The Weekly Star.

UTILITY OF THE MODERN BUSTLE.

I

THE CATASTROPHE.

Her ma said her boots were too high in the heel,
But no other style she would wear.
One day while out walking she stepped on a peel
Of banana, and uttering an ear-piercing squeal,
She frantically clutched at the air.

II

SHE IS SAVED.

Her bustle was rubber, inflated of course,
The fashion prevailing to meet;
And it turned out to be of her safety the source,
For when she sat down on the sidewalk with force
She bounded right back to her feet.

III.

THE MORAL.

In the foregoing, maidens who stylish boots wear
This moral will easily find:
When sidewalks are icy or out of repair,
A bustle of rubber inflated with air,
Is handy to carry behind.

—*Boston Courier*

SUPREME COURT.

Raleigh News-Observer.

Harvey vs. Brevard et al.

Plaintiffs had sued defendants on their bond to indemnify the sheriff for seizing certain goods, and defendants moved to remove the action from Lenoir to Buncombe county, under sections 191 and 195 of the Code.

Held, That obligors in a bond of indemnity are not entitled to have the cause removed under the statute.

Perry vs. Peterson.

Held, Where an order of sale made by the late Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in a proceeding to sell land was irregularly made, and it becomes a matter of inquiry whether the purchaser at the sale had notice of the irregularity and such inquiry is not fully made, there should be a new trial to ascertain the fact.

Townsend vs. McKimmon.

Defendant had given plaintiff a written instrument conveying his crop to secure advances, which plaintiff undertook to enforce in a summary way under the statute as an agricultural lien, defendant objecting that the instrument was a chattel mortgage.

Held: It appearing from the instrument that the purpose was to create such a lien as that contemplated by the statute, and in effect only a lien being created by the words of conveyance used, that no particular form is essential to create the lien under the statute.

Held: That though the instrument have the form of a chattel mortgage yet it must be so treated as to effectuate the intent of the parties under the statute which becomes a part of it and gives character to the lien.

Allen vs. Griffin.

Plaintiff, heirs of R. L. Allen, seek to recover possession of land which R. L. Allen had in 1880 rented to one Lassiter who sublet it to defendant, who has kept possession ever since. Defendant showed a deed from R. L Allen, dated in 1879. Among the two issues submitted to the jury—was first, was this land embraced in Allen's deed to defendant; and second, did defendant enter as tenant of Allen. The jury found the first issue in the negative and the second in the affirmative, but the court set aside the finding on the first issue as being against the weight of evidence.

On the second issue, judgment was rendered against defendant, who appealed.

Held, That when the error assigned sufficiently appears on the face of the record the court will take notice of it.

Held, That the first issue being undecided, the defendant was entitled to a new trial, for notwithstanding his entry as tenant, he would be entitled to the possession, if the land was conveyed to him by R. L. Allen.

McKinnon vs. McIntosh.

Plaintiff sold to defendant a lot of guano foo $297.66 and sued for the price.

Defendant answered that plaintiff falsely represented the value of the guano, and that it was not worth $297, but only about $150, which he offered to pay.

Plaintiff moved for judgment, as the answer does not constitute a defence, and the Court offered to allow defendant to amend his answer, which being declined, it gave judgment for plaintiff.

Held: That in a case so plain the Court would have been warranted in requiring the answer to be amended.

Held: That in an action for a deceit by false representation three things are essential: first, that the representation was false; second, that the party making it knew it was false; third, that it was the false representation that induced the contracting party to purchase.

Held, That the defence stated in the answer is set out with sufficient accuracy to present fairly and unmistakably the defence relied on, and defendant further had the right to have the jury pass on the question whether plaintiff warranted the quality of the fertilizer.

If a vender represents an article as possessing a value which it does not possess, he is liable on a warranty, expressed or implied, although he may not have known his affirmation to be false, if his representation was intended as the positive assertion of a fact upon which the purchaser acts. New trial awarded.

Kesler vs. Conolison.

Plaintiff at an execution sale bought all the right and interest of Louisa Mason in a certain tract of land, which she had rented out to one Hubbard, who had a crop of cotton growing on the premises. Plaintiff claimed that he was entitled to the rent cotton by virtue of the sheriff's levy and his purchase.

Held, that plaintiff acquired no title to the crop by his purchase of the land under execution.

Prior to 1884 growing crops were the subject of levy as personal property. Since 1884 they are not subject to levy until they have matured.

Although under section 1754, the crops are deemed to be vested in the lessor, that in only to secure a compliance of the lease, and for other purposes the title to the crop is in the lessee. The estate in the land during the lease was in the lessee and there could be no levy on the growing crop, and the sale of the land under execution did not carry the growing crop.

Foreman vs. Drake and Andrews.

Foreman leased a hotel to Drake who agreed to furnish the hotel and stipulated that "all such furniture is sold and conveyed to Foreman in trust as security for rent and possible damages."

Drake subsequently received from Andrews furniture for the hotel under an instrument styled "a lease," in which Drake certified "I have agreed to hire said furniture for four and a half months, paying $295 as rent in instalments; and reserving the right to purchase within the term by paying the same amount of $295, less any rent he may have paid."

Foreman claimed the property under the conveyance to him. Andrews claimed the property, and offered his "lease" in evidence which was rejected because not registered.

Held, That the agreement between Andrews and Drake was neither a sale nor a conditional sale, but a mere lease or bailment and did not need registration.

Held, That Drake had no title which under the hotel lease could be conveyed to Foreman.

Held, That the agreement that the lessee might purchase during the lease did not alter its character; nor did the agreement in regard to the price to be paid alter the contract. Such an agreement suggests a want of good faith, but cannot alter the purpose of the contract.

A contract of hiring need not be in writing and need not be registered.

Foreman vs. Hough.

Held, When in a special proceeding to sell land for partition, before the clerk, issues of fact are raised, the case should be transferred to the Court in term time.

When this is done, and the parties agree upon the facts and submit the case to the Court, all possible irregularities of pleadings and proceedings are cured.

Held: That where the maker of a deed conveying land in fee recites a desire to give to the grantees particular rights to use the water in a valuable spring on the premises, the grantees took nothing additional thereby, the conveyance of the fee being of the whole estate included all other interests.

Wooten vs. Hill.

Watkins, a farmer, had executed two chattel mortgages owned by Hill, in which were conveyed his growing crop. Subsequently Watkins gave to plaintiff an agricultural lien to secure advances, and the contest was as to priority.

Held: That an unplanted crop is the subject of mortgage, but under the statute an agricultural lien for advances to make a crop has priority over mortgages although of earlier date. Such agricultural liens are preferred by the statute.

Supreme Court.

Raleigh News-Observer.

Court met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Appeals from the ninth district were disposed of as follows:

Winston vs. Taylor; put to end of district.

Galloway vs. Carter; argued by Messrs. Mebane & Scott for plaintiff, and Messrs. C. B. Watson and W. B. Glenn for defendent. The case of Buchanan vs. Buchanan, involving a similar point, will be heard with the case of Galloway vs. Carter.

Opinions were filed in the following cases:

Wootten vs. Hill; error.
Sellers vs. Sellers; no error.
Lowdermilk vs. Bostick; no error.
Grissom vs. Pickett; no error.
Foreman vs. Drake; error.
State vs. Moore et al; error as to Moore; no error as to Mitchener.
Foreman vs. Hough; no error.
Stout vs. McNeill; no error.
McKinnon vs. McIntosh; error; new trial granted.
State vs. Claywell; no error.
Kesler vs. Cornelison; no error.
Jaffray vs. Bear; appeal dismissed.

Court met yesterday morning at at 10 o'clock. Appeals from the Ninth District were disposed of as follows:

Caudle vs. Fallen, argued by Messrs. Glenn & Glenn for plaintiff, and Mr. T. Morehead and Mr. C. B. Watson for defendant.

Finley vs. Sanders, argued by Messrs. Batchelor, E. C. Smith and Findley (by brief) for plaintiff; no counsel *contra*.

Clark vs. Hay, argued by Mr. C. B. Watson for plaintiff, and Mr. W. B. Glenn for defendant.

The cases against the Danville, Mocksville & Southwestern Railroad Company were continued.

State vs. Robertson, argued by Mr. E. C. Smith for the State, and Mr. C. H. Armfield for defendant.

State vs. Ellington, argued by Mr. E. C. Smith for the State, no counsel *contra*.

State vs. Goings, argued by Mr. E. C. Smith for the State and Messrs. J. T. Morehead and C. B. Watson for the defendant.

Court met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Cases from the ninth district were disposed of as follows:

McCanless vs. Flinchum; argued by Mr. James T. Morehead for plaintiff, and Messrs. C. B. Watson and W. B. Glenn for defendant.

Tuttle vs. Rainey; argued by Messrs. C. B. Watson and W. B. Glenn for plaintiff, and Mr. James T. Morehead for defendant.

Anderson vs. Rainey; argued by Mr. Thomas Ruffin for plaintiff, and Messrs. Mebane & Scott for defendant.

The Court adjourned over until Friday (to morrow) morning at 11 o'clock.

TAMMANY HALL.

Extends an Invitation to the Democratic National Convention of 1888.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—At the meeting of the Board of Sachems of the Tammany Society, the following was prepared and ordered to be forwarded at once:

To the Democratic National Committee: The Board of Sachems of the Tammany Society or Columbian Order, met in Tammany Hall this, the 26th day of November, A. D., 1887, and were unanimously of the opinion that the Democratic National Convention of 1888 shall be held in the city of New York, and therefore tender the National Democratic Committee the use of Tammany Hall for the Convention during its session.

VIRGINIA.

Close of the Tobacco Fair at Danville.

DANVILLE, VA., Nov. 26.—The Danville tobacco fair closed to-day with the sale of premium and exhibition tobocco. No such excited sale was ever seen here. The first premium brought the owner $560. The second premium went to a colored man and sold for $5 per pound, netting him with premium $475. The total sales of premium tobacco amounted to 1,178 pounds, and brought $1,740. The total sales of exhibition tobacco were 23,767 pounds, and brought $9,585. Danville will hold a grand tobacco exposition next year.

RAILROADING.

Editor of the Star: It appears to me that all who are acquainted with what has been attempted and what has been accomplished in the way of internal improvements in this State; as well as the different roads under contract, and that seem likely to be soon constructed cannot fail to see the importance and necessity of having the North Carolina and the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroads united and operated as one road from Charlotte to Morehead City under a lease, with all necessary and proper restrictions for a term of ninety-nine years to the Richmond & Danville Railroad.

All who are well posted as to what is doing and will soon be done, cannot fail to see that such a step should be taken at as early a day as possible. If this is not done, I cannot see how it is possible to prevent great and lasting injury being done to the roads in question and to many of our towns, cities and to the State generally.

I am largely interested in our railroads, and I have been driven to this conclusion from stubborn facts that have been forced on my attention.

If we wish the above roads to contribute the greatest good possible to our people the consolidation and lease should certainly be made and that at an early day. Such was the design of those who first projected the Central Railroad from Beaufort harbor to the Tennessee line, and their purpose should be carried out, and can only be done by adopting the plan I have suggested.

Time and experience have conclusively demonstrated in this and most of the other States and that at the cost of untold millions, that improvements of no kind, cost or length, can be prudently and profitably managed by State officials appointed by partizan legislators or State officials, however partiotic or gifted they may be.

The Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad is soon destined I hope to be extended to Wilmington, and to the Virginia line, there to connect with the Norfolk & Western Railroad. When this important connection is made it will open a long and direct line of road from Pulaski City to Wilmington, which will pass through as fine and productive a country as is to be found south of the Ohio river.

When the road and its branches are all completed and fully equipped the freight that will be crowded on it from the great coal and iron mines and furnaces of western Virginia, to say nothing of the lumber and other articles of freight that will be offered for transportation along the line, will soon surprise the most sanguine of its friends.

In one word, the two roads will be the great North Carolina State highways that are soon destined to tell with great power upon the growth and prosperity of our State and people. So, in order that every part of the State may share in the great benefits that may by good management be made to flow from these two general lines of improvement. New Bern if she is wise will exert herself to the utmost to have a railroad speedily constructed from Wilmington to her own wharves there to connect with the above named roads, which if managed as they should be, will do all that can now be done by such improvements for our State.

The Seaboard system is essentially a Norfolk system, and the road now under contract from Henderson via Danville, Madison, Winston, Wilkesboro, Taylorsville to Charlotte, promises to do as little for the commercial growth and prosperity of North Carolina as they do to benefit and enhance the value and prosperity of the North Carolina Railroad from Charlotte to Goldsboro and still less for the Atlantic and North Carolina and New Bern road.

A full and useful survey of all that is going on in the State it seems to me, cannot fail to convince any and all well informed minds that the policy I have above attempted in a hurried way to describe, is the only one that can be adopted that will prevent great harm coming to my native State.

NORTH CAROLINA.

BANK SUSPENSION.

The American Bank of Pittsburg Closes its Doors.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 26.—The American Bank of this city, doing business in the old Pennsylvania Bank building, Wood street, closed its doors this morning, and announced that it would go into liquidation. The capital stock is $200,000. It is said by those in a position to know that the bank will pay all claims against it. The stockholders are individually liable. The suspension caused no excitement in financial circles.

The failure has no significance whatever as unfavorably affecting other financial institutions or the general business situation. The event caused no surprise, as it has been for a long time counted among the possibilities. It is understood deposits have been gradually decreasing for years, until they aggregated less than $80,000. The liabilities are less than $100,000 and the assets are largely in excess of that amount.

— Asheville *Citizen*: A Northern exchange says: "Clingman, of France, has secured patents for the use of zircons in connection with electric lights." Such is fame! Our distinguished fellow townsman, who served the country in both Houses of Congress for a quarter of a century, and who was mentioned before the war as a strong probability for the Presidency, seems to be unknown by a Northern journal, and is accredited to a foreign country. Gen. Clingman is an American of Americans, a North Carolinian of North Carolinians, an Ashevillian of Ashevillians.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: We learn that during the whole of Fair week there was not a single arrest in this town. There must have been between 8,000 and 10,000 people. — The Fair was a success. The officers, after paying off all expenses, premiums and old debt have yet a nice little balance to their credit to commence another year. — The *News and Observer* of last week says: "The talk of a railroad from Raleigh to Fayetteville seems disposed to take a practical turn." We hope it may, for it would be to the advantage of both towns to be put in more direct communication.

— Fayetteville *News*: The greed and rapacity of corporations has in this century a refreshing exception in the C. F. & Y. V. R R Co. Recognizing the not inconsiderable part played in the marvellous prosperity of the road by its faithful and efficient employes, it recently, without solicitation, raised the pay of every employe in its service.

— Wadesboro *Messenger*: Mrs. James Covington, whose husband was at one time Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson, died in Lanesboro township on last Sunday. — On last Saturday Mrs. John Spencer, residing near Lilesville, while walking in her yard, fell and fractured the thigh bone.

— Senator Vance, who is rapidly recovering from the injuries received while driving in the North Carolina mountains, expects to be able to go to Washington in a few days.

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Baptist State Convention.

Raleigh News-Observer's Report Condensed.

FOURTH DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

A resolution with regard to uniting the W. N. C. Baptist Convention with the State Convention was offered by Rev. C. Durham.

As this convention, the W. N. C., was organized as auxiliary to the State convention, the time has come when they should be united. It has been suggested by their delegates, and with a view to that end, the messengers to the Western Convention were increased to nine.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Hufham, the same committee on the memorial church at Greenville was continued. This church was built as a memorial to the organization of the Baptist State Convention, the first meeting of the body having been held in Greenville—a meeting out of which have grown the ideas and enterprises which have advanced the Baptist denomination to its present position in the State. The idea was given by Thomas Meredith, Chas. Skinner and others. There remains a debt of $4,500 upon this building, but the idea of a debt on a memorial is unpleasant, and the Convention should see that the debt is paid.

Dr. Overby agreed to be one of a number to give so much each year to pay the debt. Seven hundred and fifty dollars were raised.

The special order for this session viz: The Baptist Historical Society, was taken up. Rev. J. S. Purefoy, president, took the chair, Dr. Hume, of Chapel Hill, addressed the meeting, and so clear-cut a presentation of historical facts, replete with literary ability is not often the pleasure of an audience in this State to hear.

Rev. J. S. Purefoy said that a denomination that had grown from 30,000 to 200,000 in so short a time ought to write a history and give to the world the secret of its success.

All were then invited to become members of the Society by the payment of one dollar for annual membership or ten dollars for life membership.

SUNDAY.

Preaching in all the churches in the town, both white and colored, by Baptist ministers, both morning and evening.

In the afternoon a Sunday School mass meeting was held at the Baptist church, and addresses were made by Col. J. M. Heck, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Jr., N. B. Broughton and G. W. Sanderlin to a crowded house.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE CONVENTION—SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION.

After a sermon of much strength by Dr. Hufham, President Pace took the chair for the closing exercises of the most successful, harmonious and enjoyable session of the Convention that was ever held.

The President addressed the Convention, the idea of which address was as follows:

Ten years ago this Convention met at Durham in a little house in the woods.

The amount contributed to State missions was between $1,400 and $1,600; the number of missionaries employed was five. Now there are eighty-two missionaries, with an expenditure of $10,000, and there is no debt, all missionaries paid in full, over $6,000 to foreign missions.

The education board has no debt and its expenditure is larger than ever before. The college then had $40,000 endowment and had then 100 students. Now there are 198 students and an endowment of nearly $200,000 and no embarrassment save the ill health of one of its professors. The denomination is larger by 40,000 or 50,000 than at that meeting ten years ago. All the Boards are out of debt and a great deal has been done for other causes. Nearly $2,000 was raised for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, $500 for the church at Concord, over $500 for the Orphanage printing press, $1,037.58 for the Bryan house in China. Nearly $5,000 were raised for these various objects during the meeting of the Convention.

The report of the Women's Central Committee shows that the ladies have raised for different missions over $1,700 in the last twelve months, and their hearts were in every appeal giving their contributions freely and without stint.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

The Wilmington STAR, (Sunday,) in a most excellent editorial disapproves of the State Executive Committee assuming to themselves the right to formulate party principles. In such company the *Southerner* does not feel lonesome.—*Tarboro Southerner.*

It happens that we heartily approve of the declarations of the State Democratic Committee, but we are free to confess, that if it were at all necessary we would be bold to contend that what they said has no binding effect upon the party, if when it meets in convention it chooses to adopt another policy. It will never happen that 10 or 12 men can bind 150,000. The thing is impossible, and we have no fears on that head.—*Goldsboro Argus.*

Every child ought, at least, to learn the Ten Commandments, and that they were given for all men by One who has the right to command; and that obedience to them increases the happiness of the human family. For example, let the teacher show the children how stealing degrades and injures the rogues themselves, how it injures the owners of property, and the community at large, how it injures the State, and how it offends the Judge of all the earth. Let him make it plain that a rogue violates three Commandments at once. Let him show that he who violates one Commandment can be relied upon to violate all, if he has the opportunity.—*Thomasville Charity and Children.*

For North Carolinians pay a mere song of the Internal Revenue as compared with many of the Northern States. Their devotion to law must be sadly tried when they see the still of the moonshiner—his sole means of subsistence—seized, 'tis a credit to them that though eager for the rescue of the poor moonshiner's illicit still, they stand meekly by, with tears of sympathy streaming down their faces, and allow a handful of the base hirelings of a despotic government to deprive him of the only means of a livelihood for himself, a wife and fifteen tow-headed bare-footed children, all simply to satisfy the rapacity of a government, whose vaults are already overflowing. Verily the temper of our citizens is to be commended and their forbearance almost miraculous.—*Fayetteville News.*

— Raleigh *Chronicle:* The indications are that the offer made by the University to give special instructions to the teachers of the State, will be accepted by a number of them and that the session will begin the 14th of February, 1888. — There has been some change in the railroad situation since the last issue of the *Chronicle*. Our business men are now shipping via the Raleigh & Gaston as well as the R. & D. R. R. This was deemed the wisest course to pursue under the circumstances. — J. C. L. Harris, editor of the *Signal* (Republican organ) is quoted as saying that Judge Russell, of Wilmington, will accept the Republican nomination for Governor if it is tendered him. Well, Judge Russell is about the size man the Democrats can beat out of his boots. — The union revival, conducted by Rev. R. G. Pearson, grows in interest. The church is crowded nightly, and there have been nearly 100 conversions up to this time.

— Charlotte *Democrat:* Sunday night last, Nov. 20, the thermometer dropped down to 25 degrees. — It does really seem to be a fact that the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company is going to give Charlotte a respectable depot building in place of the dog kennel concern we have had for many years. — Judge Russell is a man of pure personal character, and, from what we hear, we think the Republicans want to run him for Governor. — "Virginia will certainly have two very able men in her next Legislature, Col. A. S. Buford from Richmond and Col. L. D. Starke from Norfolk. Col. Buford is a North Carolinian, and we think Col. Starke is."—*Asheville Citizen.* Col. Buford is a native of Davie county and Col. Starke, we think, is a native of Currituck.

GOD'S COMFORTER.

S. DECATUR SMITH.

What time the Christ to Calvary was led
And hung all bleeding on the cross of shame,
While frenzied hordes reviled and mocked His name,
O'er thorns the golden aureole's flame was shed.
When o'er his face death's deadly pallor spread
And one great cry of anguish shook His frame,
On rapid wing a pitying robin came,
And fluttered sorrowful about His head.
From out the wounded brow, with eager beak,
The robin plucked a thorn, when, like a tear,
Upon its breast one drop of life-blood fell.
And even now the blessed brand will speak,
From every robin's bosom, of the dear
And tender pity that He knew so well.

—*Christmas number of Scribner's Magazine.*

RELIGIOUS MISCELLANY.

— Conditions of a genuine revival: A sense of absolute dependence upon God; believing prayer, delight in the ordinances of the Church; a spirit of self-sacrifice.—*Nashville Advocate.*

— We ought never to be afraid of God's providences when they seem to break up our lives and crush our hopes and even to turn us away from our chosen paths of usefulness and service. God knows what he wants to do with us, how he can best use us, and where and in what line of ministry he would have us serve. When he shuts one door it is because he has another standing open for our feet. When he breaks our lives to pieces it is because they will do more for his glory and the world's good broken and shattered than whole.—*Presbyterian.*

— While at Monteagle, "in the Tennessee Mountains," last August, the Rev. R. A. Young, D. D., our scholarly ex-Missionary Secretary, mentioned Dr. Moses D. Hoge, of this city, as without an equal in the pulpit on either Continent. At the recent Presbyterian Convention in Norfolk, Dr. Hoge preached for our Granby Street church, and it was with difficulty Dr. Tudor could get his eloquent guest through the thronged aisles to the chancel. The house held only a part of the people eager to hear a minister renowned beyond English-speaking people.—*Richmond Advocate.*

— Bishop Warren, of the Northern Church, says that the Methodist missionaries have established a Theological Institute and spent much money in buildings. Our Church is to furnish a Professor of Old Testament Exegesis. In the midst of thirty millions of heathens hungry for the gospel an apostle crosses the Pacific and squats down in a house to drool and twaddle about Old Testiment criticisms, Hebrew points and such stuff! We can see why God burnt up the seminaries of Dr. Coke to save the "brush college" of the itinerancy. The grand old race of prophets went to seed in the schools that bred scribes, lawyers, Pharisees.—*Richmond Advocate*

— There are hardly any civilized men who are not apparently good in points. Some have pet commandments which they would not break for the world. Almost every man has chosen one commandment, and thinks in keeping that he is keeping the ten. There are persons who would not steal for the world, yet they would break all the other nine commandments as quickly as they could be handed to them. This is not obedience. This is the worst kind of disobedience. The man who will have nothing to do with the commandments at all may take to himself some kind of reputation for grim consistency; but he who palters with pledges and histories and vows and moralities, pleases himself, and is not exemplifying a spirit of unquestionable obedience. How, then, does it stand with men to day? We cannot rid men of this sophism, that to do one good thing is to have at least so much reputation for goodness.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

— It will be seen by a careful reading of the extract appended to this that the question at issue is, whether Jesus did condemn the spirit of the modern practice of conferring the title D. D. when he used the following words, recorded by Matthew in chapter 23:8. "But be not ye called rabbi, for one is your teacher and all ye are brethren." If we understand them, brother Broadus takes the ground that to construe this language of our Savior into the condemnation of conferring the title D. D. is to do what *literalists* do, when they destroy the *spirit* of a command by interpreting only the *letter* of that command. Upon the other hand, brother Ryland assumes that it is not *literalism* in that objectionable sense, but that to interpret that Scripture as condemning the conferring of the title D. D. is to follow the teachings both of the *letter* and of the *spirit* of our Master's words. We have not the slightest doubt in our mind that the position of brother Ryland is correct.—*Western N. C. Baptist.*

POLITICAL POINTS.

— The result of the election in New York is of national importance. It settles the nomination of the President by acclamation, and it makes the nomination of Mr. Blaine extremely improbable.—*Harper's Weekly, Mugwump.*

— Shirts are being exported from this country, and the women of New York who make them get 35 cents a dozen for doing it. Wouldn't it be well for Great Britain to adopt a protective tariff against the pauper labor of New York?—*Boston Globe, Dem.*

— The new Assistant Secretary of State from New York is, it seems, a Democrat of Mugwump tendencies, as he voted for Nicoll in the late New York city election. We presume, however, the President did not take him because of his policies.—*Boston Herald, Ind. Rep.*

— Charlotte *Hornet*: Yesterday morning, at Monroe, Emanuel Bristol, a colored man, shot and killed another colored man named Will Matthews. The killing was the result of a quarrel on the preceding night, which was renewed yesterday morning. Both of the men were section hands of Capt. Fortune, the section master at that place. Bristol was very close to Matthews when he fired, and the bullet went in just over Will's heart. He expired in a very short time. Bristol escaped in the confusion.

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