 'to

There is an introduction from the sure to read what the intellectual Indian has to say. He reviews the history of the dealings of our Government with his tribe, and he states clearly enough what his grievances are, and what is the true version, or at any rate, his version of the war

as follows: "My friends, I have been asked to show you my heart. I am glad to have a chance to do so. I want the white people to understand my people. Some of you think an Indian is like a wild animal. This is a great mistake. I will tell you all about our people, and then you can judge whether trouble and blood would be saved if we opened our hearts more. I will tell you in my way how the Indian sees things.

'Our fathers gave us many laws, which they had learned from their fathers. These laws were good. They told us to treat all men as they treated us; that we should never be the first to break a bargain; that it was a disgrace to tell a lie; that we should speak only the truth; that it was a shame for one man to take from another his wife, or his property without paying for it. We were taught to believe that the Great Spirit sees and hears everything, and that father was the first to see through the schemes of the white men, and he warned his tribe to be careful about trading with them. He had suspicion of men who seemed so anxious to make money. I was a boy then, but I remember well my father's caution. He had sharper eyes than the rest of our people. My father cautioned his people to take no presents, for 'after a while,' he said, 'they will claim that you have accepted pay for your country.' * * * My father sent for me. I saw he was dying. I took his hand in mine. He said: 'My son, my body is returning to my mother earth, and my spirit is going very soon to see the Great Spirit Chief. When I am When I am gone, think of your country. You are the chief of these people. They look to you to guide them. Always remember that your father never sold his country. You must stop your ears whenever you are asked to sign a treaty selling your home. A few years more, and white men will be all around you. They have their eyes on this land. My son, never forget my dying words. This country holds your father's body. Never sell the bones of your father. and your mother.' I pressed my father's hand, and told him I would protect his grave with my life. * * In the council Gen. Howard informed me in a haughty spirit that he would give my people thirty days to go back home, collect all their stock and move back to the reservation, saying: 'If you are not here in that time I shall con-

sider that you want to fight, and will send my soldiers to drive you on. 'I said: 'War can be avoided, and it ought to be avoided. I want no war. My people have always been the friends of the white man. Why are you in such a hurry? cannot get ready to move in thirty days. Our stock is scattered, and Snake River is very high. Let us wait until fall, then the river will be low. We want time to hunt up our stock and gather supplies for winter. 'Gen. Howard replied: 'If you let the time run over one day, the soldiers will be there to drive you on to the reservation, and all your cattle and your horses outside of the reservation at that time will fall into

than any we have had for many years. the hands of the white men. "I knew I had never sold my country All Legislatures are abused, and this and that I had no land in Lapwai; but has not proved and will not prove an did not want bloodshed. I did not want my people killed. Some of my people exception. It was an honest body, had been murdered by white men, and the white murderers were never punished for possibly with a very few exceptions. it. I told Gen. Howard about this, and again said I wanted no war. * * Time only will prove the value of its Howard refused to allow me more than work. Legislation is always more or thirty days to move my people and their less imperfect. If this were not so stock. I am sure that he began to prepare

for war at once. "If Gen. Howard had given me plenty of time to gather up my stock, and treated Too-hool-hool-suit as a man should be treated, there would have been no war. "My friends among white men have

blamed me for the war. I am not to blame. "Let me be a free man-free to travel, free to stop, free to work, free to trade where I choose, free to choose my own teachers, free to follow the religion of my fathers, free to think and talk and act for myself-and I will obey every law, or submany Hall. The meeting was one of mit to the penalty.

dian as they treat each other, then we will

Hon. F. E. Shober got the second best appointment at the disposal of the Senate, that of Chief Clerk, "through the good management of Senator Ransom," says the Washington correspondent of the Richmond State. Gen. Ransom has great influence among Senators, and the man or cause is fortunate that commands his support and management. Mr.

Shober is an excellent gentleman,

genial and kindly.

It is a noticeable face that whilst the London Pall-Mall Gazette is discussing the grave financial condition in Great Britain, and is unable to catch even one small rift in the lowering cloud, another great paper, the New York Times, is taking a very from many of the States, both North

notice more particularly hereafter, which we sincerely trust will not there is a very noticeable paper, writ- prove fallacious. The result of the Times's investigations into trade matsents Chief Joseph's side of the story, ters may be summed up that there are and gives the Nez Perce war from increasing sales with small profitsthe Nez Perce standpoint. The title | that the manufactories cannot fill the of the paper is "An Indian's Views prders except with great difficultyon Indian Affairs." The author of I that the Spring crops promises great yield-that the general rule is that there is a manifest revival of business, although there are exceptions to

be found both in localities and indi-

viduals. As we have had occasion to remark pen of William H. Hare, Missionary in former articles, the return to Bishop of Niobrara. The reader of prosperity must be very gradual this number of the Review will be necessarily. All during 1871-'72 the country was suffering from the extravagance of former years and from overtrade. In other words, everything was tending to a collapse, and in 1873 it began and has continued with alternations of hope and depression through all waged against him. We can only the intervening years. A coungive a paragraph or two. He begins try once prostrated through finandial convulsions cannot recuperate in a season or in a year. The restoration to health must be slow, just as the causes that brought about the prostration were cumulative and progressive in their effects. But we are led to hope that there are real signs of returning prosperity, and that 1879 will show progress over 1878, and that each succeeding year will indicate recuperation and fresh signs of vigor and growth. The

> "The hard times have swept the weaker concerns out of existence. Capital is seeking profitable investment. Wholesale dealers generally report an increase in the bulk of their sales, ranging from 10 to 30 per cent., although at low prices as compared to previous years. The small stocks which retail dealers have bought during the past year have become exhausted, and these merchants are buying more liberally, and upon shørter credit or for Collections are more easily made than during any year since the panic. The Southern trade still shows the effect of the low prices of cotton and sugar. these two great staples, planters are feeling encouraged. The yellow fever epidemic delayed rather than injured the trade of the places which suffered from its ravages. In the North and extreme West immigration, an active lumbering season, and the beginning of work by farmers and builders, have increased the circulation of money and "Manufacturing interests in the North

THE FLORIDA CASE. The papers are discussing the seatng of Hull, Democrat, from Florida. Hull had the certificate of the Governor. He was admitted because of that fact, just as the Iowa delegation were admitted. The right of Hull to his seat can be and will be contested by Bisbee, his opponent and a Republican. The Democrats did not feel authorized to go behind the signature of the Governor, whatever decision may have been rendered by the Supreme Court of Florida. Doubtless some of the Democrats believe that a legal election was not held in Iowa, and yet nine Republican members from that State were allowed to take their seats because they had the certificates of election duly signed.

It will be remembered that the Republicans never hesitated a moment when they were supreme to seat their man. They set a bad example of keeping up their majorities by gross violations of right. They seated one member who had been defeated by over 3,000 majority. We would not have the Democrats to copy such depravity, for no party can afford to perpetuate a wrong. The political boomerang is a fearful weapon. The Demograts, in the case of Hull, acted precisely as they did in the Iowa cases. The investigation must follow the decision, and if it is shown that Bisbee was elected he will get

his seat and his pay. Owing to the ruling of the court it appears to be hard work to get a jury to try the case of Poindexter in Richmond. The State thinks there is a chance of getting a jury in about | him.

Not only is the question of retrenchment commanding the attention of most of the States, but investigations into expenses are revealing many sources of corruption and wasteful channels. The Pennsylvania House is now prying into some of the hidden streams by which the pockets of the "dear people" are being constantly drawn upon and effeetually emptied. One of the inquiries is the system in vogue of giving stationery to the members. The House last year spent \$23,000 for stationery alone. The Senate with fifty members spent \$11,000, or \$220 for each members This is a good place at which to stop a big leak. III

John E. Burch, the successful canlidate for Secretary of the Senate, is thus briefly sketched by the Wash ington correspondent of the Rich-

"Burch gathered in some of the scattering votes on each ballot, and at the last got three more than enough to nominate. Burch has been Chairman of the State Democratic Committee of Tennessee for several years, was on Gen. Pillow's staff during the war, and is editor of the Nashville American. He is a gentleman of dignity, fine presence, and good address, and has abundant means. His reputation for political management gave him strength before the caucus, because the secretary. ship is a position of great partisan importance and influence.

The New York World has a de scription of the new members of the Senate. Here is what it says of "our

"Governor Vance, of North Carolina, is one of the handsome men of Congress. He has a bright black eye, gray hair and mousy tache, a fine presence, and the Southern manner and speech."

Think of his eye being "a bright black." It is about seven degrees removed from black.

Mississippi and Louisiana are the only two Southern States without solid Democratic representation in

The Richmond State correspondent gives two interesting items in his

"Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, intends to follow up his opposition to war claims by introducing a constitutional amendment to cut them all off

he Greenbackers for the sake of a nominas tion for Speaker, deserted them and took part in the Democratic caucus."

Dr. Luke P. Blackburn, the emiprobably be elected Governor of Kentucky, is a brother of Congressman

The Democratic House caucus called to settle the plan of action revealed the fact that nearly every member had some pet scheme he wished to push. The whole matter was finally referred to a committee

A run on the New Orleans banks is going on amounting for the time being to a practical suspension of specie payments.

mithville Matters.

We learn that a good many of our Smithville friends complain of the condition of the county jail at that place. It is well kept, cleanly, and all that, but the great fault is that prisoners, black and white, and of all classes and degrees of crime, have to be huddled together in one room. For instance, there are now eleven prisoners confined in the jail, and of this number two are white men who have been adjudged lunatics, while the rest are colored murderers, burglars and thieves.

sudden Death in Columbus.

ble and worthy citizen of Columbus county, residing hear Whiteville, died suddenly them, but dropped dead in the road before tack of the disease about a year ago, and never finally recovered from its effects. Deceased was the father-in-law of Mr. aged about 64 years. He was held in high esteem by the community, and his sudden

and has not yet been sold.

Spirits Turpentine

NO. 22.

TWINKLINGS.

- The Rome Sentinel thinks

- America has her peculiarity in

this respect, too. It is wonderful how a

"This," said Augustus, as Angelina sat in his lap, sweetly singing, "is a matinknee performance, darling"—Bos-

- "May Myrtle."-You can win-

nebago money betting that a Chippewa

Indian is the poorest kind of a stonecutter.

- Provident Minister-I wish to

- Tilden's new morning paper has

made its appearance in Chicago, but the

Tribune says it has been unable to find out

There's one thing, boys, that you must shun,

If you would win your snit; We know, for we've been there ourselves-

- "Two mouths with but a single

stew, two spoons that dip as one," as the

young man remarked to his dearly beloved,

after giving his economical order for "one

- Much trouble is occasioned by

the beavers in Georgia damming the

streams, and in consequence the Georgians

are doing for the beavers what the beavers

are doing for the water courses .- Oil Oity

PERSONAL.

-Senator Vest is the shortest man

- Ben Butler ought to know how

-The curious spectacle of a China-

man addressing a Sunday school was wit-

nessed in New York on Sunday last. Moy

Jim Kee, a Christianized Chinaman, was

- The Atlanta Constitution thus

dismisses the new Senator from Illinois:

Jack Logan drinks but never gets drunk.

- "If you please," said a Baltimore

young woman politely, as she laid her

gloved hand on a pickpocket's shoulder,

I'll take the purse that you just stole out

- Vicksburg Herald: Some of

our State exchanges are still urging Mr.

Jefferson Davis for the United States Sens

ate to succeed our Bruce. This is simply

ridiculous. Mr. Davis would probably not

accept the position if tendered to him, will

never have the opportunity to decline it,

and would not be admitted to a seat in the

- Richard Henry Dana was ex-

ceedingly delicate as a child, as was also

William Cullen Bryant, and the two young

poets were largely benefited by water-the

latter by the enforced use of a cold spring

which gushed from the under-world near

the homestead of his father at Cumming-

ton, and the former by the fresh and briny

air of the ocean at Newport, whither he was

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

- The Rev. I. S. Kalloch, of un-

- Archbishop Purcell, of Cincin-

British House of Commons, in recognition

of his services to Roman Catholicism. The

honorable gentleman already enjoyed rank

n the Famiglia Pontificia as Commenda-

tere di Spada a Cappa, a title bestowed

- The distinctive feature of

Free Methodist church in Toledo, Ohio, is

some distinctive badge. The members

asepon their breast, a wide, red ribbon

with a cross printed on it. The pastor of

Campbellite church in Austin, Texas, pricks

an india ink emblem on the arm of every

POLITICAL POINTS.

- It is among the possibilities that

General Tom Ewing may slip into the gu-

pernatorial nomination as a compromise

etween Bishop and Rice. - Cincinnati En-

ride on an elephant down in India.

- Gen. Grant has been taking a

suggests an idea. Let him bring that ele-

hant home with him and make his tri-

umphal entry and tour across the country

- For our part we will take the

instincts and sentiments of the common

people all the time in deciding on Mr. Til-

den's claims, and these, we believe, are all

against him. Let him be decently buried,

and let us have a "live" man for the coming contest.—Norfolk Landmark, Dem.

SOUTHERN ITEMS.

- The police have taken a census

- The negroes at Blind Tom's old

of Knoxville and given her a population of 15,771—an increase of over 6,000 since

home, Columbus, Ga., have petitioned him

to give an entertainment there, to assist in

- Miss Eugenia Parham, of Bal-

lard, Ky., a petite young lady, is the editor of the Ballard News, which has a "larger circulation than any other paper in the

world," never tells a story, is profound, vivacious, newsy, and comes out every

- Weldon News: On Friday last

Mr. Millard Medlin, living about three

miles from town, while walking through

the woods near his father's house, came upon the dead body of an old man appa-

parently about sixty-five years of age. No one knew him or remembered having seen

him. Information was given to Coroner

Wm. C. Hill, who summoned a jury to

name was Mark Arsden or Wasden, and

that he lived near Enfield.

rebuilding a church destroyed by fire.

on his back. The performance would be impressive. -Balt. Gazette.

convert, and calls it "the saving mark."

the belief that all Christians ought to wear.

avory memory, has been lecturing in San

sent when he was about ten years old.

United States Senate if elected.

of my pocket." He gave up the booty.

His whiskey exhausts itself hunting for his

o sympathize with Mrs. Oliver. He is a

It is the old man's boot

stew, two spoons." -- Albany Argus.

in the Senate.

the speaker.

idow himself.

who are the responsible editors and propri

state that I have procured ap alarm clock

that will wake up the congregation as soon as the services are over.—Exchange.

healthy Indian is a well red man.

ton Transcript

- Cleaveland farmers have begun

- Shelby's new Methodist Church

s near completion. - Rev. H. T. Hudson will preach the Commencement Sermon at Rutherford

College on the 20th of May, 1879. - On last Monday Mr. Jesse H. Powell, a very prominent citizen and wealthy farmer, died of heart disease at his residence in Edgecombe county. He leaves a large number of relatives.

- The Ore Knob. Copper Mining Company, of Ashe county, subscribe \$100,000 to the Alleghany Railroad. The company has a capital of \$3,000,000 and can afford to pay \$100,000 for a railroad outlet.

- Furmer & Mechanic: We hear an ugly story of a young man from Brank to lin county who was expected to enter the commission business in Raleign on the 1st of March, and obtained \$1,300 with which he disappeared. The name is withheld for the present.

- Olin is about 14 miles from Statesville. It has about 150 inhaditable.3 stores, a Methodist church and a college. This last is in change of Prof. W. M. Brooks, who is a successful teacher and n man of fine attainments. A Sunday school numbers about fifty scholars.

- The Asheville Journal says there are six tunnels from Henry's to Swannanoa Gap, a distance of 91 miles by rail. The length of the tunnels is 3,482 feet, the longest of which is Swannance, it being 1,910 feet. At Mud Cut 110,000 cubic

yards of earth has been removed - A great excitement occurred in Rowan county recently. The Isaac Goodman was about to be buried in the graveyard at Liberty, when it was for-bidden by Joe Eagle, declaring he would dig it up. Great excitement followed and the child was buried elsewhere, as we learn

from a letter in the Raleigh News. - A special to the Asheville Journal from Hendersonville, dated the 14th, says: Cannon have been firing at the head of the Spartanburg & Asheville Railroad all day. The laying of iron in the direction of this place commenced at 8 o'clock this morning. In two or three weeks the iron horse will snort in Hendersonville.

- Elizabeth City Economist: Hatteras Inlet is getting deeper. It is now ten feet on the swash-an increase of two feet. - There were four persons baptised in the Episcopal chapel at Jonesboro, on last Sunday, by Rev Mr. Kiernan. - The Roancke fishermen have not yet canght many fish, but prices have been very satisfactory; especially for shad.

- Wilson Advance: Mr. Elias Barns, one of the oldest citizens of Wilson, died at the county poor house on Tuesday night, March 18th, of apoplexy of the heart. Mr. Barnes was the first sheriff of Wilson county. He was 76 years of age. Cheap Justice—a degredation of the law, and invitation to fraud and violation of the rights of the weak by the unscrupulous and vile.

- Newbern Nut Shell: The walking match advertised to come off yesterday under the auspices of the Newbern Boys Club was a success. Masters David Henry, Hokey Bishop and Tommy Matthews entered for the ten mile walk. - David Henry won the race, having walked the required number of miles, we learn, in one hour, fifty-three minutes and forty-five seconds, which is remarkably "good time."

-- Favetteville Gazette: Week after next will be held the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western Railroad, now the Deep River and Yadkin Valley Railroad. This will be an important meeting, not only on account of the election of its officers, but as bringing forth the work to be done in the future, the ability of the road to extend its line, the possibility of a speedy western extension,

- Wadesboro Herald: Mr. W. H. Spaugh, of the firm of Stafford, Adams & Spaugh, of Rockingham, left this place last Wednesday for parts unknown, carrying with him between \$600 and \$1,000 of the firm's money. It seems that Spaugh had been out with a lot of horses belonging to the firm; he had sold them, and had the money. - A little daughter of Mr. Hugh Pinkston, of Anson county, accidentally cut off one of her toes and cut two others

- Greensboro Patriot: A couple of colored boys fooling with a loaded pistol on Monday. One of 'em got a bullet through his hand. - Coroner Albright was summoned to High Point Monday night to hold an inquest over an infant found dead the day before. The verdict of the jury was death by violence, by parties unknown. - Messrs. Odell, Ragan & Co. are now employing, in addition to their regular force of clerks, several ladies to wait especially on lady customers.

- Raleigh Farmer & Mechanic: As for Gen. Ransom we differ, yet agree, with both our contemporaries. His "set orations" are certainly eloquent and po-lished, but his quick, half-angry responses on a patriotic subject srike home to friend and foe-that is high oratory. - According to Rowell's Directory, there are in North Carolina 107 newspapers-7 daily, 7 monthly, 88 weekly, 2 semi-monthly, 1 tri-weekly, 2 semi-weekly. We think this about a dozen short of the true number. - A lively Republican paper, with ex-Judge Tourgee as editor and three movied stockholders behind it, will shortly appear in Raleigh, if our Telephone-Quillone be

- Charlotte Observer: The friends of the scheme of navigating the Yadkin river are still pushing it vigorously. A circular has been issued calling a meeting of those interested in the enterprise at Yadkinville on the 16th of April, at which time the matter will be fully discussed and a subscription raised to be added to the appropriation made by Congress, ___A proposition has been made to the ladies to participate in the coming 20th of May celebration by appearing in the costumes of the last century. — In the case of the State vs. Lane, which went up from the Superior Court of Mecklenburg to the Supreme Court, where, in an indictment for forgery the forged name was misspelt and it was also proved that the defendant could not write, but had possession of the order and received goods thereon, the court held, that the misspelling of the name would not prevent a conviction, it being them sonans; nor would the fact that defendant could not write to prevent conviction, since he caused the order to be written and had it

- Tarboro Southerner: All hail the Independent Press! Let each have for his motto: WE BARK AT NO MAN'S Edgecombe Superior Court, numbers 76 cases. The State docket now numbers 95, which will be largely increased by Court.

— The store of M. G. Jones, of Bath, was burnt Friday night, 11th inst. Supposed to be incendiary, as no fire had been in the store or about the building for eight days previous. Estimated loss \$2,500, eovered by insurance—\$1,250 in N. C. Home; \$1,250 in Virginia Fire Marine.

— Charles Newman, of Whitakers, N. C., was arrested on Saturday last and brought before U. S. Commissioner Williams

liamson, of this place, on the charge of wholesaling liquor without license. He was bound over to the U.S. Gourt in the sum of \$500. view the body. The evidence before the jury developed the face that the man's She sat and sighed, then sadly rose.

A pale and wan young beauty, Then drew her handk'chief across her nose, She had the epizooty.

and West are reported as generally flourish-

ten days.

Speaker Randall, it is thought, will make Gen. Joseph E. Johnston Chairman of the Military Committee. He will not announce his appointments under a fortnight, it is believed.

the Senate. Kellogg, from the latter State, is the sole legacy of the carpetbaggers, and his tenure of office is exceedingly brittle. Bruce, from Mississippi, is the only colored man who now sits in the Senate. Things appear to have changed somewhat

'Hendrick B. Wright, who deserted to Francisco on the immortalities of the Chi-

nati, is improved in health, and is now quite hopeful that his financial troubles nent yellow fever physician who will will be satisfactorily adjusted. -The Rev. A. B. McGowan, a Baptist minister of Hyde Park, Mass., is accused of passing off Sister Susie Scott as Jo Blackburn, lately defeated for his wife when away from home. - Pope Leo XIII. has granted the title of Count to Mr. Arthur Moore, of the

There are four capital cases awaiting trial at the next term of the Superior Court, two for murder and two for burglary.

Mr. Glasgow Pridgeon, a very respecta-

of apoplexy a few days ago. He discove ered that a fire had broken out among his turpentine trees, and started to look after reaching his destination. He had an at-Thomas M. Smith, of this city, and was death was the occasion of much sorrow ot those who were intimately acquainted with

First New Crop Rostu. Messrs. Worth & Worth were in receipt vesterday of six barrels of virgin rosin, being the first consignment of the season. It was shipped to them by Messrs, McKinnon & McNair, of Dove's Depot, S. C.,