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Many of the ablest Democratic papers in the South are wisely opposing the wiping out of the entire revenue tax. Among them are the Washington Post, the Charleston Yeas and Courier and the Louisville Courier-Journal. These papers are not dominated by prejudice in the matter but look at-it as a business transaction. The Government requires so much money each year and the question is how to raise it? Shall it be raised upon necessaries and luxuries entirely, or partly upon both? Or shall it be raised upon necessuries and the humaries be exempt henceforth?

"It proposes to take the tax off the drunk ard's glass of grog and put it upon his children's socks and mittens. It proposes to take the tax off the loafer's pipe of tobacco and put it upon his wife's cup of coffee. It proposes to relieve the distiller and the brewer of a tax they don't feel and don't ask to have removed, and which is paid in the end by the consumer, who has never vet memorialized Congress to legislate cheaper drinks and cigars, and to put it upon honest work people, who are already charged twice as much for the necessities of tife as they are worth and would cost under a revenue tariff, and upon the hard earnings and poor economies which frugal house wives are able to save out of the sum spared them by husbands who drink and smoke, and don't care a cent for expenses The San is wrong—dangerously wrong. It is mistaken—ruinously mistaken. The Democratic party may be a trifle dazed by its recent victories, and it may be a trifle weak in its upper story. But it cannot be seduced into that hell's pit. It cannot be driven into that slaughter-pen."

The Courier-Journal, like th STAR, is a sincere and pronounced advocate of fair trade and it canno that much desired end can he secured without a tax on at least England raises more than two-thirds of its revenue from internal taxation. England has freetrade on most articles. England could not let the necessaries come in from other counties duty free without the direct tax on hizuries. Wipe on the latter entirely and then there would be no alternative but to place forever a tax upon the former. Both the tariff and the internal tax should be reduced greatly and with them the expenses of the Govern-

When the State Convention passes a resolution favoring the total abolition of the internal taxes-taxes on tobacco, whiskey, &c., this paper emphasized its opposition at once and repeated it again and again. It believed the proposition unwise unstatesmanlike, and pregnant with danger to the working classes of the country, and thus believing it was its duty to refuse to agree to it, and to The STAR is true to its own convictions of right, the party leaders in a State start what it believes to be an unjust and imprudent measure it will not lend its aid to propagate and strengthen it. It professes to be guided in its advocacy of principles by conscience, and it cannot allow a Democratic resolution, adopted without proper consideration, to silence its own honest convictions of right policy and sound principle. There were tens of thousands of Democrats who voted the Democratic ticket that did press them freely. There is no Autocrat that we know of in the press in North Carolina to silence free thought and free opinion.

We are in dead earnest in trying to serve the Democratic party. We are principles. We mean to exercise our best judgment and to express our honest convictions of what is best to

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ion: that, to abolish the internal taxes out and out is not the way to secure tariff reform; that to wipe out \$146,-000,000 raised on tobacc, whiskey, &c., is not the way to get the tax lifted or lightened even on wool hats. trace-chains, jack-knives, blankets, woollens, medicines, and the other articles Senator Vance dwelt upon in his speech here. We are clear in another opinion: that the Democratic party has been guilty of many blunders in the past and that if not led by wise rather than by brilliant men it may perpetrate other serious blunders in the future. If the game were worth the candle we could go into this matter in extenso. If an extra ession is called because of a puriou blunder or failure of the Democrats it will hart, and it will not be th Radicals either.

AN HONEST DEBT REPUDIATED BY NORTHERNERS.

It is almost grotesque to see how readily and blunderingly some of the Northern Radicals fall upon the South on all oceasions. Georgia asked the "greatest government on the planet" to pay it a debt of \$375, 000 incurred for the common defence in the War of the Revolution. Sundry super-zealous Northerners opposed, and Singleton, of Illinois, particularly so, on the ground that Georgia had since, "withdrawn from the Union." The replies of the Southerners were to the point. The debt was a just one, and, as Mr. McLane said most timely, "it there was any one point well settled in law and American statesmanship, it was that no State ever did go out of the Union." This was a blow that was ought to have done, for there was no pretence set up that the debt was not just or that it had ever been paid. With certain Northern demagogues it was enough for them that it was a Southern State that asked for the payment of a just debt to induce them to vote against so proper a mea sure. The vote was close.

The STAR is very, very sorry that

its course does not meet the approval of the Charlotte Journal. It would be extremely gratifying to know that we are always in harmony with its views and deliverances on grave political questions, but we fear that this may not always be, as we have an old fashioned way of thinking for ourselves. We must either express our own honest convictions, retire from the press, or be silent. Every paper worth the name has opinions and they ought to be honest opinions. The STAR has sincerely believed that the present tariff was a curse and burden and that it ought to be greatly reduced. It has sincerely believed that if the internal taxes amounting to 146 million dollars at nually were wiped out completely and the enormous pension claims still to be paid, that it would be impossible to reduce to a maximum point the tariff tax on the poor man's necesiaries, and that the Democrats would be placed in the very awkward position of favoring an abolition of the taxes on luxuries-whiskey and to bacco; and keeping them on neces saries-shoes, hats, blankets, trace chains, horse shoe nails, &c. If we are wrong, we are honestly so.

CONGRESSIONAL WORK. The question of reducing or abolishing the internal taxes ought to be settled in some way and speedily, for the discussion is having a very unfavorable effect both upon the revenues therefrom and upon the business interests of the South and Northwest. Manufacturers cannot operate as long as there is discussion. They cannot know in advance the issue. They cannot tell whether the result will be total repeal, great reduction, slight reduction or what? Everything comes to a standstill, and thounot indorse the resolution of the Con- sands lose money daily thereby. The vention or commit themselves to revenue receipts are falling off, and such a suicidal policy. The STAR if the question remains much longer has opinions and it has a right to ex- unsettled, the loss will be great. The question aught to be postponed until next Winter, unless it can be determined at once. Postponement would certainly tend to lessen the receipts by the result of the election to fill very much, as all manufacturers would be left in doubt as to the final fighting for victory as well as for action, but that will cause less loss if determined at once, than two or hree months of debate will cost.

It begins to look as if the outcome be done. We are clear in this opin- of the agitation will be a reduction tennial.

of the tax on both tobacco and whiskey, and the abolition of neither. The Western men do not desire abolition. The New York Times says of the matter:

'It is impossible to say what are the chances in favor of the consummation of so supreme a piece of folly as the abolition of the tobacco tax, because the minds of the representatives of the people are in a more than ordinary state of bewalderment as to what the people expect of them in the matter of tax reduction. It is generally admitted that the burden of taxation should be lessened and the opportunities for extravagance curtailed by a reduction of revenue. But as to how the two may be most judiciously combined no two members seem to agree."

The tobacco trade is suffering seri ously from the agitation and delay, and the sense of North Carolina manufacturers is total repeal of all taxes or nothing. We do not believe the tobacco grovers will be benefited one dollar by the repeal: What tax do they pay now? Who pays the tax after all? Is it not the consumer? We can remember when a Granville farmer averaged \$6 per hundred pounds for his entire crop and it was the talk of the town. Now the best Granville farmers average from \$30 to \$60 per hundred pounds for their crops. The whiskey manufacturers are not clamoring for a reduction. Who pays for the liquor consumed? Surely it is not the man who makes, but the man who drinks.

But the point is to decide the matter as soon as practicable. We are satisfied that a reduction can be made with safety and the amount of the reduction will depend of course upon the amount of Government expenditures and the sum raised by the other system of taxation-the tariff. It is said that the tobacco manufacturers are already driven to the necessity, in order to make sales, guarantee a rebate in case the repeal of the tax takes place. Kelley's bill proposes to cut off the tax July 1, 1883. Some think that the time should be extended to one year and without a rebate feature in the bill. The impression in Washington on Wednesday was that the Kelley bill would not pass, and that the tobacco tax would be simply reduced.

In the meantime the Ways and Means Committee have determined to consider at once the Tariff Commission's report and to frame a tariff bill as soon as possible. The time is short for such important work, but something to relieve the country can be done with both tariff and internal

TOO LATE. The Republicans in the Senate are anxious to break the force of an investigation into the political assess ments of the Government and the abuse of power. They are cumber ing the resolution of inquiry intro duced by Senator Beck with amend ments, the sole purpose of which is to defeat the ends arrived at by the original resolution. This is party tactics, but will not deceive the coun try. The Demogratic papers from Maine to Florida dehounced and exposed the Jay Hubbell business, and the best Republican papers through out the North did not fail to condemn it, and some of them unmeasuredly. It is too late to attempt to dodge the force of the corrupt methods. The people spoke at the polls in such tones as have shaken up Ar thur and his Cabinet and every Republican leader of brains. Referring to Hale's amendment the New York Times says:

"Very likely the men who applauded the production of this resolution think that i is a sufficient answer to say 'you are snoth or when Democrats accuse them of injus-tice and inconsistency in this particular re-lation. * * But only Mr. Hubbell's com-mittee have ventured into the wide field o national patronage in search of black-mail Senator Beck need not think for a momen that he is firing a bombshell into the Republican camp when he asks this tax levy to be inquired into. The better class of Republicans desire the investigation."

Clerk McPherson figures up the Democratic majority in the next House at 59. Enough and to spare He places them as follows: 191 Democrats, 121 Republicans, six Readjusters, three Independent Den and two Independent Republicans. The Democrats will have a majority of fifty-nine over Republicans, Readjusters and Independents, and this majority will probably not be changed the vacancies caused by the death of Congressmen-elect Updegraff, of Ohio, Republican, and Herron, of Lonisiana. Democrat.

— Gov. Stephens expects to deliver the annual address at Savannah's sequi-cen-

TRREIBLE TRAGEDY.

self Through the Hond and Blown Her Brains Out.

Florence Morris, a well known white woman of the town," living in what has been known as the "Fanny Turner" house. on the east side of McRae, between Ches nut and Mulberry streets, shot herself in the head yesterday morning, about a quarter past eleven o'clock, and died in a few minutes afterwards. A colored woman named Maggie Howard said she had just been in the house, and that Florence was walking to and fro in the rear room on the south side of the building, with a nie her hand and threatening to kill herself. She (Maggie) begged her not to so, and finally left the room, had not been outside, of it than a minute or two when the report of a into the room and found Florence down upon the floor, between the lounge and window, unconscious and with the blood

flowing from a wound in her head. Officer Samuel Howland, of the police force, was, the first to arrive at the scene and found the unfortunate woman on the verge of death, a slight quiver of the lips being the only perceptible sign that the vital spark yet lingered. As soon as she ceased to breathe, Officer Howland took clarge of the house. Intelligence of the suicide soon got abroad on the streets and a large crowd quickly gathered in the vicipity.

David Jacobs, the new colored cor oner, was in the meantime noti fled and summoned his jury, who re paired to the scene of the tragedy and viewed the body, which was removed to front room for that purpose.

Deceased was born and raised in Norfolk, but had lived in this city for quite number of years. She had two sisters here with her both of whom are dead; one of them. Geneva Morris, having died from the effects of an overdose of laudanum, together with dissipation and exposure, some four months ago. She has an older sister, Kate, Florence and Geneva Morris are said to

have been quite handsome when they first pation and exposure soon did its work, though they still retained at their death somewhat of the good looks which had formerly distinguished them. Deceased was about 32 years of age. She had been in low spirits ever since her sister's sad death, and had frequently resorted to drinking to drown her recollections of the event. On Wednesday afternoon she seemed to be peculiarly depressed, and endeavored to get some one to stay with her all night, as she was alone. Maggie Howard finally consented to do so, and cooked breakfast yesterday morning, of which deceased partook, and soon after which she commenced talking of killing herself. The ball entered near the corner of the right eye, ranged up the temple and buried itself in the forehead.

The Coroner's inry was composed as folwas about 32 years of age. She had been The Coroner's jury was composed as follows: J. H. Allen, Foreman; J. D. Samp son, Lewis Bryant, Edward Davis, W. H. Gerken, E. P. Macindoe. The verdict was to the effect that deceased came to her death from a pistol shot wound inflicted by

Military-Election of Field Officers. The commissioned officers of the Secon Regiment of the North Carolina State Guard met at 12 M. yesterday in the arm ory of the Wilmington Light Infantry Company.

her own hand.

Capt E. F. McRae, of the Shoe Heel Company, being the senior officer present was called to the Chair, and Lieut. E. A Oldham, of the Wilmington Light Infantry was made Secretary.

The following officers were elected Colonel .- A. H. Worth, of Fayetteville Lient. Colonel.-Jas. G. Kenan, Captain f Duplin Rifles.

Major.-E. F. McRae, Captain of Shot Heel Rifles.

The Shoe Heel Rifles, Sampson Light Infantry and Wilmington Light Infantry were represented by officers, and the Anson Guards and Anson Veterans by prex The advisability of memorializing th Legislature in regard to the enactment of some law locking to the sustenance of the State Guard was warmly discussed. A Convention of the State Guard will be held

in Raleigh during January to take some steps towards the drafting of a proper bill to be presented to the Legislature. Western Insane Asylum.

At the meeting of the organization of the Western Insane Asylum held Friday the 8th, Dr. P. L. Murphy, formerly a prac-titioner in this city, but for three years past an assistant in the Staunton (Va.) Asylum was elected Superintendent

Dr. Murphy's appointment in this fund ture, when so much depends upon a proper beginning and a vigorous and judiciou management of this new Asylum, is con sidered an augury of good for the future His friends in the medical profession, wh know his worth, are greatly gratified.

Expected Entertainment at Burgaw. We learn that the ladies of Burgaw pro pose to hold a Festival and have a lecture from Rev. Dr. Wilson, of this city, on Monday night of Court week (December 18th), beginning at 7 o'clock, on the subject of "Courage," immediately after which there will be a supper. The object of the entertainment, we understand, is to aid a struggling church, and as such apart, from its social and intellectual merits, should commend itself to the patronage and encouragement of the public. It is likely that quite a number will go from this city.

Bring in Your Timber. There is a great scarcity of timber here just pow, the mills being all out and only one mft on the market, a fact almost unprecedented in the milling business of Wilmington. The article is bringing a good price here now.

ON THE CAPE FEAR.

The fast train on the Coast Ronte passes Richmond at 3.15 in the afternoon. Winter was abroad. young pines were sagging agross the bridle paths. The briar thickets looked like a ragged sheet had been spread over them. The orchards, with every twig incased in sleet, stood out in the cleared ground like a fairy forest in ice. The dogs were trotting towards the "top stacks" for a night among the sheltered sheeks. The milch cow, waiting for hereven was a lonesome look about the country houses. A night of fog conductor, Magee, who had been on the road for thirty-five years, sat in the coach and named the farms, crossings and culverts as the cars sped through the inky darkness. He had been engineer when little six-wheeled engines tugged over the flat bar track a half dozen cars, or dogtrotted with its single passenger coach, stopping at any point where a passenger waved a hat. Now the runs were forty miles without pause, and at a gait undreamed of in his apprenticeshhip on the oldfashioned locomotive. Thirty-five years! What an experience as a railroad man ! Rifle shells answered his whistle in the seige of Petersburg. Soldiers had torn up the iron rails before his engine. He had obeyed Confederate Generals in the movement of trains. And presently the United States officers gave him orders. What a passenger list in these three decades! Great statesmen, famous warriors, noted singers, foreign princes, Church dignitaries, queer

dwarfs, and Kentucky giants! And the Church has been gainer in the modern facilities for travelling. The services of eminent but feeble men have been prolonged to the peo-* * * Steamships are missionaries. Commerce channels a route for Christianity.

As night came on I opened my valise and brought out Dr. Deems' new volume, "The Lessons in the Closet." It contains brief, devout meditations on the Sunday School lessons for the first six months in 1883. It is on the beginnings of Christianity in the Acts. The small book is in flexible covers, easily put in the pocket. It is not critical or expository, but mellow and nourish ing. The soul was soothed and bet tered by the pages read under the lamp of that rushing train. The passenger committed himself to the One who hath all power, and slept till the cars came into Wilmington.

This city by the Cape Fear is a respectable and solid burg. The streets are wide. There are many private residences of substantial elegance The churches are superior to like structures in our latitude. The Baptist edifice would ernament any city Our people have in the Front Street church a building of comfortable ample and excellent arrangements I saw the list of its pastors dating from 1800. Dunwoody served in 1808. Capers, 1813. Andrew, 1817 Daniel Hall, 1823. Whiteford Smith 1843. Deems, 1857. It has the best parsonage in the Conference. Mine host, Rev. Frank Wood, is the pres ent incumbent.

The city is only seven miles from the ocean. The beach sands encroacl on the streets. Rice is one of the crops. Large lumber mills are busy, with the pine rafted down the rivers to the city. All day I heard the cotton compress at work squeezing bales to the size of an average saw-log to save space in shipping. I left sleet and snow in Richmond

I found in Wilmington a clear sky with only frosty mornings. And yet it was the coldest weather they had had during last winter. Flowers live unhoused through the year.

The clergy of the city and other eminent citizens, among them the Hon. Mr. Davis, of the Confederate Cabinet did me the honor to call on me during my visit. ** ** had the good sense to recognize the attentions, not as personal compliments, but marks of respect to a Virginian, towards of food deliler retails

The heating apparatus, could not combat the unusual lowness of tem-perature. I had to lecture in my overcoat. The audience, at the peril of their lives, sat shivering for an hour. It was a mark of politeness unparalleled. When I out short I

was cold to my hips.

The visit was a recreation and joy. The old city and my new friends will ever have a warm place in my heart. There was something in the manners of the people, their houses, their history, that mark them as of bullion-genuine and solid, *

NORTH CAROLINA. Hon, W. T. Dortch Announced as

Candidate for Senatorial Honors. CHARLOTTE, Dec. 8.—Hon. W. T. Dortch, of Wayne county, is officially announced as a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Hon. M. W. Ransom. The election will be made by the Legislature which meets in January.

— Representative Atkins, of Tennessee, says that Sepator Harris will be his own successor.

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MASONIC GRAND DODGE.

Calcigh News Observer's Report

The Grand Lodge held sessio

yesterday morning and afternoon, at which considerable routine business was transacted. Last evening the

ommittee on the accounts of G. T.

uing Masonic year was held, vesul

ng as follows: a month w obart out

Robert Bingham, Grand Master, Chas, H. Robinson, Senior Gran

W. E. Anderson, Grand Tree

The special committee on the Grand Master's address presented their report through James W. Reid, D. G. M., which was read and adopt-

ed. Resolutions by S. D. Booth to

abolish the office of assistant super-

intendent of the Oxford Orphan

Asylum were read and referred to the committee on Orphan Asylum.

On Orphan Asylum-George W. Blount, P. G. M.; H. A. Gudger.

W. L. Wall, S. H. Hilton, J. D.

Booth, W. H. Applewhite and J.

On Memoirs-George W. Blount,

Owing to the necessary absence of

the members of the committee on

Jurisprudence, the Grand Master ap-

pointed James W. Reid, D. G. M.,

. Q. Jackson and Eugene Grissom,

P. D. G. M., to constitute that com-

Committees were announced as

On Returns of Lodges, No. 1.—J. M. Fleming, J. W. Perdew and D.

C. White. No. 2.-E. B. Neave, H.

E. Hoggard and C. T. Barwick. No.

YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

The special order, being the resolutions of Mr. C. D. Rice, providing

Various reports were submitted.

among them that of Mr. Geo. W

Blount, of the committee on the Ox-

ford Asylum. It recommends the

usual legislation, with the same an-

nual appropriation of \$2,000 by the Grand Lodge. Grand Master-elect Robert Bing-

ham made the following appoint

F. H. Busbee, Raleigh, Deputy

Grand Master; T. J. Allison, Mebane

ville, Grand Chaplain; Samuel H.

Smith, Winston, Senior Grand Dea-

Tarboro, Grand Bearer; George A

Grand Master George W. Blount.

Secretary Bain.

tion as follows:

may be apprenticed.

LOUISIANA.

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the committee,

consideration and were adopted.

.-A. J. Johnson, N. Long and C.

John Nichols, P. G. M.'s, and A. M.

The following committees were

D. W. Bain, Grand Secretary

dent of the Orphan Asylum.

announced:

W. Cotten.

mittee.

D. Rice.

housand bushes of Hos sold in this market yesterday at \$1 to \$1.074.

— The Charlotte Journal says a pointer pup died in that place from enting one-fourth pound of shingle nails.

— Washington correspondent of Richmond (Va.) Dispatch: North Carolinians here say that Gen. Scales will be their next Governor.

— Mr. W. D. Hilliard, of Buscombe, has been elected Assistant Superintendent of the Western Insane Asylum, Here

tendent of the Western Insane Asylum. He is about 80 years of age.

— Oxford Free Lance. We notice that the vacancy in the Rectoship of the Oxford Episcopal Church has been filled by the acceptance of Rev. Mr. Bush.

— Greensboro Patriot: The North

Carolina members of Congress are a unit in demanding the total abolition of the internal revenue laws. — Raleigh is modestly entertaining, this week, the Methodist Conference, the Sapreme Court, the United States circuit court, the Grand Lodge and Humpty Dumpty. — Our information from Conference is that Dr. A. W. Man gum will be elected president of Trinity College, and that Conference will relieve the institution of her fluencial embarrass

New Berne Journal On Sutur day some one had entered her room and taken away her 8 months old-babe and s lot of the babe's clothing, some of them unfinished. After making the necessary inquiries, the Esquire at once sent out his runners. About 12 o'clock that night some of his officers returned with the infant, hav-ing found it on board of a lighter about 30 miles down the river, in charge of the jab-

- Oxford Torchlight: Franklin ton runs a flourishing graded school upon a capital of \$1,200. Superintendent Jenkins tells us he would be able to throw into a fund for a similar purpose here about \$800.

— We are pleased to hear often and most favorably from Mr. James A. Satterwhite a well-known citizen of old Granville but now a wealthy railroad and stock man of the great metropolis of New York. Mr. Satterwhite has a seat in the Stock Exchange which alone is worth a small for-tune. His frequent and kind attentions to his former countymen visiting the great Gotham is commendable and praiseworthy

- Roxboro News: Mr. Jas. F. Tillett was elected Superintendent of Public Schools for Person county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of C. A. Gibbons. —We failed to notice the death of a negro boy on the plantation of Col. C. S. Winstead last week, which was caused by his falling out of a wagon, the wheel passing over his head, crushing it. Hon. Bedford Brown, of Caswell, was first elected to the State Legislature in 1814, at the age of 20 years and 6 months, and was eligible and took his seat, as the constitution defined the age of the voter but not of the member, ——In 1840 Hon, Kenneth for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, came up for

con; J. W. Gidney, Shelby, Junior - Greensboro Patriot : From Grand Deacon; John W. Cotton, eassengers on the Charlotte train this mornng, we learn that Gen. Leach was assault-Scruggs, Grand Pursuivant; Miles ed on the streets in Lexington, yesterday, by Mr. Heitman, a lawyer living in that town. Leach and Heitman met on the Goodwin, Raleigh, Grand Tiler. The Grand officers, elect and apstreets, when angry words passed between pointed, were then installed by Past them, about the compromise of the case of Garrett vs. R. & D. R. R., mentioned a few Mr. F. H. Busbee submitted an days ago in the Patriot. It seems that Gen. Leach was not an attorney of record for Garrett, and the clerk of the court reamendment to the constitution, making the office of Deputy Grand Masfused to accept the costs in the case when fused to accept the costs in the case when tendered by him. Heitman, who was Garrett's regular attorney, hearing of the transaction, was looking for Leach, when they met on the streets. In the course of a quarel that ensued, insulting words passed, when Heitman drew a pistol, and was only prevented from using it by the interference of bystanders. Parties from Lexington, in ter an elective, instead of an ap-Grand Lodge and ordered to be submitted to the subordinate lodges for ratification, these to report to Grand Mr. J. H. Mills offered a resolutown to day, think the affair has not ended, and that bloody results may be looked for.

be requested to appoint a committee of three to prepare and present to the received from Col. J. W. Andrews, Super-intendent of the Midland N. C. Road, a copy of his report relative to the condition of the rolling stock and road bed of the Atlantic & N. C. Road. The report puts the road in much better condition than we were General Assembly a bill which will secure future and proper protection to the children of the State, without any detriment to those to whom they led to believe it was from Gen. Lewis' report, read before the stockholder's meeting. The resolution was adopted, and We are informed by a neighbor of Mr. Joe Parks, who lives in the county, that Messrs. J. S. Battle, W. H. Bailey the latter gentleman had nine sheep killed by bird dogs Saturday morning. — The gin house of Mr. L. E. Grantham was deand John Nichols were appointed as stroyed by fire a few days ago. We learn that the property was partly insured.

Mr. Ben Albritton lost his barn of corn and Alleged Election Prauds-Indictment a number of farming utensils by fire one day last week—the work of an incendiary. -Preparations for Mardi Gras Fes-NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—The Federa -A Goldsboro man last week, in respon to an advertisement, sent to New York for grand jury, after investigating the ballot boxes brought before them yesterday, and examining a number of witnesses, an accurate, twenty-inch double-barreled breech-loading gun. This gun would be sent for five dollars, two dollars of which must be paid in advance, the remainder C. O. D. An hour after the gun reached here Capiases were issued for the arrest of the acthere was a very mad man in town. It was the man who ordered the gun. That gun was single-barreled, and long enough for a coroner's report, cused. It is understood that there are many indictments yet to be presented, and that the grand jury will do its utmost to unearth all frauds, and will indict all offenders.

- Charlotte Journal: Rev. T. S. Brown, of Wytheville, Va., has been called as supply to St. Marks Lutheran Church in this city, by the council of that church. — Yesterday afternoon a boy, 13 years of age, named McKnight and living with his uncle in Mechanicsville, was badly burnt upon the face by the explosion of about a gill of powder with which he was playing—making spitting devils, &c. The boy was found insensible in the yard. — Extensive improvements are to be made at the All-Healing Springs in Gaston county. Plans have been received for lay-ing off the large grounds in avenues which divide them into 110 lots. These lots are to be sold. The design is to make a summer village of the property.

— We did not anticipate any serious opposition to the re-election of Senator Rausom at the ensuing session of the Legislature, but we learn that Hon, W. T. Dortch, ture, but we learn that Hon, W. T. Dortch, State Senator from Wayne, has announced himself to the members elect as a candidate and bases his opposition to Ransom's reelection upon the ground that the latter has been Senator twelve years—that he has voted for nearly all the extravagant appropriations proposed by the Republicans, and especially that he voted to pension Gen. Grant.

Rayner and William Montgomery were members of Congress. They had a difficulty in the lobby of the capitol. Rayner struck his colleague with his cane and was arrested and fined fifty dollars. - Washington Post: The attention of Mr. Secretary Folger is respectfully invited to this statement: One of the officials of his department, a man who is universally known at home as "the worst man in North Carolina," arranged through the department of corruption, under the Hon lay A. Hubbell, for a number of special deputy marshals to go with him from Washington to the First North Carolina

District, for the purpose of helping in the election of Pool to Congress. When this disreputable character had completed the arrangement, and was sure of men and money for the enterprise, he wrote to the chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee of that District, offering to bring such. men as would help the Democratic candidate, Latham, if the Democracy would pay him for the job. No attention was paid to his offer.

Resolved, That the Grand Master - Goldsboro Messenger: We have

Arrangements for the Mardi Gras festivi-ties, embracing the first week in February are well advanced. A competitive drill will be a prominent feature, over \$5,000 being offered in prizes for infantry and Sale of a Railroad-Election Contest. Cincinnati, Dec. 9.—The Marietta & Cincinnati-Railroad was sold under foreclosure to-day to Robt. Garrett, of the B. & O. R. R., for \$4,875,000.

Columbus, Dec. 9.-James E. Campbell has petitioned the Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus, directing the canvassers to issue a certificate to him in the 7th District, instead of to Henry L. Morey. The motion is to be heard Thursday.

Gov. Foster has ordered an election to be held January 2nd, to fill the vacancy for both terms, caused by the death of the late Congressman Undegraffe. At Bloomington, Ills., the family of Louis Brandenberg, a well-known citizen, were poisoned by eating trichinae in sausages. One of the family died yesterday. Brandenberg and his wife cannot recover.