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### SALUTATORY.

THE KINSTON JOURNAL to-day makes its first appearance before the public.

We commence the publication of the paper with great diffidence, recognizing the fact that the present time seems to be one of unusual financial depression; and remembering the repeated failures of newspaper enterprises at this place and in other portions of the country, even when conducted by experienced and able journalists.

But we believe this section of coun try is destined to become a wealthy and powerful community. and that a home newspaper should grow up with it, and aid and assist its growth and influence.

When we look back at our condi tion at the close of the war, and com pare it with the present, we have great cause for congratulation.

When the wave of Sherman's bumor is it the same old cry that grumbmers swept over us in 1865, the coun lers have always made since the cretry was left as desolate as if the plagues ation of man? of Egypt had visited us. Just at planting time, the farmers had their staple product of the country about fences burned-their horses and corr the same as before the war-cotton taken by the government-their meat, eight cents per pound; corn thirty-five stock, and household and kitchen furto forty cents per bushel; green pork niture stolen by the camp followers, four cents per pound; and so with and every particle of money destroyed, save some few pieces of stray -silver that had escaped the search of the army thieves. With no capital save the soil-burdened with a heavy County Rail Road debt-with labor demoralized and hope almost crushed; our people went to work, and in the face of continued bad legislation on financial measures, have wrought out an almost miraculous result. We have accumulated horses and cattle and hogs-have brought our lands to a better state of fertility-have gradually, year after year, been buying less on credit, and approached a cash basis; have paid off our old debts, both individual and county; and now, although there is a financial presure on us, as on the whole country, yet we have great cause for thankfulness and congratulation.

country at the present time.

barely make a living.

limes is echoed in the mouth of near-

ly every one; when distress and ruin

seem staring the whole land in the

face; some people may say: we have

heard the complaint so often, we

hardly think there is much the matter.

Merchants are complaining that they

can't sell their goods; Physicians

think the people are too poor to in-

dulge in the luxury of a sick spell;

Lawyers aver that their clients are

so needy that they can't afford to get

back-bone and mainstay of trade in

any community, know that they are in

a worse condition than they have ever

Now is the wolf at our door in fact,

We find the price of nearly every

been since the war.

briars, rather than pursue any longer In 1866 when there was an abund- the ignis fatuus that is now leading ance of money, cotton being worth them on. But we hope for better thirty cents per pound, and corn ten things. Let the laborer bear for a dollars per barrel; people were grumbshort time his portion of the burden ling about their Poverty-that the war imposed by Hard Times; and as the darkest hour of the night is just behad ruined them; and that they could

fore day-break; so we believe that soon In 1871 and 1872, the same coma prosperous day will dawn for the whole country; and when we have plaints were reiterated; "cotton was learned the lesson of Economy which worth nothing-had gone down to. fifteen cents per pound, and if some Hard Times always teaches, we will relief could not be found that the then be prepared to lay a permanent country would be ruined." foundation for advancement to wealth And to-day, when the cry of Hard and ease.

At a meeting of the citizens of Lenoir County, held at the Court House in Kinston, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 1878, Dr. J. P. Bryan was called to the chair and J. W. Harper elected Secretary. The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to obtain the views of the people relative to petitioning Congress for a further appropriation for clearing obstructions from Nense River. On motion, the following were appointed a Committee to draft Resoluinto litigation : and the Farmers, the tions:

E. F. Cox, E. P. Loftin, W. W. Dunn, J. W. Grainger and J. M. White. . During the absence of the Committee Gen. RANSOM was called upon and made a short speech, explaining to the meeting what work had been done and what was to be yet performed under the former appropriation.

He stated that of the 40,000 dollars appropriated by Congress, he would have expended about one fourth-\$10, 000-by the time he reached Kinston, leaving \$30,000 to be used between Kinston and the Railroad Bridge, near Goldsboro. That it would take about \$150,000 to place the river to Smithfield nearly every article raised by us for in as good a condition as it is between Kinston and New Berne.

The House of Representatives is do ing its work very promptly this session. Thus far it has passed five important appropriation bills. Too much time is given to running Congress in the inter-est of party rather than in behalf of the country. We are glad to see our Democratic House so prompt in their attention to duty.-Star.

In the House the Radicals voted gainst a bill to punish any officer, agent or contractor of the United States who should intimidate in elections by contributing money, by abusing their offi-cial privileges, or by bribes, threats, This did not suit Radical ideas of &c. running a government, so they voted solidly against the bill, with one exception, Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania. Haves's civil service order long ago became the deadest sort of a letter, and now the Radical Congressmen show der, They have used, and they intend to use, all sort of machinery, however wrong or oppressive, to carry on their plans and save their party. Their patriotism begins and ends with party .--Star.

#### **Open Investigation.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- After reection of Mr. Butler's motion that the Blaine investigation be held with open doors, Mr. Hereford moved that the of Charlotte, died in the Lunatic Asydoors shall be open whenever a mem- lum yesterday moruing, in the 34th ber requests it.

in which Mr. Bayard made a fine ar- ily, Dr. Grissom will express his regument in favor of the right of every mains to Charlotte to-day. citizen to confront his accusers.

Mr. Merrimon, of North Carolina, the South, and he could not conceive of a better plan to encourage perjury than by having closed doors. He had seen day after day the rankest injustice done to scores of men who were not there to defend themselves. The seto the American people.

not known a fair election for thirty

years before the war. Then the sol-

dierly Ransom retorted, which he sel-

dom does without fine effect; and

face, insinuated cowardice on the

part of the South at the time of the

electoral count, forgetting he was ad-

dressing one who is covered with

All this Mr. Ransom met with per-

fect dignity. He would not be goad

Carolina Senator.

Senate.

Mr. Ransom, of North Carolina, said statesmen and scientfic men of France, forbid that it should go out to the bal- tion by the Council of Directors. ance of mankind, and go down the stream of time forever, that this light of day. [Applause in the galery. The motion was rejected. [Special to the Baltymore Gazette, 17th.] WASHINGTON, Dec., 16 .- After exnausting all his ordinary ammunition,

-Bayard Taylor, Minister to Ger- Dr. V. E. WEYHER mrny, is not expected to recover. He has the dropsy.

-Gold is selling at par in New York, for the first time since the suspension of specie payments in 1862.

-Senators Merrimon and Ransom made excellent speeches in the Senate n reply to Blaine.

-Samuel Jacob and Elbert Gatling, colored, were tried, convicted sentenced to six years in the and State Penitentiary. for assaulting with intent to kill, Marcus Williams, colored, of Hertford County, N. C., for voting for Maj. Yeates for Congress.

-The Potter Committee have decided not to investigate the cypher dispatches, unless instructed to do so how little use they had for any such or- by the House. They will report on the Lousiana Inquiry for which they were appointed.

-The Ruffin Badger Institute has been re-opened under Rev. Bashcane A. York, A, B., under flattering auspices.

-Governor Hampton is decidedly better-improving gradually.

-Raleigh News: Robert D. Osborne, son of the late Judge Osborne, year of his age, after an illness of This gave rise to a lengthy discussion several weeks. By order of his fam-

-In the Halifax, tax injunction case Col. Walter Clark and Edward said he had an experience two years T. Clark represented the tax payers of a full line of Halifax. The same points being at issue as in the Wake case, the Judge made the same decision without further argument.

-Dr. Grissom was elected on the SOAPS. 12th of November to the high honor cret investigations were against the of corresponding member of the principles of eternal justice and wrong General Prison Society of Paris, which has for its active members the first

for seven long years he had sat here such for example, Defaure, St. Simon and heard the people abused ; but his Duc de Broglio, Saint Hilaire, Merduty was to bear it. Now when it was cier, Grevy, aud others of world-wide proposed to indict them, they would fame. Mons. Fernaud Desportes, meet the accusers half way and say, General Secretary, has sent Dr. Gris-"Turn on the lights; see it all." God som an official certificate of his elec--Raleigh Observer : Sixty stands of breech-loading rifles were yesterday American Senate declared that an in- shipped by the State Ordnance officer vestigation should not be made in the to the Jarvis Light Infantry, of Greenville, Pitt county, and a like number to the Anderson Rifles, of Ringwood, Halifax county. It will be remembered that both these companies were recently assigned to the 1st Battallion of Infantry, North Car-





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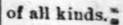
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As we have done in the past, so w can do in the future. Industry, Honesty and Enterprise can make this a great country-will build up our waste places, and leave to our children an inheritance to be proud of.

And in the accomplishment of these results, THE KINSTON JOURNAL purposes to aid and assist to the best of its ability.

In politics the JOURNAL will be independent within the Democratic party, and will steadfastly insist that the usefulness of any party must be measured by its devotion to the honor and welfare of the whole country.

In the sphere of literary, scientific and social discussion, it will be the aim of the paper to be lively without being sensational; aggressive without being coarse, and will admit nothing in its columns which tend to subvert the principles, on which the sacredness of family ties, and the existence of society alike depend. In short we expect to make the JOURNAL a Family Newspaper for our citizens of Eastern North Carolina; giving them every week a summary of the political, social and foreign news, and more particula

sale. We get about the same prices that our fathers did thirty years ago, who, year after year, gradually and steadily amassed property, and but for the results of the war would have left their children in affluence.

And the articles bought by us have depreciated in price in the same proportion. A farmer can sell a bale of cotton or ten barrels of corn, and with the proceeds buy as much from a store as he could in the palmiest ante-bellum insufficient to accomplish the whole of days.

And yet the cry of Hard Times is heard through the length and breadth tion Congress to further aid and assist of the land, and not without reason. What is the cause, and what the remedy? There are a number of minor causes which add to the ' distress of the farming community. And what from this State to urge the passage o affects the farmers, reacts on the a bill giving us such an Appropriation whole country. But there is one grand evil in existence, which overshadows the others, which will be giving us the first appropriation. readily seen on a casual glance at the following figures, made as rough estimate of the expenses and profits of an average two-horse farm in the Eastern portion of North Carolina.

	0	WNER OF FARM,	Dr.		
Ι.	To	Feed and use of 2 Mules for 12	8 C		
1		months,	\$100.00.		
ŀ	68	Fertilizer or good compost for			
		20 acres in cotton,	\$80.00.		
t.	**	Wear and tear of carts and	1		
		farming implements,	\$10.00.		
1		Labor of 4 hands at \$10 per			
E		month for 7 months,	\$280.00.		
1	"	Rations for 4 hands, \$2 per mo.	\$56.00.		
1	**	Picking out 12 bales cotton	\$75.00.		
1	**	Ginning and hauling to market,	\$36.00.		
ſ			\$637.00.		
	CONTRA				
1	By	100 barrels corn,	\$200.00.		
I.	48.7	Ten 500 pound bales cotton,	\$400.00.		
	**	\$30.00.			
1		1.	\$630.000.		
	1	low look at that picture	\$447.0		

out of \$637.00 or nearly four-fifths of the entire crop is to pay for labor .-that can stand that.

The Committee on Resolutions then made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Appropriation made by the XXXXVth Congress for clearing out the obstructions and deepening the channel of Neuse River, is now being used with great effect, under the efficient management of General ROBERT RANSOM; accomplishing more good than the most ardent promoters of the scheme expected: and

WHEREAS, said Appropriation will be the work needed on said River. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we respectfully petius in clearing out said Neuse River; which will furnish an outlet for freight of means of transportation. That we recommend to our members of Congress Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our Repre sentatives and the friends of the bill

Resolved, That a copy of these reso utions be sent each of our members of Congress and U. S. Senator. Respectfully submitted.

 Note of Last a volution					
E. F. Cox,					
J. M. WHITE,					
E. P. LOFTIN,					
W. W. DUNN,					
J. W. GRAINGER					
<i>n</i>					

On motion of JESSE C. KENNEDY, a

The Hillsboro' Becorder draws contrast between our State University where "hazing" is suppressed through the gentlemanly instincts of the students, and most of the Northern Colleges, which boast of their superior culture and management. It says:-"Cornell University a year or two ago

under the guise of elegant amusement, 17.00disposed of young Leggett by a vioent, cruel and ignominious death .---Now Cornell has added to its laurels There is no community in the world by the personal degradation of a son of Congressman Ingersoll. He was Every thing connected with the bound and gagged, hung from a stone

Mr. Blaine charged that the South had -Two hundred and twenty-eight deeds for lands sold by the Sheriff of Craven for State taxes, were yesterday received at the Auditor's office Blaine took his place beside Hoar, and deposited with the Secretary of both interesting victims of the North State. This shows hard times.

olina State Guards.

-The revival at Wake Forrest This tilt between Blaine and Ran-College, conducted by Rev. Dr. Mcsom was the most dramatic scene of the day, for the latter stood calm, self- Donald, of Richmond, Va., is still possessed and dignified, like a sort of going on.

huge mastiff ignoring the growls of a -Revivals in the college churches terrier. Mr. Blaine snapped and are popular. We hear of one church barked, trying in all ways to excite that has forty odd additions of memhis antagonist to some hot reply .-bership since the commencement of He bounded past the intervening the religious season. chairs, shook his finger in Ransom's

-The Governor has pardoned Charles McAllister, of McDowell county, who was convicted at the Deccember term, 1877 of the Superior Court, of larceny, and sentenced to wounds while he never smelt powder five years in the penitentiary. The himself and endeavoring to evoke pardon was recommended by the Sosome reference to the code in the licitor, many county officials and excellent citizens, and also in recognition of the faithful devotion of his wife which has been such as to do hon-

ed into recriminations. The senator or to her sex. acknowledged all when he said the South had done her duty. He and the senator from Maine were both THE KINSTON JOURNAL 1 year getting too old to indulge in personal 6 months 0.75 rancor and struggle for personal ap-The JOURNAL and N. C. Farmer for one year plause in the Senate. He had endurand one dozen papers assorted garden seed for ed for seven years these insults to the \$2.00. South and by the grace of God he The KINSTON JOURNAL and Louisville Courier would bear them longer. With per-Journal one year for \$2.50. fect equanimity he made Mr. Blaine eat his insinuating charge of personal J. M. WHITE, J. F. PARROTT cowardice and the latter subsided un-White & Parrott, der ringing applause in the galleries

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V. E. WEYHER, M. D. jan 1-12m

## NOTICE!

APPLICATION will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to amend the Charter of the Town of La Grange so as to require applicants for license to retail spirituous liquors in said town, to exhibit to the County Commissioners a recommendation from the commissioners of said town. Dec. 20, 1878.



BOOTS and SHOES, TRUNKS

Committee. Committee of ten-five white and five colored-were appointed to solicit names to a petition to Congress for a further appropriation, to report Dec. 20, 1878.

a certain boy while minding sheep, was in the habit of crying out, wolf I wolf I to alarm his comrades; who on running to his relief, wonld find them- selves duped, and the boy merry at their expense. This sport was contin- ued until his companions became in different to his call; and finally, one day, the wolf did come, and in spite of the Shepherd's cries for help, devoured the sheep. We fine a similar state of affairs in	cent. since 1866, except labor, and if that had kept pace with the decline of prices of farm products, the far- mers would now be thriving and the whole country prosperous. If farm laborers could work for \$10.00 per month when meat was worth from twelve to fifteen cents per pound; calico and domestics from fifteen to twenty cents per yard, and clothing fifty per cent. higher than now; is it not rea- sonable that their wages should fall in some proportion with the decline of every thing else? Laborers and the owners of the soil are mutually dependant—the one up- on the other; and if distress and ruin fall upon one, it will certainly react upon the other; and if the present crops continue to be raised in this country, and the present prices pre- vail, it is simply ruin for farmers to pay for labor as they have done in the past. They had batter lat all the	and other indignities inficted. The same contrast will apply to any of our State colleges—Davidson, Trinity, Wake Forrest, &c.—Mechanic & Far- mer. Grant Can Be Nominated Grant's nomination in 1880 will turn upon the simple question wheth- er he wants it. If he does he will be nominated without a shadow of doubt. He will have a "solid South" in the Republican Convention, and Cameron and Conkling, who carry the votes of Pennsylvania and New York in their pockets, can and will nominate him. At present Grant is decidedly inclined to accept, but the elections in New York and Ohio next year may possi- bly change his mind. If he does not he will be the Republican candidate in 1880.—St. Louis Post & Despatch, Dem. —Princess Alice, of England, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt, died Dec. 4th of diptheria. She was second daughter and third child of	Burnside's bill for the reduction of the army, which slays the staff as ruthlessly as though it were taking a hand in a real fight under Burnside, is almost identical with the bill gotten up last year by Banning, of the House. About the only difference noticeable is that Banning proposed to reduce the number of unlisted men, while the present bill, which meets the approval of the Republicans, leaves the standard of the army at 25,000 men. Banning has been to some extent, vindicated. —Balt. Gazette, Dem. —There will be discharged from the penitentiary to-day, George Williams, colored, convicted in Edgecombe coun- ty of larceny, and sentenced to the penitentiary, January, 1877. He is about twenty-seven years old, five feet and three-fourth inches high, and weighed when admitted 160 pounds. Also Ed. Williams, colored, convicted in Cumberland county of larceny, and sentenced to the penitentiary, Janua- re 1877. He is about twenty-three	Also keep on hand the celebrated Tuckahoe Family Flour. jan1-12m R. RAYNER, -DEALER IN- DY GOODS, Notions, Hats. Caps, Boots, Shoes, Clothing, and everything usually is a first-class house. A splendid assortment of Scarfs and Ties, for Ladies and Gentlemen. Also a Full line of Jewelry, Cutlery, Cologne, fan1-12m W. J. RASBERRY, Attorney At Law, KINSTON, N. C. Will attend the Courts of Greene and Jones. & Office on Court House Square. jan1-12m I. H. ENNIS. ENNIS & PRESSON. House Builders & Upbolsterers, KINSTON, N. C., Are prepared to build and repair Houses and make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at make all kinds of Furniture in good style and at	CLOTHING a Specialty. Call early and secure Bargains at jan 1-tf EINSTEIN'S. CHAS. F. HARVEY, CHAS. F. HARVEY, NOTARY PUBLIC - and Inferior Court Clerk for Lenoir County. Probates Deeds, Mortgages, Lien Bonds and other instruments required to be Registered. Boo Bank Deeds, Mortgages, &c., furnished free on application. jan1-3m L. J. HILL & CO., Boot & Shoe Makers, KINSTON, N. C. We are prepared with the best French Calf Skin and Louisville	