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### North Carolina Moonshiners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The following telegram has been received from Deputy Collector John W. Betts, dated at Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 3, 1883: "While destroying the illicit distillery of Ben Ellis, in Durham county, Dec. 1st, I was attacked and shot at from ambush twice. The first shot caused a slight wound in my head, the second shot passed over me as I fell. I was compelled to leave by superior numbers, and, while passing Ellis' house was chased by five men. I destroyed the still, but was unable to destroy the worm, cap and 17 stands of beer. Revenue Agent Kellogg has been ordered to proceed to the point of disturbance with an armed posse, and complete the work of destroying the still and beer stands, and to pursue and arrest the parties who fired upon the revenue officers."

NAKED TRUTH.—The following has been handed us showing the origin of the expression "naked truth." "According to an old fable, truth dressed in robes of purity and innocence, met falsehood near a beautiful lake. Falsehood induced truth to go into the lake alone to bathe, and when truth had swam out a considerable distance from the shore falsehood hurried back, dressed in the garments of truth and fled. Truth hastened to the shore, but falsehood was nowhere to be found. Naked truth has ever since been pursuing falsehood but has not yet overtaken the thief, who still wears the "garb of truth" and is constantly deceiving all who are willing to rely upon external appearances."

Hardly less than \$340 will go from Statesville to the Oxford Orphan Asylum, as the result of the collections and entertainment here Thanksgiving Day.—Statesville Landmark.

### Suits to Recover Damages for Emancipated Slaves.

ST. LOUIS, December 6.—The Globe-Democrat states that prominent parties in Texas will soon begin suit in the court of Claims at Washington to recover the value of slaves emancipated during the late war. The action will be based chiefly on certain clauses of the State constitution, which were approved and indorsed by Congress at the time of the annexation of Texas, and which it is claimed make the United States government liable for slave property. The plaintiff in the case was a strong and very pronounced Union man during the war and the proposed action was indorsed and will be pushed by some of the best laws of Texas.

In the City of Jerusalem three Sundays are observed every week. The Mohammedans observe Friday, not by closing their shops and resting, but by going to the mosque at certain hours and reciting prayers. The Jews observe Saturday, being very strict as to their conformity to ancient custom and ordinance. They close their shops and are not often on the streets until after noon. Then they appear in their best clothes. Sunday is observed by the Christians of various denominations. On that day the flags fly from the Consulates of the Christian nations.

Everybody remembers the sailor who saw a man killed by a falling chimney and thanked God that there were no such perils in his profession. A party of Western hunters, being caught in last week's hurricane, waded into Mud Lake until their heads alone were above water. There they remained in safety. If they had been on the land they would doubtless have been killed by the falling trees.

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