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## COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

### IMPORTANT MEETING IN PENDER.

Large Assemblage of Leading Citizens—The Reform Bill Set Fully in Motion—The Voice of a Young and Gallant Eastern County.

Pursuant to political notice a large number of the leading citizens of Pender county assembled at the Court House on the 27th of December, 1876. The object was to take action on county government under the Amendments. Thomas Williams, Esq., was elected chairman and Messrs. J. H. Bloodworth and Thomas H. McIntire secretaries. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee on preamble and resolutions, viz: Messrs. S. S. Satchwell, Dugald McMillan, Grattan Williams, R. T. Saunders, and William Powers. The committee, through the chairman, Dr. Satchwell, reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, As citizens of Pender, proud of our young and promising county, with its historic wealth and hallowed name, and as North Carolinians, warmly devoted to the best interest of all colors and classes and to every inch of the soil of our noble Commonwealth, we rejoice in the signal triumph at the ballot-box of the Constitutional Amendments. We hail this significant voice of the people as the harbinger of brighter and better days for the colored man as well as the white man and as a new departure of our impoverished State for increased prosperity and steady progress in all that adds to improvement and wealth. The motive and aims of those who led the movement which culminated in a Constitutional Convention and the devotion and skill of its members who secured the passage of these much needed measures of improvement and reform were not partisan or sectional but were of the patriotic, statesman-like, spirit and purpose which always animates the unflinching patriot and true reformer in matters of State. We thank these patriotic North Carolinians for the noble service they have rendered the State, and, as the people have endorsed their action in thundering tones at the ballot-box, we feel justified in calling upon the present Legislature not to falter below a patriotic public expectation in this high regard, but to respond in the same high purpose and elevated North Carolina devotion by giving us better laws and a better county government under this authority invested by the sovereign will of the people as manifested by a majority of fourteen thousand and eighty-three (14,083) voters for the Constitutional Amendments. The honorable party must not be allowed to waste itself away in mere rejoicings, and to turn, as it were to ashes on the lips. There is a great responsibility resting upon the General Assembly to come fearlessly and at once to the great work of relieving our long-suffering and sorely-afflicted people in this pressing matter of constitutional reform. The prostration of business, the poverty of the industrial classes, the cry these many years for wholesome reform under the intolerable burden of high taxes, ruinous extravagance, and official corruption, especially in so many of the Eastern counties, are among the arguments that appeal to the Legislature stronger than word or speech for wholesome laws and good government and to act at once upon these paramount measures and before the consideration of subordinate measures of railroads and other improvements are pressed, as they will be, upon the General Assembly. Therefore

Resolved, That Pender county grateful to the West for the support given in the formation of the county now unites with sister counties in calling upon the Western as well as Eastern members for relief in the way of improvement and reform in existing county government which has so long injured and oppressed down-trodden Republican counties of the East. These oppressive burdens in the East constituted a vital issue in our late State campaign and under that relief promised us in its result we now appeal with abiding faith and hope to the law-making power of the State. This resolution is passed in the absence of any party spirit on this occasion, and in that freedom from sectional feeling and selfish devotion to the whole of North Carolina which would obliterate the last line of sectional feeling between the East and West, in the new embrace of the common sacrifices, the common interests, and the common destiny, which pertain to the long-suffering and noble forbearance of the people of our beloved old Commonwealth.

Resolved, That in presenting to the Legislature our grievances and wrongs as growing out of the obnoxious Cauty Constitution, forced upon us and unsuited to our soil, climate, and condition, we rise in this matter of county government above all undue preferences for the past and unjust prejudices against the present, seeking rather the guidance of experience, of enlightened judgment and of common justice to all colors, classes, and conditions. We are for that system which will protect these claims, afford adequate protection to property, labor, and character and, under the watchword of economy, retrenchment, and reform,

will be most apt to secure the best good to the greatest number.

Resolved, That Messrs. Daniel Shaw, Chas. W. McClammy, Fletcher H. Bell, James P. Moore, Jno. D. Powers, Wm. T. Ennett, and Jno. R. Hawes are hereby appointed a committee on Pender county government, and are requested to take such action on the subject before the proper authorities at Raleigh as in their wisdom may seem best for Pender and its inhabitants.

The thanks of the meeting were tendered our late Board of County Commissioners for their faithful and efficient services in the cause of county economy, retrenchment, and reform.

Spirited speeches were made in support of the resolutions. Messrs. Edwin and John Kerr, of Sampson county, responded to calls made upon them quite eloquently.

The meeting was in every respect satisfactory, and shows that the fires of Reform are brightly burning in our Eastern counties.

### GENERAL CITY NEWS.

**County Commissioners.**  
The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday at 4 o'clock p. m., present John G. Wagner, Chairman, and commissioners S. Van Amringe, D. Nixon and D. Holmes.

The following communication was received:

"To the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover County—Gentlemen: I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and suggest the name of B. G. Worth as my successor."  
S. VAN AMRINGE.

The Board then went into an election to fill the vacancy and Mr. B. G. Worth was unanimously elected.

Capt. I. B. Grainger and Mr. B. G. Worth came forward and qualified. Board adjourned until next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

### The Commercial Reports of the Cape Fear.

The following communication from a gentleman of great discrimination and candor is far out of the line of ordinary laudation, and on that account we appreciate it. The reports referred to are prepared by a gentleman of extensive business acquirements, of indomitable industry and perseverance, who is perfectly familiar with the duties of his position and who will never tire or flag in the performance of these duties:

To the Editor of the Cape Fear:—We have noticed for some time past with feelings of pride and satisfaction, the admirable management of your commercial and shipping department which evinces extraordinary capability on the part of your reporter as well as the utmost accuracy and precision in all its details. In no newspaper published south of New York do we find more complete reports of local commerce and shipping and we feel that your enterprise in that department well merits the recognition of our Chamber of Commerce.

### WATER STREET.

#### Mayor's Court.

Jno. Craig, discharging fire-arms in the city; fined \$5 and costs.

Chas. Craig, same offence; dismissed.

The following were continued from Thursday:

J. B. Harker, discharging fire-arms in the city; fined \$5 and costs.

J. B. Barker, same offence; fined \$5 and costs, but took an appeal to the Superior Court on a bond of \$100.

Mary Eliza Lively and Alice Hall, cursing and creating a disturbance fined each \$20 and costs or thirty days on the streets.

Harriet Middleton, throwing stones and acting disorderly; fined \$20 and costs or thirty days on the streets.

A white man, for keeping dangerous dogs in the city; fined \$20 and costs.

#### The New Commissioners.

The Radical Board of County Commissioners feeling the sceptre departing from Judah—heaven save the mark!—have chosen two Democrats to fill recent vacancies. On yesterday Capt. I. B. Grainger, who had been previously elected, was qualified, and Van Amringe resigning, B. G. Worth, Esq., one of our most sterling citizens, was elected to membership. Until the Legislative reform programme is arranged and put into execution, these gentlemen will be potent for good in the positions to which they have been elected.

#### Sunday School Reunion.

The officers, teachers and scholars connected with the First Baptist Church had a delightful reunion last evening at French's old store, on Front street. After singing, and some addresses, all were invited to a bountiful table of good things. Every one appeared delighted with the evening's entertainment.

We thought the old sailors' tavern recently torn down on Front street derived its name from having been built in 1776. An old resident tells us that it was begun in 1818 and finished in 1819. Its builder, Mr. Cazaux, named it the Concord Coffee House, and afterwards finding the situation did not suit his business, sold it to another party who used it as a sailors' boarding house, calling it the Mechanics' Hotel. Why it is known to the present generation as "Old '76" we are unable to discover. La Fayette's banquet was spread in its dining hall because it was the largest in Wilmington.

#### Watch Night.

There will be a union of Fifth Street and Front Street Churches in a watch night to be held at Front Street Church Sunday night, commencing at 9:30 o'clock. A Methodist pastor says it has been perhaps twenty years since one of these primitive Methodist meetings has been observed by these Churches.

#### Thermometrical.

The state of the thermometer at the various stations named below was observed at the signal office in this city, at 4:31 p. m.:

Augusta, 32; Charleston, 48; Galveston, 38; Jacksonville, 55; Mobile, 36; New Orleans, 40; Norfolk, 42; Savannah, 45; Wilmington, 51.

#### The Weather.

About dusk yesterday afternoon it suddenly turned cold. A high wind sprang up, which continued through the night, blowing "great guns" and howling like a storm at sea. The ground, which has been unusually soggy for days, is drying rapidly.

#### New Advertisements.

Binford, Crow & Co.—Forty thousand sweet oranges.

Keystone Printing Ink Company, Philadelphia—All kinds of printing inks.

The Petersburg Index Appeal is mistaken. We had plenty of sleet but not "heavy snow."

The sun was out a good part of yesterday, but the day was one in the main of alternate furies and frowns.

#### Postal Hours.

The mails close at the City Post Office as follows:  
Northern through mails - - - 5:30 P. M.  
Northern through and way mails, daily - - - 7:00 A. M.  
Mails for the N. C. Railroad and routes supplied therefrom, at - - - 6:30 P. M.  
Southern mails for all points - - - 7:00 P. M.  
Western mails C. C. R. V., daily Fayetteville and offices on Cape Fear River, Tuesdays and Fridays - - - 1:00 P. M.  
Fayetteville by C. C. R. V., daily (except Sundays) - - - 6:30 A. M.  
Onslow, C. H., and intermediate offices, every Friday - - - 6:30 A. M.  
Northern through mails - - - 12:45 P. M.  
Northern through & way mails 8:00 P. M.  
The Smithville mails, by steamboat, close at 8 A. M., daily, except Sundays.  
Mails for Easy Hill, Town Creek, Supply and Shallotte, every Friday at 6 A. M.  
Mails delivered from 6 A. M. to 7:00 P. M., and on Sundays from 8:00 to 9:30 A. M.

Stamp Office open from 8 A. M. to 12 M., and from 2 to 5:00 P. M. Money order and Register Departments open same as Stamp Office.  
Stamps for sale at general delivery when Stamp Office is closed.  
Key Boxes accessible at all hours, day and night.

#### Wilmington District.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—FIRST ROUND OF APPOINTMENTS FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS AS MADE BY THE PRESIDING ELDER, REV. W. S. BLACK, FOR THE PRESENT CONFERENCE YEAR:  
Magnolia, at Magnolia - - - Dec. 30, 31  
Onslow, at Lebanon - - - Jan. 6, 7  
Whiteville & Waccamaw Mis., at Whiteville - - - " 13, 14  
Bladen, at Demers' Chapel - - - " 20, 21  
Elizabeth, at Elizabeth - - - " 27, 28  
Wilmington, Front Street - - - Feb. 3, 4  
Smithville, at Zion - - - " 10, 11  
Clinton, at Clinton - - - " 17, 18  
Top all, at Union - - - " 24, 25  
Cokesbury and Coharie Miss., at Hills - - - Mar. 3, 4  
Kenansville, at Kenansville - - - " 10, 11  
District Steward's meeting, at the Lecture Room of the Front Street Church, Wilmington, at 11 o'clock, on Feb. 5.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

40,000! - 40,000!  
SWEET ORANGES!  
The only large lot on the Market, ex Schr. CARLTON.

NOW LANDING.

For sale by BINFORD, CROW & CO.

BUY BEFORE THEY ARE ALL SOLD.

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TABLE BOARD  
A GENTLEMAN, OR GENTLEMEN can obtain board in a private family who live not very far from the business portions of the city. Apply at nov 29-47 THE CAPE FEAR OFFICE

## NORTH CAROLINA'S BONDS.

### THE OLD NORTH STATE'S INDEBTEDNESS.

The Creditors' Offers of Compromise. From the New York Sun of the 25th.

About sixty of the holders of the bonds of the State of North Carolina, representing, including interest, \$2,500,000, nearly one-eighth of the recognized debt, met at 78 Broadway yesterday. Mr. William J. Best, receiver of the Mechanics' and Traders' Savings Institution, who presided, read a clear and detailed statement of the indebtedness of the State, the results shown being as follows:

"Old Bonds," issued before the war - - - \$5,573,900  
Interest past due - - - 2,934,913  
Bonds issued during the war, but under laws passed before it - - - 951,000  
Interest past due - - - 592,985  
[These were issued during Confederate times, are not endorsed, and are all held in the State.]  
Bonds issued during the war, but under laws passed before it - - - 1,781,000  
Interest past due - - - 807,180  
Bonds issued under acts passed since the war (not special tax) - - - 2,015,045  
Interest past due - - - 921,125  
Bonds issued under Funding act of 1865, to fund the debt then due, and interest on it - - - 2,417,200  
Interest past due - - - 1,157,793  
Bonds issued under Funding act of 1868, funding matured interest of 1865 - - - 1,702,000  
Interest past due - - - 819,252  
"Special tax bonds" - - - 11,407,000  
Interest past due - - - 4,397,779  
Total - - - \$37,708,066

The State proposes to fund the principal of the "old bonds" at forty cents on the dollar. The principal of the new bonds recognized by it at twenty-five cents on the dollar. The "special tax bonds," including interest, amount to \$16,304,770, the State repudiates entirely. The recognized debt, principal and interest, amounts to \$21,403,266. To settle this it offers new bonds to the amount of \$4,453,940, or less than twenty-one per cent.

The new bonds would have thirty years to run, bearing different rates of interest, but averaging 4 1/2 per cent. per annum. If the State paid the usual rate of interest, six per cent., their proposition would give the present creditors but a trifle over 13 per cent. of the indebtedness, which the State acknowledges as just and due, and on much of which no interest has been paid for over twenty years.

These propositions were not satisfactory to the bondholders, and at the meeting resolutions were passed to the effect:

First—Any new bonds to be issued for funding the debt to bear six per cent. interest, coupons payable in Raleigh and New York, and to be receivable for State taxes.

Second—Pledging the bondholders at this meeting to accept fifty cents on the dollar of the present debt, including interest.

Under this arrangement the funded debt would be only a trifle over \$10,500,000.

The taxable property returned by the State is about \$130,000,000, and the tax only 67 cents on \$100, the lowest rate of taxation of any State in the Union. The bondholders think that the State officers and the Legislature will adopt the suggestions of the bondholders, which would result in placing the finances of the State upon a better basis than they have had at any time in the past twenty years.

A committee of five bondholders was appointed to proceed to Raleigh to have this or a similar proposition carried out. The committee were: J. T. Bonnar, T. Foulke, W. G. Chittica, William Lummis and Edward Keavan of Virginia. The Chairman of the meeting was added, and will probably represent the committee in the negotiations with the North Carolina authorities. The committee will meet today to arrange a definite plan of action.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KEYSTONE PRINTING INK COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS OF PRINTING INKS, (BOOK AND NEWS BLACK A SPECIALTY), 17 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Our Inks are of superior quality, being made from the best ingredients and under the personal supervision of a PRACTICAL PRINTER AND PRESSMAN, therefore we will GUARANTEE EVERY POUND OF INK SOLD TO BE OF A SUPERIOR SET BLACK QUICK DRYING, AND ENTIRELY FREE FROM SETTING-OFF.

OUR PRICES ARE LOWER THAN ANY OTHER INK MANUFACTURER'S IN THE UNITED STATES.

A trial of a sample keg will convince any printer that he has been paying more than he should for his Inks. Put up in kegs and barrels to suit purchasers.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### Bacon, Flour, &c.

50 BOXES D. S. SIDES, 300 BBL'S. FLOUR (all grades), 100 Bbls. and Bbls. CUBA MOLASSES, 100 Bbls. S. H. STRUP, 50 Bags COFFEE, 50 Bbls. SUGAR, 100 Bbls. GLUE, 500 Bbls. HOOP IRON, 500 Bales HAY, BAGGING, TOBACCO, SNUFF, SOAP, LYE, CANDY, TIES, CHEESE, SPIRIT BARREL LARD, NAILS, &c., &c. WORTH & WOODRUFF, dec 24-tf

### First National Bank of Wilmington, December 28, 1876.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held in the Banking House on THURSDAY, the 6th day of JANUARY, 1877, at 11 o'clock A. M. A. K. WALKER, Cashier. dec 20, 30 & Jan 8, 9.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the General Assembly, to incorporate the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Sumner Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina. dec 17-47

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### EXTRA

### Hardware Poetry!

SHOVELS, SPADES, RAKES, Pitchforks and Molasses Gates, Fire Dogs, Boxing Axes, Scales, Bush Hooks, Spikes and Nails, Shot Bags and Pouches, Coffee Mills, Anvils, Vises, Blacksmith's Drills, Hammers, Hand Beils, Picks, Rat Traps and Bath Brick.

Meat Cutters and Stuffers, Twine, Grindstones, Grub Hoes, Chalk Lines, Powder, Shot and Caps, Otter, Fox and Mink Trap.

Cutlery, Razors and Horcs, Horse Brushes and Curry Combs, Knobs, Locks, Hinges and Latches, Augers and Shingling Hatchets.

REDUCED PRICES AT N. Jacobi's, dec 24-tf No. 10 South Front St.

REMEMBER C. W. YATES KEEPS THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK OF PLAIN AND FANCY STATIONERY—BLANK, SCHOOL AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS, FANCY GOODS, PICTURES AND FRAMES, GOLD PENS AND PEN CILS, &c., &c. at every article as sold by a first class BOOK & STATIONERY STORE.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### ENGLISH

Pickles and Sauces!

FRENCH

Wines Brandies and Cordials!

SPANISH

Cigars, Tobacco and CIGARETTES,

TURKISH

PRESERVES!

SOUTH AMERICAN

DRIED FRUITS!

AMERICAN

BUTTER, CHEESE, SAUCES, SPICES, JELLIES, PRESERVES, STAYS, FRUITS, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

Jas. D. Myers & Co., dec 27-47 3 and 7 North Front St.

FRESH CELERY —AND— CABBAGES

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Store will be opened until 12 o'clock

at accommodation of customers.

dec 24-tf JAS. C. STEVENSON.

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WEEKLY EDITION, published on Wednesdays, one year, \$3; six months, \$2; payable in advance.

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