

LECTURES

SEASON 1876-'76.

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The Coming Crusade,

To-day in Account with Yesterday,

"Out of the Strong-Sweetness,"

The Ben Adhemite Era,

Southern Humor.

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JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA.

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Each. Republican:

While the Potter resolution is attracting some attention to the question of fraud in the late Presidential election, it may be well to lay before your readers some facts connected with that election in North Carolina. It is well known that this state, is perhaps less than any other affected by movements of population. It will be found upon examination of the census, that only once or twice has she increased so much as 8 percent of population in a decade. Adding however five percent to the number of adult males shown by the census of 1870, which is the highest rate of increase the state has ever known, and we find the possible adult male population of the state ~~which~~ in 1876 to have been 228,708; while the aggregate vote for ^{Presidential} ~~that year~~ electors was 234,781 being an excess of 6,023, above the possible voting strength at this rate of increase. There could not have been less than 1200 male adults in the various prisons of the state on that day; at least 600 were insane; not less than 1000 must have been too sick even to vote and we may safely assume that at least 2000 must have been unavoidably absent either from the state or from their proper polling-places, on account of the various exigencies of business and pleasure, making an additional 4,800, which should be deducted from the possible vote of the state or rather added to the difference between the possible vote and the pretended vote, making the excess of the latter 10,800. This is an astounding excess which clearly demonstrates extensive and systematic fraud, does not when considered in the aggregate demonstrate a sufficient number of fraudulent votes to have changed the result in the state, the majority of the ^{total} electors being over 13000.

A closer analysis of the vote shows however, that