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THE PEACE OFFERING.

When men so far forget the past as to throw up their hats for Grant and declare that he is the man for the South, they appear to be smitten with a blindness or a madness that is incurable unless the salve of office can be applied quickly by the Democrats.

While the Northern stalwart organs are misrepresenting the real condition of affairs in the South, and the emissaries of the exodus movement are manufacturing lies by the wholesale as to the cruelties perpetrated by the whites upon the blacks, Gov. Jarvis bears witness to the good feeling that prevails between the races in North Carolina.

The only good thing Grant did while he was in office that deserves to be specially remembered, was the great injury he inflicted upon his own party. He came very near killing it entirely.

Why should any one—be he Radical or Democrat—desire such a President? He has shown no capacity as a civil ruler. He has shown no patriotism in the way he exercised his great patronage and influence.

It is said Garfield's election from Ohio, in place of Thurman, is now certain, as enough Republicans are pledged to elect him.

MOORE ABOUT THE JETTIES.

According to the report of the Secretary of War Capt. Eads has received \$4,250,000 thus far from the government for the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi. If the channel is maintained he and his associates are to receive \$100,000 annually, payable quarterly.

That Captain Eads has achieved a great success we attempted to briefly show in the Star of Sunday. Since the failures mentioned in the above report of the Engineer the steamer City of Bristol, drawing twenty-four feet seven inches, has passed through the jetties.

It affords me particular pleasure as the Executive of your State, that at this time, in all sections of our State, from the mountains to the sea, in every county, the most amicable relations exist between the two races.

Gov. Jarvis but reflects the sentiments and feelings of the white people generally.

A gentleman, Mr. Thomas B. Ryan, who has lived in North Carolina, has given his impressions of our State through the columns of the Bath (New York) Star.

He has lived in Missouri and Illinois and has travelled in several States, and in his humble opinion there is no pleasanter country to live in than the beloved Old North State.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Judging from the full telegraphic synopsis of President Hayes's Message, that appeared in the Star of yesterday, it is a comprehensive, dignified and well written document.

The President recommends that further general legislation on the question of gold and silver be postponed until the proposition to effect a permanent system with European nations for the equality of those metals be acted upon.

There are other points we might refer to specially if we had the space. What he says about increasing the number of Circuit Judges and creating an intermediate Court of Errors and Appeals, his recommendation concerning the Indians, his recommendations as to the Agricultural Department, might all be commented upon.

The President makes a strong appeal for the protection of the ballot. No good citizen, we apprehend, will object to what he says.

The North Carolina Republican is edited by a colored man. We do not get it, but have noticed in our exchanges an article taken from it headed "Let us alone."

"But we do say, if any other publishes as a fact that the negroes of North Carolina are not secure in the enjoyment of their rights, that such statements are false, and made by parties unacquainted with the true condition of the colored people of North Carolina.

There is one feature of the message that will provoke a smile. When Mr. Rodgers was punctuating the President's manuscript, if he has any

sense of the ridiculous, he must have chuckled audibly when he read the excellent platitudes on civil service reform. What the de facto says is timely and judicious, but in view of his repeated failures it reads like a joke or satire upon his own shortcomings.

The chief witness for the State was Lucy Herring, the widow of the murdered man. From the testimony of other witnesses it appeared that she was the cause of ill feeling between her husband and Mathis; that the latter had been committed to jail on a charge of adultery with her, preferred by her husband, and that when released he had threatened to kill Herring.

There were no witnesses for the defence.

Mr. Edward Dogkin, of Sampson, and Messrs. Bruce Williams and John T. Bland, of Pender, were the counsel for the prisoner, with Capt. Swift Galloway, Solicitor for the State.

Conclusion of the Testimony before the Coroner's Jury—The Verdict, &c. The Coroner's jury, in the matter of the killing of John Taylor, colored, during the excitement attending the fire on Saturday night last, which commenced its labors on Tuesday afternoon, but adjourned that evening before completing them, resumed its session in the City Court room, at the City Hall, yesterday morning.

Western Republicans are not pleased with Secretary Sherman's report on finance. They say it is bad policy to be entering upon financial legislation on the eve of a Presidential election.

Only one steamer sailed from New York on Saturday for Europe. The bad weather deterred the others.

THE PENDER MURDER CASE.

Trial of Allen Mathis, colored, for the murder of Reuben Herring, colored, in September, 1878—The Prisoner Found Guilty and Sentenced to be Hung.

The case of Allen Mathis, colored, charged with the murder of Reuben Herring, near Burgaw, in Pender county, in September of last year, and which was removed from that county to New Hanover for trial, came up before the Superior Court yesterday.

The following jury was drawn, sworn and impaneled: Wm. M. Hankins, John T. Keene, John A. Scarborough, Miles E. Howard (colored), Wm. Pratt, Henry Price (colored), D. M. West, John B. Robinson, G. W. Green (colored), Benjamin Scott (colored), W. H. Stone, Mills Donaldson (colored).

At the Coroner's inquest Lucy Herring made affidavit on the first day that Mathis said he had killed Herring, and buried him in the swamp, but on the next day she stated that she was present and saw her husband killed by Mathis, as above related.

Mr. Williams spoke first in behalf of the prisoner, and was followed by the Solicitor, after which Mr. Boykin addressed the jury in a fine effort. After a plain and lucid charge by His Honor, Judge Eare, the jury retired to their room about 6:30 P. M., and the court adjourned, the Judge leaving instructions that he should be called if the jury found a verdict.

On Friday afternoon, as Capt. W. J. Potter was returning to his home in Smithville, after being engaged in distributing religious tracts, he was hailed by his little daughter, who said, "Goody's under the sand and cannot get out." He accompanied the child to the spot indicated, to investigate the cause of her distress, when he saw by the movement of the sand that something was buried under it.

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Superior Court. The December term of the Superior Court for this county convened in this city yesterday morning. His Honor, Judge Eare, presiding. The civil issue docket was called over and the Clerk ordered to make out a calendar and have it printed.

Compliment to a Legal Gentleman. We should have stated, in connection with our remarks on our last about the communication from Lumberton, in reference to the Linkhaw trial, that our correspondent referred in very complimentary terms to the speech of Col. W. Foster French, the counsel for the defence, whose effort on the occasion, he says, he has never heard surpassed.

Raleigh News: Capt. Robinson was not fairly cold before applicants for the position of Secretary of the Department of Agriculture commenced to send in their applications, but by night the number will reach an even hundred.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Abstract of Proceedings in Regular Session. The Board met in regular session yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Present, Col. W. L. Smith, Chairman, and Commissioners H. A. Bagg, Jas. A. Montgomery, B. G. Worth and A. J. Grady.

It was ordered that the tax on fifty acres of land in Cape Fear Township, owned by Geo. P. Tilley, valued at \$375, be remitted. Application of Wheeler & Wilson, for remission of tax, was granted.

The following magistrates made their reports for the year ending November 30th, 1879, viz: W. W. Harris, John D. Taylor, J. A. Montgomery, A. J. Grady, and Jos. E. Montgomery. The same were received and ordered recorded in the records of official reports.

The Register submitted his report of fees received from marriage licenses and paid over to the County Treasurer for the month of November, amounting to \$19 75, which was received and ordered on file. This includes only the county part of said fees.

The Treasurer submitted his report for the month of November, that of the special fund showing a balance due him of \$3,038 31, and surrendering certain bonds and coupons, which have been paid by him and included in his account, which bonds and coupons were destroyed in the presence of the Board that of the general fund showing a balance in his hands of \$9,028 33, and hat of the school fund, showing a balance in his hands of \$6,037 55.

It was ordered that the tax assessed against the steam tug Orlando and Lighters, valued at \$5,000, be remitted, the same having been listed in Pender county by G. Z. French.

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Chapel Hill Ledger: We learn from a very reliable source (and what source is not reliable?) that not very far from Chapel Hill there is a baby, only eight months old, weighing forty pounds.

Raleigh Observer: B. M. Yeates died at Green Level, November 27th, of typhoid fever. He is a brother of M. T. Yeates, Missionary to China. We regret to learn that Col. H. W. Wharton, of Beaufort county, lost his barn and stable by fire on Monday night last.

Spirits Turpentine.

Mr. John Bullock, at Battleford, struck a negro named Henry Whitehead on the pate with a hoe and cracked his skull. He was cursed and abused by the negro.

On Sunday a fire broke out at South Mills, N. C., and destroyed the barn and stables of a man named W. M. Tatem, together with a buggy and 300 barrels of corn. The fire was the work of an incendiary, and there was no insurance.

Shelby Aurora: Two droves of Tennessee hogs arrived in town last week. The market opened at 5 cents gross. There is a man in this county who boasts of over sixty grand children. He is an object of charity and is now living at the expense of the county.

Oxford Free Lance: Mrs. Anna E. Moore, of Tally Ho township, has raised a heat this year which beats all beats. Its length is 18 1/2 inches and it is 308 inches in circumference. It is a thirty-eight marriage license was issued for the month of November. What a prospect for Granville!

Lincolnton Progress: Mr. Milton Campbell, who lives five miles north of Clark's creek, which was three feet and five inches long. Mr. C. has also caught about one thousand fish in this creek in sink baskets, and at one time caught as high as ninety-two in one basket.

Monroe Express: The new Baptist Church, in this place, will be dedicated on the first Sabbath in this month, December 8th. We learn that the steam saw and grist mill, in this place, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night last. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Capt. Thos. J. Robinson, whose death has already been announced, was a Professor of Mathematics in the United States Navy, and was attached to the Observatory at Washington, during the war of the war. During the rebellion he had charge of the Confederate laboratory at the Fayetteville arsenal.

The Greenville Express says: Between sixty and seventy-five negroes from the Black Jack and Haddock's X Roads, in this county, have left within the past week for the States. The poor dupes sold all their land for less than half price to get the necessary funds to embark on this ill-wisp expedition.

Raleigh Observer: A large fire occurred in Winston to-day, completely destroying the Joyner row, composed of the hardware stores in this place. The fire originated in Thompson's drug store about 9 a. m.—Commercial travellers, who are, as a rule, observant, say that North Carolina is improving more rapidly than any Southern State.