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Civil Service Reform. We prefer a Democrat to a Republican of equal character.

THE DEMOCRAT FOR 1888. The DEMOCRAT will be as good a paper for 1888 as it was for 1887.

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The commissioners of Oxford have closed the contract for electric lights, and the first train over the Oxford and Chesapeake road will soon reach Oxford.

The outlook is that the political world will be much agitated during the next campaign. Let our Democratic organizers and leaders keep a close watch on both parties in Congress.

We shall have to defend any mistakes the Democratic representatives may make; and we must be watchful over the tricks of the Republicans.

Rev. Patrick H. Mell, D. D., Chancellor of the University of Georgia died on 26th of January. He was President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and being author of 'Mell's Parliamentary Practice' and having studied the subject long and thoroughly, we suppose his peer as a parliamentarian could not be found on this side the waters.

Each Law at Work. The lynching which occurred last week near Plymouth of the three negro charged with the murder of Crosswell, the clock pedler, has brought about the usual excitement.

It is not in proper keeping with the spirit of a great civilization and a free people to have the strong arm of the law disregarded and its power attempted to be overthrown by the hands and what becomes the bloody hands of lynchers.

There may be cases where lynching can be advocated and perhaps justified; but there is seldom, if ever, any ground for doing so in anticipation of law.

WHAT HEAR SAYS. As to the mind of the Northern capitalist, he is a North-sider, and he is not to be trusted.

The total daily per capita expense of the instruction for the past year for everything, except improvements and repairs, is 51 cents— including all repairs is 64 cents.

There is the cream in the coconut! There is the sugar in the gourd. There is the hypocrite uncovered. There is the false philanthropist stripped naked by his own talons.

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of the prosperity and competition of the South. Let Southern men and true Democrats ponder well and hesitate long before they plunge into this pit dug by the protect tariffmen to catch the unwary and unsuspecting democrats.

Blair's argument made in behalf of the bill to satisfy the New England States and the tariff men every where, is the strongest argument we have ever read against the passage of the bill and is unanswerable.

THE NORTH CAROLINA INSANE ASYLUM. (COMMUNICATED) We have before us Superintendent Grissom's Report to the President and Directors of the N. C. Insane Asylum.

We have read this report of charitable institutions of our State with interest and feel deeply interested by the amount of charity that it is silently accomplishing for the poor and stricken insane of the State.

All honor, we say to the patriotic legislator who assumes the responsibility of voting the money to sustain these institutions. And twice honored be the noble men whose faithful services in these institutions have placed them in the front rank with the charitable institutions of this country.

We append some extracts from this report of Dr. Grissom showing the number of patients, as well as the daily expense per capita, and would like if we had room to give his beautiful tribute to Miss Dix, the noble hearted philanthropist, to whose unswerving labors the North Carolina Insane Asylum is largely indebted for its existence.

There are now under treatment, including those on probation, as before stated, 146 males and 146 females, making a total 292. Beyond this number it will scarcely be possible to go in our admissions.

The greatest number under treatment at any time, including those on probation, was on the 23rd of November, 1887, and amounted to 292. The smallest number was on the 1st of December, 1886, and amounted to 243.

The death of Miss Dorothea L. Dix has removed from her labors one of the noblest workers in the great field of human charity—has reared one of the brightest stars in the heaven of philanthropy. For more than half a century she stood in the vanguard of humanity, working valiantly and unceasingly for the stricken insane. Difficultly never stopped her, distance never wearied her, opposition never daunted her, refusal never subdued her, pleasure never tempted her, ease never lured her; fame never attracted her. Her objects were the wretched insane—her field was the world—her thought the relief of the suffering—her success was their redemption, and her crown shall be the gift of Him like whom she "went about doing good."

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one not paid for. Teach them that a full healthy face displays a greater luster than fifty cosmetic beauties. Teach them that an honest farmer or mechanic in his working dress is a better object of esteem than a dozen haughty, finely dressed idlers.

Press Comments on the Blair Bill. Senator Blair is pushing his pet hobby before Congress with an earnestness worthy of a better cause.

Senator Blair's latest effort in aid of his abominable Educational bill is an attempt to enlist religious prejudice in its behalf by pretending that the opposition to the measure is chiefly inspired by the Roman Catholic Church. This is arrant nonsense.

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THE GOLD MINES NEAR RANSON'S BRIDGE.—There are now about one hundred and fifty men at work in the Mann-Arrington gold mine in Nash county. These mines have been for a long time in a neglected condition, but of late the prospect for a profitable yield has been very encouraging.

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A NASH COUNTY MAN CUTS HIS THROAT FROM EAR TO EAR.—A Mr. Bass who lived about three or four miles from Nashville, committed suicide one day last week, we learn. He went in the house a short while before his dead body was found, and asked his wife if the boys had brought the wood in the house. He then passed into another room from which direction his wife shortly afterwards heard the sound of some one falling to the floor. She went in and, to her horror, saw his body lying on the floor with his throat cut from ear to ear and the blood gushing from the ghastly wound inflicted by his own hand.

There is no cause given for the deed. Mr. Bass was cool sober when the deed was done, though he was a drinking man. He had been heard to say that he was tired of living and he attempted to kill himself before Christmas, but was unsuccessul in his attempt. He leaves a wife and three children. No note or other explanation was left giving any reason for this self destruction.

Vine Hill Male Academy. SPRING TERM WILL OPEN JANUARY 15, 1888. The Principal will spare no pains in keeping this school up to the standard attained under the management of his predecessor.

TERMS OF TWENTY WEEKS: For Primary studies, with common school Arithmetic - \$12.50. For Higher English Studies with Arithmetic and Algebra - \$15.00.

For further particulars apply to MISS NINA McDOWELL, Scotland Neck, N. C.

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Condensed Schedule. TRAINS GOING SOUTH. Dated Jan. 30, 1888. Table with columns for Train No., Day, and Times for various stations like Weldon, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, etc.

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BOOKS, THREE CENTS EACH! The following books are for sale at three cents each: The Bible, The Psalms, The Gospels, etc.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT. Elizabeth Adkins against Matt Adkins. To Matt Adkins: You are hereby notified to be and appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, at a court to be held for the county of Halifax, at the Court-House in Halifax, on the first Monday in March, 1888, and answer or demur to the complaint, which will be this day deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for said county, and you will take notice that, if you fail to appear and answer or demur within the time required by law, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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