

YORK and SCALES at DURHAM. Since the Gubernatorial canvass opened at Newton we have had varying reports from the joint discussions of the candidates but far the greater portion of all that has been written is circulation of reports of York's "utter incompetency, lack of dignity, ability and honesty" wound up with the "skinning" of York &c. Now Dr. York appeared upon the platform at Durham without scratch or scar after having tussled with Scales. Jarvis, Vance, Morehead and Scales again, and he toed the line promptly at the appointed time and charmed his friends and stunned his enemies in two hours of charming political discussion. Gen. Scales is still suffering from his late injury and delivered part of his speech while sitting; when he desired to put in an extra amount of vim he rose to his feet and used his stick to point toward heaven as the source of such help as his party and himself needed. As a speaker we should class Scales with Jarvis although not his equal as a campaigner. He is not a pleasant speaker when he over-taxes his voice but after the labors in that line for the past two months no man can appear before an audience at his best-this hot and dusty weather is laborious and we are not disposed to leave this inated by the conventions of the Libcondition out in any consideration of his merits as a speaker. He is an improvement over Jarvis in that nature has made him of more favored countenance, still the polished Steadman can give him large odds even in that line. Scales opened the discussion with his unbounded love for North Carolina but hurrying on, at the end of an hour and a half had reviewed York's public record and so misstated his public acts as to give the impression that York had no sympathy for anything meritorious in any measure, no matter how important and was not entitled to be regarded as the friend of progress, education or humanity. When a Bill came before the Legislature to compromise the state debt at \$3,4000,000 York had offered to amend it to be read \$4,000,000: had voted against the Morganton and Goldsboro Insane Assylums and turned his back upon that unfortunate class. Then he called the roll of his old soldiers so to speak and told them with all the power and pathos that could be summoned for the occasion that York had voted in the Legislature against an appropriation to supply missing limbs with artificial ones-a measure so just the South in free trade died with it." and humane that he even paid his col- bill to allow \$4,000,000 as he feared

ored listeners the compliment of saying that he was willing to trust such a measure to their humanity and their votes. For the edification of the audience he questioned Dr. York as to his position in politics: asked him to a laudation of Gen. Scales and the say if he were republican or democrat and went through quite a number of questions to which he received no answer: his time having expired he retired to the rear of the stage and York the "Blue Jeans Williams" of North Carolina came to the platform. All ears were now opened to catch every word for he stood there with Scales' estimate fresh upon him and the audience wondered what defense if any he could offer. He started off with a little boasting which can be readily and generously excused in view of the fact that for two months past he has been the shining mark for the poisoned and venomed arrows of an unscrupulous partisan press with no word of truth, justice or decency for him. He opened by saying that for twenty years he had been in public life-had never sought office, had no aspiration for the position to which he was nominated and consulting his own tastes and desires would have preferred to have remained in his present district enjoying the confidence of speaking day in and out, traveling in his mountain friends and joining in their plain habits and methods. Nomeral Democrats, and Republicans he accepted their nominations not till he had received thousands of letters urging his acceptance and had satisfied himself that the PEOPLE desired him to make the race. Then he gave forth his assent to the platforms of these two parties and upon those platforms he stood squarely and without reservation. In his letter of acceptance he had indorsed the Chicago platform and the nomination of Blaine and Logan. He opened the political subject by forcing the tariff to the front at once as the great National issue. His presentation of the policy of Protection was as interesting, instructive, pointed and convincing as it well could be: he handled it as a master, and it will be a long time before our people hear anything surpassing it in directness and force. He charged the democratic party with the responsibility of not passing the "Blair Educational Bill" which had already passed a Republican Senate. Under this bill North Carolina would have been entitled to \$5.700,000 available at once and to last eight years: replying to Scales' charges he explained that he offered to amend the debt compromise

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Let the democrats do the hurrahing; let the republicans and liberals go to work-this is what will tell.

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