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The only Democratic Journal published at the County Seat of Granville. Carolina The fearless exponent of true Demoeratic principles. The determined enemy of all Rings and cliques, and the steadfast advocate of Reform and Retrenchment in County, State and National Administrations, 182

Jefferson Davis is mentioned as a possible successor of Senator abilities be removed in time.

will recommend that in the small towns the postmaster shall be cho-

The State Treasurer will move for judgment on the 3rd of February against all Sheriffs who backed up by no corporation-fed positors, the credit of the United fail on or before that day to settle with the droppings of no "Ring," States is pledged for the repayment in full the taxes due by their counties to the State. .

suggested that somebody will please give Leach an office and keep him

According to Col. Pat Do nan Gov. Wade Hampton addressed the handsome widow of Gov. the last summer, and received a beautiful embroidered mitten big enough to sack a ham. That is one Carolinian ever received.

The national debt on Dewher 1, 1876, less cash in the Treasury, was \$2,089,336.099. The State debts at the close of 1876 agipal debts of 130 cities, at the close of the same year, amounted to \$644. 378, 663, and the remaining local indebtness will not bring the figures beyond \$1,000,000,000.

says we are glad to see that the Raleigh Observer, Oxford Free Lance Rox y Mount Mail, Salisbury Watch man, Newbern Newbernian, and some other Democratic papers not recollected, have copied articles deprecating attacks on Senator Merrimon by opponents. We long ago denounced such attacks on a true and able North Carolinian. The bands of honest public men should be austained and not weakened.

Three of the Louisiana Re turning Board forgers-Anderson, Kenner and Casenave, have been arrested and thrown into prison preparatory to trial, and conviction no doubt. The other of the rascal ly quartette, M. J. Wells, escaped from New Orleans, and is thought tions. hour of his dire distress. He is reported to have said that unless the President interfered, the whole four would be lost.

The Wilmington Star very justly pronounces this to be a great country and Northern Legislators a great folk. They control things because they have the majority. Here is the way they did it in the matter of taxes. The total internal revenue collectio s were \$118,and whiskey, paid five-sixths of this sum, or \$98,573,976.64. This is not report, states that in the main the class of native Radicals and carpet bag republicans, while his enemies in his own party have never had the you applying. 630,407.83. Two articles, tobacco qual. It is not just. Tobacco in the leaf will not average over \$6 per hundred. The tax, however, is \$24 per handred. It was formerly \$32. Think of it-the tax is four times greater than the farmer receives for a bid for fraud and deception.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The subject of where and when the next Democratic State Convenseems to be unsettled as yet.

with discretion.

the place. Neither is Raleigh the as to a per capita allowance. proper location, and, all things con-

THE FREE LANCE.

It is very seldom that we indulge 24 per cent. in remarks personal, or respecting the journal under our control, but a few words, at this juncture of pub-

master General merely confirming down one of the most iniquitious partment. was ever cursed.

and was dependent for subsistence to the depositor, or to his legal rep-Genl. J. M. Leach and Mr. Since the first issue of the paper it deposited. There is to be a chief B Reogh are in Washington lobby- has waged an unceasing warfare office at Washington, and the Posting against Waddell's bill to abolish upon the "Ring" and the rascalities master General is authorized to des- Happiness or Misery;

shoulders.

were directed.

Having accomplished this object, the paper, under its new management, has expanded to larger and more extended fields.

While always having an eye single to Granville county matters. and the advancement or Granville county interests, its aim will be to realize the true idea of a firstclass newspaper, covering the whole area of our country in its scope of observation, and furnishing the latest and best news from all sec-

The circulation and patronage of plead for administrative help in this the paper has steadily increased and we can assure the public that it stands to-day upon a sure foundation, the statements of its enemies to the contrary, notwithstanding.

THE INSANE ASYLUM.

of the Board of Directors and Su-

officers were found to be performing audacity to openly assail him. His their duties satisfactorily to the examining committee. In regard to the accommodations for patients in the building they say that with capacity for only 224, they are com- or more faithful Senator." his product. It is not to be won-dered at there are frands upon the pelled to care for 278 patients. The revenue. Very excessive taxes are present appropriation allows a per capita expense of only \$226 70, and this is to in every way maintain the patient during the year. This is the 25th.—The Porte having yesterday smallest appropriation ever made to defray all the expenses for a year, cluded. The Russian conditions are tion shall be held is being raised by and the committee regard it as in not yet officially known here, but it some of the State press, and opinion sufficient. The average expense per capita in 36 public institutions for Man his matter will have to be the insane, is stated to be \$266 81, concessions and the payment of a le ided by the State Executive while the appropriation for the D. war indemnity. Committee it may not be smiss to D. & B Asylum of this state allows obtain from all sections opinions an expense per capita of \$254 49, ond edition prints the following

thinking that early in June would an appropriation for our insane poor ded to-day. the peace conditions probably be the most suitable time, which will at least place them on an are stated on excellent authority to but would dissent from Salisbury as equality with those of other States

The Superintendent, in his re- Nicsics, and Spuz, and a portion of sidered, we should be disposed to port to the Roard of Directors, says the territory bordering on Lake favor Durham, as combining the el- the total number of admissions from ements of accessibility and centrali- the opening of the Asylum on the 22d day of February, 1856, is 1,226, is paid; the Dardanelles is to be The people of Durham are live and the total number of discharges and wide awake and we are sure for the same period is 948, of whom Bulgarian autonomy is to be conthat ample accommodations can be 315 were cured, 122 improved, 180 ceded rather on the principle of the secured for the sessions of the body. unimproved and 328 died-leaving Constanstinople conference; and However, we are not wedded to now under treatment 278. There Turkey is to nominate a christian any particular place, and shall cor- have been 151 new applicants for government tor a long term of years dially join in any time or location admission during the year, but only subject to ratification by the Powthat seems best calculated to draw 53 have been taken in, owing to the out in council a full representation want of space, &c, and these with of the Democratic party in North great difficulty. The results of the past year in the treatment of patients have been very satisfactory, the cures upon admissions having been

POSTAL SAVINGS' BANK.

A bill has been introduced in the Bruce, of Mississippi, should his dis- lic affairs, will, we hope, not be con- House by Mr. Waddell, and refersidered egotistical or inappropriate. red to the committee on Post offi About nine months ago the FREE ces and Post Roads of which he is It is reported that Hayes LANCE was started in Oxford, hav- Chairman, to establish and main. ing one main object in view-name- tain National Savings Depositories, sen by the popular vete, the Post- ly, that of exposing and breaking as a branch of the Post-office De-

"Rings" with which a community The Washington Star says in regard to it, that in order to give com-It had little or no capital-was plete and direct security to all deupon an uncertain public patronage. resentative, of every sum of money of Radical officeholders generally. ignate such suitable money order In exposing these frauds and post offices, at which the salary of misdoings it has unfortunately, but the postmaster is not less than \$600 necessarily, been compelled frequent- per annum, as the business of the ly to tread upon some Democratic Postal Savings Depository may retoes, and these, not the toes,' Radi- quire. The rate of interest on the and unfair, to break down our in- day of June and the 30th day of fluence and thereby lessen the force December, in each year, to be added of the few defeats the great South- of the blows laid upon their guilty and become a part of the principal. The aggregate amount of principal For months our aim barely ex- and interest to the credit of any deended beyond the limits of Gran- positor shall not exceed \$1,500, and ville county. An Augean Stable money due to a depositor, whether was here in our very midst and to remaining on deposit in said deposgregated \$369,170,986, the bulk bed its cleansing out our utmost efforts ttory or invested in bonds, for which ing held in the South. The munic-were directed. the bill makes provision, or in the After a hard fought struggle, to- inscribed debt, shall not at any time day, we have the gratifying knowl- while in the custody of the ! United edge that the back bone of the States, be liable to taxation under Drug Store of Mitchell & Sons if 'Ring" has been broken-its prin- any State or municipal authority cipal members have been retired to and any such money shall not be The Charlotte Democrat the shades of private life, and that liable to demand, detention, seizure whatever venom they may yet dis- or withdrawal without the voluntaplay will be powerless to effect much ry consent of the depositor, by reason of any debt due against the depositor or his legal representative.

SENATOR MERRIMON.

The press of North Carolina are speaking out with great unanimity lowest prices. in regard to the peculiar fitness of Senator Merrimon for the distinguished position he now so worthily fills. Last week we published what a few leading journals had to say about our Senator, and we now copy the following from that staunch Democratic paper, the Winston Sentinel;

any man in the Senate, and he has ever been the ablest defender and champion of his State, his section, and his party, when either were attacked. He has been no fawning and cringing petitioner for Northern favors, but has always boldly ting marriage, aware of physical weakness, demanded the rights to which his closs of procreative power—impotency), ner-We are in receipt of the Report demanded the rights to which his vous excitability, palpitation, organic weak-section were entitled. There is no ness, nervous debility, or any other disqual-section wildence of his ability as a perintendent of the above named Senator, and his faithfulness as a Institution for the official year, ending, November 30th, 1877.

Dr. E. Burke Haywood, in behalf

Representative, than the fact that he is the recipient of vituperation and slanders from the worst proper treatment, driving disease into the system by that deadly poison, mercury, and record is above reproach, and the stand he has taken in that body of the nation's greatest statesmen is a source of just pride to his State .-North Carolina never had an abler

Turkey Comes to Terms.

LONDON, Jan. 25 .- A Reuter has accepted the Russian conditions, peace is regarded as virtually conappears certain that they greatly exceed the conference. programme and stipulate both for territorial

The Daily Telegraph in its secthat may enable that body to act In conclusion, the Committee appeal ish delegates have been ordered to to the Governor to use his influence sign the peace preliminaries. The We agree with the News in with the next Legislature to make armistice will probably be conclu-

include the following: Servia is to be independent without compensation; Montenegro to receive Antivari Scutari; Russia is to hold Batoum, Kars and Erzeroum, until a war indemnity of twenty million pounds opened to Russian men-of-war; Lebanon than on the plan of the ers. Bulgaria is not understood to be included in Thrace, but only to extend to the line of the Balkans; a part of the Russian army to embark at Constanstinople for their return is to be signed at Constantinople by the Grand Duke Nicholas. This arrangement will satisfy the Russian military honor without involving the occupation of Constantino-

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