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SMITHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 3, 1882.

There will be held in the Court House at Smithville, Brunswick county, on the 18th inst., a convention of the colored citizens of said county, to take into consideration and discuss the fact that they are, and have been, deprived of the right—a right guaranteed to them by the Constitution of the United States, and of North Carolina—to serve on juries, as enjoyed by our white fellow citizens; and further, what is best to do in the premises, for an abolition of such unjust treatment, and denial to them their constitutional prerogatives. The leading colored citizens of each township in said county will please call meetings in their respective townships on Saturday, the 11th inst., and select three (3) delegates to represent their townships in said convention.

W. H. CRAIG,
JOSEPH SPELLS,
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TO THE COLORED CITIZENS OF PENDER COUNTY.

BURGAW, Pender County, N. C.,
January 21st, 1882.

There will be a convention of the colored citizens of Pender county at Burgaw, at 11 o'clock a. m. on the 11th day of February next, for the purpose of taking steps looking to the enforcement of the rights of the colored citizens in the courts. The colored citizens of the various townships will please hold meetings on the 4th day of February, at 12 m. for the purpose of electing delegates to said convention.

ALFRED LLOYD,
G. W. CARR,
W. MCINTIRE,
J. B. McCLESE,
A. V. HORRELL,
Chairman Rep. Com.

It is said by the friends of Mrs. Garfield that she has paid no attention to the Guiteau trial.

How would the rice farmers of the Cape Fear like to have the duties taken off? which will be done if Democracy is successful.

The south has just commenced the manufacturing business, and now the Democrats want to strike manufacturing interest a blow that will be a stunner, by removing the tariff. The south could not be injured worse at this time than by removing the duties which are now imposed on imports.

The Western Union bulletin received here yesterday from Washington, states that Judge Cox overruled the opinion of Seville and Reed, counsel for Chas. Guiteau for a new trial, and sentenced him to be hanged on the 30th day of June, 1882, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, at the jail in the City of Washington.

The reorganization of the marine hospital service so as to put it on a more substantial footing, is the unquestioned duty of Congress. The service is better conducted at this time than ever before, and while this is the case, Congress should put such guarantees around it that the officers of the service will feel secure in their position, and can go on in their good work for the benefit of the hospital bureau without feeling any concern about their own individual tenure. In fact the hospital bureau should be entirely lifted out of the influence of politics, as much as the army and navy.

The Washington Republican says:—"At the meeting of the House committee on Commerce, on Tuesday, a favorable report was authorized to be made on Representative Rosceron's bill increasing the efficiency of the marine hospital service. It provides that the corps of medical officers shall hereafter consist of one surgeon-general, thirteen surgeons, one medical purveyor, and twenty passed assistant and assistant surgeons." If this bill is approved by the Surgeon-General of the marine hospital service, Dr. Hamilton, we hope it will pass.

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CABINET APPOINTMENTS.

We know of no man who would fill a position in the Cabinet more agreeably to the southern people, and with more ability to the country generally, and to the satisfaction of the President, than Hon. Kenneth Baynor of Mississippi, formerly of North Carolina, who served many years in Congress, and has been for the past four years Solicitor of the Treasury. We would be glad to see him have the position.

Colonel William Johnson has never denied being in favor of an independent party. And those Democrats who are so anxious to bulldoze him into saying that he will continue to act with that party in the future, have made and will continue to make a total failure. The fact is Col. Johnson and Maj. Charles Price are independent anti-prohibition Democrats, and will not act with the Democratic party in the future unless there is a change of leaders and a change of the party policy. "They are anti-prohibitionists." "In favor of local self-government." "A free ballot and a fair count, equal rights in the courts for all citizens. And we have no doubt but what they will be found on the hunting next summer advocating those principles, regardless of party ties.

The Virginia legislature has passed the bill changing the constitution so as to allow men to vote who have not paid their poll tax. The bill has passed two legislatures and will now be submitted to the people for ratification, which will unquestionably be done, by a large majority. The whipping post has not yet been abolished, but it is thought the bill will pass during the present session.

The Massey difficulty is still going on. The caucus of the Readjusters wanted to name Mr. Massey's subordinate as auditor of public accounts, this Mr. Massey would not submit to, and the caucus refused to renominate Mr. Massey as auditor, and a young man by the name of S. Brown Allen was nominated. But when the legislature came to act on the matter, six Readjusters in the Senate bolted, and they, acting with the Democrats, have prevented an election up to this time. The fight has grown to be a very bitter one, and unless healed very soon will do great harm to the Readjuster independent party of that state.

Governor Jarvis on the School Book Question.

Governor Jarvis has taken occasion through the columns of the Raleigh Banner to set himself right on the school book question. He states in very plain English, that it was not his purpose nor was it the purpose of the state board of education to compel the use of the books which the board saw fit to recommend. That the law required such action and the board could not avoid the duty imposed. That no school committee, county superintendent or teacher, is bound by the recommendations of the board, but are entirely at liberty to exercise their best judgment in selecting proper books for the use of the schools under their charge. We fully agree with the Governor in his view both of the letter and spirit of the law. We have always held that the law means just what the Governor says it does. But if this be so, whence does the State Superintendent of Public Instruction derive the authority to represent and declare to local school committees that the action of the state board in the matter is compulsory law and must be strictly enforced? And why have teachers all over the state been forced to lay aside books which they preferred and made to accept the new books? That Mr. Scarborough under cover of his office and the action of the state board, has assumed such authority; no one conversant with the facts will affect to deny. School committees and teachers throughout the state say that he has thus interpreted the law to them, and upon such interpretation they have been compelled to act. If the Governor has correctly stated the position of the board and the meaning of the law, then Mr. Scarborough has grossly perverted his high office and richly merits universal condemnation.

There is a piece of rascality in this little game that is being played at the expense of the poor people of the state, and to the detriment of education, which should be unearthed and exposed in all of its hideous blackness. Could anybody of men having the least degree of discrimination in such a matter have eyes recommended such books as many of those comprising the series put forth by the board, solely upon their merits? Can it be possible that North Carolina has a State Superintendent of Education and a State Educational Board composed of her highest executive officers, who are so ignorantly blind as to recommend Holmes' reader as being the best in the market? Do the people of North Carolina believe that Alexander Stephens, the late Vice-President

of the Confederacy, has written a better and a more impartial history of the country which he did all in his power to destroy, than the able professional historians whose works are standard and are used in all the best schools of the nation? And last, but not least, is Moore's "History of North Carolina," which, aside from its many glaring inaccuracies, is nothing more than a Democratic catechism from which that party, through its representatives at the capital, would have our children learn the inception, progress and termination of the terrible conflict which wrought the deliverance of the country from the foul blot of human slavery. No; these books were not recommended on account of superiority over other books of like nature, nor is that the motive which has moved Mr. Superintendent Scarborough, contrary to the understanding of the board as stated by Gov. Jarvis, and contrary to the law as it passed the legislature, to make the impression upon school officers throughout the state that there is no appeal from the action of the state board. Mr. Scarborough's motives and the motives of the board in making such recommendations, are much deeper. It is the price they would have us pay to perpetuate sectional prejudices, party bitterness and the dangerous political dogmas, which have already with knarled hand, grasped for the very vitals of the great Republic. It matters but little that our schools and our little ones must suffer on this account. It matters not that thousands and thousands of hard earned dollars wrung from a poor people struggling between existence and its end, must go to meet the demand. It matters not that teachers protest and parents complain. The decree has gone forth that the publishers of the ring must be rewarded for their labors and regardless of all other consideration the order must be executed.

The University Readers.
(In our article of last issue as in some others, a number of typographical errors occurred which the reader must have readily detected. Our chirography is not after the best model and the wonder is that more, and graver mistakes have not been occasioned.)
We will take a few more examples in detective punctuation.
"A grasshopper, who, by chance had not been killed," &c.—(3rd p. III.) There is no reason for a comma before and after who. There are obvious reasons why there should be none. This also may be a proper place to remark that making who represent the grasshopper proper, because the grasshopper is personified and made to talk. This rule however is disregarded in most of the fables in this series. Fable, once so common, holds but an indifferent place in the best literature, and it is too prominent in these readers. Fables have had their day, and their little moral can be better taught in another way.

When now, or any one word, without close connections, introduces a sentence, it is not necessarily set off by a comma, as,—"Now, turn over a new leaf!"—"Now, these rays were so bright!" &c.
"Oh, aunt, aunt!" said Eliza, one fair morning towards the end of August, "here is uncle come from his walk, and he has brought such a pretty little bird!" (4th p. 74.)
Who does not know that in uttering "oh aunt," the pause is so very slight that it is of very little importance, and to mark the same pause there, as after August, is a mistake. When a compound sentence is long, and is composed of two general members that require to be broken up into parts, more closely connected the two members should be separated by a semicolon, and then each should be broken up by commas if desired. Therefore there should be a semi-colon after August. Very much could be said on this subject, but we can do little more than call attention to it.

One word more as to grading: After going through the series, it is difficult to understand how such an incongruity in this respect has been gathered within a few hundred pages. For instance, in the Third book, page 118, we have almost a literal adaptation of that chief character of Longfellow's, "Hawthorn's Hunting."—(This would not have been out of place in the 3rd Reader—and is to be found in many of the various 3rd Readers with which we are familiar.) Contrast this gem with such trashy doggerel as the adaptation of "Barbara Blue," page 138 same book, or with the Dialogue on page 127 where we are told that "A horse is an animal of the quadruped kind, whole hoofs, with short erect ears, a flowing mane, and a tail covered with long hair."
In dismissing these readers we must remark that they do not contain a

single element that would give them the preference over other books now in use, and the only thing that could justify a new set of readers, would be an advance in excellence. Every distinctive feature of these books, can be found in better form in other books, and this fact is sufficient to settle all questions in relation to their claims. We specially invite the attention of teachers and school committees to this important view of the whole subject.

The choice of school books is not a matter of latitude nor favoritism. There are higher considerations. The great interests of education, and the progress of literature, art and science, should not be compromised to the claims of sectional prejudices nor party strife. Progress should be our polar star, merit be our favoritism, and impartiality the scale in which to weigh all conflicting claims.

CITY ITEMS.

Bishop J. W. Hood, of the A. M. E. Zion Church of the North Carolina District, is expected in the city the coming week.

Dr. Fairfax Irwin, and the officers and employees of the Marine Hospital, will appear in uniform on and after Wednesday next.

John A. Owens, recently pardoned from the Penitentiary, has been delivering lectures in the Second Baptist Church, of this city, addressed particularly to young men and young women.

Dr. Fairfax Irwin, surgeon in charge of the Marine Hospital, has received notice from the Collector at Brunswick, Georgia, that he has sent a sailor by the name of John Beckwell to the hospital here for treatment. It is feared that the sailor has been permanently injured by falling from the mast of a vessel.

COL. O. H. BLOCKER.—This loyal son of North Carolina has been lying quite sick at his plantation near Fayetteville, where we are glad to inform his many friends that he is "on the mend," as the doctors would say. We can't afford to let the old man hand in his checks yet, notwithstanding the fact that he has retired from office and become a respectable gentleman. The country will, some of these days, demand his services again. And, in fact, Blocker is too good a man to be left in the backwoods, making cotton and corn, and we expect to see him some day holding high political position.

A COUPLE OF SWINDLERS.—Two colored men, named Dick Boston and Nat Hill, were arrested a few days ago for swindling a colored man from the country, named Andrew Hill, out of \$18 in money which had just been paid him for a lot of turpentine. They enticed the man in an out of the way place, under the pretext of giving him some useful information, and then Boston snatched his money and ran off with it, followed by his confederate. The two worthies were before Justice McQuigg Thursday morning, who required them to give justified bonds in the sum of \$100 each for their appearance at court, failing in which they were locked up. They are represented to be experts in the business of swindling.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—While the steamer Passport was on her way from Smithville to this city, on Sunday afternoon last with a barque in tow, and as she was passing in the vicinity of the Orton plantation, a boat containing two men, one white and the other colored, put out from the shore with the intention of boarding the barque. The sea was very heavy at the time, and in order to get in as smooth water as possible, the boat was run in between the barque and steamer, when she struck against an anchor suspended from the bow of the bark and was capsized. As the boat went over the men seized the forechairs of the barque and were finally assisted on board, but the boat, which was a fine one, was lost.

RAILROAD IN PENDER.—The Angola Tramway Company, of Pender county, was organized a few days ago, with Messrs. Gibson Taylor as President; D. J. McMillan as Secretary, K. F. Powers as Secretary and Treasurer, and J. W. Jones, J. K. James, K. F. Powers, Gibson James and D. J. McMillan as Directors. The road is to run from Croon's bridge on North East river, through what is known as Angola Bay, to Williamsburg, a distance of about nine miles. The Company own large and valuable tracts of timber land at the latter place, and expect at an early day to locate a lumber business there, where they have also immense quantities of naval stores and other products. The Company propose to hereafter extend their road to Jacksonville and Richland, Onslow county, and build a branch from Williamsburg to Chisapeake. It is held that the road will be opened in an early completion.

Rev. F. H. Wood, of the Front Street M. E. Church, was "pounded" by members of his congregation Thursday night.

Rev. C. M. Payne, of the Second Presbyterian Church, will preach at St. Paul's Lutheran Church this evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Mr. Isaac James, an old citizen of Pender county, died suddenly on Wednesday morning last, aged between 60 and 60 years.

The Wilmington Fox Club had an exciting chase near this city Thursday afternoon, in which a number of the old hunters participated. The fox was a select one and highly fed.

Rev. T. Page Ricard, of the Fifth Street M. E. Church, will deliver a special sermon this morning, by request, on the subject of "The Divinity of Christ."

Bishop Lyman will preach at St. James' Church this morning, at the usual hour for service, and will ordain Mr. Armand DeRosset Meares, of this city, as Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Joseph M. Agostini, brother of Mr. F. M. Agostini, Sr., of this city, was brutally murdered on Thursday night last, at Newbern, by a colored employe of the Midland Railroad named Henry Bryan, in the office of the company.

Jim Anderson, the colored drayman, who was pronounced crazy and sent to the insane department of the county poor house for confinement on Tuesday, the 24th inst., is now said to be a raving maniac, and efforts are being made to get him into the Asylum for the Insane at Goldsboro.

NEW SHOPS.—The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company have just commenced the erection of new shops on Nutt street, or between Front and Nutt streets. The shops will be very large and commodious, and have all the late modern improvements. Mr. P. Linehan has the contract, and now has about 15 men at work putting down the foundation. Mr. John L. Mann is Mr. Linehan's foreman. The work is expected to be shoved rapidly to completion, and when finished will be a great improvement to that portion of the city. Mr. Patrick Linehan is one of the largest and most successful railroad stone contractors in the south; as a bridge builder he has no superior, and he runs several quarries of his own. He does nearly all the brick and stone work of the railroads in this state and South Carolina, and has had several large contracts in Virginia and Tennessee.

THE LIGHTHOUSE.—The first number of volume II of this very interesting and highly creditable publication has been laid upon our desk. The Lighthouse is an eight page paper, and is gotten out under the superintendence of Miss Amy M. Bradley, Principal of the Tilton Normal School, with Master W. H. Chadborn, Jr., one of her pupils, as type and business agent. We notice several original articles by the pupils of the Tilton, which reflects much credit upon the authors. "Harry Burton's Cousin," by Miss Mary A. Bernard, is very readable. Miss Mollie J. Hawes contributes a very interesting and well written paper on "The Water Fowl." Master W. H. Chadborn, Jr., paper "A look into the future with regard to the timber interest of the United States," shows much thought and a thorough knowledge of the subject which the youthful writer handles. "Queen Mab's" criticism of the works of Scott, Dickens and Thackeray, is exceedingly interesting, and shows conclusively that she is no stranger to them. "A Picture," by Jessie Hendey is very good, as is also Master A. F. Hallett's contribution. The productions of Stephen Chadborn, age 9 years, and Flora Greenwood, age 11, are capital for ones to young.

From the Lighthouse we glean some interesting information in reference to the Tilton Normal School. There are at present eleven teachers employed in the different divisions, and that 231 children names are enrolled upon the roster of the school. The great good that this school, through the unselfish gifts of its founder, Mrs. Hemmingway, has done, and is still doing, is making itself felt in the community. May the Lighthouse stand the storms of adversity, and live to be a true beacon to the paths of education and refinement. Miss Bradley has our best wishes, and we gladly welcome the Lighthouse to our exchange list. Subscription \$1.00 for six months. Advertisements 10 cents per line first insertion. A liberal discount on advertisements for longer time.

LOCAL SHORTS.

It snowed in Wilmington for a few minutes Monday evening.

Col. S. L. Fremont was here on a visit during the past week.

There were two exciting runaways on Water street on Monday last.

Elder George W. Price, Sr., was home on a visit during the past week. He is stationed at Charlotte this year.

The steam yacht Emilie, from Philadelphia and bound for Florida, put in here Tuesday for coal and other supplies.

The Newbern Commercial News mentions the presence there of a fleet of six vessels loaded with corn for Messrs. G. Boney & Sons of this city.

A gentleman who recently moved to this city from Laurinburg had his home broken open a few nights ago and robbed of his month's provisions.

Hon. John C. Blocker, member of the legislature from Cumberland county, was in the city on Friday last, but rushed out of town as if the Sheriff was after him.

Obediah Jenkins was before the Mayor on Monday with his old complaint—drunkenness and disorderly conduct—and was released on the promise of reforming.

The magistrates have been going for boarding house keepers, during the past week, for Schedule B taxes, and some of them have had pretty heavy costs to pay.

Rev. A. D. Mayo, of Boston, Mass., has delivered several lectures in this city during the past week on educational subjects. He is an able man and is doing a good work.

Dave Mallett, an incorrigible drunkard, was before the Mayor Tuesday morning for being down on the streets, and was ordered to be locked up in the city prison for eight days.

Et. Rev. Bishop J. W. Hood passed through our city on Friday morning on his way to Smithville, N. C. He is looking exceedingly well, and says he never enjoyed better health.

A French sailor, giving his name as Joseph Tantabont, was before the Mayor Thursday morning on the charge of chasing young ladies on the street. He was let off on the payment of \$5.

Harbor Master Price reports the arrival of 61 vessels of over 60 tons burthen at this port during the month of January, of which 36 were American and 15 foreign, with a total of 18,970 tons.

An attempt was made to burglarize the residence of Health Officer Scharr, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets, on Wednesday morning last. The burglars were frightened off and a key was afterwards found in the lock on the outside of one of the doors.

We learn from placards posted in this city that the sons of Messrs. E. A. Brewer and W. J. Johnson, of Rockfish township, Cumberland county, ran away from their parents and homes on Sunday morning last, and great anxiety is felt as to their whereabouts.

The schr. American Eagle, Capt. Calhoun, put in at this port on Tuesday last in distress, having sprung a leak, which necessitated the throwing overboard of her deck-load. She was from Georgetown, S. C., and bound for Philadelphia with a cargo of lumber and shingles.

Mr. J. K. Willis, of Brunswick county, informs us by a letter this week that the present Register of Deeds of that county has by his courteous treatment of all who have dealings with him, won the confidence of the people, and can be re-elected if he so desire, by an increased majority.

The U. S. Treasurer's report shows a further decrease of the public debt for January, 1882, of \$12,978,836.36, and still the Republican party is in charge of the government. If the party remains in power ten years more it will wipe out the entire debt that was made in putting down the rebellion.

Messrs. Haysen & Co., of this city, have a water boat, constructed in New York, for supplying vessels in our harbor with any quantity of pure water. It has a capacity of 1,000 gallons, being made of oak with a tank inside. The boat will receive the water through a pipe leading from a filter located on the wharf.

There were three incendiary attempts in this city on Sunday night last, which were frustrated by the police. The first of these was on Front street, where three bales of cotton were discovered on fire; and the next was on South Water street, five having been discovered among a lot of cotton belonging to Messrs. Hall and Parnell. The other attempt was by setting cotton saturated with inflammable fluid in crates in the building occupied by Mr. F. A. Schmitt as a restaurant.

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DAY agree that most diseases are caused
by disordered Kidneys or Liver. If there-
fore, the Kidneys and Liver are kept in
perfect order, perfect health will be the re-
sult. This truth has only been known a
short time and for years people suffered
great agony without being able to find re-
lief. The discovery of Warner's Safe Kid-
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treatment of these troubles. It contains
simple tropical leaf of rare value, it con-
tains just the elements necessary to nour-
ish and invigorate both of these great or-
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