EDITORIAL BRIEFS... Mon. J. J. Martin will accept our thank

for documents. The Virginia Legislature has decided to · compromise and pay its state debt.

Hon. F. E. Shober of North Carolina, has been elected chief clerk of the United States Senate:-

The comewational convention of Louisand thirty four Republicans.

It is and that J. J. Martin voted for Rainey, the negroex Congressman of South Carolina, for Clerk of the House. Democrate who failed to vote for Hon, J. J. Yeates, pause and consider.

#### MOORE'S HISTORY.

Our exchanges are speaking in complimentary terms of Maj. Moore's History of North Carolina. The Raleigh News says; A long felt want in our schools is about to be at last supplied. The above work has now gone to press and the publishers, Messrs. Alfred Williams & Co, inform us that it will'be ready for delivery in about four weeks. The history embraces a perlod of time from 1584 to 1879 and faithful-Poportrays in a most agreeable style, every important event which has transpired within the borders of our good old State. It has received the endorsement of the Legislature for use of the publicaschools, and also is sighty spoken of by all who have examined it. The author Maj Jno. W. Moore, is an intelligent man and is well able to do credit to the work which he has undertaken. State's progress and greatness told to our petit jury within two years previous. boys and girls and we here to know that the book will soon be in every North Carolina school. Orders for this history are now taken by the publishers and will be filled as early as possible.

#### THE ALBEMARLE WATERS.

Our excellent exchange, the Raleigh Observer is doing splendid service in behalf of Eastern North Carolina in advocating the importance of opening up better inland | jurisdiction shall bind over to the nearest navigation for our section. It is a fact, we can never expect numerous railroad enterprires in the Albemarle region so long as we have such fine water courses unimproved. And it is not only; a local and state want that they should be improved but it is also of National importance. Had our waters been in the North, appropriations would have long since been made for their against the losing party in all actions to improvements by the general government. It is no less important that we should have a hearing because we are in the South. town and county in the eastern portion of North Carolina, and a portion of Virginia, it is of special importance to the general commerce of our country. We are glad to see the subject revived, and hope our people and legislators will keep it constantly in view. The Observer concludes its article on this subject as follows: "This old work, after the lapse of so many years, and in the paled light of the noble geniuses of North Carolina who have gone before, The Observer modestly assumes to take up, and pursue it in the changed relations of water transportation and our coasting trade, to overland transportation by rail. With the Harlow Creek Canal deepened and ex - FROM THE DOME OF OUR NATIONAL CAPIpanded, as Doctor Caldwell suggested it should be, vessels drawing from twelve to fourteen feet of water can come from sea through the inlet at Beaufort and proceed to Newbern, and approach Washington. The Hurtow Creek Canal is the key to an inland coast navigation in North Carolina. It unites all our in and waters with Beaufort Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean, It brings commerce from the Chesapeak Bay through the Elizabeth River iuto our Abemarle and Pamlico waters, and out to sea again through Beaufort Harbor. It opens up a grand inland highway of commerce right by the door of our great South Atlantic port, specially inviting in view of the been effected, committees selected, para-It will concentrate a large coasting trade at Beaufort, and cause a commercial emporown borders like magic.

th interest in the importance of our in land navigation. Our people are waking up to it, and the internal improvement ous of railroad passes in their pockets) imspirit is abroad in the land. Time has brought with it our opportunity, and the hour is propitious for a grand future for our good old State.

"Wilmington, Beaufort, Newbern, Washington, Plymouth, Edenton, Elizabeth City, and other of our coast towns and cities may have their commercial destiny in their own hands and become great, prosperous and rich, if our people of all Eastern Carolina are determined and, united on the single purpose of their own welfare."

THE LAWS AS CHANGED. Any merchant, dealer or agent selling sewing machines shall pay a tax of \$10 in each county, but the payment of a license tax of \$200 to the State Treasurer will enable any person, company or manufacturer of sewing machines to peddle them in any county, employing any number of agents, free of county or municipial tax.

A peddler's license tax of \$10 is hereafter. good for a year justead of six months. Itinerant lightning rod men are to pay \$50 instead of \$10 for each county.

Drummers are to pay \$100 annually in stead of \$50. The liquor dealers' drummers are to pay \$200. Marriage licenses are reduced from \$1 to

stocker joint stock companies or otherwise, a reduced from 293 to 24 cents, to be ap the Insane and Deaf and Dumb and Blind

upon the premises where such liquors, wines or cordials are sold, shall be considered to be a a retail dealer within the meaning of this section,"

The merchants' "privilege tax" is changed by repeal of the \$5.00 item.

An act doing away with the necessity of seals to bonds, deeds and other instruments also providing that the word "heirs' shall not be necessary to convey a fee simple.

of A. B.—doliars in full for (describing the property) signed C. D. This, the act declares shall be held a deed in fee simple with full warranty unless words limiting its effect are added. It also provides that the probate fee of deeds, including privy examination of the wife shall be (10) sure of carrying New York as Tilden, and ten cents, and the fee for registration (20) of course Hendricks would be a winning twenty cents.

We are proud to have the story of our juror who has served either on a grand or rying New York, and yet a better one of

application of the woman.

An act providing that in counties where Inferior Courts are established, magistrates in all criminal cases of which both the Superior Court and Inferior Courts have court, and that where any such cause in either of such courts shall be continued for any cause it shall stand for trial at the first court next to be held whether of the Su perior or Inferior Court:

An act authorizing town constables to serve civil and criminal process.

An act providing that \$2 shall be taxed defray jury expenses.

An act that no witnes in a criminal case shall be subpoenzed or paid unless the clerk Besides being of great interest to every requested in writing by the solicitor or the foreman of the grand jury to summons him and that tickets of not more than two witnesses shall be taxed as witnesses for the State in misdemeanors,

> An act providing that the county seal shall not be required in the probate of any instrument to be used or recorded within the county,

> An act providing that notaries public may take privy examination of married women and proof of deeds.

An act abolishing the attorney's tax fee.

#### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

TOL -CONGRESSIONAL NOTES. -THE SPEAKERSHIP. - POLITICAL Gos -SIP. - BEN. BUTLER'S ENGAGEMENT.

> WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25th, 1879.

For once, a Congress has convened just when it should, and nade suspicious advent hand in hand with flowery spring bedecked in her brand new garb of hunters' age to make your papes as interesting as green, attended by birds and bees, young lamb, spring chicken, and asparagus. During the present week its organization has popular dread of the dangers of Hatteras. phernalia prepared, and all the complex machinery of legislation-even to the wheels within wheels-set ip smoothly runium to spring into existence within our ning order. Before the 1st of May a considerable quantity of business can be easily "The United States Government is alive disposed of, that is if those who are paid \$5.000 per annum to do it-not to mention good round sums to come and go, (oblivimense stationery bills, and other perquisites too numerous to enumerate -- are inclined to perform their duty. Like all good housewives who begin the spring by a regular process of house-cleaning, overhauling boxes and cupboards and corners, bringing to light the things that are hid, and com pleting all unfinished and neglected jobs which have collected during the winter, Congress should immediately inaugurate a general "clarin-up-time" of its pigeon holes and accumulations. Among the first things deserving its vigurous attention-even before the appropriations are the hundreds of private bills just in their nature and of Messrs Deloatche & Deloatche of Seaboard, paramount importance to individuals, which have dissolved copartnership by mutual passed the House but failed in the Senate. r vice versa and are now pining for ventilation. Surely the people of the country are entitled to a little consideration, as well as those whom they have exalted to its of-

> candidates for Speaker has been waged with great fury and not a little bitterness. At the Randall headquarters there was great confidence and how their favorite could be beaten his- friends, could not see. There was just as much confidence at the into the favor of the people in this section Blackburn headquarters. At midnight of and we all wish great success to you and Sunday Randall claimed 14 majority Black- your bright newsy paper.

burn at the same hour was sure of his elec-The poll tax is reduced from 89 to 72 18on, with 13 votes to spare. And so the cents. That on real and personal property, two candidates went to the Capital on moneys, credits, investments in bonds, Monday night to await the result. The caucus was heald and Randall obtained 75 votes and Blackburn 57 on the first balplied as follows: 6 in place of 9 cents to lot. Blackburn, defeated but not cast down made a speech and moved to make his an-Asylums; 6 cents as heretofore to the Pen- tagonist's nomination unanimous. And so the hatchet was buried. There had been

The tax on billiard saloons is as hereto- a deal of talk story-telling on both sides. fore \$20 on each table, but hereafter every | Men were claimed by Randall and Blackplace where liquor is sold is considered a burn andless a consequence, such men are denounced as having gone back on their Retail liquor dealers are to pay a monthly word. However, the matter is settled now. license tax of \$5 instead of \$8, as now; for when Congress convened on Tuesday lans is composed of one hundred Democrats and retailers of malt liquors only \$3, in- Randall had one hundred and forty three stead of \$1.50, as now. And "any grocer, votes and was elected. In the Senate there druggist dealer or other person who shall was not a little curiosity to see how the sell spiritous or malt liquors, wines, or cor- Democrats, now in control, would conduct dials, in any quantity, if the same or any themselves. There was however, very litportion thereof shall at any time be drank the of interest and the first day of the extra session passed with hardly a ripple.

While Speaker Randall was re-elected on his own merits, it is undoubtedly the fact that his success is looked upon by politicians as a very decided indication of the success of Tilden in getting the democratic nomination for the presidency. In fact the old political stagers in Washington already put it down as an assured fact that Tilden and Grant will be the party candi-An act providing for the following short dates pitted against each other in 1880. The form of a deed of real proprerty: "Received figuring for Tilden is on this base. The democratic party can count upon carrying every southern state and will only need to secure New York and Indiana, and some small state in addition to get the requisite number of electoral votes. It is doubted if there is any other man who would be as card in Indiana. Then it is believed that An act disqualifying any person to sit as Tilden would stand a good chance of car-California if that state was not neglected An act forbidding towns to tax wagons as the California democrats say it was in from the county selling fish or produce on 1870 under Hewitt's management of the national campaign. Thus with Tilden and An act that no warrant for bastardy shall Hendricks in the field, and with a bold, issue except upon the voluntary oath and energetic chairman of the national com mittee an easy victory is figured out by these calculators. In behalf of Grant of course, the figuring is reversed and a nearly solid North is claimed for him with some inroads upon the south. Whatever may be the results of the nominations, it looks today as Tilden and Grant will be the nomi-

The absence of General Butler will re lieve Sergeant at arms Thompson of the greater part of his duty that of prancing about with the big mace. In times past as to require the restraining influence of this doughty beadle, it was only necessary for him to flourish that ridiculouse emblem above the shining pate of the member from Massachusetts to restore harmony by bringing down the House in roar of good-natured laughter. In is said that Sergeant Thompson has selected the Hon, Omar Conger, of Michigon, as his future objection point | P. O. BOX, 228. on simlar occasions, but I am sure the result will not be the same. General Butler is engaged not to Mrs. Oliver but to defend Senator Cameron in the now celebrated breach of promise suit, and his coming is certainly marvellous. There is no doubt but that the aged Senator has been playing off on the widow in question but 7 MARKET SQUARE, NORFOLK, VA. Mr. Butler will no doubt get his client but of the scrape by effecting a verdict of guilty with one cent damage, instead of fifty

thousand dollars ouginally claimed. AUGUST.

#### OUR NORTHAMPTON LETTER.

JACKSON, N. C.,

March 25th, 2879) Editor Enquirer: It has been so long since 1 attempted to write anything for your valuable paper, I fear you have concluded that I have forgotten my promise to do so. In fact, news tems are so scarce that I sometimes won der how in the world you editors ever manthey are. Why do not your many correspondents write oftener? Correspondence from different sections is always read and appreciated, but I presume it is as dull and THE quiet with them as with your humble cor respondent, and that is the reason why I do not see more of them in the columns of the ENQUIRER. Let's hear from some more of the farmers; we know the ENQUIRER is a people's paper, and articles of that nature, your old machine repaired. as well as other kinds, will be appreciated notice the farmers of this section are making good efforts for large crops. They are further advanced, by far, than usual at this season of the year, which is a good omen for better success and better times among us. They are preparing to plant cotton again, though not so much as formerly. Stock and grain raising is on the insrease, which is, I think, another indication for good. Since incorporating Jackson, the town

has been considerably improved. It has a set of efficient officers, who have labored for its improvement and good government. Mr. James White has recently built a new store on Main street, where he proposes opening a merchant tailor establishment, agreement, and Mr. H. R. Deloatche, the surviving partner, carries on the business at this place, Trade is little dull here, as elsewhere.

The late legislature appointed the following new magistrates for this county: W. For days past the war between the rival H. Summerrell, Occoneechee; T. R. Ste phenson, Seaboard; Dr. Barrow, Jackson; Henry Copeland, Sich Square; J. H. Ed

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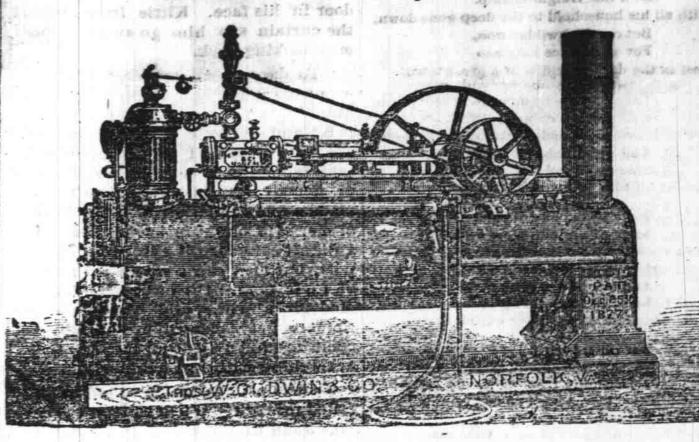
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