

MATT W. RAMSON has been honored in a way that has never before fallen to the lot of any North Carolinian...

WE COPY FROM THE following brief biography of our distinguished senator: Matt W. Ramson, of Northampton county, was born in Warren county...

THE DETAILS of the passage of a bill through the Legislature are not known to many persons, who have not been members of a Legislature, and therefore we will briefly describe to our readers the process, or machinery, by which their laws are enacted...

THE REVENUE members of the Legislature, with four exceptions, voted for Col. William Johnson, of Charlotte, for United States Senator.

WE HAVE RECEIVED and read with much interest a copy of the "Annual Report of the Board of Directors and the Superintendent of the North Carolina Insane Asylum" for the past year...

THE SENATE is to be commended for promptly ousting Mr. Halstead and refusing to pay him his per diem while occupying the seat that did not rightfully belong to him...

THE MIDDLE RAILROAD. The completion of the Middle railroad from Goldsboro to Salisbury would be of such great benefit to Chatham county that our people are naturally much interested in whatever relates thereto...

SECTION 1. That the governor, the treasurer, and the attorney general are hereby constituted a commission, vested with complete power to contract for the sale of and to convey as hereinafter provided, the State's stock and interest in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company...

A statement issued from the Post-office department shows that at the close of the calendar year, 1882, there were 46,803 post-offices in the United States, against 41,803 for the year 1881, being an increase of 5,000.

Our Raleigh Letter.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 13, 1883.

DEAR READER: You may inform your readers in the western part of the county that a syndicate of North Carolina gentlemen have proposed to buy the State's interest in the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad...

The republicans are beginning to show that they are not interested in their present mode of legislation for the negro. While the House had up a proposition to pay registrars and judges of election for their patriotic labors...

Mr. Lawrence has introduced a bill to change the time of holding elections back to August. While our people are all in favor of it, his bill will hardly become a law, as it would necessitate holding two elections every other year...

The Senate the other day tackled the dog question, but not in the usual form. Mr. Eades, of Macon, wanted all dogs subjects of license, your reminder now those dogs only are subjects of license that have been listed for taxation...

It is not only to say who are the leaders in the Legislature, but the spirit of the Legislature, the mood of the members, all look upon and consider as a vote-giving machine...

The House has in the person of Mr. Barfield the best reading clerk the Legislature has had since a Chatham man was reading clerk of the Senate in 1870.

A Fatal Fire.

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Our Washington Letter.

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The total number of prisoners received from the opening of the penitentiary, January 6th, 1870, is 4,678. The activity of the prisoners received the past two years was as follows: Alabama 1, Georgia 7, Indiana 1, Kentucky 1, Louisiana 1, Mississippi 1, North Carolina 2, Pennsylvania 1, South Carolina 3, Tennessee 9, Virginia 63, total 87.

What makes Fremont, Cal., welcome on every Friday's tablet, holds its title by its fragrance and rich, fiery color. Good Advice. You will find it and all the other parts of the file that will mark in this or any season, if you keep your stomach, liver and kidneys in perfect working order.

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And I give him two dollars for dog block. Now don't you shut go and sell dog block instead you sell what I sell you. Isaac stood by and evidently felt about himself that he had not been an active agent in selling dog block. But what man of sense would ever have found it again. There is no such a special provision for dogs. Pseudo.

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