

LOCAL AND STATE.

HALF PARE.—Persons attending the Commencement exercises at Trinity College, on the 10th and 11th of June, will be passed over the N. C. R. R. on half fare.

DISTINGUISHED LAWYERS.—Hon. Reverdy Johnson, and Messrs. Carroll, Brewster and Budd, all distinguished lawyers from a distance, will be in attendance during the coming term of the Circuit Court.

PISCATORIAL.—The various mill ponds, creeks and branches around the city have become popular resorts of late for anglers. Red-eyes, perch, catfish, &c., are said to be abundant.

VALUABLE RECIPE.—The following recipe may be of service to some of our readers during the Summer. It is said to be a sure cure for Dysentery: "White of two eggs, half pint of new milk, three table spoonsful of flour, one do. sugar. Mix and bring to a proper consistency over a slow fire. Use occasionally."

CIRCUIT COURT.—At the approaching term of the Circuit Court, the Chief Justice will hear only equity cases, and will not arrive in the city until the second week of the term. Jury cases will be tried the first week, when Judges Bond and Brooks will preside. During the equity trials the Chief Justice will preside, with Judge Bond as Associate.

HON. W. A. SMITH.—This distinguished gentleman, who is enjoying a short respite from his arduous Congressional duties, spent the day in our city on Monday, the 1st inst. No member of Congress from the South has more personal popularity in Washington than Maj. Smith. His genial disposition and candid bearing gain him friends in all parties. Every body knows what he is at home.

Saturate a piece of bread or meat with gastric juice, and it will dissolve. This is digestion. Add to such a mixture a little alcohol, and it will not dissolve. This is indigestion. Beware, then, of tinctures, or tonics, or decoctions containing spirituous liquors. Shun all run "tonics," and rely solely on **DR. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS**, the finest digestive invigorant known, and free from the fiery curse of Alcohol.

EPHEMERAL SPRINGS.—These celebrated Springs are beginning to attract great attention on account of the wonderful properties of the water. They are situated in the northern part of Irrell county, about sixteen miles from Statesville, and can be reached three times a week by the Hack conveyance which connects with the railroad. Instead of our people going to other States in search of health, we would advise a trial of our own section.

ROBBERY.—We learn that the residence of Mr. Locklear, about two miles from this city, on the Fayetteville road, was entered on Friday night, 22d inst., and over two hundred dollars, worth of jewelry and wearing apparel taken. Mr. Locklear is an industrious and gentlemanly Englishman who has lately settled among us. Every effort has been made by Mayor Holden and his police to capture the thieves, but so far without success.

OAK CITY MILLS.—Messrs. Upchurch, Williamson & Thomas are now having the large brick storage house at the foot of Davis street, near the Central depot, converted into a grist mill, and it is expected that in the course of a few weeks everything will be ready for business. The machinery is being received daily. Thus, step by step, Raleigh is growing in commercial importance, and judging of the future by the past, in the course of a few years our population ought to be doubled.

DECORATION DAY IN RALEIGH.—A large concourse of citizens assembled at the Union Cemetery on Saturday, at 4 1/2 p. m. The ceremonies were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Mertz, and followed by Prof. C. B. Fairchild, the orator of the day, who acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner. His discourse, replete with patriotic utterances and wholesome advice, was well received by the large assemblage. He was followed by Capt. Albert Magnin, who read a poem appropriate to the occasion, entitled "The Nation's Dead." The firing of a salute of 37 guns by Battery I, 2d U. S. Artillery, under command of Capt. Hamilton, concluded the ceremonies, during which time the graves were decorated with flowers. The presence of the officers and soldiers at present on duty at this post, with their wives, together with a goodly number of ladies, and sweet strains of music from the Raleigh Brass Band, lent grace and embellishment to the occasion.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Horace Waters & Son, headed, "Waters' Concerto Parlor Organs," and for a description of them we can't do better than to copy the following:

A NEW FEATURE IN ORGANS.—WATERS' CONCERTO PARLOR ORGAN.—The great merit of the concerto stop is, that it approximates nearer than any other to the human voice. If we avert the attention from the instrument while this delicate addition is being operated, the impression is instantaneous that it is to the human voice under exquisite culture that we listen. Of course the origin of this improvement, and the exact manner in which its advantages have been made so prominent in this organ, are known to the patentee alone; but we doubt if the inventor can make it plain why the direct result has occurred. The effect of the concerto attachment is simply softening and vocalizing. It seems to catch a note that might have been shrill or reedy, and at once soothe it into something as a human whisper. The writer was informed by Mr. Waters that on account of the popularity of the new stop, the instruments were bought up almost as rapidly as it was possible to manufacture them.—*Brooklyn Union.*

STATE.

Oxford has six editors.

Enfield has a minstrel band.

Franklin county is to have a jail.

Judge Mitchell is in feeble health.

Salisbury has a very small debt.

Rockfish are abundant in Weldon.

Warrenton is improving fast.

Richingham is not to be made a money order office, as reported.

There are no prisoners in Richmond county jail.

Green peas are selling in New-Berne at 40 cents per bushel.

A new lodge of Odd Fellows is to be established in New-Berne.

Fresh venison is offered for sale in the New-Berne market.

Fayetteville continues to call for a telegraph line.

The Statesville *Intelligencer* is to be removed to Salisbury.

Counterfeit ten cent bills are in circulation in Wilmington.

Greensboro is bragging on straw-berries four inches in circumference.

Mocking birds are selling at fifty cents each in New-Berne.

Warren county has paid out the past year \$250,000 for fertilizers.

Bald Mountain has again assumed a threatening attitude.

Greensboro is to have a market house 30x80 feet, with twenty stalls.

Hog cholera prevails to a great extent in Rutherford county.

The cotton prospect in the Goldsboro section is bad.

The Monroe *Enquirer* has commenced its second volume and is meeting with much success.

A fine specimen of Iron ore has been discovered on the farm of Mr. D. T. Boney, in Duplin.

The work on the new Court House at Asheville will commence next week.

Wm. Sharpe, a citizen of Guilford, residing near Greensboro, broke his leg a few days since.

Freight on corn between Charlotte and Goldsboro is thirty cents per hundred.

Cumberland county has a Fleahill township, of which Fleahillville is the principal village.

The young man who killed Steve Lowrey, offers for sale the banjo of the aforesaid outlaw.

The Carolina Central Railroad will soon build a large depot at their wharf in Wilmington.

The next session of the Episcopal Convention will be held in New-Berne.

Marble playing is being practised in Milton to the detriment of corn fields.

The late Superior Court of Rockingham county lasted only a day and a half.

Col. A. H. Belo, (editor of the Galveston, Texas, *News*), and family, are to spend the Summer in Asheville.

Maj. Robt. Bingham is lecturing in various parts of the State for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum at Oxford.

Salisbury is said to be the best hay market in the State. Several thousand bales have been shipped from that place since spring.

The Charlotte *Home* says the Medical Convention was composed of the finest looking men that ever assembled in that city.

Wm. Cawthorn, a member of the Legislature in 1868, has gone on a lecturing tour to the North. His subject is the "Union."

W. H. Perkins, of Ashe county, recently caught in Ohio creek, at one sitting, 188 trout averaging nine inches in length.

Rev. J. Rumble and lady, while on their way recently to Davidson College, were thrown from a carriage and considerably bruised.

R. L. Steele has been elected President of the Pee Dee Manufacturing Company of Rockingham, Richmond county.

A horse in Pasquotank county was at the point of death with blind staggers, when he vomited up a snake and recovered.

Jos. C. Hill (colored), Register of Deeds for New Hanover county, has painted a scene on the Mediterranean sea, which evinces skill of no ordinary kind.

Money order offices have been established at the following places: Beaufort, Magnolia, Wadesboro, Lumberton, Elizabethtown and Marion.

At the late term of the Federal Court, in Asheville, there were one hundred and thirty convictions.

Forgery, counterfeiting and embezzlement were the principal causes.

The postoffice at Seaboard, N. C., has been discontinued.

Mr. John Porter, formerly of Rockingham county, N. C., recently died in Missouri at the age of 102 years, 3 months and 24 days.

An excursion for colored people will take place over the Air Line Railroad to Atlanta on the 3d of July. The fare from Charlotte and return is \$5.

Dr. P. T. Shultz, of Forsythe county, has a terrapin, on the shell of which is inscribed "Z W 1841," which would indicate that it is at least thirty years old.

Miles L. Eure, Esq., of Gates, has been nominated by the Democrats as Judge of the 1st Judicial District, and James P. Whedbee, for Solicitor.

A man named Bill Edwards, of Surry county, eloped for parts unknown on the 18th ult., with a woman named Ruth Clouse. Edwards left a wife and three and Ruth a husband and a small child.

A den of thieves has been discovered in Northampton county, and six of the members captured and committed to jail. The den was on or near the plantation of Frank Faison, Esq.

The weather in Surry county is fine on wheat, but death on tobacco plants. Great complaint about plants among the farmers, many of whom have lost their tobacco crop in corn, as their plants have all been destroyed by the fly.

On Sunday, 24th ult., Dr. Henderson, a dentist from Caswell county, had the misfortune to lose a very fine horse on Flat River. He was at Miss Pattie Mangum's and had turned his horse out in the lot. He was playing when he ran against a tree, inflicting a wound of which he died that night. The horse was worth \$300 and trotted at the last State Fair, making good time.

On Sunday night, 24th ult., the tobacco barn of Mr. Mangum, near Kings of Leaders, was opened with a false key and some 400 lbs. of tobacco stolen therefrom. Mr. Mangum, anticipating the rogues, went to Durham and caught the thieves with the tobacco offering it for sale in Durham Warehouse. He arrested the sale and took charge of his goods, and will immediately have a warrant issued for the arrest of the guilty parties.

The Pee Dee *Courier* says: We have been shown a specimen of genuine velvet cork, taken from a tree growing in the grounds of Col. John W. Leak, of this place. It is known as the *Quercus Suber*, or Cork Oak; was grown from an acorn sent out from the Patent Office fifteen years ago, and has now attained a height of about twenty feet, and a diameter of twelve inches. The bark is now thick enough for bottle corks.

The Charlotte *Observer* says: There still stands near the A. T. & O. Railroad, about 13 miles above Charlotte, the house where the Mecklenburg Declaration was first drafted by John McKnitt Alexander. There the neighbors assembled and drew up this declaration on the 19th of May, 1775, and on the 20th launched it to Charlotte, where a meeting was held and these resolutions promulgated. The old house is now much over an hundred years old; it has stood the Summer and Winter storms well, and is still right well preserved.

The Newbern *Times* says: A young man of this city received from the post office on Friday night a letter that had been nearly four years to find him. The letter was written from this city, by his mother, on the 6th of July, 1870, and addressed to Valparaiso, Chili, South America. It missed him there, and it is presumed followed him, in the ship in which he was on, but never overtook him; it was returned to the country of the letter, and a letter post office, where upon being opened it was returned to New-Berne after an extensive travel around the world for four years.

Latest News.

Fifteen firms were burnt out in Elwood, Ill., on the 29th ult.

The Prohibitory law has passed the Rhode Island Legislature.

The illness of the Pope of Rome has been confirmed.

Butler championed civil rights in the House.

The stage drivers of New York city are still on a strike.

Admiral Shubrick, of the U. S. Navy, is dead. Aged 81.

Lauder has been confirmed postmaster at Fayetteville, N. C.

The title of Duke has been conferred on Prince Arthur, of England.

Walter H. Johnson has been nominated postmaster at Columbus, Georgia.

John Edgar Thompson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is dead.

The Senate has rejected the bill to establish the Territory of Pembina by a vote of 29 yeas to 19 yeas.

It is doubtful about the passage of the bill for payment of Southern claimants this session.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill removing the political disabilities of Raphael Semmes.

A bill has been introduced into the House of Representatives to refund the cotton tax.

A four hundred thousand dollar fire has occurred at Independence, Iowa. Three persons killed.

James F. Green has been nominated as appraiser of merchandise at Charleston.

The New York editors have been received throughout the State of Alabama in a handsome manner.

An entire business square was burnt in Defiance, Ohio, on the 29th ult.

The House of Representatives on the 29th ult., was considering the bill for the reduction of the army.

The building of the Southern Baggage Company, of New York, has been destroyed by fire; loss \$125,000.

Rochester has passed Chicago, en route for New York. There was no demonstration.

Dispatches from Rome represent the condition of the Holy Father as serious.

The *Nineteenth Century*, a paper published in Paris, has been suspended by the authorities on account of its immorality.

It is well understood in well informed circles, in Washington, that the civil rights bill is dead for this season.

The Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad has been sold by the Governor of Alabama under authority of the Legislature.

Crosland, of Kentucky, has introduced a bill providing payment to loyal owners for negroes mustered into the service of the United States.

Governor Hartranft, of Pennsylvania, has issued an order making decoration day a legal holiday throughout that State.

The select committee on the Arkansas troubles consists of Pollard, of Vt., Ward, of Illinois, Woodford, of N. Y., Taylor, of Ohio, and Sloss, of Ala.

Senator Alcorn has presented a memorial from citizens of Mississippi asking Congress to take charge of the levees on the Mississippi river.

Harris, of Virginia, has introduced a bill to restore to the pension rolls the names of pensioners of the Mexican war, who were stricken off for disability.

The lower House of the Arkansas Legislature has passed articles of impeachment against nearly all of Brooks' adherents in the late struggle.

The House has passed a bill removing the political disabilities of Geo. E. Pickett and C. H. Williamson, of Virginia; Thos. Hardeeman, Jr., and James Jackson, of Georgia, and John H. Reagan, of Texas.

The Convention of Baggage Masters and Breaksmen's Life Insurance Company, held in Philadelphia on the 28th ult., voted down the resolution admitting colored people to benefits.

The three county commissioners of Barnwell county, South Carolina, who were recently tried and convicted of corruption, have been sentenced to nine years in the Penitentiary.

On the 26th ult., a young man and two women were crossing the river at Albemarle, N. C., in a boat, when the man on attempting to pull a dog into the boat, fell in. One of the women in trying to aid the man, fell in and was drowned.

In a quarrel over a game of bass ball at Atlanta, Ga., on the 29th ult., Pink Price struck Luther Thrasher on the head with a bat, killing him instantly. Price fled. Both young men are under 20 years of age.

A duel was fought in New Orleans on the 28th ult., between two Creoles, Guilloite and Pezors. The weapons used were pistols. The distance was ten paces, and to fire at will and advance. Guilloite fired at the word of the second, Pezors through the side near the heart.

Drawings for white militia cavalry in Havana will take place on the 5th ult. The total quota for the island is 758 cavalry and 4,800 infantry. A decree has been issued authorizing railroad companies to charge double rates for passengers and freight when paid in paper money.

It now appears that the Russian Grand Duke Constantine, son of Nicholas, gave diamonds belonging to his mother to Miss Fenix, of Phoenix, a beautiful American. The diamonds were the theft, together with the fact that he had deposited large sums of money with his bankers to make provisions, as he says, against the necessities of old age, leads to the belief that he is insane.

The steamship Faraday, with new Atlantic telegraph cable on board, which sailed from England on the 17th, is lying off the Halifax, N. S., coast.

In a few days the cable will be landed at Berry Head, Parr Bay, in Guisborough county, distant from Halifax one hundred miles. After landing the cable at Parr Bay the Faraday will proceed to Rye Beach, N. H. One of the members of the new cable company has arrived in Halifax.

John M. Fleming, State Superintendent of Public Schools for Tennessee, has issued a circular wherein, after reciting that the Civil Rights bill now pending in Congress, in its provisions concerning public schools, is in direct conflict with the law of Tennessee, he suggests that no new contracts for teachers for either white or colored schools be entered into.

The annual session of the Board of Delegates of the American Israelites, commenced in New York, on the evening of the 27th ult. Delegates were present from twenty-four congregations, representing the States of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

The Treasurer reported the receipts of the Trust Fund for the past year to be \$4,920; the expenses \$3,013; leaving a balance of \$1,907. The next meeting will be held in Philadelphia in 1876.

There is no doubt that Secretary Richardson will soon retire from office, but some of his friends say he will not do so until definite action shall have been taken on the subject of the Sanborn contracts.

The President leaves to Richardson the fixing of the time of retiring and will nominate him to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Court of Claims, which he is now preparing to accept. In view of his intended resignation as Secretary, the Committee of Ways and Means will not, according to the present understanding, introduce their resolution of censure of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and the Solicitor of the Treasury.

An impression prevails in Senatorial and official circles that Secretary Delano will be appointed as Richardson's successor, although there is no positive authority for the statement.

Senator Stewart has introduced a joint resolution proposing the following as an amendment to the Constitution: Article 16. If any State shall fail to maintain a common school system under which all persons between the ages of five and eighteen years not incapacitated for the same, shall receive free of charge such elementary education as Congress may prescribe, Congress shall have the power to establish therein such a system, and cause the same to be maintained at the expense of such State. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Motions to suspend the rules and take up the civil rights and currency bills were defeated in the House of Representatives on the 25th inst., two-thirds not voting in the affirmative. The vote was 153 to 84.

The following Republicans voted with the Democrats: Bramburg, of Alabama, Butler, of Tennessee, Lowndes as Senator, of Virginia, Strait, of Minnesota, Ambler, of Virginia, W. A. Smith, of North Carolina, Thomas, of Virginia and Thornburg, of Tennessee. The defeat is not a finality.

The Senate bill cannot be got at except under a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote, and that, as shown by the action of the House, cannot be secured; but the Judiciary Committee, under its leave to report at any time, can report a bill which is a perfect copy of the Senate bill, and this can be passed by a simple majority and sent over to the Senate and there be acted on.

North Carolina Tobacco.

History asserts that Tobacco was found growing indigenous upon the soil of North Carolina, as far back as the year 1584, when Sir Walter Raleigh's expedition landed upon Roanoke Island.

It is also claimed, that by the camp fires first lighted on the Eastern Shore of Carolina, the English pioneers of American civilization sat and smoked the calumet of peace from the prepared Kinnickinnick, in the true Indian style, and that there, the first native born Englishmen contracted the habit of smoking the newly discovered American narcotic, which has at this time become almost universal.

When we consider that tobacco is indigenous on the soil of North Carolina, we are satisfied this is the best proof we can offer, that the climate and soil of the State are naturally adapted to its growth and culture; but were we deprived of this element of proof, the history of its culture, growth and manufacture would be ample evidence that the cultivation of the plant is peculiarly adapted to the soil of North Carolina.

In all the large cities of this country and Europe, we find the celebrated brand of North Carolina and Virginia tobacco are sold, and the trade constantly increasing. No matter what is said against the so-called pernicious habit, the smoker smokes on, or the chewer rolls his quid, while each perhaps sanctions and even joins the abuse of the filthy habit.

Its use is confined to no race or country, and all who with another in its consumption, and it is this vast demand which has given impulse to its growth and culture, and which, in a great degree, has dictated policy to the fiscal world.

The fine chewing tobacco for the merchantable world is raised in about twenty counties bordering upon the State line, between Virginia and North Carolina, and in other counties very little else is cultivated. Other sections of the State raise tobacco, but not in such quantities and of as good quality as the sections alluded to.

It is estimated that the tobacco crop of North Carolina last year exceeded fifty millions of pounds, which, at an average price of ten dollars per hundred pounds, gives us five millions of dollars.

This vast sum of money went into the hands of the planter, and by him was turned over to the merchant, or other person, who in the actual wealth of the State, and aided in building up its material prosperity.

It gave an impetus to every diversity of industry and placed the State on the way to material independence. Those who have been engaged in the manufacture of tobacco in North Carolina have done very much to promote the development of the latent resources of the State, they have infused a spirit of energy and enterprise into farmers and planters, dispelled the gloom and despondency which had settled upon certain communities, and convinced many that North Carolina is the garden spot of the Republic and that in a proper development of the resources of the State, prosperity and happiness are sure to follow.—*Madison Enterprise.*

Circular.

OFFICE OF THE COMS. OF CLAIMS, Washington, D. C., May 25, 74.

1. It is ordered by the Commissioners that every deposition given after June 15, 1874, in support of any claim pending before the Commission, be taken down in presence of the witness at the time of the examination, and that every such deposition shall be wholly in the handwriting of the special commissioner authorized to take the same.

2. Depositions taken for use before this Commission previous to June 15, 1874, and on which the fees have been paid, shall be forwarded to this office on or before that date, or they will not be received or considered as evidence.

3. Depositions taken before June 15, 1874, and which may be retained for non-payment of fees, must also be forwarded on or before that date, in order that they may be stamped, or otherwise verified, for future use as evidence. After they are so verified, they will be retained in behalf of the special commissioners, and not subject to inspection or use by claimants or attorneys, till the fees are paid; or they will be returned to the special commissioner, as the latter may elect. All such depositions may be forwarded, and will be returned, at the expense of this office.

4. The actual fees charged or received on each deposition, or set of depositions, taken after June 15, 1874, must be noted thereon by the special commissioner taking the same.

CHAS. F. BENJAMIN, Clerk of Commissioners of Claims.

No quotations of New York markets received for the 30th May, on account of decoration day.

In Liverpool, on the 30th ult., cotton was dull at 8 1/2 to 8 3/4.

In Southern cities of the United States, cotton 13 1/2 to 14 1/2.

RALEIGH RETAIL PRICES.

CORRECTED BY WAYNE ALCOCK, FAMILY GROCER, FAYETTEVILLE ST.

APPLES, Green,	@	30
" Dried,	@	35
BUTTER—Best country,	0 30	35
" Good,	0 25	30
" Goshen,	0 00	35
BACON—N. C. Sides,	0 00	14
" Hams,	0 00	17 1/2
CHICKENS—Sh. adults,	25 30	12 1/2
DUCKS—	0 00	35
EGGS—N. C. Family,	0 00	1/4
" Extra,	0 00	3/4
FOODER—Per 100 lbs.,	1 15	1 25
HAY—Per 100 lbs.,	1 15	1 25
MEAL—	1 15	65
POTATOES—Sweet,	@	00
" N. C. Irish,	@	00
OATS—Baled 100 lbs.,	0 00	1 50
" Seed 1 bushel,	0 00	80
GROCERIES,		
BACON—Rib Bulk Side,	0 00	00
" C. R. Smok'd,	0 00	10 1/2
" Shoulders,	0 00	11 1/2
" Best Sugar-cured Hams,	0 00	15 1/2
COFFEE—Old govt. ment,	0 00	35
" Legals,	0 00	30
" K. P. Prime,	0 00	30
" Good,	0 00	30
FISH—Mackerel, No. 1,	0 00	13 1/2
" N. C. Herrings, cut,	0 00	8 1/2
" Roe,	0 00	12 00
" Corn Shad, 1/2 lb.	0 00	10 00
FLOUR—Patapsco,	0 00	12 00
" Va. Family,	0 00	10 00
" Extra,	0 00	10 00
MOLASSES—Superfine,	6 50	8 00
GLASSES—Cuba, new crop, 5 bbl.	0 00	45
" hhd.	0 00	45
RICE—Standard A & B,	0 00	12 1/2
" Extra C,	0 00	12 1/2
" "	0 00	11
CRUP—Bulk,	0 00	31 1/2