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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board met last night, a quorum of the members being present.

A White Man Assassinated in Onslow County.

A white man by the name of Michael Langley, a resident store-keeper of Tar Landing, Onslow county, and said to be well known in this city, was shot and it is thought fatally wounded on Monday night last.

THE CAMPAIGN OPENS.

The Editor of the Raleigh News heard the opening guns of the State campaign, at Halifax last Monday.

Post Office Money Orders may be obtained in all the cities, and in many large towns. We consider them perfectly safe and the best means of remitting after dollars or less.

Reduction of Price!

The subscription price of the WEEKLY STAR has been reduced as follows:

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IN THE FIELD.

The Democratic Conservative party of the Cape Fear is now in the field fully armed, caparisoned and equipped. The work of the 5th and 6th days of May have strengthened our column and given hope and energy and life and renewed devotion to our people.

NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The general tide of Reform that is rising all over the country has extended to North Carolina. It is a most gratifying fact that the local elections held last Monday resulted in the success of the Conservative party in the greater number of towns.

GRANTS ORGAN ON THE NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN.

The Washington Republican is by no means satisfied with the way things political are working in this State, nor does it take a hopeful view of the approaching campaign.

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Spirits Turpentine.

- The Radicals of Halifax county recommend O'Hara for Congress.
- The property of the Goldsboro Female College is to be sold or leased.
- Goldsboro ladies decorate the soldiers' graves next Monday afternoon.
- Five cases of divorces in Cumberland Court which commences on the 18th.
- A wagoner named Horney was robbed on Saturday night last of \$300 in Rockingham.
- Asa now says the injury by the cold to wheat and fruit will be slight in that section.
- The Greensboro Messenger runs up its flags and cooks in honor of the municipal victory.
- Wheat and fruit hurt in McDowell, and rains have delayed preparations for corn crop.
- Thompson's Hall at Greensboro was thrown open last Friday, for the first time.
- New Hanover owes much to Hon. Geo. Davis for his efforts in behalf of Col. A. M. Waddell, says the Magnolia Monitor.
- At Rockingham Brint McKinnon was sentenced to the penitentiary for burglary by Judge Buxton.
- The new Lafayette Light Infantry Company, which uniform has been received, and is very handsome.
- There is to be a cantata at Varon Academy, Robeson county, on 15th, for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum.
- Thos. A. Healy has been nominated Collector of Customs for the District of Pamlico, vice R. W. Kligg resigned.
- A rich vein of iron ore has recently been discovered in the vicinity of Great Station, one and a half miles from the W. M. C. R. R. and the W. R. R.
- The new Methodist church, Rose of Sharon, in Centerville Neck, will be dedicated by Rev. E. A. Yateson next Sabbath, says the Kingston Gazette.
- Orange sends three boarders to the State Pen., only two of which received under two years.
- The Radical Congressional District Convention convenes in Goldsboro on Thursday, the 14th inst. Their Judicial Convention meets at Kinston on Thursday of the following week.
- In Oxford Dr. L. C. Taylor, Republican, is elected Mayor with a full board of Republican Commissioners. There was no organized opposition to the Republican ticket. Prohibition was defeated.
- Hickory Press: Miss Cora Fleming was seriously burned Wednesday last week, by her clothing catching on fire. In trying to extinguish the fire Mr. A. P. Fleming, her father, had his hands severely burned.
- From a correspondent of the Washington Express we learn that the many friends of Dr. R. K. Speed are determined to present his name as a candidate for the nomination for Congress at the next Convention which meets in Edenton on the 25th of May.
- The house of Ned White, a distinguished colored citizen of this county, was destroyed by fire on the 30th of April, and his wife and her mother and child which the mother had left in the cradle.
- Winston Sentinel: Bishop O'Connell was visited by the Rev. Mr. Murdoch on last week. We learn that there will be an effort made to build an Episcopal church in our town, which we hope will be successful.
- We copy from the Greensboro New North State (Radical) that an authorized to state that Judge Tourgee was in no event, be a candidate for re-election to his present position. Suppose he was to run for Congress one concluded there is no chance to be re-elected.
- Petersburg Iron Age: Under the head of "Crimes and Causes" the Raleigh Evening Crescent of Monday says: "It is said that in the election to the five Conservatives voted the Radical ticket, but they deny it." We are glad that a man was intended to be printed in the local department; but its accidental transfer was not inappropriate nor unmeaning.
- Hillsboro Recorder: Suits were instituted at the last term of the Court by the Trustees of the University against Alexander McVay, to recover the seal, books, papers, &c., belonging to the University; and against Solomon Pool to recover possession of the College property which he now contests. Mr. McVay and Mr. Graham appeared for the plaintiffs, and J. B. Satchel for Mr. McVay, and J. B. Mason for Pool.
- Magnolia Monitor: On Wednesday, the 30th day of April, Edward Graham, at the advanced age of 103 years, died in Magnolia. Uncle Sam was one of the very few surviving native born Africans in this country. At the age of 9 years he was taken from a slave and sold by the pound in the city of Norfolk, Va., and was bought by Mr. Graham. For generations he served this family well and faithfully, and then enjoyed the evening of his life in perfect freedom.
- Raleigh Crescent: We notice the nomination of Col. A. McKoy, of Sampson, and Col. W. S. Norment, of Robeson, as candidates respectively for Judge and Solicitor of the Cape Fear District. Better candidates could not have been selected. Both of these gentlemen are well known as good and able lawyers, and high-toned and worthy citizens, and if elected, they will restore the administration of justice in that District to the tone it possessed in the good old days of ante-bellum. We congratulate the Cape Fear people on the prospect they have in view, and feel assured that when Russell and Cantwell give place to McKoy and Norment the country will breathe freer than during the dark days of the last few years.
- The Fayetteville Gazette says: Abel Payne, a justly respected citizen of Fayetteville, died last week at the advanced age of 77 years. His life was a remarkable one—being devoted almost throughout to the consummation of one grand object: The purchase of the freedom of his own wife and children. Abel Payne, formerly a slave of the Waddells of New Hanover, had been a resident of this town at the time of his death for nearly sixty years. Very long ago a number of our prominent men, among whom was Mr. D. A. Ray, becoming interested in Payne's case, advanced him money to buy his own freedom, and took his notes for the repayment of the sum. Therefore his whole life became one of toil and self-sacrifice in attaining the desired end of raising him and family from servitude. In this he succeeded, buying, first and last, three sons and three daughters. He was very careful, too, as far as his means would allow, of this raising, and labored to educate them as far as possible. Abel Payne was a zealous member of the M. E. Church South, and steadfastly refused to attach himself to the Northern Church. He was a delegate to the Colonial Methodist Convention in 1837, at Petersburg, Va., and then took strong grounds for his Southern brethren. He was a man of integrity and good character, and had the confidence and respect of both races. His wife still survives him, and is about 83 years of age.