

Oxford Free Lance.

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The only Democratic Journal published in the County Seat of Granville.

Jefferson Davis is mentioned as a possible successor of Senator Bruce.

It is reported that Hayes will recommend that in the small towns the postmaster shall be chosen by the popular vote.

The State Treasurer will move for judgment on the 3rd of February against all Sheriffs who fail on or before that day to settle in full the taxes due by their counties to the State.

Genl. J. M. Leach and Mr. B. Keogh are in Washington lobbying against Waddell's bill to abolish the Western District Court.

According to Col. Pat. Donnan, Gov. Wade Hampton addressed the handsome widow of Gov. Pickens of South Carolina.

The national debt on December 1, 1876, less cash in the Treasury, was \$2,089,936,099.

The Charlotte Democrat says we are glad to see that the Raleigh Observer, Oxford Free Lance, Rocky Mount Mail, Salisbury Watchman, Newbern Newbernian, and some other Democratic papers not recollecting, have copied articles denigrating attacks on Senator Merrimon.

Three of the Louisiana Returning Board forgers—Anderson, Kestner and Casenave, have been arrested and thrown into prison preparatory to trial, and conviction no doubt.

The Wilmington Star very justly pronounces this to be a great country and Northern Legislators a great folk.

The subject of where and when the next Democratic State Convention shall be held is being raised by some of the State press, and opinion seems to be un-entitled as yet.

This matter will have to be decided by the State Executive Committee it may not be wisest to obtain from all sections opinions that may enable that body to act with discretion.

We agree with the News in

thinking that early in June would probably be the most suitable time, but would dissent from Salisbury as the place.

The people of Durham are live and wide awake and we are sure that ample accommodations can be secured for the sessions of the body.

However, we are not wedded to any particular place, and shall cordially join in any time or location that seems best calculated to draw out in council a full representation of the Democratic party in North Carolina.

THE FREE LANCE.

It is very seldom that we indulge in remarks personal, or respecting the journal under our control, but a few words, at this juncture of public affairs, will, we hope, not be considered egotistical or inappropriate.

About nine months ago the FREE LANCE was started in Oxford, having one main object in view—namely, that of exposing and breaking down one of the most iniquitous "Rings" with which a community was ever cursed.

It had little or no capital—was backed up by no corporation—fed with the droppings of no "Ring," and was dependent for subsistence upon an uncertain public patronage.

In exposing these frauds and misdoings it has unfortunately, but necessarily, been compelled frequently to tread upon some Democratic toes, and these, not the toes, Radical officials and Democratic sympathizers have sought by means, foul and unfair, to break down our influence and thereby lessen the force of the blows laid upon their guilty shoulders.

For months our aim barely extended beyond the limits of Granville county. An Angean Stable was here in our very midst, and to its cleansing out our utmost efforts were directed.

After a hard fought struggle, today, we have the gratifying knowledge that the back bone of the "Ring" has been broken—its principal members have been retired to the shades of private life, and that whatever venom they may yet display will be powerless to effect much injury.

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 of Granville county interests, its aim will be to realize the true idea of a first-class newspaper, covering the whole area of our country in its scope of observation, and furnishing the latest and best news from all sections.

The circulation and patronage of 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.

We are in receipt of the Report of the Board of Directors and Superintendent of the above named Institution for the official year, ending, November 30th, 1877.

Dr. E. Burke Haywood, in his report, states that in the main the officers were found to be performing their duties satisfactorily to the examining committee. In regard to the accommodations for patients in the building they say that with a capacity for only 224, they are compelled to care for 273 patients.

an appropriation for our insane poor which will at least place them on an equality with those of other States as to a per capita allowance.

The Superintendent, in his report to the Board of Directors, says the total number of admissions from the opening of the Asylum on the 22d day of February, 1856, is 1,226, and the total number of discharges for the same period is 948, of whom 315 were cured, 122 improved, 180 unimproved and 328 died—leaving now under treatment 278.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

A bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Waddell, and referred to the committee on Post offices and Post Roads of which he is Chairman, to establish and maintain National Savings Depositories, as a branch of the Post-office Department.

The Washington Star says in regard to it, that in order to give complete and direct security to all depositors, the credit of the United States is pledged for the repayment to the depositor, or to his legal representative, of every sum of money deposited. There is to be a chief office at Washington, and the Postmaster General is authorized to designate such suitable money order post offices, at which the salary of the postmaster is not less than \$600 per annum, as the business of the Postal Savings Depository may require.

SENATOR MERRIMON.

The press of North Carolina are speaking out with great unanimity in regard to the peculiar fitness of Senator Merrimon for the distinguished position he now so worthily fills.

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Turkey Comes to Terms.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A Renter has the following: "Constantinople, Jan. 25th.—The Porte having yesterday accepted the Russian conditions, peace is regarded as virtually concluded. The Russian conditions are not yet officially known here, but it appears certain that they greatly exceed the conference programme and stipulate both for territorial concessions and the payment of a war indemnity."

ded-to-day. the peace conditions are stated on excellent authority to include the following: Servia is to be independent without compensation; Montenegro to receive Antivari, Nicosia, and Spuz, and a portion of the territory bordering on Lake Scutari; Russia is to hold Batoum, Kars and Erzeroum, until a war indemnity of twenty million pounds is paid; the Dardanelles is to be opened to Russian men-of-war; Bulgarian autonomy is to be conceded rather on the principle of the Lebanon than on the plan of the Constantinople conference; and Turkey is to nominate a christian government for a long term of years subject to ratification by the Powers.

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