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Read the interesting letter of our Raleigh Correspondent.

The first message of President Grant to Congress, which we give our readers to-day, will, of course, be read by all, be the common topic of conversation and will engross public attention for a week or more.

At the last meeting of the Agricultural Society, W. J. Yates, Esq. offered the following preamble and resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it is a well established fact that whatever benefits the trade and business of a city or town, also benefits the Agricultural interests of the surrounding country, therefore,

We heartily approve this move and trust the gentlemen appointed will look around and see what can be done for our future growth and prosperity.

This is a fruitful subject, and the community have great confidence in the ability of these gentlemen to bring relief by giving activity to all branches of trade, and particularly in introducing investment in machinery of the capital, now locked up in Banks or held in idleness for the want of confidence.

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We are fully impressed with these facts, and would urge upon the dissatisfied of this section to ponder them well before they make the attempt to move.

schools, churches, society, and law and order-loving population, we say she is second to no territory of the same size on the face of the earth.

We see from the Wilmington Journal that 119 pieces of property, situated in Wilmington and New Hanover county, were sold last week by the Sheriff for taxes.

The Liberty of the Press.

We learn that Judge Jones, says the Wilmington Journal, on Monday last directed that notice should be served upon William Biggs, Editor of the Tarboro' Southerner, to show cause why he should not be debarred from exercising the duties and privileges of an Attorney and Counselor-at-law.

The alleged offense was not committed as an Attorney, but as an Editor, and consisted of the publication of an article in the local columns of the Southerner, which the Judge seems to regard as offensive and disrespectful to His Honor.

The question presented by this case is one of great importance, involving not only personal rights, but the liberty of the Press.

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of liberty" shall remain free from the attacks of the officers of the Government. It will be a sad day for the liberties of the people when the Press shall be made subject to the control of any department of the General or State Government, by punishing their representatives as such in other relations and through other means.

Sec'y. Boutwell on Resumption.

The annexed extract from the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury gives his views on the subject of the resumption of specie payments:

The ability of the country to resume specie payments will not be due to any special legislation upon that subject, but to the condition of its industries and to its financial relations to other countries.

When the products of industry exported shall be equal substantially to the products of other countries imported there will be no demand for specie for export, except what may arise from the circumstance that our bonds held abroad are sent home, sold in our markets, and the proceeds exported in coin.

The per diem of the members being fixed at the same as before, a protracted session may be expected.

Our course, it seems to me, is plain. Every measure of the Government bearing upon the subject, should tend to appreciate the value of our paper currency.

A Good Story.—This happened at a Utica restaurant. A man entered the other day and called for a dinner. His orders were of the most elaborate character, and fairly staggered the resources of even a Utica restaurant-keeper.

"Very fine dinner, landlord; just charge it to me, I haven't got a cent."

"But I don't know you," said the proprietor, indignantly. "Of course you don't. If you had, you wouldn't let me had the dinner."

"Pay for the dinner, I say!" "And I say I can't. Haven't got the blaud."

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Raleigh, Dec. 4, 1869.

Editor Times.—The General Assembly will it is supposed, take a recess of about twenty days, including the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. Welch said he hoped that the gentleman would be excused, &c. Charges had been made by certain Republicans, that the Democratic members were attempting to dodge out of this investigation.

He (Mr. Welch) had introduced resolutions allowing Republicans to appoint the Committee to investigate these alleged frauds, Republican members of this House offered amendments which I accepted to do away with the charge that I was actuated by partisan motives.

After some debate, Mr. Jarvis was excused, and Mr. Malone substituted in his place.

By consent Mr. Robinson introduced a resolution concerning the act providing for a system of public instruction. Referred.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

The following bills were reported back from Committees, with favorable endorsements, to wit: Bill to legalize certain official acts of the Chairman of the late County Courts.

By Mr. Robbins, a bill to provide for the election of members of the General Assembly, and a bill to provide for the registration of the voters of the State.

By Mr. Burns, a bill to amend an act passed by the General Assembly of 1855, creating one million of preferred stock in N. C. Railroad—referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to remove Wm. A. Smith, President of N. C. Railroad, from the Directorship of said Road, on motion of Mr. Robbins was laid on the table—yeas 27, nays 7.

By Mr. Vestal: A resolution to raise a joint committee to call on the Treasurer and ascertain facts in regard to the disposition of State bonds issued by him to Railroad companies, &c.

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question, which was sustained and the amendment lost, yeas 37, nays 52.

Mr. Sinclair, (Republican) here arose to a question of privilege. He was reported in the Standard in joining Mr. French in a minority report against his own resolution in reference to raising a Committee to manage the investigation before the Committee of the Whole.

It will be remembered when the debate occurred here, on Monday last, the name of Colonel Cowan was mentioned in a manner which he (Sinclair) considered as impugning that gentleman's honesty.

The question recurred on the substitute of the Finance Committee.

The substance of this substitute is that it is the intention of the constitution to limit the combined taxes, both general and special, for State and county purposes, to \$2 on the poll, and forbids the laying a greater tax than that, and requires the refunding to the counties, the excess of that amount already collected.

A DARING DEED.—One of the bold exploits of its kind that has recently been chronicled, was accomplished by an unknown thief at the Bank of Commerce, corner Nassau and Cedar streets, at 1 P. M.

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