THE RALEIGH NEWS.

VOL. XV,—NO 2. RALEIGH, N. C. SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 2. 1879. $5.00 PER ANNUM

J. A. BRAGASSA

Confectioner and dealer in toys, 16 Fayetteville street has just received a large stock of

FRENCH CANDY,

cocoanuts, fine apples, coquet sets, telegraph candy, banjos, fiddles, harmonica, oranges, &c., cigars and tobacco.

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KINGSLEY & ASHLEY

ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS,

Over to Julius Lewis & Co.,

RALEIGH, N. C.

STATEMENT.

Showing the Condition of the

VIRGINIA HOME FIRE INS. CO.

OF RICHMOND.

ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 1878.

Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the company, less the amount encumbrance thereon,	$ 45,000
Loans on bond and mortgage (duly recorded and being first liens on the fee simple.)	60,972.01
Amount of stocks and bonds of the United States, and of this and other States, also all bank stocks and bonds absolutely owned by the company	80,100
Stocks, bonds and all other securities, (except mortgages) hypothecated to the company as collateral security for cash actually loaned by the company	58,811 48
Interest due and accrued on stocks and other securities,	2,708 10
Actual company's principal office and belonging to the company, liquidation Bank,	$ 795 03
Premiums unpaid	$ 824 41
All other assets, detailed in statement,	15,881.63
Total Assets,	$281,113 65

LIABILITIES.

Losses unpaid including those resisted,	$ 14 00
Reserve, as required by law,	319 821
All other claims,	9647
Total Liabilities,	$9,881 31
Surplus as regards policy holders,	231 232 34
Capital stock paid up,	240,000 00
Surplus as regards stockholders,	3,232 34
Total income,	96,401 98
Total Expenditures,	91,420 56

NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS IN 1878.

Risks written,	$8,156 00
Premiums received,	1,182 85
Losses paid in this state,	268 14
Losses incurred,	974 14

J. W. ATKINSON, Agent Wilmington.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, February 3, 1879.

In compliance with Section Eight of "An Act Concerning Insurance," ratified March 18th, 1873, I certify that the above is a true extract from the sworn statement of the Virginia Home Insurance Company to December 31st, 1878 now on file in this Department, and the statement is hereby approved.

JOS. A. ENGELHARD, Secretary of State.

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Farmers,

Look to your interest and buy the

"HOME FERTILIZER"

You can buy three (3) tons for what one ton of the Manipulated Fertilizers cost. Call and get circulars from the Agent,

J. R. H. CARMER,

(W. Baker's old stand)

No. 45 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C.

N. B.—We sell Pure Chemicals for the ONLY Original Chemical Fertilizer. Name and receipt patented by Messrs. Boykin, Carmer & Co., Baltimore.

Nice Goods, Nice Goods.

Just received, Spiced Pig's Feet, Hams, Bologna Sausage, Fresh Crackers, Baldwin Apples, Early Rose, Peerless and Chili Red Irish Potatoes at

OAK CITY GROCERY,

No. 45 Wilmington St.

Also a beautiful line of Market, Clothes, Hampers and other Baskets, at

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No. 45 Wilmington St.

The finest Flour at bottom prices, embracing Orange Grove, Chesapeake, North Point, Howard Mills and Ridge Mills, by the pound, sack or barrel, at

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Monday and Tuesday Evenings,

MARCH 3RD AND 4TH.

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THE PATHFINDERS, A LA TROUBADOURS and the Marvelous MILTON JASPER, in their great pot-pan and musical creation

SCRAPS!

An entertainment without a flaw, being a production of unexampled success by Press and Public everywhere.

Reserved seats $1.00; general admission 75 cents; gallery 50 cents. Secure your seats early at Pearson's Drug Store.

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THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER.

The FIRESIDE COMPANION No. 539, contains the opening chapters of the new story

THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER,

Adapted from the celebrated play of the same name, by Bronson Howard, now running at the Union Square Theater, New York. The same paper also contains the opening chapters of James Payn's new story.

Under one Roof.

The words and music of the following songs are given away with the Fireside Companion:

Comic song and chorus, "Like a Turk," with ..... No. 593.

The words—complete—of the comic opera "H. M. S. Pinafore," also the words and music of the song and chorus, "When I was a Lad," with No. 592.

"He is an Engel Aman," song and chorus with ..... No. 594.

"I'm Called Little Buttercup," song and chorus with ..... No. 595

"Captain Audacious Tar," Lovers' Duet with ..... No. 596.

The Fireside Companion is for sale by all newsdealers. The subscription price is Three dollars a year. Address George Munro, 17 to 27 Vandewater street, N. Y.

DAILY NEWS.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1879

THE CITY.

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For new "ads" see top of this page.

J. A. BRAGASSA—Confectioner.

J. W. ATKINSON—Insurance Co.

MONIE & TOWLES—Local notice.

R. B. ANDREWS—Clothing.

W. M. SAUNDERS—Local notice

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Penitentiary Sunday School 1:15 this afternoon. Members of the Legislature invited to attend.

—The bill prohibiting the running of Sunday trains passed the Senate yesterday. See the proceedings.

—A letter is held at the post office addressed to E. B. Anderson, Apex, N. C., but minus the necessary stamp.

—The National Hotel of this city has changed hands, Mr. S. R. Street a well known hotelist of Newberne, having purchased the property.

—Mr. J. A. Bragassa has an attractive advertisement in this morning's issue. He keeps a large and well selected stock of confections, croquet setts, toys, etc. He will be found pleasant to deal with.

—The court room for the U. S. Court, in the government building, is almost furnished. It is probably the best fitted room in the State, and makes the others look poor in style and furniture. The chairs, of which there are 80, are of the opera pattern, secured to the floor. All the fittings are of massive, polished walnut. The beautiful room has many admiring visitors.

PERSONAL.—Col. R. R. Bridgers, of the W. & W. R. R., is at the Yarboro.

THE BORDER REVIEW.—The first number of the Border Review, the new paper published at Henderson by Messrs. Ams, Collins & Harper, has appeared. It bears the palm for neatness of press work and general excellence of get up, and its quality in this regard is equaled by the merit of its contents. Success to the new comer.

BURNED.—A colored girl, living near the new Fair Grounds was burned to death Friday afternoon. Her clothing caught fire and she ran out of the house into the yard. Her parents were so frightened that they saw her on flames without trying to save her. A young man jumped over the fence of the yard and threw a bucket of water on her, which extinguished the blaze. But it was too late, her injuries were fatal, and she died in a few hours.

MILITARY GOSSIP.—Gov. Jarvis yesterday appointed Dr. Oliver P. Robinson, Assistant Surgeon General of the State, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. This follows the resignation of Dr. Robah F. Gray, of Winston, who was appointed to the position by Gov. Vance, in October last, but which is now left this State and settled in Virginia.

THE MAYOR'S COURT.—A trio of the ungodly were up yesterday, at this dispensary of justice. Two were charged with drunkenness, and remanded to the guard house. The only case of importance was that of Bill Hicks, a negro man, for entering the house of a darkey damsel named Mary High, and taking therefrom a lot of wearing apparel which she had in wash. Bill was required to give bond in the sum of $50 for appearance at next term of court.

DIME PARTY.—On Tuesday evening the ladies of the Second Presbyterian church give a Dime Party in aid of the building fund of that church. It is to be held at the residence of Mr. L. E. Heartt, at the corner of Harrington and Hargett streets. The affair will be delightful and it is hoped the ladies will have many visitors during the evening. There will be an admission fee of 10 cents, and that sum will, be as usual, charged for a good sample of each of the numerous delicacies to be provided.

CONVICTS DISCHARGED.—There were yesterday discharged from the Penitentiary Robert Owens, white, convicted in Davie county, of larceny, and sentenced to penitentiary, April 1878. He is about 24 years old, 5 feet 10½ inches high and weighed when admitted 128 pound.

Bosh Hairston, colored, convicted in Davie county of larceny, and sentenced to penitentiary April 1878. He is about 48 years old, 5 feet 3 inches high, and weighed when admitted 208 pounds.

SUPREME COURT.—Court met at 10 o'clock on yesterday. All the Justices present.

L. A. Paschal vs L. H. Bullock; argument begun on Friday, resumed and concluded.

Shaw and B. P. Clifton vs James C. Wynne, et al, (2 cases) from Granville, argued by C. M. Cooke and A. W. Tourgee for the plaintiff and A. M. Lewis and Reade, Busbee & Busbee for the defendant.

Pending the argument in this case the Court adjourned, until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Comparative Movement of Cotton in Raleigh.

Receipts for week ending February 28th, 1879,	1080 bales.
Receipts for same week last year,	893 "
Increase in receipts for week this year,	187 "
Receipts for same week in 1877,	388 "
Receipts for month February 1879	3,984, "
Receipts for month February 1878	2,675 "
Increase in receipts for month this year	1,319. "
Receipts for month February 1877	2,619 "
Whole receipts since 1st Sept. to date,	40,584 "
Whole receipts same time last year,	37,817 "
Increase in receipts this year to date,	2767 "

The market has been active with full demand for all offering and closed at 9cts for middling.

FUNERAL OF DR. WINGATE.—The funeral services of the late Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, were held in the Chapel of that institution yesterday. In the morning a number of persons went down from this city. Assembled at the college was a throng of people from the country round about. The funeral sermon was by Rev. W. B. Royall, D. D. of the College. Rev. Dr. Pritchard, of this city, and Rev. Dr. Ivy, of Goldsboro, made remarks upon the character of the deceased. The remains were interred in the cemetery of the college.

OFF FOR THE SEA SHORE.—About 30 members left yesterday for a trip to Newberne and Beaufort. Last night they were in Newberne, and this morning they take a run down to salt water. The first view of the ocean will doubtless be a pleasant surprise to the Western members, who, accustomed all their lives to mountain grandeur, know little of the quiet majesty of the sea. The excursion was given by courtesy of the officials of the N. C. R. R. and A. & N. C. R. R. The excursionists will return to morrow and resume their duties. The session of the House to-morrow will be from 1 to 5 p. m.

REVENUE RECEIPTS.—Collections and Deposits of Internal Revenue in 4th District of N. C. for week ending March 1st, 1879.

Monday,	$4,225 25
Tuesday,	394 42
Wednesday,	1,198.80
Thursday,	1,043 70
Friday,	9,098 59
Saturday,	524 49
	$16,485.25

Collections and Deposits of Internal Revenue, in the 4th District of N. C., for the month of February, 1879, from various sources, as follows:

Collections on List's,	$1921.49
Tax paid Spirit Stamps,	891.90
Spirit Stamps O. T. Tax paid,	20.50
Tobacco Stamps,	30,381 93
Cigar "	93 60
Snuff "	354 16
Special Tax Stamps,	338.75
	$34,002 33

PULPIT PERSONALS.—For the convenience of those who may desire to attend religious services to-day, the following church directory is published. These churches all offer to those who wish to hear the word comfortable seats, polite ushers, and every attention that can be shown. The perfect beauty of the weather gives those who seek excuses for absence none today, so it is hoped that full seats and attentive audiences will be the rule at all the churches.

The following pastors will to-day discourse:

At the Edenton St. Methodist church, Rev. N. M. Jurney at 11 a. m. and W. S. Black, pastor, at 7:30 p. m.

At the Person Street Methodist church Rev. W. C. Norman, at 11 a. m. and Rev. N. M. Jurney at 7:30 p. m.

At the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. S. Watkins, pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

At the Second Presbyterian church, services in chapel of the Deaf Dumb & Blind Asylum, at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. M. Atkinson, D. D.

At the Swain Street Baptist Church, by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

At the Salisbury Street Baptist Church, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. Thos. H. Pritchard, D. D.

At Christ Church, Episcopal, morning service at 11 a. m., evening service at 5 p. m., by the Rector, Rev. Matt M. Marshall, D. D.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, Hillsboro avenue, morning service at 11 a. m., evening service at 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Edward R. Rich, Rector.

At St. John's Church, Roman Catholic, services in Briggs building, Fayetteville street; Low Mass at 7 a. m., High Mass at 11 a. m., Vespers and Benediction at 4 p. m., by Father Jas B. White.

A JOLLY NIGHT WITH THE PATHFINDERS.—The most delightful fooling we have ever witnessed is that of the Pathfinders a la troubadours at the Theatre. It is a potpourri of good things, with not one bad one from beginning to end. Five persons get left by the boat Pathfinder at a certain picnicing ground, where they find the wardrobe of a theatrical and gymnastic company, and taking possession of these proceed to give a series of entertainments, dramatic, operatic, gymnastic and otherwise, that are as superior for their excellence as they are novel in style and singular in situation. The three ladies of the party Miss Mattie Vickers, Miss Mary Jasper, and Miss Eugenie Lavalle, are all excellent vocalists, and the first two splendid actresses, giving as they did numerous imitations of the most distinguished ladies now on the stage in the drama, opera and bouffe. Mr Charles Rogers gave numerous imitations of the distinguished actors of the day, showing the most remarkable protean and versatile powers. His take offs of Joe Jefferson in Old Rip, Edwin Adams in Enoch Arden, and J. W. Wallach in Fagin the Jew, were very natural and also very powerful. In these he was well assisted by Mrs. Vickers. Mr. Berkely also exhibited good histronic and vocal powers. Mr. Rentgrow's burnt-cork eccentricities as the servant of the party could scarcely be excelled by the end men of the "best minstrel company in the country." But the tumbling and gymnastic exercises of the Jasper brother and Rentgrow took everybody by surprise. Their feats were the most daring and difficult we have ever witnessed, and the house became enthused to the highest pitch of excitement during their progress.

Thus says a Southern paper.

The Kerosene Commonplace.

Mrs. Jane Halligan of Bergen street, Brooklyn, tried to kindle the fire with kerosene. The can exploded like a musket loaded, burnt her face, head hands. She may recover.—New York Herald, May 19.

Pratt's Astral Oil burnes in any lamp, is free from smoke and smell and is absolutely safe under all circumstances where oil should be used. Julius Lewis & Co., Sole Agents, Raleigh, N. C.

Remarkably cheap clothing. New Cassimere Suits at $7.50 $8.50 and $10.00 R. B. Andrews & Co., clothiers and hatters.

WAKE SUPERIOR COURT.—Court met at 10 o'clock yesterday. His Honor, Judge Mills L. Eure, presiding. The following business was transacted:

Wm. Jenks vs City of Raleigh. Motion for new trial. Motion denied. Appeal.

Geo. W. King vs Commissioners of Wake county. Judgment against plaintiff. Appeal.

A. M. Lewis vs Hugh Blalock. Referred to S. G. Ryan.

S. C. White, Cashier, vs Mary E. Utley et als. Referred to S. F. Mordecai.

John R. Harp vs Ann Harp. Set for first Saturday, June term.

Tabitha Nixon vs the Peoples Building and Loan Association et als. Report of referee filed. Exceptions filed. Continued.

W. W. Vass vs Peoples Building and Loan Association et als. Motion to dismiss as to D. G. Fowle.

E. H. Ray vs C. S. Powell, Sheriff. Judgment nisi against defendent for $100.

M. T. Norris vs E. O. Macy, adm'r. Report of referee filed. Judgment for plaintiff.

B. Y. Rogers vs Fendal Beavers. Judgment for plaintiff.

W. F. Perry vs Green Jackson. Order for plaintiff to justify bond in 30 days, or give additional security.

R. S. Perry vs Samuel Rowland and wife. Judgment for plaintiff.

W. S. Mason vs A. V. Parsons. Judgment for plaintiff.

Rachal P. Hill, executrix, vs Moses A. Bledsoe. Judgment for plaintiff.

Dolly Hunter vs Alfred Williams. Judgment for plaintiff.

Geo. W. Wynne vs T. L. Dunn. Judgment for plaintiff.

J. M. Fleming and J. R. Fleming vs Joseph C. Freeman. Report of referee confirmed. Judgment for plaintiffs.

Hillard J. Smith vs J. J. Lynn et als. Judgment for defendants.

H. W. Montague vs A. T. Mial. Judgment for defendant.

State ex rel Cook, Solicitor, vs Robert F. Greene et als. Judgment for plaintiffs.

State of N. C. vs Thomas Hughes, Sheriff. (2 cases.) Dismissed.

N. C. State Life Insurance Company vs P. B. Kennedy et als. Judgment for plaintiffs.

A. Creech et als vs J. J. Nowell, Sheriff. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

Wm. M. Hall, trustee, vs A. C. Sanders. Judgment for plaintiff.

L. H. Yeargin vs Sarah Siler et als. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

A. T. Bruce & Co. vs Jas. G. McPheeters. Judgment for plaintiff.

W. O. Long vs The Farmville Insurance and Banking Co. Judgment for plaintiff.

Jas. S. Weathers vs W. H. Pace. Judgment for defendent. Appeal. Notice waived.

Court adjourned sine die.

NORTHERN SETTLERS CONVENTION.—The State Convention of Northern settlers, called under a Resolution of the Charlotte Convention of January 15th inst., met yesterday at Metropolitan Hall, at 3 p. m. Mr. N. Dumont, of Charlotte, was elected president, and E. Conklin, Esq., of Raleigh, Secretary.

Buncombe County sent a valuable paper setting forth its advantages, which was adopted.

Messrs. T. A. Kingsley and N. Plumadore of Raleigh, and John Hinman, of Warren county, were appointed a committee on business. After conference the following resolutions were submitted:

Whereas we believe in the wisdom of the spirit and principles enunciated by the findings of the Charlotte convention held Jan 15 1879, and this body desiring to follow its inspirations therefore,

RESOLVED 1st. That this convention adopt as an entirety the resolutions and findings of the convention of Northern born residents of the south held at Charlotte, N. C., Jan'y 15, 1879, with this addition, viz. That so far as North Carolina is concerned, we would suggest to all persons who come to this State looking for lands and homes to critically enquire as to the texture, quality and productive powers of soils and the healthfulness of the particular location their fancy leads them toward. We suggest this because in some localities lands are poor and heretofore impositions have been practiced.

2nd. That the Railway lines running into our State be respectfully requested to consider the means employed by the Railways leading to the Great West and apply to our state the same method to induce a healthful Immigration of people and property to our State and to this end we appoint a committee of six to correspond with the proper uthorities with a view to carrying out the spirit and purposes of this movement tward Immigration.

3rd. We congratulate the people of the State that the state debt, through its legislature now in session, has been satisfactorily and amicably arranged. We feel that this new order of things will bring about a new era of state prosperity that will work to the interests of the State and all concerned.

4th. We thank the press of the State for their many tokens of kindness and the earnestness with which they have favored us with their many marks of appreciation.

5th. We also thank the managers of our rail roads for issuing to us half fare tickets and trust that they will continue to appreciate our efforts to influence immigration to our adopted state also.

6th. This convention respectfully suggest that the native North Carolinians hold a convention at such time and place as they may deem best to take into consideration this subject of immigration.

The resolutions were adopted without dissent.

The committee provided for in the 2d resolution was appointed.

Upon motion the following gentlemen were appointed to the General Convention to be held Charlotte, July 4, 1879, viz:

James H. Chadbone, Wilmington, delegate. Mr. Bull, of Craven county, alternate.

V. K. Speer, Asheville, delegate. H. G. Whiting, Mooresville, alternate.

Col. C. A. Cilley, of Lenoir, Caldwell county, delegate. D. L. Barker, of Morganton, alternate.

John Hinman, Ridgeway, delegate. Capt. George S. Campbell, of Goldsboro, delegate. H. L. Grant, alternate.

Seth M. Carpenter, Newberne, delegate. L. Ivs, of Beaufort, alternate.

John Graham, Hillsboro, delegate. J. C. Brewster, of Raleigh, alternate.

T. C. Kelsey, of Highlands, Macon county, delegate. A. J. Curtis, of Statesville, alternate.

N. Dumont, of Charlotte, delegate. T. C. McMahon, of Greensboro, alternate.

N. Plumadore, of Raleigh, delegate. George Dichtey, of Raleigh, alternate.

FISH CULTURE IN THIS STATE.—The report of Mr. S. G. Worth, who has in his able charge the fish hatcheries of this State, has appeared. It goes over the whole ground in this very important industry, whose developement is regarded with so much hope. As a matter of both local and general interest it is proper to reproduce portions of the report, whose plain facts and succinct statements cover the whole ground. Referring to the culture of fish Mr. Worth truly says that in this State the art is so new that few have had an opportunity to look into it sufficiently to know its requirements or pass judgment upon past operations. The work of propagation of the fish was therefore left entirely in his hands. Referring to his operations he says:

During the past twelve months, ending the 1st of April, 1879, we have released in the North Carolina waters over three and one-half millions of young shad, three hundred thousand California Salmon, fifteen thousand five hundred Land-locked Salmon from Maine, and fifty thousand Mountain or Brook Trout. All of this was done at an expense of less than three thousand dollars, and among the expenditures was a sum of not less than five hundred dollars in permanent structures and hatching and distributing apparatus, tools &c., now on hand, including all salaries. This sum when compared with results will bear favorable comparison with similar work done any where on the globe. To convey an idea of the immense returns in fish culture, I will make a statement which may surprise you. California Salmon attain an average weight of 20 pounds, and sell readily at twenty-five cents a pound. If we suppose that ninety-nine per cent. of the three hundred thousand hatched this season are never heard from and that the one per cent. which do return attain the average weight of other waters and bring a price of five cents a pound, the Salmon of the past season alone will more than pay the expense of the whole season, including the Shad, Land-locked Salmon and Trout. The immense losses in the eggs and fry of fish seems to have been a great foresight of nature in giving to them the greatest ova-bearing powers of any of the vertebrate animals. On examination of the nests of the California Salmon it is found that only eight per cent of the eggs are impregnated. By the artificial method of impregnation we secure ninety to ninety-five per cent!

Continuing, he says few realize the value of fish, but a moment's reflection will show that they cost nothing, and that by replacing them in the waters by aiding their imperfect efforts we restore to our land at a nominal cost its millions of wealth that our streams annually bear away to the ocean. Who knows the value of the constituents of our gliding rivers, and by what means can we reclaim them? By the judicious expenditure of a few thousand dollars annually we can attain this result. If our people look this year for any return from what has been done, they must remember that the patient farmer sows his seed and waits till they have had time to develope and mature. No shad return in one year, and indeed no roe shad ever returned to fresh water till the third year.

Twenty-seven States are now actively engaged in restocking their waters, and I am glad to say that with limited means we have made a very decided beginning in North Carolina in two short years. With the finest shad fishing grounds in the world, and many secluded mountain streams yet full of trout we are fully capable of supplying every county in the State with as many fish as the people can consume. In view of the fact that the shad caught in our waters sell in northern markets before the run of fish has extended into their streams, and since our sales there bring double the price of theirs by supplying the early demand, it is very plain to be seen that in restocking our sounds and rivers to ten times their present capacity, we can supply every demand at home and bring into our State thousands of dollars from abroad.

Commencement of Bellevue Medical College.

Correspondence of Raleigh Observer.

P. S. EVENING.—I have just returned from the Academy of Music, attending the 18th Annual Commencement of the Bellevue Medical College, to which I was favored with an invitation. Though promptly at the Academy, it was impossible to find a vacant seat. There were thousands filling the seats, leaving hundreds to stand, and sold through the whole interesting ceremonies. There were 165 graduates, including Camillus L. Battle, Elisha Battle, Elisha Battle, Hubert Haywood, Henry W. Lilly and Thomas R. Robertson, of North Carolina.

Of these, Hubert Haywood, son of Dr. E. Burke Haywood, of Raleigh, had the honor to be Valedictorian, and of course delivered the closing address, and an admirable address it was, frequently eliciting the applause of the audience, and especially of his classmates. I think that no more prolonged clapping of hands responded to the calling of any name than his when called up in succession to receive their diplomas; and this was striking, since upwards of fifty of the class were New Yorkers, surrounded by their friends of course, in the immense audience. I was amused to notice that in the crowd near me there came forward a warm clapping of hands from one person at the call of every Southern name. That was a true man, and I would have liked to shake him and grasp the hands that welcomed his countrymen, but the crowd obstructed the view. Quite a number of beautiful bouquets were brought in to different members of the class, and by them in many instances handed over to their lady friends—sweethearts probably in the gay audience.

The address to the graduates was by Richard O'Gorman, Esq., whose Irish origin was quite manifest in his pronunciation of "the worruld," and such like words. It was a fair speech but vastly inferior to that of Dr. Crosby at the other College last week. And Mr. O'Gorman, with all his reputation as an educator, is not an elegant scholar, nor yet an eloquent orator.

The whole affair was a very pleasant one, and I could not but echo the hopes that these young disciples of one of the most useful Professions may all do honor to it and to themselves. H.

OUR LAW MAKERS.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Mar. 1, 1879.

The Senate was called to order at 10 a. m., President Robinson in the chair.

SUNDAY TRAINS.

House bill to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath day, being the special order for 12 m., was considered.

Mr. Caldwell favored the bill. It would put a stop to an intolerable nuisance in the form of Sunday excursion trips and would be a great relief to all engaged in the railroad service. He hoped the Senate would follow the example of the House in showing a proper respect for the Sabbath.

Mr. Everett moved to amend by excluding trains of what was know as through freights. Lost.

The bill then passed its last reading under a call for the ayes and noes, and the vote stood—ayes 36 noes 3.

The bill read as follows: "An act to prevent the desecration on the Sabbath day."

Sec. 1. That no railroad company shall permit the loading or unloading of any freight car on the Sabbath day (known as Sunday) withing the limits of this State.

Sec. 2. That no railroad company shall permit any car, train of cars, or locomotive, to be run on the Sunday on any road within the limits of the State, except such as may be absolutely necessary for the toansportation of the U. S. mails, and except in cases of urgent necessity other than for the purpose of business and pleasure: Provided, That the word Sunday as used in this act shall be construed to embrace only that part of the day between sunrise and sunset.

Sec. 3. That any railroad company offending against either of the above sections shall be liable to indictment for a misdemeanor in each county in or through which such car, train of cars, or locomotive, shall pass, or on which such freight car shall be loaded or unloaded, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars for each offence.

Sec. 5. That the fine so imposed shall, when collected, be paid into the public treasury of the State for the use of the public schools of the State.

INVESTIGATION—BRIBERY AND THREATS.

President Robinson, (Mr. Scales in the chair) offered the following resolution, and asked for its consideration under a suspension of the rules:

Whereas, It is currently reported that threats and promises were made, and improper and undue influences were used by certain parties interested in the question of the Public Printing during the early part of the session of the General Assembly, with a view to control the votes of Senators and Representatives for or against the interests of the said parties interested in determining the question of the Public Printing; therefore,

Resolved by the Senate that a committee of three Senators be appointed by the chair to inquire into and investigate this matter, and report to this body the result of their investigation, and that said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers and to administer oaths.

The resolution was adopted, and the presiding officer (Mr. Scales) appointed Messrs. Dortch, Snow and Eaves as the committee.

The Senate then adjournad till 10 a. m., Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, March 1, 1879.

Mr. Amis presided at the opening of the exercises of to-day.

PETITIONS

Were presented by Messrs. Brown of Mecklenburg, and Lewis.

REPORTS

Of Committees were submitted by Messrs. Woodhouse, York, Bernard, Cooke, Holt, Lockhart and Bost.

RESOLUTIONS

Were introduced by Mr. Orchard.

BILLS

Were introduced by Messrs. Lewis, Orchard, Harrell, Bost, Cary and Richardson of Wake.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Richardson of Columbus rose to a question of personal privilege in regard to an article in the New York Times, which he pronounced a falsehood and a slander.

Mr. Vaughan also rose to a question of personal privilege on the same subject, his name having appeared in the same article, and declared the statements to be entirely false.

The calendar was placed at the disposal of the Speaker for the remainder of the session.

Bill to amend the charter of the Oxford & Henderson, R. R. passed its final reading.

Bill to incorporate the Smithfield and Cape Fear R. R., passed its third reading.

Bill to amend the charter of the Border R. R., passed.

Bill to authorize the county of Currituck to exchange its bonds for stock in the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal Company, passed.

Bill to provide for the collecting of judgements in favor of counties, against defaulting officers, passed.

Bill to allow compensation of claims of school teachers in several counties, passed.

Bill for the better security of counties in costs for criminal actions. Mr. Carter said the bill would save the counties much costs, now charged, often wrongly. The bill then passed its readings.

Bill to ascertain the indebtedness of Madison county, passed its readings.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to re-purchase the Cape Fear Navigation Company from the present owners, was discussed by Messrs. Turner, Taylor and Lutterloh. The resolution was tabled.

Mr. Davis of Haywood rose to a question of personal privilege in regard to an article in the New York Times, as to Mr G. S. Furgerson, late Senator from Haywood.

Bill to amend and revise the charter of the town of Winston, passed its second reading.

Bill to allow the bank of Greensboro further time to wind up its business affairs, passed.

Bill to amend the charter of Chapel Hill, so as to allow election of a mayor, passed it final reading.

Bill to incorporate the Globe Gold Company, passed.

Bill concerning mortgages issued by incorporated companies passed.

Bill to incorporate the Bennettsville & Hamlet R. R. Company, passed.

Bill declaratory of an act incorporating the town of Reidsville, passed.

Bill to authorize the Board of Education of Johnson county to pay orders issued by the township school committees prior to 1877, passed.

Bill to authorize the Board of Commissioners of Onslow, to issue bonds, etc, prssed its second reading.

At 2 p. m. the House adjourned until Monday.

A Tax-payer's Letter to Charlotte Democrat.

The following extract is made from this valuable letter.

It is proposed by some to show that the expenses of the State Government have been decreased, by comparing the expenses of 1869 with the expenses of 1878. This is certainly going a long ways for a little comfort, just nine years back to find any improvement.

This is what I said: "That the Democratic platform two years since was retrenchment and reform; that on that platform the Democratic party went into power. That the Democratic officeholders pocketed the same salaries pocketed by the Radical office-holders. That the expenses in nearly all the branches of the State Government had been increased instead of decreased. That the people paid the same taxes under Democratic rule as under Radical rule." Is it meeting this statement fairly to array figures of extravagance nine years since? The Democratic Platform two years since was "Retrenchment and Reform." If the platform meant anything it meant to retrench and reform extravagance then existing, not what existed nine years ago. It surely did not mean to retrench what had already been retrenched, and to reform the reformed.

"It is admitted that the charges preferred against the Democratic administration (not against the party, please don't confound the terms) are striking and are well calculated to arouse the people. They were not idly made neither were they made until after examination. These charges are of such a serious nature it is admitted that unless they are proven by the figures presented below that the writer has imposed upon you, deceived the public and slandered the great Democratic party. If though, the facts are by the figures proven to be true, the writer in bringing them to light, and you in publishing them, have but acted the part of a faithful sentinel upon the watchtower, pointing out, whilst the Democratic ship is still manned by Democrats, the rocks and shoals upon which the ship was about to be wrecked and with it the last hope of the people for good government.

"The issues are joined—the people are the jurors—the Auditor's report the witnesses:

TABLE MADE UP FROM THE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

	For year ending Sept. 30, 1869. Republican administration.	For year ending Sept. 30, 1876. (Democratic administration.)	For year ending Sept. 30, 1877. (Democratic administration.)	For year ending Sept. 30, 1878. (Democratic administration.)
Adjt. Generals Dep't,	$ [illegible]	$847 [illegible]	$1,011 54	$1,011 54
Agricultural Department,	2,710 00	2,710 00	3,746 40	3,746 40
Department of Education,	1,000 00	1,564 83	1,839 85	1,839 85
Executive Department,	4,865 [illegible]	5,408 27	5,84 85	5,84 85
Geological Department,	5,000 00	5,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
State Department,	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00
State Guard,	3,000 00	904 00	5,000 00	5,000 00
State Library,	1,127 [illegible]	1,127 [illegible]	1,127 [illegible]	1,127 [illegible]
Treasury Department,	5,524 [illegible]	5,487 40	5,921 [illegible]	5,921 [illegible]
Judiciary,	4,071 [illegible]	4,071 [illegible]	1,294 [illegible]	1,294 [illegible]
Printing and Binding,	9,832 [illegible]	18,931 [illegible]	52,061 [illegible]	52,061 [illegible]
Contingencies,	18,051 62	21,771 18	14,955 [illegible]	14,955 [illegible]
Capitol Square,	633 00	56 23	658 [illegible]	658 [illegible]
Superintendent Capitol,	74 55	1,7 20	75 00	75 00
Distributing Laws,	2 10	138 97	4,5 86	4,5 86
Total,	$102,980 65	$118,220 01	$101,835 74.	

"Verdict of the people: Guilty as charged in the bill of indictment; that since the Democartic party went into power in 1876, under the banner of "Retrenchment and Reform," there has been neither Retrenchment nor Reform, that the Democratic office-holders have pocketed the same salaries pocketed by the Radical office-holders; that the expenses in nearly all the branches of the State Government have been increased instead of decreased, that the people pay the same taxes under Democratic rule that they paid in 1876 under Radical rule.

In the table of figures taken from the Auditor's Report I have adopted the plan of taking only the ordinary expenses of the Government so as to avoid all complications by reason of appropriations for extraordinary purposes. I have also left out the expenses of the charitable and penal institutions, the expenses of which might vary in proportion to the number of inmates. In other words I have eliminated everything except the ordinary expenses which are incident to, and necessary for both Administrations I have separated the expenses of each department so that he that "runs may read" and understand. In order that full justice may be done to the Democratic Administration I have given two years of it, giving it full time for retrenchment and reform."

Current Events.

A large number of Mennonite emigrants from Southern Russia are to settle in Manitoba. The Canadian Government, in view of the black plague in Russia, is perfecting its quarantines and will rigidly enforce its laws against the emigrants.

David Pender, who committed the diamond ear-ring robbery in Fifth avenue some weeks ago, was taken to Sing Sing yesterday. His sentence of twenty years may be reduced by good behavior to twelve years and four months.

A rumor is current in Leipzig, that Richard Wagner, the composer of "the music of the future," has become hopelessly insane. His eccentricity has been likened to incipient madness for some time past, and the brain has succumbed entirely of late. The statement is made on the authority of a Leipzig correspondent of a Philadelphia paper.