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THE THIRD DISTRICT.

Are the Democrats of the Third District fully alive to the importance of the pending campaign? Do they realize the fact that a very pressing and momentous duty rests upon them? Have they reflected seriously upon their responsibilities as freemen and patriots in the great struggle that lies close at hand? This District is to be recaptured and redeemed. There is but one way to do it. In 1878 some seven thousand men-voters, calling themselves Democrats, refused to vote. What was the result? The Democratic nominee was defeated and in a decided Democratic District. Apathy-an appaling apathy did it, and allowed a Republican to go to Congress in the place of the Representative, Col. Waddell, who had

tre you about to repeat this folly? | that we have not gone into the mat Are you determined to allow another Republican to take his seat in the House as the Representative of the Third District? We hope not, but what are you doing to prevent it? Are you at work? Have you made any effort to secure the election of the Democratic candidate, Mr. Shackelford? Do you intend to do as you. did in 1878 - stay from the polls and thus help the cause of Radicalism? Do you call yourself a Democrat and yet wilfully help elect a Republican? You know, if you have any sense, that by refusing to vote you aid Cana lay in securing his election. If you prefer him to a sound Democrat you ought to cease to call yourself any-

thing else than a Republican.

served for eight years in Congress.

llave you considered the importance of having a U. S. House of Representatives Democratic? Hancock is elected he would crippled from the very beginning of his Administration of the Republicans controlled one branch of the Congress. His reforms and efforts at retrenchment would go for nothing to a very great extent with a Radicil llouse to thwart him at every turn. In the present House the Democrats have five majority. It will be very easy to lose them. It is thought three will be lost in Virginia alone. So it behooves every Democrat to be up and doing in behalf of our Congressional candidates. Our speakers in every county should give Mr. Shackelford all the assistance possible. The canvass must be made more active, more earnest, more

There is danger. Let us feel this | was entered up in favor of the debefore too late. The New Bernian, from the record, was finally dismissed of a few days ago, gave a somewhat dispiriting statement of the outlook on the 11th day of May, 1876, for in this District. We do not believe there is danger but at one point. Our people are wonderfully apathetic under the circumstances. In some respects it is the dullest Presidential tell you if Mr. Storrs had had any campaign that has occurred within our recollection. It is possible that ent, Garfield, he would have replied the Democrats shall be beaten in to the answer of the defendants and Board of Public Works of the Dis- fluence," for must not "all the apthis District. It can be done, but would never have demurred. The only with the consent of the Demo- Judge, a Republican, and no doubt an crats. If they do not work, and do honest man, overruled the demurrer. not vote, they will wake up on the This left Garfield, the Republican morning of the 3d of November and candidate for the Presidency, standfind a Republican office holder the ing before the country as having re-Representative elect of the Third ceived \$5,000 for being party to a

We write plainly because we see that he would use his influence the danger. If the Democrats are not more active from now until the election they stand a first rate chance | as Chairman of the Committee of of defeat in this District. This is Appropriations to secure a big, fat a statement of it before the Board. not only the opinion of the STAR, but | job for DeGolyer and McClellan, the of persons who are well informed in Chicago contractors. We venture us. Apathy—the do-nothing policy, Congress there was never a more that committee and told them what he knew 1874, it said editorially:

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will ruin us. So let us go to work in | shameless job. It smells so strengly | of its merits, and told them he and I argued

earnest. Let every Democrat who of corruption that all the deodorizers ever invented cannot keep it down most in behalf of Hancock, Jarvis Its stench smites the very skies and and Shackelford, and not to cease his offends the nostrils of every honest efforts until the voting is over, and freeman in the land.

may read this resolve to do his ut

And now just a word about this

Greenback movement. It is con-

ceived in folly and will end in fraud.

will not be fifty Republican Green-

back votes cast in New Hanover

county for the Greenback caudidate-

Canaday. In every county but one

and it will be so in that county before

Such is the cheat. How do you

like that, Democrats, who are hob-

nobbing with so-called Republican

Greenbackers? How do you fancy

the idea of being used as a catspaw

to pull the chestnuts out of the fire

for the benefit of a Republican office-

holder seeking a higher place? You

will vote for Kornegay, whilst your

You will be sold out if you do not

BRIBE TAKING, GARFIELD AND

DECOLYER.

Friday night he treated with exceed-

ing elaboration the Credit Mobilier

and DeGolver contract scandals. We

have before given some of the facts

connected with the DeGolyer job

and will refer hereafter to the Credit

Mobilier scandal. The evidence is

so abundant, and a clear statement

of either case requires so much space

ter at any great length. As to the

DeGolyer bribery the facts were es-

tablished in the Circuit Court of Cook

county, Illinois. During the cam-

paign the records in the Chittenden

suit have been examined by scores of

persons of both parties. There is no

better known case in the judicial re-

ports of the country than that of

"George Chittenden, agt., Robert

McClellan et al. No. 12,181, Circuit

The history of the case may be

Emery A. Storrs filed a bill asking

for \$100,000 against DeGolyer &

Co., as G. R. Chittenden's share of

profits arising from profits of contract

which DeGolyer & Co. had with the

Board of Public Works at Washing-

ton City. Judge Doolittle appeared

as counsel for the defendants. Doo-

little filed an answer in the case, set-

ting up as a defense : 1st. That the

contract was void upon its face. 2d.

That the contract was void as against

public policy, because of the \$5,000

paid James A. Garfield, a member of

Congress, for his influence as a Con-

gressman in getting the Board of

Public Works at Washington to give

DeGolyer & Co. the contract. On

the 10th of June, 1875, an order was

made by the Court upon Storrs to re-

ply or demur to the answer. Storrs

demurred; full hearing was had upon

the demurrer, and the Judge (Far-

well, a Republican), after a careful

consideration of the case, overruled

the demurrer. From the decision no

appeal was taken, and Storrs did not

reply to the answer. Judgment

fendants, and the case, as appears

How does this case affect Garfield

In what attitude does it place him be-

fore the country? Every lawyer will

confidence in the innocence of his cli-

fraud-as having received a bribe

and position as a member of

the House of Representatives and

want of prosecution.

stated briefly. On June 19, 1864

Court, Cook county, Illinois."

In Col. D. K. McRae's speech last

old fold, the wolves are abroad.

all will be well.

What? do you tell us that a man is not corrupt who will take a bribe of \$5,000 for the use of his influence in behalf of knavery and fraud? The Why do we say so? Read. A gen-DeGolyer pavement cost five times its | there such a brief on file? tleman of intelligence and high value. At this very hour a better character heard this within a week pavement is being laid in Washingfrom a leading Republican: There ton for one-fifth what was paid De-Golver. It was Garfield who secured ment? the appropriation for the swindling contractors. It was Garfield who Kornegay, but they will be cast for was the "right bower" in the cheat. Without him there would have been no appropriations and no swindling. in the District the arrangement or understanding has been perfected,

It is a matter of record, in a Chicago Court, that Garfield received \$5,000 for his influence in procuring a swindling job for De Golyer & Co. It is a matter of record that De Golyer made \$2 a foot clear on the pavement, receiving for his contract \$400,000. The demurrer of Garfield admits that he received the \$5,000. There is no attempt at denial. It was because of the admission of the \$5,000 bribe that Judge Farwell held that that fact made the contract ille-Radical allies will vote for Canaday. gal and void. Judge Farwell is a Republican, be it remembered. open wide your eyes. Stick to the

Col. McRae mentioned the fact that Storrs, who was attorney for the whiskey ring rascals, had made way with the papers of the court. It is said he has them concealed in a vault. This fellow is making speeches for Garfield, paid to do so out of the civil service campaign fund. Judge Doolittle has copies. This is the case. It shows precisely what sort of a fellow Garfield is. Couple this disgraceful transaction with his Credit Mobilier rascality (another case of bribery) and his management of West Feliciana Parish in Louisiana, in November 1876, and you have three indictments against him either of which ought to send him to

the penitentiary. Deweese, the ignorant carpet-bag ger who whines through his nose and makes all he can out of the misfortunes of others, when misrepresenting the Raleigh District in the U. S. House of Representatives, took a bribe for a cadetship. He did not rob the Government of a cent, but gave the appointment he held to a certain cadet for a consideration of a few hundred dollars. He was expelled, and very properly. We suspect Garfield voted for it. But here is this Radical candidate for the Presidency-this trader in jobberies -this ready tool of the unscrupulous and "for a consideration"-who was instrumental in robbing the Government of over \$250,000 -for that sum was the excess of the charges for the pavement over what it was worthand who received \$5,000 for his very valuable services in behalf of the swindling firm, he being Chairman of the very committee that must make the appropriation and that did make the appropriation at Garfield's instance-this James A. Garfield, this bribe-taker, this disgraced and degraded Representative of an Ohio district in Congress, is still allowed to hold his seat. Why this? If poor, obscure, corrupt Dewees was bounced because he received \$400 for a cadetship, why should not Garfield be bounced also for receiving a bribe of \$5,000 for his services in robbing the the land fix the seal of their condemnation upon this machine politicianthis Congressional, professional bribe-

SOME OF THE EVIDENCE IN THE

Gen. Garfield declared most positively in his speech delivered at Warren, Ohio, September 19th, 1874, trict of Columbia in behalf of the DeGolver pavement plan. That our readers may see that we do not in any particular misrepresent the Radical candidate for the Presidency, we will copy his own words from his Warren speech. He said :

"Mr. Parsons came to me and said he bad an important case; he had worked a good while on it, but was called away. He must leave. He did not want to lose his fee—was likely to lose it unless the work was completed. He asked me if I would argue the case for him; if I would examine into the merits of this pavement and make

"I made the argument.

* * "Now I have before me here,
what I had when I made the argument, certifiother counties. Hard work can save to say that in the whole history of cates from Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco. * * Mr. Parsons went before

Mark you, this was said before his constituents. When before the Investigating Committee in February, 1879, nearly five years after his Warren speech, his sworn testimony was

Mr. Nickerson-I understand you to say, Mr. Garfield, that you prepared a brief after Mr. Parsons went away, and that you filed it with the Board of Public Works. Is

Mr. Garfield-My impression is that I filed it, though I am not certain. I know that I stated to the Board of Public Works the points of the case. The Chairman-You did make an argu-

Mr. Garfield-I made a careful study of the case, and stated the points to the mem-bers of the Board.

Now this looks plain enough sure ly. He repeats before his constituents on the hustings that he did make an argument. He tells the Investigating Committee nearly five years afterwards that he "made a careful study of the case and stated the points to the members of the Board." He also swears he made a "brief," but said "brief" cannot be found. The truth is no such "brief" was ever "prepared" or "filed," and Garfield must have known it when he swore to the contrary.

Now, when Garfield was more closely examined by the Investigating Committee, what appeared? Read the following:

"Mr. Nickerson-Did you at any time appear before the Board and make any 'Gent Garfield-I do not remember that I did; but I did speak to Gov. Shepherd on the subject, giving my opinion in his

Now is not that lovely? Was there ever more manifest false swearing? What did this Gov. Shepherd say-"Boss" Shepherd, as he is better known by? Here it is:

"Q-You say, speaking of the influence of Parsons, 'that it was followed by frequent pressures by Mr. Parsons, and Gen. Garfield spoke to me about it once.' Is that your best recollection now, that that was all that was done by Mr. Garfield? "Mr. Shepherd-That was all that he ever did. He never spoke to me but once on the

So the "Boss," and he was head of the Board of Public Works, only remembered one time in which Garfield "spoke" to him about the pavement. Where was the argument? To whom did Garfield make it? The head-man never heard of it. Now let us see if there is any other evidence. Mr. Nickerson's testimony shows why Garfield was employed. He said on oath before the Investigating Committee:

"I was the owner of the ironizing process. was to ironize the pavement and have a royalty. My interest in it was worth \$60,-000 or \$70,000 at least, and Mr. Parsons was employed with the assarance to me by Chitten-den that he was able to reach the man who could secure the contract."

Who was that "man who could secure the contract?" What says George R. Chittenden about it? He is referred to by Nickerson above. What does he say? In a letter bearing date May 30, 1872, addressed to DeGolyer and McClellan, he uses this language and it is important:

"The influence of Gen. Garfield has been secured by yesterday, last night and to-day's labors. He holds the purse strings of the United States; is chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and the strongest man in Congress. I can hardly realize that we have Gen. Garfield with us. It is rare success and very gratifying, as all the ap propriations of the District must come through

Now is not the case made out What is lacking to show Garfield's guilt? It is shown incontestably that he was mixed up in the swindle. It was a swindle; for, as we have shown before, it cost the people no less than \$250,000 and no value received. They lost that sum. But the chief point we wish to call the Government of between \$200,000 and attention of the reader to is the un-\$300,000? Let the honest voters of blushing equivocation and falsifying of Garfield. He simply tried to lie make it appear that he acted really | Maine election thus given in the Balas an attorney, and that his \$5,000 bribe was only a \$5,000 fee. But he held "the purse strings of the United States;" he was "chairman of the Committee on Appropriations," and, therefore, it was a great achievement that he made an argument before the to capture him-to "secure" his "inpropriations of the District come through him?" So Chittenden thought and wrote to the Chicago contractors who received the \$400,000, making \$250,000 clear.

> How did this dirty transaction strike the honest people of the country? What did the Republicans say about it? We have published before what such leading papers as the New York Times and the New York Tribune said in condemnation of the bribery and corruption. We give a few lines additional from a widely circulated Republican paper-the New York Independent. On July 30th,

"The testimony taken in the investigation of the District of Columbia frauds shows that Mr. Garfield received \$5,000 for his aid in getting through a paving contract accepted by the District Government."

What did his own constituents say about his guilt? Among the resolutions adopted by the Republican Convention held at Warren, Ohio, September 7, 1876, amongst other things,

"We further arraign and charge him with corrupt bribery in selling his official influence as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations for \$5,000 to the DeGolyer Pavement Ring, to sid them in securing a contract from the Board of Public Works of the District of Columbia; selling his infidence to aid said Ring in imposing upon the people of said District a pavement which is almost worthless, at a price three times its cost, as sworn to by one of the contractors; selling his influence to aid said Ring in procuring a contract to procure which it corruptly paid \$97,000 'for in-fluence;' selling his influence in a matter that involved no question of law, upon the shallow pretext that he was acting as a lawyer; selling his influence in a manner so palpable and clear as to be so found and declared by an impartial and competent court upon the issues solemnly tried."

What more need be said? The case is too plain for controversy. There can be no two opinions.

That was a rouser in New York on Friday night. There was speaking in a dozen places, and thirty thousand Hancock men were in line. It was a grand sight, as described. The Tammany lion and "anti's" lamb laid down together, the Herald says. Among the host of speakers were Senators Bayard, Hill, Kernan, Hampton, Morgan, David Davis, and Whyte, of Maryland; Augustus Belmont, of New York. Representatives S. S. Cox, Singleton, of Illinois, Carlisle, of Kentucky, Hunton, of Virginia, Dickey, of Ohio; ex-Governors Bedle and Randolph of New Jersey, and Dorsheimer, of New York; ex-Representative Waddell, of North Carolina, Speaker Randall, Representative Lane, Gen. Blair, of Kansas, Dr. Messeyer, Dr. Philip Merkle, Jean Weiner and dozens of others.

Just before the election Mr. Jeemes Blaine-you have heard of himswore that the Democrats were about to cheat the innocent Republicans of Maine out of the election. Why, he said, that in one county alone-Aroostook-there were the most sweeping frauds to be carried out, and that the guilty Democrats had actually bought 3,000 needy Republicans at \$30 a head. We merely note this to place along side of his denial or apology which he sent to J-Ames Golyer Garfield that it was impossible for any frauds to occur except on the plantations. Here are his words:

"I do not assert that the returns from those plantations were fraudulent, for I do not know it." He 'merely asserts' that 'nowhere else is fraud practicable."

If any one doubts that Greenbacker Weaver is the political Mephistopheles of this country he ought not to doubt any longer after reading the following from the Washington special of the 22d to the Baltimore Sun:

"It has come to be an open secret that during the recent visit here of Gen. Weaver, the Greenback candidate for the Presidency, he was in secret consultation for some hours with the Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, as he was known to be on one or two other previous occasions when in Washington. Gen. Weaver's whole course since the Alabams election could not have been more cunningly devised in the interest of the Republican candidates if, as alleged very freely, arrangements to that effect were made in his interviews with Mr. Hubbell. The bolt from the Greenbacker's Convention in Maine yesterday was undoubtedly due to his efforts, but the insignificance of it shows that his influence is not near so great as the Republican managers had been ed to expect.

One vote is sometimes very important. Many men have been defeated from the lack of just one vote. A Governor of Massachusetts was elected years ago by one majority. out of a difficulty. He wished to But there is a recent instance in the timore Sun:

"A Maine treasury clerk will probably have this preached to him for the rest of his life. He concluded that it was useless for him to go home to vote, as his town, Farmington, was always Republican by good round majority. But when the returns were in and counted it was found that Farmington had flopped. The Fusionists carried it by one majority and secured the member of the Legislature."

The Greenbackers and Democrats in Kansas are discussing the advanthey will fuse. In this District the vassers in the field-to wit, Kurnel Kornegay and Kollector Kanaday. Korrect.

Political,

The Goldsboro Messenger having announced that Col. D. K. McRae would speak at Mt. Olive on the 7th of October, that gentleman informs us that he has received no invitation to speak there on that day, and he could not do so if he had, in consequence of a prior engagement, but subject to the strictest scrutiny.
will address the people at Mt. Olive on the 9th prox. if desired.

Winvield S. H. Turpentine

- New Bernian: Qur market basin was crowded with sailing craft on yesterday, several of which were laden with corn. The average price of that product in bulk was 55 cents.

- Winston Leader: No doubt there are many relics of the battle of King's Mountain scattered over the country, which, if brought together, would form The Military and the King's Mounquite a collection of curiosities.

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tain Celebration.

We are officially informed that it is not

at all likely that the Wilmington Light In-

fantry will go to King's Mountain under

existing circumstances, and it will be quite

a disappointment to the members of the

company, who have for some time past

been drilling and otherwise preparing

themselves for the occasion. Gen. M. P.

Taylor is of the opinion that the announce-

ment of Adjutant General Jones, as pub-

lished in our last, will effectually do away

with the proposed military display at the

celebration, so far as this State is con-

cerned, which will detract very materially

from the interest of the occasion. One of

the most important features of the celebra-

tion was expected to be the sham battle.

under the direction of General Joseph E.

Johnston, and this feature alone, in all

probability would have attracted more peo-

ple to the celebration than anything else

connected with it. Gen. Taylor thinks

that, under the circumstances, hardly a

single military company from this State

will be present, if we may except a few

close to the scene of the proposed demon-

We are requested by Adjutant General

Johnston Jones, who writes us from Mor-

ganton, under date of September 22d, to

state that the railway lines in North and

South Carolina bave in convention agreed

to transport the military companies that

attend the celebration at King's Mountain

at two (2) cents per mile for the round trip.
At this rate, in this season of the year,

Gen. Jones says, it is impracticable to as-

semble the State Guard in force at King's

Mountain. The proposed encampment

must be abandoned, and tents cannot be

furnished by the State. Companies that

attend must go upon their own responsi-

bility, and as individual organizations, it be-

ing out of the power of the State authori-

ties, under existing circumstances, to afford

them assistance. Gen. Jones, however,

promises to do anything in his power be-

forehand to provide for the shelter and

comfort of such companies as may attend

the celebration, provided he is notified in

It is related of a member of the Legisla-

ture from one of the eastern counties, in

good old ante bellum times, that, upon being

asked what were the principal productions

of his immediate section, he replied, "Tar,

pitch and turpentine, and herrings in

abundance." Substitute mullets for her-

rings, and the same remark will apply with

some degree of appropriateness to this sec-

tion just about now. A friend who has

been down the river on a fishing expedition

for several days past says Mr. W. E. Davis

of this city, who has a fishery at Federal

Point, caught at one haul, on Tuesday last,

about sixteen thousand mullets, which

when saited down, would make in the

neighborhood of eighty barrels. His sein

was so loaded down with them that it burst,

or he would have taken even more than he

did. He utilized every barrel that could

be brought into requisition in which to salt

his fish down, then filled a good sized skiff

with them, and finally had to bury some for

the lack of facilities in which to corn them

On the same day a party at the Oak

A prominent Democrat of this city makes

the suggestion that great care should be

taken that the names of all our Democratic

thrown out for incorrect spelling, as was

the case with one thousand for irregulari-

ties in printing Gen. Plaisted's name in the

this connection, we would call upon our

Democratic papers in this State, which are

printing our National and State tickets at

the head of their columns, and which for

convenience all should do, to see that the

name of David A. Covington appears as

the candidate for elector in the Sixth Dis-

trict in place of Hon. R. T. Bennett, who

is now giving so much satisfaction on the

committee of invitation that he will speak

- Senator Ransom has notified the

recent election in the State of Maine. In

Island fishery, near Point Caswell, took in

properly to keep them from spoiling.

about fifty or sixty barrels at one haul.

Cautionary Signals.

Superior Court bench.

Mullets in Abundance.

The North Carolina State Guard.

stration.

- Senator Vance loves fun, so he went to the circus at Salisbury He did not hear anything a thousandth part as good as his account of Ike Young's, Tom Goop er's and Tom Keogh's "still house prayer

-- Kinston Journal: It is thought that the cry of the farmers a few weeks ago about a failure in the cotton crop was prema ure, as some of them have already noused a pretty fair crop, and of course they have not got it all thus early in 8 p.

- LaGrange Review : We learn that Universalism is gaining an influence in our community. — There has been but little good fodder saved this season on account of the heavy rains. The late corn is said to be excellent. - We are in the midst of sickness and death.

Lenoir Topic: Rev. S. W. Moore, D. D., of the Methodist Church, South, died suddenty, in Brownsville, Tennesser, on the 2d inst. Dr. Moore was a native of Stokes county, in this State. In early life he lived in Raleigh, and was a clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, the late William Hill, his uncle. He graduated with distinction at Randolph Macon College about 1841.

- Tarboro Southerner: Mr. John M. Cotton, of the Falkland section of Pitt, informs us that typhoid fever is raging with alarming fatality, generally, over his section. - We hear of a successful revival of religion on the Battieboro cucuit, under the preaching of Rev. John N. Andrews. -Two negroes were playing marbles last week when, upon a contention arising, one stabbed the other to-death. No arrest.

- Goldsboro Messenger: Sampson county items: Bluman H. Crumpler, a well-known citizen of Honeycutt's township, died at his home Wednesday morning last, aged 60 years. - Gov. Jarvis offers a reward of \$200 for the arrest of "Bill" Cashwell, who killed Jethro Caison in Hall's township on the night of the 17th of April last. Our farmers all say that the corn crop will pan out profusely. - Worms are playing the very deuce with gardens in this locality. —Put down three-fourths of an average cotton crop for Sampson.

- Jackson Reporter : At a recent term of one of the courts of Northampton county, one Ned Charles, an old negro, was indicted by a young man for stealing corn from his field. The case came up for trial and the old man had neither counsel nor money to procure the same. The solicitor insisted on trial. The court asked if any member of the bar would defend him, whereupon three of the most prominent members of the bar immediately consented to do so. They did defend him; the case went to the jury, and the defendant was

-Elizabeth City Carolinian: With the completion of the Railroad there is no reason why this part of North Carolina should not become the early market garden of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. Our soil and climate are specially adapted to the raising of the small fruits and spring vegetables. These mature at least ten days earlier than even at Norfolk. -Hon. David Shenck, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District. He is a man of fine appearance, in the prime and vigor of manhood, being forty-five years of age, and is an able hawyer.

- Fayetteville Examiner: A protracted drought has dried up the sources of the water powers in the section of country lying around this town, and now that the ginning season is on hand, the farmers find great difficulty in getting their cotton ginned - We learn that typhoid fever is prevalent in Sampson county on Bearskin and Little Cohera. Several persons have died, among whom is Mr. Blueman Crumpler and his entire family. - It is said, and Governor Vance is our authority, that during Grant's administration the man in the moon held his nose whenever he passed nominees are correctly spelt upon our over Washington City, so strong was the tickets, in order that no votes shall be odor of political corruption then and there.

> - Charlotte Home: It is pretty well conceded that the yield of cotton in this county will be two-thirds of a crop and the yield in each of the townships is much the same as the average yield. Dr. Teasdale who has been conducting a revival at the Baptist Church in this city, delivered his closing sermon Wednesday night, and is now holding a series of meetings in Lincolnton. - Just as we expected. They are trying to start another daily paper in Raleigh to take the place of the News or Observer, we haven't heard - The cadets of the Carolina Military Institute will go to the Centennial. - Raleigh can boast of more papers than twenty counties in the west.

> - Oxford Torchlight: We are glad to learn that Prof. James H. Horner has accepted the office of School Examiner tendered him by the Board of County Commissioners. — Our Railroad authorities are busy collecting sufficient funds to com plete the, O. & H. R. R. We are glad to learn that they have almost collected the required amount. The whistle will surely be heard in our town at an early day. -Mr. Elijah Satterwhite reports crops looking fine in Williamsboro section. He says he has picked 6,000 pounds of seed cotton from eleven acres, and this is the first pick ing. - From present indications the Oxford Female Seminary will have more than one hundred students the present ses-

- Raleigh News and Observer: Capt. A. H. A. Williams, of Oxford, N. C., is in our city. Hs came in the interest of the Oxford & Henderson Railroad. We are glad to learn that the contract with President Robinson, of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, for the ironing and equipping of this road, has been completed. The work will be done at once. - It will, we doubt not, be gratifying to the patrons and friends of Peace Institute to learn that the Rev. John S. Watkins, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, has accepted the position of instructor of mental and moral philosophy and evidences of Christianity in that institution, and will enter upon his duties to-day. We learn from young ladies have thus far entered.

- Pittsboro Record: Mr. Richmond Jones, of this county, informs us that he found a reptile last week that was about six inches long, and had eight horns and ten legs! — We regret to learn that yesterday, about 1 o'clock in the day, the residence of the Messrs. Luke Bros., at Lockville, was accidentally burned. It is said that \$800 in gold and \$1,000 in paper currency was also burned. No insurance.

Mr. John M. Burnett, of this county. informs us that he has raised a pumpkin this year that measures four feet seven inches in circumference. —One day last week two men were digging a well near Clover Orchard Factory, in Alamance county, and met with a terrible accident. It seems that they were in the well preparing for a blast, which went off accidentally and blew them out of the well, disfiguring and mutilating them in a borrible manner. One of them, named Joe Vincent, it is thought will die from his inju-

at the Democratic mass meeting to be held at Jacksonville, Onslow county, October 4. GEN, HANCOCK. LETTER CONCERNING SOUTHERN WAR CLAIMS. By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

NEW YORK, September 24.-Gen. Hancock, responding to Theo. Cook, of Cincinnati, who had written to him concerning the General's attitude on the question of Southern claims, replies as follows, under date of the 23d inst. : Your letter of the 20th inst, has been received. I regret that you are disturbed

about that bugbear of Southern war

claims. The people cannot be misled by

it. To suppose that "rebel claims" or

claims in the interest of persons who were

in the rebellion can in any way or in any

degree be countenanced is an imputation of disloyalty such as used to be made against the Democrats even when they were in the army defending the country. So far as it touches me I denounce it. The Government can never pay a debt or grant a pension or a reward of any sort for waging war upon its own existence; nor could I be induced to approve or encourage the payment of such a debt, pension or reward Nobody expects or wants such unnatura action. To propose it would be an insult to the intelligence and honor of our people. When the rebellion was crushed the heresy of secession in every form and in every incident, went down forever. It is a thing of the dead past. We move forward not backward. If I were President I would veto all legislation which might tages of a fusion and it is thought | come before me providing for the consideration or payment of claims of any kind for they will fuse. In this District the losses or damages by persons who Greenbackers and Radicals have fused, and now they have two canclaims for injuries to property resulting from the operations of war. Nevertheless our government has treated with great indulgence the claims for losses and dam-ages suffered by Union men from military operations of the war of the Union. But as hostilities were closed more than fifteen years ago, claims of that nature are now mostly in the hands of brokers or persons

> Yours very truly, WINFIELD S. HANCOCK.

other than the original sufferers, are becom-

ing stale, and in my judgment might fairly be considered as barred by the lapse of time, and if hereof entertained at all, should be