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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA SOLDIERS.

In the Confederate Veteran for October Mr. J. Cooper of Fairfax county, Virginia, gave an account of what is known as the battle of Game's Mill, one of the fiercest battles around Richmond in the famous seven days.

The bill looking to providing good roads for New Hanover has passed the house. Let this end of the state keep up with the other progressive counties. New Hanover cannot afford to allow Mecklenburg to distance it completely in macadam roads.

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STATE NEWS.

That it is impossible to legislate whiskey out of any community few deny, and we dare say there is not today a lot of men in North Carolina where a man's thirst for "fire water" cannot be appeased.

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