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The Power of County Commis－ sioners．
In Miller vś．Commissioners of Buncombe county the North Caro－ lina Supreme Court lays down the following doctrine：
1．The Commissioners of a county do not possess the arbitra－ ry power of suppressing all places for retailing spirituous liquors；nor are they bound to license an ap－ plicant though he be qualified．

2．They have a limited legal dis－ cretion，and in passing upon an application for license they have a right to take into consideration the questions whether the demands of the public require an increase of such accommodations，and whether the place it is proposed to establish a bar－room is a suit－ able one．

Fabius H．Busbee，esq．of Raleigh，has received the appoint－ ment of clerk to Senator Ransom＇s committee on the improvement of the Potomac flats at Washington．

The only regret we have－and it is a very sincere one－in the de－ velopment of this transmontane country，is the inevitable encroach－ ment upon its forest beauty．．We cannot hear the tread of coming thousands without a sad forebod－ ing of the doom that awaits so much that makes the landscape so glorious and gives so much of po－ etry to the virgin wilderness，man－ tled with the primeval woods，en－ livened with its sparkling streams． This solitude must needs be in－ vaded；for its beauties and treas－ ures tempt to invasion．No hand can stay the tide of progress or turn aside the march of destiny． But the invaders may learn to profit by the faults of others，and while they use their conquest，they need not turn it all to spoil and ravage．－Asheville Citizen．

The faculty of a Texas female college has forbidden the wearing of hoops and bangs by the stu－ dents．

The Shelby Aurora gives the following sad affair：＂A sad and accidental tragedy was enacted in Rutherford county on last Satur－ day．Lafayette Wilson，a clever young man of twenty－two sum－ mers，and the son of W．Green Wilson，on last Saturday Dec． 29th，went rabbit hunting．While crossing a fence he fell，his gun was discharged and its contents entered his abdomen．The ter－ rible wound was fatal，for on Sun－ day morning before day he died． On the last day of 1883 many friends witnessed his burial in the family Wilson cemetery．＂

The Kansas City Times con－ tains the following on the subject of popular hanging in Missouri： ＂Many women fainted when Bill Fox was swung into eternity yes－ terday．If these women had re－ mained at home where they be－ longed they would not have faint－ ed．The men did not faint for the probable reason that most of them were buoyed up by 10 cent whiskey．No delicately organized woman ought to go through the strain of witnessing a hanging on a glass of red lemonade．We trust this will be $a$ warning to the ladies．＂
＂My dear，I am shocked that you should invite those young la dies to your party．＂＂Why，mam－ ma，how you talk！They have al－ ways been in society．Their father is the postmaster．＂＂Very true， my child，but you forget the change which has recently occur－ red．＂＂What change，mamma？＂ ＂Why，the rates of postage have been reduced to two cents．＂－ Philadelphia Call：

The town of Sumter，S．C．， charges $\$ 600$ a year for bar－room licenses and requires druggists who handle wines，bitters or in－ toxicating liquors of any kind to pay a license of $\$ 200$ a year．

DRIED FRUIT REPORT．
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