

by yourself, as they were shipped 74, for Halifax county, were comfrom Raleigh and contained be- pared under my direction at the retween 5,000 and 6,000 indictments quest of Solicitor Harris, some time for failure to list poll and property, | before May court, 1875, for the purand commonly known as "Poll pose of sending bills before the Tax Indictments."

ed and along with the indictments ation. The lists as presented and were found some of the poll books found by the grand jury, were made of the different townships in the out by townships, and were, I think, county. These indictments were fifteen in number. After these bills drawn in a plain, neat, legible hand- were found, Solicitor Harris stated writing; a handwriting with which to me that he would take the bills I was not familiar; were arranged to Raleigh with him, as he had an in alphabetical order by townships, arrangement there for printing bills and purported to have been found of indictment at reduces rates, and by the grand jury at Spring term, would have blank copies made out 1875, of the Superior Court of Hali- by Mr. Sawyer for another grand fax county. Your name as Solici- jury. I understood that capiases tor, my name as clerk and J. W. should issue on the fifteen bills Faucest's name as foreman of the found at May Term, 1875, in order grand jury were signed to each in- that another investigation should be dictment and all in the same hand- made as to who were indictable bewriting. Upon an examination of fore bills were sent against each inthese bills and upon inquiry 1 learned that very many of the persons indicted had been dead several years, a considerable number of them had long since left the county, and quite a number were beyond the age of 59 years, and some I learned were from 65 to 70 years of

Upon receiving these indictments, age. and upon a minute examination of the same, I felt, at first, considerably perplexed as to what was the best course to pursue. After deliberating over the matter, I concluded that they were not, and could not be construed as being records of the court, and thereupon declined to issue capias on them.

I consulted the members of the bar in Halifax county, and they each and an concurred with me. thereupon took no further notice or action in the matter.

putting all in a township on a single sheet, and the single sheet had been signed by the foreman, Mr. Faucett, and that you had left them behind at Raleign, and that the indict-ments as sent were to enable me as clerk to issue capiases. This was, I clerk to issue capiases. This was, I of the term. On the following bottom there would be the term of the following bottom there would be the term there would be term to Thursday or Friday we had another hurried chat, and I think, if my recollection serves me right, you said prepared by a young man, your bill, and sentenced to two years imthe indictments were all drawn and clerk, by the name of Sawyer, while prisonment in state's prison. you were off on the circuit, and were sent here by him. Don't remember having had any other or further conversation with you as to them. do I now consider the indictments, the time it occurred, and the reason as drawn, as being records of the randum taken by me, for the reason upon the minutes immediately folwould have issued cap'ases on them | rior Court, a bill of indictment was court. Had I so considered them, I as the law directs. They are not quashed because some interlineanow in my office, but, I learn, are tions had been made in it, and some taken from this office and carried there by yourself, I think, at our licitor in regard thereto. Fall term, 1875.

grand jury against all persons who The packages were at once open- had failed to list their polls for tax-

ties for failure to list polls for taxation in Halifax county. From this

dividual. Sheriff of Halifax county."

1 o'clock, during Special term, Hali-ded to, was actuated by no other held during the next session of the citizens of the protection offered by fax Superior Court, begun the 27th of December, 1875, J. C. L. Harris, teach big control of the the constitution. Having the next session of the the Constitution. Resolved, That number 61 on criminal docket of our duties as grand jurors for nearly told my friends during last Bertie without reserve the candidate pre- however, that the Trustess and Facsaid term, State vs. Fayette Clay, two weeks during the present term court. In selecting candidates of bald in Goldshore on vectorday the bottom of said bill wrote. But his make this report, and request that single aim of the Republican party left hand with which he held the it be spread upon the record in vinleft hand with which he held in his right hand, so that I bersonal testimony as citizens and to add our he held in his right hand, so that I bersonal testimony as citizens and bergen and could not see whether it was mak- personal testimony as citizens and North Carolina. The Democrats Carolina. ing letters or not, I being seated on as grand jurors to the fidelity and will make a strong effort to carry his left. Upon closing the bill, the zeal of Solicitor Harris as an im- the State. The battle will be a hard Foreman of the Grand Jury, Mr. partial and vigorous prosecuting at- one. The republicans can win un-G. W. Owens, made his appearance, torney. Under these circumstances der the leadership of good generals, and the solicitor erased the original it affords us pleasure to be able from and not otherwise. my recollection is, that you said ing pen through it the same baring for investigation of the charges ing pen through it, the same having against Solicitor Harris to make been at first marked by said inry this report fully and entirely and antiral and a surject term 275 on separate been at first marked by said inry this report fully and entirely and antiral and a surject term 275 on separate been at first marked by said inry this report fully and entirely and antiral and a surject term 275 on separate been at first marked by said inry this report fully and entirely and antiral and a surject term 275 on separate been at first marked by said inry this report fully and entirely and a surject term 275 on separate been at first marked by said inry the same having the second sec at spring term '75, on separate sheets, "not a true bill," and the word onerating him from all wrong, "not" marked out, and requested whether intentional or otherwise, the Foreman to sign in another and thus uphold and sustain him place for that reason, which he did, but without having his attention

bill to me, and I immediately opentwo bank notes therefrom.'

The defendant, Fayette Clay, was afterwards convicted on the same

Yours truly, GEO, T. SIMMONS

fested throughout the meeting, and REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY. all appeared as if it was good for mously adopted : At the request of Solicitor Harris, them to be there.

Yours truly, GEO. A. MEBANE.

W. W. PEEBLES.

JACKSON, N. C., June 16, 1876.

we, the grand jury, have carefully examined the statements of Mr. John T. Gregory, clerk of the Su-perior Court of Halifax county, that l organized a Hayes and Settle of Mr. George T. Simmons, deputy Club in Windsor, a few days ago, and will organize another in Colclerk, that of J. J. Sawyer, of Raraine before long. 1 send the names leigh, that of L. F. Larkin, sheriff of the officers as follows: of Halifax county, with reference to President-F. W. Bell. the charges made through the col-Vice Presidents-G. A. Mehane, umns of the Daily News, of Ral-W. P. Ward, C. P. Pugh. eigh, concerning the case of Fay-Recording Secretaries-Thes. R ette Clay, indicted for an attempt to steal, at Special term of Halifax Speller and J. G. Mitchell. Cor. Secretary-L. Roulhac. Superior Court, in December, 1875, Treasurer -Chas. Watson. and also concerning the preparation of indictments against various par-

Letter from W. W. Peebles. examination we are satisfied that Solicitor Harris has done no wrong whatever in the premises, either in-Mr. G. A. Mebunetentionally or otherwise, and that DEAR SIR: Your letter of 11th the facts show conclusively that D. 1875, between the hours of 12 and Harris in the case heretofore allu- year. Three of my courts will be different to deprive the ded to was actuated by no other year. Three of my courts will be

licitor Harris in the discharge of sible during the next winter. I so selves to support earnestly and

Yours truly,

J. L. WILLIAMS, Foreman, T. W. Fenner, J. R. Bailey, B. J

August 2d, 1876. Jones, Henry Clay, Simon Smith, Edward Pender, H. W. Shearin, J. C. Anthony, James Thompson, J. H. Spruill, J. W. Stokes, Mark Pullen, H. C. Skinner.

ORDER OF COURT.

report with reference in a condition, n. n. wheneve was Harris, Solicitor, it is ordered at called to the chair, and U. W. part of the Constitution; the Re- thus get his revenge. The grand jury having made a county offices. the request of the Solicitor, that the Speight was appointed Secretary. publicans respect all of it. The chair announced that nomi- Men and brethren! Which par-Dep. C'IK Sup. Courter faith in the The circums ances set forth in the T. Simmons, J. J. Sawyer, L. F. nations were in order, and thereup-ty will you support? The circums ances set forth in the T. Simmons, J. J. Sawyer, L. F. nations were nomi-foregoing statement was noticed at fore with said report, be spread nated by acclamation, viz: the time it occurred, and a memo-gether with said report, be spread nated by acclamation, viz: For Representative-Hon. Willis Bagley. For Register of Deeds-U. W Speight. For Treasurer-Josiah Nicholson. For Coroner-W. Erringhaus. For Sheriff-H. H. Griffin. For Surveyor-Thos.E. Winslow. Superior Court. For County Commissioners-E. I, John T. Gregory, clerk of the A. White, E. Peele, W. H. Gunn, Superior Court, in and for the State E. W. Felton and W. J. Porter. and county aforesaid, do hereby On motion, a committee was apcertify that the foregoing contains pointed to wait upon Mr. Bagley full, true and perfect copies of the and inform him of his nomination. Mr. Bagley then came forward speech, pouring hot shot into the Democracy, and urging upon the

Resolved, That the platform and majority for Settle."

principles of the Republican party OBSERVER. of North Carolina as heretofore enunciated in its Conventions, are supporters, that the true issue in hereby re-affirmed, and events have this campaign, is opposition and proved that their practical enforcement is essential to the welfare of the country, and to the maintain- because the colored portion of said ence of the rights, interests and lib- party have obstinately refused to erties of the people. Resolved, That the administra-

our hearty and unqualified ap- since the organization of the Reproval.

Resolved, That we cordially en- has governed the Democratic party. dorse the nomination of Settle and nominated at Raleigh on the 12th influence of the colored vote, but Smith, and the other State officers inst.

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the administration of Governor C. H. Brogden, and recognize the fact that our people may rely ond time. The Republican party upon his firmness in upholding have never been more closely unicharges. We are furt er satisfied and I very much fear my answer interest and defending their rights ted and more determined upon vic-STATEMENTOF GEORGE T. SIMMONS, from our examination of the state-Will not reach you till after the and me hoartily thank him for reach ments aforesaid, from our own per-Bertie Republican Convention. I and we heartily thank him for resonal knowledge, that Solicitor do not wish to go to the Senate this sisting the revolutionary purpose of

Having been associated with So- attention at home as much as pos- solated to support of attention at home as much as pos-

to the Louisville Medical College, WILLIAM CAWTHORN,

President. W. D. COOK, Secretary.

THE DIFFERENCE.

There is a marked and distinctive difference between the two politi-Pursuant to a call the Republicans of Perquimans county met in con- cal parties. The Democrats of the vention, at the court house, in the South are in the Union from necessity; the Republicans from town of Hertford, on Wednesday,

choice. The convention was called to or-The Democrats tolerate the Union; der by J. H. Cox, Chairman Repubthe Republicans love it. lican County Executive Committee,

The Democrats, this side of Mawho stated that the object of the didate for a seat in the next House son and Dixon's line, love the appetite for green food, and our cotof Representatives, and also to South only; the Republicans love ton and machines would be spared. nominate candidates for the various the whole country.

Holden that as he passed Statesville and accepted in an able and telling he learned that Mrs. Vance was quite ill there. Gov. Vance was then a prisonor in the old capitol prison at Washington, and on hearing that Mrs. V. was sick, Gov. appointed on the County Executive Holden telegraphed President Johnston, begging that Gov. Vance be released from prison on his parol of honor, and be permitted to return On motion, it was ordered that the to his sick wife. President Johnston immediately released him, and he has been with his family ever since on a writ of habeas corpus. The records at Raleigh and Washington prove the above to be true.

comparison between his administra- brought thousands to poverty and tion and that of Gov. Holden in the want, filled the country with matter of habeas corpus, he forgets widows and orphans, and ridged the (or doesn't care to tell) that he him- land with graves from Maine to self is out of jail on Holden's habeas California, and from the lakes to corpus. Such, however, is the fact. the gulf. They now say if they On the 4th of July, 1865, the late don't reform the people won't trust Gov. Caldwell, then aid to Gov. them with the government of the Holden, returned to Raleigh from country. We don't think they Morganton. He stated to Gov. ought, or that they will. **REFORM! REFORM!** In order to carry out the great principle of reform which was loudly proclaimed at Raleigh by the delegates to the secession wing of the so called Democratic party, the faithful of the county of Meckthe Senate of North Carolina, convict in the Albany penitentiary, for participation in scourging and murdering innocent people for opinion's sake. Reform, reform !

walk into the meshes spun for them

by the so-called Democracy. Ever

stupid as they supposed the negro,

he possessed sagacity enough not

to bend the neck to the yoke a sec-

THE MEDICAL EDUCATION OF

YOUNG MEN.-As is very well

known, the fees required for the

medical education of young men

are always large. We understand,

ulty of the Louisville Medical Col-

Louisville, Ky., will secure for the

Why can't a man still his brandy It is admitted by Vance and his and make his whiskey as he did before the war? Because the Democrais brought on a war and we are spite against the Republican party, now taxed to pay the cost of that war.

Congressman Neal, of the Seventh Ohio District, a prominent Democrat, has declared for Hayes and publican party, the same principle Wheeler. Neal says many of his constituents will follow his lead. That party invited by bribes the Next.

> Vance was loud in his denunciation of a "third term." But he is now running for a third term, viz :

1. His Holden term. 2. His yellow ticket term.

3. His Ku Klux term.

The ancients were cursed with B. Z. Bub. We are cursed with Z. B. Bub. There's where they had the advantage of us.

It is said that Peter Mallett, the conscript commander during the war, will soon return from the north to take the stump in this State, for his friend Gov. Vance. He wants Vance re-elected bad.

The Democrats complain of Republicans stealing from the government. Well, if it had not been for the Republicans there would have been no government to steal from.

The Democrats howl about the internal revenue taxes, but if there youred a couple of machines, looked had been no Democratic party there would be do internal revenue taxes.

> Vance was responsible for the invasion of North Carolina by Sherman's army.

Vance declared in 1863, that if the We would advise the ex-local of the people of North Carolina dared to The Democrats respect only a News to drive that cow around and make any movement towards stophe would visit them with FIRE AND SWORD.

Vance has declared since the war

writer the desired facts. Yesterday afternoon the old cot ton-eating cow walked into the Singer Sewing Machine office, de hungrily at the agent and then leisurely walked out. -Sentinel 5th.

If that old cow would "leisurely" walk" into Vance and Tilden club room, while the infart blades are in

consultation (?) she could satiate her

The Democrats brought war on

the country, destroyed millions of

assistance. Any letters addressed

As to the interlineation in indictment number 61, State vs. Fayette Clay, Special term, December, 1875, 1 know nothing about, but herewith enclose statement as made by my deputy clerk, Mr. Simmons, concerning the same. I am

Truly yours, JNO. T. GREGORY, Clerk Sup'r Court Halifax co., N. C.

STATEMENT OF J. J. SAWYER.

district of North Carolina, as a clerk, and in that capacity drew up indict-

nished by Mr. Harris with lists of bank notes therefrom," were added persons in each township liable to the bill. After the previous inindicument, ascertained as I sup- dorsement had been stricken out, posed from a comparison of the tax the bill was then given to the forelist of the county and the poll books man of the grand jury, with inof the several townships, as found structions that when the grand jury by the grand jury of Halifax county had acted on the bill a second time, said indictments by attaching there-to the names of the Solicitor, Fore-to the following endorsement. Birds of a feather &c. man of the grand jury and Clerk of bore the following endorsement, Birds of a feather, &c.

that at fall term, 1875, of said Supe-lowing the report of the grand jury. words passed between the clerk, Mr. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

"In regard to the case of State vs. Fayette Clay, tried at the Special Term of the Superior Court for the ber, 1875, my recollection of the case report of the grand jury made at is as follows: The bill was drawn spring term, 1876, of said court. who sent it to the grand jury. attralate of mill court and dep-When it was returned, it bore the uty clerk of said court, and also the following endorsement, "not a true statements of J. J. Sawyer, of Rabill, G. W. Owens, F. G. J." The Solicitor and myself talked of the of the grand jury in not finding a be spread upon the mig the same to Harris, solicitor of the 6th judicial true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of record in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my all bill true bill; and upon ro-reading the same appear of rocord in my a the words: "and take the two bank notes therefrom," to the bill. The Halifax county for "failure to list foreman of the grand jury was sent The mode of making said indict- his attention was called to the matments was as follows: I was fur- ter and the words: "and take the Court of that county, and was or-dered, as I then understood, to fill an error in the cause. Mr. Levy, to mino up oil the blood will with blood will with dered, as I then understood, to fill no writing on that side and prevent of the same crew who were going if such a man should again be Gov-up a blank indictment for each the witness for the State, was then their reachet headbarehiefs is mained. The same crew who were going if such a man should again be Gov-ernor of North Carolina. Perhaps

leigh, N. C., L. F. Larkin, sheriff of Halifax county, and James E. O'Hara, of Halifax county, and the

my name and affixed the seal [SEAL.] of said court at office in Halifax town, this the 16th day of June, A. D. 1876. JOHN T. GREGONY,

Clerk Superior Court Halifax County. N. C.

Rhett, of South Carolina, who is

Republicans to stand together and support the nominces. The following were, on motion, Committee for the ensuing year, towit: Jno. H. Cox, E. A. White, Jos. T. Overton, Thos. Lindsey, Jno. Q. A. Wood.

proceedings be published in the North Carolinian at Elizabeth City, and in the Constitution at Raleigh. On motion, adjourned.

H. H. WHEDBEE, Ch'n. W. W. SPEIGHT, Secretary.

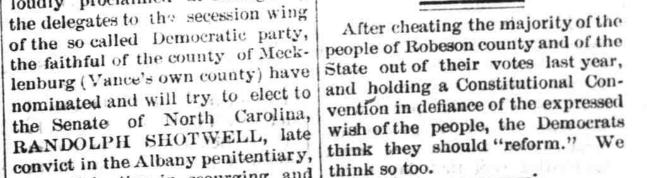
the account of the terrible outrage infamously known throughout the committed by Vance and his Home country as one of the most villian- Guard allies upon an innocent young ous secessionists, and who was one girl in Wilkes county, and then say

Gov. Vance begged the Legisla-The Democrats are loud in their ture during the war to pass a law denunciations of Grant, but they to punish with fine and imprisonment any poor woman who tried to cheerfully nominate as their candipersuade her husband or son from dates Democrats whom he has serving as a conscript in the slave- turned out of the penitentiary. For holders' war. The Legislature re- instance: Shotwell, the convicted fused for a time to pass such a law, Ku Klux leader, now the Demoand he appealed to the Confederate cratic standard bearer of Mecklenburg county. Congress to pase it.

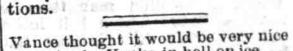
share the fate of the inhabitants of SODOM AND GOMORRAIL

> The News says that Gov. Vance's war letters were procured from Washington by J. G. Hester, We deny it. But if they were procured by the devil himself it don't change the fact that Vance wrote them.

Z. B. thought he'd be in clover To see us fight till hell froze over, And then he said it would be nice To see us tight Yanks on the ice. But when Sherman came this way 50 He mounted a mule and fled away.



Z. B. Vance was escorted into Rutherfordton by a secession, Ku Klux band from South Carolina. They knew if Vance was elected they could raid on the Union Republicans of that good old State without any fear of punishment. But we will Settle all those calcula-



To fight the Yanks in hell on ice.

