

## [COMMUNICATED.] **Obituary**.

THURSDAY, NOV. 21, 1879

REV. JAMES REID, whose sudde death on the 8th inst., has been briefly announced in this paper, was the oldest member of the large and influential body of ministers constituting the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South. In many respects he was a remarkable man. He was characterized carough life by a distinguished love of order and regularity. Neat, and consistent in apparel ; quiet, dignified and gentlemanly in demeanor; discreet and competent in the management of his temporal interests; singularly regular in all his habits: kindly and charitable in spirit; constant and generous as a friend: faithful and reliable in counsel; prompt and thorough in all his obligations; laborious and consecrated in his holy ministry ;- his life was in many respects exemplary, honorable, and useful.

An active service of half a century in the itinerant ministry involves a degree of toil, privation and suffering that few people are prepared to appreciate. The ministry of Mr. Reid was conducted in part in earlier years when circuits were far more extensive than at present, ne

other Tammany expose, let them formed the accomplished feat of getting up some figures relative to subscribe to The Era. We shall open on the North Carolina Peni- the drafts and official expenditures tentiary after the Legislature meets, of United States Marshal Carrow, with heavy artillery, and shall not whereon Clingman based a letter only expose the unparalleled con- addressed to himself through The duct of the managers for the past Washington Patriot, as coming from two years, but the corruption of the Hon. Jas. B. Beck, of Kentucky. Legislature that placed them there, If Messrs, Barringer and Mason and which, in the face of astoundknow nothing about Col. Wood's ing developments, retained them, financial "work," we suggest to the great disgrace of the State that General Clingman may; and and the everlasting infamy of the in the event that no light can be last Legislature.

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[COMMUNICATED.] Humbugs.

In a speech made before the Baptist Convention which was recently held in Fayetteville, N. C., Hon. John Kerr said "that Henry Ward Beecher was one of the greatest humbugs on this earth." This surely must be so, for Mr. Kerr has been so long in the "hum-bug" business himself, that he certainly ought to know what it takes to make a first-class insect of that species. Poor Beecher! How badly he must feel when he hears of the Hon. John Kerr's opinion of him ! C.

Fun for the People.

sacrifice; for it is but simple truth If the Representatives of the peoto state, that, although The Weekly ple in the approaching Legislature Era has enjoyed the largest circulawill give us the promised contest of tion, by far, of any paper in the the State election we promise the State, it has, nevertheless, cost an people some developments in the abundant sum over its income; and 'conservative" and "liberal" manfeeling that our friends do not wish agement and manipulation of the us to continue to serve them at such canvass and election last Summer a sacrifice to ourselves, we have dethat will not only enlighten but termined to put the price of the paamuse as well. per up to living rates. We are prepared to show instances The Daily Era remains at Seven Dollars.

## IF the people want to witness an- Washington last Summer and per- Brick Pomeroy on our Senatorial Contest. A noticeable

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ure of the Senatorial inde of the Radicals, ontest is the With singular unanimity they are urg-ing forward Mr. Merrimon, the late Democratic candidate for Governor. The object of this is very clear. They are conscious of the most glaring frauds on their part during the recent canvass and they well understand that unless Merthey well understand that unless Mer-rimon can be fixed in some way he will contest the election and win. It is possi-ble for the Republicans, with a part of the Democratic strength, to put up a job that will make Merrimon United States Senator in spite of himself. He owes it to the Democracy of the State to do his to the Dem the Democracy of the State to do his tmost to defeat such a movement. He owes it to Gov. Vance not to interfere in any manner with that gentleman's suc-cess. There is no doubt Mr. Merrimon thus thrown on the subject, then let Col Wood insist that a contest would make a good senator, but he will make equally as good a Governor, and that he is honestly entitled to. Let the Democrats in the Legislature beware. of the State election be had at once.

Do not throw away any strength. Re-member Pool, Abbott, Holden and Mc-From and after the date of The Lindsay, and wrest every department of Weekly Era for the 28th November, the government from the murderous our Weekly will be enlarged, and ghouls.

the price raised from ONE to TWO The above is the concluding par-Dollars a year; and the price of the agraph of a long article in Pomeroy's Democrat of New York, opening, Tri-Weekly will be FIVE instead under the head of "A Republican murderer and Outlaw," on Hon. This is done in justice, not only John Pool and the Republican to ourselves, but to the other Reparty of North Carolina.

publican papers of the State, which It is not difficult to trace the source have just cause of complaint at the of this article, for though written low price of The Era; a price not by a Democrat editor it gives unonly under which they could not mistakable evidence of who incompete with us, but at which The spired it. That evidence is found Weekly Era has been a pecuniary in this paragraph from the same paper taken in connection with the presence in New York city of a prominent "democratic" or conservative, editor of Raleigh :-Josiah Turner, editor of the Raleigh, N. C. Sentinel, is a gentleman whom the As we stated last week they have just Ablown up his printing establishment. A some frivolous charge which did not hold water, and then they kindly remembered him by dropping a few pistol shots through the windows of his residence. Mr. Turner is still alive and of life to edit a Democratic journal in Raleigh

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The Democratic press in the State and out of it, is at this time engaged in a crusade against Judge Russell seems, these gentlemen in the discharge of their proper duties have dared to attempt to execute the law upon an editor. It was supposed by them that the law for editors was the same as that for other people; and an editor having committed a crime under their very eyes, tend the law to him just as they | ten or printed. would to any other criminal. And

for this they are assailed and slandered, and held up to the country as conspiring partizans who are aiming a fatal blow at the liberty of the press ! Not only have they cially. been thus assailed, but falsehoods in regard to the Court proceedings

for the purpose of inflaming and deceiving the public.

Now for the facts :- During the recent session of New Hanover Court, in the city of Wilmington, an article appeared in a newspaper of that city, in which Judge Bond was grossly maligned and belied, and was specifically called "a scounyour criminal action when a man pubdrel." The attention of the State's lishes you in a manner calculated to prosecuting Attorney was called to tempt; you can indict him. the article, and he, as was his bounden duty under the law and his tending to injure your character. oath, sent a bill of indictment to the It is not incumbent upon the mem-Grand Jury; charging the editors of bers of the bar to show further than is the paper with libel at common charged in the bill of indictment fo law. We have here to ask, what you to bring a charge of libel. A grand juror who considers this matter, as fur-Republicans don't seem to fancy much. else could Judge Cantwell, the nished in this bill of indictment, and State's Attorney, do? Here he is, refuses to find a bill, remembering his few months ago they had him in jail on a sworn officer of the law, sworn to oath, is guilty of perjury. prosecute the pleas of the State and There was a law in England where a to cause offenders to be indicted and man who published a libelous statement tried; and here is committed in of another could not show, was not pergood grit, although it is worth a man's his very presence, and in that of the mitted to prove, that the language used was true. It was held, as Lord Manscommunity, a libel, which the law denominates a crime. If he had field said, "the greater the truth, the greater the libel." Yet in North Carofailed to notice it because of sympalina, by public enactment, a defendant thy with the views, or of favor to is entitled to establish that what he the individuals who committed the wrote was true, and if he proves this to offense, he would have been treachthe jury he is not guilty. erous and corrupt. If he had re-It is difficult to imagine what other fused to prosecute it because of the defense a man who is published as a fear of newspaper criticism and scoundrel has but that which the law abuse, he would have deserved to affords. have been driven frem his place in In this case it is the daty of the jury to inquire whether these parties chargdisgrace. If he had declined to ined have been guilty of printing, causing terfere because he thought the at to be printed, or publishing, or causing tempt would be unsuccessful or imto be published, or writing, or causing polite or unpopular, he would have to be written, the language charged in been a mean and cowardly timethe bill of indictment, and if so, then a server, unworthy to fill any office true bill must be found of trust in any orderly and christian The Court charges you that the publicommunity. Suppose he had seen cation of the words set forth in the bill or heard of a man's setting fire to a of indictment are sufficient to constitute a libel per se. It is for you to deterhouse to burn up the city, and had mine whether these persons charged refused to send a bill to the Grand are editors or publishers of the paper Jury for that offense! He would nan.ed. A libel has been committedhave been justly censured and dethe Court so charges you-and it is for nounced by all honest men. But you to find out who committed this because, as public prosecutor, he libel. seeks to indict an editor for com-The rule is that whoever causes a lioffs of his own party to elect him. mitting a crime he is to be help up belous statement to be written or published, willingly and knowingly, is as an enemy of public liberty. Is stabbed in the back by a creature there a respectable Democratic lawguilty of the libel. Of course all the emwhom he has nurtured, to be a tool yer in North Carolina who will say ployes of a printing office where a libel is printed are not necessary guilty of over his own signature that Judge libel, because they may not have known Cantwell could honestly have taken that it was published; and the printer any other course? in the discharge of his mere mechanical But to the facts again :--certain | duties, may not be guilty because there was no intent on his part, unknown members of the Grand The jury are to take into consideration Jury having indicated their oppoonly the testimony of witnesses sent sition to finding the Bill of Indictfrom the Court, and have no right to ment, the Solicitor according to the send for witnesses to make out a case usual course of practice in the for the defendant, nor have they a righ Courts, arose in Court and requested to examine any witnesses except such the Judge to charge the Grand as were sworn in Court, and cannot send Jury specially upon the subject of for witnesses without the consent of the libel. The Judge directed the Grand Court.

ease or malady, when such a public tion tends to exclude him from the en joyment of his rights in society.

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3rd. Where words are spoken or pub lished regarding the profession or calland Solicitor Cantwell because, it ing of the party, tending to injure him in his busines

In these cases the jury had only to be at said with the proof to entitle him to recover. These cases are not restricted to words printed, but apply also to words spoken, or slander. Libel is nothing more than written or printed slander. But as to criminal libel, the rule is that a man cannot be indicted they conceived it their duty to ex- for words spoken-they must be writ-

But the law does not restrict the State All'actions, all words, written of another which are actionable per se, are also in dictable criminally in every case where a man may not be able to recover spe-

The law goes further as applied to cases not actionable per se. A man pubhave been invented and circulated lishes you as a thief: you bring an action, show the publication and are entitled to recover. It is actionable both criminally and civilly. He calls you a rogue: then the action is not civil and you cannot recover damages unless you can show that your character is actually damaged; for here the charge does not impute a felony. Although you cannot bring a civil action, still you can bring

> bring your character into public con-A libel is a malicious publication

20 Contract Advert al Cards, not exc paper libeliers? And is society to be at their mercy? Are you to be slandered, your character maligned, your family belied and exposed to ridicule and disgrace, and you to be told that you have no redress be-

cause the perpetrator of the outrage has got a newspaper? Are we to have an unbridled press with no restraint upon its conductors save that which in such an event will surely be enforced by the bowie knife and the revolver in the hands of their victims? Do these men desire thus to remit our people to a

state of anarchy and abolish all law but the law of force? And, above all, is it possible that such dangerous and vicious pretensions are countenanced by any who pretend to be good citizens?

> The following is the text of the article, declared by his Honor to constitute a libel, as set forth in the bill of indictment that Solicitor Cantwell sought to have found by the Grand Jury against Major J. A. Englehard and Colonel W. L. Saunders :--

> > THE DIFFERENCE.

According to Radical ideas of right and wrong, and of justice, it is all right to turn Northern convicts out of the Penitentiary, although they are grown men and notorious thieves, found guilty by a jury after a fair trial, but it is all wrong to turn out young Southern boys, of tender age, who by promise of mild treatment, were induced to plead guilty before a scoundrel like Judge Bond, without any trial at all.

cessitating severer labors and more terrible exposure. Yet in all his appointments he was true and unwavering. For a series of years he filled with acceptability and usefulness the exacting and responsible office of Presiding Elder. The excellency of his character was manibrought into close relations with the Church. He spoke and acted with christian courage-risking everything for truth and righteousness. He was a pious man. However any individual acts may have appeared to others, he was never hasty in his actions, and always intended and enueavored ... be right and to do right. He rests well. Truly may we say-a good man has A. W. M. fallen.

IF "a house divided against itself cannot stand," what is to become of the "Conservative" party, in which the hench-men of Merrimon and the klans-men of Vance are fighting each other so savagely?

THE Greelevites are nearly as hugely disgusted at the result as we would have been had they defeated Grant; and the country is in the same great danger it, always found to be by the beaten party.

ILLINOIS gave Grant in '68, 51,150 majority. This year the majority is more than 56,000. Illinois was to show the fullest development of "liberal republican" strength of any State in the Union. She has shown it, but in a way that Trumbull and Palmer despise.

EVERYBODY remembers the diculous and childish spectacle of Senators Tipton and Ransom "clasping hands" on the stand at Weldon one day last summer during the progress of a Merrimon-Greeley meeting. It will be an equally "sorry sight" to see these grave, potent and reverend Senators clasp hands for the last time the fourth of March next, as Tipton ex-its for the wilds of Nebraska, no longer preacher-a minister of mischief work well in the counties."

of most stupendous "conservative" fest in his fatherly kindness towards | and "liberal" frauds so unblushingthe young ministers who were ly perpetrated as to astound common honesty and confuse the inhim. He was a sincere servent of ventive genius of the shrewdest ward politicians of modern times.

Vance Versus Merrimon.

The Charlotte Home comes out in an article on the Senatorial question and in reference to some strictres. of The Fayetterille Eagle on Governor Vance, Gen. Hill says :-

Let us compare Gov. Vance's "wild hunt for office" with Judge Merrimon's 'disinterested work " for the party since the war, for we do not care to contrast the war record of the two gentlemen.-Vance was nominated for Governor in Nominated for State declined. Senate in 1870; declined. Was elected to the United States Senate in '70.-Total, 1 candidacy, 2 declinations. Merrimon was a candidate for the Convention in 1865; beaten. For Judge in '66; elected. For Judge again in '68 beaten. For the U. S. Senate in '70 beaten. For the Convention in '71: For Governor in '72; beaten. beaten. Total, candidacies, 8; elections 1; beats, declinations, 0! How is that for a

wild hunt for office?"

## Further from Wood.

We observe that our acquaintance of last Summer,"Col." W. P. Wood. who "did his work well in the counties," is again in "business." A nice little family quarrel is going on among the Greeley Commit-

tee as to what became of a three hundred thousand dollar corrupt electioneering fund, contributed by A. T. Stewart, the Spragues, Mr. Horace Greeley and others; and the inquiry is made of Wood what he did with the "slice" he got; and, unless he makes a showing, they thing now is not to keep this floating threaten to charge him with having political drift-wood, but to rehabilitate surreptitiously "feathered his nest." He will doubtless call on Messrs. Barringer and Mason, Chairmen of the North Carolina State Commit-

tees, to vindicate him. For, it will be remembered, they endorsed him back to the National a Senator, but a dead political Committees as having "done his Chickens Come Home to Roost.

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of THREE Dollars.

We shall hereafter notice the risk Tennessee was as shamefully gerrymandered by the Democràts as North Carolina. Let us see how it worked: Horace Maynard's triumph over Johnson and Cheatham respect, a generous thing for the Democracy. The present Legislaturp: L'in mandered ya district with the express purpose of keeping Maynard out of Congress. Colonel called it "a huge battering ram" to "buft Horace Maynard out of Congress," and it has gone, since the

apportionment of the State, by the name of the "battering ram district," It was stretched out 250 miles, reaching from North Carolina to Kentucky, and made to contain 15,000 more than the ratio fixed for a Congressional district. The little game hasn't worked. Maynard is not only not "butted out" of Congress, but the "battering ram" dis-

trict has gone Republican. While Maynard is elected Congressman-at-Large, Colonel Thornburgh, a Republican, goes to Congress to represent the "battering ram" that was devised expressly to keep a Republican out.

## "Political Drift-Wood."

Mr. Greelev himself has no faith in e cardinal tenets of the Democratic party; how much less the floating political drift-wood which a sense of expediency brought to his support in the late mistaken, disastrous canvass! The great and re-establish the Democratic party .--New York World.

So Sumner, Schurz, Trumbull, Tipton, Helper, Goodloe, and Mc-Quigg, are dismissed with an epithet, and told to "drift." They have been used by the "democrats" and "conservatives" and "ku-klux" but proving of no account, The World | y all arrived at about the same esits followers will keen them no timate of Brick Pomeroy and the

of a "man's life to edit a Democratic journal in Raleigh." For the present we simply apprise Judge Merrimon and his friends of the agencies, manner and means, emin Tennessee is, in more than one ployed to defeat and crush him; and also put Governor Caldwell on his preparation-guard for the tested election roy's Democrat foreshalows with such certainty; for there is some-Dick, a Democratic member, fitly thing ominous in the language of Brick Pomeroy, that, "Mr. Merri-"mon would make a good Senator, "but he will make equally as good "a Governor, and that he is honest-'ly entitled to.

As for Judge Merrimon, he can hardly overlook the attempt to prejudice him with the "democrats" and "conservatives," made in the intimation that he relies upon the great body of the Republican members and a few strayed-Nor can he fail to know that he is now for the use of others in the accomplishment of their designs against him.

Judge Merrimon will no doubt be as prompt to resent the imputation of an understanding, amounting to a bargain and sale, as Republicans will be prompt to disavow any connection or understanding with Judge Merrimon.

For the officiousness of this mis chievous sheet, in his probable candidacy and political conduct, the friends of Judge Merrimon perhaps feel the indignation that all wellmeaning North Carolinians can better express in the word contempt. For, whatever political divisions or diversity of opinion may obtain here, we apprehend that the people of North Carolina have near-

Whenever the words set forth in a bill Jury to be brought in and explainof indictment constitute a libel in law, ed to them the law of libel. The you are to say who published it. There following is the Judge's charge, as is but one course for an honest man to reported by the paper which was pursue

sought to be indicted and which has since been abusing the Judge for charging the law as it is, and has been for centuries, both in this State and in about all other civilized

It is all right in Radical eyes to pardon the Pennsylvania thief, but it would be all wrong to pardon the North Carolina Ku Klux, so-called.

The grown man Yerkes goes free. The boy Ramseur is in a felon's cell. Can North Carolinians reconcile it to their manhood or to their consciences to vote for Grant? If Grant is beaten Radicalism will die. If Grant is re elected Radicalism will live.

The News goes Back on Itself.

The Raleigh Daily News of to-day, speaking of the late Presidential election in North Carolina says-"Our people could not bury their prejudices. They were not willing to vote for a life-long abolitionist and Republican, when they thought there was no chance to defeat the Radical party. They would not vote for Greeley under the circumstances, for after the results in Pennsylvania and Ohio in October, they gave up all hope of Greeley's election."

How does the foregoing tally with what The News has been saying heretofore? It has been daily charging, since the election, that the Southern Conservatives and Democrats were willing to make friends and be reconciled, and had manifested this disposition by giv-

ing up their prejudices and voting for Mr. Greeley, but that it was the Northern people who were unwilling to "shake hands across the bloody chasta" Now The News says "our people could not bury their prejudices." It also says our people gave up all hope of electing Greeley after the result of the Pennsylvania and Ohio elections in October; yet after those elections, its rallying cry to its party was "to the polls; to the polls; there is hope yet of electing Greeley ! the vote of North Carolina may decide the contest. and carry the day!" Out with such

hypocricy! Who can have any confidence in such an organ? We pause for a reply.

The Wilmington Libel Case.

We give place to the communica-If this charge is not correct why tion of a gentleman in every way don't some of the smart Democratic | familiar with, and who has studied lawyers expose its fallacies? Why, and understands the matter re-Mr. Editor, they know it is right- cently up before the Grand Jury of they know it cannot be attacked- New Hanover county, wherein the

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