

**SHIPPING.**—The ship-building interest of Maine is gradually improving. This year the total tonnage of new vessels thus far reported is 75,553 tons, the numbers being: ships, 15; barquentines, 11; barkers, 23; brigs, 13; schooners, 104; steamers, 5; tugs, 4; other vessels, 7.

**LARGE FARM.**—Colonel Lee Jordan, a Georgia farmer, owns and cultivates 200,000 acres, the original cost of which was \$45,000. He has 800 laborers, but is gradually adopting the tenant system. Six overseers superintend the plantations, and raise from 1,400 to 2,000 bales of cotton.

We learn that the Grand Jury found a true bill against Judge Cloud at the recent term of our Court, for assaulting a negro at the hotel for singing a religious song. The Republican, a paper of the Judge's own party, says: "Judge Cloud's deportment, this court, has not been such as commends with the dignity of the position he occupies."—*Salisbury Press.*

**IRON.**—American iron is again to be shipped to England. An English paper says the Cornwall Iron Company, of Cedar Bluff, Cherokee county, Alabama, are preparing to ship to the same destination 100 tons of their charcoal pig iron, and that they have secured freights from Savannah to Liverpool at ten shillings per ton. This is indeed sending coals to Newcastle.

**COMETS.**—Some comets require 110,000,000 of our years to complete the circuit of their flight. In 1846 the earth passed through one comet, and cut it in halves. In 1860 we passed through the prolongation of another, causing a most beautiful auroral night. The mean velocity of the wind on land is nine miles per hour in the summer, and fourteen in the winter. At sea, the mean velocity is estimated at eighteen miles per hour.

**CONSUMPTION IN PHILADELPHIA.**—Philadelphia loses 2,200 of her inhabitants every year by consumption. The papers of that city attribute that large mortality from the source of the defective drainage and the brick sidewalks, which latter absorb and give off moisture like a sponge. The persistent custom of washing pavements is condemned by the press as greatly destructive of human life. The Philadelphians, it is well known, are perpetually washing their front doors-steps and pavements, deluging the people with spray.

**THE INSANE ASYLUM COMMISSION.**—The gentlemen comprising this commission appointed at the last session of the General Assembly in connection with the erection of the new Insane Asylum at Morganton, have just returned from a trip through different Northern States examining similar institutions in those States. They express themselves highly pleased with what they have seen and learned.

The commission will visit Morganton next week for the purpose of locating the building and commencing work on it.

**A Paris Suicide.**

A fearful suicide occurred in the city of Paris the other day. Gerard Antoine called his little boy, aged six, to him, and said:

"Little one, you have often wished to play with this pistol," showing the child an old pistol. "Oh, yes, papa." "Well, we will play with it now," and loading the weapon the father handed it to the boy. "Now look," he said, "I will get down on my knees before you; you will point at me right between the eyes and pull the trigger; you'll see how funny it is!" and he knelt down. "Aim well, in the head, between the eyes," he said again; "but first embrace me." The poor child embraced his father, then pointed the pistol at his head and fired. Gerard fell dead, and the boy, seeing the terrible result, ran out of the room sobbing.

[From the Kansas City Journal.]

#### Fatal Results of a Feud in a Family.

We learn from a gentleman from Clay county, Mo., a homicide which occurred in that county on Saturday at noon, which resulted in the death of Thomas Cravens, by one of his brothers, and the wounding of his brothers Wood and Elisha. The difficulty originated out of a feud, which we believe has existed for some time between the Cravens (there being four brothers in the family) over the division of some property.

The parties met casually at the dividing fence between the farms of Elisha and Wood Cravens. What passed between the parties is not yet known, but words ensued between Elisha and Jim Cravens which led to blows, and resulted in Jim whipping Elisha. After the fight Jim went to his house, stating before he left that he designed going for his gun. Elisha returned for the purpose of getting his pistol, and soon came back, and upon his arrival, the other brothers being then well fixed, a row ensued, in which deadly weapons were used, himself, Tom and his brother Wood being the participants, which resulted in Tom getting a bullet through the heart from the weapon in Elisha's hands.

A struggle ensued between the two and Tom, who was nearly dead on his feet, took the pistol from his brother Elisha, and while this was going on Hood was beating him over the head and body with a grubbing hoe handle. Tom attempted to make a resistance but fell dead in the attempt.

Elisha seeing his brother dead, took from him the pistol and shot his brother Hood in the breast, the ball severing the thumb and lodging in Hood's breast. Hood is badly hurt and Elisha is seriously injured about the head and body. The men are now in a family to mourn his loss. The boys are well to do and highly respected, and the trouble, with its fatal results, has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood.

#### Stoned to Death.

[Abbeville Medium.]

The negro boys about Hodges have been reading the Bible, and were struck by the story of Stephen's martyrdom; so on last Sabbath three of the boys, aged 5 or 6 years each, concluded to have a Stephen of their own. They "hit" into one of the little amendments of about their own age and before help could arrive had stoned him *hors de combat*. Stephen died from his wounds. An inquest was held over his body on Monday and a verdict given in accordance with the above facts.

President Grant and family are off again for the seaside. It is a little early for his Excellency to migrate, but then, he no doubt, needs recuperation after his exhausting labors for "that fellow." When a strain on his mental faculties that was, to be sure. "And the mountain labored and brought forth a mouse," and such a one as the rat-terrors in the Radical camp don't know exactly how to tackle. But let him strut his little day, for, as a contemporary says, the Democrats will show the country in 1877 that a President can live in Washington through the summer months, and do as the old Presidents did, stay there.—*Zeiglers Democratic Herald.*

#### Grasshoppers as Food.

Some of the grasshopper stricken citizens of Warrensburg, Mo., have adopted the sage military maxim about "living on the enemy." They are eating the grasshoppers—stewed, boiled, fried. Such was the peculiar fare set before five or six epicures of Warrensburg the other day, and they pronounced it excellent. It is the first step that costs, as everybody knows, and the little company sipped the grasshopper soup with some misgivings as to the constancy of their stomachs. That ordeal passed in safety, they proceeded to discuss grasshopper served in batter-cakes, plain fried, and baked with honey as a desert. What, if any, wines or liquors were used to wash down these strange messes, the accounts before us does not say. It would also be worth while to know whether the eaters had prepared themselves for the trial by a course of starvation. We only learn that the grasshopper banquet was really good.

#### Work as a Remedy.

Dr. D. Lewis says: A lady has just left our rooms whose case illustrates an important idea. Ten years ago she was an invalid. Her malady was obstinate, and at the end of a year's treatment a consultation resulted in the opinion that her case was cerebral irritation, from which she would probably never recover. Six years ago her husband died. His estate proved insolvent. The wife engaged in an active occupation to support her three children. In a year she was well, and has remained so ever since.

There are two million dyspeptics in America. Nine in ten of them could be cured by work.

A wealthy clergyman from a neighboring State assured us that he had spent eight years and thirty thousand dollars in seeking a cure for his dyspepsia. He had traveled everywhere and consulted all sorts of doctors. We are afraid he will never forgive us for telling him that six months' hard work would make a well man of him.

#### No Fears for Ohio and Pennsylvania.

[Petersburg Star.]

The coming political battles in Ohio and Pennsylvania are exciting unusual interest. In certain localities there appears to be doubt as to the result, but we have no doubt that Pennsylvania will carry the vote on issues local and national, and a defeated party represented all the policies and sympathies of the present Governor, again a candidate. In Ohio the Democratic have little to fear. They have a past prestige that is almost invincible, and they are running the same ticket which but recently changed the political complexion of the Commonwealth. The name of Allen is a tower of strength. Besides, the Republicans have an internal war to settle; the Hayes and Taft factions are bitterly opposed; and when the former received the gubernatorial nomination, there was registered the apathy, if not the opposition, of all the Catholic and most of the foreign vote of Ohio. From our standpoint there is no possibility of Republican victories in either of these States, and if we are right the Presidential election will have been already settled before the centennial year arrives. The whole country is clamorous for a change, and will accept any change rather than remain quiescent.

#### A New Cause of Trichine in Pork.

Some new cases of deaths, due to the eating of pork infected with trichine, which are being quoted in Western journals, should, the *Scientific American* tells us, be the means of directing public attention anew to the horrible disease of swine, called trichinosis, and to the fact that, when once the parasite attacks a human being, the result is prolonged suffering and, in a multiplicity of instances, death. The worm existing in the pork literally bores its way out of the stomach and into the muscles.

It has lately been found that swine may become infested with trichine through eating carrion, or even decayed vegetable substances. This is a point worth consideration by farmers who incline to the belief that dead chickens, putrid swill, or other filth about the place is legitimate food for the pig. The animal is not damaged by its taste, and will munch off its dead relatives with infinite gusto; but it is the poorest economy to permit him to assume the role of scavenger. No milk dealer will allow his cows to eat garbage, he can help it, though the brutes are easily fond of the odiferous weed; and there is certainly more reason for the farmer to see that his porkers have no access to unclean food. In the one case, if precaution be neglected, the taste of the milk is affected; in the other the entire flesh is rendered poisonous and dangerous food.

#### Our Radical Supreme Court Making Political Capital for the Forthcoming Elections.

"It is stated on what appears to be good authority, that at the recent examination of candidates for license by the Supreme Court, two colored applicants were admitted to practice who failed to answer correctly a single question, and one of the Court being asked why they were admitted, when a young white applicant was put back, replied, 'Oh! these are colored men, and if we had rejected them, it would have been said that the Court was influenced by prejudice of race and color. So it seems, that all that is necessary to disarm the court of its terrors, is to appear in the proper color. The favored tints of Africa are an 'open sesame' to the portals of the bar. No learning, nor character are required, only the right complexion.'—*Raleigh News.*

The civil rights bill, revenue laws and other odious legislation having created dissatisfaction among its white supporters, the Radical party of the State have determined to hold on to its colored supporters at all hazards. It would appear from above that the Supreme Court of North Carolina have taken the lead in proving their unflinching loyalty to the negro "Loyalty" to the Administration used to be the test—now it is loyalty to the negro. We trust that the white people of North Carolina who have heretofore supported the Radical party will understand the matter. It is laid down by the highest radical authority, the Supreme Court of the State that the superiority of the negro as a race, must and shall be preserved. Stand aside white men, the best tonics are on top. Young white boys with only a free school education, must not expect to be admitted to the bar, but negroes with no education will find the way open. Remember this when you go to vote for delegates to the convention in August.—*Charlotte Observer.*

#### Some Needed Constitutional Changes.

[Charlotte Observer.]

The fact that we need a change being conceded, the inquiring mind naturally asks what that change ought to be. According to our notions, and we believe the notions of seven-eighths of our readers, a clause should certainly be inserted in the new Constitution making the payment of taxes to the State a pre-requisite qualification of the voter. History as well as common sense teaches us that all taxes are paid to support the government, in order that all may partake of the benefits of good society. In other words, each individual surrenders to the State a certain proportion of his earnings in order that he, as well as the community in general, may share the blessings which are conferred by government, on its citizens. This proportion may be large or small, and government ought to be good or bad, somewhat in proportion to the amount of privileges thus surrendered. Among the obligations resting upon the citizens of our government, there is no higher obligation than a proper support of the government, and looking at matters from our stand point, every man is a drone in the hive, who neglects or refuses to contribute his pro rata amount for that purpose. The ballot enjoyed under the privileges of citizenship is one of the benefits derived from government, and clearly only belongs to full fledged citizenship, which necessarily includes the payment of necessary taxes to support the government. Let therefore the constitution expressly declare that no person who is in arrears for his taxes will be allowed the privileges of the election franchise.

Another important improvement which occurs to us is that it would be wise to declare a man convicted of a theft, or other violation of the law, the penalty for which is incarceration in any State penal institution, that he shall no longer be allowed the privileges of the ballot, except by the enactment of a law restoring him to the privileges of citizenship by the Legislature.

#### What Manufacturing Does.

The little town of Durham on the North Carolina Railroad in the county of Orange, says the *Raleigh News*, is an example of what sagacious application of capital and industry will do for a people. Ten years ago Durham was known only as a way station on the railroad, and a getting off place for the University of Chapel Hill. To-day it is literally in every man's mouth, a familiar name all over the United States, and not unknown to the ends of the earth.

What has made this mighty change? Nothing but the introduction of manufactures. True, it is mainly confined to one staple. But the manufacture of that staple moves the springs of a hundred industries. It stimulates the farmer in the production of a crop which he sells at good prices almost at his very door. It gives employment to hundreds in the conversion of the raw material into the manufactured article. It gives work to the carpenter in the manufacture of packages. It gives activity to a thousand needles in the making of bags.

It draws population, and to meet their wants, mechanics are called in to construct houses. The increase of population necessitates the increase of mercantile establishments, and the necessities of this increased population beget other trades, industries and manufactures. Everybody finds employment. There is no idling, no loitering, no complaint of dull times.

What is true of Durham may be true of every town in North Carolina. And it may be recognized as a fact that North Carolina will not prosper as she ought until she becomes independent, keeps more of her money at home. And she can never do this until she embarks in manufactures, which are not only profitable to stockholders, but which, by setting other industries in motion, vivify the whole population.

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