

An old negro woman was found dead at Charlotte in a hut and there was blood on the floor.

Charlotte Observer acknowledges a contribution of \$1, for the Hood children, from John T. Schenck, a well known colored man in this city...

Raleigh Observer: A rifle club of some twenty members has been formed and will soon begin a series of matches.

New Bern Democrat: Oysters continue to come into our market from day to day, but they are not of the quality of the Oyster Line...

Wilson Advance: Last week Mr. William Wadsworth, of this county, while cutting timber, was knocked down by a falling tree and severely injured.

Weldon News: Everybody is coming to Fall from the mountains. Edgecombe, Nash, Warren, Granville, Martin, Wilson, Bertie, Southampton, and all other counties in this section of the State.

Charlotte Democrat: The schedule on the Charlotte & Statesville Railroad has been changed. Leave Charlotte at 4 P. M. arrive at Statesville at 7.30 P. M.

Goldboro Mail: Sheriff Davis, of Carteret county, is a rare man. Rather than opposing the law, he is a man who will resign his office.

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COLONEL OGDEN.

Frederick Nash Ogden is spoken of as the probable Democratic candidate for Governor of Louisiana at the next election. His is a historic name.

The gentleman referred to is his son, who was but a few years old at the death of his father. He is now forty-eight years of age. He entered the war as a private, saw much service, and rose to Colonel of cavalry.

He will be remembered as the President of the Crescent City Democratic Club in 1863, the leader of the attack on the Third Precinct Station in 1872, where he received a wound; and the head and front of the White League movement in 1874, by which Radicalism was finally overthrown in Louisiana.

In this rapid sketch of the life of the man upon whom it is probable that the office of Chief Magistrate will be conferred, mention should be made of the devotion to the cause of humanity which Gen. Ogden displayed as a member of the noble association of Howard in the epidemic of last year. Truly may it be said of him that, whether as soldier or civilian, he has shown himself a man sans peur et sans reproche.

We have thought it proper to give the above facts as he is on his mother's side of excellent North Carolina stock.

Gen. W. T. Sherman's letter to the Salisbury committee, inviting him to attend the proposed reunion of the soldiers of the North and the South at that place, has been widely commented upon. Many papers condemn its tone. There was no little of studied malice in it, as it appeared to us.

There are gentlemen in this city who remember when the General of the army was not the super-loyal zealot that he now professes to be. Just as the late unpleasantness was coming on he was extremely anxious for the citizens of New Orleans to send their boys to his military school at Alexandria, Louisiana, in order that they might be trained to whip the Yankees.

Since it was announced that Hayes had determined to turn his back on his "Southern policy," now and then an exchange rather "goes" for those Democratic papers that encouraged the de facto at the time and accepted what he had to give.

Hayes proved treacherous what of it? Are we to be censured? Must we go back on our indorsement when he was doing right? It does not so strike us. It is our duty to render righteous judgment. We ought to appreciate the bitterest Republican in the North when he acts justly and kindly towards the South.

We think all must admit that the South was very much relieved by Hayes' "Southern policy" in 1877. His motives may have been selfish, but he did good none the less. He gave South Carolina and Louisiana the help they needed, and we believe nine-tenths of the Democratic press of the South so regarded it.

Whenever a Republican is killed in the South it is for political purposes. At least this is the way the Stalwart organs talk about it. The last outrage, according to the New York Tribune, was an attempt to kill Fred Nix, the colored Postmaster at Blackville, S. C. We venture to predict that bad whiskey or something else had more to do with the shooting than politics. Let us wait.

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INLAND NAVIGATION.

The whole country is now looking to cheap transportation. The great Northwest is specially interested in it. The low rates at which produce has been selling necessitates the cheapest possible rates by which it can be taken to the markets of the world.

The ship canal project south of us is a part of this great scheme of Southern inland navigation. Reference was made in the STAR recently to the survey that has been made under the superintendency of Col. S. L. Fremont, of this city.

The examination has been made, as we have said, and it has been ascertained that the Swamp is 117 feet above low tide at San Pedro Bay on the Gulf. It being the highest point it can be made to supply the summit-level with water for locking over it.

Congress should do all that is necessary to push and secure at the earliest practicable time this new water-way. The money of the taxpayer could not be more judiciously expended than in developing this important enterprise.

We always examine our Northern Republican exchanges to see what they have to say of the political outlook. As so much depends on New York, and so much interest necessarily centres there, we are constantly looking to see what are the latest developments.

Further, that those Southern Representatives who have been so loud in decrying his candidity will have the alternative presented to them of giving their full and complete support to Mr. Tilden or of retiring to the shades of private life; that, apprehending that the count of the next electoral vote may show an exceedingly close election, the House will be put in trim to meet such a contingency immediately upon the reassembling of Congress by the unseating of Representatives Orth, Yocum and Hazleton and the dismissal of Biesty's contest for the seat of Hall.

The Constitution of the United States is very distasteful to the Stalwarts. If interpreted according to the ordinary canons, with due reference to its spirit and letter, it is indeed a serious drawback upon the success of designing plotters. It is the bulwark of civil liberty, and as long as it remains and is regarded the enemies of the people cannot triumph.

It is looked upon by your extreme Radical as both a curse and a hindrance. Hear what the "rip snorting" fellow who edits the Lemans (Iowa) Sentinel has to say about the Great Instrument fashioned by our illustrious forefathers:

"The Constitution of the United States has been little beside a curse and a hindrance. It is so to-day as much as it has been at any time since it was framed. It is the barrier now in the pathway of the Nation."

"It is in league with reason, and is the bulwark of secession. To it the baffled Brigadiers appeal, and by its aid they swear: 'But the Stalwarts do not care a fig for the Constitution, and will trample it under foot to-day as did Lincoln and the patriot hosts from '61 to '65.'"

The State debt of Alabama has been reduced from \$32,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The condition of affairs is represented as prosperous and encouraging. But Alabama does not "thank" after Mr. Tilden as a Presidential candidate, if Col. M. L. Woods, of that State, is correct in what he said to a reporter of the Baltimore Gazette.

"Of course she is for the nominee of the party, but she hopes devoutly that it will not be Tilden. I was surprised to find among the leading men in all parts of the State, those who had previously been the most ardent supporters of Tilden, a feeling of distrust and disgust when his name was mentioned. They realize his wonderful strength as an organizer, but they think the time has come to cut loose from these professional politicians and let the people run the machine for themselves."

He thinks Hancock is the man, as the true issue upon which the campaign will be fought is between home government on the one hand and centralization on the other. He says: "The nomination for President should be made solely with this view. How can it be done? We think by the nomination of Hancock. If he is nominated the war issues sink out of sight. Neither Grant nor Blaine could revive them. Nor could Sherman force the currency issue. With his splendid war record the efforts of the Republican leaders to flout the bloody shirt would equally fail. Hancock's civil record stands conspicuously in line with the doctrine of home government. His patriotic course, while in command of the department of the Southwest, immediately after the war, stamps him as a statesman of ability. His conduct since then in many trying positions marks him as a man of the largest sagacity and prudence."

CITY OF WILMINGTON.

Important Statistics—Fall and Millable Census of the City of Wilmington—School, Commercial and Postal Statistics, and Other Valuable Information—Report to the Board of Aldermen, &c.

The following report of Mr. Walker Meares to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington, covering a full and reliable record of the census of the city, school, commercial, postal and other statistics and information of a useful and instructive character, will be found of especial interest to our readers, and will prove exceedingly useful as matter for future reference.

Mr. Meares has given the matters embraced in his report his personal and undivided attention since he commenced the labor which he has performed in such a full and satisfactory manner, and we are confident that his figures may be relied upon as entirely correct.

To His Honor the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Wilmington: GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with a resolution of your Board, offering compensation for a complete Census of the City, I respectfully submit the following return. I am aware, that by the non concurrence of the Board of Audit and Finance, I can receive no compensation, nevertheless, I think it but proper that the return should go out with your official sanction. I commenced in July to take the School Census of the City, in accordance with the laws governing the Committee, but owing to a general desire on the part of our citizens, and finding it would be a great disappointment to discontinue the work, I determined to make a complete Census. In prosecuting my labor, ample time has been allowed, and no pains spared in obtaining full information. I have traversed upwards of 180 miles, and penetrated to every nook and corner of the City, and, I believe, ferreted out all of its inhabitants. Diligent inquiry has been made, and all persons in Europe, at the watering places, and in the North, on the Sounds, at Smithville, in the country temporarily, and at the Rock Quarries, have been numbered. Therefore, it can be confidently said, that our population has been ascertained. It is believed, also, that the classification of ages is correct. The number of horses, cattle, hogs, dogs, sewing machines and pianos will be found to vary but little from the actual number. The statistics have been compiled from recognized official sources, and are therefore relied upon. The calculations in the mortality tables have been carefully made, and gone over to insure against errors. Notwithstanding the general depression which has existed for past years, and the fact that our City has been from well known causes forced to rely on its own resources, commercially and otherwise, an examination of the tables will show a gratifying progress. The increase in population, as compared with past decades, our foreign trade has assumed such proportions as to attract attention abroad. Our City now ranks as the 7th cotton port. Our bar is constantly improving. Our death rate compares favorably with cities supposed to be more favored in the matter of health, and under the new health ordinances will continue to diminish. Our public schools have made great advances, and are now forming an important element in our progress. Our people are polite, and eminently law-abiding, as is evidenced from the fact that twenty-five men constitute our entire police force. Infractions of the law are few, and our City is, it is believed, enjoys the blessings of peace and quiet to a greater degree. So that, with a revival of prosperous times, we have every reason to predict an advancement commensurate with our great natural resources.

Very respectfully, WALKER MEARES.

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