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'Ours' are the plans of fair, delightful peace ; Unwarped by party rage, to live like brothers."

RALEIGH, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 9, 1854.

THE LEGISLATURE.

THOMAS RUFFIN, jr., Esq., was, on Tuesday last, re elected Solicitor for the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

Anumber of important Bills, -mainly relating to our Banking system,-have been introduced since the last summary. Among the number are, a Bill to re-charter the Bank of the State a Bill to re-charter the Bank of Cape Fear; and a Bill, introduced by Mr. Caldwell, of Guilford, to charter the People's Bank of N. C .- the same project discussed in a communication over the signature of "REFORM," recently published in most of the papers of the State.

Gov. Graham's Bill, providing for the calling of a Convention, and Mr. Boyd's Bill, (Free Suffrage,) were on Thursday postponed, and made the order of the day for Monday next, when Gov. Granan is entitled to the floor.

THE MEETING OF CONGRESS.

The "Richmond Whig" says :- The meeting of the present Congress presents, for the Ad- have so decided,-and it may be all right; but Biggs, Bower, Boyd, Clarke, Coleman, Collins, ministration, a sad contrast with the Congress to our mind, it presents a strange anomaly in in session at the time of the inauguration of that the history of Governments to see a public Administration. Gen. Pierce came into the functionary making and executing laws at the office of President of the United States with same time! We shall be surprised if the ac- Taylor, W. H. Thomas, Walker, Wilder, Will overwhelming majorities in both branches of tion of the Senate has not established one of Congress. In the Senate the members stood those evil precedents by which many an incontwenty-three Whigs and thirty nine Dem crats, venience, if nothing more serious, will be In the House of Representatives they stood wrought in our midst! eighty seven Whigs to one hundred and forty-one Democrats, with five classed as Freesoilers .-The elections in the year 1853, before the Ad ministration had been tried by the people, still added to its majority, and very much decreased

the strength of the opposition.

We have not yet seen a complete list of the members elected to the present Congress, but enough is known to tell a sad tale for the Administration of General Pierce. In the Senate, where changes cannot readily take place, owing to the length of the term, only thirty-four Democrats are claimed out of the sixty-two members, under the most favorable circumstances, for the Democracy. In the House of Representatives, the recent elections in eighteen States of the Union have reversed the order of things in those States from that of about ninety-seven Administration members, and fifty five bers, and one hundred and twenty-seven opposition, making an opposition House, in place of with a clear majority of some sixly members.

The elections to take place, next year, in the States of Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, New. Hampshire, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia can only make matters worse for the Administration. It has most of the members the meeting of this Congress presents a striking ! Administration ever did. The occasion is well calculated to bring about gloomy and melancholy reflections at the White house, and among the corporal's guard of friends still left to the Administration.

SCENE IN THE SENATE OF N. C. [Mr. Hoke's Resolutions under consideration.

Vide Thursday's Proceedings.]

Mr. Biggs, Senator of U. S., elect for six years, in place of Mr. Badger, and Commissioner to revise the Statute laws, &c. : "I do not think, Mr. Speaker, that the signa-

ture of the Epeaker of this Senate is essential to the validity of a law passed by both branches of the Legislature."

Mr. Hoke, of Lincoln: "Let us see how that is, Mr. Speaker:" Here Mr. Hoke read a portion of the Constitution of N. C., as follows:

"That all bills shall be read three times in each House before they pass into laws, and be

aigned by the Speakers of both Houses."

Senator Biggs looked very blank, and said nothing more!

We are happy to state that there was no exhibition of party feeling during the discussion of the grave Constitutional question before the Senate on Wednesday last. Mr. Biggs, -one of the "small monuments" erected, in compliance with the recommendation of His ex-Excellency,-it is true, travelled considerably and very unnecessarily out of his way to make a fling at Gov. GRAHAN, but he was so effectually demolished, in reply, that we have no dispoaition to recur to the matter, further than to say, that Gov. GRAHAM reminded him of a few of his antecedents which are well calculated to make Western Democrats delighted with their new Senator! We may speak of them at some future day.

THE CONNECTION COMPLETED. We are rejoiced at being able to announce the gratifying fact, that the Road between Goldsboro' and this place is completed, and that Regular Trains for Travel and Freight have

THE CONSTITUTIONAL SUCCESSION. The debate in the Senate, on Wednesday last, upon the resolutions introduced by Gov. GRA HAM, the preceding day, (See Proceedings,) declaring the Speakership of the Senate vacant, by reason of the duties and powers of Governor having devolved upon the Presiding Officer of that body, was marked by great ability.

The debate was opened by HENRY T. CLARK, Esq., of Edgecombe, in opposition to the resolutions. He was followed by Gov. GRAHAM in a most profound and searching, and, to our mind, perfectly conclusive argument, -covering the whole subject. It is impossible for us to give even a sketch of Gov Graham's speech, without doing it great injustice, and we shall accordingly not attempt it. Mr. Earon succeeded on the same side, in a strong and pointed argument, and was followed by Mr. Winslow, himself, in an able and ingenious effort in behalf of the right of the Speaker, under the circumstances, to retain his seat, and, at the same time, participated in the debate.

The resolutions were finally rejected by a very close vote, -two or three gentlemen being | into the election of Circuit forthwith. absent, however, who would have voted for

So the Senate has decided that the Speakership of that body is not an office of "trust or profit,"-that though the Bill of Rights, which was made, in 1835, a part of the Constitution, declares that the "legislative, executive and supreme judicial powers ought to be forever kept separate and distinct from each other," they may sometimes be combined,-and that Mr. Winslow becomes Governor, virtute officit, and may discharge the duties of both Senator and Governor! We say a majority of the Senate

The sulfibined tribute, which we find in the Richmond " Post," to the professional and personal worth of Dr. EDWARD C. FISHER, the Superintendant of that grand monument of the charity of our State,-the Lunatic Asylum,-is eminently true and well-merited. The progress which the noble work has made, under the supervision of Dr. FISHER, attests more effectively than words the excellence of his skill and judgment, and the assiduity of his labors.

We propose, at an early day, to give our readers a full description of the building. A recent visit to it, in company with the Superintendant, will enable us to state some interest-The State of North Carolina has, through

its Legislature, established at Raleigh a Hos- by the said David S. Reid. pital for the Insane, upon a scale of most com-Whigs, to some twenty-five Administration mem- mendable magnitude. The work has already all the conveniences and appliances necessary | Senate for the time being," to be exercised by the one in 1853, at the time of the inauguration, for its purposes, and will accommodate two him, the said Warren Winslow is to all intents hundred and fifty patients. The situation is and purposes Governor of the State, and will

The gentleman selected to fill the high and It is Dr. Edward C. Fisher, who removed to elect from those States, and there is much more Raleigh in consequence of having accepted this ton, from and after to morrow, until Saturday to the bill. probability that in the approaching elections appointment, a little more than tweive months | next. it will lose heavily than gain any more, Thus igo. we have known Dr. F. intimately from The Committee appointed to superintend the ovhood, and can therefore speak knowingly as to his personal qualifications. We regard him ber of votes east 155; necessary to a choice comment on the popularity of Gen. Pierce's as possessing, in an eminent degree, that kind- 78; Mr. Ruffin received 97, Mr. Stedman 64. Administration. It came into power with more ness of heart and strength of purpose, which Mr. Ruffn was therefore elected. manifestations of unpopularity than any other are absolutely essential to the person who devotes himself to the delicate task which he has assumed. With regard to his professional qual-

itications, we can only repeat the general opinior of his brethren, which is, that they are of a high order generally, and in this particular branch, eminently so. The great experience which he has had, in the practice of the Staunton Hospital, admitted to be one of the best in the world, and the bigh character which he brought away, cannot fail to elicit confidence. And such confidence will be justly bestowed, mean act, and too proud to profit by a reput: - Jerry, a slave. tion which he is conscious of not deserving."

CONGRESS.

The "National "Intelligencer" says that there is, upon the tables of the two Houses of Congress, a large amount of business left in- Randolph county; Mr. Norment moved to add complete at the close of the last session, much Robeson; Mr. Sharpe moved to add Iredell; of which has already received the sanction of Mr. Bogle moved to add Alexander. Amendeither one or the other. House, and which, of course, will be amongst the first business that will now claim consideration. Of business of ties in the State. this description, the "Intelligencer" enumerates the subjoined important measures :

The homestead bill, which is now before the

House, with Mr. Hunter's substitute as an a-The Texas debt bill, as passed by the Senate.

The Senate bill to provide payment for French spoliations prior to 1800. The ocean mail steamer bill, with the amendment of the House directing notice to be given of the termination of the contract.

The bill to establish a mail line to Shanghai by way of the Sandwich Islands. The bill establishing the Ramsay mail route from New Orleans by way of Vera Cruz to A-

The bill to establish a subterranean line of relegranh to the Pacific

The bill to provide a weekly mail to Califor-The bill to increase the rates of postage and require pre-payment of letters. The Senate bill to provide for half-pay to

revolutionary officers or their legal representa-The bill to extend the benefits of the bounty land system to the officers and soldiers, seamen &c. of the war of 1812.

Vasious bills granting lands for the construction of railroads; and Mr. BENNET's land bil!, granting lands e been put upon it. See the advertisement of struction of railroads and for the support of Courts.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE,

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1854. After the journal was read, the Speaker an nounced Messrs. Mitchell, Person and Wiggins, as the committee on enrolled bills for the week. Mr. Biggs, from the committee on the Revised Statutes, reported the following bills, which

passed their third reading: A bill concerning apprentices;

A bill concerning asylums. Mr. Drake, from the Committee on Claims, re ported the resolution in favor of David A. Ray & Co., and recommended its passage. Read the

second time and passed. Mr. Hoke, from the committeee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Message relating to requiring the Attorney General to reside in Raleigh, and to releasing him from the duties of Solicitor for the 3d circuit, reported adversely upon the same; which was concurred in.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee on Proposi tions and Grievances, reported the bill to lay off and establish a county by the name of exercise the functions of Governor. Mr. Thom Polk, and recommended its passage. After as, of Jackson, and Mr. Biggs, of Martin, also some debate, the bill passed its second reading. On motion of Mr. Martin, a message was sent to the House of Commons, preposing to go

into the election of Solicitor for the 4th Judicial Mr. McDowell, from the Committee on Corporations, reported the bill to authorize the Nantabala and Tuckasege Turnpike Company to erect a toll bridge on the Teace see river in Macon County, with a recommen lation that it pass. The bill was amended and passed its second

Also, the bill to incorporate the Malver Conper and Gold mining Company and for other surposes, with two amendments. The bill was aid on the table.

The House concurring in the proposition t

go forthwith into the election of Solienter for the 4th Judicial Circuit, the Senate proceeded to For Mr. Rurrin - Massis, Speaker, Ashe, Cunningham, Davis, Eaton, Faison, Fennell, Fisher, Fonville, Gilmer, Graham, Graves, Her-

ring, Hoke, Jones. McDowell, Mills, Mitchell, Morisey, Person, Sanders, Speight, Taylor, Yaney, -51 For Mr. Stennan .-- Messes, Brogden, Cherry, Christian, Drake, Eben Freeman, Haugh ton, McCleese, Martin, Gldfield, J. W Thomas.

Willey, Wood-13.

the Governor's nessage as relates to creating a fourth judge of the Supreme Court, reported adversely upon the same, which was concurred Mr. Hoke presented a memorial which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. A communication was read from the Hon

Mr. Coleman, from the Committee on the

David S. Reid, informing the Senate that he should, on to morrow, accept the office of Sena-After some discussion in relation to the effect of the acceptance by Gov. Reid of the office of Senator, Mr. Graham offered the following resolutions, which were posiponed until to-

morrow at 10 o'cleck : Resolved, That by reason of the acceptance of the office of Senator of the United States by His Excellency David S. Reid, "the Governor ing particulars connected with its construction. for the time being" of this State, the office of Governor of North Carolina hath been vacated

Resolved further, That the powers of the said office of Governor having, according to the Conregressed far towards completion. The main stitutional provision in such case, devolved on milding is 726 feet in length, is furnished with the Hon. Warren Winslow, "the Speaker of the high and commanding, overlooking the city of tso continue until the qualification of the Gov-Raleigh, and a large portion of the adjoining ernor chosen by the people for the constitutioncountry. It is represented as eminently heal- alterm, commencing on the first day of Janua-

Resolved further. That the office of Speaker responsible office of superintending physician to of the Senate is thereby vacated and the Senthis noble institution is a native of this city .- are do now proceed to an election of Speaker. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Haugh-

> election of Solicitor reported the whole num On motion of Mr. Mills, the Senate adjourned

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5th, 1854. The House came to order at 10 o'clock.

Messrs. Cansler and Mebane presented me morials on temperance, which were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Mr. Lancaster, on behalf of the Committee on Private Bills, reported favorably on the bill for Dr. Fisher is a man of sterling principles, to regulate the pay of tales jurars in Alamance and high moral worth, far too honest to do a county, and on the bill for the emancipation of mons, Smith, Watts, G. M. White, N. B. Whit-

On motion of Mr. Lancaster, the bill on tales jurors was taken up for a second reading. Mr. Phillips moved to lay the bill on the table. The motion was lost, and the bill read a

Mr Craven moved to amend it by adding Mr. Phillips moved to strike out all those ned.

particular counties and insert the everal coun-Mr. S. A. Williams moved to lay the amend-

ment on the table. Mr. Smith thought the amendment would not

do. Some counties would be dissatisfied. After considerable debate, the amendment At the request of Mr. Singeltary, the bill, as amended, was read.

Mr Turner opposed the bill. It is not a was ordered to be printed. measure that will benefit the people; it is poppay. He would much prefer taking his chance, Graham, Enton, Winslow, Biggs and Thomas, if on trial, before a jury which was not paid. of Jackson. There is a county in this State, (Jackson) where Mr. Ashe asked for a division of the question. system. Besides, the money which will be thus it was unanimously adopted. appropriated will have to be taken from a fund which is already too small for objects of greater | ted by the following vote : utility and benefit to the people of the State. Mr. Jenkins said he was surprised at the ar-

was a measure the people desired, and he hop- Martin, Morisey, Person, Rayner, Tayloe, ed whatever gentlemen might think, they would | Taylor, J. W. Thomas, Wiggins and Willey,not prevent the people from making whatever | 22. appropriations they pleased.

port of the bill. Mr. Stubbs said he was opposed to the bill in every shape and form. It seemed to him H. Thomas, Wilder, Walker, Wood,-23. that the pay system would serve only to attract qually to the several States to aid in the con- the loafers and worthless characters to the

Mr. Myers supported the bill.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell moved to refer the Bill to !

the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. S. A. Williams expressed himself in faver of the bill. He heard distinctions made between free white men that he did not like. He said he spoke on behalf the poor.

Mr. Turner replied: he said that the gentleman was rather hasty in his support of a bill which would not benefit his poor constituents, The poor of Warren County could not get into the jury box. Mr. Turner explained the rea-

Mr. Caldwell's motion to refer was put and carried. A communication was received from the Pre

sident of the North Carolina Rail Road Compathe Senate adjourned. Mr. J. M. Leach moved the reading be dis pensed with, and it be sent to the Senate with a proposition to print. Carried. A message was received from the Senate, pro-

osing to go into the election of Solicitor for the fourth judicial district forthwith. Message con curred in. A message was received from the Senate, announcing Messrs. Fennel and Morisey the

Committee to superintend the election of Solie-Messrs. Bryant and Shipp were appointed or the part of the House; when the House proceeded to vete, as follows:

For Mr. Ruffin :- Messrs. Speaker, Amis, Barringer, Budham, Blow, Bryson, J. G. By num, J. B. Bynum, A. H. Caldwell, Cansler. Cotten, Dargan, Daughtry, Dortch, Dunn, Gentry, Gorrell, M. Green, Houston, Humphrey, lenkins, Jordan, Long, Marcin, McKesson, Mc-Duffie, Mebane, Myers, J. W. Neal, Patterson, Perkins, Phillips, Rand, Settle, Shepherd, Shipp. Shaw, Sherull, Sing Bary, Smith, Steele, Sutton. Turner, Watts, G. M. White, J. H. White, N. Whitfield, Waitaker, Whitlock, Wilkins, T. Williams, C. W. Williams -53.

For Mr. Stedman: - Messrs. J. Barnes, A Barnes, Black, Bogle, Bryant, Chadwick, Co. field, Cook, Craven, Daniel, Davenport, Eure, Flynt, Furr. Garland, Gilliam, G. Green, Har- Memorial referred. rison, J. H. Henden, A. D. Headen, Hill, Holband, Horton, Jarvis, Jones, J. M. Leach, H. Leach, Lowe, March, Mann, Mardecai, S. J. Neal, Norment, Parks, Patton, Regan, Rolen, Russell, Sharpe, Simmons, Stubbs, Thornburg. Tounlinson, Vanco, Walser, Waugh, B. F. Williams, S. A. Williams, D. Williams, Wright,

Mr. D. F. Caldwell voted for Mr. Gorrell. Mr. Carmichael voted for Mr. Turner. Mr. Johnson voted for Mr. Long.

Mr. Selby voted for Mr. Hill. The bill for the emancipation of Jerry was

taken up for a second reading. Mr. Smith, of Hallfax, said that he was on posed on principle to the emancipation of slaves and wished to know something about the slave. explaining some peculiar circumstances conweted with Jerry's history, and appealing strongly in his behalf.

Mr. Dargan followed in the same strain. Mr. Barringer said Jerry had been in his sorvice fourteen years, that during all that time he had never heard the slightest thing alleged against him, but, on the contrary, he was a unreal favorite. He is remarkable for his nesty and humility, and in his (Mr. B's.) oinion, is one of the best colored men living. While at the North, he had numerous opportunities to escape, but he preferred returning, that he might be set free legally in his own

Mr Shopherd spoke in behalf of Jerry, (producing his dapuerreotype, which was handed Mr. Steele was opposed to allowing any precedent in the emancipation of slaves, but would

make this case an exception. Mr. McKesson said the very creditable manner in which Jerry conducted himself among the abolitionists of the North last summer ought be, of itself, a double inducement to every member of the House to liberate him; and when in New York, once, meeting some North Carolina brokers, shaving the paper money of their State, he took gold from his pocket and redeemed the paper at its full value, for the honor of his native State. He (Mr. McK.) oned such conduct would not be overlooked. Mr. Smith made some remarks in opposition

Mr. Vance said he was a friend of Jerry's and moved that his daguerreotype be sent to

the Senate with a proposition to print! Mr. Jordan spoke at considerable length in position to the bill, which he considered as establishing a bad precedent. He said there were already too many free negroes in the State who were not made happy by their emancipa tion, but were, in his opinion, more miserable than any slaves. Free negroes have become a nuisance, and for his part, he would not vote for the emancipation of Jerry or any other, unless the bill in their behalf contained a provis-

in to send them out of the country altogether. On the motion to put the bill on its second eading, the ayes and noes were called. Those who voted in the negative, were: Messrs, Bryant, Chadwick, Daughtry, Gilliam, G. Green, Harrison, Jones, Jordan, Martin, Perkins, Simfield. Whitaker, S. A. Williams .- 17.

Ninety four voted in the affirmative, and the bill passed a second reading. Committee on election of Solicitor reported Whole number of votes 155. For Mr. Ruffin

A communication from the Governor, relative o his acceptance of the Senatorship, was received and read, when Mr. Barringer moved it he transmitted to the Senate. On motion of Mr. Steele, the House adjour-

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6th 1854. A message was received from the House of Commons, transmitting the report of the President of the North Carolina Railroad Company, with a proposition to print, which was concur-

Also, the report of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum, which The special order, being the resolutions offer- urer of the North Carolina Railread Company, ular and therefore supported. He thought ju- ed by Mr. Graham yesterday, was taken up, the balance of the last half million yet due on

rors ought to do as magistrates, and very often when a lengthy discussion took place thereon, the State subscription to the capital stock of doctors, do, that is give their services without which was participated in by Messrs. Clarke, said company. The resolution was read the first time, passjurors are not paid, and it seemed to be the best The vote being taken upon the first resolution, to be engrossed.

> The second and third resolutions were rejec-Ayes .- Messra Brogden, Cherry, Christian, Cunningham, Davis, Eaton, Eborn, Freeman,

NAYS .- Messrs. Ashe, Biggs, Bower, Clarke, Mr. Lancaster made some remarks in sup- Coleman. Collins, Drake, Faison, Fennell, Fisher, Fonville, Herring, Jones, McDowell, Mills, Mitchell, Oldfield, Sanders, Speight, W.

> [So the Senate decided that the speaker of University. the Senate shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of Governor, and still retain his place as Speaker.]

cy, Gov. Reid, informing the Senate that he had accepted the office of Senator of the United the other insignia of his office.

A message was received from the House of Mr Thomas, of Jackson, introduced the following resolution. Resolved. That the Senate proceed to the elec-

the discharge of the duties and powers of Gov-Pending the consideration of the resolution,

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6th, 1854. The House came to order at 10 o'clock. A message was received from His Excelleney, the Governor, transmitting a report from the Commissioners of the Lunatic Asylum,

Mr. Barringer moved it be sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print. Carried. Another message was received from the Governor, transmitting reports from the Chief Eugineer of the N. C. Rail Road, Col. Walter Gwynn, and from the Superintendent of Common Schools.

Mr. Smith moved they be sent to the Senate, with a proposition to print. Mr. Patterson moved they be laid on the ta-

ole for the present. Mr. Singeltary was excused, at his request, from serving on the Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Shepherd was excused from the Commite on Revisal of the Statutes.

Mr. Asa Barnes presented a memorial in favor f establishing Wilson Co., and moved to refer t to Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Mr. J. B. Bynum presented a memorial on Temperance, and moved to refer it to Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Mr. S. A. Williams moved to lay it on the table. Lost

Mr. J. H. Headen presented a memorial on Temperance. Referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances. Mr. Smith presented a memorial relative to the injury of live stock in the State. R ferred

to Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Craven presented a Temperance memorial; and Mr. Mehane presented another. Both ref-rred to Committee on Propositions and

The bill to pay tales jurors in Warren Co., was favorably reported on, and, on motion of Mr. Jenkins, laid on the table.

A bill to pay tales jurges in Ca motion of Mr. Oglesby, was laid on the table. Mr. Dortch reported from the Committee on | the name of Polk was read the third time. Mr. Myers replied at considerable length, The bill provides for taking the will of the peoeral Assembly concerning the same. It passed its first reading and was ordered to be printed. Mr. Whitlock, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on a bill from sundry persons of Surry Co., rela- dered to be engrossed.

tive to a road at Fisher's gap.

Mr. Dortch reported from the Committee on the Judiciary that it was inexpedient at present to abolish trials by jury in County Courts. Some Jebate here took place with regard to the rule concerning the receiving and concurring in reports from Committees. Mr. Steele thought it unnecessary and unu ual to vote upon the reception of the report and

if it was understood that the vote was to be upon concurring in the report, he should vote against it. Messrs. Barringer and Dortch sustained Mr. Steele's views.

The Chair decided that the question was on the acceptance of the Report, and not the concurrence in it. Mr. Steele appealed; but on the Speaker's subsequently declaring the question to be upon concurrence, the appeal was withdrawn ! Mr. Dortch presented another report from the

same Committee on the Bill to abolish im prisonment for debt. Mr. Whitlock, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, reported favorably on a bill for the formation of Alleghany C.

Mr. J. B. Bynum, from the Committee on Constitutional reform, reported favorably on a bill for amending the Constitution of the State. Mr. Steele offered a resolution, that the Lit erary Board loan the Laurenburgh High School he sum of two thousand dollars, on condition that said school-house be given in trust for such sum, both principal and interest. Refer-

red to Committee on Education. Mr. Steele offered another resolution, that the Committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of the County Courts appointing officers to receive the tax lists. The House then, on motion of Mr. Singeltary.

THURSDAY, Dec. 7. On motion, leave was granted to Mr. Thomas, of Jackson, to withdraw the resolution pre-

sented by him on yesterday. Mr. Rayner introduced a bill to provide for the issue of additional stock for the Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company, which was read the first time and passed, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement.

Received a message from the House of Commons, transmitting a message from the Governor | finance. relative to the Literary Fund, and accompanying documents, with a proposition to print .-Concurred in.

Also a message transmitting the report of the Chief Engineer of the North Carolina and Western Railroad route, with accompanying documents, with a proposition to print. Concurred

Mr. Fisher, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the report of the North Carolina Railroad Company, reported the following resolution and recommended its passage, viz :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the State be hereby authorized and directed, forthwith, or as early as practicable, to pay over to the Treas-

ed, and the rules being suspended, it was read | Mr. Lyon, H. B. Elliott by Mr. the second and third times, passed and ordered Mr. Fennel introduced a bill to recharter the Bank of Cape Fear, which was referred to the of J. L. Gaines. Committee on Banks and ordered to be prin-

Mr. Jones introduced a bill to incorporate a gument of the gentleman from Orange. This Gilmer, Grabam, Graves, Hoke, McCleese, company to construct a ship Canal to unite the waters of Albemarle, Currituek and Palmico H. Leach and Blow. sounds with the Chesapeake Bay, and for other

> On motion of Mr. Bower, a message was sent to the House of Commons, proposing to go forthwith into the election of two Trustees of the

Mr. Fouville introduced a bill for the imin the county of Ouslow, which was referred joint select committee on Banking. Carried. | Dec. 1, 1854.

A mes-age was received from His Excellen | to the Committee on Internal Improvements

and ordered to be printed. Ma. Collins introduced a bill to authorize States, and would deliver over to the Speaker | the Trustees of the Louisburg Female Academy | of the Senate the great scal of the State and to convey to the Louisburg Female College company certain interests in the Female A-Commons, transmitting several engrossed bills. and passed, and, the rules being suspended, was read the second and third times, passed and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Taylor introduced a bill to incorporate tion of a Speaker pro tempore to preside during the Washington Savings Institution in Beaufort diciary. the period the Speaker elect shall be absent in County, which was referred to the Committee on Corporati ns. Mr. Biggs, from the Committee on Revised Statutes, reported a bill concerning attach-

ments, which passed its first reading. The bill concerning the abatement of was read the third time and passed. The Speaker announced the Special order, viz: The bill to amend the Constitution of North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Graham, that bill, together with "the bill concerning a Convention to amend the Constitution of the State, was made the special order of the day for Monday next at 11 Mr. Hoke offered the following preamble and | Elliott 8.

resolutions, viz: WHEREAS, a vacuncy has occurred in the office of Governor of the State, and whereas great doubts have arisen in the Constitutional construction as bern was received, and, on motion of Mr. Amis, to the powers and duties of the Speaker of the

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the several questions be submitted to the Supreme Court on acir convening in Raleigh, and their opinion upon the points in dispute be requested in writing. RESOLVED, 2. That if, in the opinion of the Court, the Speaker of the Senate can not exercise the powers of Governor, and at the same time act as Speaker of the Senate, what effect will the exercise of the powers of the two offices by the Speaker of the

appoint two members of the Senate to lay the sevourt, and to submit an argument on the same if requested by the Court. The resolutions were read, and, on motion of Mr. Eaton, laid on the table.

RESULVED, 3d., That the Speaker of the Senate

Senate have upon the legislation of the Session?

On motion of Mr. Wilder, RESOLVED. That the Committee on the Judiciary s instructed to enquire into the expediency of in tituting legal proceedings against all Banks, or Trust or Insurance Companies in this State, that rave issued bills, bonds, notes, or certificates of a ss amount than three dollars, and that they re-

The bill concerning Agriculture and Geology, and the bill concerning the amendment of processes, were real the third time, passed and The bill to lay off and establish a county by

passed and ordered to be engroseed. The bill to authorize the Nantahala and ple at the next election for members of the Gen- Tuckasege Turnpike Company to establish a gress were organized at noon to day. Mr. Cass tell bridge over the Tennessee River in Macon County, and

The resolution in favor of Daniel A. Ray & co., were read the third time, passed and or-On motion of Mr. Wiggins, the Senate adourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. THURSDAY, Dec. 7. Mr. Patterson moved that the message re ceived yesterday from his Excellency, the Governor, with the accompanying report of Col. Gwynn, be taken from the table, and sent to

the Senate, with a proposition to print. Car-A message from the late Governor was read transmitting a report from the Literary Board. Mr. J. G. Bynum moved to dispense with the reading of the report, and that the message and report be sent to the Senate, with a proposition

to print. Carried. Mr. Norment presented a temperance Memorial. Referred to the Committee on proposiand grievances. Mr. Thornburg presented a similar Memorial. Same reference made. Mr. died in full hope of eternal bliss. She left a

Lyon presented a similar Memorial. Same Lushand, twelve children, and a large circle of Mr. Sharpe presented a memorial concernng a new County. Referred to same Com-

Mr. Black moved to lay the latter bill on the table. Carried. Mr. Lancaster, from the committee on private ills, reported unfavorably on a bill relative to ales jurors in Oaslow Co. Laid on the table. Mr. Steele moved to take from the table the ill to increase the salaries of State Officers. The

House refused to do so, Mr. Turner offered a resolution in favor of Jasper Tinnen, asking that he be paid fifty dollars, overpaid to the Sheriff of Orange, and mov-

ed to refer it to the committee on claims, Mr. Lyon introduced a bill to increase the pay of jurors in Granville County. Passed irst reading, and, on motion, laid on the table. Mr D. F. Caldwell introduced a bill to incorporate The People's Bank of N. C.

Mr. Mebane moved to refer it to the commit-Mr. Singeltary thought the reference unneessary; every banking bill was connected with finance, and we have a committee on banking, o which the reference ought to be made. Mr. J. M. Leach sail if he understood the ob ect of the bill, if was for the purpose of increas-

it ought in his opinion to go to the committee on ted twenty miles north-west of Raleigh, in a heal-Mr. Caldwell said that was the object of the bill. We have to raise vast sums of money for various public purposes, and he hoped to prove to the House that this bill ought to pass. He did not care which Committee took charge of He was on the Committee on Banking .-

If it were referred to that Committee, he would desire to withdraw his name. The Bill was referred to said Committee, but the House refused to excuse Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Philips introduced a bill to amend an act concerning the duties of turnpike and plankroad Companies.

A Message from the Senate was received and for the University of North Carolina. The following nominations were made: Dr. S. M Rowan by Mr. Mebane, J. W. Cun ningham by Mr. Settle, D. T. Tayloe by Mr. Singeltary, J. G. Bynum by Mr. J. M. Leach. J. L. Gaines by Mr. Steele, S. F. Phillips by

Dortch by Mr. J. P. Jordan, W. J. Clarke by Mr. Garland. Mr. Steele subsequently withdrew the name A mossage was received from the Senate, announcing Messrs. Morisey and Cherry as additional pominations.

Mr. Phillips moved to refer his bill to commitpurposes, which was referred to the Committee on internal Improvements and ordered to be printthe State Bank. Passed first reading, and referred to committee on Banking.

Committee on the part of the House, Messrs.

Mr. Steele moved to send a message to the provement of the ship navigation in New River | Senate, proposing to increase the number of the stock.

Mr. Patterson introduced a bill to limit the

Mr. Cook introduced a bill to incorporate the Mocksville and Wilkesborough Plank Road Company. Passed first reading, and referred to

committee on internal improvements. Mr. Martin introduced an act for the better government of the town of Louisburg, in the exclemy grounds, which was read the first time | County of Franklin. Passed first reading, and referred to Committee on Private Bills. A bill was introduced by J. H. White, concerning the property of widows. Passed first

reading and referred to Committee on the Ju-Mr. Holland introduced a bill to incorporate the Shelby R. R. Co.

Mr. S. A. Williams moved an adjournment. Ayes and nays demanded. Ayes 47, Noes 47. The Chair voting in the negative, the reading of the Shelby bill was proceeded with. Passed first reading, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

The Committee on the election of Trustees of the University reported the number of votes cast to be 153. Necessary to a choice 77. Mr. Cunningham received 104, Mr. Morisey 16, Mr. Bynum 50, Mr. Dortch 36, Mr. Cherry 27. Mr. Rowan 10. Mr. Phillips 30, Mr. Tayloe

18, Mr. Clarke 3, Mr. Turner I, Blank I, Mr. Mr. Cunningham, having received a majority of the whole, was declared elected.

A report from the Merchant's Bank of Newsent to the Senate with a proposition to print. Mr. Sharpe introduced a bill to form a new County, out of Cabarrus, Rowan and Iredell, to be called Graham County. Read and appropriately referred.

On motion of Mr. Cook, the House adjourned.

FOR THE REGISTER. To the Editor of the Regiseer:-Under the caption of "Who's to blame?" I see a communication in your last paper about the new Bridge near the Gum Spring. If "Many Citial propositions involved before the Supreme zens' will tell us where to procure the "hands, carts, plows," &c., to have the work expeditiously executed, it will so be done. Those having charge of the work have done their best to have it finished ere this, but have been unable to procure hands and other appliances to carry out their anxious desire.

WESTERN WARD.

FOR THE REGISTER. BY A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE | STEELE, MANN, OUTLAW AND SHIPP. With Steele before me and by my side a Mann. On land I fear no evil, from the Outlaw's band, And if on sea, perchance, a Blow my bark

should wreck. I, with a Shipp about me, refuge soon can take.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Both Houses of Conwas appointed president of the Senate pro tem., Mr. Atchison having sent a letter resigning the presidency, and saying that he would not be able to reach Washington till the middle of

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Ingersoll offered a resolution requesting the President to furnish information touching the refusal of France to permit Mr. Soule to pass through on his way to Madrid. The resolution was laid

After some other unimportant business, the House adjourned. In the SENATE the first business was the choice of a President pro tempore, Mr. Cass baving agreed to serve only the first day. Mr. BRIGHT, of Indiana, was chosen. He has had much experience in the duties of the chair.

Intelligencer, 5th.

DIED. At her residence, in Rusk County, Texas, Oct. 2nd, Sarah Dollabite. Mrs. Dollabite bad long been a member of the Baptist church and

acquaintances to mourn their loss. Also, in Rusk County, Texas, on the 10th Sept., 1854, Benjamin F. Halliburton, aged six years and four months. * * Spirit of the Age please copy In this City, on Tuesday last, of Scarlet Fe-

ver, Maj. Jere : Nixon, -a most useful and es-DANK OF THE STATE OF NORTH CARO-LINA.—The annual " General meeting of the Stockholders" of this Bank will be held at their

Banking House, in this city, on the first Monday in January next. C. DEWEY, Cash'r. Raleigh, Dec. 8th, 1854.

TO ANK OF THE STATE OF NORTH CARO-LINA -A Dividend of Five per cent. on the Capital Stock of this Bank, for the last six months, has been d clared this day, payable at the principat Bank in this city on the first Monday in January next, and at the branches fifteen days there-C. DEWEY, Cash'r. Raleigh, Dec. 8, 1854.

Zer Standard copy.

ORNING SUN ACADEMY:—The Spring session of this school commences on the 1st ing the revenue of the State, and in that case Monday in January next. The Academy is locathy and moral neighborhood. Classical Department,

> demy at \$6 per month. The Principal will accommodate four or five good boys.
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> T. J. HORNER, Principal. Dec. 1, 1854. Important Sale! will sell on Monday, the 18th December, at

Board can be obtained convenient to the Aca-

the late residence of James Hinton, Dec'd, a erop of CORN and FODDER, 45 BALES COTTON, read, proposing to elect forthwith two trustees about 50 head of fat HOGS, four MULES and a HORSE, a four horse Wagon, several Milch Cows, s yoke of Oxen, Ox-cart, &c.. &c. ALSO: Household and Kitchen Furniture.

Terms made known on day of sale JNO. D. POWELL, Ex'r. Nov. 27, 1854. Standard copy.

50 Dollars Reward. bout the last or June, my boy HIN-5½ or 6 feet high, light complexion; marks not recollected. I purchased said boy of J. C. Moore; he purchased him of Demsey Soral, in this county. I will give the above reward for his delivery to me, or for his confinement in any jail so that I can get him.

W. R. NELSON.

LOOK AT THE HATS! THE HATS!! time for which Justices of the Peace take the DY EXPRESS, another supply of those beautioath. Passed first reading.

Rogers' Store, N. C. Nov. 3, 1854. tf-89

-Also, the SHANGHAI HAT, new style and good. W. H. & R. S. TUCKER.

the President of the Road, in another column. | schools.