

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 Watson, 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 surrendered with Gen. Forrest in North Alabama.

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 the Chief Magistracy 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.

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.

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.

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.

If Hayes proves 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.

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.

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 candidacy 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 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.

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.

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.

The people of the Norfolk section of Virginia have resolved upon a grand National Centennial celebration at Yorktown on October 19, 1881. It is to commemorate the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, who was the best soldier the British had in this country during the Revolutionary war.

Very respectfully, WALKER MEARES.

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