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ONLY FIVE THOUSAND.

We have before us an exhibit of the Wake county finances, up to the first day of February, of the present year, by which it appears that at that date, the county was indebted only \$5,316.75.

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TOWNSHIP MEETING IN RALPHIGH.

A large and respectable meeting of the Conservatives of Raleigh Township, was held in the Court Room, on Saturday evening last.

The meeting was organized by calling Col. James G. to the Chair and appointing Thomas J. Gardner, Secretary.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of five delegates to represent the Township in the County Convention, to be held in Raleigh, on the 28th inst.

The election resulted in the choice of B. P. Roney, W. F. Moore, Johnson McCaskey, J. T. Roney, E. G. Garrison.

On motion of W. J. Murray, the chairman appointed the following committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting, to wit: R. F. Roney, W. F. Moore, Johnson McCaskey, G. M. Hazel and E. G. Garrison.

John A. Short also presented the committee returned and reported the following resolutions which were adopted unanimously.

Resolved 1st. That the people of North Carolina have given the Republican party a full and fair trial and they have failed in every department of the government, more for the want of integrity than ability.

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Resolved 3rd. That it is high time that the government of North Carolina should be in the hands of North Carolinians, and that strangers and carpet baggers be requested to depart themselves more after the 30th inst.

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PUBLIC MEETING.

A meeting of the Conservatives of Person County, was held at McGee's Store, on Saturday night last.

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DIRECT TRADE.

We yesterday published an extract from a letter of J. H. Roney, relative to a proposition to establish a line of steamers between that port and this, the said steamer to bring emigrants and to receive freight with passengers.

It is to be hoped that an appropriation can be obtained from Congress for the purpose of opening our ports, so that the great drawback is a want of funds.

But should this appropriation not be made, we see no special reason why a line of light draft ocean steamers cannot be established between this port and Liverpool.

In several instances during the war blockade runners crossed the water and brought here full and valuable cargoes. The danger of the sea did not intimidate them, and why should they do so now?

At the present time these light steamers could carry on an average 2000 bales of cotton, and would be able to compete with the great steamships.

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FREE SCHOOLS.

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What I do understand is this, which has come under my own observation. For the county in which I live there was no money for the year ending in 1869, and the report of the Superintendent of Public Education to the Board of Education, in 1870, shows that the State Treasurer, who reported "no funds on hand," the \$350,000 raised by special tax for the purpose of paying teachers has been borrowed to pay the members of the Legislature their per diem, and it is considered extremely doubtful whether it will ever be refunded. Besides this the enormous and intricate machinery which not even those who planned it can understand or work, requires one third of the money that it formerly required to be spent in actually teaching the children. \$30,000 per annum is required to oil these numerous wheels which yet have not made one progressive revolution.

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Our present Superintendent, I believe, receives \$2,500 salary, with perquisites amount to all other wheels with. Teaching has started.

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From the facts before us it appears that Jim and another dankey named Sam, who were both confined in one cell, had made repeated attempts to break jail. After having given them the rope, they were taken to the jail by Mr. David Ezzell, accompanied by Mr. Geo. J. Robinson, proceeded to the cell occupied by the prisoners, with intention to iron them. While the jailor was leaning over to iron Sam, Jim, seizing a heavy bolt, arose, and assuming a pugnacious position, seized the jailor by the collar, and told him to get out. "Sam, don't you let him do it!" "Well, no doubt, under the impulse of excitement, Mr. Robinson fired upon the mutineer, the ball passing through his chin into his throat, glancing the windpipe and is now lodged in the prisoner's breast who is said to be in a very critical condition.

We learn, says the Johnston that another of those bold and startling robberies for which our unfortunate community is becoming so famous, was perpetrated upon the premises of Zach. Fullmore, Esq., near Ashpole Presbyterian church in this county, on Sunday last.

It seems that during the absence of the family, a party of seven or eight broke into the house, forced open the trunk, drawers, and chest, and carried off with them thirty three thousand dollars in Confederate currency and about fifty dollars in specie, together with several articles of clothing, &c.

A negro boy who had been left alone for the house, mounted a horse and rode to the church to inform the family, but before a company of men from the church could reach the house, the robbers had retired in pursuit, but, at last accounts, had not succeeded in capturing the villain.

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TO BUSINESS MEN.

It is the purpose of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society, to publish, in a few days, a revised Premium list. The usual number of pages will be reserved for advertisements, those wishing to avail themselves of this mode of advertising, will please communicate promptly with

J. J. LITCHFORD, Correspondent Secretary.

IMPROVEMENT FOR DEER IN VIRGINIA.

The Charlottesville Chronicle reports the arrest of Mr. Martin Baker, in Albemarle county, Va., and his imprisonment, after a full hearing by Judge Shackelford, a debt, to remain so confined until he can show just cause why he should not satisfy an execution rendered against him in Loudoun county. Before the rendition of the judgment in favor of the creditor, Mr. Baker had sold his land and said that he intended to keep the money.

Good Lord deliver us.

Henry Ward Beecher, according to the New York Herald, makes Plymouth Church resound with laughter every Sunday.

Politeness may prevent the want of wit and talent from being observed, but wit and talent cannot prevent the discovery of the want of politeness.