EFFORT.

my man ever accomplish anyentitle him to the lasting grat his fellow-men without EF-We do not mean 'that spaskind, which upsets and oververy obstacle for a brief season, en stops short, because it is seed that our plans were not unidered and that failure is inbut we mean steady, deterpersistent, enlightened effort, recoils at no obstacle, however ble it may appear. It is true, ch effort as even this, will es fail by reason of circumover which men have no conint it is also true that no other sill succeed.

is true of individuals is equally communities, both large and the prosperity of a communiods upon individual effort. all the best of efforts often sucdess we avail ourselves of the and aids that present themselves proceed, and to do this successitelligence and discrimination ispensible. Hence, the educathe youth of every community ount. An ignorant commumanot compete with an enlighme in any landable enterprise. only should schools be provided training of youth, but every mity of two hundred inhabi-fould establish and support a sper, devoted to its business inand to the interests of the peothe surrounding country, that relations may be perpetuated ir mutual prosperity promoted.

FOLLY.

need practical farmers say at "pay" to raise cotton at 12 pound on land that will prowithout manure, a four hundnd bag to the acre, when culby the owner. What folly, ar a poor man to rent a piece Mort to make a soil in which in plant will thrive, at last in housing 200 pounds (often flint cotton ber acre !

not evident to the most obtuse anding, that any one who perthis course is on the most didto either pauperism or crime? to be blamed in this matter ? the tight-grasping land own that in the end his short-tenant must either starve or

Babcock has been acquitted, do not suppose that fact will tuch surprise from any one alequally as guilty as Joyce, Avery and others. He was sident's friend, you know, and redeeming quality he (the at) possesses, is a great affecor his friends and relatives.



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Smithfield, N.C., Thursday, March 2d, 1876.

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The Democratic State Executive Committee will meet in Raleigh the 13th of March to determine upon the place and time for holding the State Convention.

CONVENTION.

It is to be hoped that the Drmocratic convention soon to be called for the purpose of nominating a State ticket, will consider well who are to be the nominess, as a mistake of this kind might work ruin to the party in the State election. Good men must be chosen-men of "no uncertain sound"-whom the people know and have confidence in, and, while doing so, let them not selfishly and illiberally debar patriotic citizens known as Liberal Rebublicans, and Reformers from having a part and voice in the matter of reorganization. For some of our truest, and most trustworthy men of to-day were once Oid Line Whigs, and bitterly averse to the principles of Democracy. Let the call be broad and liberal, and so plain that it cannot be mistaken by any who desires the overthrow and annihilation of that rotten and corrupt element known as radicalism. Such a course would, in our humble opinion, rally the people to the Democratic standard and insure our success.

HOME MATTERS.

- -The weather still variable.
- -Read all new advertisements.
- -It has rained every two or three days for the past month.
- -Read the adv. of Messrs. Martin & Herring, Tanners.
- -Mr. Garrett, the photogsapher, will soon be in town. See advertise-

-First shad caught in Neuse river last week, near this place. Mr. Nichols was the man !

-Any one wanting this paper for one year, can have it by paying the price of subscription in wood,

-Mr. S. woodall came very near having a fire on last Friday. There was considerable excitement, but happily, not much damage done.

-Let some of our Selma and Clayton friends write us "a few lines" upon the doings of their respective towns each week.

-Julius Taylor, says the Raleigh christian Advocate, had his hands badly burned in trying to save Virgin ia Smith, a girl about 13 years old, whose dress accidentally caught fire, about a week ago.

-Johnston county has an iron mine which might be worked profitably, by some company that has the capital It is but a few miles from this place. Samples of ore may be seen in the sheriff's office.

ATTENTION VETERANS.-All those who served in the United States army in the war with Mexico, and now residing in this county or the State, are requested to send their names at once to O. R. Smith, corresponding secretary N. C. association of the veterans of the Mexican war, Raleigh. There is a bill now pending before both Houses, with some prospect of its passage, for pensioning the brave Southern heroes who were the principal actors in that war, and who materially aided to raise the United States army to that high standard of excellence which at that time characterized it. It does not matter from what Stata they went, or what arm of the service they belonged, either on land or sea, so the secretary has their names enrolled upon the books of the association in order to save time and delay in drawing the allowance should the bill pass.

HYMENIAL.-During the months of January and February, there were issued by our clever Register of Deeds Jesse Adams, esq., 47 marriage licenses, 30 white, and 17 colored. Yet our people complain of hard times, but some of them are either better off than they say they are, else they possess an unusual share of the go-

ahead don't-care-a-copper kind of courage.

CONGRESS .- The teacher of a country school in Johnston county, after a class of a dozen boys had spelled a R. & D. R. R. Company. column in Webster, asked them the meaning of the word "Congress," and none of them could give a correct answer, when he turned to a young hopeful of six summers, sitting over in the corner, and said, "Solomon, tell these boys what congressite." Selomon sprang to his feet, and with an air of assurance, answered, "A bull, sir !" We conclude, from the way the people of the United States have been bullied the past few years, that Solomon's definition was not far from correct.

LOST IN THE WOODS .- A child of Nazara Godwin, a colored man, living about three miles from this place, got lost in the woods, on Thursday, the 24th ult. The child, whose name is Diana, is about six years old. and went with a larger sister to a neighbor's house, accompanied by the yard dog. On reaching their destination, they found no one at home, and the younger one fearing her absence would incur the displeasure of her mother, started back home, followed only by the dog. On the way the dog was attacked by another, whipped, and driven away, and the child left to pursue her journey alone. Erery one in the neighborhood hunted all that night for her, and an unremitting search was kept up until Sunday morning, last, when the party, numbering about three hundred found her about 10 o'clock, a.m., on an island called Pole Cat, six miles from Smithfield, perfectly helpless. After offering up prayer and thanks to the Most High for rewarding their efforts, the child was conveyed home, where she now lies in a critical condi-

JOURNALISTIC.

We have received the first number of the Johnston Courier, published in Smithfield, by Mr. S. F. Gardner. It is neatly printed, is democratic in politics, and will no doubt be a valuable organ for the party and an accept-able journal to our neighbors of Johnston. - Raleigh News, Feb. 26th.

JOHNSTON COURIER.-This is the title of a new weekly democratic paper published at Smithfield, Johnston county, the first number of which reached us yesterday. S. F. Gardner, a clever? gentleman and able writer is the editor and proprietor. We welcome the Courier to our exchange list. and hope it will meet with a full mean ure of success. The Conrier will no doubt do valiant service in the approaching campaign.-Raleigh Sentinel, Ech. 26th.

We have received the initial copy of the Johnston Confier, a weekly paper published at Smithfield, by S. F. tlardner. The paper is full of reading matter, and presents a good appearance. We wish the new paper success.—Newbern Nut Shell, Feb 28.

Johnson Courier is the name of a very neatly printed paper just started in the ancient town of Smithfield, by S. F. Gardner. Price \$2.00 a year .-Reidsville Times. Feb. 23rd.

The Johnston [county] Courier, Smithfield, N. C. Gardner, editor. The outside is printed with blue ink. and it is democratic to the back bone. The editor does his own engraving. -Statesville Landmark, Feb. 29.

We heartily thank our brethren for the kindly notices of our enterprise, and we feel highly flattered, coming, as they do, from journals of large influence and ability. Such gives us much encouragement, and we pledge them our that nothing that we can do toward our common cause, vis :- the advancement of civil liberty, the diffusion of knowledge among the masses, and the overthrow of carpet-bag-scallawagismshall be left undone.

NOTICE!

The present term of the Smithyirld school will continue till the last of May. Parents wishing to send their sons or daughters to this sobool, can obtain board in good moral families, with everything furnished, at \$10.00 NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Photography

The undersigned, contemplates being in the town of Smithfield on march 21st for the purpose of taking photographs, ferotypes, and all kinds

of pictures. Come and secure the shadow ere the substance departs. Copying likenesses of deceased friends a specialty. I shall remain during court week, and those wishing anything in my line should be certain to give me a call. Satisfaction in all work fully guaranteed.

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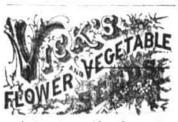
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against
James Boyett, Defend't. SUMMONS. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

To the Sheriff of Johnston county, Greeting:-You are hereby com-manded to summon James Boyett, the defendant above named, if he be found within your county; to be and appear before the Judge of our Supe-rior Court, to be held for the county of Johnston, at the Court House in Smithfield, on the sixth Monday after the second Monday of August, and answer the complaint, which will be deposited in the office of the clerk of the Superior court of said county, within the first three days of the next term thereof, and let the defendant take notice that if he fail to answer the complaint within the term, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Hereof fail not, and of this summons make due return. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, this 9th day of September, 1875. J. H. ABELL,

Clerk of Superior Court of Johnston

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