Wilmington Journal

Cassidey's Assault on Col. Waddell in Washington, and What He Got for It.

A letter from Mr. Hugh Waddell, Jr., a resident of Savannah, Ga., says:

"Yesterday afternoon my brother Alfred received information that Mr. Cassidey, Mr. Heaton and another gentleman were seen on the avenue, and from the peculiar manner in which Mr. Cassidey was carrying a large stick (held behind him), and from his nervous way of eyeing every one, it was supposed that he was looking for Alfred, but not believing that there would be any attack, no preparation was made for it by either of us. In the course of the evening Alfred, with two of my friends from Georgia and myself, dropped into the Ebbit House. Alfred was six or eight feet in front of me, while my two friends were immediately in rear of me. As we were passing through the halls, one of my friends, Mr. May, said look out Hugh, and turning I saw a stranger (I had never seen Cassidey before) rushing after Alfred with a cane raised in both hands. As he did not know me I had the opportunity to jump between him and Alfred, who was still walking quietly along, not knowing that Cassidey was any where near him. Of course the first thing in the way of an introduction was a blow over Cassidey's head from a stick I had in my hand."

The balance of the story we tell in the words of the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*. He says:

"Congressman Waddell hearing the melee turned, and, seeing his old Wilmington antagonist, dealt him two or three blows which felled him to the floor. As Cassidey was getting on his legs again, Congressman Rusk, of Wisconsin, who was present, caught hold of Waddell and prevented him from inflicting further punishment. This friendly act almost occasioned a fight between Rusk and Waddell until it was explained that Mr. R. had not the least interest in Cassidey, but that he only wanted to prevent a fight. When Cassidey regained his feet he seemed to be perfectly dazed, and a movement of his hand indicated the intention to draw a pistol, when Congressman Waddell's brother prevented it. This ended the fight for the time being. Mr. Cassidey is reported today with a black eye, a sore arm and a broken nose."

Colonel Waddell himself in reply to a dispatch from this office telegraphed us as follows:

"Cassidey has never struck me; he tried to club me when my back was turned and I unconscious of his presence, but my brother Hugh saw him and at once struck him before he could reach me. Cassidey did not get in a blow on either of us. He is badly hurt."

Colonel Waddell says further that "men of all parties" in Washington condemn this clear case of an attempt at assassination in trying to club me when my back was turned."

Delegates to the Congressional District Nominating Convention.

The delegates from New Hanover to the Congressional District Nominating Convention to be held at Fayetteville, appointed by the chairman in pursuance of a resolution to that effect, are as follows:

George Davis, A Adrian, Sol Bear, Jno D Love, P T Dicksey, James H Taylor, Dr J H Freeman, W H Strauss, F M James, Garrett Walker, Walter Coney, John Haar, Jr., F M Wooten, David S Sanders, G W C Muller, L H Bowden, S W Vick, H G Smallbones, D MacRae, L S Belden, C C Moss, John Beasley, Wm M Hays, E D Hall, R M Orrell, H P Shotter, W H Bernard, H W Horne, T W Player, W H Green, C D Myers, W A French, Josh T James, W D Mahn, J C Millis, H C Cassidey, J D Bellamy, Jr, I B Grainger, F W Kerchner, J W Perdew, H McL Green, W Mott, Morris Bear, H A Burr, J H Allen, J N Maffitt, R W Andrews, Jesse Ives, Thos H Smith, Geo Shutte, S H Fishblate, Willis Turlington, E H Eilers, J D Woody, N Jacobi, James Reilly, W H Griffith, W H Mayo, James Alderman, H M Bowden, G L Dudley, E G Baruitz, H C Brock, H G Flanner, Jno J King, Jno C Koetz, Jno G Darden.

The delegates to the State Convention will be announced hereafter.

Greensboro Female College Commencement.

On Wednesday, 31st May, at 11 o'clock a. m., an address will be delivered by Major Seaton Gales of Raleigh.

In the evening of the same day, at 8 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Duncan, President of R. M. College, will preach the annual sermon.

Commencement exercises on Thursday June 1st, to begin at 10 o'clock a. m. Concert at night.

T. M. Jones, Pres't.

Persons attending commencement at Greensboro Female College, May 31st and June 1st will be required to pay only three cents per mile on the Wilmington & Weldon railroad. We believe it has been customary for the North Carolina railroad to charge on such occasions one fare for the round trip from Goldsboro to Greensboro and return.

First Passage—Increased Draught.

The schooner Charles Dennis, drawing 12 feet of water, was towed up to the city yesterday by the tug Alpha through the new channel which has been dredged across Snow's marsh. This is the first passage of a vessel through the new channel, and the fact is an unmistakable testimonial of the benefit which the appropriations made by Congress are accomplishing.

The bark Clio went to sea yesterday over the main bar, drawing 15½ feet of water. This is another evidence of what is being accomplished.

University Commencement.

We tender our acknowledgements to the marshals and ball managers for an invitation to be present at the commencement exercises and ball, University of North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 31st and June 1st.

The managers are Messrs. F. M. Fremont, chief; W. B. Phillips, R. L. Payne, J. C. Powell and J. C. Taylor.

The ball managers are Messrs. E. B. Engelhard, J. M. Baker, F. D. Winston, Geo. McCorkle and D. C. Stanback.

City and County Executive Committee.

The vacancy on the City and County Executive Committee, created by the resignation of Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, who, not expecting to remain in the city during the summer found it impossible to discharge the duties that would devolve on a committeeman, was filled at a meeting of the voters of the Fourth ward, held in Hibernian Hall on Friday evening last, Mr. Charles H. Robinson, being placed on the committee *vice* Maj. Stedman resigned.

Fire at Reedsville.

A fire occurred at Reedsville, N. C., by which the office of the Reedsville *News* was destroyed, and also a number of other buildings.

For the Journal.

Democratic Meeting in Sampson County.

In answer to the call of the chairman of the executive committee the delegates assembled in Clinton on Saturday, May 20th, and were called to order by Col S A Powell.

Dr Walter C Murphy moved that the convention be permanently organized by calling Jno H Hill to the chair and requesting H E Royal to act as secretary.

The roll of townships was called and a majority found to be present.

The chairman appointed the following committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiment of this meeting: Dr Walter C Murphy, Owen Holmes, J C Hines, L R Carroll, J W S. Robinson, H H Cobb, John C Williams.

The committee retired and in their absence Dr C T Murphy was called out and made a neat little speech.

The chairman appointed one from each township as a committee on finance.

The committee on resolutions returned and reported through Dr Murphy the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, The Democratic Conservative party of Sampson county in convention assembled, in view of the important issues now before us and the great interests the Democratic party and the country have pending in the result of the coming election, do, for the better interest of our party and the cause of our country, adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we hereby renew our fidelity to and confidence in the great principles of the Democratic party heretofore enunciated, and do pledge our hearty co operation for the support and success of the cause.

Resolved, That in selecting our standard bearers for the coming contest, which is one of vital interest to our entire country, that we cheerfully and entirely disregard all personal feelings and preferences and select those whom we think, after mutual consultation and interchange of opinion, will be most certain to lead our party to a brilliant and triumphant success.

Resolved, That we leave our delegates to both the Congressional and State Conventions untrammeled and unrestricted, requesting them to observe the doctrines of prudence, wisdom and discretion.

The following gentlemen were elected delegates to the Congressional Convention, which convenes on the 31st of May at Fayetteville:

Dr Walter D Murphy, Owen Holmes, W E Stevens, A R Herring, Amos Royal, J P Wilson, G R Williams, Allen Daugharty, J McPhail, H H Cobb, Alex Williams, I Herring, J Fowler, L R Carrol, W A Faison, J Wilson, N B Banfoot, J W Mathis, Murdoc White, J W S Robinson, A E Colvill, James Wrigut, Robert Highsmith.

Alternates—L A Boykin, James Digford, Dan'l Kornegay, William Oates, W J Cradock, W W Cox, A B Parker, J A Beatman, J R Maxwell, R W Howard, Alvin Royal, Flavel H Howard, Walter Thompson, William Moore, H H Draughon, Joel Tew, Jno Fisher, R H Holiday, N F Highsmith, C S Kerr, George Smith, William Hobbs.

Delegates to State Convention—Col L A Powell, E W Kerr, H E Royal, P Merritt, Jno A Corbet, S G Faison, M J Faison, G W Hobbs, W H Bryant, William Daughtery, J D Culbreth, H S Spell, H B Ireland, H Weeks, J R Mazwell, Alex Williams, J W Blaunt, W S Mathis, J F Alderman, D B Dawson, R A Draughon, John Dudley, M Rich, Jos M Smith.

Alternates—W B Murphy, W H Fennell, D R Watson, O F Herring, L C Hines, W A Lee, P H Murphy, S M Chesnutt, J P Fisher, A P White, L Hicks, T Weeks, R M Howard, M O Jackson, J R Beeman, John Axford, R A Draughan John Dudley, O W Owen, Gaston Hall.

A resolution was adopted allowing any democrat present at the convention power to act.

L R Carroll introduced the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Dr C T Murphy of Sampson county has rendered himself worthy of reward by his labors as Senator and committeeman in the General Assembly of North Carolina; and whereas we feel that he is entitled to some emolument in return for the same, and are assured that his claims will be readily recognized and acknowledged by the people of this State; therefore

Resolved, That the county convention of Sampson county convened in Clinton on the 20th day of May, 1876, recommend him to the State convention for the position of Secretary for the State of North Carolina.

The chair appointed the following central executive committee: E Peterson, chairman; C Hines, J C Williams, Pellewitt John Axford, W A Faison, Uriah Hill.

It was recommended to the committee to hold the county nominating convention sometime in September.

A resolution of thanks was offered and on motion of Dr Murphy the convention adjourned.

J H Hill, Chairman.
H E Royal, Secretary.

For the Journal.

Democratic Meeting in Columbus County.

Pursuant to a call of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of Columbus county a large number of the citizens assembled in the court house at Whiteville on Saturday, the 20th of May, 1876, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions.

On motion Col F George was called to the chair and J W Powell was requested to act as secretary.

The convention then proceeded to appoint delegates to the State Convention to be held in Raleigh on the 14th day of June, when the following named persons, being three from each township, were announced:

For Bogue Township—H B Short, Jr; J W Hall, G W Flinn.

For Welch's Creek Township—T A Smith, H A Troy, S W Smith.

For Whiteville Township—V V Richardson, J W Powell, S E Hughes.

For Western Prong Township—Shade Wooten, M W Pridgen, G W Meadows.

For Tatum's Township—Rev H Lennon, Robert McClosky, D Smith.

For Fair Bluff Township—J M Powell, Aug Smith, D Coleman.

For Williams Township—J P Stanley, J B Harralson, Elihu Meares.

For Bug Hill Township—J H Gore, Jesse S Cox, W J Ley.

For Lee's Township—W M Long, J J Long, J W Gore.

And the following delegates were appointed to the Congressional Convention, to be held in Fayetteville on the 31st day of May:

M Campbell, W H McDade, H C Creech, C D Baldwin, J F Harrell, G W Elkins, A H Lennon, H Coleman, W J Coleman, M M Harralson, H B Short, J W Rouse, John Creech, T S Memory, Lott Memory, D S Lennon, D W Meares, A Sessoms, Neill Currie, A Toon, C C Gore, W M Williams, W S Reeves, I S Sasser, W S Hudeer, J J C Gore.

On motion, the chairman and secretary were added as deletates to both conventions; and also any Democrat from the county who may be present at either convention shall be considered a delegate.

The convention then appointed the following gentlemen as the County Executive Committee:

W H McDade, J W Ellis, Elihu Meares.

The following were declared the Township Executive Committee:

Bogue—S W Maltsby, M Campbell, H B Short, Jr.

Welch's Creek—E Creech, I M Hithsmith, S W Smith.

Whiteville—D P High, J W Powell, S Bright.

Western Prong—G W Elkins, M W Pridgen, Leonard Jordan.

Tatum's—H B Collier, J C Lennon, A D Williamson.

Fair Bluff—E D Meares, A Sessoms, I. M. Powell.

Williams—J P Stanley, Jackson Powell, M M Harralson.

Bug Hill—H Long, E W Fowler, J J C Gore.

For Lee's Township—J J Long, J C Lee, M J Ward.

After which the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That on account of the arduous labors heretofore performed in behalf of the Democratic party and of his devotion to principle, we do hereby instruct our delegates to cast the vote of this county for North Carolina's favorite son, the Hon. Z. B. Vance as our first choice for Governor.

Resolved That in consideration of the eminent ability of the Hon. A. M. Waddell and of the untiring interest manifested in behalf of his constituents, we do cheerfully recommend his renomination for Congress from this District.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be sent to the Wilmington Journal and *Star* for publication, with a request that the other Democratic papers copy them.

F. George, Chairman.
J. W. Powell, Secretary.

For the Journal.

Politics in the West—Our Candidates—Governor and Secretary of State.

Winston, Fosyth Co., N. C.,
May 19, 1876.

Messrs. Editors:—My journey through many of our western counties brings me to this prosperous little town to-day, and I have thought a line or two on our public matters may interest your eastern readers. I find this to be court week here, an event of no ordinary importance in all our western counties. These occasions with an extended stay among our western brethren enables one to more closely scrutinize the different elements of political life, and to discern the bearing and sympathy of the political elements not only as to the vital question of the amendments but as to those most prominent for State officers.

Here, as in so many of our western counties, federal revenue officers in their unscrupulous characteristic manner are damaging our ranks by their well known threats, entreaties and leniency to illicit distillers, &c. The white race predominates in all these western counties, and of course the negro does not receive that base and polite homage extended to that race in so many of the eastern counties, where white men have sickened decency and astonished vice, by their social affiliations with negroes. But when the constitutional amendments are adopted, requiring a rotation of judges, and when a negro judge from the Newbern district is elected, as is very probable, and he rotates into these western counties then it will be that the people of the west will realize what negro rule is and the white Republicans will be as much disgusted as their eastern brethren are pleased with the incapacity and prejudice of the negro.

Owing to the great magnitude and importance of the amendments, and the purity and popularity of our candidates, the people are regarding State politics of more importance than national matters. In this view is our party of the west enquiring for the strongest and most available candidates for the two most important State offices, Governor and Secretary of State.

As to Governor, it is evident that that old war horse and veteran, Gov. Vance will again be put in the field. Up to a recent date 'twas thought he would contend Mr. Asher for Congress, but we think it now definitely settled that Gov. Vance will be our next candidate.

As regards Secretary of State, that eloquent debator and war-worn veteran in the Democratic party, Maj Jos. A. Engelhard, of your city, is the choice, without doubt, of the western Democracy. No man stands higher in the western counties than he does. No Democrat enjoys in a greater degree the confidence and sympathies of our party throughout the State than does this gallant and able defender of the principles of his party. Could he canvass these western counties as candidate for Secretary of State and tell these western people in his own pursuasive, powerful way of the important issues at stake and the oppression and corruption of negro rule in the Radical counties of the east, and the extravagance of the Republican party, he would do more to ensure the success of our ticket than any other man.

Since his withdrawal from that lever power in your party, the Wilmington Journal, there is an interest felt for him amounting almost to affection.

The fact that ever since the war—in which Maj. Engelhard bore a brave and noble part—he has given his whole time, his splendid talents, his resistless energy and most of his substance to the good of the Democratic party, has given him great prominence without as well as within the State, and has made him a noble champion of our cause which he has effectually served without asking any office of the party that should now, as they certainly will, rally warmly around him.

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The 20th of May.

To-day is the 101st anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Charlotte never saw such a sight as she witnessed one year ago to-day. There was never so grand a civic display in the Old North State, as took place here that day, and reporters being here from all the principal cities, Charlotte was advertised from one end of the American continent to the other, until there was no one who did not hear of this celebration. This morning one year ago, there was a Babel of sounds upon these now quiet streets. The bells of the city pealed forth their gladdest welcome to her visitors, cannon belched forth thunder, bands of music filled the streets with their airs, flags and bunting waved from nearly all the houses in the principal part of the city; Independence Square was one great flag; festoons drooped from the fronts of stores and private residences, and the streets were a moving mass.

But who that was here has forgotten that day with its magnificent pageantry, or ever will? It was a grand day for Charlotte, for Mecklenburg and for North Carolina. It was a rallying around the principles of 1775, and a rekindling of the fires upon the altar of patriotism. The patriotic utterances of Kerr, Vance and Johnston, of North Carolina; of Hendricks, of Indiana; of Bright and Polk, of Tennessee; of Walker of Virginia; Chamberlain, of South Carolina, and others, will ever be remembered by those who heard them, and while to-day we shall have little of that pageantry and glamour witnessed here a year ago, still the demonstrations which will be made, will be very proper to the day and will show that the memory of the event which this day commemorates is still dear to the hearts of the descendants of the men of '75.—*Charlotte Observer.*

Special postoffice agents arrested John H. Chestnut, agent on St. John's river, Fla., for stealing money letters and third-class mail matter. Florida visitors have suffered from these depredations.

A fire in Geneva, N. Y., Tuesday night destroyed the flour store of W. L. Gilbert, the tin store of Fulton & Shelbly, the furniture store of Riley & Miller and gutted two stores of Shilton & Co. Loss $50,000.

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DAILY JOURNAL

WASHINGTON.

Washington, D.C., May 22—Noon—The President made the following nominations: Attorney-General Pierrepont for Minister to England; Secretary of War Taft, for Attorney General; Don Cameron, son of Simon Cameron, for Secretary of War.

C. E. Creeley, of Mississippi, a prominent candidate for doorkeeper before the caucus is not the candidat to succeed Fitzhugh.

In Gibson's committee, a sub committee, consisting of Riley and Dawall was appointed to examine the pay rolls in the Treasury Department.

Judge Wilson, attorney for Casey, asked and obtained permission to accompany the committee who are also to examine the payrolls of December, January and February last and investigate whether any pay rolls have been returned. Adjourned to 3 o'clock.

Washington, May 22—Night—Senate—Barnum's credentials were presented and he was seated.

A petition from A. M. Clapp, Congressional printer, was presented to the effect that he was an officer of the Senate, that great injustice has been done him by the committee on printing in the House of Representatives, that the books of his office are detained from him by that committee and that no opportunity has been given him for explanation of the charges before that committee. Referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

The bill for relief of C. H. Peterson was passed.

Executive session and adjourned.

House—Mr. Kerr's leave of absence has been extended five days.

Tucker presented a resolution directing the President to inform the House whether he has official information regarding violence and danger menacing American citizens in the Ottoman Empire, whether steps have been taken for the protection of such American citizens and requesting him to take measures to insure such protection. Adopted.

Hooker presented a joint resolution of the Mississippi Legislature in favor of the passage of the Texas Pacific railroad bill.

Hancock introduced a bill for ocean mail steamships between the United States and Brazil.

Gibson introduced a resolution for the appointment of commissioners looking to a mutually beneficial treaty with Brazil.

The committee on rules made quite a long report, closing with resolutions first, that the office of doorkeeper be vacated by its present encumbent, and second, that the duties of doorkeeper be devolved upon the sergeant-at-arms until further ordered. Adopted.

The House went into committee of the whole on the navy appropriation bill. An amendment by Whithorn largely reducing the pay and personel of the Navy Department was defeated—ayes 72, nays 74.

The House then adjourned.

Confirmations—Pierrepont, Taft and Cameron.

In the Senate the nominations to-day were referred to committees. Reports were made immediately, and without debate the three important nominations above reported were confirmed. These appointments surprised every one, especially that of Don Cameron. The nomination of Pierrepont read "in place of Schenck, resigned." Pierrepont hopes to be at St. James' Court before the Winslow extradition matter is finally concluded.

Secretary Chandler disavows any intention of trying to make an impeachment case against Thompson, who was Secretary of the Interior before the war.

Sir Edward Thornton declines compensation for acting as umpire in the United States and Mexican mixed convention. A suitable testimonial will be presented him by the government.

Washington, May 23—Noon—In the Senate this morning Robertson of South Carolina presented resolutions of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce remonstrating against the admission of rice free of duty as proposed by the Hawaiian treaty. The resolutions were referred to the committee on finance.

The sub-committee on the case of Lee vs. Rainey from South Carolina have agreed to report. The full election committee is in favor of retaining Rainey in his seat.

Gibson's committee is in executive session. Dawell and Riley have not returned from the Treasury. Special Postoffice Agent Hayes will be examined.

A Times special says: "Ex-Senator Alexander McDonald of Arkansas, testified before the committee on expenditures in the Interior Department yesterday. He says that in 1872 he paid John Delano, chief clerk of the Interior Department, $5,000 on account of one Shafer, one of the owners of the Flagstaff silver mine, which is situated near the Emma mine in Utah. Mr. McD. says Shafer told him before he left for Europe that if he sent him any money he was to give Jno. Delano $5,000, ex-Senator Thayer $2,000, and E. C. Ingersoll $5,000 for attorney's fees."

Washington, May 23—Night.—Senate.—A resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish a detailed estimate of the amount required to execute the House bill amendatory of the law pensioning soldiers and sailors of 1812 was introduced and adopted.

After a secret session on the impeachment case, in which there was no action, the Senate adjourned.

General O. O. Howard denies having been a trustee of the Freedmen's Bank.

Assistant Secretary Conant says the story of Bristow's resignation is the sheerest nonsense.

House—The House immediately went into committee on naval appropriations. Some five amendments are pending regarding navy yards over which there are local struggles.

Randall spoke in favor of his amendment looking to the establisment of naval stations at Tybee Island and Cockspur Island. Randall's amendment was agreed to.

It was telegraphed Saturday that the committee rose and the naval appropriation bill passed. The House again went into committee on the Indian appropriation bill.

Blackburn offered a resolution authorizing the Louisana committee to act by sub committee; adopted. Woodburn of Nevada was appointed on the committee vice Hoskins withdrawn

Adjourned.

Pierrepont as Attorney General and Taft as Secretary of War appeared as usual at the Cabinet meeting to-day. Pierrepont will not relinquish the Attorney Generalship until he formally accepts his new office, which, from certain necessities, he cannot do until about the first of next month.

Orth, minister to Austria, has resigned.

Ferguson, who went with the sub committee to the Treasury Department, examined some 600 pay rolls, but failed to find any he could identify as signed fraudulently by himself. The committee then adjourned to meet at New Orleans.

It is stated on most excellent authority that the President has ordered the suspension of Wickersham, postmaster at Mobile.

The committee on the District of Columbia have concluded their report which covers seven columns. The joint resolution which they offer directs the Attorney General to cause proceedings at law to be instituted against the commissioners (Wm. Dennison, John H. Ketchum and Seth L. Phelps) on their several bonds for malfeasance and unfaithfulness in office, and for this purpose he is authorized to employ special counsul. The republican members will refuse to join in the report, they holding that the commissioners are not responsible for the actions of the board of audit where the respousibility properly belongs.

There was a three hour's Cabinet session to-day, at which Fish's note was read. It is quite a long paper and thoroughly reiterates the position already taken by this government. Bristow read a telegram from Supervisor Magee at St. Louis reciting the difficulties in executing the revenue laws in Cape Girardeau county, Mo., and asking for a military force. The matter was referred to the Secretary of War, who will instruct the proper military authorities to give proper assistance.

Judge Taft remains in charge of the War Office for a few days.

Logan occupied the day in the impeachment court, arguing against the Senate's jurisdiction. A decision is expected Thursday.

Washington, May 24—Noon—The Senate passed the House joint resolution requesting the President to take such steps as he may deem proper to secure the pardon or release of Edward O. M. Condon, now confined in an English prison.

Ed. F. Beale has been nominated for Minister to Austria.

A. P. Robinson, engineer on the Little Rock & Fort Smith railroad, carried a package from Caldwell, who controlled the bonds, to Blaine, open at both ends; did not know the contents; it may have been a map; never told any one the package contained twenty bonds.

The House is discussing the bill restraining public lands.

Washington, May 24—Night—Senate—The naval committee reported adversely on the petition of Capt. Francis A. Roe of the United States navy for reimbursement of property destroyed during the war.

The public lands committee reported favorably on the bill for the benefit of Andrew Williams of Tennessee. Calendar.

Executive session and no result in the impeachment case.

House—Mr. Kerr resumed the chair apparently in improved health.

The Southern land bill went over without action.

Harris, from the committee on elections, reported that Jas. H. Rainey, the sitting member from South Carolina, was duly elected. Ordered to be printed and recommitted.

The House then proceeded to consider the Louisiana contested case of Spencer vs. Morey. The report of the majority of the committee being that Wm. B. Spencer, the contestant, is entitled to the seat, and that Frank Morey, the sitting member, is not, and the minority taking the opposition view, Harris of Tennessee, DeBalt of Missouri and Ellis of Louisiana spoke in support of the majority report, and Wells of Mississippi, and Brown of Kansas, in support of minority report. Without taking any action on the resolution the matter went over for the present.

Wilson of Iowa offered a resolution directing the committee on commerce to inquire into an alleged combination of leading railroads for the purpose of controlling traffic. Adopted. The House then adjourned.

There will be a democratic caucus to-morrow night for a successor to Fitzhugh.

Taft and Pierrepont have gone to New York but will return Friday.

Mrs. Avery has a clerkship in the Interior Department.

Spencer, before leaving for Alabama, endeavored to pair on the impeachment questions but the Senate decided against judges pairing.

The sub-committee of the Senate will report in favor of non-concurrence in most of the changes made by the House in the executive, legislative and judiciary appropriation bill.

A live oak contractor testified that he paid Ely Cattell thirty seven thousand dollars commissions.

Secretary Robeson has written Whithorne a letter accepting the invitation of the committee to make explanations. He remonstrated against the publication of detached parts of the evidence, and demands a hearing in public.

The Star says: "The democratic members who have conversed with Fitzhugh say that he exhibits signs of insanity and that he is not responsible for what he says. Up to this time he retains the control of the records of his office which he took away and says he will not surrender them while Sergeant-at-Arms Thompson is absent in Ohio. In the meantime members cannot obtain any documents from the folding room, the Speaker having given orders not to issue any until the index books are returned."

The special committee having charge of the investigation of the report that Clerk Adams sold offices examined W. G. Curtis of the Inter Ocean to-day who testified that a gentleman had made such a remark to him in conversation and he made the paragraph about it but refuses to give the gentleman's name.

The sub-committee in the case of Platt vs. Goode from Virginia have agreed to report in favor of retaining Goode in his seat but will not make a formal report to the full committee until Blackburn returns from New Orleans.

It is learned there is no truth in the report that M. D. Wickersham, postmaster at Mobile, has been suspended. No request has been made for his suspension or removal.

There is no truth whatever in the statement that Fitzhugh shows signs of derangement. The only book he has belonging to the House is the invoice book by which to settle his accounts. Mr. Fitzhugh is apprehensive that one hundred bags of books have been taken from the folding room without authority and he needs that book to verify the stock that should be on hand.

Whithorne has answered Robeson's letter that he or any naval officer can have any witness recalled. Where testimony affects them they can be heard at any length in accordance with the resolution of the 17th.

Congressman Hays is authority for the statement relative to the removal of Wickersham, postmaster at Mobile.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, May 22—Night—The State Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia reports 10 per cent. more corn planted in the State than last year and the preparation 7 per cent. better. The severe cold in March killed the corn in Southern Georgia, requiring it to be plowed up and replanted, but corn is promising all over the State and the stands are averaging 85. Twenty-five per cent. of the corn is fertilized. The average of oats is 135 compared to last year. Sixty-six per cent. was sowed last fall. The average condition is 99. The average of wheat is 118 compared to last year, and its condition on May 1st was 116., 58 per cent. sowed is fertilized. Rust on the blade is reported in all sections and in some counties the crop is nearly ruined with rust. An increase of 24 per cent. in the acreage of millet and 20 per cent. in forage corn. The introduction of German millet has stimulated the planting of special forage crops.

There is a decrease of 10 per cent. in the acreage of cotton but the preparation is 7 per cent. better than last year and the amount of fertilizers used on cotton is 19 per cent. greater than last year. The acreage in sugar cane is increased 25 per cent. and sorghum 36 per cent. Twelve per cent. more fertilizers have been purchased this year then last, only 14 per cent. being for cash and 86 on time principally for cotton at 15 cents next November. Forty-three per cent. of the fertilizers used have been composted at home.

The average wages of farm laborers is $100 per year with board. Laborers have hired 12 per cent. more willingly this year than last and is 7 per cent. more efficient. Ninety per cent. of the correspondents of the department report a determination on the part of the farmers to make all farm supplies at home and let cotton be strictly a surplus crop.

NEW YORK.

New York, May 24—Night.—The failure of John Vogt & Co, Hamburg, Paris and New York china and glass ware merchants, is announced. Their liabilities are very heavy.

The body of Edward Shaffer, a clothing merchant, was found in the river to-day. There were indications of murder and robbery.

Eight persons, indicted for dealing in crooked whiskey, plead not guilty with permission to change the ples before the 2nd day of the next term of court.

ALABAMA.

Montgomery, May 24—Night—The Spencer ring of the republican convention met to day. A committee on credentials was appointed and the convention recessed to five o'clock. Foster Blodgett of Georgia was present and was received with eclat. Most of the delegates are revenue collectors, postmasters and clerks and officials from the U. S. Marshal's office.

London, May 25.—Night—Three cotton mills at Preston are running short. It is rumored that others will follow. The cause is the continued decline and irregularity in price and depression and uncertainty of the market. It is stated that the prices is one per cent lower than for thirty years with two brief exceptions. The mills in some parts of Lancashire will be closed during the entire Whitsuntide.

General Matters at the National Capital

Special Telegram to the Enquirer.

WASHINGTON, May 23.

The principal question of the naval appropriation bill, namely—the situation of the navy yards, has been settled by the House adopting an amendment of Mr. Randall, providing for a board of five officers, three of whom shall be the senior officers of the navy, to examine and report what yards ought to be abolished, and also upon the question of establishing a naval rendezvous on the coast of Georgia. There is no probability that, in any event, the Norfolk navy-yard will be meddled with.

The sub committee on elections are to meet to-morrow to decide the case of Platt vs. Goode. The case of Platt has not been presented to the committee in a very strong light.

Mr. Blaine is still indisposed, and unable to attend the sessions of the sub-judiciary committee, who are investigating his case. So much delay has occurred that the committee deem it proper to go on with the witnesses who are here, and Mr. Blaine's rights can be looked after by his counsel. Robinson, the Arkansas witness, who was expected to testify very strongly against Mr. Blaine, does not quite come up to the programme.

Secretary Robeson is greatly troubled by the testimony taken by the Naval Committee, but makes liberal promises of his ability to explain everything satisfactorily.

University of North Carolina,
Philanthropic Hall.
May 18, 1876.

Resolved, That the society having been informed of the death of our fellow member, Prof. Ralph H. Graves, Sr., principal of the Hillsboro Military Academy, desire to express the profound regret awakened by this dispensation of Divine Providence. To a character marked by unswerving integrity and devotion to duty, Prof. Graves united the grace of a disposition pure, ingenuous and disinterested. Possessing good natural endowments, he felt, from his early youth, that the faculties of his mind and his opportunities of improvement were a sacred trust for which he was responsible to his Creator. His whole life, devoted to the work of education, exhibited the same elevation of principle and sentiment; while a happy combination of the mental and moral powers qualified him to furnish a worthy model to the young for whom he so assiduously labored. Beloved and respected by the good of every name, in the vigor of his abilities, he sank to rest amid the heartfelt regrets and sympathies of the community in which he lived, leaving behind him the rich legacy of a consistent, Christian example.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased the assurance of our condolence in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Hillsboro Recorder and Raleigh Daily News.

Trinity Commencement.

The sermon before the Theological Society, will be preached on Sunday, June 4th, by Rev. J. R. Griffith, of the N. C. Conference.

The Trustees will meet June 7th, at 9 o'clock a. m.

At 11½ o'clock, June 7th, the annual sermon will be preached by Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D. of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Anniversary reunion of the Alumni at 3 o'clock p. m.

Annual address to the Alumni at 8 o'clock p. m. by Rev. W. C. Wilson, of N. C. Conference. Other addresses will follow.

Thursday, June 8th, commencement exercises at 12½ o'clock, the literary address will be delivered by Dr. Talmage.

Return tickets will be sold on the Carolina Central Railroad; the N. C. Railroad, Raleigh and Gaston and Raleigh and Augusta Air Line, and the Atlantic and North Carolina roads will return visitors free on a college certificate, they having paid first class fare going.

Ample arrangements have been made for the accommodation and comfort of all visitors. Visitors should consult the marshal in attendance at High Point for conveyance to the college. Trustees and preachers should notify us of their intention to be present.

B. Craven.

May 19, 1876.

Getting at the Truth of the Matter.

New Orleans, May 20.

No particulars as to the number of killed in the late troubles have been received, but it is known that the number has been greatly exaggerated.

Woodville, Miss., May 19.

To Governor Stone: Quiet has been restored throughout the country. The trouble could have been avoided had not the colored people fired into my posse. They were advised by their leaders to kill the white people from the cradle up. I have arrested some of the ringleaders and may get more. Politics had nothing to do with the affair. Prominent colored men were with me trying to pacify them. They would listen to no advice. I apprehend no further trouble.

W. H. Noble,
Sheriff of Wilkinson county.

August Flower.

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from dyspepsia and liver complaint.

More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effect, such as sour stomach, sick headache, habitual costiveness, palpitation of the heart, heart-burn, waterbrash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, yellow skin, coated tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food, after eating, low spirits, &c. Go to the drug store and get a 75 cent bottle, or a sample bottle for 10 cents. Try it. Two doses will relieve you. For sale by Green & Flanner and J. C. Munds.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKETS

Thursday, May 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Official quotations firm at 28½ cents. Sales of 250 casks at 28½ cents.

ROSIN—Official quotations firm at $1 55 for strained. $1 60 for good strained. Sales of 1,070 bbls strained at $1 55, 620 bbls good strained at $1 60, 7 bbls No. 1 at $2 25, 16 bbls pale at $2 75, 25 bbls pale at $3 50, 30 bbls extra pale at $3 75 and 20 bbls extra pale at $4 50.

TAR—Official quotations quiet at $1 30. Sales of 150 bbls at $1 30.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Official quotations steady at $1 20 for hard, $2 15 for yellow dip and $2 50 for virgin. Sales of 173 bbls at quotations.

CORN.—Market firm. Last sales at 70, 71 and 72 cents per bushel for Hyde county and 72½ cents per bushel for North county. Sales (in bags) at 77½a80 cents bushel.

COTTON—Official quotations steady. Sales of 13 bales at 11 cents. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary	—	cents.
Good Ordinary	9	"
Strictly Good Ordinary	—	"
Low Middling	10½	"
Middling	11	"
Good Middling	—	"

Quotations conform to the classification of the American Cotton Exchange.

Friday, May 19.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Official quotations firm at 28½ cents. Sales of 121 casks at 28½ cents.

ROSIN—Official quotations quiet at $1 55 for strained and $1 60 for good strained. Sales of 571 bbls strained at $1 55, 200 good No. 1 at $2 50.

TAR—Official quotations firm at $1 30. Sales of 129 bbls at $1 30.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Official quotations steady at $1 20 for hard, $2 15 for yellow dip and $2 50 for virgin. Sales of 93 bbls at quotations.

CORN—Market firm. Last sales at 70, 71 and 72 cents per bushel for Hyde county and 72½ cents per bushel for North county. Sales (in bags) at 77½a80 cents per bushel.

COTTON.—Official quotations steady. No sales. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary	—	cents.
Good Ordinary	9	"
Strictly Good Ordinary	—	"
Low Middling	10½	"
Middling	11	"
Good Middling	—	"

Quotations conform to the classification of the American Cotton Exchange.

Saturday, May 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Official quotations steady at 28 8 cents per gallon. Sales of 56 casks at 28½ cents, and 25 casks (city distilled) at 29 cents.

ROSIN—Official quotations quiet at $1 55 for strained and $1 60 for good strained. Sales of 30 bbls good No. 2 at $1 75 and 50 bbls low No. 1 at $2.

TAR—Official quotations quiet at $1 30. Sales of 170 bbls at quotations.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Official quotations steady at $1 20 for hard, $2 15 for soft and $2 50 for virgin. Sales of 323 bbls at quotations.

CORN—Market firm. Sales of 2,200 bushels at 72½ cents per bushel (in bulk) and 400 bushels (in bags) at 78½ cents.

COTTON—Official quotations steady. Sales of 15 bales (low grade) at 8½ cents. The following are the official quotations:

Ordinary	—	cents
Good Ordinary	9	"
Strictly Good Ordinary	—	"
Low Middling	10½	"
Middling	11	"
Good Middling	—	"

Quotations conform to the classification of the American Cotton Exchange.

Monday, May 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Official quotations steady at 28 cents. Sales of 233 casks at 28 cents per gallon for southern packages.

ROSIN—Official quotations quiet at $1 55 for strained and $1 60 for good strained. Sales of 175 bbls No. 2 at $1 65, 50 bbls low No. 1 at $2, and 380 bbls at $2 25 @ $2 50 for No. 1, and $2 75a