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The Henderson Tribune says, "THE ORPHANS' FRIEND has over three times the circulation of any other paper in Granville county," which we guess is about true; it ought to have. But then the Tribune consoles itself by saying it has the only Job Office in a radius of forty miles. That reminds us that we received a letter from a friend in Hertford county last week, the head of which was printed at Harrell's Job Office at Henderson, which shows that he has gone beyond the forty miles in that direction.

MASONIC.—The Wilson Advance notices the fact that by the death of Thomas W. Dewey, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, that office now devolves upon Col. Thos. S. Kenan of Wilson, Deputy Grand High Priest. So there is, at this time in Wilson, the highest officers, both of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and the Grand Lodge—George W. Blount, Esq., being Grand Master of the State.

Flour.—At the Flat River Association in August, a number of friends subscribed contributions of flour, and were to notify us when it would be ready. Others have since promised flour to Rev. Mr. Marsh. We have not heard from any of it yet, and we write this under the presumption that they may have sent a verbal message in regard to it which failed to reach us. If there was ever a time when we would be glad to hear that the flour was ready to be sent for, that time is now. We will send for it immediately on learning it is ready. There was a barrel of corn promised, on the 24th of June, that we have not heard from yet. It would come in "mighty good time" just now. Indeed it would be impossible to imagine any set of circumstances under which such contributions would be more perfectly appropriate than those at present surrounding us. We hope the hint will be taken.

A HIGH COMPLIMENT.—Parson Brownlow says of the late President Johnston, "In one respect, at least, ex-President Johnston was a model statesman. He was honest. Whatever men may have said of him politically, no responsible man ever called his unflinching integrity in question." "His personal integrity always gave his personal policy weight, and thousands relied upon him without giving questions much investigation, knowing his personal incorruptibility." This is high praise, coming as it does, from a bitter political enemy, and is the more remarkable because of the glaring contrast it presents in regard to many in high places in these degenerate days. "I had rather be right than to be President," said one whose memory is revered by all; but to be President and to be right, too, in these latter days, exhibits the acme of human greatness.

THE REASON OF IT.—An exchange says, "It is a rare sight to see a tipsy man on our streets." We know that locality, and, on reading the paragraph quoted, concluded at once that fractional currency must be scarce in that section, just now.

THE WELDON FAIR.—The sixth annual exposition of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society will be held at the Fair grounds near Weldon on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th, 1875.

A FISH STORY.—Says the Concord Sun: "We were shown yesterday by Mr. J. Reed, druggist, a fish which fell in the yard of Mr. Paul Furr, during the rain storm on Sandy Ridge, in this county; several miles from any water course, and any one who knows him would soon doubt Moses and the prophets as to question his veracity. Mr. Furr states that he was sitting in his porch and saw the fish descending, and when it struck the ground, he immediately picked it up and placed it in water. It did not seem stunned from its fall, but was lively as a cricket. It is now in the possession of Mr. Reed. We presume it was carried from Old Ocean by a water spout."

We witnessed a similar case when a boy. We had taken shelter from a heavy shower, under a shed in the horse lot, and while there saw a fish of what is called the herring roach kind, fall within a few feet of where we stood. We ran out and picked it up and found it alive, but it died soon. If we had put it in water perhaps it would have lived.

Southern Girls.

Miss Costance Fenimore Wolston in the Cleveland Herald, thus tells what she thinks of southern girls:

You can tell a southern girl at once. She is rounder than her northern sisters, indeed she is never thin or lank; she walks with a languid step, and all her movements are slow and indolent; she is never alert. She has fine soft eyes with a serene expression, very different from the quick, keen eyes of the north; she has not the beautiful red and white complexion of New York and New England, rather is she sallow, with a few rose tints; you might call her cream color. She never looks anxious, no matter what happens; she does not think she can help matters by her advice or interference, but sits back calmly and leaves everything for "brother" or "pa," pronouncing the latter word in a way I defy a northern girl to imitate. The word might be used as a shibboleth; it is not exactly "pay," but half way between that and the sound of "a" in "cat." Our southern girl dresses picturesquely rather than trimly, and has brighter colors and more floating ends and curls about her than a northern belle allows. She has pretty plump hands, but she is not particular about the gloves that cover them—I mean particular compared with Fifth avenue rules. In short, she is a more voluminous sort of a girl in every way, and cares less about "the fashion." She has one decided advantage over the northern girls, however, and this is her voice; it is sweeter and lower, a little trillante, perhaps, but especially gentle and womanly.

School Thief and Teacher.

A reader sends us the following anecdote, says the Youth's Companion, which is certainly more characteristic of old-time teachers than creditable to them. The practice of a deception like this, while it might serve to detect a pupil who was really guilty, would be very unjust towards one who was falsely accused, and, in the case of teachers as well as of scholars, open and fair dealing is a better way.

John S.—was as shrewd a teacher as ever taught a district school. No mischief doer however sly, ever escaped detection and punishment. One day a small boy entered complaint that John Jones had stolen his slate-pencil. John denied it. The venerable teacher then went on to explain to his wondering scholars that whenever one stole anything, it could, by careful examination, be seen in their eyes. Then, taking a stick of wood in his hand, he ordered John to look straight in the eyes. Nearer and nearer he drew to the culprit, looking sharper and sharper into the windows of his soul, until, suddenly raising his stick of wood as if to strike him, he shouted, "Give me that pencil!" In an instant John's hands went down into his pockets, and he brought forth the missing pencil. As may be supposed, the number of thefts committed that term was very small.

The Mill Horse and the Racer.

"What a dull life yours is!" said a racer to a mill horse. "Dull enough," said the mill horse. "You must feel uncommonly stupid!" "Stupid enough," said the mill horse. "Round and round—round and round, and that day after day! No wonder your head hangs down—why, you're just a piece of machinery, and no better."

The mill horse didn't answer, but continued going his round; but the racer, who was tethered near, repeated his remarks every time he came within hearing. "I'm afraid I've offended you," said the racer. "Oh! no," answered the mill horse; "but my quiet life has this advantage in it—it gives me time to think before I speak." "And have you been thinking while I have been talking?" "Yes," answered the mill horse; "and I'll tell you what I've been thinking—you're a very fine fellow, and I'm contemptible in your sight; but I know which of us would be the most missed. Depend on this, if I and my breed were to take our departure, and no other substitutes could be found, folks would do without racing, and take you and your breed into our places."

It takes a woman to repulse a travelling agent sometimes. In a neighboring village he other day, a man called on Mr. C. at his place of business, and wanted to sell him a parlor organ. Mr. C. not wishing to buy, to get rid of him, referred him to his wife. On the man's making his business known to the lady, she asked him if Mr. C. sent him to her. "Yes ma'am," he replied, "Well, sir," said Mrs. C., "you just go back and tell him that until he can furnish me with something besides mackerel to eat, I can make all the music that is necessary around this house." The agent concluded that he couldn't sell an organ there.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ORPHAN ASYLUM FROM AUGUST 23d TO AUGUST 31st INCLUSIVE.

- IN CASH. Paid \$30 00, Collection at Morganton. " 25 33, Collection at Hickory. " 17 00, Collection at Old Fort. " 13 21, Proceeds St. Leo's exhibition at Oxford. " 10 00, E. Shuler, Asheville N. C. " 6 50, Obitory Collection, St. James Church, Kittrells through Rev Edward Wootton. " 6 00, Orphans' Friend. " 5 83, Carolina Lodge No 141 through Dr W S Kendall. " 5 00 each B F Hester, Mrs Carolina E Longoe, J A Claywell. " 3 80, Swain St Baptist Sunday School, Raleigh. " 2 70, Swain St Baptist Church, Raleigh. " 2 00 each Hiram Lodge No 40, Manteo Lodge No 8, I. O. O. F. " 1 75, Mattanskeet Lodge No 328. " 1 25, Three Friends in Wilsington. " 1 00, A W Marshall. " 75 cents, Children of R B Davis. " 70 cents, L J Moore.

- AT MARS HILL. Paid \$25 00, Miss Mary Vasec. " 7 00, Asheville Sunday School. " 5 00 each, W T Dickenson, S A Lawrence. " 2 10, Collection at French Broad Association. " 2 00, N Blackstock. " 1 95, J H Sams. " 50 cents, Mr Gash.

- IN KIND. Nathan Dail, 1 shoulder bacon. H J Sutton, 1 " " " J N White, 1 " " " R S Pratt, 1 shoulder and 1 ham bacon. W Myers, 1 " " " " 1 " " Wm Sutton, 1 ham. G B Fleetwood, 14 bu meal. Edward Wood, 1 bib fish. Mrs Isaac Göttinger, 6 girls' hats. Miss Martha Slaughter, Irish potatoes and cabbage. Mrs A Pearce, lot of squash. Present, Lee & Co, 1 hair brush, 3 tooth brushes. Julius Lewis & Co, 1 mug. Rev M M Marshall, Magazines and papers.

- AT MARS HILL. Pitt Weaver, 5 bu meal, 2 gals molasses. A S Weaver, 2 bu " " 2 " " Rev L W Sams, 4 gals molasses. John W Garrison, 1 sack flour, 1 bu corn. Thomas Baker, 1 bu corn. Capt O H Ramsay, 5 bu wheat. W N Jervis, 20 lbs butter. D A Blackwell, 1 sack flour, 3 bu wheat, 25 lbs bacon. A M Gudger, 2 bu wheat.

The following persons have paid for THE ORPHANS' FRIEND for one year from this date: W F McCoy, John W Edney, B F Spence, J W Brothers, W C Foster Mrs Martha Oliver.

Education of Children.

In many of our public schools, says a writer on the education of children, too much is expected of the children. In any system of education, it is advisable to aim first at what is positively useful, and leave the ornamental to come afterward. What all children need is to read write and cipher with facility.—These branches of learning cannot be dispensed with in a country where intelligence rules. And these branches must be learned well, not superficially. After that, all the literary embellishments, they may have time or taste to acquire, but never sacrifice for mere embellishments the more vital knowledge that a busy life requires.

From the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

"The design of the orphan Asylum shall be to protect, train and educate indigent and promising orphan children, to be received between the age of six and twelve, who have no parents, nor property nor near relatives able to assist them. They shall not be received for a shorter time than two years. In extraordinary cases the Superintendent may receive children outside the ages specified.

Resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

Adopted Dec 3d, 1872. Resolved, 1. That St. John's College shall be made an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children. 2. That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$—annually for the support of the institution; but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility. 3. That this Grand Lodge elect a Superintendent who shall control the institution and solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people. 4. That orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life.

Adopted Dec 5th 1872: Resolved, That the Superintendent of the said Orphan Asylum shall report each at Annual Communication an account of his official acts, receipts, disbursements, number of pupils, &c., together with such suggestions as he may see fit to offer.

Resolved, That the Master of each subordinate Lodge appoint a Standing Committee upon raising funds for the Orphan Asylum, and require said committee to report in writing each month, and that said reports and the funds received be forwarded monthly to the Superintendent of the Asylum and that the support of the Orphan Asylum be a regular order of business in each subordinate Lodge at each Communication.

4. All churches and benevolent organizations are requested to cooperate with us in the orphan work and to collect and forward contributions through their own proper officers. Here are the resolutions:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered, to many benevolent ladies and gentlemen, to the ministers of the gospel, to churches of various denominations, to Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Good Templars, Friends of Temperance, and other benevolent societies, whose hearty cooperation and liberal contributions have rendered timely and valuable assistance in the great work of ameliorating the condition of the orphan children of the State.

Resolved, That all benevolent societies and individuals are hereby cordially invited and requested to cooperate with us in providing funds and supplies for feeding clothing, and educating indigent and promising orphan children, at the Asylum in Oxford.

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