

William Mesmer was hanged at Statesville last week, for the murder of his mother-in-law.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania have issued an address demanding that Samuel J. Tilden be declared President.

The investigating committee, have upon a careful reading of the Florida ballots, given the State to Tilden. This settles fully the matter as to Tilden's election.

We are under obligations to the marshals of the Euzelean and Philomathesian Literary Societies, of Wake Forest College for an invitation to attend their celebration, which takes place on Feb 14th.

The old year has now passed and the new year has set in. In parting with the old year, we can but do so with reluctance and a feeling of regret.

With this issue we commence the publication of the history of Hertford county, written by one of our Hertford's most gifted sons, Maj. John W. Moore.

The inauguration of Governor Z. B. Vance, on Monday, notwithstanding the unpleasant weather was doubtless one of the grandest and most glorious affairs that has ever taken place in North Carolina.

The New York Milliner and Dress-maker for January is at hand and contains as much useful and instructive reading as ever.

The above elegant "Boys and Girls" monthly for January, has been received. It contains the usual amount of choice and instructive reading for the improvement of the youthful mind.

We are also in receipt of this excellent magazine from the publishers. We really feel that no more appropriate remembrance could the Enquirer have received from Messrs. Scribner & Co., than their excellent publication for the holidays.

The Study of the Modern vs. That of the Ancient Languages.

It seems to be the prevailing opinion at the present day that one cannot be a scholar in any of the learned branches without being a thorough Latin and Greek scholar.

are necessary. This we admit; but we hold that a thorough knowledge of one is better than a smattering of both. It cannot be denied that the modern languages are most necessary for the modern student.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF HERTFORD COUNTY.

BY J. W. MOORE.

INTRODUCTION.

It was an age of wondrous events, when England saw Sir Humphrey Gilbert and his half-brother, Walter Raleigh, initiate the movement which has resulted in the creation of her present empire.

With the exception of Ireland and the Channel Islands, the dominion of England at that day was confined to its own narrow limits. Scotland after centuries of heroic and availing contest, was still an independent monarchy.

The story of the men who laid the earliest foundations of North Carolina's existence as a State is full of the deepest tragedy.

deeds; and they are still famous in the world's records. Sir Walter Raleigh was a statesman in the noblest sense of the word.

Carolina and Virginia were the fruits of English patriotism and adventure. No discomfort at home sent abroad the bold men who first came to Roanoke and Jamestown.

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