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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1889.

AN INCIDENTAL SUGGESTION. In President Battle's interesting his tory of the supreme court of North Car olina, he interestingly refers to the cor ditions existing in the public minwhich had powerful influence gathering in the legislature of 1818

that body of men so remarkable able in talent, so powerful in influence and so liberal and advanced in ideas as to have made the creation of that ses sion of an independent body like that o the supreme court possible. It was fermentation of thought, an active chullition of enterprise, which, like most ebullitions, wasted itself upon visionary impracticable and profitless schemes. Dr. Battle presents a partial list of th

great men, like Gaston, Murphy, Irede

Stanley, prominent men like Bedford

Brown, Romulus M. Sanders, Mangun Meares. Zebulon Baird was the distin emished member from Buncombe. Th creation of the supreme court grew ou of the gathering together of a body of men so wise, learned and patriotic. But that work was only an incident to the real animating motive. That was in ternal improvements by canals or improvement of rivers. Railroads had no existence; had not even been dreamed of But Dewitt Clinton was at work on the great Eric canal, and the waters of the lakes, bearing on their bosom the treas ures of the West were soon to be borne to the sea on the waters of the Hudson It was sanguinely believed that what was done for New York could be done for North Carolina. There were rivers enough there was water enough, if the first were improved, if the other wa properly directed. And so the legislature went to work with a wild energy and reckless extravagance which would have appalled a modern congressiona committee on river, and harbor improve ment. Considering the poverty of the State, the econominal habits of the people and the general timidity of legisla tors, the during liberality of that session is the marvel of North Carolina legisla tion. Every part of the State put in its bids for help through the presentation of the most roseate schemes, all except this western side of the mountains, where the rivers all can the other way, and by no device of ingenuity could be made t co-operate with the waters on the other side. But the waters of the Yadkin from away up about Blowing Rock were to be made navigable to a point where they were to be taken by canal to the headwaters of Deep river; and from thence to the sea all was to be made plain sailing. Lower down on the Vadkin, where it takes the name of Peedee. such improvements were to be made as to provide unobstructed navigation to Winyah Bay. A town-Henderson-wa laid off at the mouth of the Uwharrie. and another, Sneedsboro, in Anson county scourged out of existence, made uninhabitable and desolate from fever occasioned by digging a canal through it to avoid shoals in the Peedee. On the Cape Fear costly work was undertaken and a canal begun in the centre of the town of Favetteville and extended up the river some miles; said canal yet re maining, and possibly to be utilized some day in providing water power for factories in the very centre of the town of Favetteville. On Neuse and Tar some and on the Roanoke, a canal was dug between the points now known as Gaston and Weldon, useless then and now except that it provided the most valuable available water power in the State now in the hands of a wealthy corporation. A great deal was undertaken nothing was finished, a vast amount of attract additional population, would en money was spent, every one engaged in trance the value of property and would it was bankrupt; and internal improve- form another focus for the concentration ment under whatever name received a check that has hardly been overcome in Buncombe should attach itself to the two generations. It received a name county seat, nor for its aggrandizement, and a fame as hateful as attended the ex- but for their own advantage and conven plosion of the tulip mania and the morus lience. The benefit of one is the benefit multicanlis bubble.

But for all this we must neither deride nor censure one predecessor. They were persevere in its landauble and judicious wise, sagacious, enterprising men. But they were far in advance not only of the aroused as will compel the construction ideas, but the capabilities of the age. Engineering science as applied to water tion, whether it be steam or electric rail- dles different, "you know," ways was by no means new; but such enterprises are always costly. The people of North Carolina were few, scattered. and relatively poor, the modern methods line, Ongaline and Diamond nail powder of obtaining credit or running into debt having now become the ladies' favorites, were unknown.

The money speut in work diffused over so many subjects was as absolutely lost together with pocket emery board, or THREE-HORN CHAMOIS SEAT SADDLES as if it had been wantonly wasted, and large wood sticks, nail scissors, files and those concerned incurred a load of odium other such requisites. Also a complete which was never lifted from many of line of drugs and toilet articles, in addithem during their lifetimes.

hallucination about river improvement per Main street and Patton avenue. was repeated in the Cape Fear river, and more than half a million dollars spent with the same abortive result.

THE ELECTIONS VESTERDAY. In all probability our telegraph re- all the same.

ports will this morning give returns sufficiently definite to determine the complection of yesterday's voting. Those results in some States involve important interests; in New York and Ohio, as somewhat foreshadowing the next presidential nominations and the sharing of dental nominations and the sharing of th plection of yesterday's voting. Those redential nominations and the shaping of national policy for the four years to fol-

low the close of the present administration; in Virginia as deciding a race issue and measuring the strength between in telligent understanding of the issues of the day, and blind, infatuated, perhaps dangerous subserviency to party and the absolute dictation of unserupulous leader-

Not since the period immediately after

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inflamed by the diabolical agency of the freedman's bureau to the most extravagant aspirations, has Virginia, and with Mahone's victory, the whole South, been a the peril in which that arch friend has avolved it. Since those first days of anarchy, when the whole scheme of social and political being was so fearfully meniced, twenty-five years have passed Neither statesmanship nor philanthropy an tenthfully admit a single step of rogress in the movement of the negro owards practical appreciation of the duies and responsibilities of citizenship unler a government founded upon indesendent personal action and intelligent imprehension of the system under which he lives. They have learned, arge number of them, to read and write hey have not learned to think and con rebend. Education has inflamed vanit nd nourished aspiration, but it has no dightened understanding, secured i egrity, or purified morality. It is from o motives of race hostility that we or ose the ascendancy of any such element lowards the race our feeling is that a lost of tenderness, and that is the nor nal sentiment of most of the Southern leading men present, some of them really copie. But there is conscientions con iction among the whites of an undenia le interiority in the negro in those charcteristics inseparable from the wise cor uct of, or even participation in the serias concerns of government. Therefore he apprehension is acute when attempts are seriously made to do that which will evitably lead to disaster, not from hos ility to the negro, not to deal out to im injustice, not to deny him any rights r privileges of the citizen, but to secure he perpetuity of what vivilization has aimed after long and ardnous struggle nd to retain its direction in the handsol he race alone proved capable of having chieved it and alone capable of advance ig it, have the whites in Virginia, as bey will and must do everywhere in the

outh, arrayed themselves on the side to duch ducy and atterest call them. The result of the election in Virginia vill, therefore, be awaited with solici nde. We have reason to believe that uch result will be such as we wish and ope for Then the storm will subside rade for party supremacy on the arena hosen as a test ground shall hall, they will hardly be renewed elsewhere. Th ational administration has engaged in designate and wicked attempt to break topped short of precipitating the most readful of internecine wars. Failing in his, it can find no hope of success else

LEICESTER AND ASHEVILLE, BOOKS AND STATIONERY We published vesterday with much deasure the proceedings of a meeting held in Leicester to devise some mean or better communication with Asheville. whether by steam or electric railroad, or v turnpike. III course any system looted must be governed in its form or construction by the means attainable to that end; but the very fact that so moortant a topic is seriously agitate sevident that an intelligent people have letermined to be slaves no longer to the old time roads which throughout the State and country so detrimentally damage intelligent body of people in this county. than those of Leiester township; there is to more beautiful or productive section a Bancombe. Yet owing to bad roads between those people and those of Ashe ville, at some seasons, sometimes long ones there is a great gulf fixed a deep and a broad one, across which both look with wistful and hopeless eyes. To bridge this gulf is a possible task, it is a similar, costly, abortive work was done, wise task, and it would be a profitable one. To make Leicester speedily and brella that is warranted not easily accessible is to make it partake of the influences which has made Asheville oopulous and prosperous, because its to CRACK call on cantiful scenery, its healthfulness, its ertile lands, and the intelligence and morality of its inhabitants would quickly of business activity. Every village in

> Therefore we hope that Leicester will movement until such a sentiment is of some road for travel and transports road or turnpike.

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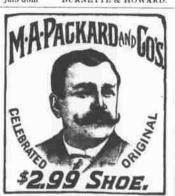
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