

Messengers who were appointed by the last Legislature and have not yet qualified cannot now do so without being re-appointed by the Governor. In another column we copy from the News and Observer an explanation of the law on this subject, and we now refer to it for the purpose of showing the importance of having the most important acts of every Legislature published, as soon as they are passed, in every newspaper in the State. The public printer is seldom able to publish the acts in book form until three or four months after the Legislature adjourns, and the result is the people do not know what the new laws are during that interval, and even after the acts are thus published they are not seen or read by many persons. The laws are printed in a limited number of books which are distributed among the magistrates and other officers, but the citizens generally have no opportunity of knowing what the laws which they are expected to obey. A copy of this book ought to be given by the State to every newspaper in the State, so that the people might all have an opportunity of reading them. This at least should be done, but in addition there every important act of the Legislature ought to be published immediately after its ratification in every newspaper in the State. This is done in several States of the Union, and it ought to be done in North Carolina. All the publicity possible should be given to the statute laws of every country, so that the citizens thereof may become familiar with them. It is a legal maxim that "ignorance of the law essentially no man's excuse" then it is the duty of the lawmakers to promulgate their laws in the most perspicuous and public manner, and not follow the example of the Roman tyrant, Crassus, who is said to have hung them upon high pillars, the more effectually to ensure the people.

The new survey of the Atlantic and North Carolina R. R. Co. whose road runs from Goldsboro to Morehead City, hold their annual meeting today at the latter place, and it is likely to be a very important meeting. The question of leasing the road to the Wilmington and Weldon R. R. Co. or the R. & D. R. R. Co. will be decided on. It has been much discussed recently by the papers and people of that portion of the State, and public opinion seems much divided, though it rather preponderates in favor of leasing. The State is the largest stockholder in the company and owns a majority of the stock, so that all the citizens of the State are indirectly interested in the management of the road, as well as those living along its line. At the annual meeting of the stockholders the State's stock is represented by a proxy appointed by the Governor, and at today's meeting Gov. Seawell conferred that honor upon our townsman, T. B. Womack, Esq., who we doubt not will acceptably discharge the duties of so responsible a position. As a citizen of the State we hope a lease will be made, and the road be managed on business and not political principles. We are opposed to the State attempting to run railroads, and are still more opposed to railroad corporations running the State.

Wife-beaters are properly punished in Maryland. The Legislature of that State recently passed a law to punish wife-beating with a public whipping, and the first enforcement of that law took place at Baltimore, a few days ago, when a man convicted of beating his wife was publicly whipped by the sheriff. Every State ought to have a similar law, and rigidly enforce it. The wife who bears her husband's stripes is a good one at that.

The Press Association of this State held its annual meeting at Southfield last week, convening on Wednesday and adjourning on Thursday, an unusually short session. We regret not having been able to attend on the first day and that we were able to be present only during the closing hour. The number of editors in attendance was only about twenty, and this was the first meeting attended by several of them. We regret to see our brethren of the press losing interest in our annual meetings. President Daniels delivered a most interesting and appropriate address, and we wish many of his timely suggestions might be adopted. Several matters of practical importance to the press were discussed by different editors. The following officers were elected for the

ensuing year: president, J. A. Robinson, of the Winston-Leads; secretary, J. H. Lindsay, of the Kernersville News; assistant secretary, J. D. Kernoda, of the Alamance Gleaner; Chaplain, Rev. P. R. Law, of the Monroe Enquirer; and orator, G. W. Blount, of the Wilson Mirror. The next meeting will be held at Shelby.

Washington Gossip.

Washington Correspondent of New York World. It is proposed to build a first-class hotel in the city of Washington. Washington is now a city of 200,000 people. It has never had what could be called a first-class hotel. All of the hotels here have the appearance of a boarding-house. They have been enlarged from time to time from one or two small flats, and as a necessary consequence the result is a building which would not be used for a third-class hotel in ordinary towns. The prices charged here are fully equal to the best hotels in New York. The prices are first class, while the accommodations have always been of a second class. The hotel-keeping of the city of Washington is something peculiar. There are few public places in town where you can get anything really good to eat. It is one of the most markets in the world, but even at this day no good cooks prevail. Of course this simply means guests. There are three or four first-class restaurants here now, where one can obtain a good cooking as in New York. These restaurants have been made famous by the great influx of Northern visitors here, who have been led to the Southern standard of cooking, which has been long maintained in Washington. The general standard of living in Washington is higher than it is in New York. Capitalists have been slow to come here, but in every branch where an attempt has been made to do better than elsewhere, it has been successful. Washington now has a very large class of such people, and it is not likely to spend the winter here. The first of the new House was held. This was the first time that Washington has ever had a business theatre. It has prospered from the very day that it does were thrown open. This fall the new National Theatre will be completed. This will add another first-class theatre to the town. This venture never fails to be successful.

Admiral Worden is the President of the Retiring Board of the Navy Department. He is very short in stature and has very little patience with lawyers. The other day a man was being tried before him. The officer who was up for testimony did not want to be tried. He had employed a very eloquent and persuasive lawyer to defend him. The Judge Advocate General of the Navy hearing of this case, had a subordinate down to represent him. The outside lawyer tried a question of jurisdiction. A word was whispered. Admiral Worden stood the chest of the argument for a while. Then he stood up very straight, and fairly loudly said, "I will be damned if I do it, and I will be damned if I do it, and I will be damned if I do it." This decision of the Court knocked the civilian lawyer completely out of time, and he has hardly yet recovered his equanimity.

A report of Mr. Blaine's said to have been made by him to the Senate. He believes that his claims are exhausted. "Do you know," said he, "that I have a quarter of a million dollars in stock in the States of Maryland, Kentucky, and Tennessee? Both of these public life members of their State Legislatures. Mr. Clay was Speaker of the lower house in Kentucky. Mr. Blaine's Washington location in the Maine Legislature. Mr. Clay was a member of Congress several years and served as Speaker several years. Mr. Blaine was also a member of the House and served as its Speaker six years. Mr. Clay was first elected to the Senate from Kentucky to fill a vacancy. Mr. Blaine was appointed to the Senate, but also to fill a vacancy. Mr. Clay resigned his seat in the Senate to accept the Secretaryship of State from John Quincy Adams. Mr. Blaine resigned the Secretaryship to become Secretary of State under Garfield. Mr. Clay was three times the candidate in the Whig nomination. He was finally nominated in 1841 but was defeated by James K. Polk. Mr. Blaine was beaten twice in the National Conventions, nominated in the third one, and was defeated by Grover Cleveland. Mr. Clay's letters on the Texas question are held to be a parallel in their civil effects upon the writer by some of Mr. Blaine's letters. The Abolitionists in New York in 1844 threw their vote to Blaine, a third time gave the State to the Democracy. It is claimed that last year if it had not been for the votes given to St. John, Blaine would have carried New York. The vote of New York decided the election in favor of the Democrats in 1844 and again in 1847. Mr. Clay was never a candidate after his final defeat, and it is believed by Mr. Blaine's friends that he will never again be presented to the public as a candidate. The parallel between his career and that of Clay's will probably remain undisturbed.

On last Thursday the boiler in the new mill of T. Deal, near Walsboro Station, Va., on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, exploded, killing John Tucker and injuring three others, one of whom cannot recover.

It is said that there are more daily callers at the White House now than ever before in its history, and the President is usually very considerate in allowing his time to be taken up with callers who merely desire to pay their respects.

Important to Magistrates.

From the Raleigh News and Observer. By chapter 288 of the laws of 1885, it is enacted: "That all appointments of justices of the peace by the general assembly shall be void, unless the persons so appointed shall qualify within three months thereafter. That all unqualified appointments occurring under the provisions of the preceding section in the office of justice of the peace shall be filled for the term by the appointment of the Governor."

The election of justices by the late general assembly was on the 11th day of March last, and the three months in which they were required to qualify expired on the 11th day of the present month.

It is probable that the attention of the justices elect was not called to this act inasmuch as the laws have but recently been published and relying upon the provision in the Code which permitted their qualification at any time prior to the commencement of their terms, to wit: the first Thursday in August next after their election, doubtless many of them have allowed the three months to elapse without qualifying, and the offices are now vacant.

The Governor has caused the matter to be examined by the attorney general, who has given an opinion that the legislature had the authority to pass the act referred to, and that the Governor had the power and it was his duty to make appointments to fill the offices made vacant by the failure of the persons elected by the general assembly to qualify.

It is understood that his excellency will in all instances where they will qualify, unless some good reason be given to the contrary, when called upon, appoint the persons selected by the general assembly, and where the persons so selected decline to qualify, he will make appointments upon recommendation from trustworthy sources. It is desirable that the county authorities throughout the State should give the matter speedy attention.

Canning Fruit.

From the Raleigh News and Observer. Some time since attention was made in these columns of the efforts being made by Mr. John T. Patrick, Commissioner of Immigration, to induce personal canners of fruit to establish small canneries in different sections of the State. There are likely to be started at Goldsboro, Graham, Smithfield and Winston small canning factories. There is no reason why any town in the State where fruit can be bought cheap should not embrace the present opportunity and have a factory. In this way the people could control a large part of the canned goods that now go to Maryland and Delaware. The canners are willing to come to the State and give up partnership with any reliable North Carolinian, putting their experience and labor against the North Carolinian's capital. It will require but little money to start, as the canners are willing to make up most of the machinery necessary to start with. The following is an extract from one of the letters written to Mr. Patrick by a Northern canner: "So far as making the things that are necessary to start with, I can make every thing except two kettles, which would cost \$20 each, nine cents each, which would cost \$180 each and two soldering irons, 85 cents. We can buy cans here at \$2 per hundred, the cans boxed and pay for them in goods after we have packed them. I can sell all goods at paying prices as soon as packed, and so turn the money over quite often." It is hoped that the people of North Carolina will aid Mr. Patrick in his undertaking for the establishment of the small canneries in the different sections of the State and put a deal of money in the hands of the farmers. Much of the fruit is now wasted because there is no market for it.

A Multitude of Pensioners.

From the Raleigh News and Observer. When the legislature passed the bill appropriating \$30,000 for the payment of pensions to disabled Confederate soldiers and widows of soldiers, it was estimated that there were 1,000 of all in the State. This was regarded as an outside estimate, 800 being deemed nearer the exact figures. But it was a poor estimate. Auditor Roberts yesterday remarked to a reporter that thus far he had sent 8,000 blank forms of application. The number of applicants is apt to be 1,000. It is extremely probable that it will be all that figure. There are advances of over 3,000 applicants now. Letters are daily received asking for more blank applications. As numerous letters are being sent out, an application for one pension only comes from Tyrrell county. It is made by a widow and the Clerk of the Court says that so far as he can ascertain it will be the only application from that county. Some counties will have as many as 500 applicants. Most of the claims will doubtless be allowed, though of course a number will be rejected. The examining boards have already passed on many claims. The matter is attracting much attention. It looks as if the pensioners will get something like \$10 each, hardly more.

As True as Preaching.

From the Asheville Times. The South is a glorious country, with the noblest race on the globe. In state-manship and learning in the arts and the sciences, her sons have no superiors. Her past is grand and her future possibilities are incalculable; yet she is just fifty years behind in the homely and practical art of cooking. It is looked upon as degrading to know anything about it, and the man who boils a nice beef steak or cooks a light loaf of bread, confer more real benefit upon his fellow man than he who invents a compound cannon, or a dynamite torpedo.

State News.

Alamance Gleaner: A colored child was killed on the railroad near Gibsonville one day last week. Two children were playing on the track. The train came up suddenly upon them. The larger one attempted to get the smaller one off, but it was too late. The engine hit it, fracturing its skull, from which it died.

Winston Republican: A little seven year old boy fell into a well near the depot Monday morning. It is not known how he got in or when. A colored woman going to draw water heard his cries for assistance and drew him safely out. The boy received a severe cut on the back of his head by the fall and also other injuries which it is thought will prove of fatal result.

Greensboro Workmen: There are some curious practices still in vogue in some parts of the country. A visitor to one of the neighborhoods in Orange county saw a hen with a strip of red calico hanging down about 6 inches below the point of her wings. "What is that?" he inquired. "That's to keep the hen from setting." Then the man went on to explain that when the hen looked back and saw the red string moving about after her it confused her so that she got out of the notion of setting. The remedy was pronounced ever failing.

Raleigh Visitor: It has been definitely settled that our city authorities will pave Fayetteville street with a roadway twenty feet wide down the center of the street, and the sidewalk along that thoroughfare is to be considerably widened. Col. W. J. Hicks told us this morning that he brought up the bulk of the convicts yesterday evening that have been at work on the Lenoir-railroad. The people of Lenoir county yesterday provided a barbecue for the officers and convicts. Everything eatable and drinkable was served with a lavish hand.

Moore Gazette: Our Fayetteville correspondent writes that a young man in that city, aged about 18, was a few days ago invited in marriage to a charming young widow of about 45 summers. He is the happy step-father of a son about his own age. No important changes as yet have been made in any of the government offices in this county, except a change of Post-Masters at Jonesboro. Mr. S. H. Buchanan, the former P. M. having resigned and Mr. George Caldwell appointed in his stead. We are glad to learn that so far he gives entire satisfaction.

Greensboro Patriot: The corner stone of the United States court house, at this place, was laid on last Thursday with regular ceremonies in Masonic order. A Normal and Theological Institute, conducted under the auspices of the colored Baptists of North Carolina, is to be located in Greensboro, with Rev. T. S. Lipscombe principal. One night the first of last week, while under the influence of strong drink, Stewart Bailey, a young man brought up here in Greensboro, in a crazed fit stepped out of an upper story window and fell to the ground, receiving fatal injuries. He died on Thursday last after lingering three days.

Durham Recorder: Mr. Joseph A. Holloway sold a one-horse load of tobacco at Parrish's warehouse Saturday for \$628.10. This is the most money we have ever heard of being obtained for a one-horse load of tobacco. Capt. E. J. Parrish sold last week 43,700 lbs. This is all hauled here in wagons. Making an average of \$21.00 for every pound sold. It was the biggest work ever done by any one warehouse in this country. Our venerable friend, Mr. W. J. Freedman, of Orange county called to renew his subscription to the Recorder last week. He stated to us that he had been a regular subscriber to the Recorder for 47 years.

Salisbury Watchman: Mr. H. A. Knapp, a drummer for Witt, Kowalski & Bach, came in yesterday from one of his extended tours, and brought us news of the appearance of the seventeen-year locusts in certain counties of this State. The pests have made their appearance in York, Surry, Wilkes and Davie counties, and in Wilkes county they are to be seen within one mile of the town of Wilkesboro. They cover an area of 45 miles square, and are doing great damage. They bore into the limbs of trees to deposit their eggs, and hundreds of trees are dying in consequence. They are also proving death to fruit, and will in this manner cause a great loss to the farmers.

Cherokee Observer: An old colored woman named Henderson, living four miles from the city, and near the line of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio road, tried to start a fire in her cabin last Sunday through the aid of the convenience of can. The can had just been brought from the city and contained a quantity of kerosene. As the fluid spouted from the spout into the fire place, it came in contact with a coal of fire and the oil blazed up like a flash. The can exploded and the flying oil enveloped the old woman. Assistance came in time to prevent the house from being burned, but the life of the woman could not be saved. She was burned from head to foot and died shortly afterwards in the greatest agony.

Raleigh News and Observer: W. Lee Person, of Rocky Mount, styles himself the "lightning pedestrian of Eastern North Carolina." He makes his 24 miles every day, from Rocky Mount to Nashville and return. June 5th he made 5 miles in 57 minutes, carrying 35 pounds of mail matter. He challenges any mail carrier in the State to beat his record. There is a man who carries the mail in Wataga or Caldwell county, who is said to be a "lightning" walker also. — Mr. Torrence, living near Chapel Hill, lost two sons on Saturday. They

came up to their home, laid down on the piazza, were quickly seized with convulsions, and died in a few minutes. The boys had been eating cherries and other fruits, and it is supposed had in some way become poisoned. They were brothers of Mr. Torrence, of the class of '84. — It is expected that the north wing of the immense Western insane asylum at Morganton will be complete and ready for patients inside of a year. The south wing and centre building are complete and occupied. The institution, when finished, will accommodate 150 patients and will have cost nearly \$500,000. The asylum now has 517 inmates under treatment.

Statesville Landmark: One of the most deadly ailments which has ravaged this section in many years, is one now going around which attacks the bowels and brains of children. They are taken with diarrhoea, and as soon as the bowels are checked the disease attacks the brain, causing death in a few hours. There have been several deaths from this affliction in this town and vicinity, and we hear of it in different parts of this and neighboring counties. — A sharp thunder storm passed over this place about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. There was one particularly sharp, sharp, thunder clap which sounded like the discharge of a revolver at one's ear and which caused many people to jump and feel themselves to ascertain if none of their parts were missing. It was afterwards ascertained that the bolt accompanying this clap had killed the fine horse of Mr. D. A. Miller, as he stood in his stable.

Cherokee has been sentenced to be hung on the 20th of November, but an appeal has been taken to a higher court.

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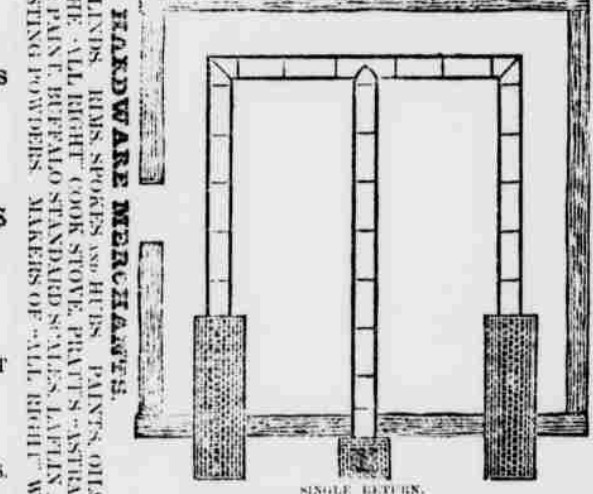
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