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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, North Carolina State Grange, P. of H., Fayetteville, Jan. 12th, 1876.

The Third Annual Session of North Carolina State Grange will assemble at Greensboro on Tuesday 15th February.

Members and their wives who are Matrons are entitled and are expected to represent their respective Granges at said meeting. (There will be no election in the various counties for delegates as heretofore.)

G. W. LAWRENCE, Sec'y. State papers please copy.

We are sorry to see that a good many of our people are affected with the Texas fever. No doubt it is a good country, and we hope our friends who have resolved to make it their home, may each meet with abundant success in whatever business they may engage, but we must confess that we are not very hopeful of their realizing golden harvests except by close and continued application to business—and any one who is the happy possessor of these qualities can find ample scope for the exercise of their talent in the old North State.

The fertility of our land is unsurpassed and to those who contemplate farming, our State offers superior inducements.

Our friends will certainly not meet with as much refinement and intelligence as they have left. We have good schools of different grades established throughout our State—and we believe our people are endeavoring to train up their sons and daughters with a knowledge of those things which will make them the noble descendants of a noble ancestry. Our State also possesses vast mineral resources and the capitalist who will come and assist in developing them and share in the rich reward she bestows upon industry, will meet a hearty welcome. And no where can we find a more salubrious climate while other portions of our country have been visited by destructive tempests that have left ruin and desolation in their track our State has been remarkably exempt.

And, upon the whole, we have concluded that it is better to remain where we are sure of at least competence, than to seek after wealth or honor in any other way than with patience and industry, for like the will-o'-the-wisp it will be sure to lead us into unknown difficulties. For we believe with Dickens that "although some happy talent and some fortunate opportunity may form the two rounds of the ladder on which some men mount, the rounds of that ladder must be made of stuff to stand wear and tear, and there is no substitute for thoroughgoing ardent, sincere earnestness."

North Carolina has an area of 34,000,000 acres; it is 485 miles in length from east to west, covering a greater breadth of longitude—nine degrees—than any of the original thirteen States, and reaches from the thirty-sixth parallel of latitude, which is its northern boundary, to the thirty-fourth on its southern border. This vast expanse of 34,000,000 square miles—greater than that of New York and equal to that of England—is singularly diversified in character, embracing, as it does, the lowlands of the alluvial region toward the sea, the high table lands of the interior, and the very loftiest of the great Appalachian range.

CONGRESSIONAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—House.—The Amnesty debate was resumed.—Garfield had the floor. Wood inquired regarding the length of the debate, saying one thousand bills had been introduced. He understood that twenty-three gentlemen desired to speak on Amnesty.

Randall replied, and proposed to move the previous question the hour after Garfield closed.

Blaine claimed that under the rules he (not Randall) had control. The Speaker would decide when the occasion came, and Garfield proceeded.

He deprecated the speeches of the opposition as an arraignment of the administration of the country. The speech of Mr. Hill arraigned not the Republican party alone, but arraigned twenty-five millions of people. It arraigned history, Republicans, arraigned everything that was glorious in the record and high and worthy in its achievements. He should try to be responsive to the points made by this gentleman from Georgia. He did not desire to hold Jefferson Davis responsible for the rebellion; he did not believe in the vicarious doctrine of atonement in human affairs. Jefferson Davis was no more guilty than any other man who went into the rebellion with signal light and intelligence. The question was whether he who was the head of the rebellion practiced in the dread court of war the rules of war; whether in appealing to war he obeyed the laws of war; or whether he so violated the laws of that high tribunal as that he did not deserve permission to come back into his place in Congress. That was the whole question.

Mr. Garfield then proceeded with his story of Andersonville. The appointment of General Winder as Commissary General of all persons and prisoners throughout the Confederacy is denounced. He challenged any Democratic member from the neighborhood of Elmita, Camp Douglas or Fort Delaware to rise and say that any inhumanity had been perpetrated there.—No Democrat doing so, he denounced the assertion as fearfully and awfully untrue. Mr. Hill disclaimed any purpose of charging inhumanity on any body. He only read a letter from the New York "World" as evidence of cruelties imperable from prison life and he had wound up the statement by saying that the official records showed the relative mortality to be greater among Southern prisoners at the North than among Northern prisoners at the South.

A member asked "Do you charge that the mortality among Confederate prisoners at the North was owing to cruelty?" Mr. Hill—I do not undertake to say to what the mortality on either side of the line was attributable. I say that it was attributable to these horrors inseparable from prison life any where, and I intended my point against striving to work up these horrors of the past to keep alive strife which ought to be buried. (Applause.) Alluding to the mutual decoration of graves in the South, Mr. Hill said, "and it was because of that glorious feeling that he protested against the revival of the history of such horrors."

Garfield. So do I. Who brought it here? (Chorus from Democratic members—Blaine! Blaine! Blaine!) Mr. Garfield hoped the same fraternal feeling could follow the forty mained Union soldiers who had recently left their places around the House.

A discussion ensued on this point, which developed the following figures: Of 153 subordinate positions in the last House, 15 were filled by Union soldiers. Of the eighty-five positions in the present House, twenty-six were filled by Union soldiers. This from the Democratic side. The Republican side claimed that in the House postoffice, nine Union soldiers were dismissed and their places filled by nine Confederate soldiers.

Garfield proceeded to discuss the exchange of prisoners, and gave a detailed history of the causes of the suspension of the exchange. He claimed that the central point of the difficulty was the determination of the Confederate government and people to exclude from the common rules of war the officers and men of the negro regiments. He said the object of the outrageous treatment of prisoners at Andersonville had therefore been to make Union soldiers, so that when exchanged, they would be valueless. It comes incontrovertible that the record adduced on this subject was true, and Jefferson Davis having

been the conscious author of that terrible work at Andersonville, the American people still held him unfit to be admitted among the legislators of the nation.

Mr. Blaine will speak an hour tomorrow, when the previous question will be called.

Asheville Citizen: Mrs. Clapp, a widow lady of Mitchell, has recently received \$100,000, as her half interest in the sale of mica from the celebrated Heap and Clapp mines.

Governor Tilden has refused to pardon Edward Stokes, who killed Fiak.

"Reason and common sense," says the Treatise Republican, "tell us that Gen. Grant does not desire a third term." And can you stand there like a fool and let reason and common sense lie to you in that way without resenting it?—Courier-Journal.

Some blockhead declares that Bishop Haven has great influence among the Methodists of the South. It is about the same influence, both in quality and quantity, that Ben. Butler has with the inhabitants of New Orleans.—Courier Journal.

Prayer is the rustling of the wings of the angels that are on their way bringing us the boons of heaven. Even as a cloud forebodes a rain, so prayer forebodes the blessing; even as the green blade is the beginning of the harvest, so is prayer the prophecy of the blessing that is about to come.—Spurgeon.

At one time the mission of Christ seemed a failure. It was while the soldiers were driving the nail into the cross, while He was tasting the vinegar and hyssop, while the Roman cohort was guarding his sealed tomb.

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