The Old North State

SALISBURY, FRIDAY, JAN. 29, '6 THE LEGISLATURE.

Last week the various bills, making lar appropriations to different milroads. pass their second reading in the House previously passed the Sanate. These is add about thirteen millions of dollars to debt of the State, already greater than people are able to bear. No doubt remains that they will pass their final reading few days. The grand combination of sp lators, which has been formed for the p

of plundering the State, has proved I of the money which it has at its command.— The object seems to be to so involve the thich are then expected to fall of the "Ring" at very low tower. Who Grant, and who disobeyed the orders to that

Sorth Carolina. Yet the unessiness of the true they will soon be proved to be so, and if the leading or the more inventions of the Timer' that it is, and has been, opposed to all investigation for the reason that it feared its own party would suffer by the exposure.

On Saturday the committee to investigate the bribery and corruption charges submitted others, has

speak more at length when we see the report track, and we hope to get it in time to notice turned on Tuesday night. We did not see

my and the N. C. R. R. Con passed its final reading in the House and is now a law. With the details of the bill we are not fawilliar, nor have we sufficiently investigated the matter to determine whether the interests of the State and of the two companies will be benefitted by it or not. It was one of the favorite schemes of the late Gov. Morehead, who was very high authority upon all

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BRIBERY-SENATOR ROBBINS.

enstion as an isadvertance on the part of Senster Robbius, and in this opinion acquit him of intentional wrong." Senator Rob-bius' statement is fully corroborated by the evidence of Mr. Stephens. The opinion seems to be all but universal that he is fundcent of all taint of venality-such is our opinion. There are many reasons which must go to confirm every one in this belief. It have knowingly committed his character to on, who was a party opponent, for any sum, much less for the paltry sum of twenty dollars. He had evidently, for the moment, for-

himself to be acting professionally.

But while we acquit Senator Robbins all taint of corruption in the matter, our duty to ourself, and to him as well, compels us to say that the act itself cannot be defended that he has been guilty of a great improprie ty, to use no harsher expre

A HISTORIC PARALEL.

The clamors against Senator Sweet la certain quarters are exceedingly violent. We are pon reading them, of the case of Danky, Dake of Leeds, who was impeached by the Commons for corruption, during the reign of William III. To the chain of evitt was believed, would be supplied by the evhad fied to his native mountains. As soon upon to get up memorials to the legislature as this fact was publicly announced—it was with as many signatures as possible. se this fact was publicly announced—is was known to the Duke, who had spirited him away, before the Duke arose in the House it; and they revile me for not supplying them | tor upon the sentiments which it contains : with the means. Surely they ought not to have brought a charge like this, without well considering whether they had or not evidence sufficient to support it," But though, through the flight of Robert, it was impossible to pro-eure a legal verdict of guilty the moral ver-

the charges in legal form. but the popular verdict will be that the foulest corruption speak for them, may assume the air of injurry years, and upon our person bear honorable scars to witness our fidelity.

their hearts content, but the honest people of North Carolina will appland his efforts to God forever bless him !—we surrendered that panishment which they deserve.

We regret that the committee asked to be the Powers that be;" for they have been

STANTON AND GEN. GRANT.

The Washington correspondent of the N . Times writes to that journal a singular ac unt of a correspondence between Gen. Halek and Gen. Banks in relation to the reeval of Gen. Grant from the command o e Federal army during the seige of Vicksburg. This correspondence, it is alleged, has been kept a secret up to this time. The fall of Vicksburg and subsequent events in successful career of Gen. Grant, it is alleged, led to the destruction of all the record evidence of the matter in the war department. But—it is further alleged—Gen. Banks, the to us to compel a sale of her pallroads. But—it is further alleged—Gen. Date is no to compel a sale of her pallroads, officer who was directed to supercede Gen. to this "ring" will one day be known. effect, carefully preserved the correspondence, is but little doubt that men in high and kept his own course. It is further altin, the State are connected with leged that Gen. Grant, recently got wind of There is but little doubt that men in high places in the State are connected with leged that Gen. Grant, recently got wind of the that they are using the influence which their positive gives them to farward produce and thereby learned for the first time pondence and thereby learned for the first time pondence and thereby learned for the first time of this notable episode in in own career. It is further announced that not long after Gen. Grant become pursuant of this information are using in group to grant become pursuant of this information of any political parties and war to grant become pursuant of the first time of the name of the honest people of the careful political party, but is the interest of any political party, but is the interest of the name of the honest people of leath Caroline. Yet the uncariness of the true they will soon be proved to be so, and if

COL. JOHN W. FORNEY.

This gentleman, in company with seve others, has been making a visit to the west turned on Tuesday night. We did not see him, but learn that he expressed himself tt in this week's paper.

On Monday the bill to consolidate the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Compareceived. He expressed himself fully satisfied that all the stories in circulation to the effect that Northern men were not safe in the South were false. He intends, through his two papers, to set the matter right before the Northern people. He predicts a very large flow of Northern capital to North Carolina soon to be invested in real estate and mining and manufacturing pursuits.

We are much gratified that Col. Forney thought proper to visit our State. He is a man of much influence North, and can do do more to satisfy the Northern mind as to the true condition of things here than any other man that could have come among us. on Bribery and Corruption, the We hope to see many more men of eminene of Mr. Stephens which is all that from the North among us, especially the emihave thus far been able to obtain—and neut men of the Republican party. The leadtent of Senator Robbins. These ers of that party, in and out of Congress, solves in language so simple have been misled and deceived, in the lanmong us and seeing for themselves.

FORSYTHE COUNTY:

Some time since the question was submit ted to the people of Forsythe whether that county should make a subscription of \$100.-000 to the capitol stock of the N. W. N. C. Railroad. The subscription was ordered by is simply impossible that Mr Robbins would a large majority, and was accordingly made It seems that the taxes necessary to raise the the keeping of a man of Stephen's reputa-bonds, issued for that purpose, bear harder money to pay the interest on the county's upon the people in their present impoverished condition than was at first supposed. The gotten hat he was a Senator, and imagined people of the county, it seems, are, in many ingly a meeting of the tax payers of the coun ty was held at Winston, on the 19th inst., to gain. solutions were unanimously adopted :

> Resolved. That we, the citizens and tax payers of Forsythe county, in mass meeting assembled, at the Court House. in Winston, do ask our representatives. Peter A. Wilson and John P. Vest, Esqra., to use their juffuence in our behalf, with both branches of the Legislature, to exonerate us from the enormous and oppressive Railroad tax of \$100,-

Resolved, That we ask the proper authorthe Commons for correction, during the grad William III. To the chain of evisce a single link was wanting. That liuk, was believed, would be supplied by the evisce of a Swiss banker, in the service of the county to authorize the Sheriff to postpone the collection of the Railrond tax for the present; that we, the citizens of Forsythe county, ask the Sheriff, M. Mastin. Eaq., to stay his hand, or postpone the collection of the Railrond tax, until the question is settled.

The meeting adjourned to ass ed, but Robart sould not be found—he on Tuesday last, and the people are called

Tax HILLSBOROUGH RECORDER, so long of Lords and assumed the air of an injured edited by the venerable and excellent Den-and personnel man. "My Lords," he said, the conduct of the Commons is without T. C. Evans. Mr. Evans made his debut on edent. They impeach me of a high the 23d just., in a clever and patriotic salu rime; they promise to prove it; then they tatory, from which we make the following and that they have not the means of proving extract, extending our hand to the new edi-

"With this issue of the paper we assume con-trol of the Becorder as Editor and Proprietor. It is customary, we believe, apon mounting the editorial tripod, to deliver ourself in the form of a "Salutatory" of certain oracular ut-terances, such as, a long dissertation upon Gov-ernments, a "confession of faith." a profession

eure a legal verdict of guilty the moral verdict rendered by the nation burled the Duke from power never more to regain it.

So in this case the flight of the material witnesses, Littlefield, Alden and Mrs. Cavalry, have rendered it impossible to prove

formed no party associations.

Before we arrived at our majority we for ourself swept away with our State into the exists. The guilty parties, or those who vortex of revolution. We upported with per

ferrit out and bring the guilty parties to the cause and that sword at Appomattox Court

Te do not desire to see it prosecuted in the Nor shall we lay our head across terest of any party, but in the interest track of this New Age with the foolish expecfation of reversing the engine. Grant is cer-tainly going to "posh things," and we think it better for our people to march along willingly with the advance column than to have the rea

PUBLICATIONS.

The Land We Love for February, or trative Immigration" is a powerful article on a most important subject. "Women and the lives of Women" is an eloquent rebuke of the misrepresentations of the merch. lives of Women" is an eloquent rebuke of the misrepresentations of the sex, by a Mis-souri authoress of reputation. Besides this, there are historical and biographical sketches, ornithology, fletion and poetry. The poetry is by Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Weiss, merly Miss Susan Archer Talley,) and J

Form America, so we must, perferre be-lieve it to be the best, and congratulate the publisher on the great success of his little un-dertaking. \$1.50 Yearly. Published at 828 Broadway, New York. correspondent we shall probably hear no more

The Eclectic Magazine for February is on our table. Of this number it is only necessary to say that it fully sustains the high character which the work has already won in the public estimation. It is embellished with a handsome steel engraving of Peter the Great crossing the Neva. Among the artides of special interest is a faithful and impartial sketch of one of England's most emineut statesmen, Sir Robert Peel, by Goldwin Smith. The scientific articles on the Moon and the Great Nebula in Argo, are of rare nterest. The article ou Fitz-Greene Haleck will be read with pleasure by all the overs of his poetry-and everybody loves it. Gossip from Egypt is a curious and interesting record of life in the East. The flight to Varrennes is a thrilling scene in the sad tragedy of the French Revolution. The history of the inquisition and many other articles are almost equally attractive. Address E. R. Pelton, Publisher, 103 Fulton street, New

U. S. SENATORS.

The following States have elected Sen ators for the next Congress. California - Eugene Casserly, democra

Connecticut-Wm. A. Buckingham,

-Wm. G. Brownlow, rep

Vermont-Geo. F. Edmunds, rep., re-Nevada-Wm. M. Stewart, rep.,

Maine-Hannibal Hamlin, rep. Michigan-Zacharia Chaudler, rep., re

Pennsylvania-John Scott, rep. gain. New York - Rouben E. Fenton, 1ep. Missonri - Carl Schurz, rep. Minnesota-Alex. Ramsey, rep.,

Indiana - William Cumback, rep. gai Massachusetts - Charles Sumner, rep.

Delaware-Thomas F. Bayard, dem. Wisconsin-Matt. H. Carpenter, rep.

From the Richmond Dispatch. ALABAMA POLITICS.

In Alabama some of the people are con sidering the expediency of following in the wake of the Virginia conference.-Governor Parsons is said by the Mont gomery Mail to have inaugurated a simi-lar movement, and to have based it "apon the Virginia amendment headed by Mes srs. Stuart and Baldwin." brought before the public of that State by Hon. Alexander White in an anonymous communication addressed to the "Old Union Men." Judge S. F. Rice endorsed the proposition in the following emphatic language:

"I am clear in my judgment that I it to my country and my country and do this one thing—namely, to support maintain negro suffrage until, after it a fair trial, it brings condemnation itself by works of evil."

Gen. Cullen A. Battle, a leading Democrat, has also written a letter; in which he says;

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arged. We hope the investigation will ced over us by the voice of the American peowho no matter who may suffer by it.

That is just as you please, crease the force to whatever number he

o not desire to see it prosecuted in the local properties; that is certain; will be prosperous and glorious.

Mr. Stevens: but I will do as you have

n. 23d January, 1869. o the Hanorable the Speaker of

A GRAHAM.

IN FORKNER.

L. G. ESTES. W. H. S. SWEET. JNO GATLING. J. W. BOWMAN.

EVIDENCE OF MR. JOHN W. STEPHENS. Question of Mr. Sweet .- Were you in terested in the passage of any resolution of this General Assembly at its first session, and if so, what resolution ?

Answer.—I was, in two. The first was a resolution from the Committee on Privileges and Elections; the second was a resolution introduced by Mr. Welker to allow me my per dies and mileage while contesting the Hon. Bedford Brown's seat in the Senate.

in the Senate.

Question by Mr. Sweet.—Did you have my conversation with Senator Robbins in regard to the resolution giving you per

regard to the resolution giving you per diem and mileage, if so repeat in detail, that conversation?

Answer—I did, there the resolution was lost on Friday night On Saturday morning, the 22d of August, I met Mr. Robbins in the lobby and asked his opinion as to my getting my per diem and mileage. He said he was in favor of it and would not for it. would vote for it. I asked him if he

could get a reconsideration of the matter, and told him that it he would I should satisfy him for it. He said he would try. rectitude, Senators, I await your need that own words.

I then told him that if he succeeded I you cannot fail to exonerate me fully. Unjust to the United States, because

cetting my per aless, when I paid Mr. Robbins the 820 Question by Mr. Galling-Did you consider, at the time you made this offer to Mr. Robbins, that you were employing him as a lawyear or that you were offer-ing him a bribe for his vote !

Answer-I said to Mr. Robbins, during the conversation above affinded to, "You are a lawyer and I know that law-yers work for money." I considered I was not paying him for his vote because he litusville, Pa., have been burned.

ed to vote for me.

Question by Mr. Galling - How long were you engaged in talking to Mr. Rob-bins on the subjet!

Answer—We had but one conversation

on the subject which was in the lobby and it lasted not more than five minutes. Question by Mr. Gatting-Did Mr. Robbins intimate to you that he desired to return that noney to you, and for what

sent in the Senate, after the adjournment, and said he desired to return me the money, for he considered it wrong that he

Question by Mr. Galling Do you re-It was first fered to return the money? Answer-About two weeks ago to the

best of my recolle best of my recollection.

Question by Mr. Gelling—At the time this transaction took place, was there any word said between you and Mr. Robbins about keeping the matter secret?

Answer—There was not.

PATEMENT OF MR. ROBBINS. THE SENATE, SATURDAY, JAY. 13, '69.

"Macon County, Ala. Jan. 7, 1869.
"Hon. S. F. Rice.
"Dear Sir, " s. s. lave time in own only time to say! endoase it. During the late Presidential campaign the issue was nothing less than the being and nature of untional government. Governor governor government. Governor g

I replied: That is just as you please, crease the force to whatever number he Mr. Stevens; but I will do as you have may deem necessary. Also an act to estrequested. This was the substance of tablish a State Orphan Asylum. our conversation, which, altogether, did not last five minutes. I did not myself

before all this occurred, as Mr. Lindsay has testified.

By luadvertence and pre-occupation of mind, I failed to recognize, at the time, the fact that my public character as a Senator rendered it improper for me to take this as a Larger. In the latter point of view only did it then present itself to me. I did not think deliberately about it. If the amount had not been so trifling, it would have called my attention at o see to

myself emspicuous, this incident never and such of our people as approve of the purchase or annexation of Cuba."

In most time after this Committee had been constituted, as I was walking slong the street thinking of this investigation, and thinking, also, how aweet it was to feel that I was innocent, and in no danger, auddenly, as my mind glanced back over the past, the fact of money having been paid me come to my memory like a flash, and I begun to ponder over it, and saw in a moment how it was capable of being misconstrued.

It is estimated that the product of the precious metals in this country during the past ymr a mounted to \$66,500,000; divided as follows: California, \$20,000, 000; Idaho, \$6,000,000; Oregon, \$5,000, ton Territory, \$1,000,000; Arizona, \$250,000; and New Mexico, \$250,000. misconstrued.

When this matter first began to be stirred, I was in a great strait. I felt consicous of no intentional wrong But I knew how bad men would pervert my act; and this casued me at first to heuitate as to what course 'o pursue. I confess I was not then collected enough to know what to do. But sober meditation soon decided me to preserve the substance of truth and honor rather than the semblance only : and I resolved to tell the facts without reserve, and trust my cause with the good people of North Carolina, and with that God who searches all hearts.

I frankly own an inadvertent mistake deny all thought of wrong. If any man charges me with bribery, venality, corruption or dishonesty, I utterly and indignantly deny the charge!

It all this matter I recognize the hand of an overruling Providence. Perhaps He saw that the fond hopes of distinction opening before me were growing too dear, and has appointed this singular and myterious train of incidents to snatch this world from me. With reverent awe I bow to him, and commit my destiny into His hands.

General News Items.

Nearly five hundred persons died

Wm. Homes, for many years associate The Catholic Convent and School

It is estimated that not one-eight of the

John Quincy Adams held positions un istration from that of Washington to that Two other arrests of parties connected Answer-Yes, he came to me, in my of Polk, during which he died.

> A lady living at Shrewsbury, N. J. weighing two hundred and seventy slightly wounded an officer. pounds has ten children, seven of whom are living, each of them weighing over two hundred pounds.

An expected bridegroom at an appoint ed wedding ceremony in Indianapolis, instead of putting in a personal appearat a message saying that he was would take a juke.

reit paper tells us that one engaged to, to marry an entire stranger, Caroline Fish, with whom he fell in love at first sight. Charles evidently had oth-

The idea of annexing Canada to the clitzens of Salisbury, that Rev. Mr. Englisher any resolution on the matter of his per diem, at any time, but when the question came up that morning, on some other Senator's resolution, I remember making, some remarks in its favor, and illustrating the matter with example and instances of the same kind. I had expressed my views in favor of his claim to Senators Lindsay and Cook, on the day before all this occurred, as Mr. Lindsay has testified.

The idea of annexing Canada to the Chicago Tribune, has wetten a article calling spon Gen. Grant to "say but the word," assaring him that in reply hundreds of thousands of his old warriors would "raily around the flag," and carry it to the invasion and conquest of the new Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Jenekes, in his lecture at New tits own moral deformity, and to save its dimes.

would have called my attention at o see to the nature of the thing, and it would never be a construct.

Singular as it may seem, I aver that I had totally forgotten this matter, until after we passed the resolutions ordering this investigation. In all the discussion type these Resolutions, in which I made the investigations, this incident never myself emispicuous, the incident never myself emispicuous myself emispicuou

Oranges were frozen solid on the trees At St. Augustine, Fla., on Chistmas day.

The thermometer at daylight stood at 20 degrees above zero. It afterwards touched 17 degrees. In a climate where even white frosts are unusual, this was very plan children to be instructed during revere. Last year, at the same time, the Florida ladies were dressed in lawns.

co. January 21.-Additional Japanese news has been received. The Mikado price; that is, pay half their tuition myhas issued a proclamation announcing that

McLaren .- New York, Janury 22 .- The ury in the case of Blaisdell, Eckel, and cLaren, who have been on trial in the United States court on the charge of de frauding the internal revenue, rendered a verdict of guilty. The prisoners were remanded for sentence.

A special dispatch to the Tribune says. dis hands.

Gen. Grant is strongly opposed to the Serene in the consciousness of my own pending Alabama claims treaty. The rectitude, Senators, I await your decision following is his position, nearly in his

this country by money, value of ships actually destroyed, whereas the chiff damage to our ships being driven from from the seas, by the Anglo rebel phates. In addition to this the sympathy extended by the English Government to the South prolonged the war at least a year, and for all lives lost and money expended for this time. England is directly re-

January 22.—Colonel Wood, United globules without any any intervals bepeople of the United States attend public morning on a den of counterfeiters at a barber-shop, No. 75 Cherry street, and arrested several men—all Italians.—

One commission bookseller in Leipzig Studes over 30,000 copies of German currency total and former to the surface of the several accordance to the sends over 30,000 copies of German currency, notes, and fifty-cent stamps, &c., were found on the premises, including \$16,000 in two-dollar bills of the Rhode Island National Bank Antonia der the government during every admin. Denario is said to be the leader of the

with the same ring were subsequently made; one of them, named John D. San-

the Fredericksburg News, writing lately ing blows which at once flattened and from Petersburg, says: "This Virginia and Tennessee Air-Line is a sure enough railroad. It is managed like clock-work. railroad. It is managed like clock-work.

"We saw car loads of cotton shipped at "Memphis and going through to Norfolk.
"We soon hear that passenges will go "through from Norfolk to Memphis 'with-"out breaking bulk' or change of care."

"The Irredeemable Currence."

the question as to the character of the supports it in very able argument. But government of that country for the future. The people, by a most emphatic most potent of all in a land of uni-and decisive vote, declare for a monarchy. versal suffrage—numbers. General But-We regard this as the best evidence they could give of their prudence and good sense. We regard the idea of Republic there as no better than the dream of the States, has more than two millions of wildest visionary .- Exchange.

Petition of Mrs. President Lincoln .-The President of the Senate on Monday presented to that body the following petition from Mrs. Lincoln:

DEATH OF EX-GOV. PICKENS. August, Jan. 27, M. Ex-Gov Pickens, fornierly Minister to

MARKETS. NEW YORK, Jan. 27, M. North Carolina Bonds 641; new 62, Cotton firmer at 287a29. Spirits Turpentine quiet at 56. steady at 2,65a70.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 27, M. Cotton firmer. Uplands affoat 111. Rosin 58a5g. Turpentine 31.

FOR THE PEOPLE OF SALISBUR

Mr. EDITOR:-Permit use to say to the The idea of annexing Canada to the citizens of Salisbury, that Rev. Mr. Eng-

is at least one poor boy in their mid-who has already shared the benefit of the benevolent enterprise.

For the instruction of these who might wish to understand the matter more full

ly, I will here explain:

The enterprise is authorized by the
Trustees; but the whole specifics is made by the undersigned as follows : For every \$10 paid by any county or child 5 years. And the proposition here made, is made to any and all the counties in the State. The whole amounts to about this; That I educate this class at half

peace reigns throughout the land, and justifying his opposition to Satsama and the southern princes.

Conviction of Blaisdell, Eckel, and McLaren.—New York, Janury 22.—The

REMARKABLE ELECTRICAL PHENOMENON.

The following curious communication, with regard to a remarkable electrical phenomenon, has been recently made to the Paris Academy of Sciences. A the Paris Academy of Sciences. A woman was crossing a canal bridge near Nantes, when a powerful flash of lightning seemed to ouvelop her. She was it no way injured, but the contents of he

Wm. Homes, for many years associate editor of the Missouri Republican, is dead.

The Catholic Convert and School of amined the gold coin with a microscope, and found that the silver was uniformly a very different appearance to that profact, nearly in the same condition as the deposited silver: fusion had in fact commenced, but the effect had been instanta-

neous, and purely superficial.

Coining.—Coining was carried on in the time of Athelstan in a very curious manner. The melted bullion was passed through a kind of colunder or sieve-as in the modern plan of casting lead shot - and the resulting globules of metal hav-Ruilroad Management.—The editor of by a stamp with force of hammer, receiv-

Spain Declares for a Monarchy.—The recent election in Spain seems to settle the question as to the character of the government of the contracter of the ler's bill is, with some modifications, the favorite scheme of the Labor organius tion, which pervades all the Northern members, and acts as a poit.

"Let Us Have Peace." - We have not attended the Courts since the Judges became politicians and engaged in political campaigns—but we hear from one who was present, that the charge made by His Honor, S. W Watts on Monday, was well conceived, and breathed the true-spirit of an honest upholder of the laws. His advice to the citizens, to the Grand Ex-Gov Pickens, formerly Minister St. Petersburg, died at his residence, in Edgeffeld, South Carolina, on Monday dispatch of business and the consequent dispatch of business and the consequent relief to the tax-payers of the expenses attending the long continuance of the Courts and the maintainance of pauper persons in the jail, as reported to us, has our hearty concurrence. If His Honor shall carry out what he proposes, and does not in future degrade his high post tion by mixing in the arena of p litics, we shall let him alone. We shall say "let there be peace" between the Scalenci and this Judge .- Sentinel.