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THURSDAY, JAN. 16, 1873.

Governor Holden's Disabilities.

The Senate Impeachment Court of the last General Assembly, in a fit of partizan insanity, long since deplored by the people of the State, and disapproved at the time of all good people, saw proper, in deposing the Governor from office, to also fix on him life-bans of political disability.

At a time when so many of our people were seeking the removal of disabilities imposed by Congress, and when the State Legislature was clamoring for the relief of divers prominent citizens of the State, that Legislature banned the only man in the world it had the power to touch. The mistake is now apparent, and since Congress has removed the disabilities of all, with slight exceptions, the disposition is manifest on the part of this Legislature to correct the mistake of the other by removing the disability imposed on Governor Holden.

A resolution has already been introduced, and the matter is in proper shape before the Legislature. That it will promptly act favorably to the relief of Governor Holden, no one entertains a doubt, and as an earnest of a better era of feeling in our State, and a disposition to repair the mistakes and forget the errors of the past, the public sentiment of North Carolina is strongly setting in the direction above indicated.

The Republicans, always first in amnesty, will vote unanimously for this relief, and the Conservatives will do honor to themselves who support this measure.

It is hoped that the desired action may not be delayed a day; and let the Legislature of North Carolina, with one voice, speedily send up an appeal to the Congress for the relief of the last one of our fellow-citizens, that President Grant may enter upon a second term or his high office with a country fully restored—with not a single one of his fellow-citizens under political bans—the foot of a bond-man pressing the soil of the United States nowhere in all our broad, peaceful and free domain.

The Western North Carolina Railroad.

The Era, to-day, contains, in its correspondence department, an able, well written, intelligent and comprehensive article on the Western North Carolina Railroad, and the financial troubles and depressing difficulties which beset it.

It is gratifying to observe, that, in whatever writers have to say on this subject, the official conduct of Governor Caldwell in reference to the matter is generally commended, in that he has but done his duty as the Executive of the State.

Reference is made, in the communication of "Catawba," to the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, in which the State has, or had a much larger interest and a more valuable property, being a line much nearer completed and producing a much heavier annual income than the Western North Carolina Road.

Another correspondent writes the Era and asks "Why is he (the Governor) silent on the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Road—" "A Road in which the State has invested seven millions and is endeavoring for a million more—a Road that is surely worth protecting, earning annually, as it does, \$350,000; with one hundred and eighty miles of finished track, and about all the grading completed?"

The Legislature, last Winter, with all the facts before it, after a long, patient and exhaustive investigation, decided by its action that the State could afford no relief to the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford, and so events had to be left to take their course, and the State's interest to take care of itself, or be sacrificed. The Governor could have accomplished nothing, whatever action he may have seen proper to take, and after the Legislature had disposed of the matter, any interference of the Executive, unasked, would have been merely gratuitous intermeddling.

In the case of the Western North Carolina Road it is quite different. Although the Legislature has had

the matter in hand, giving it a hasty and unsatisfactory consideration, friends of the Road and parties interested therein have besought the Executive to bring the subject once again before the General Assembly. He took such action as was necessary to procure time, and a message will soon be transmitted to the Legislature covering the ground and giving all the information on the subject the Governor has been able to possess himself with.

It is painfully apparent that little or nothing can be done to protect the damaged and sinking interests of the State in this Road, but very little harm can result to any one from a further investigation of the subject by the Legislature, and if nothing can be done, why then the sale of the Road must take place, unless there shall be found good ground for litigation.

The people of Western North Carolina, so much interested in the completion of their Road, and so manifestly impatient under the existing delay, are assured that the Governor is not hostile to them or their interests in this matter, and he will do nothing in the premises he does not feel that his duty to himself, his high office and his State shall make it obligatory on him to undertake; and if there is found no cause for litigation on the part of the State there will be none, and no unnecessary delay caused or useless obstructions thrown in the way of the early completion of the Road under the auspices of that association of capital said to be ready, anxious and amply prepared to finish the Western North Carolina Railroad to the Tennessee line.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Superintendent McIver refuses to give up the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The following correspondence explains itself: RALEIGH, JAN. 15th, 1873.

HON. ALEX. McIVER, Raleigh: Dear Sir:—Having received from his Excellency Governor Caldwell a Commission appointing me Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of North Carolina, and taken the oath required by law, I respectfully notify you that I will be ready to take charge of the office on tomorrow.

Having derived great pleasure as well as profit from the perusal of your exceedingly able report to the present General Assembly, I hope, and from our friendly relations, believe, that you will continue to aid me with your valuable counsels. Truly yours, KEMP P. BATTLE, Sup't Pub. Instruction.

OFFICE SUP'T PUB. INSTRUCTION, Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 16th, 1873.

HON. KEMP P. BATTLE: Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., giving notice of your appointment by his Excellency Governor Caldwell.

Assured as I am from an acquaintance with you of more than twenty years, of your eminent fitness for the duties of the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, I would cheerfully surrender the office to you, if I believed that my term of office had expired, or that the Commission under which you claim is legal.

By the first section of Article III of the State Constitution the term of office of all officers of the Executive Department shall commence on the first day of January next after their election, and continue until their successors are "elected and qualified." By section thirteen of the same Article: If the office of any of the said officers shall be vacated by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint another until the disability be removed or his successor be "elected and qualified."

An officer is one who is invested with an office. Mr. Reid had not been invested with the office and therefore he was not an officer. The office of Superintendent of Public Instruction never became the office of Mr. Reid and therefore it was not vacated by his death or otherwise. The Constitution continues the term of the present incumbent and no vacancy has occurred. It is reasonable that the Constitution should designate the person, if it has a suitable person on hand, to continue in office in case the person dies or refuses to qualify; and the Constitution of North Carolina does this very thing. It continues the term of the incumbent until his successor is "elected and qualified." No vacancy occurred, and His Excellency had no authority to grant the Commission to which you refer; and for that reason the Commission is null and void.

I, therefore, most respectfully decline to surrender to you the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Sincerely yours, ALEXANDER McIVER, Sup't Pub. Instruction.

Local and News Department.

See Legislative proceedings on fourth page.

Cotton Market.

Up to 4 P. M., to-day there had been 46 bales of cotton brought to this city. Price 18. Price in New York 20 1/2. Gold at 12 1/2.

Sale of a Saw Mill.

The saw mill of Holby and Stevens on Little Creek in this county was sold last Monday to Henry Young for two thousand dollars. This mill saws good lumber for one dollar per hundred.

Supreme Court.

This morning the State vs. Eli Simons and Gus Allen—Anson county, was argued. Attorney General for State and R. T. Bennett for Defendant. Tomorrow is the case of Western Railroad, W. H. Howerton et al, vs. S. M. D. Tate et al., W. H. Bailey for plaintiffs.

An Old Pensioner Sick.

Old man Joe Woodward of this city lies at his home sick unto death. He was in the war of 1812 and is now drawing his pension. His wife is sick in the same room with him. When Mr. Woodward first located here there was hardly any town at all. He is in his eighty-first year.

Hillsboro.

The following colored people have recently left Hillsboro to attend school in Charlotte and this city. To the school in Charlotte: Walker Whitted, Fred Whitted and Elizabeth Berry. To Tupper's school in this city: Martin Whitted, Alston Whitted and A. H. Haught-await. And to the other schools here, Alice Berry and Mary Whitted.

Sports of the Blind.

It was recess at the Asylum and the blind boys were walking on stilts. "Let's have a chase," said one, and two youths, nearly grown young men, took out, one after the other, galloping after each other. They started after the word was given them by a little blind urchin, "one, two, three, four." A little deaf and dumb chap with a long keen switch would run behind and whip them up.

The Skeleton.

A distinguished physician of this city has at our request kindly furnished us the following anatomical facts concerning the human frame. The skeleton of an adult person consists of two hundred and forty-six distinct pieces as follows:

- Bones of the head, 8
Ear, 6
Face, 14
Teeth, 32
Back—vertebral column, 24
Ribs, 24
Tongue, 1
Upper extremities—arm, wrist and fingers, 64
Breast, sternum, 1
Pelvis—hip, sacrum and coccyx, 4
Lower extremities—leg, instep and toes, 60
Sesamoid, 8

A Johnston County Farmer.

Robert F. Faucett moved from three miles of Haw River in Alamance county in 1867 and settled on an old worn out place in Johnston county where Jim Pearce used to live, and he has about paid for it this year in cotton.—Mr. Faucett tells us that with only the help of his family he made fourteen bags of cotton last year and has already got nine hundred and ten dollars for thirteen of the bags, the money paid him by the State National Bank of this city, and the other bag as soon as he is through picking will bring him between seventy and eighty dollars. The secret of this farmer's success is: he had four sons. And they worked with father.

Musical and Theatrical.

The Rubinstein Troupe did not attract large audiences in Boston. "If we stay in Boston much longer," said Wieniaski, "we may become unaccustomed to appearing in public."

Joe Jefferson will probably visit Richmond again at the expiration of his Southern engagements, about three weeks hence. He will probably play one night in Petersburg also.

Robbie Ford, one of Rutherford (N. C.) amateurs, will do the tragedy in the town of Rutherfordton with his Happy Twelve The villagers and their sweethearts are so glad they've come. The Wilmington Journal says: The Oates troupe are to again give us the go-by, after having made an engagement here. They were to have played at the Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

The Wilmington Star says: Among the theatrical celebrities already billed for this place the present season, besides Madame Janussek, we may mention the Fox Pantomime Troupe, February 3rd and 4th, Owens, the celebrated comedian, Feb. 10th, and the Duprez and Benedict Minstrels, Feb. 21st and 22nd.

Our State.

STATE news is scarce. THE Wilmington urchins are playing shinny.

TITIA Lytle of Asheboro, colored, drunk, fell in the fire. Buried.

WILL Benbow of Guilford is erecting a handle factory at Oak Ridge. THE colored citizens of Greensboro are going to establish a Freedmen's Savings Bank.

THEY hired out the paupers in Jones county, and Mrs. Lucy Locky, very respectable white lady, was bid off by a colored man.

THE town of Jefferson is so full of loafers that the Messenger received to-day contains two advertisements headed, "No loafers wanted."

THE New Year article written by Cameron of the Hillsboro Recorder cannot be surpassed in beauty by any editor in the State.

GREENSBORO is bounded by two Buffaloes and a Turkey Ridge and is one of the very game little cities in the State. The partridge abounds there and mink skins and coon skins hang a curtain of future prosperity over the very hart of the city. The hart is a tame one.

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York Herald says that Gen. D. H. Hill teaches a school in Hillsboro and edits a periodical called The Land We Love. He has only missed the town by one hundred and thirty-nine miles and would be quite correct as to the other if Gen. Hill only taught a school or edited any such journal.

THE Wilmington Star says: An old colored woman by the name of Mary Ann Quince, or Mary Ann Taylor, as she is better known, died here a day or two since, in the 62d year of her age, and was buried yesterday in Pine Forest Cemetery. At the age of 11 years she was given to Mr. J. A. Taylor of this city, and has remained in his family ever since, a period of 50 years.

Our City.

It looks like plowing now sure. When the city gets hungry it feeds at Fraps' handsome lunch counter.

One hundred and fifty bales of cotton were sold in this city yesterday ranging from sixteen to eighteen cents.

A Kentucky drove of ninety five mules in this city, an establishment were sold very rapid at from \$150 to \$175 per mule. So much for cotton.

The legislature is for turning over the clothing shucked off by the Kirk war men over to the use of the convicts in the penitentiary and the inmates of the Asylums.

The new wing now being added to the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum will be three stories, eighty feet long, heated up by furnace and supplied with water by pipes from tank.

Mr. McIver, the old Superintendent of Public Instruction, refuses to give up to Mr. Kemp Battle the new appointment, and the result is a suit between Messrs. McIver and Battle.

In Superior Court to-day Harry Cheek, colored, bastardy, not guilty.—Woolwine, larceny, two years to the Penitentiary. George Keith pleads guilty of assault with deadly weapon, judgement reserved. Harry Lashley and Aisy Holt—jury out.

Until we have the coal hucksters crying "harcoal, and the newsboys' "here's your evening paper," and the boot blacks, "have a shine, sir," and have the streets lighted with gas, we shall continue to think we are in the backwoods. And then a play-company just once and awhile.

One is a blind colored man and he carries a placard before him, then another is a lame colored boy on crutches, another is an old wizened black man, he looks nigh unto a thousand, another is an old white woman who says she can't use one of her arms, and another is a little thin red faced man who always asks you to "lend" him ten cents.—There are at least twenty more in Raleigh.

Personal Intelligence.

Judge Henry is in the city. Capt. Furman of the Asheville Citizen is at the Yarburo.

Paul Morphy, the chess player, is a modest lawyer in New Orleans.

Gen. Joe Johnston is a leading insurance man in Savannah, Georgia.

We are glad to see our friend A. W. Cheek of Orange county, just returned from Arkansas, in this city.

The Rev. Herr Leineweber, a German clergyman, has been sentenced to ten months' imprisonment for preaching political sermons.

Prof. N. M. Mitchell, colored, of Mobile, Ala., Superintendent of the Sabbath Schools for the A. M. E. Zion church, is in this city. He has been visiting the schools in Newbern and Wilmington and Fayetteville.

Henry M. Hamilton, vice-president of the National Railway company, has been arrested charged with obtaining \$50,000 from the Pennsylvania Railroad company by falsely representing that he owned all the stock of the Hamilton improvement company of New Jersey. He was bailed in \$10,000.

Fists.

"Ah, ha, see how it works.—The Mobile Register says: "Put on the crown, put away the carpet-bagger and the scallawag, and you have our best blood to support and fasten your imperial sway from New England to California." Of course the terms carpet bagger and scallawag are a mere shadow of excuse for this editor to write his real sentiment.

"I'll bet I can drink six glasses more," cried Amos Boswick, a New York boy, who had already drank eight glasses of Bourbon Whiskey.—He staggered home, and as he seated himself near the table, his mother slapped him two or three times on the head with her open hand. The boy attempted to throw up his hands, but fell on the table with his head resting on his arms. After a few minutes his mother ordered him to get up. As she took him by the arms he gasped, and rolled from the chair to the floor, dead.

"Oh, no, she wouldn't marry again." A beautiful girl she was, living in Georgetown, D. C. when a young man there fell in love with her and they were engaged. But after she was married a dashing young officer who in the late war threw his fortune in favor of the South and died fighting under the Stars and Bars. She named her first boy after this first lover, and the widow and her son moved away out West. The other day the old Georgetown bach saw the death of this boy, aged 12 years, published in the newspaper, and he went right out there, and the old flames were rekindled, and they are now living, man and wife, together in Georgetown, and not even the teeth are wanting to enable the wife to chew on the cud of her first love.

Barnum at the Academy of music in New York being asked whether he would build another Museum and Menagerie, said: Well, I am now nearly 63 years of age. I can buy plenty of building sites and get plenty of leased lots for a new Museum, but I cannot get a new lease of life. I am situated, in this respect, same as Mr. Vanderbilt. A man offered to sell him a horse.—"What is his pedigree?" asked Mr. Vanderbilt. It was given him. "Ah, that is the best blood in the country, and I will buy him at a fair price. How fast is he?" "I think he will travel in two twenty when he gets old enough," replied the owner. "He is a two-year-old colt!" "A colt! I can't wait for colts," exclaimed Mr. Vanderbilt. I can scarcely wait for leases; but younger members of my family desire me to erect, in this city, an establishment worthy of New York and of myself. It will be no small undertaking, for if I erect such an establishment, it will possess novel and costly features never before attempted. I have it under consideration, and within a month shall determine whether I shall do it or not.

Col. Keating in his travels gives the following of how they fatten their women for the African and Asiatic markets: As soon as betrothed she is cooped up in a small room, with gold shackles on her ankles. If her proprietor has lost a wife by death or divorced one, her ankles are sent forward to the matrimonial candidate. When she has attained a desirable size, indicated by filling the pattern rings, she is carried in triumph to her new home. The preparation of food that actually produces that coveted dimension—a mountain of fatness—is called dough, made of the seeds of a vegetable peculiar to the country. Some positively die from excessive fatness in an effort to surpass in that bewitching accomplishment rival candidates for matrimonial positions.—These famous mortals are not the poor girls. They are the higher orders in society, and therefore are ambitious, like fashionables in some civilized States, of securing an elevated position with a rich husband, Bruce the traveler, saw a great queen in Africa—a gem of women, the envy of her sex, and wife of hunters—who weighed over four hundred.

Boys, this is of a little sailor boy who was sent up the main mast to furl a sail while the storm was raging; read it, and it will tell you why the little fellow wasn't afraid: "Why did you send him? He cannot come down alive." "I did it," replied the mate, "to save life. We've sometimes lost a man overboard, but never a boy. See, how he holds like a squirrel. He is more careful. He will come down safe, I hope." Again I looked till tears dimmed my eyes, and I was compelled to turn away, expecting every moment to catch a glimpse of his last fall. In about fifteen or twenty minutes, he came down, and straightening himself up with the conscious pride of having performed a manly act, he walked off with a smile on his countenance. In the course of the day, I took occasion to speak to him. "Why did you hesitate when ordered aloft?" "I went sir," said the boy, "to pray." "Do you pray?" "Yes, sir. I thought that I might not come down alive, and I went to commit my soul to God." "Where did you learn to pray?" "At home. My mother wanted me to go to Sabbath-school, and my teacher urged me to pray to God to keep me, and I do." "What was that you had in your jacket?" "My Testament, which my teacher gave me. I thought if I did perish, I would have the word of God close to my heart."

From Cuba.

KEY WEST, Jan. 16.—Steamer Edgar Stewart here under command of Capt. Sommers, late U. S. N. He confirms landing recruits and munitions of war to the Cuban patriots.

Frank Blair goes by the Board.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—L. V. Boye succeeds Frank Blair as United States Senator from Missouri.

Arkansas Senatorship.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 16.—Dorsey received 40; Garland 35; Bowen 19.

Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Consols 92; Fives 8 1/2. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16.—Cotton opened dull; Uplands 10; Orleans 10 1/2. LATER—Cotton dull. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Cotton quiet, sales 775; Uplands 20; Orleans 21; Flour firm; Wheat quiet, firm, 1.66 @ 1.67; corn quiet, old Western mixed, 60; pork quiet, mess 13.70 @ 13.75; Lard firm; western steam 8; Tarpenite firm at 62 @ 62 1/2; Rosin firm at 3.85 @ 3.95, strained; Freights quiet; Stocks dull; gold firm at 123; Money firm at 7; Exchange, long 9 1/2, short 10 1/2; governments dull and steady; State bonds dull and heavy.

Rates of Advertising: One square, one insertion..... \$ 1 00 One square, two insertions..... 1 50 One square, three insertions..... 2 00 One square, six insertions..... 3 00 One square, one month..... 8 00 One square, three months..... 16 00 One square, six months..... 30 00 One square, twelve months..... 50 00 An inch lengthwise the column is a square.

Twigs.

Mr. Havens has not taken "one swallow" of either food or drink for 57 days. What a favorite that young man would be with a boarding house keeper! —When the Des Moines police scoop out dens of iniquity the names of the young men of "high social position" who are found there are suppressed. The penniless chaps get into print.

Gov. Walker, of Virginia, in his message, recommends the equalization and correction of assessments and the more thorough assessment of personal property by which the total assessed valuation of real and personal property will reach \$400,000,000; the annual tax upon which will be \$2,000,000. The tax here and there is estimated at \$800,000, making a total revenue of \$2,800,000, of which \$400,000 is to be appropriated to schools, leaving a balance of \$2,400,000 available to pay the interest on the public debt and pay the current expenses of the State Government.

Sophon, a wise teacher, did not allow his grown-up sons and daughters to associate with those whose conduct was not perfectly correct and proper. Deaf as he was, he said, the gentle Eulalie to him one day, when he forbade her going in company with her brother to see the light-minded Lucinda, "you must take us to be very childish if you think she can do us any harm!" But the father quietly took an extinguished coal from the fireplace and reached it to his daughter. "It does not burn," said he; "take it child!" Eulalie did so, and behold her delicate hands and pure white dress were soiled at once. "One cannot be too careful in touching coal," said she impatiently.—"Certainly," replied her father. "You see, my child, that coal, which you when you does not burn, so does the society of the immoral."—[Rebas].

Farm-Yard Scraps.

Nearly seven thousand men and one thousand horses are gathering ice on the Hudson, and it averages eleven inches in thickness. About 9,500 tons are gathered a day. The crop will reach 1,500,000 tons, and will be gathered by the 1st of February.

During the past year 2,000 pounds of walnut kernels were shipped by rail from Broadway depot in Rockingham county. They sold at 20 cents per pound, bringing the handsome sum of \$600 for these small and seemingly worthless things. The Register says: "These walnut kernels were gathered mainly by poor children in Brock's Gap, who when no other way in which to turn an honest penny." They are used in making candy.

The Charlottesville (Va.) Chronicle says: "We learn with much pleasure that parties exploring this county in search of iron ore have recently developed a deposit on the banks of the River E. Wood, about a mile from the town of Woodstock, which they believe the vein continues through the adjoining lands of John Wood, Jr., and perhaps on to adjacent lands. These discoveries are within one-half a mile of Ivy depot, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad."

Every farmer knows, or he thinks he knows, how to take care of potatoes for winter use. Dig the potatoes, if possible, when the ground is dry; but if this cannot or has not been done, they should be allowed to dry on a barn floor, the adhering soil removed, and then the roots may be carried to the cellar. We provide large boxes which will hold about twenty bushels each, (cast off three boxes) raise them a few inches from the cement floor by cross pieces of scantling, and then fill them with the clean and dry potatoes. A lid excludes them from the light. If there happen to be a few wide cracks in the bottom of the box the ventilation will be better; and if the tubers are clean and the cellar cool there will be little rot.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOUR O'CLOCK.

Louisiana Senatorship. NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16.—In Kellogg's Legislature John Ray elected U. S. Senator in place of Kellogg resigned and Pinchback for long term.