THE ROANOKE NEWS.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 1878.

Sad Situation.

Chicago Tribune.

The relief steamer that reached Memphis Tuesday reports that at the mouth of White river those on board discovered a sad case of inhumanity and suffering. A Mr. Zider, who has lost a wife and three children by the yellow fever and four other relatives in the same house, has not been permitted to leave his home or see anyone in his house. The citizens have quarantined the house and placed a guard around it. His only company is a young babe, which needs attention that a man cannot give. He appealed to the relief-boat through a note thrown from his window, but they were powerless to break the bonds that held him prisoner.

The Best Men.

N. Y. Tribune.

The South is going to send her strongest men to the next Congress. More than this, she is going to send a greater number of men who were leaders in the Confederate army than ever before. Of course they will be devoted to the Solid South and her interests. The Northern Democrats are notoriously supporting the weakest men they have voted for in years. They have in many instances formed combinations with the Nationals to elect inferior men, and in many others they have nominated equally inferior men to catch the discontented vote. These men may be honest, but they will inevitably be controlled by the strongest men from the South.

Blaine as an Agricultural Orator.

Senator Blaine commenced his speech at the Bridgewater, Mass., Agricultural Fair, Thursday, as follows: "I believe it has become the accepted custom at agricultural societies to speak your mind freely upon everything except agriculture (laughter); and the unlucky attempts made to venture within that field by orators who were not trained to the soil, have admonished others to keep clear of it. You remember the man in New York, who, in uttering his wisdom before an agricultural society said, that as regarded the onion trees, they should be planted ten feet apart, and the fruit should be gathered before the first frost (laughter); and a Governor of Indian, whose name I will pass over, although he was a sound metalic Democrat (laughter), recommended to the State stock-growing society the importation of a hydraulic ram to improve stock. (Loud laughter.) I shall steer clear of the errors of these gentlemen, and confess my ignorance in advance."

AN HISTORICAL FACT.—Every agent who has been steadily selling the Improved $20 Homestead Sewing Machine for three years, owns his dwelling house, has a good account in bank, is clear of debt, and has money at interest—the natural consequence of securing a good agency for superior goods at the lowest prices. A good first-class Sewing Machine, most useful—reliable at all times, easy to understand and control, the same size and does the same work as any machines that sell at FOUR TIMES the price. There is no machine at any price better, or that will do finer or more work, and certainly none so low in price by many dollars. The HOMESTEAD is widely known and used in thousands of families in the Eastern and Middle States, and daily becoming popular in the West. It will save its cost several times over in one season, doing the work of the family, or will earn four or five dollars a day for any man or woman who sews for a living. It is the strongest machine made, is ready at all times to do its work, makes the strongest and finest stitch yet invented, and is fully acknowledged as the Standard Family Sewing Machine. Price, complete for domestic use, $20, delivered at your door, no matter how remote you may reside. Business permanent and honorable, with more certain and rapid sales, and larger profits than any other. Extraordinary liberal offers made to local or traveling agents where we have none established; or if there is no agent near you, send your order direct to the factory. Address John H. Kendall & Co., 421 Broadway, New York.

Special Locals.

R. P. Spiers, Weldon, N. C., is the place to find the biggest stock of new goods in Halifax county. Just to hand 300 cotton picking bags at 16 cts each.

Just to hand a lot of nice side meat, price 8½ to 9. R. P. Spiers, Weldon N. C.

Just to hand 100 sacks Liverpool salt. R. P. Spiers, Weldon.

Just to hand 100 bundles arrow ties at $2.25 per bundle. Also lot of heavy bagging. R. P. Spiers, Weldon.

Just to hand a nice lot ready made clothing, shirts and gents furnishing goods. R. P. Spiers, Weldon.

Just to hand a full line of saddlery, harness, whips, &c. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand latest styles gentlemens hats. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand a large and stylish lot of gentlemens clothing. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand a nice lot of blankets shawls and overcoats. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand the cheapest lot of tin and crockery ware ever seen. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand 100 dozen coats spool cotton at 65 cents per dozen. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand a full line of pins needles and all manner of combs, notions and sewing machine needles. R. P. Spiers.

Just to hand almost every thing from a tooth pick to a fine top buggy, or the best sewing machine that ever was offered to the public at 25 dollars. R. P. Spiers.

In time of peace prepare for WAR. While all is quiet don't forget to insure your property with R. F. Butler, General Insurance Agent.

If you die soon will your family be provided for? If not be sure to insure your life in the METROPOLITAN.
R. F. BUTLER, Agent.

Two elegant business and pleasure wagons for one or two horses for sale cheap at the Roanoke Agricultural works Weldon. tf.

Just to hand Ten handsome Top buggies which I will sell for one hundred dollars each and throw in a nice set of harness. Persons wishing to buy cannot do better than to give me a call, they are really good buggies and every one of them warranted 12 months. Twenty-five of these buggies have been sold in the town of Weldon in the last six days. R. P. Spiers,
Bottom Store, Weldon N. C.

Nice lot coffee just to hand, will sell at 15 cts, strong and good. R. P. SPIERS,
Bottom Store, Weldon N. C.

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LOCAL.

REGISTER.

WEATHER coolish.

ELECTION near at hand.

COTTON still very low.

VOTE for Kitchen.

SEE tax notice.

SEE administrator's notice.

TOWN full of people this week.

LOTS of pretty ladies at the Fair.

THIS is the last month of autumn.

AUTUMN leaves are carpeting the streets.

LOVELY day for the Fair last Thursday.

THE Fair is over and now for business again.

ALL true women want to be patrons of husbandry.

GOING the rounds of the press—The girl who waltzes.

WINTER is coming—lay in your supplies of wood and coal.

HURRAH for the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society.

MOST of the visitors have gone and Weldon looks lonely.

"ALL the world's a stage," but the fare does not suit everybody.

OUR Fair holds its own as the banner Agricultural Fair of the State.

THE Roanoke Light Infantry acquitted themselves handsomely last Thursday.

THE grand military display Thursday was the principal feature of the whole fair.

WE have had the pleasure of meeting a number of our brethren of the quill this week.

NEARLY all the young ladies who have been attending the fair have left us and we are sad.

SUPPOSE we had an agricultural fair every week—how long do you reckon we would last?

SWEET potatoes require a temperature of sixty degrees to keep them safely through the winter.

THE military ball Thursday night was well attended and proved a source of great pleasure to all present.

I would not live always, I care not to stay, it costs too much for washing, wearing three shirts a day.

OLD soldiers say that the best drilled company for its age in the State is the Roanoke Light Infantry.

OH, a jolly set are the soldier boys—they all seemed to enjoy themselves during their visit to our town this week.

THE belles of Athens, Ga., have been selling kisses, at a dime a piece for the benefit of yellow fever sufferers.

THE girls like the new song, "Put your armor on my boys." It sounds so much like "Put your arms around me boys."

THE Newbern Silver Cornet Band, furnished music for the fair. This is an excellent band and an honor to the state.

IN spite of the rain the receipts for the first too days of the Fair this year were larger than for the same time last year.

WE are glad to say that we have not heard of a single accident of any consequence that has happened during the week.

EARLY to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy wealthy and wise; but early to rye and tardy to bed makes a man's nose turn cardinal red.

MARRIED.—At the residence of the bride's father, Oct. 31st., 1878, by Rev. J. A. B. Kilpatrick, Mr. James Hawkins and Miss Bettie Green all of this county.

GREAT credit is due the officers and members of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society for the success they make of their ninth annual exhibition, just closed.

THE husk on the corn ear is unusually thick this year, and the weatherwise muskrat is putting double windows on his habitation. Infallible signs are these of a cold winter.

THE Weldon merchants closed their stores Wednesday between the hours of 11 and 4 to allow the members of the military company in their employment to join the parade.

MR. B——, did you say, or did you not say, what I said you said? because C—— said you said you never did say what I said you said. Now, if you did say that, you did not say what I said you said, then what did you say?

WE have heard many very complimentary remarks made about the hospitality and whole-souled treatment our visiting friends received at the hands of the citizens of Weldon. This makes us feel proud and justly so.

FATAL CASE OF BURNING.—On last Monday a small colored child aged five years, was so badly burned by her clothes taking fire, that she died the next day. This little girl was brought from Wilmington N. C., to be raised by Sarah Maclin at whose house the accident occured. Children should never be left in the house alone, we hope this will be a warning to others.

OUR patrons are urged to come forward and pay their indebtedness to the NEWS. We have waited patiently all the year on them and now that they have gotten their cotton in, they should meet their obligations.

$5000! $5000!! $5000!!! WANTED! WANTED!! WANTED!!!—Wanted $5000 worth of County Orders and Jury Tickets, for which I will pay the highest cash price.
JAS. T. GOOCH,
Weldon, N. C.

WHE had not slept a wink for twenty-four hours, coughing all the time. His sister bought a 25 cent bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup at the nearest drug store, gave him a dose, and the cough was broken at once and he slept quietly during the night.

OUR enterprising townsman, John M. Foote, Esq., proprietor of the Roanoke Agricultural Works, had a handsome display of farming implements, cooking utensils, stoves, machinery, car wheels, carts &c., of his own make on exhibition at the fair. This speaks well for home industry.

STOP it at once. If you see your nurse giving the baby either Laudanum, Paregoric or any soothing remedy containing opiates, stop it at once. If you want a good medicine for your children, get Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, warranted to contain nothing injurious, but safe and efficient. Price 25 cents.

WEATHER REPORT.—Notes of the weather for the past 4 weeks:

Highest Temperature	86°
Lowest "	38°
Mean "	61°

Prevailing Wind Northerly.
Amount of Rainfall 4.52 inches.
First Frost on the 13th.
Number of days on which it rained 10.
First Ice November 1st.

COMPLIMENTARY SERENADE.—We acknowledge the compliment of a serenade from the Newbern Silver Cornet Band, Prof. Cook leader, yesterday morning. This is an excellent band, composed of a handsome, clever and gentlemanly set of fellows. It is the pride of the Elm City and an honor to the State. These gentlemen have been in our city all the week furnishing music for the fair. They have made many friends since they came amongst us, all of whom speak in complimentary terms of their gentlemanly bearing and fine musical qualifications. There are fifteen pieces in the band and every man is an adept in the management of his particular piece. They play some very sweet airs and their music has been the delight of the occasion. We hope to have this excellent band again visit our city.

PLUMMER & WHEELER.—These are the merchants who keep those light and easy-going farm wagons, which we have told you about before. In addition to their large and choice stock of hardware they have new a full assortment of sash, doors, blinds, &c., for sale at very low figures. All who are building should get these things from Messrs P. & W. You will find it cheaper to buy of them than to have them made to order. All you have to do is to send dimensions for anything you want; these gentlemen can furnish you by return train. They have been too long before the public as large and popular dealers to need anything said as to their character, responsibility, &c. They stand in the front rank of Petersburg merchants in every particular. Mutual interest of buyer and seller is the rule of the house. Send your orders direct to the Iron Front Hardware Store for anything in their line.

OUR FAIR.

As we anticipated the 9th annual fair of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society surpassed all its predecessors in the interest of the display, in the crowds in attendance and generally in being a complete success. The fair this year was opened on Monday but it was not until Tuesday that the people commenced coming in. On Tuesday morning the town began filling up, and when at about 11 o'clock the rain commenced falling it was for a short while about as blue a crowd as we have ever seen, but that night when it was found that in spite of the rain the receipts at the gates had been larger than for the same day last year, the faces of the officers cleared up and the next day when the sky followed their example and cleared up too, they became perfectly radiant.

It is a well known fact to all that the conduct of this Society, from its beginning, has been purely a "labor of love" with its officers and friends, and its great success, amid failures on all sides, has been mainly due to the fact that no reward, other than the promotion of the agricultural interests of the State, was expected by those who have given their time and means to it. The liberal and enlightened management, which has characterized it every year, has placed it on an enduring financial basis, and served to permanently establish it in the affectionate interest and regard of the people. Every exhibition has increased its friends and added to its membership, and it is a source of pride to all concerned, that the Society offers every year greater attractions to visitors, and more liberal inducements to exhibitors.

The officers of the society, are: President—P. E. Smith.

Vice Presidents—Hon. Jesse J. Yeates, R. H. Smith, James R. Thigpen, Henry Williams, Dr. W. R. Capehart, R. B. Salisbury, B. A. Capehart, James M. Wayne, Dr. J. C. Jacobs, Joseph W. Phillips, Col. Geo. W. Stanton, Col. J. B. Zollicoffer, Jos. L. Staton, Col. T. A. Granger, Dr. H. E. T. Manning, Maj. W. E. Tanner, W. T. Plummer, Col. John C. Randolph, Wm. J. Rogers, James Norwood, Jos. Powell, Jos. M. Wilson.

Secretary—L. M. Long.

Treasurer—Richard W. Brown.

Executive Committee—W. H. Shields, L. B. Manning, J. S. Grant, A. Prescott, A. H. Davis, John M. Foote, R. B. Peebles, N. M. Long, H. J. Pope, T. L. Emry, S. W. Lee, J. B. Neal, James B. Brickell.

Among the exhibitors this year we specially note the jewelry display of Messrs J. T. Young and Bro., the marble front jewelry men of Petersburg. In the steam engine line Messrs. W. E. Tanner & Co. of Richmond had a fine display and in the field crop and grass line James Norwood, Esq., of Hillsboro made a heavier exhibit than ever.

The new features of the fair also proved very attractive. For the pigeon shooting some of the best wing shots in the State entered and the score was as follows.

	Rounds.							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total.
B. B. Pullen	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	5
E. B. Engelhard	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
J. T. Jones	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
J. J. Robertson	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	4
N. A. Blake	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
J. M. Grizzard	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
H. W. Halleck	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
J. H. House	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
R. B. Peebles	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
H. E. Smith	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
R. H. Smith	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
C. F. Norment	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	6
D. A. Jordan	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
W. B. White	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
Major Sully	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
R. B. Peebles*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
E. L. Hunter	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	4

*For L. M. Long.

Capt. Peebles, shooting for Mr. Long, and Mr. Engelhard having tied, they were entitled to three more shots. Capt. R. B. Peebles won the match and gun.

The crowd present were very much interested, and warmly congratulated Capt Peebles on his success, which was the more to his credit as Mr. Engelhard was one of the best shots at the State Fair and the winner of the prize there.

The military display was very good, and the boys in blue, gray and brass buttons were the lions of the day. The Norfolk City Guards and Cadets, the Petersburg Grays, the Edgecombe Guards and a detachment of the Goldsboro Rifles were here. Col. John W. Cotten, of the First Regiment N. C. S. G., was in command. He is a soldier of a fine type, and the men respect and admire him.

The Roanoke Light Infantry, under the command of Capt. T. L. Emry, received the visiting companies as they arrived. They presented a very martial and soldierly appearance. In the military display and competitive drill the Norfolk boys bore off the honors and the beautiful flag that was given as a prize. The Edgecombe and Weldon companies were highly complimented by the Judges. In the target shooting Lt. Bain, of the Goldsboro Rifles, won the gold medal.

Among the large crowd in attendance we saw many gentlemen of distinction, and the girls were just awfully pretty, so pretty that it would be really wrong to pick out the prettiest. If we are to judge by the number of beaux in attendance on them, however we think we should have to divide the laurels between the Misses Engelhard and Miss Bryan of Raleigh and Miss Capehart, daughter Colonel Baldy Capehart of Granville, a little blonde beauty with velvety brown eyes, and the only purely classical face we can now remember to have seen. Take it altogether the fair was a big thing and every body is coming to the next.

5000 Bales of Cotton Wanted.—Highest cash prices paid.
J. T. GOOCH, Weldon, N. C.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—Our delinquent subscribers are hereby warned that if their subscriptions are not settled by the first of December their names will be erased from the list and accounts placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

HURAH! FOR THE MINSTRELS!!—I am now prepared to sell the largest and cheapest stock of groceries ever seen in Weldon.
1000 lbs. Hams Maryland and Virginia.
500 lbs. Breakfast bacon.
10000 lbs. Bulk sides and Shoulders.
75 Sacks salt, Marshalls.
25 Sacks coffee Java Moca and Rio.
10 Bbls sugar "H" "C" and Extra "C."
50 Gross of snuff 1 2 and 4 oz cases.
100 Bbls. flour Family Super and Extra.
1000 lbs. lard 1; 2, 5, and 10 lb. cans.
50 Rolls Bagging.
10 Bbls. No. 1 apples.
50 Bushels Black seed oats.
100 Bushels White oats.
30,000 Cigars all brands.
20 Boxes starch.
10 Boxes Lye.
50 Boxes best cream cheese.
30 Boxes soap all kinds.
10 Boxes tobacco.
5 Cases mustard.
100 lbs. pepper.
100 lbs. spice.
200 yds. 6 and 8 3ply rubber belting.
20 Bbls Herrings, Labrador.
100 Reams paper, Bags &c.
5 Bbls wrapping twine.
10 Gross matches, parlor.
5 Cases teas of all brand and kinds, groceries too numerous to mention.
JAS. T. GOOCH, Weldon, N. C.

THOUGHTS.

—The credit that is got by a lie lasts only till the truth comes.

—Do as your sonscience dictates, and you will not go far astray.

—Read not books alone, but men, and be careful to read thyself.

—Do not train boys to learning by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be the better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.

Weldon Markets.

REPORTED BY R. P. SPIERS.

WELDON, Nov. 2, 1878.

Cotton—Middling Fair,	8¼cts
Middling	8¼
Low Middling	8
Good Ordinary	7½
Bacon sides	9a10cts
Shoulders	8a9
Canvassed hams	14a15
Lard	12½
Corn	80 cts per bushel
Meal	90a100
Family flour	7.50
Best Extra	6.50a7.00
Super	5.00a6.00
Sugar standard A	12½cts
Sugar standard B	11
Sugar extra C	10a11cts
Sugar brown	9c
Coffee Rio	16a20
Coffee Laguyra	22a25cts
Soda	10c
Starch	10cts
Syrups Common	25a35c per gallon
Syrup New Orleans	50a75cts
Nails	3.25a3.50 per keg
Nails retail	5cts
Salt Liverpool	1.60a1.75 per sack
Northern Apples	5.00 per barrel
Southern apples	3.00
Bees wax	25c per lb
Hay	1.00 per cwt
Fodder	75 per cwt
Candles	15a16½ per lb
Cheese	15a20c
Hides Flint	8a10c
Hides dry-salted	6a7c
Hides green	2a3c
Sole leather	35a40
Russet Upper	50.00
Herrings	3.00a4.00 per barrel
Calicoes best brands	6a8c
White cloths	7a8c
Medium ¾ cloths	6a7c
White linings	5a6c

COMMERCIAL MARKETS.

PETERSBURG, Va., Nov. 1, 1878.

COTTON—New Cotton is coming in, in some quantity, and sells at about 9½ for best grades.

Other grades are proportionately lower according to quality.

GRAIN—Wheat is dull, prices running from 90c. to $1 10. The cleanest and best seed might overreach the last figure.

CORN—At present is rather scarce and market active, and price decidedly higher, 60a65c, white, mixed, 50a55c.

OATS—Market dull, and the supply on hand greater than the demand. We quote spring 40a45 per bushel.

BACON—Shoulders 7c., sides 7½c; bulk shoulders 6a6½c; sides 7½a7¾c.; Va. hams 13a13½c; Va., hog round 9c.

SOAP—Common, 4½a6c., as to quality; toilet, 6a20c.

MOLASSES—Extra heavy hogshead, 22c., tierces, 24c; barrels, 23c.; golden syrups, 35a45c.; Porto Rico 40a45c; New Orleans, prime, 40 per barrel.

FISH—Fall catch—new Eastport round herrings, $4a4 50. Labrador splits 4 50; mackerel—small 3's 5 00; N. C., cut 4 00.

Meal—Wholesale, 70c. per bushel of 46 lbs.; retail 85.

Flour—Quiet. We quote: Family $6 50a7 50 as to quality; extra 5a5½. Lower grades are dull and nominal.

Sugar—Market quiet—crushed, powdered and granulated, 10c; A's 9a9½c.; yellow, 7¾a8½c.

Coffee—Quiet; Rio, 14c.; Laguayra, 16a17c; Java, 28c.

Salt—Liverpool fine, $1 30.

NORFOLK November 1, 1878.

COTTON—Middling, 10c. Low Middling, 9½c. Good Ordinary —— Ordinary —— Tone—Steady.

SUGARS—Market firm. Refined Sugars—A coffee (standard) 10c per pound; (off) 9¾c, per pound; white extra C 9½c per pound; yellow 7¾a8¼, per pound; hard sugars 10¼a11c, per pound; cut loaf 11½c, per pound.

FLOUR—Market quiet. We quote: Family $5.50a$6.50 per barrel, extra $4.50a$5 50 per barrel; superfine $4a$4.75 per barrel; fancy family $6.75a7.25 per barrel.