

Maj. Wm. A. Smith, Receiver of W. N. C. Railroad, has ordered the Conductors to collect fare from the members of the Legislature, and says the "road is too poor to let Solomons ride free."—*Statesville American*.

Why should members of the Legislature ride free when they get twenty cents per mile for traveling expenses from the State Treasury, and would have to pay only three or five cents per mile if required to pay their fare?

Editors, neither, should ride free; and we presume not many of them do so. We know that most of the Editors in this State pay their fare by publishing schedules and other notices, the indebtedness and obligation generally being on the side of the Railroad.—*Charlotte Democrat*.

The above is a truth well expressed. The Railroads in North Carolina, do what they may for the press, could not compensate that branch of the public service for its work in their behalf.

The practice of giving free passes to members of the Legislature is a bad one. Some members, with passes in their pockets, will not stay at the Capital. They feel called upon to travel and use their passes.

It is understood that the members do not complain at the mere fact of their passes being revoked by Major Smith. But they do feel aggrieved at the implied insult. All of Major Smith's friends deeply regret the published language of his order of revocation.

Mr. Smith did not, however, intend to insult members of the Legislature. The special and favored friend of the Legislature—the *Sentinel*—has persistently charged Railroad Presidents with bribing members of the Legislature with free passes. It was to rebuke this, and show to the world that he was independent of the influence of free passes, that Major Smith revoked them on his Road. He meant no reflection or discourtesy by the term "Solomons;" indeed it was a private note to his Agent, and that Agent was guilty of an indiscretion, if not a want of faith, in publishing the Receiver's private note of instruction.

Hon. W. A. Smith has never been guilty of bribe-giving or bribe-taking, and revoking these passes in the face of the constant assertions and charges of the *Sentinel* against him and against all the members of the Legislature, is timely evidences of it.

The *Sentinel* may lie and black-guard as much as it pleases, but it is challenged to show wherein Major Smith ever gave or took a bribe as a Railroad officer, or otherwise.

Moreover, Major Smith, like the man he is, writes to friends in the Legislature to say, that, if his name, or opposition to him, in the least prejudices, or is likely to prejudice the great Consolidation scheme, they are authorized to disconnect him with it, at once and forever.

The story of the "whippoorwill storm," as begun by the Editor of *Sentinel* in the issue of that paper for the 8th instant, is completed by a scientific writer in this issue of the *Era* under the head of "ORNITHOLOGY."

The article is a communicated one, and is interesting and to the point.

\$1200.00 per day is what this Legislature costs. As this body had no right to sit after the first Monday in December, it will be seen that the Democracy has squandered a considerable amount of the people's money.

The *Washington Express* says: Miss Mary Howard, daughter of Capt. Geo. Howard, residing about three miles from town met with an accident a few days since which came near being very serious; she was riding, and the horse becoming freighted, she was thrown from the buggy, breaking out some of her teeth, and otherwise injuring her, but not seriously, we understand.

The residence of Mr. Thomas Tate, situated at Rocky Point, in New Hanover county, was entirely destroyed by fire about noon on the 31st ult. The fire is attributed to a defect in the chimney. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000. No insurance.—*Pioneer*.

[COMMUNICATED.]
Ornithology.

The editor of the *Sentinel* has evidently been "diving deep" in the works of Cuvier, Buffon, Audebon, and others, judging from the learned and labored article on Ornithology that appeared in his paper of Thursday last. He had, no doubt, been studying, preparatory for that famous "duck hunt" we read about during the Christmas holidays; but after dining and wining with Billy Mahone, and finding there was "no game" greatly to his joy, no doubt, he returned home; but anxious that his profound researches should not be lost to posterity, he determined to shape them into one of those choice editorials for which he is famous, in order that they might be preserved in "dearkives of grabity," for the benefit of those who don't believe he grabbed that \$3,300 on the public Printing.

The editor believes that he was peculiarly fortunate in his comparisons, and if any one does not believe as he does, he will prove it to their entire satisfaction, just as soon as the Legislature appoints a "Commissioner or plain squire, at our expense to examine witnesses." It required no little study on his part, to make things fit, because the editor believes on the "eternal fitness of things," and we propose to "fit" him before the close of this article, without the aid of a Commissioner or even a plain Squire. The task was a heavy one for one man, even though he be a "Jupiter Jr.," and we think he must have called to his assistance the author of "Junius' Letters," D-D-D., indeed we are prepared to prove that he did, just as soon as the Legislature will appoint a Commissioner or a plain Squire to examine our witnesses on oath, but not at our expense, however.

There was evidently one part of that article omitted, either by the printer's carelessness, or the extreme modesty of the writer. We say modesty, because the editor is proverbial for his modesty, otherwise he would press the Legislature to appoint a Commissioner or plain Squire to examine into all his private grievances; even if he blowed up his own press in the effort.

But we are scattering, and must therefore take a return ticket to the original proposition; but the reader must remember that it is a scattering subject.

The omission in the article alluded to, and which omission we propose to supply, is this:—The editor failed to compare himself to any particular member of the great family *Aves*; without which comparison the article is incomplete, and we fear could not be made complete even with the aid of a commissioner and plain squire both. The editor being a "big man" we propose to compare him to a big bird, with a big name—*Cathartes Aura*, a bird well known in most of the States, and in some of them protected by law. This bird is more useful than ornamental, and is not generally found in the aviaries of bird fanciers. Its peculiar characteristics are its astonishingly exquisite sense of smell, and expertness as a scavenger. It never fails to discover its food even when at a distance of several miles. (He discovered Swepson's full pocket at a distance of forty miles.) It is said that sometimes they eat so immoderately that they cannot fly, and are easily caught (our bird got so full of Swepson's money that he was caught simply by throwing a Stone at him) but that when caught, they will turn upon their captor, and discharge such a torrent of filth in his face that it will produce all the effects of a powerful emetic, and forever cure him of his inclination to capture turkey buzzards.

TAXIDERMIST.
The Hillsboro Recorder says: The house occupied by a Mr. Brown living near Mebanesville, was consumed during the absence of the family on Monday, the 26 instant. The fire undoubtedly the work of an incendiary. Everything was destroyed, furniture, bedding, and provision. The loss is total, as there was no insurance. The house belonged to Mr. Wm. Freeland.

[Greensboro North State.]
Consolidation Rejected.

The mongrel consolidation act came up for consideration at a meeting of the Directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company, on the 31st day of December, and, as we are informed, was rejected without a dissenting voice. The bunglers in the legislature, still adhering to the Rip Van Winkle "policy" of North Carolina, had so smothered and strangled the original bill with amendments, as to make it impracticable for the accomplishment of the purposes for which it was designed; and now the people of Western North Carolina, thanks to the purblind folly of a Democratic legislature, will have no thoroughfare by which to gain access to the outer world.

The original bill was as nearly perfect as it could be framed, and was practically killed by amendments offered by those who were opposed to the project, but who had not the political courage to attack it openly. The design of a continuous thoroughfare from Morehead City to the Tennessee line originated long ago by Dr. Caldwell, was taken up and approved by this very legislature, at its first session. At the instance of Col. R. T. Bennett, the Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, a Commission, consisting of several eminent North Carolinians, among them, Gov. Caldwell, Judge Manley, B. S. Gaither, Harvey Wilson, Col. Humphrey, and Col. Strange, were appointed to devise means to carry out this grand design. These gentlemen sat together several times during the summer, and deciding to do all they could to save what had already been constructed of the Western road, made a proposition to the North Carolina Railroad Company, to purchase the Western road and complete the same.

This proposition was accepted, and with a view to making the project successful, the Directors recalled Maj. W. A. Smith to the presidency of the North Carolina Company, recognizing the fact that they would have use for his well-known energy and ability as a railroad man. They notified the commission that legislation would be needed, by way of amendment to their charter, to enable them to establish the great trunk line from the sea-shore, through the mountains, to the Tennessee boundary. In pursuance of this notice, the Commission made an elaborate report to the legislature, accompanying the same with a carefully and skillfully prepared bill, the work of Col. L. W. Humphrey. The measure was introduced into the Senate, where it was at once met with a series of guerrilla attacks in the shape of amendments that would evidently destroy its practicability. Thoroughly battered and disguised, the bill passed the Senate and went to the House, where its covert enemies, not satisfied with the buffeting it had received in the Senate, made still further attacks upon it. Numerous amendments were offered and adopted, showing that the fossilized Bourbon Democracy, true to their education and instincts, still were determined to retard the growth and prosperity of North Carolina. Among these, was one introduced by Col. Bennett, appointing three antiquated specimens of a by-gone age, namely, Gov. Graham, Judge Manley and Col. Armfield, to sell the new bonds of the North Carolina Company, which would have to be issued to raise money for the accomplishment of the great undertaking. The duty of these gentlemen would be to negotiate the bonds in Wall street; and we leave to all intelligent citizens to say what they could accomplish in encountering the shrewd financiers of that great money centre of the American continent. It is doubtful if any one of them could successful cross Broadway, without being especially escorted by a Metropolitan policeman. How long will the people entrust the management of their affairs to a class of men who have done nothing since the war, besides repressing the spirit of improvement and binding the good old State of North Carolina with the shackles of sloth and decay?

Western North Carolina has a Democratic legislature to thank for imposing these obnoxious provisions upon a measure, that promised so much for the development of the resources of that section. Her own members of the legislature were used by the enemies of progress, to destroy the last hope of the Western people, for the railroad they have so ardently prayed for. The Republican members voted solidly and uniformly against all amendments tending to endanger the complete success of the measure. They did so, not only of their own accord, but in consonance with the express wishes of Gov. Caldwell, whose whole soul was enlisted in the scheme; and whose influence was exercised, without reserve, to thus forward the best interests of the commonwealth.

And this is the end of the only feasible opportunity that has ever been presented to construct the Western Railroad to the Tennessee line; the completion of which would secure a continuous route from the eastern to the western extremity of the State, connecting with roads running to the west, the northwest and southwest; and furnishing, in the course of time, the eastern terminus of the great Southern Pacific Railroad. When will our people awake to their true interests, and arouse themselves from the lethargy that has so long repressed the spirit of improvement? When blessings are offered them, they turn away and choose to be governed by a set of small-souled politicians, who have no idea of the grandeur of the age in which they live!

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a 2nd general meeting of the creditors of Clement Richardson, will be held at the Register's Office, in Raleigh, N. C., on the 24th day of January, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, for the purposes named in the 27th section of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867.

J. W. VICK, Assignee.
Selma, N. C.
Selma, Jan. 9th, 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a fifth general meeting of creditors of the Bank of North Carolina bankrupt, will be held at the Register's office in Raleigh, N. C., on the 3rd day of February, 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M., before A. W. Shaffer, Register for the purposes named in the 27th and 28th sections of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867.

CHARLES DEWEY, Assignee.
Raleigh, N. C.
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I WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Raleigh N. C. on Saturday the 31st day of January 1874 at 12 o'clock noon, the notes accounts and choses in action the property of Joseph H. Bland, Bankrupt.

THOMAS HAMPSON, Assignee.
Raleigh, N. C.,
29-2t

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 7th day of January, A. D., 1874, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, against the estate of Samuel D. Braswell, of Rocky Mount in the county of Nash, and State of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer any property, by him, are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Raleigh, N. C., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, on the 31st day of January, A. D., 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

R. M. DOUGLAS,
Marshal as Messenger.
DOSSEY BATTLE, Attorney.
29-3t

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 7th day of Jan., A. D., 1873, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, against the estate of Robert F. Ricks, of Rocky Mount in the county of Nash, and State of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own Petition: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property, by him, are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Raleigh, N. C., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, on the 31st day of Jan., A. D., 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

R. M. DOUGLAS,
Marshal as Messenger.
DOSSEY BATTLE, Attorney.
29-3t

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 10th day of Jan., A. D., 1873, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, against the estate of Alexander Eatman, of Wilson, N. C. in the county of Nash, State of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors: That the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property, by him, are forbidden by law; A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Raleigh, N. C., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, on the 31st day of January, A. D., 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

R. M. DOUGLAS,
Marshal as Messenger.
GEO. BLOUNT & BRO., Attorneys.
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IN BANKRUPTCY.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 22d day of Dec., A. D., 1873, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, against the estate of Sion H. Rogers, of Raleigh, in the county of Wake, and State of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own Petition: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property, by him, are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Raleigh, N. C., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, on the 24th day of January, A. D., 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M.

R. M. DOUGLAS,
Marshal as Messenger
28-3t

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 29th day of Dec., A. D., 1873, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, against the estate of Robert W. Best, of Raleigh, in the county of Wake, and State of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own Petition: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property, by him, are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Raleigh, N. C., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, on the 24th day of January, A. D., 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

R. M. DOUGLAS,
Marshal as Messenger.
MERRIMON, FULLER & ASHE, Attorneys.
28-3t

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 29th day of Dec., A. D., 1873, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina, against the estate of Jas. D. Pullen, of Raleigh, in the county of Wake, and State of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt of his own Petition: That the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property, by him, are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Raleigh, N. C., before A. W. Shaffer, Register, on the 24th day of January, A. D., 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

R. M. DOUGLAS,
Marshal as Messenger.
R. C. BADGER, Attorney.
28-3t

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a petition has been filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of North Carolina by James Coggin, of Nash county, in said District, duly declared a Bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2d, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said Act: That the 17th day of Jan., 1874, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the office of A. W. Shaffer, Register in Bankruptcy, in Raleigh, N. C., is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors, who have proved their debts and other persons in interest may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. And that the second and third meetings will be held at the same time and place.

New Berne, N. C., Dec. 22nd, 1873.
29-2t GEO. E. TINKER, Clerk.
DOSSEY BATTLE, Attorney.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Jas. H. Bryan, of Clayton, in the county of Johnston, and State of North Carolina, within the Eastern District of North Carolina, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said District.
Dated Raleigh, Jan. 3rd, 1874.
THOMAS HAMPSON, Assignee,
P. O. Raleigh, N. C.
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U. S. PATENT OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27, '73.

On the petition of
JAMES DAVIS,
of Company's Shops, North Carolina, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the

27th day of March, 1860,
for an improvement in Sewing Machine Stitch.

It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 24th day of February next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 6th day of March next; and that said petition be heard on the 11th day of March next.

Any person may oppose this extension.
M. D. LEGGETT,
Commissioner.
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