

In Sicily the peasants are in arms against their government, and an incipient revolution is on the carpet.

A couple of American seamen who were sent by the captain of the schooner to which they belonged towards the shore of San Domingo to make some enquiry, were fired on and one at least was mortally wounded.

The Manufacturers' Record has analysed the figures published by Bradstreet showing 800,000 unemployed men in this country.

COMMENTING ON A PARAGRAPH that recently appeared in this paper touching the Ling Gun case, the Asheville Citizen says:

"We do not believe it is any part of the Governor's duties to manifest any particular purpose in this case so long as those officers of the law who have jurisdiction in the premises are believed to be capable and evince a disposition to carry out their sworn duty."

"Our bright contemporary we suppose will admit that because this unfortunate victim was a citizen of a foreign country, particular care should be taken in all the stages of the case."

And we suppose it will also admit that the Governor may in any case manifest a particular interest in seeing the law enforced until a true bill is found and a case constituted in the court.

Thus there would have been no departure from propriety had the Governor seen fit to have gone to the vicinity of the crime and by such lawful means as he might use have pressed the investigation in such a direction as would lead to the conviction of the murderers.

The Charleston News and Courier commends to the people of North Carolina a thoughtful study of the condition of things now prevailing in South Carolina.

DIRECTORS WHO DO DIRECT

Recently the Northern Pacific Railroad has passed into the hands of receivers, the receivers being the former President, Thomas F. Oakes, and others, forming a continuation of the past management.

Such are the allegations now made on behalf of the company.

An esteemed exchange remarks that the action of the Charlotte Observer and of this paper in raising the price cannot but excite surprise among the profession in the State.

As the expenses of production can not be lessened, the price has to be increased, if the paper is to be continued.

In general, the situation of the Charlotte Observer is not dissimilar from our own. We do not doubt that its balance is on the wrong side of its ledger.

On January 21st Metropolitan Hall, Prof. Edward G. Daves, a North Carolinian, now resident in Baltimore, is to deliver an address in aid of the project to preserve the Old Fort Raleigh.

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SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Head Notes for 113 N. C. Reports.

BY R. T. GRAY, ESQ.

F. E. SHOBER VS. W. H. WHEELER et al. From Forsyth; affirmed. 1. Where, at the call of a case for trial in the Court below, it appeared that the plaintiffs were willing to proceed without certain mortgages of defendant being made parties, and that the defendants had excepted to a former order of the Court directing such mortgages to be made parties, and that the validity of the mortgages could not be affected by the result of the trial, it was a matter entirely within the discretion of the trial Judge to determine whether or not the cause should be tried before the mortgages were brought in.

2. A party who has examined his adversary under the provisions of Section 581, of the Code, is not compelled to use the testimony on the trial nor does he, by such examination, make such adversary his witness.

3. Objection to testimony is obviated where the objecting party by his own witness afterwards substantiates the testimony so objected to.

4. In the trial of an action to set aside a deed as fraudulent, a tax return made by the grantee in which he did not return the land as his, was properly admitted for the consideration of the jury, it being some evidence that the grantee did not consider himself as the owner of the land.

5. The decision of the trial Judge as to which party shall open and conclude the argument to the jury (the defendant having introduced evidence) is final and not reviewable.

6. It is within the discretion of the trial Judge whether he will consider or ignore prayers for special instructions to the jury handed to him after the time prescribed therefor.

7. Exceptions to a charge should be specific; therefore, where a charge contains numerous distinct propositions, an exception "for misdirection in charging the jury as requested by plaintiffs, which charge is recited above," is too general and will not be considered.

8. While inadequacy of price will not per se vitiate a sale made by an insolvent to a near relative, or to another, unless so gross as to appear that the purchaser got the property for nothing, yet it is always a suspicious circumstance in a transaction by an insolvent and justifies careful scrutiny, and the greater the discrepancy between the real value and the price, the greater the suspicion.

BOARD OF EDUCATION VS. COMMISSIONER OF BLINDS, FROM BLADEN; reversed.

1. It is the exclusive right of the legislature to determine and declare his 84th year, and the London Times calls to mind his former assertion that no man ought to be Premier of Great Britain who is over 60 years of age.

2. The act of the legislature (chapter 198, acts of 1889) providing pensions for disabled and necessitous Confederate soldiers and their indigent widows was enacted in the discharge of a legal as well as moral obligation enjoined by section 5, article 11 of the Constitution.

3. As the levy of the tax of nine cents made by the act of 1889 did not exceed one-fourth of the total State levy on the poll, the legislature had the right to appropriate it to the particular class of the indigent (disabled and indigent Confederate soldiers and their indigent widows) and to provide by other legislation for the poor through the County Commissioners of the various counties.

4. Such levy of nine cents for pensions is authorized only as a tax for the maintenance of the poor and cannot be imposed as an additional tax, but is a part of and must be deducted from the one fourth of the capitation tax usually subject to appropriation for the support of the poor, three-fourths of the capitation tax being set apart by the Constitution for public school purposes.

5. Where a County Board of Education brought suit against the Board of Commissioners to recover the portion of the capitation tax paid over to the State for several years for the pension fund to the detriment of the general poor fund, held, that, while the educational fund should not have been diminished by such misapplication, the County Commissioners cannot be held liable for the same, either individually or as representatives of the county, nor, indeed, can the county treasurer who has paid such portion over to the State be held liable, as was held in the somewhat analogous case of Liles vs. Rogers at this term.

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Communicated.

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Few, if any, of our sister Southern States have, I believe, been as backward as our own in honoring their sons who fell in the gray-Virginia has the Portsmouth monument; the highly artistic and effective one at Winchester; the Jackson statue; the Hill statue; and the magnificent Lee statue, besides the numerous statues in the State.

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WAKE JUSTICES SWEAR WORDS

Writes a Critic That the Savior Used Language as severe as a lion

WAKE, Dec. 28.—Governor Waite yesterday wrote a letter to Richard Collins of this city, in reply to one suggesting that profanity did not well become His Excellency's station. Mr. Collins had reference to the Governor's recent statement before a business men's convention that he was in favor of keeping up the fight for the free exchange of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 "until hell freezes over."

"Profanity is not to be commended and doubtless as a rule, is in bad taste; though there may be cases when it is not only excusable, but the word itself is not necessarily profane. It is not considered allowable in polite society, and has been excluded, I am informed, from the modern version of the scriptures, but it hardly comes within the prohibitions of the decalogue.

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