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NORTH CAROLINA.

The Week's News in the "Old North State."

..A subscriber quit the Franklin *Times* because the editor declined to take a drink with him.

..Guilford college trustees give President Hobbs a vacation and trip to Europe, says the Winston *Daily*.

..The *Sun* says that in Durham last Friday one man paid another 25 cents which he had owed him for 18 years.

..The Legislature is asked for a law requireing that the Governor publish names of petitioners for pardons of convicted persons.

..A. Robbins, postmaster at Windsor, Bertie county, is short in his accounts and the office has been turned over to his sureties.

..A Maryland oyster pirate was captured in Jones' Bay Pamlico county, by the North Carolina patrol. The crew were locked up in jail.

..It is said that the finest kind of roofing slate is found in Cherokee county near the Tennessee line down the Hiwassee river, and that the great Smoky mountains are full of fine fire clay.

..The democratic members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress have met and resolved to urge the election of representative McClammy of N. C. to the clerkship of the next House.

..The libel suit of Hon. John M. Brower against the Reidsville *Review* has been settled by the publishers of the *Review* signing a card stating that the charge published against Mr. Brower was untrue.

..You can't beat Zeb. Vance in North Caliny. It looks like they will send his ghost to the Senate even after he is dead. It will only be a question of whether or not the ghost wants it.—Basic City, Va., *Advance*.

..Mr. Thrash recently sold his farm in Cherokee county, which four years ago he bought for $4,000, for $25,000. He was recently offered $38,000 for the Londes farm, an advance of $6,000 over what it cost him, but he refused the offer.

..The *Workman* learns that there has just been organized at Greensboro Female college, under the charge of Miss Thaxton, a competent lady of Danville, Va., a dress making department, and that it has started off most admirably.—Greensboro *Workman*.

..James Lane, of Mills River, Henderson county, was found dead last week, at Murry's Mill, with his head crushed. He had been tending the mill and it is supposed that his apron caught in the machinery and drew him in. He leaves a wife and several children —Asheville *Democrat*.

..A special train of seven cars, all loaded with Maine yankees, passed through the city to-day. The excursionists were bound for Tallapoosa, Ga., on a prospecting trip. The crowd was a large one and was composed of a good looking set of men.—Charlotte *News*.

..Mr. Morris Long, formerly of Charlotte, married last month Miss Kansas Smith, daughter of Mr. Robert Smith, near Waco, in this county. He was a corps January 31st, 1891, in ten days after his nuptials. His first wife died two months prior to his second marriage. Mr. Long was a son of Wm. Long, of Gaston.

..A little girl walked up street Monday and a gentleman noticed that she dropped a little purse She was hailed by him and informed of the fact. She disclaimed the purse. Curiosity led the gentleman to pick it up. An examination showed the contents to be nothing but several warts. Some one was obeying the teaching of superstition in getting rid of some warts. The cure is effective, at least until the warts grow out again.—Concord *Standard*.

..A man named Shoemaker, from Wilkes, was driving along the Charlotte public road, Tuesday, a spiked team and a load of whiskey for N. D. White, of Monroe, and as he was passing a point near Derita, Mecklenburg county, a man on the roadside was felling trees. A big one "lit" on Mr. Shoemaker's wagon and split it wide open right square in the middle. A stream of white corn liquor burst out and saturated the earth and the coons in the neighborhood drank copiously. At last accounts the question of damages was still pending.—Statesville *Landmark*.

..The *Chatam Record* says: The most peculiar process that we have ever seen issued by any court, is a summons issued by a magistrate of this county against a dead person. This summons commands the constable "to summon Louisa Jordan, deceased, and heirs to appear," etc. The constable not being able to serve the summons wrote on the back of it the following return: "Returned not executed for the reason that it appears from the face of the summons that the defendant has gone to that land from which no traveller returns and this official doubts the jurisdiction of the court as to the subject matter. Besides we are told that between us and the defendant there is a great gulf fixed so that they which would pass from thence cannot."

THE LEGISLATURE.

A Summary of Important Measures Introduced in Both Houses.

SENATE.

Thirty-Sixth Day.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Holt.

The journal of Wednesday was approved.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Avery, a bill to amend chapter 224 laws of 1887, concerning the carrying of concealed weapons by detective officers.

By Mr. Butler, a bill placing the assessing and valuing of the property of railroads for taxation under the railroad commission of North Carolina.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The six per cent interest bill came up at 11 o'clock as the special order for that hour.

Amendments exempting from the provisions of the bill the counties of Buncombe, Madison, McDowell, Burke Forsyth, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Cherokee, Clay, Mitchell, Stokes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, New Hanover, Pender, Mecklenburg, Rockingham, Craven, Carteret, Jones, Onslow, Durham, Person, Caswell, Alamance, Cumberland, Harnett.

A spirited argument arose upon these amendments, engaged in by Messrs. Avery, Bellamy, Green of Harnett, Allen of Granville, Turner, McLean, Ardry, Parker, Twitty, Gilman.

Mr. Aycock sent up an amendment providing that before the provisions of this bill shall go into effect the matter of 6 per cent. or 8 per cent. shall be submitted to a vote of the people to be submitted at the next general election for members of the General Assembly.

Mr. McLean submitted a substitute that section 3,835 3,835 of the Code be amended so that 8 per cent. contracts shall apply to *cash loans only*.

Mr. Griggsby offered an amendment. to strike out in section 3,835 of the Code the words "eight per cent." and insert "ten per cent."

Mr. Williams, of Pitt, closed the debate in the effort of his long senatorial life. With those feelings of great love for the old State of North Carolina, he had five years ago introduced this bill, and now, with the desire to do the greatest good to the greatest number, with kindest feelings for all, and with malice toward none, he had fought along this line till today, and the great gathering of the klans had been heard from until the demands of this hour was money at a low rate of interest. When I first introduced this bill I had but three or four votes as followers: now the cry goes out from the agricultural classes for some help from the shylocks of the land. There was no use talking about the interest laws—the people desired a low rate of interest.

The question being upon the amendments exempting the above named counties upon a call of the yeas and nays, the vote stood—20 yeas and 20 nays.

The President being of the opinion that Senators know what their constituents wished, he would vote aye, and the provisions of the bill will not apply to the counties named above.

Mr. King moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter. Lost.

Mr. Bellamy made an urgent appeal to exempt New Hanover and Pender from the provisions of the bill.

The ayes and noes were called for on New Hanover and Pender.

Mr. Turner moved, upon the pending motion, to lay upon the table.

Mr. Turner's motion to lay upon the table prevailed—ayes 24, noes 10.

And the six per cent. interest bill went to the wall.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was called to order by Speaker Doughton. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Robeson.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Beck, to empower county commissioners to prohibit the sale of liquor in certain disticts.

Mr. Sutton, to supply official stenographers to the Superior courts of the State.

CALENDAR.

To compel railroads to pay the expenses of coroners' inquests, and of burial of persons killed on their roads. Tabled.

Mr. Woods, motion to reconsider Senate bill 200, being a bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of magistrates, was adopted.

The bill gives jurisdiction in cases of affrays, &c., "where no serious damage is done."

Mr. Sutton offered to amend so that the bill should not apply to towns and cities.

Mr. Bryan moved to amend as follows: Provided, this act shall not apply to affrays, &c., where guns, &c., were used. Both amendments were lost, and the bill was passed.

To incorporate the Manufacturers and Merchants Fire Insurance company of Winston. Passed.

Message from the Governor announcing the death of Hon. C. R. Thomas, a trustee of the University.

To establish the county of Richland, out of a portion of Beaufort county.

Mr. Bryan, of Wayne, advocated it.

Mr. Skinner urgently advocated it. And so did Mr. Wood.

Messrs. Henry, Sutton, Cox and others opposed the measure.

The bill passed the second reading. Ayes, 48; noes, 42.

To amend section 1840, of the Code, in relation to husband's interest in wife's land. It exempts from sale under judgment against the husband, lands held in curtesy, where there is a minor child of the wife living with the father.

Explained by Mr. Sutton and Mr. Watson, of Roberson.

Mr. Mann thought the bill was a restriction on the power of alienation, and did not strike him favorably.

Mr. Skinner moved to postpone until Saturday next. Carried.

NIGHT SESSION.

The House met last night at 8 o'clock and was called to order by Speaker Doughton.

The calendar was proceeded with and the following bills were passed:

Bill relating to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace. Tabled.

Resolution to pay members of railroad investigating committee per diem and mileage and $100 each for services. Adopted.

Bill to improve the labor system in North Carolina. Tabled.

Bill to reduce the fees of Registers of Deeds on marriage license. Tabled.

Bill to prevent county commissioners to allow extra fees to county officers. Tabled.

Bill to expedite trials in courts of justices of the peace in certain cases. Tabled.

SENATE.

Thirty-Ninth Day.

The Senate was called to order by Senator Turner and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. L. L. Nash, of this city.

The journal of Thursday was read and approved.

Bills and resolutions introduced, read the first time and disposed of as follows:

By Mr. Speight, bill to provide for the collection, arrangement and display of the products of the State of North Carolina at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and to make an appropriation therefor. Finance.

By Mr. Twitty, a bill to prevent stock from running at large in certain months in a portion of Rutherford county. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Mitchell, a bill to increase the public school fund. Education.

By Mr. Griggsby, a bill relating to the working of public roads. Propositions and grievances. Also to lay off and construct a public road through the counties of Wilkes and Ashe. Propositions and grievances.

SPECIAL ORDER.

S. B. 385, to establish a geological survey of the State.

Mr. Turner, the introducer of the bill, spoke at some length in support of it. He thought it would be the means of bringing more capital into the State than any other means could accomplish.

Mr. Twitty favored the bill, and thought it the most important one that would come before the General Assembly.

Mr. Bell heartily favored the bill.

Mr. Ardrey sent to the Clerk's desk and had read letters from the editor of the Baltimore *Manufacturers' Record*, Hon. Z. B. Vance and Mr. E. Fuller, urging the necessity of having such a survey for the State.

Mr. Ardrey spoke in support of the measure. He thought it of the greatest importance to have such a survey.

Mr. Bellamy thought that North Carolina was to-day the richest State in the Union. He thought that with a geological survey North Carolina could in a few years reduce its rate of taxation to one third of what it is at the present. He did not know of a more valuable investment.

Mr. Galloway was heartily in favor of the bill.

Mr. Aycock called the previous question, which was sustained, and the bill passed its second and third reading.

S. B. 381, to maintain the Agricultural and Mechanical College; (that is, to incorporate the said college and to appropriate the sum of $15,000.)

The bill passed its second reading and on motion of Mr. Aycock went over until tomorrow.

H. B. 91, S. B. 190, to incorporate the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co., located at Morganton, N. C., passed third reading.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was called to order by Speaker Doughton. Prayer by Rev. Dr. L. L. Nash.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Reed, to provide for the election of tax collectors for the several counties.

By Mr. Reed, to incorporate Buena Vista.

By Mr. Banner, to amend the law in regard to roads in Mitchell county.

By Mr. Biddix, to incorporate the Marion Bank and Industrial Co.

By Mr. Buchanan, to regulate the sale of liquor on prescriptions by physicians.

By Mr. Beck, to regulate the charges of doctors.

CALENDAR.

Resolution to prohibit the introducing of any bill after February 24, except by the consent of three-fourths of the members.

Mr. Sutton thought it a dangerous measure; Mr. Hopkins favored it; Mr. Williams urged its adoption; Mr. Bryan opposed it and so did Mr. Morton; and Mr. Alexander thought it ought to be referred to the committee on rules. It was so ordered.

Mr. McClure offered a resolution that on Saturday and Monday only bills requiring roll calls be put on the calendar. Adopted.

To incorporate the county of Richlands.

Mr. Grier thought we ought to have no new counties. Mr. Morton argued against it. Mr. Wood for it. Mr. Henry against it. Mr. Pritchard argued in favor of the new county. Mr. Sutton replied to Mr. Pritchard. Mr. Morton spoke in opposition to the bill. Messrs. Perry, Alexander, Ray, Holman, Henry, Bryan and others also discussed the bill.

The vote was then taken by ayes and noes upon the passage of the bill and it failed to pass by a vote of ayes 34; nays 66.

NIGHT SESSION.

The House met at 8 o'clock p. m., Speaker Doughton in the chair, and proceeded with the calendar as follows:

Bill to provide for the passage of fish in Catawba river. Passed.

Bill to have the State Librarian to have painted for the State Library an oil portrait of Henry Lawson Wyatt, first Confederate soldier killed, at a cost of $300. Passed.

Bill to provide in cases of mortgage foreclosures that sufficient provision for thirty days shall be left by the sheriff. Passed by vote of 48 to 24.

SENATE.

Fortieth Day.

The Senate was called to order by Lieut. Gov. Holt, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall, of Christ Church. Reading of the Journal dispensed with.

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.

Section 1, article 10 of Mr. Long's bill to amend the Constitution so that a man may waive his homestead was taken up.

On motion of Mr. McLarty the bill was made a special order for next Tuesday at 12 o'clock.

THE A. & M. COLLEGE.

On motion of Mr. Paine the vote by which the bill, appropriating $15,000 yearly to the A. & M. College passed was reconsidered. When the motion was carried the bill was read.

Mr. Turner took the floor and said he was in favor of increasing the public school fund. The great need is to help the poor boys and girls, and he preferred that to increasing the fund for a liberal education. We have been neglecting our duty to public schools. If you will give a boy a common education he will find a higher education. We are advancing more rapidly for liberal education than for public schools. Our statistics on education are very low. I would raise the limitation of taxation so that we could make better common schools. North Carolina is nourishing higher institutions of learning at the sacrifice of our public schools.

Mr. Greene, of Wake, said the A. & M. College was seeking to educate and elevate the agricultural calling of the State. I did hope that no one would antagonize the appropriation of $15,000. We want to teach the ignorant farmers how to farm scientifically, and every patriotic citizen ought to help us to do so. The manhood has largely been taken out of the farmer. His occupation is unremunerative. If a man is educated at this College, he will carry the influence of better farming to his neighbors and all will be benefitted. I believe the work of the College is carried on well. I have enough children to fill one end of the building, but I am not able to send them. I plead for the youth of the country.

Mr. Turner, my people oppose this appropriation, and if we increase as contemplated we will be compelled to increase taxation to 30 cents on the $100 worth of property. We will leave no margin for the counties, and the next Legislature will have to levy special taxes. The people will not be willing to increase taxation.

I am not criticising the A. & M. College, but we ought to educate the masses first, and let it wait. Why go back on the copperas breeches boys and calico girls and favor those who have higher education? The safety of the State is in the boys and girls who are not able to leave home and go to any college. The common schools are open only sixty days, and if you will look into the poor homes of the State and see the children growing up in ignorance, you will see that we ought to give every cent to the schools that are within their reach.

A. & M. College has now annually $16,000 and they ought to wait until then and then if we are able we will deal kindly with this institution.

Mr. White favored the education of the farmers, but his people wanted an increase for public schools. After the common schools run in every district four months he would favor such an appropriation but not until then. He didn't want to cripple the institution, but he was first for boys and girls.

Mr. Bellamy favored this bill and said he wanted to be heard upon it.

On motion of Mr. Aycock the bill was made a special order for Monday night at 8 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Speaker Doughton called the House to order and Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., offered prayer.

Among the bills favorably reported was one for the protection of sheep husbandry, by imposing a tax on dogs, for the benefit of the public schools.

BILLS PASSED SECOND READING.

To incorporate Montezuma, Mitchell county.

To amend the charter of Bakersville, Mitchell county.

SENATE.

Forty-First Day.

The Senate was called to order by Lieut. Gov. Holt and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. J. J. Hall, of the city.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Bellamy's bill providing for railroad passenger transportation for officers of the State; on its second reading. The bill provides that an amendment shall be made to every charter issued since the construction of 1868, and any road chartered before that time, which shall ask any amendment at the hands of the legislature, this amendment shall apply to and be accepted by the road. It provides that upon demand made by the Secretary of State a pass shall issue for the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Judges, Solicitors, and members of the General Assembly.

Mr. Courts offered an amendment to add "and all farmers." Lost.

Mr. Lucas was opposed to the whole thing from principle. He could not see how Senators could come here boasting about free passes and then pass a law compelling railroads to issue free passes to State officers. The Railroad Commission bill has passed saying State officers and members of the legislature shall not ride on free passes, and now before the ink on that bill is hardly dry a bill is before this body to compell the issuing of free passes to those very officers. I shall not vote for the bill because I do not think it right. I am not opposed to free passes, I am for above such Tom foolery. I have ridden upon free passes. A gentleman will accept such a courtesy and never abuse it, but a dirty puppy may be corrupted and influenced by a little railroad pass.

Mr. Aycock moved to amend to strike out "and all members of the General Assembly."

On motion of Mr. Turner, the bill was postponed.

Mr. Lucas introduced a bill to provide for certain expenses of the judiciary, provides for paying the traveling expenses of judges; placed on the calendar. The bill allows $400 for Superior Court Judges, and $650 for Supreme Court Judges.

The bill failed to pass its second reading.

Adjourned in respect to the memory of George Washington till eight o'clock p. m.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 10 o'clock, Speaker Doughton in the chair. Rev. Mr. Robertson led in prayer. The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Bills were introduced as follows:

Mr. Hall, to appropriate $200 to erect a monument over the grave of Gov. Burke.

Mr. Reeves, for the protection of fish in Mitchell county.

By Mr. Sutton, to prohibit the use of a book known as the "First steps in North Carolina History" in the public schools.

CALENDAR.

Bill to amend the charter of Bakersville, Mitchell county. Passed.

Bill to incorporate the town of Point Rock. Passed.

Bill to incorporate the town of Buena Vista. Passed.

Mr. Wood moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill relating to the board of public charities was tabled. The bill was amended so as to strike out the provision for a salary of $500 for a secretary. The bill then passed its second reading.

At 10 minutes to 2 o'clock Mr. Jones moved that the House now adjourn in honor of Washington's birthday. Adopted.

SENATE—EVENING SESSION.

Bill to authorize the State Board of Education to invest its funds from sale of swamp lands, passed its second reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to amend the law establishing the Agricultural and Mechanic Arts College.

Mr. Bell moved to amend by reducing the appropriation from $15,000 to $5,000.

Mr. Williams opposed this amendment. He said this college was a farmers' institution. It was the only one in the State. It was the farmer's pride. The amendment was a blow at this school, and a hard blow, too.

Mr. Bell said, I believe the Senate will do even better than that, and I ask to withdraw my amendment and offer another one to strike out $15,000 and insert $5,000.

Mr. Bell's amendment was defeated. The question being upon the passage of the bill on dividing it was passed—ayes 25, noes 22.

Mr. Williams moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill just passed, and to lay upon the table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed. Adjourned.

HOUSE—NIGHT SESSION.

The House met last night at eight o'clock and proceeded to the consideration of the special order which was the bill to provide for the study of the nature and effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, in the public schools of the State. Brief and eloquent addresses in advocacy of the bill were made by Messrs. Gilmer, Brinson, Alexander, Hopkins and Morton. A viva voce vote was taken on the bill and it was unanimously passed upon second reading.

Mr. Linebarger moved that a rising vote be taken upon third reading and the bill unanimously passed its third reading by a rising vote and amid great applause from the galleries.

SENATE.

Forty-Second Day.

The Senate was called to order by Lt. Gov. Holt, and the journal of Monday was approved.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to amend the Constitution of the State in regard to homestead exemptions.

The bill provides that any one who wishes to claim the personal property exemption shall give thirty days' notice of such claim—otherwise it shall be considered as waived.

Mr. Bell submitted an amendment requesting the wife to sign a note with her husband where the homestead exemption is waived—which was adopted.

Mr. Bellamy moved to recommit to the judiciary committee, which motion prevailed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was called to order by Speaker Doughton. Prayer by Dr. Carter.

CALENDAR.

The revenue bill was taken up. The merchants' purchase tax stands. Mr. Morton, of New Hanover, made a strong fight against this and in favor of a tax of $25 on wholesale merchants and manufacturers, and on retail merchants a tax of $5 on $5,000 and $5 on over $5,000. The license on insurance companies was raised from $50 to $100, and it was stated that part of this would go into a fund for disabled volunteer firemen.

There was a strong effort to repeal the tax on marriage license, but it stands at $1. This tax brings $6,500 into the state.

SENATE.

Forty-Third Day.

Met at 10 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Holt presiding. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Osborn. Reading of Journals dispensed with.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Paine, to punish persons who induce others by fraudulent representations to purchase fruit trees and grape vines.

Mr. Reed, to impose a tax on the manufacturers of spirituous liquors.

PASSED THIRD READING.

To change the dividing line between Alleghany and Wilkes.

To levy a special tax in Rutherford county.

Bill relative to the protection of birds in certain counties. (The bill caused considerable discussion and amendments were offered and adopted exempting several counties and adding others.)

To repeal an act to amend section 1996 of the Code s. c. 61 Inst. Feb. 22, 1891. Mr. Bellamy said: It allows commissioners of roads running through lands to assess damages. The law is a remarkable innovation. The benefits are often not commensurate with the damages inflicted in running roads through property.

Mr. Williams said he hoped the bill would pass unanimously. It will do some good, although it looks like school children's play to pass a bill one week and repeal it the next.

Mr. Butler said he was a member of the committee that recommend the bill passed Feb. 22. Only six members were present. It was a majority report. He moved and hearing a proposition was made by the author that if allowed to go to the Senate he would make such an amendment as would be satisfactory. The bill passed under a misapprehension. He did not think property should be taken where no compensation is given. The bill passed second and third readings.

FOR TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT.

The bill to require temperance instruction upon the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the physical man came up. Mr. Butler advocated the passage of the bill, and said that those who had noticed the text-books of the State will see that Major Pinger has already, in some measure, caused such instruction to be given.

Congress has passed such a law, and on Monday night the North Carolina House of Representatives, by a rising vote, passed this bill.

Mr. Bellamy was heart and soul with the cause.

Mr. Alston advocated the bill, and urged the necessity of teaching morality in the public schools. The bill passed by a rising vote.

TO REPEAL THE SCHOOL FOR DEAF.

Mr. Bryan's bill to divide all the school fund of the State per capita had a favorable report for the committee. Mr. Bryan made an argument for it and urged that it was the only just and constitutional manner of dividing the fund.

Mr. Turner made an argument against it.

Mr. Ardrey thought this would be a stab at the school system, and would be a wrong departure.

All the counties in the State are going forward and doing well in the cause of education. If we

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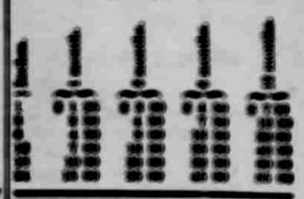

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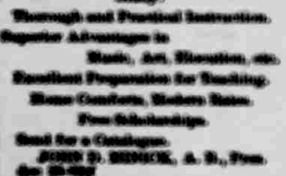
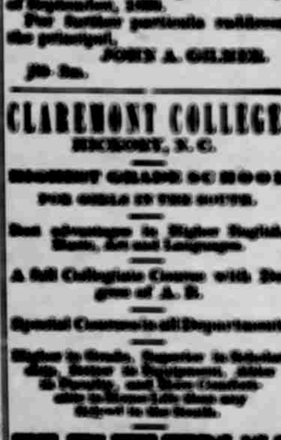
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