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Criminal Courts. A "Lawyer" in the Raleigh News-Observer opposes increasing the Judiciary by creating Criminal Courts.

It seems to me that this is objectionable on many grounds. It makes too many Judges and Solicitors. It makes Criminal Courts for many counties that do not need them.

Whatever course is adopted we hope Wilmington will not be deprived of Criminal Court privileges. It is impossible to exaggerate the good results that have followed the establishing of the Criminal Court in this city.

There is still another plan suggested by a correspondent of our Raleigh contemporary. It is to accommodate both the West and East.

The solicitors might be elected by the justices, one in each county, or by the Legislature, one for each district. The Legislature should be careful not to include any county in a Criminal Court district which does not really need relief.

This arrangement will not meet the wants of Wilmington. Two weeks of Criminal Court will not answer at all, and we hope the friends of Wilmington in the Legislature will resist any such arrangement for this city.

EXPENDITURES—REFORM. The STAR two years ago favored the cutting down of all unnecessary expenditures. The Democratic party had pledged itself in the campaign of 1878 to a system of steady retrenchment and reform.

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THE DUBLIN CANAL PROJECT. We learn that steps are being taken to increase the stock of the Duplin Canal Company so as to bring it up to the amount estimated for the cost of construction of the first fifteen miles.

THE GREENSBORO PATRIOT hits a fair blow in the following: "If the members of the present Legislature who are voting and otherwise exerting themselves to increase the salaries and fees of certain officials..."

HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE FOR SICKNESS.—Prof. Adolph Ott said: "In the plurality of cases I saw the violent symptoms yield which characterize that disease and give way to a healthy action of the functions impaired."

The STAR felt it to be its duty to speak out in regard to the appointment of a Radical on the Commission to codify the laws of the State.

By what strained idea of generosity to a party in this appointment is to be conceded to the Republicans? Why should the Democratic party select for high honors prominent men from their adversaries when it has within its own ranks men in every respect as able and competent as these?

It is somewhat a matter of pride with us that in the heat of a campaign we never saw things that we are not willing to be judged by—"the piping times of peace."

It never wrote a line concerning Hayes and Garfield it did not believe. When Hayes did right, it said so; when he did wrong, which was very often, it said so.

We take care, however, to write as we think at all times, and doing this we do not have one set of opinions for campaigns and another set for the dreary months between.

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The Governor has appointed in his place Col. Thomas Ruffin, of Hillsboro, son of the late eminent Chief Justice Ruffin. Col. Ruffin is about 57 years of age, and has a good reputation among the legal gentlemen for ability and integrity.

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It is believed that very striking results would follow. It is expected confidently that many thousands of acres now overflowed would be reclaimed, and the Company, it is estimated, would have the carrying of over 40,000 barrels of naval stores besides a large return of freight.

Upon the completion of the fifteen miles the tolls and the income from the company's half of the drained lands would make, in all probability, the enterprise self-sustaining, thus

enabling the company to complete the remaining link between Barton's old field and the mouth of Goheen.

The possibility of constructing the canal at a small cost can be questioned hardly when the theory of construction is understood.

The North East River from Bannerman's to Benton's makes a great bend, embracing Angola Bay on the Southwest and North.

It will be seen from this glance at the proposed route that the natural advantages are great. In fact, the proposed canal will traverse what is believed to have been the actual flow-way of the river long ago.

The link being complete, then the extension of the canal to the mouth of Goheen would follow naturally.

The sum of the matter seems to be this: By cutting 35 miles of canal the river will be shortened 119 miles, reclaiming 71,500 acres of land owned by citizens, and 44,000 acres owned by the State.

Wilmington is interested pecuniarily in this project, whether it is aware of its importance or not.

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The Philadelphia American publishes another instalment of letters from Southern men.

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Fernando Wood was in his 69th year. His death was caused by an affection of the bladder. He was a native of Philadelphia, and was of Quaker parentage.

The expression may be heard often on our streets from tried and true Democrats, "I will never support for office any man who votes for the removal of Holden's disabilities."

A New York Letter of the 14th thus summarises the dry goods outlook: "Business continues moderate with the dry goods package houses and the jobbing trade is irregular."

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Mt. Airy News: Thos. J. Lowry, Sr. Editor of the editor of this paper, died in this place on Tuesday, February 8th, 1881, aged 68 years.

Rockingham Bee: William B. Cule died at his home near end south of town on Tuesday morning, February 8th, 1881, of some affection of the heart.

Edenton Clarion: A railroad is now being talked of from Edgerton to Suffolk. This would be of immense value to Chowan county.

Statesville Landmark: Everitt left the Democratic party about three years ago because it had no enough offices within its grasp.

Concord Register: Rev. Mr. Bagby has been appointed to Cabarrus and Stanley counties of N. C.

Warrenton Gazette: Mrs. John A. Williams died at her husband's residence last Tuesday.

Toisnot Home: A colored girl, about ten years old, daughter of Easter Joyner, living on the plantation of Mr. W. D. Winstead in Nash county, was burned on Thursday evening last.

Concord Sun: About the crack of day Monday last, one of our liquor dealers was raised out of bed by a loud pounding on the back door, and on opening it was greeted by a peppery old gentleman.

Goldsboro Messenger: A negro named John Hill, from Greene county, claiming to be from the State of Maryland, sold five bales of cotton to Mr. T. B. Byrd, four of which, on examination, proved to contain a box each filled with heavy sand, amounting to several hundred pounds.

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