

GENERAL NEWS.

THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

This venerable body held its annual session in this place, commencing on Wednesday evening the 31st of October, and closing on Thursday night the 3d instant.

The business of the Synod was conducted with all the decorum and order becoming an ecclesiastical court.

Though several matters of importance were acted upon by the Synod, yet we were able to attend to few of the subjects to undertake to give the details to our readers.

CENTRAL RAIL ROAD MEETING.

The meeting held on Thursday afternoon, for the purpose of appointing Delegates to represent Petersburg in the Greensborough Convention, was very numerously attended.

Gov. Morehead's reputation had, long ago, preceded him to Petersburg, and most fully did he sustain it in the remarks that he addressed to us on Thursday.

WHAT WE NEED.

We see that Mr. J. D. Royster, has established a Paper Mill in Raleigh—just the very thing that should have been done long since.

REVENUE TAX ON INTEREST.

We learn that the tax imposed by the last General Assembly of this State of "three cents upon every dollar of interest upon all sums of money," &c. is likely to prove unexpectedly large in some of the counties.

An Irishman going to market met a farmer with an owl. "Say Master, what will you take for your big eyes?" "Twenty cents," replied the farmer.

RUSSIA NOT GOING TO FIGHT TURKEY.

We cannot find anything by the Hibernia tending to show what the Czar has made up his mind to do—beard the Turk, or back out; but public opinion all over Europe, we see, now scents the idea that he is going to make the extradition of the Hungarian refugees a *casus belli*.

THE COMMERCIAL ADVICES by the steamer Hibernia are of the most importance, not only as regards the great Southern staple, cotton, but as respects tobacco, provisions, iron, &c.

FRANCE.

PARIS Friday, 11 P. M. In the course of his speech M. Mathieu (de la Drome) said:—"It is not our party (alluding to the Montagnards) who have alternatively bespattered the President with praise and blame.

M. Thiers rose in his seat, and said, "I deny them." M. Dixie—I myself heard you use them. M. Mathieu then said, "Between M. Thiers, who repudiates those words, and M. Dixie, who declares to have heard them, I leave France to decide."

MEMPHIS RAILWAY CONVENTION.

This body adjourned on the 28th ult. following is the substance of what was done: Prof. Maury from the committee on resolutions reported a series of resolutions, that, in the opinion of the convention, it is the duty of Government to provide for the construction of roads at an early period;

ELECTIONS.

NEW YORK.—The voters for State Officers is so very close that it will probably require the official canvass to settle the result. The general impression was, however, that the Whigs had elected their candidates for Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, and State Engineer; and that the Democratic candidates for Attorney General, Canal Commissioner, Judge of the Appeal Court, and State Prison Inspector had also succeeded.

A telegraphic despatch dated New York, Nov. 10, says, "We have now returns sufficient to render it certain that the Senate and State are Whig. The Tribune estimates the Whig majority in the popular vote of the State at about 800."

NEW JERSEY.—The Whig majority in the Legislature is considerably larger than first stated. The Newark Advertiser of Thursday says: "The Senate comprises 19 members, of which we have 10, just a majority. In the House of 58 members, the whigs have 33, including the Passaic Assemblymen who were elected on Union tickets, one being an old Whig member, and the other said to be a Whig, which gives 9 majority on joint ballot."

THE LOCOFOS are claiming a majority on the popular vote, but local questions so entirely affected the election that it cannot be considered as any test of political strength.

MICHIGAN.—The returns indicate that "she is joined to her idols." Jno. S. Barry, Locofoco candidate for Governor, has 700 majority in Wayne county; 600 in Oakland; Livingston, 400, Monroe 300; St. Clair, 200; Macomb, 300; Ingham, 100, and 20 in Kalamazoo—total majorities 2920.

FLORIDA.—J. Littlejohn, Whig, has 110, majority in Van Buren county; Washburn, 75, and 240 in Calhoun—total 425.

NETT MAJORITY for Barry in the above counties, 2,195. Cass had 3,486 majority in the same counties—electing a Whig gain of 1291. Barry is doubtless elected by a 4 or 5000 majority.

MISSISSIPPI.—Returns from two counties have been received, which vote for Governor as follows: Lea, Whig, 1051; Quitman, Locofoco, 1202.

THE SAME COUNTIES give Harris, Whig, for Congress, 1099 votes; Featherstone, Loco, 1134—Featherstone's majority 35, being a Whig gain of 25 as compared with the last Congressional election. In 1844, Mr. Polk had 310 majority in these two counties. Featherstone's majority in the whole District two years ago was 816. General Cass's majority was 351.

LOUISIANA.—The only news we have of the election which took place in this State on the 5th instant, is contained in the following telegraphic despatches which we find in the Charleston Courier of Saturday last.

NEW ORLEANS, NOV. 7. The elections of this State took place on Monday last. The Democrats were successful in the city. Walker, the Democratic candidate for Governor, has a majority of 252, and Louis Dene, the candidate for Sheriff, 28 majority. There has been a great Democratic gain throughout the State, as compared with the vote given at the last Presidential election, and it is probable that the Democrats have carried the State.

IN THE 1st DISTRICT, the Democratic candidate has been elected to Congress, and in the second District the Whig candidate was successful—there will, therefore, be no change in the political representation of Louisiana in Congress.

A VILE IMPOSTOR.

A man who represents himself to be the nephew of the Rev. J. N. Maffit, and to be deaf and dumb, has, for the last three weeks, been levying contributions on the good people of Petersburg.

NEITHER have we discussed the power of Congress over slavery in the District of Columbia. We deny its existence—but the safety of the South forbids the exercise of any such power, if it does exist. Its attempted exercise will leave no other course for us to pursue, than for the whole South to make common cause with the slaveholders there; and, if needs be, fight the quarrel out. We speak plainly, and feel deeply—all Southern men can speak and feel with us.

ARRIVAL OF RETURNING MINISTERS.

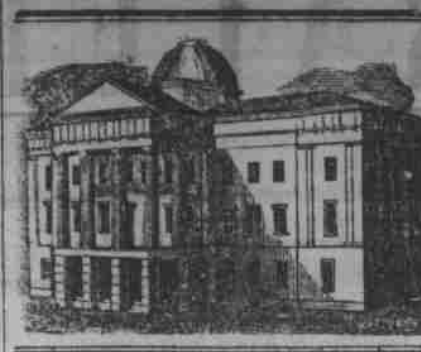
The American Mail steamer, Washington, from Southampton, brought to New York a number of passengers, among whom were the Hon. Romulus M. Saunders, of this State, late U. S. Minister Plenipotentiary to Spain; Hon. Richard Rush, of Pennsylvania, late Envoy to France; Hon. W. H. Stiles, of Georgia, late Charge d'Affaires at Vienna; and Hon. R. P. Flenniken, of Pennsylvania, late Charge d'Affaires at Copenhagen, each accompanied by his family.

THE WILMINGTON Journal comes to us in a new dress, and is one of the largest and neatest papers in the State. We wish its enterprising proprietors success.

PRESENT PRICES.

We learn that at the extensive sale of the property of B. Dunn, dec'd, in Nash county, this week, one negro wheel-weight sold for \$1875, and another for \$1605—No. 1 field hands sold from \$700 to \$900. Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Stock brought from \$10 50 to 12 per share, for \$100 paid in.—Turk. Press.

THE RALEIGH TIMES.



RALEIGH, N. C.

Friday Morning, November 16, 1849.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.

Our readers must not forget the Meeting of the Internal Improvement Association of Wake at the City Hall on Monday next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. to which every friend of the Central Railroad in the County is invited.

THANKSGIVING.

We anticipate our usual day of publication, in order that we may attend the Services of the first Thanksgiving Day proclaimed by the Governor of the State, under the resolution of the last Legislature. Its observance will no doubt be general, accompanied by appropriate public worship in the different Churches.

TO OUR READERS.

We have now finished the various discussions into which we have been drawn upon subjects of so much interest to us all as Southern men—involving not only our rights but our safety. It could hardly be otherwise, in our position, than that we should suffer our political feelings to enter deeply into the views which we have presented.

By such action, the question of the power of Congress will be decided, it is true—not tested—but we trust, also, to sleep forever, as to them. Neither have we discussed the power of Congress over slavery in the District of Columbia. We deny its existence—but the safety of the South forbids the exercise of any such power, if it does exist.

ELECTIVE JUDICIARY.

The Kentucky Convention, after a week's debate, has adopted the several articles of the new Constitution reported from the committee, providing for an elective judiciary. The four Judges of the Court of Appeals are to be chosen by districts, one to be chosen every second year, and are to hold their offices for eight years.

WHAT RAILROADS WILL DO.

GEORGIA RAILROAD.—It is an incontestable fact, says the N. O. Picayune, that for miles on either side of every line of Railroad which has been made in Georgia, the lands have appreciated from one hundred to five hundred per cent., and in many instances much more, so that the increased value of lands alone has been much more than the whole cost of the roads.

WHAT RAILROADS WILL DO.

THE WASHINGTON correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "The rumor that Mr. Hallitt, of the Republic, is about to be appointed as Charge to Naples, is very current and very plausible. As the appointment was given to Louisiana, in the person of Mr. Chinn, who was obliged, by ill health, to decline it, it is not improbable that it will be again offered to Louisiana."

CENTRAL RAIL ROAD.

As the time for the assembling of the Greensborough Convention approaches, the prospects of this great project grow brighter and brighter; until we almost feel safe in predicting that the whole of the Stock will be taken at, or soon after, that Convention. We regard the building of the Road as a settled thing—and thus are our hopes proportionally raised and strengthened of seeing our State commence a career of greatness and prosperity, which shall place her in rivalry with her Northern and Southern sisters.

RUMORED APPOINTMENTS.

Our readers will do well to receive with distrust most, if not all of the rumored appointments received by Telegraph, and chronicled by the letter-writers at Washington. They seldom hit right. Two weeks ago, we published the Telegraphic report of the appointment of Hugh Waddell, Esq., to the 6th Auditorship of the Treasury; and the correspondent of the Register gave currency to it too.

"THE ORGAN"

Our blows are too heavy for the Standard, and he turns his "attention in another direction," with the intimation that we are "morbidly sensitive," and "totally incapable of doing justice to an opponent." We will be judged by the readers of both papers, whether we did not do full justice to his "Mammoth cheese" story. The lash touched the sensitive nerve until the whole animal quivered beneath the sharp infliction.

THE EDITOR OF THE HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT.

The Editor of the Hillsboro Democrat will excuse us from discussing foregone conclusions with him. We have aided in killing the projected Convention, and feel perfectly easy on that score. We can relieve him on another point. If it grips him any to notice our humble sheet, we hereby release and absolve him from any obligation so to do.

THE EDITOR OF THE HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT.

That we do not please these gentry, is after all, matter of no astonishment. They seem to think they have a monopoly of all the talents, courtesy, fairness, truth and decency in the land—and the proof of it all might readily be deduced from their columns, were the game worth the search. We must not attempt to reply to anything they say; if we do, why then they allege we won't "conduct an argument with fairness," and do an "adversary justice!"

THE EDITOR OF THE HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT.

The English, who are ever alive to their interests, saw at once the value and importance of this country to them; and so they patting this "bare-footed and bare" Majesty on the back, took him and his country under their own special charge, and now actually claim exclusive right of way of the San Juan and contiguous country by a grant from this self-same Mosquito King, whom they had placed in power.

THE EDITOR OF THE HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT.

"No sooner an he done it, Andly it right elap a top on him, snatched him up clear of the ground, and before you could say Jack Robinson, he'd bit his tail off within an inch of his nose!" Fact, gentlemen, my word an honor; there's more'n a hundred men can prove it!