

pealed or not, as he is by the Constitation placed at the head of the army. This is what Representative Frye said, or words to that effect. But this does not harmonize with either the preservation of free Republican institutions on this continent or with the course of the Republicans in the past.

When President Johnson stood in their way it is well known that the Republicans in Congress, with their more than two thirds majority, did not hesitate to oppose the President in every imaginable way, and to make the most determined aggressions upon his Constitutional prerogatives. They fought him early and late, and displayed an astonishing amount of ingenuity in the manner of their assaults. | The Washington Post reminds the country of what the Republicans then did in their efforts to antagonize and crush him. It says:

"That Republican Congress sent to President Johason, in the Army bill, a legislative enactment depriving the President of the command of the army and devolving that command on Gen. Grant. The bill provided that the headquarters of the General should be in Washington; that the President should not supersede him in command, and made it a penal offense for any officer to obey an order that did not come from the General or to issue an order except through the General.

"The authority of the President, under the Constitution, as Commander-in-Chief of the army, was destroyed, so far as a law of Congress could do it."

So any pretence on their part of great regard for the prerogatives of the President is 1ather absurd in view of the history of their party. But can the President, as Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, order the troops where he chooses? If this be true what sort of a Government is ours? Can it be called a Republic? Is it the Government that was set up by our wise and far-seeing forefathers? Is it a fact that the President can act independently of the Congress? Must they vote supplies to a man who it is claimed has powers greater than any that belongs to a King under a constitutional monarchy? If this be so, we do not live under a Republican government, but under an Empire. But it is not true. The President has no such powers as those claimed for him

city purchasers, but country merchants and of general interest to state that an act was The Baltimore Gazette vigorously damning his good name, and in for want of bail he was lodged in jail. It made an effective speech. He resorted passed, at the session of the Legislature, enact : others, will find centred here dry goods, opposes this new and arbitrary claim fastening that disgrace upon him that Section 1. That two hundred and eighty stipulating that no witness in a criminal appears that he was found guilty at the to the weapons of logic and the hisclothing, fancy and domestic wares, grocepounds avoirdupois weight shall be a barrel case shall be either subpænaed or paid unof the Stalwarts. If what is asserted is so hard for the true soldier to bear. last term of Judge Brook's Court of some less the clerk is requested in writing by the solicitor or foreman of the grand jury to ries, etc., etc., in such bulk as to enable tory of legislation, and not to coarse by them be true, then the President But not only are the character and violation of the Internal Revenue laws Sec. 2. That hereafter tar shall be sold our merchants and tradesmen to supply vituperation and untruthful flings. by weight, at the rate of two hundred and He was out on bond at the time of convicsummon him, and providing that tickets of might do constitutionally what Grant military reputation of Gen. Porter every conceivable demand upon them as eighty pounds to the barrel, under the same not more than two witnesses shall be taxed The Richmond Dispatch's Washingtion, and hearing of the verdict in his case intended doing-to suppress Congress thus amply vindicated, but those who rules that apply to turpentine as to excess to quantity, style, quality and price. as witnesses for the State in misdemeanors. made good his escape. However, like most ton letter says of his effort: -Our little Ed. Rintels seems to be making his mark at Poughkeepsie. The of weight. Sec. 3. That if any person shall sell or To buyers at home, we need say nowith his soldiers, and after the true had succeeded in affixing reproach evil doers, he is again in the hands of jus-"He said secession is dead, and the Union thing; but we suggest to readers of the Cromwellian manner. The Gazette and infamy to his name are brought | tice. buy tar in any other manner than by weight, such person so offending shall pay five dolcollege paper says of him: "Mr. Rintels, of North Carolins, has won unfading laurels is to be perpetual, and the Democratic members are not to be seduced from the STAR abroad-along the lines of railroad to grief. The Philadelphia Times forcibly says: lars to any person informing, to be reserved to the use of the person informing, before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdic-- When the verdict in the case of in his recitations and extemporaneous reand at points where we have water line main issue now before the country by foolmarks, _____ There are four or five gentle-men from different points at the North, now at the Central Hotel, who are here on business connected with the mining inish extracts written for a Mississippi paper says in its review of the finding of "The Commander-in-Chief of the Army connections, whether by steam or sail-John Davis, the Brunswick murderer, was and Navy might order his troops into the halls of Congress to 'preserve order' there as well as at the polls. It is the claim of despotism in all climes and in all ages that the military court: announced, he turned to one of his counsel that they may regard our advertising coltion of the place and contract, upon writ-ten information supported by affidavit? "The chapter of our history that con-demned Fitz John Porter to infamy has now been effaced from the thrilling annals and asked him to "get a repeal to the other umns as a fair index of the enterprise and terest. --- Prof. J. R. Blake, of David-Provided, it shall not apply where tar is sold business capabilities of Wilmington. Or-Court." His counsel told him he had better in less quantity than one barrel. Sec. 4. That all laws in conflict with son College, will deliver the commence-ment address at the Reidville, S. C., Feproved that there is nothing now proposed now been effaced from the thrilling annals by the Democrats that has not been done of the war, and it is proven that the accuit 'preserves order,' 'protects society.' Every coup d'etat or usurpation rests on just ders need not be sent North. Right here not study about "repeals," but to prepare they will find the attention, accommoda-tion, low prices and variety of stock they sers were of those most responsible for the defeat they imputed to their abler and no-bler fellow-soldier, and that not only was the chief accuser among the guilty, but that two of the members of the Court who over and over again by Republicans and others in the history of the legislation of such a pretense, and once let the 'Man on this act are hereby repealed. Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force for the fate which would assuredly over-Horseback' get into power, and he always take him. from and after its ratification. seeks to maintain himself by terrorizing the the country. The speech was a sound one, people with atrocious cruelties under the and nothing was said tending to prejudice - Greensboro has a ship under Ratified seventh day of March, A. D. name of maintaining order. But the Con- the great cause of the people. sail. It is in a shop window. 1879.

all attention to the prevalence of the effrontery, the baseness, the decrime and the necessity of suppresspravity, and the inconsistencies of ing it. Nothing but the certainty of the Republican party. The speech the rope will deter bad men from acts of violence. In Pitt county, this of Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, will attract universal attention. It is State, last week, four men were tried able, earnest, diguified, clear, unmisfor murder and acquitted. And yet the fact remains that three murdered men sleep in their graves. The recent killing of Judge Elliott in Kentucky is not the first time in the history of that State, which still ap-

the bench. Judge Wickliffe found

it necessary to shield himself behind

his desk in court to escape stray pis-

tol balls. Judge Randall had to

abandon court and leave the town of

Jackson very expeditiously, and not

very long ago the County Judge of

Breathitt county fell before the re-

morseless shot-gun of a disrespectful

bushwhacker.

takable and eloquent. Its lofty sentiments will be responded to from one section of this vast country to the other, and its lucid, bold and logical arraignment of the Republican party will make a deep impears to be entitled to the name pression throughout the land. Let "of the dark and bloody ground," it be circulated from Aroostook in when Judges have been maltreated Maine to the Florida Capes, and from and their lives threatened. The Bald Head to San Francisco. Whilst Age of last week contained a the Republicans are scattering the long article on the subject, entitled noxious gases and insidious poisons "The Murder Epidemic," in which it of Garfield's demagogical harangue was showed what perils the Judges in let the truth be sent forth as an antithat lawless State had to contend dote-let it have free course and be with in endeavoring to uphold the majesty of the law and to dispense glorified in the complete redemption of the country from a thraldom that justice. The Age is reminded that is unbearable, and from a corruption only a few years ago Judge Riddle had a bottle thrown at him while on that eats like a canker.

THE PORTER CASE.

The decision in the Fitz John Porter case has singular interest. Sixteen years ago he was dismissed the army under disgrace, and came near being shot for his alleged conduct at the second battle of Manassas, where John Pope was completely vanquished by General Lee. Porter was made the scapegoat on the occasion. We have long thought that it was

If the rowdies and bullies and cutthroats are allowed to take matters one of the most shameful affairs on in their own hands much longer, record. Pope was ignorant, incom-Kentucky will be the most undesirapetent and self-conceited; and he ble spot on the globe in which to made the brave Porter a victim, to live. The law-abiding people of that shield his own failure and to save otherwise prosperous State will have himself from that censure which atto combine for the suppression of taches inevitably to a want of crime, and to that end they must regeneralship in one in command. solve that the laws shall be fairly and At last, however, after many years fully executed. It will not do to alof painful delay, Porter resting all low desperadoes to dominate a great the time under the sense of great commonwealth. It is to be hoped personal wrong, the tardy justice has that the one-man power will not be been awarded him, and he stands beexercised in shielding criminals from fore the country fully vindicated by

Government. usual vote of thanks, Presbytery adjourned ness men for a vigorous spring and summer vestigation. During all these years fire, on Friday night last, together with will come out of the debate in Concampaign. We have had occasion to insine die. nearly all their contents. Loss heavy; no Porter has had to bear the stigma Captured and Jatled. gress. Whilst the Republicans ininsurance. -The railroad is completed spect, partially, the supplies in a few of the that had been so unjustly affixed to U. S. Deputy Marshal Lawson arrived to this place and we now have daily commudulge in invective, flaunt the old war The Tar Bill. wholesale and retail houses, and there has nication with the outside world. here last night, by the Carolina Central his name. He knew his own inno-The following is the Act in full reguflag and "cry havoc," the Democrats evidently been more than ordinary pains-There are four new stores going up, some of Railway, bringing with him, from Lumberlating the sale of tar, as we find it in the cence and his own services, but s taking, both as to quality and style of goods, them nearly ready for occupation meet them with argument and bristton, H. Oglesby, who was arrested on a Raleigh Observer : by the enemies of the people. - Charlotte Observer: It may be base conspiracy had succeeded in whether for ladies or gentlemen. Not only ling facts. Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, capias from the U.S. District Court, and The General Assembly of North Carolina

of increase will make the population in 1880 over 48,000,000. But the

probability is the increase will be quite 30 per cent. This would give over 50,000,000 as the population in 1880. Professor Elliott, of the Statistical Bureau, estimates the population for 1880 at 50,858,000

It is a well known fact that the ratio of increase in old countries is much less than in new. After a people have a history running back through the centuries the rate of increase is comparatively small. During the last nine years the increase of the population of France is considerably under 1,000,000. In England, from 1790 to 1800 the rate of increase was but 10 per cent. Between 1860 and 1870 it was but 7 7-10 per cent.

The North American Review says of our great and growing country: "It is hardly probable that in the United States the former ratios of increase will be maintained. Enough that we are already by far the most numerous people speaking one language on the face of the glebe. Russia alone of European States now goes before us in population, having, exclusive of her Asiatic territory, about 75,000,000 people. Before the century ends we shall doubtless exceed that number."

If the United States should continue to increase at the rate of 25 per cent. there will be over 75,000,000 in 1900. If at the rate of 30 per cent., which is not improbable, there will be considerably more than 80,000,000. Only about one-fourth of our vast domain, comprising three million square

miles, is even under partial cultivation. By 1900 the whole Mississippi valley will fairly swarm with people. The North American Review says the Mississippi River will be the central point of our extended empire by the end of the century. It says the centre of population by 1880 will be at Indianapolis. In 1840 it was at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1800 if was on the meridian of Washington. The progress, the prosperity, and the safety of the country depend to a

McDonald and Black River Chapel was dissolved.

The report of Rev. A. McFadyen, Agent of Foreign Missions, was received, approved and adopted, and was followed by interesting speeches from Revs. A. Mc-Fadyen, C. M. Payne, James Sprunt, D. D. J. R. Wilson, D. D., G. D. Burnheim, D. D. and Elder Hyman.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 P. M. when it reassembled, and the Report on Sessional Records was presented and approved

Brown Marsh church was chosen as the place of next meeting, and Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in March, 1880, as the time.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. C. M. Payne, and unanimously adopted ; Resolved, That Presbytery express its

disapprobation of the practice of permitting the candidates of the Ministry to preach in the churches before they have been licensed It is probable that Presbytery: wi

adjourn to-day. Presbytery met at 9 A. M., pursuant to

adjournment The report of the committee to prepare narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of the Presbytery made a report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Benevolence was received and adopted. The Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Judicial Committee made their eports, which were received and adopted. Rev. G. W. McMillan was granted permission to preach during the ensuing year at Mt. Williams and Topsail churches. After half an hour spent in devotional

exercises Presbytery adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Presbytery re-assembled at 3 P. M. The report of the Agent of Sabbath

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The report of the Agent of Sustentation vas received and approved, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted : Resolved. That the Presbytery urge upon the churches under its care the important cause of Sustentation, and that the Pastors and Stated Supplies see to it that the claims of this cause are explained, and the duty contributing to it enforced.

Presbytery resolved to organize a church at Burgaw, if the way be clear.

with people to hear the sentence of John Davis. At 11 o'clock, his Honor called up

the prisoner and in a most eloquent and feeling manner, addressed him for nearly an hour. The remarks were of such a nature that tears came unbidden to the eyes of the strong and stalwart, some leaving the court room in order that their weakness-if your could so term it-of nature should not be witnessed by their fellowman. Never did man discharge a duty of so unpleasant a nature with so much feel ing. At one time the Judge was compelled to stop, and so intense was the feeling on the part of the audience that you could almost have heard a pin drop, and when the words came, "John Davis, I sentence you to be hanged on the 11th day of July. 1879, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock by the neck, until you are dead! dead dead!" the feeling became intense.

Gave Bond.

Mr. H. Oglesby, who was brought here Thursday on a capias from the U. S. District Court, charged with a violation of the Internal Revenue laws, gave bond in the sum of \$300, yesterday, for his appearance at the next term of the U.S. District Court, and was released from custody.

There is another version of this affair, and we intend that Mr. Oglesby shall have the benefit of his statement. He claims that he was ready to give bail immediately on reaching this city; that his arrest was not a necessity, but achieved through deception, and that instead of absenting himself from the District Court to avoid penalties or evade law, that he was sick, and so notified the Court by certificate from a physician of character.

We of course know nothing of the transaction, the statement first published by us being furnished by a party whom we have always found reliable. At all events, if Mr. Gglesby has been wrouged by either State or United States officials, he should and doubtless will redress his grievances through the proper channels.

The Hatteras Inlet Disaster.

Inquiry at the Signal Office last night, at 12 o'clock, did not elicit anything new concerning the Hatteras Inlet disaster, by which several lives were lost. The latest news is that the persons who perished are Jeremiah Farrow, colored, master of the sunken vessel Wyanoke; Daniel Farrow, also colored, mate; Joseph B. Whitehurst, light house keeper; Mrs. Oscar F. Rue and Miss Flora Rue, the last three whites. The lost ladies were known to many of our people; indeed, they have quite a number of friends and relatives residing in this

city.

Spring and Summer Trade. respondent: We are sorry to learn that their merited doom. an able board of officers who have very great extent upon the wisdom, After the consideration of several other The amplest preparation we have known the dwelling house and kitchen of Mr. given the matter the most patient inhere since the war has been made by busi-Angus McLeod, near Euphonia Church, in fairness, justice and honesty of the minor matters, and the presentation of the We believe good to the country Moore county, N. C., were consumed by

from the Goldsboro Messenger

- Charlotte Observer : On Wednesday last, at a congregational meeting of what is known as Little Steel Creek church, n this county, Mr. Clarke Harris, a deacon of the church, just after the meeting had been called to order, was suddenly taken ill, and died within a few minutes. The cause of his death is supposed to be heart disease. --- 'The Hornets' Nest Riflemen held a meeting last night and accepted the invitation of the Richland Battalion to visit Columbia on the 10th of May and participate in the ceremonies pertaining to the unveiling of the Confederate monument. - A son of Wm. Houser, colored, who is working a farm near the city, was thrown from a wagon on Wednesday, the two mules which were drawing it running away, and by the fall sustained the fracture of one of his thighs

- Weldon News: We learn that Fred. Pierce, brother of Dr. A. B. Pierce, died at the residence of B. F. Arrington, in Ringwood, on Wednesday of last week, after a short but severe illness. - J. T. Evans has been recently appointed postmaster at this place, vice J. M. Foote. - R. B. Brickell, of Halifax county, has been appointed by the President of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society, Superintendent of Transportation for the next fair. ---- Halifax county has seventy-seven public bridges, according to Col. Polk's report. Twenty more than any other county. ---- Rt. Rev. Bishop Atkinson preached in Ringwood to a large congregation on the 28th ult., and confirmed three persons.

- Goldsboro Mail: The Inferior Court sentenced Buck Hadley, who a few days before robbed Dr. Jones' smokehouse, to five years in the State pen. This is quick retribution. --- Mr. Willie Ipark, who sustained a painful wound in the forehead, by falling on the railroad track last week, has about recovered from his injuries. ---- It is said that Gov. Brogden contemplates starting a Republican paper in this place. — In an interview with General Robert Ransom, we learned that with the appropriation first made he will be able to clear away logs and other obstructions in the river, and along the banks of it to the Goldsboro bridge; and that with a boat properly constructed it could run regularly, except when the water was very low. The boat new on the river, said he, is not at all adapted to the river, it draws too much water

-Raleigh News: "Justice" writes: Wake is a very considerable county. There are ninety-four counties in North Carolina. Wake pays one dollar in every nineteen of the taxes paid into the State Treasury and casts not far short of one-twentieth of the entire vote of the State. Yet she has but one Senator out of fifty and four members out of 120 in the lower House. It is probable that in the next apportionment Wake will get two Senators. Wake county pays as State taxes as much as the fifteen westermost counties of the State, all put together. Those fifteen counties have four Senators and seventy-five members. --- Gulf cor-