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The Concord Register wants the whipping post re-established in this State and says it would be hailed with delight by the intelligent portion of our people. We say watch the man and his party.

A conference of the leading colored men of Virginia is called to convene in Washington, D. C., on the 15th inst., to consider the political situation and the future course of the colored people. Among those invited are A. W. Harris, P. J. Carter, J. W. Cromwell, W. C. Roane and J. T. Wilson. What does it mean? What do the colored men of North Carolina think of it?

OVER TO STATESVILLE.

We spent last Wednesday in Statesville. On our arrival Tuesday night, we found Elder Goslin in full blast, conducting a protracted meeting. The meeting seemed to be quite interesting, having four or five conversions that night. After plodding around in the mud some time in the dark, we found ourselves well out among the oaks under the roof of that good old Christian, Mr. Hiram Allison.

Wednesday morning we visited Mr. D. R. Stoke's school, and found a goodly number of boys and girls busy with books and slates. After leaving Stokes we found the school we were looking for. The one in the Methodist Church, taught by Miss Annie Walker, one of the most accomplished teachers in this section. Here we found everything in working order, and the children moved by the sound of the bell. In this school there are 87 enrolled pupils, and they are thoroughly taught.

We find the colored people around here in tolerable circumstances, many of them owning their little homes, and a few in small business for themselves. The old town shows its age, though a new house sets about here and there.

Mr. R. D. Bailey has a nice little grocery store in the lower part of the colored masonic building. Mrs. Gay is fitting up a nice two-story building, and after two or three weeks it will not be so hard for a stranger to get lodging in the town.

The town is liberally wet, politically speaking, being the headquarters of this collection district, and having a set of coalition-liberal wet municipal officers.

LIBERALISM.

While we do not intend to turn our attention to party nor factional fights just now, we will say we hope the leads of liberal of coalition party will use some discretion in the management of affairs so far as the colored man is concerned. It is feared that the colored man's chances are worse than with the old republican party. Our attention is often called to the dismissal of some colored

man in government service whose place is filled by a liberal. To the names of Schenck, Woodward and Harlie, we add Henry Hall late agent on the C. C. Road who was removed to make a place for a faithful liberal from Bladen county, which was one of the strongest counties west of the Cape Fear.

It is absolutely necessary for the republican party to unite if they hope to succeed in '84. It is necessary for the leaders to respect the colored voters of the State if they mean to count on the colored vote. We hope to see what is known as the Keogh and the Mott factions united and agreeing, but the liberals had better learn one thing very soon, the colored people have been badly disappointed in them.

We have been maltreated and insulted by them, and by the eternal, we are not going to continue to submit to all the insults and injustices and then be driven to the polls and voted against our own wishes for the sake of a few selfish disaffected democrats.

We were told to our teeth a few days ago that the MESSENGER is run in the interests of the democratic party. Not so. But the MESSENGER nor the friends of the colored people—true republicans white and colored, are not going to be sneered at and driven against their consciences in that manner. The MESSENGER is supported by the money and general sentiment of the colored people and we are determined to defend them to the best of our ability. We know our strength and we know what our people want. Let the liberals throw every colored man out of office and then they will know their true situation without being told. We are republicans at heart. We regret it is our peculiar nature to be somewhat muleish, but sensible men must use common sense in their dealing with us.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
 Feb. 7, 1883.

Every one wishes to know what disposition will be made of the tariff bill but its outcome is as yet purely a matter of conjecture. Representative Carlisle, of Kentucky, says that the passage of a tariff bill at this session is a physical impossibility. On the other hand it is said that the Republicans of the House will permit the discussion to go on long enough to satisfy the country beyond all dispute that the Democrats will defeat the bill if possible, and then they will turn in and pass it as it came from the Ways and Means Committee. It cannot be denied that the large proportion of advanced thinkers of both parties are at heart in favor of a protective tariff and in fact I find upon investigation that almost every member of the House, has his own pet industry, which must be protected against the long-established and well-appointed manufacturing houses of foreign countries. As a party, however, the Republicans appear before the country in the interest of protection while the Democrats are associated with free trade. The legitimate object of the protective tariff is and should be the stimulus defence and support to American industries, and not as is often fallaciously urged the means of high wages, a thing which is always determined by the relations of demand and supply in labor. If such a tariff gave to the workingmen of this country high wages, why are wages higher in free-trade England than in protective Germany and in our own country; higher in the West than in the East. The farmers, working-men and shop hands should not be deceived by the eloquent but subtle and sophistic harangues of their professed Republican friends who advance the high tariff theory. The presence of monopolists' agents in the lobbies, and millionaires in the Halls of Congress, forebodes more evil to the people than any re-

duction from the present high tariff laws. In the proportion that millionaires and the heads of large manufacturing houses gravitate towards Congress, will the tariff of this country become distinctively high protective.

Senator Logan, who is a tremendous worker, gave notice in the Senate Saturday that he would offer an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill providing that the act to place colored soldiers on the same footing as other soldiers as to bounty and pensions, be so construed as to extend to and include the heirs of such soldiers in their claims for military service; and that the accounting officers of the treasury be authorized and directed to readjust the claims of such heirs as would have been entitled to and who have been denied the benefit of said act.

The Committee on Elections have given an adverse decision in the case of Lee vs. Richardson, yet it is gratifying to know that Representative Calkins, of Indiana, Chairman of that committee, has introduced a bill to provide for the payment to him of \$4,713 as contesting expenses. Lynch and Smalls will receive, according to the bill, \$2,829 and \$3,842 respectively, as their contesting expenses.

The Marriage of Brevet. Lieut. Coppinger, Major tenth infantry, United States army, to Miss Alice S. Blaine, eldest daughter of Hon. James G. Blaine, took place at the residence of the bride's parents yesterday at noon, and also of R. J. W. Coons, of Philadelphia, to Miss Mary W. Brewster, stepdaughter of the Attorney-General, at the Epiphany church last evening. The most fashionable, wealthy and cultured of the society which America affords including President Arthur and cabinet were in attendance at these weddings.

At the Bethel Library Society last evening, Mr. Cardozo read a scholarly and interesting paper, entitled "An Evening with Shakespeare." Mr. Cardozo is, it is needless to state, one of the most thoroughly educated men we have, having been graduated at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Dr. Robt. Purvis has sworn out a warrant against W. C. Chase, of the Bee, for criminal libel. It appears that the defendant charged upon Dr. Robt. Purvis with pretending friendship to the colored race and Republican party, receiving \$3,000 per annum out of poor negro earnings, while circulating a paper for Democrats, who were negro haters, etc. The case came up to-day in the Police court, but Judge Snell said the question was one for a jury, and it was sent to the Grand Jury.

Mr. George C. Scurlock, of Fayetteville, is in this city, having been appointed to a \$1,000 clerkship in the Pension Office. E. L. T.

An effort is being made to take the election of the mayor of our city from the people and give it to the Aldermen, having the board to consist of thirteen instead of twelve, the odd man to come from the First ward. When that is done the work of depriving the people of their suffrage will be about complete so far as this city is concerned.

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TRAIN No. 1 GOING WEST.	
Leave	Wilmington, 5:30 p.m.
..	Lumberton, 7:37 p.m.
..	Laurensburg, 9:35 a.m.
..	Hamlet, 11:32 a.m.
..	Wadesboro, 1:42 a.m.
..	Monroe, 3:44 a.m.
..	Mathews, 5:58 a.m.
..	Charlotte, 7:40 a.m.
Arrive	Tuckasee, 9:42 a.m.
..	Lincolnton, 11:38 a.m.
..	Shelby, 1:42 a.m.
TRAIN No. 2 GOING EAST.	
Leave	Shelby, 1:48 p.m.
..	Lincolnton, 3:52 p.m.
..	Tuckasee, 5:52 p.m.
..	Charlotte, 7:54 p.m.
..	Mathews, 9:57 p.m.
..	Monroe, 11:57 p.m.
..	Wadesboro, 1:45 a.m.
..	Hamlet, 3:48 a.m.
..	Laurensburg, 5:52 a.m.
..	Lumberton, 7:52 a.m.
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 To take Effect on Monday,
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UP.		
(DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)	Arrive.	Leave.
Fayetteville,	4:40 p.m.	4:45 p.m.
Little River,	5:10 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
Spout Springs,	6:05 p.m.	6:10 p.m.
Swann's Station,	6:35 p.m.	6:55 p.m.
Jonesboro,	7:05 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
Sanford,	7:45 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Guilf,	8:20 p.m.	
DOWN.		
(DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY)	Arrive.	Leave.
Guilf,	6:15 a.m.	6:20 a.m.
Sanford,	6:45 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Jonesboro,	7:20 a.m.	7:35 a.m.
Swann's Station,	8:00 a.m.	8:05 a.m.
Spout Springs,	8:55 a.m.	9:05 a.m.
Little River,	9:30 a.m.	9:35 a.m.
Fayetteville,	10:15 a.m.	

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