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Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky, is congratulated on all sides for the excellence pit, as kers, nor show that the person of his reply speech to Seca Robeson, and yet he did not once touch upon Robeson's record of roguery-a record without parallel in the history of this or have been made at the trial, and no such any other civilization since the era of instruction asked of the court. The Venus. It is a hard saying, but a true court cannot assume that all the facts one, that the effect of any allusion to found at the trial are contained in the this record by the Kentucky member case sent up for review, and, under the instead of doing service to his cause well settled rule, they ought not to be, would have actually injured it. Mr. Blackburn acted wisely in not calling than such as relates to the exceptions Robeson a thief. That he was not afraid to do so, may that his blood boiled to denounce him fittingly all that we know of the Navy. He and his wife flaunted their stolen gains in the faces of the trict of New Jersey elected him to Congress with a full knowledge of all the have made public-facts which if presented to honest juries and Judges circumsonness is not a subject of conjecture.

## From the Raleigh Observer. Road Law.

An act to provide for keeping in repair the public roads of the State makes the Justices in each township a body corporate styled the "Board of Supervisors of public roads." The first meeting is to be held on the first Monday in May for election of a chairman, to serve until the first Monday in February, 1880, the time for subsequent annual elections, The board is to meet on the first Monday of February, May, August and November, to consult on the condition of the roads, having in the preceding week gone over and personally examined them. At the May meetings overseers shall be appointed for sections then laid off, and hands allotted to them and their field of work assigned. The overseer may resign after one year's service if he has done good service, and may work instead of oversee work for two years

Three days of work in each year is the portion of every able-bodied man be- Testament, one hymn book, one prayer tween 18 and 45, the supervisors except- book, ten bushels of corn or wheat, fifty ed. A day's work is not less than 7 nor more than 10 hours. One dollar a day barrel of fish, all necessary farming tools or an able-bodied substitute will excuse for one laborer, one bed, one bedstead service. Failure to work or to pay is a misdemeaner which will cost \$2 to \$5 or five days imprisonment, or both fine and imprisonment as the court may direct.

The overseers are to make quarterly reports under oath to the Boards of the their professions, and the tools of mecondition of the roads, number working, chanics; and in addition to the above number failing to work and whether articles there shall be exempt from sale, definquents paid their dollar; those the following viz; one wheel and two failing to work or to pay to be at once warranted and tried. At the February meeting of the Boards, the overseers are to make report of all moneys collected and file statement of manner of expenditure. Failing to discharge these duties is a misdemeanor, for which overseers are to be warranted and fined \$7, which and the cost not being paid five days' imprisonment results.

The supervisors are empowered to lay out and discontinue eartways; the county commissioners to lay out and discontinue public roads, under existing rules, except that no more than five jurors may exceed fifty dollars in value : Provided, moight stick it in a corner an' ye'd niver Arrive Statesville be summoned to assess damage to property. The supervisors, also, are to personal property of the debtor, under make annual report, at the first term of article ten of the constitution of the the Superior Court for their county after | State and all acts of the General Assemthe first Monday in August, of the con- bly, shall not exceed five hundred doldition of the roads and as to the dis- lars in value : And provided further, the Court please.

This law as ratified on March 14 applies to the State, excepting the counties from and after its ratification. of Alleghany, Ashe, Alexander, Watauga and Meckleuburg.

Digest of Supreme Court Decisions.

REPORTED FOR THE OBSERVER BY GRAI AND STAMPS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW.

SMITH, C. J. :

State vs. Secrest, from McDowell. enire de novo.

Indictment for murder, tried before Gudger, Judge, at Fall term, 1878, of McDowell Superior Court. It was insisted in the able and earnest argument of counsel for the prisoner, that the prisoner's guilt: That the evidence does not establish the death of the prisoner's wife, with whose murder he is charged, nor identify the remains taken from the place of their deposit in the N. C. Railroad? found died from an act of violence.

Held. The argument is not warranted by the record. No such point seems to No more of the evidence should be stated intended to be presented and is calculated to elucidate and explain them.

There were several exceptions taken and have read of him prompts us to be- by the prisoner during the trial, but, lieve. But the great North would have from the view taken by the court, it is said that a party, which proceeded to only necessary to notice one. The desuch extreme language was not a safe fendant introduced Dr. R. C. Pearson one to hand over the general Govern- as an expert, who was examined in rement to. All men know that Robeson gard to the disinterred bones, alleged plundered the Government to the ex- by the State to be those of the prisoner's tent of millions when he was Secretary wife and child, and gave his opinion "on many questions asked him as to the condition of human remains, when Northern shoddy at Long Branch, at buried, how long before decay would Washington, in New York and else- set in and when it would be complete, where, for years not only without cen- &c." Whereupon the State called in sure but with applause. The first dis- Dr. W. A. Collett as an expert. and "proposed to examine him in reply to the testimony of Dr. Pearson in regard facts, which Mr. Whittborne's Commit- to the remains, &c." The prisoner obtee of the House of Representatives jected to the competency of the witness. Objection overruled.

Held. The objection to the competenwould send Robeson to the penitentiary. cy of Dr. Collett to testify at all, though The great army of thieves who fatten in the grounds of the objection are not every commercial centre, who controll stated, and seem not to have been dethe common carriers, a large number of manded, must be understood to refer to newspapers, some of the churches and the absence of evidence of his possessing the Executive Department of the Gov- the qualifications, acquired by study and ernment entire would have resented any experience, which entitled the witness truth? imprudent expression of censure direct- to give an opinion to the jury. This ed towards Mr. Robeson and Mr. Black- objection, as far as the record shows, burn, wisely forbore to dig up his deep- was not removed by the preliminary exest English for use in reply. American amination of the witness as to his opporpublic opinion is not strong enough to tunities for acquiring professional knowldrive Robeson from Congress. It is edge and skill so as to enable him to doubtful whether it will protest against | testify as an expert, nor does his qualihis taking rank as leader of the opposi. fication appear in the evidence set out tion in the Lower House. How our kin in the case. It is usual and proper, across, the sex would act under the same when objection is made to the personal competency of the witness to testify, to require the grounds of the objection to be stated; but it has been held in a capital trial that this was not indispensable to the validity of an exception to improper evidence received. The rule is distinctly declared and acted on in the case of the State vs. Parish. Busb., 239.

> Personal Property-Exemptions.

N ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM SALE UNDER EXECUTION.

The General Assembly of North Caro ina do enact:

Section 1. That the personal property hereinafter named, belonging to any resident of this State, shall be exempt attorney in his behalf shall demand that miles long. the same or any part thereof shall be exempt from sale, viz : the wearing apparel, arms for muster, one Bible and pounds of bacon, beef or pork or one and covering, one cart or wagon, one work horse, the libraries of licensed attorneys at law, practicing physicians and ministers of the gospel, the instruments of surgeons and dentists used in pairs of cards, one sewing machine, one loom, all necessary school books, one bed, bedstead and covering for every two members of the family, all necessary farming and mechanical tools, one yoke of oxen, one milch cow and calf, fifteen head of hogs, five hundred pounds of bacon or pork, fifty bushels of corn, twenty bushels of wheat or rice, and all necessary household and kitchen furniture, including one cookstove and utensils for cooking thereon, and such other [articles] as may be necessary for the

Revisal. Sec. 2. This act shall be in force

A. D., 1879.

We publish the following additional evidence as given before the Investigating Committee by request. We could not (for want of space) give the evidence

omitted by us when requested to do so facilities, and we are glad that General by any of our friends : D. C. Pearson, being duly sworn, Did you attend the Judicial Conven-

tion held at Hickory in the spring of 1878, and if yea, did you pay railroad fare for yourself and others? I answer yes to both questions.

Do you know the general character of W. R. Aiken, and if yea, state what it is

I do, and in any matter in which be might be interested he would not be believed on oath.

H. W. Connelly, being duly sworn. Do you know of any mismanagement on the part of the officers of the Western

Do you know of any dead-head freight being shipped over this road? Not under this administration.

Do you know of any free passes being given by reason of personal favoritism? Do you know of any saw-logs or cross-

ties being cut by the railroad hands and hauled over this road free of charge for server: Major Wilson's personal benefit?

Do you know of Maj. Wilson's having ad cut and hauled any saw-logs or cross-ties which were shipped to the line of construction and of interior quality, unfit for railroad purposes.

Some were cut on Major Wilson's land by McConaughey and shipped up the road; as to quality I do not know. Have you any contract with this road

or furnishing cross-ties and cord-wood? I have not such a contract myself, but have been requested by Mr. Tate, Road Master, to buy cross-ties and wood in exchange for goods and wait until the company could pay me, and I have done so from time to time-not as agent but as merchant.

Have you been paid for such material more than other parties are receiving? I have not; I received the same price as other parties who are selling to the

Do you know of any free train having passed over this road to the judicial convention at Hickory in May last, or on any other occasion?

Of my own knowledge, I do not. Do you know the general character of

I think that his character for truth is doubtful, and, as an evidence of this, he obtained his position of justice of the peace by a forged petition, ... I know from gentlemen whose names were on

To what cause do you attribute this investigation.

I attribute it to the bitter prejudice of B. A. Berry against J. W. Wilson. and the administration of this road. Have you been deterred in answering

the questions that have been put to you by fear of the loss of your position on this road? I have not; my office is too insignifi-

What is your pay per month, and how

much of it in arrear. My pay is \$20 per month as agent and depot hand, and the company is now in arrear with me since the first day of last A slight, dry cough is sometimes an

Health-the poor man's riches, the rich man's bliss-is found in Ayer's Medicines, after a fruitless search among other remedies. A word to the wise is sufficient.

## NEWS AND OPINIONS.

People who have telescopes of three or four inches aperture can now see from any execution or other final pro- Brorsen's comet in the western sky. Its cess issued for the collection of any diameter is twenty-five to thirty thousand have been extensively deranged. debt, when the owner of any agent or miles, and its tail is half a million of

Revenue officials from Alexander county made a raid on King's Creek last Saturday morning and captured a still belonging to Lawson Porch, which they carried off, and destroyed barrels, tubs, &c .- Lenoir Topic.

At the saw-mill near town last Mon lay, Mr. Haywood Tuttle was severely scalded. He insued the tap on the steam engine the wrong way, when it flew out, and the steam and hot water came with great force against his face and breast .- Lenoir Topic.

The work on the Winston, Salem & Mooresville railroad goes rapidly on Twenty miles between Mooresville and Mocksville are already under contract, and the people all along the line of the proposed route are giving all the encouragement and assistance that the projectors could reasonably desire.-Southern Home.

An Irishman in describing America said "I am told that you might roll
England thru it, an' wouldn't make a
dint in the ground; there's fresh water

N and after Monday, September 30th,
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over this road daily (Sunday excepted): oceans inside that ye moight dround Old Leave Charlotte, comfort and support of the family, not Ireland in; an' as for Scotland, ye however, that the entire exemption of be able to find it out except it might be Leave Statesville, by the smell of whisky."

The post office department at Washington has written to the post-master here for information in regard to the charge of the duties assigned. Failure that the value of said personal property new mail line, established from Marion, Henderson's A examirisms and Caldwell's to do so is a misdemeanor, and the penalty is fine or imprisonment or both, as exempted shall be ascertained as providable for in chapter fifty-five of Battle's

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Revenue officers have been seriously resisted in Stanly and Orange counties in their efforts to break up illicit distilling. In Orange the officers were fired upon, and in Stanly it is stated that they were met by 200 armed men and made to retreat. Troops are to be sent to suppress such violations of law .- Char. Democrat.

The friends of Gen. Grant propose to get up an excursion from the Southern and Eastern States of 50,000 persons to meet and welcome the General at San Francisco on his return to the United States—the trip from any point in the country to San Francisco and back not to cost more than \$25 for Railroad fare. At that rate, a good many would like to go who will never vote for Gen. Grant

In regard to the Mexican Pensions Col. Steele ... he Charlotte Ob-

"The bill pensioning Mexican soldiers has not passed Congress, and candor obliges me to say that I do not think it will pass for sometime to come. All Southern members would cheerfully vote for it, but Southern members alone cannot pass it and they will hardly get the requisite help.

"The 'arrears of pensions' provided for by the last Congress (against my vote) do not apply to the soldiers of the war of 1812, but to soldiers who helped to put down what is loyally called 'the rebellion.' In that act my constituents are not particularly interested."

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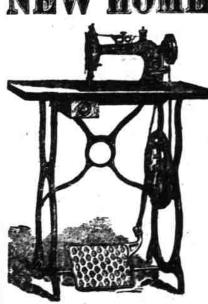
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