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E CLISH IN THE SOUTH AND THE SCUDY OF LITERATURE.

In a recent issue of the New York Nation there is an instructive and admirably written communication by President Henry E. Shepherd, of Charleston College. He writes of "The shows how far reaching was Thomas Jefferson. When he organized the University of Virginia in 1825, he had a chair of Anglo-Saxon created. to the exclusion of the tongue of the This is very remarkable. At that time "the historical and philological study of English was utterly unknown in Southern institutions," as Dr. Shepherd states. In fact, the comparative study of philology and a critical study of English dialects were but in their infancy even in the literary centres of England, Dr. Shepherd mentions the interesting fact that Mr. Jefferson prepared an Anglo-Saxon grammar which was published in 1851, by the Trustees of the University of Virginia. We would like to quote from Dr. Shepherd's article but we may not mutilate the copy before us by clipping.

The University of Virginia was far ahead of all of its rivals in the South in this department of human learning as in many others. Since 1870, Randolph Macon (Methodist) and Washington and Lee University, both in Virginia, have made progress in the study of the English language. The other day the Legislature of North Carolina made an appropriation to establish a Chair of English, and a month or two hence the son to fill it will be elected. sincerely hope he will be a full. thorough scholar, apt to teach, loving his profession, an enthusiast in letters, and having a wide knowledge of the literature of England the greatest by far since the masters among the Greeks "fell on sleep."

Heretofore English at Chapel Hill has about amounted to nothing. It was "merely an annex," as President Shepherd says, and the Professor was required to give "instruction in three languages-English, French and German." What a farce! Dr. Shepherd, a native North Carolinian, says, and we heartily echo the sentiment: "Let us be grateful that so deplorable a condition of affairs in one of the oldest and mo-t influential colleges of the South will forever pass away with the

present session." In the College of Charleston the distinguished and scholarly President has charge, we think, of the Chair of English. The instruction "is continuous for four years of the collegiate course." This is as it should be. The writer has never met a dozen men in his life who could be said to be conversant with English literature. He has met many who had read well in some departmentin history for instance. But he has met but very few who showed any familiarity with the wide field of belles lettres.

Among the lawyers he has known the late Judge Gilliam, Hon. Abram W. Venable, Henry W. Miller, Judge Kerr, Montford McGehee, and Wilham Eston, Jr., of Warren, impressed us as being the best read in the literatures of the world. Judge Gilliam was singularly well read in biography and history, and specially relished a good novel. Mr. Miller was a profound student in the philosophy of politics, and was very ac curately informed in the political history of England and the United States. In letters he was at least well acquainted with the more eminent authors. Mr. Venable had read very widely, had a prodigious memory, and conversed at ease upon almost every topic. He talked a great deal but he talked most instructively and entertainingly. Mr. Lanier, of Oxford, is by odds the most learned lawyer we have ever known—learned in and out of his profession. He is not a great student in polite literature. We knew Mr. Badger personally, and he had the reputation of being well up in the best literature, but of that we know but little. We have often heard him talk by the hour and he was by far the greatest conversationalist we ever heard. Stephen A. Douglas States. In letters he was at least

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1885.

the Carolina Central Railroad Comp

city yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.
On motion, Mr. R. S. Tucker was estled

ares of stock, being a large majority, was

ulted in the choice of the following: J.

d. Robinson, R. S. Tucker, J. L. Minis, Severn Eyre, C. H. Roberts, O. Goddard,

Wm. W. Chamberlain, R. C. Hoffman, J.

The reports make a very encouraging ex

Whedbee, D. W. Oates and M. P. Leak.

year ending March Stat. 1885, foot up

unting to \$183,217.31) aggregate

458,401,20, leaving the net earnings

board, with the exception of C. Goddard

and Dr. C. H. Roberts, were reelected

Maj. Winder and Maj. Stedman going out.

In this Court yesterday sentence was

passed by Judge Seymour on Ben Allen

and Louiss Allen, both colored, who were

convicted on Wednesday of counterfeiting

silver coin of the United States, the first

named to be confined for ten years at hard

labor and the latter for six months at hard

labor. The woman sent a letter to the

Court during the afternoon, stating that

she would prefer to go to the Albany Peni-

tentiary to remaining in Jail here, if allowed

to take her baby with her. It has not been

decided as yet where they will be confined.

The man and woman used very abusive

language, we understand, towards those

who were instrumental in securing their

arrest and conviction, especially Detective

Carr. This was after they had left the

The only other case which claimed the at-

appeared for the defendants, and Messrs.

Russell & Ricard for the plaintiffs. Judge

Court adjourned for the term yesterday

Confederate Penalons-About Blank

A letter from State Auditor Roberts, in

inge, clerk of the Superior Court, for

more widows' pension blanks, says the forms

are not to be distributed to applicants, as

in that event a fresh supply will have to be

printed, but the law requires both soldier

or widew to make his or her application

before the County Board of Examiners

composed of the Clerk of the Superior

Court. the Sheriff and County Commission

ers. It is not necessary, he says, to use the

forms at all until the application has been

assed on favorably by the county board.

The Board of Examiners for this county

neet in the room of the County Commis-

sioners on Friday, May 22d, at 3 p. m.,

and no more pension blanks will be issued

until that day, when those entitled to them

Death of a Former Wilmingtonian.

A telegram was received here yesterday

from Brunswick, Ga., announcing the

death in that city, at 11 o'clock a. m., of

Mr. J. N. VanSoelen, formerly a well

known resident of this city, where he acted

as U. S. deputy marshal, as a detective, and

in other such capacities, for several years

tion, and his age was about 48 years. His

sister, Mrs. Margaret Lane, received the

HONOR THE DEAD-HONOR THE

With the return of the sweet flowers and the glad notes of the birds comes afresh the memory of our martyred dead, and already the loving, sympathetic heart of Southern womanhood is preparing to commemorate their death. Soon we shall make our an-

secrated ground, the man of God in tender tones will supplicate Hs mercies, the voice of song will be wafted upon the gentle winds, the orator will proclaim their heroism, loving hands will scatter bright flowers, the military, in holiday attire, will fire salutes, martial airs will quicken the patriot's heart, and all will be over; and the gallant dead, unconscious of the tribute and unmindful of the page of the page of the tribute and unmindful of the page of the tribute and unmindful of the page of the pag

reast, will slumber on in their sweet,

geant, will slumber on in their sweet, dreamless sleep forever. But it is well that we howor them, and shame be upon him who would displace one leaf from the chaplet of their just fame. They fought and they died for what they believed to be the right, and their achievements are the fittest proofs of their sincerity.

Abraham Lincoln, standing upon the field of Gettysburg, out of the fullness of his great warm heart, said: "I am proud to claim as my countrymen the men who

claim as my countrymen the men who charged up these heights." An d as th

rancor of war gives place, our foes in war

our friends in peace, our brothers always, will feel just pride in the glory of their

But, notwithstanding their failure, the recollection of their deeds will live as long as patriotism finds a home in the human breast, and the bright flowers scattered by

pilgrimage to the Mecca of our and, standing upon that con ed ground, the man of God in

For the Star.

after the war. His disease was consump-

will receive them.

telegram

response to a request from Mr. S. VanAm-

Seymour reserved his decision.

evening.

U. S. Dintellet Court.

An election for a new Board of Direct

was held at the Company's office in

esented in person.

was an excellent talker. Of the clergy we have known but very few who impressed us as being speci ally familiar with the great literatures of the world and particularly with the broad range of English literature. There may be many we have met who were great readers in letters, but it has so happened that we failed to make the discovery. But we have rambled from the

main theme as we have dropped into a bit of recollection, the fault of those whose sun is westering and the shadows are growing longer. We shall have something to say of English in the schools-of having more English and less Latin and Greek. Dr. Shepherd gives the rediculous pedagogic theory a slap-the theory that runs-"English is best learned through the study of Latin and Greek." Dr. S. says very pointedly that the "differences of idiom, or characteristics of idiom, through which the inmost life of speech is reflected, are all ignored." Again, he says, "it is the conviction of most teachers of the classics that a mere acquaintance, often imperfect, with the structure of the ancient tongues Study of English at the South." He is of itself sufficient to invest the pupil with the mastery of his own language." Well taken that. Let the anoient languages be taught, but not

> "TURN THE RASCALS OUT." We have copied from to time articles, mostly short, that complained of the slow, pace of the Reform Administration in getting rid of obnoxious Radical tools. We publish several more articles in the same vein from Democratic papers in three States. We do this that the readers of the STAR may see what the leading papers are saying. The papers

> copied from to-day are the foremost

in their respective States and are De-

One of the most specious state ments made at this time by Mugwump papers, and some of their feeble Democratic echoes, is to say that the spoilsmen are doing the complaining, whilst the people are well satisfied with what the Administration is doing. This is plainly deceptive. The politicians in the Democratic party who complain of dilatoriness and a wrong application of the Civil Service law are generally men of character, who, like our own able Senator, Zebulon B. Vance, did more than others to give their States to Cleveland in 1884. The papers that have complained have been of the class that did the most efficient service in the campaign. It is not true that the disappointed Democrats are the disappointed office-seekers. There are tens of thousands of Democrats in every State in the South who expected in 1884 that all Radical office holders in the South would be driven from office if the Democrats succeeded. They will not be satisfied if this is not done. The best papers in the South are those that have expressed a decided conviction that the

Radical efficials of all classes in the South, big and little, shall go. Perhaps Mr. Cleveland intends that they shall go. We must hope that he does. In the mean time the people are waiting. A Reform Democratic Administration can not be carried on with Radical office holders who for twenty years have served as an army for keeping the corruptest party known to civilization in power. The sentiment of the people in the South-the unfaltering Democrats-

is "turn the rascals out."

SENATORIAL BRIBERY. Mr. James D. Houston is credited in the papers with being the manager of the Louisians Democracy. He has brought a serious charge against Senator Randall Gibson and ex-Senator Jonas. The gravamen of the charge is that these two worthies have been doing some bribery on a scale that was quite successful. They are pooh poohing the accusation but their success will be more than doubtful. Mr. Houston reiterates the charges and says they were carefully and deliberately made by him. He proposes, if they shall deny, to produce names, dates, and even the amount of money

"There is an outside feeling that Houston's position as manager of the Lou-isiana Democracy in the last two campaigns

inci come as a shock of surprise. Our itutions are not yet perfect. To the discussion who recently became the los of the Ohio Legislature, the admission of his electors that they may possibly a noted dishonestly (although they hope liscover that they did not so set) must one of those bitter experiences from the proud-spirited men are glad to be

Senator Payne is the "aged Senator" referred to.

We are glad to see it annot that Dr. Edward Warren does not stand much chance of getting the \$6,000 consulship to Paris. He is not the right sort of man for a Reform Administration to handle. The Charlotte Democrat says:

"Dr. Warren is not entitled to the place by any means, and especially is he not en-titled to it as halling from North Carolina. He left the State non-after the war, and has lived abroad most of the time since. He did not stay to help us through the days of reconstruction, nor has he been here to help 'turn the rascals out.' He should not now be turned in."

Yesterday morning one Willis Morrisey a young colored man, aged about 20 years, was arrested and lodged in jail on the charge of having attempted a criminal outrage on Friday night upon Mag. Young, colored, aged about 18 years, a daughter of Peyton Young, a well-known livery stable driver. The father and mother of the girl were both absent at the time, the former on a business trip to the sound and the latter at the bedaide of her sick sister, The case came up for preliminary exami nation before J. C. Hill, J. P., yesterday, defendant was required to give a justified bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court, failing in which he was remanded to jail. Morrisey is said to be a South Carolinian, and has only been living here some eight or nine months.

and 2,240 barrels of rosin, valued at \$9 595; and Messrs, Edward Kidder & Son the schooner Harry White for Port-au-Prince, Hayti, with 164,006 feet of lumber and 36,600 shingles, valued at \$2,396 83. Total \$11,991.83.

"Very Like a Whale," The Signal Service observer at Cape Lookout reported last night that Capt Kilby Guthrie captured a large whale in the "hook" of the Cape, at 3 o'clock yes terday morning, and has anchored it near the beach, ready for cutting it up. The marine monster measures forty feet in length, and is valued at fifteen hundred

The receipts of cotton at this por during the past week footed up 28 bales, as against 109 bales for the corresponding week last year, showing a decrease of 71

The receipts of the crop year from September 1st to date foot up 93,654 bales, as against 91,896 bales for the same period last year, showing a net increase of 2,258 bales in favor of 1885.

Suicide of Rev. J. H. Many, a Form

sumstances which, on or about the 22nd of May last, led Rev. Jonathan H. Dally to surrender his parchment as pastor of Trini ty Methodist Episcopal Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. The following extract from an article in the New York Herald of Friday gives the sad sequel. Rev. Mr. Dally was formerly a member of the North Carolina Conference, and was stationed in this city shortly after the war, where he

was very popular: "After his retirement Mr. Dally went live with his aged father, a prominent resident of Woodbridge, N. J. He was stricken with illness, and a physician was furnished him by Mr. Searle and the stewards of the Jersey City church, who deeply sympathized with the unfortunate seply sympathized with months, wan. He was ill for six months, his physician recommended that he trav-el in the hope of regaining his health. Pastor Dally entertained the hope that his long and excellent service in the Church would be considered when the Conference would be considered when the would was apprised of his fall and they would mete out some mild punishment and not dismiss him from the ministry.

Conference resisted the influence

ment was accepted and his services were forgotten. The Conference adjourned a few days ago and Mr. Dally was acquainted with their judgment. He was at the time studying medicine in New Orleans. time studying medicine in New Orleans. His retentive memory and previous knowledge enabled him to complete his course in a few months. On April 27 he wrote to his wife at Woodbridge, that he would that day start for St. Louis, where ne intended locating, and he expected her to rejoin him there. He stated that he would write as soon as he arrived at St. Louis. Mrs. Dally and her father matted. and her father waited impatiently for in-telligence from her husband, but none came, until Wednesday a letter was re-ceived from the captain of a Mississippi

river steamer plying between New Orlean and St. Louis.

"Mr. Dally had been a passenger on his boat. He noticed that his passenger was an intelligent man and evidently in great mental distress. He feared he contemplated suicide, and the captain made him share his spacious stateroom. He always locked Mr. paid. A special from New Orleans of Dally in at night, so strong was his sus-picton that he intended drowning him-self. On last Friday night, while the cap-tain was absent for a short time, Mr. Dally forced open the door, and before he could

loving hands upon their graves will in dying exhale sweet incense to their memo-ry. But while we honor the dead let us not forget the living. The dead wrapped in their gray sleep well and are beyond the reach of harm, but all over our dear Southland are to be found relics of the "Lost Cause" who bear as many honorable scars in disease and penury. The cause for which they fought being lost, there are no coffers to which they may go for help, and so they stand and knock at the great heart of humanity, asking aid as a rightful

heart of humanity, asking aid as a rightful charity.

While the South has commendably honored the memory of her dead she has alas! been sadly remiss in her duty towards the needy living ones. Pageant and panegyric are well enough for the dead, but they are unsubstantial food and vesture for the living. These men by their courage and fortitude wrought the brightest pages of her history and in the pantheon of immortality their niche is high and enduring. They deserve aid and sympathy and if a people grown opulent will not in the 'piping times of peace" open their hearts and their purses to their necessities, then the South was unworthy of freedom and unworthy the sacrifices and memories of heroes living and dead. B. W. Corrett.

force and trimmed the salaries. The Mayor gave part of his salary to the Graded

WASHINGTON.

reasury to Resign Minister Kel-y's Departure for Austria-Four clored Men Browned. [By Telegraph to the Morning Star.]

ASURGEON, May 7.—The President appointed J. Parker Yeasey, of Baltispointed J. Parker Yeasey, of Baltispointed J. Parker Yeasey, of Baltispointed J. Parker of that city, to successful Tuesday. Yeasey is a lawyer, particle of ex-Sen-Pinkasy White. The President also binted G. W. Thomas postmaster of too, Miss., vice F. B. Prait, commissexpired; and Eugene P. Sykes inter-

Her midnight unloading a coal boat Great Falls, started across the Potomac dir homes in Virginia in a small boat.

Isaac Bates, Esq , was elected one of the directors, but declined to serve, when it clambered upon a rock from which he rescued. All were industrious worthy and all leave families. was too late to supply his place with a rep-

Washington, May 8.—The President to-day made the following appointments: Geo. V. N. Lathrop, of Michigan, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Pleni-potentiary of the United States to Russia. Boyd Winchester, of Ky., to be Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States to Switzerland. John E. W. Thompson, of N. Y., to be Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States to Hayti. The President has declined the invitation

o visit Atlanta during the session of the lommercial Convention, to be held there he latter part of this month. His official luties will not permit of his leaving Wash-ngton at that time. Washington, May 9.—Robert E. Lee Camp, Confederate veterans, of Richmond, Va., to the number of 125, called at the

White House this afternoon and were introduced to the President by Representative Geo. D. Wise, of Virginia. Mr. Wise remarkeded that the delegation had salled to pay their respects. "I am glad to see them," replied the President. Gen. J. R. Cook, who served on the Confederate side during the luring the war, was at the head of the deleation. The ex soldiers wore Confederate

Mr. Lathrop, appointed Minister to Russia, is 60 years of age and has been prominently identified with the legal profession. His residence is at Detroit. Shortly after Cleveland was elected to the Presidency. tention of the Court was that of the Petrel Guano Company, of New York vs. Jeannette Harriss and the three vessels, Iolanthe, messrs. D. R. Murchison & Co. cleared Emerson and Elisie, in a matter of freight.

the Norwegian brig Congal, yesterday, for London, with 500 casks spirits turnenting.

Mr. Lathrop, with other Michigan gentlemen, called upon him at Buffalo. The President was elected to the Presidency.

Mr. Lathrop, with other Michigan gentlemen, called upon him at Buffalo. The President was elected to the Presidency. Lathrop, and so expressed himself on his return to Albany. The appointment to Russia was unsolicited. Mr. Lathrop has never held official position and has declined

never held official position and has declined nominations to Congress.

The son of a distinguished lawyer was prominently mentioned in connection with the Commissionership of Patents. His father wrote to President Cleveland, informing him that his son was an attorney, and as a lawyer had become interested in matters pending at the Patent office, and, for this reason, he thought the appointment should not be made.

should not be made.

Lathrop, it is understood, will accept the appointment tendered to him to day.

Dr. John E. W. Thompson, who was to-day appointed Minister resident and Consul General of the United States to Hayti, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is at present a resident of New York city. He is a graduste of the medical department of Yale College. After leaving Yale he pursued his medical studies in Paris, where he became proficient in the French language, which knowledge will serve him in his new sphere, as the Haytiens are French speaking people. Thompson is a young nended for the position by the faculty of Yale, as well as by many leading citizen of his native State. He is said to have been life long Democrat.

Boyd Winchester was recently appointed U. S. Consul to Nice. He declined on account of the small salary, it being but \$1,500 per year. The annual salary of the new position is \$5,000.

Washington, May 9.—The President has appointed the following Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: John Bigelow, of New York, Charles R. Codman, of Massachusetts, Fitzhagh Lee, of Virginia, George Hoadley, of Ohio, James C. Tappan, of Arkansas, Prof. Edward S. Holden, of Wisconsin, George L. Miller, of Nebraska.

The President to day appointed Hamil-

The President to day appointed Hamilton C. Jones, of North Carolina, to be U. S. District Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina; William A. Seay, of Louistana, to be Minister Resident and of Louistana, to be Minister Resident and Consul General of the U. S. to Bolivia. To be Consuls General of the United States—Ephraim B. Ewing, of Missouri, at the City of Mexico; H. Clay Armstrong, of Alabama, at Rio De Janerio. To be Consul of the United States—Peter Staub, of Tennessee, at St. Gall. John H. Oberly, of Ilinois, to be Indian School Superintendent, vice James M. Haworth, deceased. Secretary Manning to day requested and Secretary Manning to-day secretary manning to-day requested and secretary manning to-day request and Printing. The resignation will take sistant Treasurer, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Graves entered th Treasury Department in 1868 as a \$1,200 clerk. He has served as Chief Clerk of the Department, as Superintendent of the Na-tional Bank Redemption Agency, and as Assistant Treasurer. He was also Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission under President Grant, and in 1877 was member of the commission appointed to reorganize the Bureau of Engraving and rinting. By this reorganization the ex-censes of the bureau were decreased severa nundred thousand dollars. The appoint ment is a promotion for Mr. Graves, the salary being \$900 per year more than that of Assistant Treasurer. He voted for Cleveland. The bureau of Engraving and Printing has about 1,200 employes, only twelve of whom come under the provisions of the civil service law; all the others being appointed by the Chief of the Bureau.

ALABAMA. cumbia.

CINCINNATI, May 9.—A special to the Times-Star says: At Tuscumbis, Ala., last night, a negro named Jordan, who had attempted a criminal assault upon Miss Davis, a daughter of a farmer, but who Davis, a daughter of a farmer, but who jumped from a window as Mr. Davis shot at him was caught and lynched by a mob. It was found that Davis' shot had wounded

— Raleigh News-Observer: Mr. Hal. Worth has been appointed to, and has accepted the position of Chief Marshal at the next State Fair. — Maj. W. W. Vass, of this city, has, perhaps, the honor of being the oldest railroad treasure in the world. Will it be believed that the "Official Ratlway Guide" left out the "Official Ratlway Guide" left out the most of Maj. Vass as Treasurer of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, and didn't correct the error of omission until in the last issue. For forty years road, and didn't correct the error of omission until in the last issue. For forty years the Major has been Treasurer of that road and has filled the position faithfully and ably. — Gen. Scales has ordered a special term of the Superior Court of Haywood county, to be for the trial of civil causes only. The term begins July 18th and Judge Graves will preside.

- We have not advocated and do not propose to advocate any man's claims, but as a Democratic paper we, while loyally placing the utmost confidence in the judgment of the Administration, do reiterate the urgent need of a complete change in the Federal officials of this State.—Providence (R. I.) Mail, Dem.

Government's Arrangement Hussia-Death of a Noted Inf Baron Fitzgerald Appointed Los Chancellor of Ireland, &c.

Lendon, May 7.—Other accounts from bushim say one hundred and fifty rebels were killed and two thousand head of cat-de captured. The advance was skilfully conducted. The British carried the ridges in a capital manner. It is believed that his defeat will dispirit the Arabs and prevent them from making further attacks.

London, May 7.—Dispatches from Indis-cases the statement that Sir Peter Lums-dea has resigned his post as British Com-mussioner on the International Frontie

The opinion is gaining ground, here and a flurope, that the government's arrangement is, in a word, a complete surrender to Russia of all the points she has demanded. Though the more moderate of the Consersatives condemn Lord Randolph Churchill's vatives condemn Lord Randolph Churchill's endeavors to oppose the war credit, the probability of a defeat for the government is talked of in many quarters. The Morning Post agrees with Lord Churchill about the urgent need of outting the Ministry, and says: "Eight independent members might have turned Mr. Gladstone's majority of 14 into a minority. After the terrible events of the past week will they be fortheoming?"

The Standard says that the dignity and powers of Russia and England were embodied in Gen. Komaroff and Sir Peter Lumsden, and that M. De Giers will take care that Russian prestige, in the person of Gen. Komaroff, shall not be dimmed, while the English ministry has already decided that in the person of Sir Peter Lumsden the prestige of England is to be extinguished. "A further misfortune," says the Standard, "is that we are by no meshs assured that even for an hour the necessity

twelve in all. It is probable that two more jurors will be dropped, as the commonwealth expects to be able to show that one had previous to being summoned stated positively that he would not hang a man on circumstantial evidence, and in the case of the other juror that he had some weeks ago offered to bet that Cluverius would be acquitted, showing that he had not only formed an opinion but was ready to back it with his money. of using force has passed."

The Newe-Freis Presse, of Venice, predicts that Italy will become estranged from England by the latter's indecision of policy and attitude.

An unconfirmed rumor is current that the Indian Department have been ordered to cease their war preparations.

It is reported that Gen. Zelonoi will go either to St. Petersburg or to London, to assist in the delimitation of the frontier.

London, May 7.—Joseph Smith, the informer, who testified against the men who were hanged for the assassination of Lord Frederish Cavendish and Under Secretary Burke in Phoenix Park Dublin and who surke, in Phoenix Park, Dublin, and who had ever since the execution been an exile from Ireland, and was supposed to be living incognito somewhere, has just died in London. He had been for a long time a hopeless drunkard, and his death was caused by intemperance.

LONDON, May 7.—Baron Fitzgerald, John stands, will be appointed Lord Chancellor of Ireland. The opinion has prevailed that this appointment would fall to Mr.
John Naish, the present Irish Attorney
General. Baron Fitzgerald is a liberal, and
has been Solicitor General and Attorney
General for Ireland, and Justice of the
Queen's Bench. He is 70 years of age, and
was appointed Lord of Appeal in Ordinary n 1882, with a peerage for life.

LONDON, May 8.—Rumors are current in Paris of a steady and continued Russian advance in Afghanistan, but it is impossible to trace them to any authentic source. They have probably originated from the news of the Russian occupation of Penjdeh. The Official News Agency in Paris, which is supposed to represent the views of the French Cabinet, publishes a London dispatch dwelling on the fact that throughout the dispute Germany has given no indication of the attitude she intends to assume regarding the controversy. The dispatch says that the German Ambassador in London still holds as pessimistic a view of the situation as when everything looked desperate, and that English officials still fear that Germany is unfavorably disposed toward England, and is not anxious to see

The Times continues to urge the Government to persuade the Ameer to allow the presence of an English garrison at Herat. The announcement in the St. Petersburg Official Messenger is expected to have a reassuring effect, as being the first intimation by Russia that she will send a commission to meet the English commis

The cost of the Russian railway from Askabad to Mery is estimated at 16,000 roubles per verst, exclusive of rails and rolling stock.

London, May 8.—A report is published in the Morning Post, to day, that Earl Dufferin has resigned his position as Viceroy of Indis, but is pronounced by government officials to be unerly untrue.

Paris, May 8.—Mr. Robert M. McLane, United States Minister to France, has ar-St. Petersburg, May 8.—The Moscow Gazette, with reference to the submission of the Afghan frontier difficulty to arbitra

tion, says: "It was only possible to permit the correctness of our action to be certified by a third party. Such a course as this is not arbitration in any proper sense of the term, but simply a respectable means of terminating the incident."

The Novoe Vremya and Novosti express great pleasure that Sir Peter Lumsden, who they say made all the mischief, has been recalled to London.

LONDON, May 9, ... The continued uncertainty of the political aspect tends to restrict the amount of business done on the Stock Exchange, with the result that each small transaction exercises a disproportionsmall transaction exercises a disproportionate effect on prices. The greater anxiety is felt about the result of the vote of credit which will come up in the House of Commons on Monday, although it is unlikely that the result will be adverse to the Ministry, especially if Lord Hartington's statement of the Soudan policy proves satisfactory to the Liberals.

The current rumors of the resignation of Earl Dufferin arise from the inference that

Earl Dufferin arise from the inference that he disagrees with the Government's policy, and the fact that Earl Dufferin accepted his position with the understanding that he was to take the full responsibility of the government in India.

It is rumored that Russian dispatches by courier differ somewhat from the summary first received by telegraph, but it is expected that the discrepancies of statement can easily be reconciled.

ed that the discrepancies of statement can easily be reconciled.

It is estimated that almost half of the vote of credit has already been absorbed in war preparations so far ordered, which are now too far advanced to be rescinded. The work of equipment for the Soudan, however, has almost ceased. The greatest efforts are being directed to the naval armaments.

Sr. Petersburg, May 9.—The Journal De St. Petersburg declares that Russis will shortly open negotiations with England for shortly open negotiations with England for the appointment of a representative of the Russian government at Calcutta. Russian government at Calcutts.

London, May 9.—The proposed submission of the Anglo-Russian difficulty to arbitration is the prominent topic of comment in the leading London journals this morning. The wisdom of the government's present policy is called in question, and the success af arbitration is doubted. The statement of the St. Petersburg Official Messenger, yesterday, as to the motive and scope of arbitration, and as to the policy of the Cabinets of Russia and England, in regard to the frontier negotiations, and the work of delimination, does not strike the Standard as calculated to have a soothing effect upon the wounded British susceptibilities. Far from this, it expresses the hope that the "cruet, patronizing bluntness" of the Messenger's language may sting Mr. Gladstone to resent such a tone, and quicken him to make another speech worthy of the British Minister."

In the opinion of the Standard the fate

Minister."

In the opinion of the Standard the fate of Herat is now the main question that confronts England. This question cannot be ignored in the present negotiations. No Russian pledge, however binding, which would only relieve us of the diplomatic squabble, ought to prevent us from taking

nts or dispatches respecting the

ently definite for the purposes of arbitra-on. More than this, it says: "Such a mall point as the view each party took of

e agreement, is in any case an exceed-gly difficult one to dispose of by arbitra

VIRGINIA.

scuring a Jury in the Cluverius

Case at Richmond - The Supreme Court Affirms the Validity of the State Riccilon Line - Call for a Domo-

Richmond, May 7.—In the Hustings Court to-day Judge Atkins ordered the name of H. C. Adams, one of the jurymen secured in the case of T. J. Cluverius, on trial for the murder of Lillian Madison, to be struck from the list. This was due to the fact that it had become known that Adams had some court trouble with a negro resulting in the latter awasting out a

Adams had some court trouble with a negro, resulting in the latter swearing out a warrant charging Adams with perjury, and that the case was still pending in Henrico county court. The calling of the talesmen summoned was proceeded with, and at 1.45 p. m. four jurors had been obtained, making twelve in all. It is probable that two more jurors will be dropped as the common-

with his money.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia to-day rendered a decision in the case of Frazier vs. De Larue. This was a case made up to test the validity of the joint resolution passed by the last Legislature, providing for an election by that body of electoral boards for all cities and counties of the State and investigations there heaved.

of the State, and investing these boards

with power to appoint. The joint resolu-tion was not presented to the Governor for approval, and in order to avoid any future conflict between the political parties in the State a case was made up as stated. The

cision is that the act was not a legislative

but a ministerial act, which did not require the concurrence of the Executive, and was, therefore, valid. This decision gives the

here to-day and issued a call for a State Convention, to be held in this city July 29, to nominate Governor and other State

officers. The Republican State Convention has been called for July 15, for the

RICHMOND, May 9.—The case of T. J.

Cluverius, charged with the murder of Lillian Madison, was resumed in the Hus-tings Court this morning. Before pro-

ing with a call of the new tale

reasons advanced by the prosecution, that

the two men were not competent to serve

in this case, and therefore ordered them discharged. Counsel for the defence excepted to the ruling of the Court in both cases. William Reinheimer,

another of the accepted jurors, was released upon his statement that he suffered from vertigo, and was subject to such attacks.

The call of talesmen was then proceeded with, and out of 200 examined three quali

fied jurors were obtained, thus making the number twelve, as it stood last evening.

Col. Aylett, of counsel for the prosecution, at this point stated to the Court that in his

opinion the time had now arrived for the

Court to use the discretion and power con-

RICHMOND, May 9.—Nothing was done in the Cluverius trial to-day. The court ad-journed yesterday until Monday, to await the arrival of the draft of fifty talesmen

THE CROPS.

Report of the Bepartment of Agricul

ture-Cotton Planting Well Advanced - The Injury to Winter

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The May report

Cotton planting, though comparatively ate, is well advanced, fully three-fourth

New York, Ohio and Michigan. A muc

ted crops are grown in smaller propor

PENNSYLVANIA. Serious Accident at a Colliery.

(By Telegraph to the Morning Star.)

from Alexandria.

Wheat.

the hands of the Democratic party.

same purpose.

The Democratic State Committee

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tale Library

Valeigh Visitor: At a meeting Valauga Club, held last evening, ided to tender Hon. Thos. J. Jar ich action as will effectually forestall any

Spirits Turpentine.

Elizabeth City Economist: The heries in Croatan Sound have cut off and ing up and the other fisheries higher up hung up and the other fisheries higher up on Albemarle Sound will follow suit in a few days. The poundnet fishermen will hang on a few days longer and then they too will sing the song of the season's close. This has been the best season for fish for many years. —— April 21st was the most remarkable day for the clearness of the day at Kitty Hawk for many years. The tower of Whaleshead lighthouse, which is 22 miles distant, appeared only 10 miles, and all the sand hills beyond the light were plainly visible at night. Cape Charles light 65 miles distant from this station and 75 from Nag's Head, was plainly seen. It could have been seen 80 miles away.

- Asheville Advance: The Chero-— Asheville Advance: The Cherokee Indians living in North Carolina have brought suit for lands in the Indian Territory valued at about \$2,000,000. — Col. Connelly and family returned home yesterday from an extended trip in Europe. — Gen. Vance will address the people to morrow in the courthouse, during the recess of court, on the subject of the Western North Carolins Fair. — Mrs. Minnie B. Porter, wife of T. M. Porter, Esq., and daughter of Mr. Canada Cowan, died yesterday, after an illness of several months. — A drunkea row occurred last Sunday in Egypt township, Yancey county, in which Gilbert Hensley was cut and mortally wounded by a man named John Brackins. All of the parties were drinking, and from what we a man named John Brackins. All of the parties were drinking, and from what we have heard of the difficulty it is hard to tell who is mostly to blame. Our informant states that Hensley is horribly butchered and cannot live.

- Charlotte Observer: The two day trains on the Carolina Central now make through runs between Charlotte and make through runs between Charlotte and Wilmington, the break at Laurinburg having been abolished. — The remains of Rev. Alexander Sinclair, who died some weeks ago in Maryland, will be brought to Charlotte for final interment and are now en route. Mr. Sinclair was once pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in this city. — A beautiful little sail boat, named "Nellie," was launched on the placid waters of the Catawba, at Mt. Holly vesterday. "Nellie," was launched on the placid waters of the Catawbs, at Mt. Holly yesterday. The boat was built in Wilmington for Mr. J. F. Bryant, specially for service on the Catawbs, and is said to be a very pretty craft. — Mr. Eli Hinson, who has been engaged at work on the Arlington Baptist Church, in Clear Creek township, this county, received a fall from that building yesterday that came near killing him. As it was, his shoulder was severely dislocated and there were painful bruises dislocated and there were painful bruises on his body. — For some time past, the railroad companies have suffered considerably from the depredations of thieves on the freight cars at Salisbury, but the business was handsomely broken up yesterday, through the ingenuity of Capt. W.A. Turk.

— The good people of Iron Station, in Lincoln county were vesterday startled by Lincoln county, were yesterday startled by the suicide of one of Lincoln's well-known citizens, Mr. Mitchell Monday, who ended his career at his home, about two miles from that place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. At that hour the inmates of the house were alarmed by the report of a pis-tol and on making an investigation, found Mr. Monday lying on the floor in one of the rooms, in a dying condition, with brains and blood cozing from a bullet hole in his

-New Berne Journal: Mr. H. C. Judge Atkins announced his decision in the matter of two jurors—R. W. Larke and A. S. Goode—to whose retention the prosecution objected yesterday on the ground, in Larke's case, that he had said he would not already the state of the state Canaday, who arrived from Onslow last night, reports a disastrous fire near Silver Dale on Monday night about 11 o'clock. The gin house, saw and grist mill, with 900 bushels of corn and 1,200 bushels of cotton seed, belonging to Mr. G. W. Smith were consumed. Loss about \$6,000; no insurance. — Richlands dots: We had a terconvict a man on circumstantial evidence, and because Goode had, previous to being summoned, offered to bet and had bet that Cluverius would be acquitted. Judge Atkins stated that he had concluded, for rance.— Richlands dots: We had a terrible wind in this section on the evening of May 1st doing greatdamage. Mr. E. L. Francks's buggy shelter was blown down and his buggy broken all to pieces, and one of his tenant houses, occupied by Mr. John I. Jarman, was lifted from the blocks. Mr. Jarman was bruised a little and one of his hildren's arms was wrenched. The track of this storm was about one hundred yards wide, and in its track cypress trees over two feet in diameter were snapped like pipe stems. —— The farmers coontinue to lose their hogs, with some disease, they know not what. They are certainly strangely affected. — La Grange items: —— Capt. Davis will commence work on his new school building sometime next week. The house is to be 40x80 feet and three stories high. — A serious accident occurred in Saulston, in Wayne county, on Court to use the discretion and power conferred by law to summon a sufficient number of talesmen from points outside of the city to complete the panel required—sixteen. To this the defence made no objection, and the Court ordered a sergeant to make a draft on the city of Alexandria, for tales of fifty, returnable Monday morning, at 11 o'clock last Sunday evening. William Ham and wife had been visiting and were returning the horse ran off, breaking the left leg of Mr. Ham and the left leg of Mrs. Ham both bones passing entirely through the flesh. — Jones county notes: Mr. T. R. Garner, the Bible agent who has completed his canvass in our county, informs us that he found in Jones county 185 families destitute of the Bible, and supplied 170. He found 25 who had no families who were destitute and supplied them. He sold 848 volumes and donated 144. In canvassing the county he visited 958 families and tra-velled 780 miles.

— Raleigh News-Observer: On Thursday and Friday the Raleigh boys play the Nationals, of Goldsboro, competing for a prize of \$100. — We learn from a letter from Senator Vance to Governor Scales that he and Senator Ransom presented the invitation of the faculty of the University to the President, and urged its acceptance. The President expressed a strong desire to accept, but said that the state of the public business is such that he must take time to of the Department of Agriculture relates to the progress of spring plowing and of cotton planting, and to the condition of winter grain, meadows and pastures. It also reports the prevailing rates of wages of farm labor. accept, but said that the state of the public business is such that he must take time to consider before answering. — The commencement exercises of Oxford Female Seminary, of which Mr. F. P. Hobgood is principal, will be held June 2 and 4. Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard preaches the baccalaureate sermon; and Rev. J. L. Burrows, D. D., of Norfolk, Va., will deliver the annual address before the literary societies. — State Board of Education was in session vesterday. It is composed of all the of the proposed area having been planted. The usual proportion seeded on the first of May is probably five per cent. Last year but two thirds of the area was in germination at this date. Rains in Texas have delayed work in planting; everywhere it was begun late, but progress has at most points been unusually rapid. The plants have been slow in germination on dry areas, and have not yet made their appearance at many State Board of Education was in session yesterday. It is composed of all the State officers. The object of the meeting was principally in regard to school books, particularly the selection of the new text books on physiology and hygiene, A number of agents of publishing companies appeared in the interest of their respective houses. The matter of the drainage of the State swamp lands was also considered. Spring plowing, in preparation for planting, is everywhere late. Last year at this date it was estimated to be two thirds done. This year it is scarcely six-tenths. The estimated average of a series of years exceeds seven tenths. Less than half of this work is done in the Eastern States and in There were two proposals in regard to the body of 300,000 acres in Carteret county. body of 300,000 acres in Carteret county. One was by a company which proposed to lease the lands for grazing purposes; the other was by a company which proposed to drain the lands, as the phrase goes, "one-half for the other." The Lt. Governor and Secretary of State were the only members of the Board absent. The matter mentioned were fully discussed. The Board finally adopted "Steele's Hygienic Physiology," published by A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York, as the text book for the public arger proportion is finished in the North west, where corn, potatoes and other late posed. In New York snow protection was ample, except in spots; and in Michigan no material injury occurred; but in the Ohio Valley and in Missouri, reports of condition are much reduced. In the South York, as the text book for the public schools. Webster's school dictionaries were put on the list. Formerly only Wora slight improvement in the prospect has swamp lands received much attention. Mr. B. L. Perry proposed to drain the land for one-half. The Board agreed to give him 10,000 acres to drain, he to pay all expenses, and the lands to be surveyed by the State engineer.

— There was a proposition by Mr. Flynn to lease for a few years a part of the Hyde county lands (known as the Bibb & Carrow tract) in case the State bids them in at the sale to take place on the 11th inst. There are 360,000 acres of these lands. Mr. Flynn's scheme was to lease 15,000 or 20,000 acres, for the purpose of testing their utility for stock raising. If valuable, he proposes to purchase. The board postponed action on the matter until the next meeting, which will be after the sale alluoccurred. The average of condition in the principal wheat growing States is as follows: New York, 95; Michigan, 100; Ohio, 59; Kentucky, 45; Indians, 70; Illinois, 42; Missouri, 60; Kansas, 62. The general average is 70, instead of 77 in April—a reduction of 9 per cent.—reducing the indicated production of winter wheat to about two hundred and forty million bushels.

The condition of rye is also lower than reported in April, yet much better than wheat—the average being 86.

The average condition of winter barley is 82. Mowing lands promise nearly an average crop of hay; the average of condition poned action on the matter until the next meeting, which will be after the sale alluded to. — HARNETT, Co., N. C., May 4.—Mr. J. G. Brown, of Buekhorn township, Harnett county, lost his dwelling house, kitchen, two corn cribs, smoke house and a fodder house by fire, on the 29th of April. — HALIPAX, May 5.—Judge Graves re-sentenced the negro murderer, Eaton Mills, this morning at 9 o'clock, to be hanged on Friday, the 26th day of next June, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. SHAMOKIN, May 9.—At Luke Fidler Colliery, this afternoon, a car broke loose and ran down-the inclined plane into the boiler, causing an explosion. J. Zodolusky was killed, Martin Maloney fatally scalded, and William Romakin, John Maiose and John Thomas were seriously injured.