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an inglorious retreat." He wrote a hasty apology to his friends stating that the circumstances of his family required his presence...

The little son had dismissed his domestics for a season, and was sleeping sweetly upon the couch. Little Bessie occupied the crib, and the mother sat by it in her enervated chair...

"No, no, not at all; I feel better than usual this evening, but I observed that you looked pale at the table, and have looked so since your return."

"What have you got there," said Mr. Edgar to his little son, Charles, as he was just going to his evening's work, from which he seldom returned till midnight.

"What do you mean by this?" said Mr. Edgar to his wife, as she looked at the paper and then at him.

"Why, my son," said Mr. Edgar, "I don't see as any thing can be done while persons continue to place themselves in such danger."

"Yes, yes, my son, your father will speak to the legislature; and that sore finger, with Biddy's failure, must be reported, and we must all work till we get out the splinter."

THE PUBLIC LANDS.

The Intelligencer publishes the report of the House Committee against and the minority report (Mr. Bennett) in favor of the Bill granting lands for the benefit of the indigent insane in all the States.

The constitutional provision on the subject is broad and unrestricted, and if the lands can be granted for a railroad or a school or a college in a new State it is absurd to deny the power in the present instance when a grant is proposed for useful and beneficial purposes...

But this committee which denies the power to pass this bill for the common benefit, affirms the right to grant the lands to schools, colleges, and railroads in the West on the alternate section plan, by which it is argued both the government and the grantees are benefited...

It is urged these are constitutional and proper, because nothing is lost by making them. If this were true, it is not perceived how it would effect the constitutional right to make them, that depends on the power of Congress to make the grants, and whether they were wisely or unwisely made.

Table showing land grants to various states: Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama. Lists acreage and amount granted.

The land granted to the road is 3,731, 711 acres—amount, at Government price, to \$1,689,639.

In a late Abolition speech, Lucey Stone said: "But I know so well there is cotton in the ears of men, let us look for hope in the bosoms of women."

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One additional feature in these railroad grants should be noticed, that of doubling the price of about one-third as much land as is granted to the road...

This is wrong in principle, opposed to all the present course of legislation, which is to reduce the price of the lands, and even to give them away to actual settlers.

The constitutional right to make these grants, in preference to the one in question, should be rested on some legal ground. Even their expediency depends upon the argument that the more we give the less we lose.

We have referred to this question of the disposition of the public lands so often that perhaps many of our readers weary of it. But the subject is of vital importance to this State.

Further by the Arctic. We have a few more items of foreign news by the Arctic. A gratifying piece of intelligence is reported by this arrival that the steamer City of Glasgow arrived in Liverpool on the 1st inst.

The war is progressing vigorously on the Danube. So far the Russians have been generally successful.

The ship Elvira from Antwerp, ostensibly bound for Montreal, was captured and brought to the Downs. She was laden with arms for the Greek insurgents.

Intelligence from the Danube is unfavorable to the Turks.

Admiral Napier was anchored off Meon Island. The shipment of troops in France and England is rapidly progressing.

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NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

The regular meeting of the Directors of the N. C. Railroad Company was held at Goldsborough on Thursday the 13th inst. The business transacted related mostly to minor details.

The Contractors on the 1st division were notified to complete the arm running to Neuse River at Waynesboro' within the next three months.

Five or six miles of iron have been laid down on Company account, at the Western end, and the work is making speedy progress.

The Directors rode over the twenty-two miles completed by the Messrs. McRae. With some small exceptions, the work appears to be well done, and the contractors promised to remove every ground of exception.

Two engines have been completed for this Road by Norris—one of which is at work on the Charlotte end; the other is waiting at Portsmouth.

The locomotive wittlings and would-be leaders in this State are quite full—up to the very throat latch of the ungenerous propensities—of the idea, that they can defeat General Dockery by railed and wailing.

The bigoted, conceited and cruel Tarleton of the British Army was at a public ball at Halifax, during the Revolutionary War.

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WILL THEY ANSWER THEM?

We copied, a fortnight since, some queries propounded by the Raleigh Star to the Raleigh Standard in relation to inequalities in the organic laws of our State.

Is it in favor of the people having a direct voice in alterations of the Constitution by a convention coming directly from the people?

Does it believe it possible to more nearly arrive at the will of the people as to amendments in the organic law, through the Legislature where members are elected upon purely partisan grounds...

RELIGIONS OF TURKEY AND RUSSIA. The North British Review thus compares the religions of Turkey and Russia.

Both Russian and Turk go further: the latter add Mahomet—the former add St. Nicholas, St. Catherine, and an interminable calendar of canonized priests and worthies.

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When the just week we have received of late a pile of bills which have been devised for the purpose of preventing their alteration.

"Jim, does your mother ever whip you?" "No; but she does a precious sight worse though."

THE DARIEN EXPEDITION.

The great Expedition which was sent out to survey the Isthmus of Darien, for the purpose of constructing a ship canal, has turned out to be a disastrous failure.

Where a river was laid down on the map he found a mountain, and instead of plains he discovered sierras.

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