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## LOCALS.

Knowledge the corn Bro. Battle, the printer. A confession is good out.

Editor of the Goldsboro Star is a editor, but he knows how to copy out credit-void our paragraph on A. B. Andrews.

Bros. Lacy and Bruce of the Wash- ington Sunday Item are making it warm some of the anti-Republicans in the sary Department.

The speculative insurance men have 1 \$150,000 on the life of Mrs. Eliza- ber, of Amity township, Burke coun- ty is 88 years of age.

War again at Sauls X Roads—one shoots Benaiah Ellis in the head—and a colored man whose name we not learned was arrested and bound court.

W. T. Dortce, of Wayne, has 1 chairman of the committee laws of the State. The code- ure will be taken as the ba- ons will be held at Salisbury.

ertainment at the Town Hall- vening by the colored Min- quite good. Profs. Gilliam- an were the principals in the- taken. Try it again. The Hall- a by white and colored spectators.

Carolina women have some- are denied to the men. A- wo- was arrested recently for- ng a pistol, and discharged on the- ound that the law prohibiting the car- rying of concealed weapons applies only to men.

—We learn that Augustus Skinner who- lived south of the river was killed by lightning, on the 14th inst. Our infor- mant says that he was standing in his barn yard at time he was stricken down, and- k of the same current went- and killed his dog and

—The public school fund of Indiana last year amounted to \$9,065,254.73, and the average attendance upon the schools was 321,659. The State has ninety-two county school superintendents, nearly all of whom met in convention in Indianapo- lis last week. A plan was submitted for uniting the public school systems of the State with the University.

ANOTHER ONE LEGGED BOY.—On the night of the 12th inst. little Sam Moore v- t out to meet the ten o'clock train and- opting to board it while in motion slipped and fell under it and had his left leg cut off just below the knee joint. Sam is a little yellow boy that has been staying around town for some time sleeping upon the streets or anywhere that he could find a place. He says his mother lives in Greene county.

—The Editor of the STAR will visit Beaufort and other places on the line of the Atlantic Railroad next week. The following week towns on the line of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. The West will then be scoured from one end to the other. We expect three thousand subscribers within the next six months. We also propose to come out weekly and enlarge to a twenty four column paper—all for \$1.00.

\$2,200 FOR A WAGON.—Our city fathers have just purchased what they call a Chemical Fire Engine and paid, we are informed, the sum of \$2,200 for it. But instead of its being a Chemical Fire Engine it is a Chemical Humbug, and will turn out so in the end. We have had perhaps more experience in a fire department than any other man in Goldsboro, and know these Engines to be first class humbugs. Suppose that this soda fountain of a thing was put to work upon such a fire as that when Mr. Jno. R. Smith's house was burned, what effect would it have upon the flames in such a fire? A simpleton can answer this as well as the wisest citizen in our city. Why did not our city fathers put three hundred dollars more to the twenty-two hundred, and purchase a first class fire engine? Again the men that compose the company are not the class of men to work around a fire; a man to be a good fireman needs to be a hard fisted working man, not clerks and lawyers as this is. "A new broom sweeps clean," and this august company may last six months—or until the first big fire we have—and then it will cease or collapse, and the next thing we know some colored parties will form a company and have a little fun for a short while, after which Needham K. Everett will get the wagon part, Messrs. Griffin Bros. the soda fountains and John Cook the ladders—and thus goes twenty-two hundred dollars of the peoples' money.

At a meeting of the Central Com- mittee of the Anti-Prohibitionists of Wayne county the following perman- ent organization was effected:  
A. Lehman, Chm'n.  
Ed. Griswold, } Secs.  
B. S. Stevens, }  
Campaign Committee:  
R. D. Holt, A. Lehman, C. A. Scott, J. W. Edwards, E. J. Hines and J. F. Dobson.

KINSTON, July, 12, 1881.

Dear Editor:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to state to the many readers that the Seven Lord's Day in July the condolence of the most esteemed Bishop Clinton were expressed by the meeting of a large congregation from both town and country at the A. M. E. Zion church in Kinston.

After being comfortably seated, we looked around and beheld nicely arranged streamers of white and black, the black representing sym- pathy and mourning, while the white was an emblem of purity.

The text was from 126 Psalm, 6 verse; read 127. The choir sang an appropriate hymn. Rev. A. G. Kesler preached the condolence ser- mon, and showed his vast experience acquired by travel in the North and South, and showed that he had at heart AGENDA and that he was going forth to meet those who he had labored with, and his labor was not in vain, and he has gone forth to reap his reward from Him who rewards the faithful. No doubt before now he has been made to ecce homo, and where I hope to meet him.

Yours fraternally,  
L. H. FISHER.

## THE PRESIDENTS ATTEMPT- ED ASSASSINATION— WHAT IT TEACHES.

Like the shock of an electric cur- rent, the intelligence has reached our ears that the life of the Chief Executive of the Nation has been attempted. Without expatiating upon the career and conduct of his would-be assassin, Guiteau, we are urged to inquire what means so as- tounding a tragedy? In the history of the Republic, the inhabitants thereof have been thrice thrown into convulsions by the visitation of

such sudden calamities. Only in one did the assassin accomplish his aim. The first was not wholly dis- similar to the last. In the former the pistol, in two attempts, failed to fire—when President Jackson's life was attempted. In the latter the miscreant succeeds in firing twice, and still leaves hope for the recovery of the object of his spite. But in- tervening these two cases is another, with which the entire universe is acquainted—the assassination of Lincoln. The facts of this case are so fresh that no incident in it re- quires to be brought to remembrance now. Its history is like a birth- day, remembered never to be forgot- ten. It was rumored that Harrison did not die a natural death, and sus- picion was long entertained that political enmity wrought his tragic end. The hero of Tippecanoe, at all events, only survived one month of Presidential life.

In Jackson's case a factious po- litical spirit made the attempt upon his life possible, representing as he did one of the great political parties of his time. In Harrison's case jealousy engendered by his honora- ble achievements, both in peace and war, backed by popular support and applause, aggravated an opposition in his own party that made his early death possible. With Lincoln, an embittered sectional prejudice re- sulting from a civil war that had de- luded the country in the blood of its choicest sons, rendered his chances of life extremely doubtful at best, so that when he was assassina- ted, while many were startled, oth- ers expressed but little surprise. He had previously frustrated a premed- itated design to take his life at Bal- timore. Those were stormy, revolt- ing times, when all was excitement and alarm. With Garfield the times are different, the condition of the country different, and our relations with all parts of the world different. It is indeed a season of profound peace and prosperity. Factious partisanship has of course assumed huge proportions, but even that af- fords no just cause for such desper- ate action. Viewed in the light of passing events the crime is as- tounding, and speaks poorly for the future of the Republic. On this point I for once, agree with Ex-Sen- ator Conkling, that a law should be enacted providing that "Whenever the lives of the heads of the Nation, are attempted, the person or persons thus attempting should suffer death, and that such a law should be rigor- ously enforced."

Indeed there is some excuse for Nihilism in Russia, where power concentrates into the hands of the few; but there is no excuse for efforts similar to those of the Nihilists in our country, where power rests in the hands of many—where government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. Yes there was some reason offered for the destruc- tion of the life of the Czar, but there are no mitigating circumstances at all adducible, for the attempted as- sassination of President Garfield.

It is *reductio ad absurdum* to in- sist that Guiteau was, or is, insane, either emotionally or otherwise, in view of the deeply laid plan as de- picted by himself. He was cautious and deliberate in his effort to miti- late and destroy his intended victim. His very demeanor indicated revenge because of disappointment and malig- nity.

We congratulate the President, his family and the entire country, upon the prospect of his ultimate re- covery from an attack so severe and wounds so serious. His warm re- ception of a delegation of colored men from our State, just a fortnight previous to this dread assault, ingra- tiated him into my favor and affec- tion, and, should he live, his future career will, in my opinion, prove the grandest and most remarkable of any President's since the birth of the Republic. In the meantime while millions of us are praying for his recovery, let us also pray for the continuance of an administration so auspiciously begun.

JNO. C. DANCY,  
Tarboro, N. C., July 9, 1881.

—The trade of Goldsboro bids fair to be very good the approaching Fall. Our trade is enlarging. We hear of contem- plated wholesale houses and of wholesale departments in several lines. All our merchants have to do is to advertise, push their trade, extend their acquaintance and keep good stocks.

## THE LAW OF PRESIDENTIAL VA- CANCIES.

[From the Goldsboro Messenger.]

Should the President die, which now seems unlikely and which Heaven fore- fend, and in any manner the office of the Vice-President become vacant, it is inter- esting to know what the law is for filling the vacancies.

Article II. of the Constitution is as fol- lows:

"In case of the removal of the Presi- dent from office or his death, resignation or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve upon the Vice-President, and the Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation or inability both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accord- ingly until the disability be removed or a President shall be elected."

The power of filling vacancies is thus left by the Constitution with Congress. Before the end of Washington's first Ad- ministration the necessity for legislation under this provision became apparent. In 1792 an act was passed. Under Title III., Chapter 1, Section 146 of the United States Revised Statutes we find the terms of this important act of Congress:

"In the case of removal, resignation or inability of both the President and Vice- President of the United States, the Presi- dent of the Senate, or, if there is none, the Speaker of the House of Representa- tives, for the time being, shall act as President until the disability is removed or a President elected."

"Whenever the offices of President and Vice-President both become vacant the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause a notification thereof to be made to the Executive of every State, and shall also cause the same to be published in at least one of the newspapers printed in each State."

The notification shall specify that elec- tors of a President and Vice-President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen in the several States, as follows:

"First. If there shall be the space of two months yet to ensue between the date of such notification and the first Wednes- day in December then next ensuing, such notification shall specify that the electors shall be appointed or chosen within thirty- four days preceding such first Wednesday in December.

"If there shall not be two months be- tween the date of the notification and the first Wednesday in December then the electors are to be chosen in the correspond- ing period of the following year, except when the term for which the President and Vice-President were elected would ex- pire in the following March, in which case, of course, no special election would be held."

The Senate having failed to elect a President *pro tempore* and there being no Speaker of the House of Representatives, there is absolutely no provision for filling a vacancy should Mr. Arthur die or resign, except by special election. It is seen from the above provisions of the law that an election could not be held under any cir- cumstances before thirty-four days pre- ceding the time of the annual meeting of Congress in December.

The fathers of the Constitution did not contemplate such a state of things as the present, or if they did they supposed that Congress would make some provision for meeting it. The failure of the act of '92 to designate some other officer to fill a vacancy failing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, leaves the republic without an executive head while the provisions with regard to an election are being carried out. It is a nice ques- tion whether the heads of departments, mere secretaries under the President, serving at his personal will, and going out when he retires from office, can perform any duties except by sufferance after the death of one Chief Magistrate and before another is inaugurated or even elected. When the act of 1792 gave the Secretary of State the power to notify the State Governors it intended to clothe him with an authority for that one particular, nec- essary act.

## OF WHAT PERSUASION.

In terrible agony a soldier lay dying in the hospital. A visitor asked him:

"What church are you of?"  
"Of the Church of Christ," he replied.

"I mean of what persuasion are you?" then inquired the visitor.

"Persuasion!" said the dying man, as his eyes looked heavenward, beaming with love to the Saviour. "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus."— Selected.

## Anti-Prohibition Meetings.

The citizens of Wayne county, without regard to color, are requested to meet at the following times and places, where the so-called prohibition bill will be discus- sed. This is an important issue, and able speakers will be in attendance:

- Grantham's, Wednesday.....July 20
- Fork, Thursday..... " 21
- Indian Springs, Friday..... " 22
- Sauls X Roads, Saturday..... " 23
- New Hope, Monday..... " 25
- Saulston, Tuesday..... " 26
- Stoney Creek, Wednesday..... " 27
- Great Swamp, Thursday..... " 28
- Pikeville, Friday..... " 29
- Dudley, Saturday, (10 a. m.)..... " 30
- Mt. Olive, Saturday, (3 p. m.)..... " 30
- Rayners Mill, Monday..... Aug. 1
- Fremont, Tuesday..... " 2
- Seven Springs, Wednesday..... " 3
- Goldsboro, Wednesday (night).... " 3

Come One! Come All!!  
C. F. R. KORNEGAY,  
Chm'n Anti-Pro. Association.  
We are informed that Goo. W. PRICE, Jr., of Wilmington, will speak at Grantham's Store on Wednesday, July 20.

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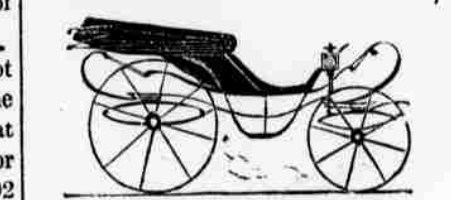
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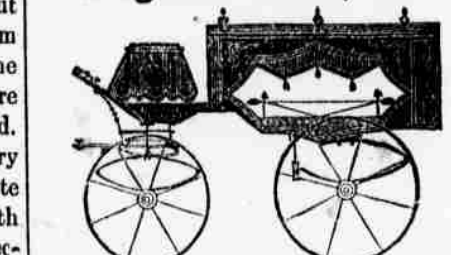


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