

STATE AFFAIRS.

Col. W. H. Foster, at Raleigh, is dead.
Durham has a street called Hen Peck Row.

The population of Winston is four thousand.
Raleigh has 31 telephones in use and the number is increasing.

Hon. W. M. Robbins is not a candidate for Congress next fall.

The health of Rev. Dr. Cross has improved, though he is still feeble.

J. B. Culler, colored, was elected Mayor of Jarramont in Martin county.

The Justices of Wilson county decided not to shackle the inferior court.

The wheat and corn crops have been damaged in Green county by frost.

The Governor thinks that Hubbs' chances for re-nomination are excellent.

Dr. J. J. Mott is strongly in favor of a coalition with the anti-prohibitionists.

Alamance county has ten cotton gins in operation and five under construction.

Wake Forest college has since its foundation given stipends to 210 young men.

St. Martin's Episcopal church at Hamilton, Martin county, was dedicated last week.

The class which will be graduated at the Chapel Hill commencement numbers 21.

Warren inferior Court last week sent two prisoners to the penitentiary for larceny.

There are 3,428 persons employed in the manufacture of cotton in North Carolina.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, of the Baptist church, at Asheville, has accepted a call to Baltimore.

The District Conference of the Methodist church will convene in Warren on July 27th.

Sykes, colored, killed a colored woman near Wilmington because she would not marry him.

A colored child was left in a house by itself last week in Wilson county and was burned to death.

The papers say that here and there in the South people are destroying fish by the use of dynamite.

According to the Tenth Census there is not a single Chinaman in North Carolina but one in Japan.

The Normal School at Franklin will begin on June 26th and last a month. It has a competent corps of teachers.

Leonard O'Neal, a white man, was shot and killed near Fremont on the 26th by two negroes with whom he was gambling.

J. L. Mudgett, of Plymouth committed suicide by shooting himself in the head on the 20th. Cause assigned for the act.

The Supreme Court has finished its docket and no more arguments will be heard. It will sit some time longer in consultation.

In Warren county there are three candidates for Sheriff, three for Register, three for Treasurer and seven for the Legislature.

Rev. L. S. Burkhead, of the N. C. Conference is on the board of managers appointed by the General Conference of the M. E. church South.

We have received the first number of the Weekly Herald, published at Smithfield by Lassiter, Booker and Smith. It is Democratic in politics. We wish for it a successful future.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard, President of Wake Forest college has accepted a call to Louisville. His church has one of the largest and wealthiest congregations in the West. The building cost \$200,000.

Prof. W. M. J. H. Wells, who happened to see the report of a man who had practiced the art of making iron and steel pipes, made one of Mr. W. W. Riva's trotters at the race track on the 6th inst., died from the result of his injuries on Friday night last.

A Cherokee County. Three colored prisoners made their escape from Troy jail last Thursday morning by filing their way out of their cell and knocking down the jailer when he entered their breakfast. Larceny and robbing were their crimes.

Home Journal: We are reliably informed that Woods Hawkins, colored, of Halifax last year, bought a cow at \$25, worked her on her farm two weeks of cotton, each weighing over five hundred pounds, and in the course of time, twenty-five tubs of potatoes and a lot of vegetables, and milked the cow every night.

An editorial in a recent issue of the New York Times states that a number of New York capitalists have acquired possession of the valuable copper mining interests at Hwasawa, near Ducktown, Cherokee county. The property embraces about 3,000 acres. The local Capitalists are in a hurry to get operations and smelting works on the land.

Goldboro Message: The Democratic party has to take cognizance of the fact that this is a white man's government, and that it must be administered by white men. The negro will always be taken care of. But he is no man for our master, or ruler. To lose sight of this fact, is to court disaster, by which the State may be practically put under his control.

Abbeville News: Tobacco planting makes slow progress on account of tardy growth of plants. The frost has done mischief as usual, but there will be plants plenty, and the crop will be heavy. We do not learn that the wheat in this section has been hurt by the cold snap; and some of our visiting farmers tell us the weather is the very thing wanted.

Nashville: We have been reliably informed that the Midland N. C. Railway Company has ordered the material for one hundred cars. Owing to a want of confidence consequent upon the recent suspension of the Pacific Bank of Boston has gone into liquidation. Mr. Best of the Midland, N. C. Railroad telegraphs that his road has lost nothing by this partial failure.

The following items regard to the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina, were reported at the late convention: Families 3,045 souls, 128,288, baptisms 293, marriages 130, schools 301, communicants 5,753. Sunday school 87, teachers 157, scholars 4,000, contributions \$48,552.50, recollections 37, estimated value \$80,590; churches 56, valued at \$236,570. Total value of church property, \$423,838.

Beaufort Telegram: From a conversation recently had with a gentleman who occupies a position which qualifies him to speak knowledgeably, we are gratified to learn that the condition of the Midland Railway scheme, under the direction of Mr. J. Best, has assumed an aspect that is decidedly more reassuring than its friends in this section of the State here, for some time past had reason to hope for.

Charleston Observer: Mr. W. J. Best was called before the Board of Directors of the Atlantic road at their meeting in Raleigh, on Wednesday last, to give an account of himself. He was charged with having failed to come up to his contract and with neglecting the provisions of the same in putting the road under a mortgage. He was given until the next meeting of the Board, which will be in two weeks, to fix up things, and failing to do this, his lease will be forfeited.

News and Observer: We learn that the spirit, or grain issue, is making its appearance in the wheat. Some specimens of wheat attacked by this pest have been sent to the Department of Agriculture from Ireland county. Several insects are found at the base of each grain. They suck the juices of the grain, causing it to rot. It is a sovereign remedy for all these and other insects. The merits of this remedy are commended it to the public as a standard to be kept constantly in the family. It has the most unqualified endorsement of the thousands of the most prominent citizens in all parts of the country, who have used it and testify to its excellent medicinal and curative properties.

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CREAM OF OUR MAILS.

I'd like there is a tree that yields soap.

Verily the Pennsylvania strikers are in trouble.

In Rhode Island there is one divorce to ten marriages annually.

The outlook for the Democrats in Pennsylvania is very bright.

It is alleged that enthusiastic turfmen sometimes kiss their horses.

A horse-shoe appeared in the heavens over a New York town recently.

Jennie Lind says the odor of flowers is injurious to a singer's voice.

A street in Philadelphia has been named in honor of President Garfield.

BLAIN'S fine Roman hand is becoming quite conspicuous in Pennsylvania politics.

BAN HILL, the Georgia Senator, is at the Hot Springs with little or no hope of recovery.

The Rev. Jewellers were successful last week in most of the Virginia municipal elections.

RESKIN says that wife is a beautiful word. Brigham Young must have given John this pointer.

The Legislature of South Carolina will convene in extra session on the 27th to redistrict the State.

GERMAN and Russian military officials are hard at work trying to invent flying machines for use in war.

The present administration is drifting to ward the same rack upon which General Grant was wrecked.

The new grain elevator in Richmond is finished and gave satisfaction under the tests it was subjected to.

The Presbyterian General Assembly at Atlanta has become a large body notwithstanding the small poor season.

JOHN McMENNON, a farmer of Muscatine, Iowa, was lately shot and killed by his fifteen year old daughter.

"SHILLYMAHON" is a new word, coined to express political trickery. It kind of rhymes with Billymahons.

The author of "See that My Grave is Kept Green" is in jail out in Indianapolis, on a charge of forgery.

It is said there are forty-two diseases on the road this season. About half of them are the biggest in the world.

"WHAT does Col. Ingersoll believe in?" Blowed if we know. Suppose you write to him and see if he knows.

UNLESS all signs fail, Arthur is preparing his party for a heavier route than Grant brought upon his hosts in 1864.

HAIR cut short in the neck and parted in front on the side is the latest novelty in the toilets of English women.

MEMO is said to be only nine feet high. The lying about him has been so much taller that the figures have become confused.

At a recent Pennsylvania sale, a clock over a hundred years old brought \$175. The hands were said to be made of two \$20 gold pieces.

COCOA growing is becoming an important industry in Florida. They grow to perfection, and promise to be a source of wealth.

MARY, Martha and Maud are the names of some triplets in Barnett, Iowa, that have to be dressed differently because they look so much alike.

"Why is a fool in a high station like a man in a balloon?" "Because everybody appears little to him, and he appears little to everybody."

The remains of Chief Justice Chase are about to be transferred from Washington to Cincinnati.

Mrs. SPANGLER has at last been divorced from her husband, she is allowed the custody of the three daughters and to take her maiden name.

Ah, ha, ha, ha. We know something you don't know! You know that coffee Sarah Bernhard used to sleep in? Well, she had rockers put on it.

COLORADO prejudice does not stop at the frontier. Fifty letter carriers of Toronto recently struck because of the appointment of a negro to the force.

In Cambria county, Pa., there are two springs only a few feet apart, one of which finds its way into the Atlantic Ocean and the other into the Gulf of Mexico.

MR. CONKING has been elected a member of the New York Bar Association. Now, gentlemen, of the jury, you miserable donkeys, open those long ears of yours.

DAVID DAVIS requires all his great weight to keep himself sitting through the long, dull speeches with which the statements of the Senate are always loaded.

The peach crop along the valley of the Hudson is pronounced to be a total failure. The Delaware and Maryland peach growers have the promise of abundant crops.

A Tennessee woman has trained a dog to drink beer and chew tobacco. Now you will see that woman will never marry. She has no use for a man around the house.

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R. H. SMITH, Scotland Neck.

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LOCAL.

VEGETATION GROWS VERY FAST.

GLORIOUS rain on last Sunday.

The skating rink is in full blast.

The weather was cold Monday night.

DEMOCRATIC meeting at the Hall to-night.

Its getting most too warm for skating rink.

The young folks look better than the old.

DEER ROCK and Soda Water at Zollieker's.

READ notice of R. W. Brown, administrator.

OUR sanitary committee should look to their duties.

The farmers are hopeful concerning their crops.

Ice cold Deep Rock and Soda Water at Zollieker's.

OAKLAND post office in this county has been changed to "Arlie."

The Republican county Convention meets on Saturday, at Halifax.

Be sure and go to the Democratic meeting at Literary Hall to-night.

The Enfield school will in a few weeks be moved to Scotland Neck.

A promising young man: One who is engaged to five or six girls.

The Methodist Park in town, hold services in the old six-a-vis building.

Be sure to attend the Democratic Convention at Halifax on Monday.

ALL Democrats are requested to attend the meeting at Literary Hall to-night.

The Board of County Commissioners will be in regular session at Halifax on Monday.

The mails are still irregular. We received Saturday's News and Observer on Monday.

We are told that a Roman Catholic Church will be erected at this place some time this year.

The two things that a woman will "go wild" over, are usually a new dress pattern and a toothache.

There will be a Democratic township meeting in town to-night at Literary Hall, a full attendance is desired.

LADIES and all sufferers from neuralgia, hysteria, and kindred complaints, will find with a trial BROWN'S Iron Bitters.

MONDAY, known in the church calendar as Whit Monday, was observed by the colored people in this community as a holiday.

REU stockings will be all the rage this Summer for picnic and rural rambles; they hide the dirt, and the same pair may be worn for a week.

Some of the present style of pants are so tight in the legs that you have to take off your shoes, even with a small foot, to get them on. "We no like."

The store building belonging to Mr. Wiltz-head about eight miles from here, on the Gaston road, was burned last week. There were no goods in it.

EX-SANITARY Com. Rufus K. Hireman, of New Orleans, was cured of a severe attack of rheumatism by St. Jacobs Oil, so was by an item in the Columbus (Ga.) Engineer.

DIED in Petersburg on Saturday night last Mrs. A. P. F. Grig. She was highly respected and honored by all who knew her. She was the mother of Mrs. J. M. Muldon of Halifax.

The colored people held a festival in old Liberty on Monday night for the benefit of the orphaned Baptist church. It seemed to be successful, and we hope the sum realized was large.

We are requested to state, that there will be a chair practice at the M. E. Church to-night immediately after prayer meeting. All the members are respectfully requested to be on hand.

VENSON predicts a frost in every month up to September. He would make many friends if he were to predict an "it" in every month up to September, so that upsets would be in season all the year round.

A Boston journalist says: "a kiss for each falling star is the lover's rule. This may do in To, son, where it takes some time to remove eye glasses, but it won't do in this country. The falling stars are too few and are far between."

The female hat is now made in the shape of a sugar-loaf. The next pattern will be in the form of a beehive, and in a few seasons more there will be bonnets fashioned after the molasses hogshead, while the plume will be colored like candy.

A regular communication of Roanoke Lodge No. 203 will be held in their Hall this Thursday, P. M., at 9 o'clock sharp. A full attendance is desired on business of importance. All M. M. in good standing fraternally are invited. By order of W. M. BROWN, Secy.

ITS STAR STILL ASCENDING.—In a recent issue upon Mr. W. H. McCallister, 230 Park Street, general agent for the sale of the Star Chewing Tobacco, he thus spoke to one of our reporters: "I was tortured with pain from a rheumatism, and cared not just as I lived or died. I tried St. Jacobs Oil—just two applications which entirely cured me."

San Francisco (Cal.) City.

THANKS.—A good friend of ours made one

of us a present of a nice hat of few days ago for summer wear for which he has our thanks, we appreciate the gift and the spirit in which it was made. May he live long and prosper.

EARLY CLOSING.—We learn that the merchants have all agreed to close up their stores at 7 o'clock in the afternoon, after June 1st, (10-day) until the days get shorter. This is nothing but right and we venture the assertion that not one of them will give a cent by it in the end. There is comparatively no trade after 7 o'clock.

SCHOOL PICTURE.—Miss Emily Campbell's school closes to-morrow. The pupils will have a picnic at the Academy in the afternoon. They could have selected no better place. On the brow of a beautiful hill with trees scattered here and there and a spring of clear cold water in a few yards, it is a beautiful place for a picnic and we wish the young people a pleasant time.

WORK ON THE BRIDGE.—A part only of the Railroad bridge across the river at this place is iron. The Seaboard road is having stone piers built under the wooden part, which will be completed in five or six months. As soon as these are finished the Company will tear down the wooden structure and extend the iron bridge entirely across the two streams and the island between them. The bridge will then be the longest iron bridge, probably, in the South.

BURTON ADMINISTRATOR AGAINST FARINBOLT.—The following are the points decided in the case of Burton vs. Farinbolt which went up to the Supreme Court from this county a few months ago:

1. A life insurance policy issued to one for the benefit of himself, executors, etc., becomes payable to his widow or other heirs, like any other choice in action, but otherwise, where the same is taken in the name and for the benefit of the wife or children.

2. An involuntary transfer of a chose in action does not bind the children, without valuable consideration, is fraudulent and void, and the same may be reached in equity by creditors and subjected to the payment of their debts.

3. An administrator is estopped by the act of his testator, as in his life time assigns personal property, even though fraudulent, to a party of the title of the assignee, and cannot maintain an action to recover the same. But an action will lie at the instance of the creditors of the estate against the holders of the property, the testator's act being void as to them.

A FIGHT BETWEEN A RAT AND A SNAKE.—A few days ago one of the workmen engaged in building the stone piers for the bridge discovered in a pit which had been dug to the course of the work, a large moccasin and a huge rattlesnake, with a little coaling they were induced to fight and such a fight has not been witnessed for many years. The pit could hardly hold the combatants and for a long time victory was uncertain, but at last perched upon the rodent's banner and the snake was taken out dead. The rat escaped, probably to boast of his achievement. It was said to be a royal fight.

SCOTLAND NECK NEWS.—No trains will be run on the Scotland Neck Branch Road until it is completed. It has been put in charge of E. P. Smith, Esq., who is putting it in thorough order. We learn that the cars for the road have been built, and are now in the Company's shop in Wilmington ready to be sent up as soon as they are needed. The road may be finished by August, the time specified in the contract, but it will take good hard work to do it. The delay is very inconvenient to the Scotland Neck people but it cannot be helped.

REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP MEETING.—The Republicans of Weldon township held a meeting at Bass and Panton's mill near here on Sunday last for the purpose of electing delegates to the county Convention which meets in Halifax on Saturday next for the purpose of sending delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions. Jas. H. Howard was made Chairman.

The meeting elected as delegates: John H. Howard, Saml. Low and William Jones; Alvin: C. T. Field, Emanuel Williams and W. C. Hill. The meeting was well attended and good order prevailed.

PERSONAL.—Rev. W. L. Cunningham, who has been absent for the past two weeks, attending the General Conference at Nashville, Tenn., returned home last week.

Miss Anna Conigland, of this place, and Miss Ida Travis, of Halifax, who have been visiting friends in Elizabeth City, returned home last Saturday.

Capt. R. H. Peebles, passed through here to the Chapel Hill commencement Monday.

Col. Walter Clark, of Raleigh, was in town a few hours Monday.

Rev. Mr. Bule was in town Monday night.

Rev. Mr. Blake returned from Virginia on Sunday.

THE COMET NOW VISIBLE.—The comet can now be seen between 10 and 11 o'clock P. M., with the naked eye in the Northern Hemisphere, about half way between the horizon and the pole star and a little to the east. It will disappear about the 4th of June, and then re-appear about the 15th of June. It passes the perihelion June 11th, 10 minutes past midnight. The distance from the sun is 5,785,000 miles, and its velocity at that time will be 115 miles per second. The antipositions looked to be before its side, was disappointed. This is an account of its great nearness. It has not enough material to make a display.

HALIFAX ITEMS.—Some burglar or burglars entered the dwelling house of our townman, Capt. John T. Gregory on Thursday night last and might have stolen lots of jewelry and other things had they not been frightened off by the screams of his little daughter, Miss Maud, calling for her father.

Miss Ursula Turner who has been at school in Florence S. C. returned home last week.

Miss Ida Travis who has been absent for some time on a visit to Elizabeth City and other places returned home on Saturday last.

Our merchants are complaining of dull times.

Mr. R. H. Moseley, Mrs. R. E. Moseley and Miss George Moseley were in town last week. Also Mr. R. W. Brown.

May 29th, 1887.

ROANOKE NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The following we take from the Richmond Correspondent of the Index-Appoint. The Correspondent is mistaken, the property was not sold to the parties named, but was sold and the litigation arising from the sale has not been settled, so that the property is not yet finally in the possession of the purchasers. Here is the extract:

The Attorney General instituted proceedings to secure a settlement of Virginia's interest in the Roanoke Navigation Company. The State owned eighty shares of the stock of that company, the face value of which is eighty thousand dollars. This property was sold some time ago to Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Mahone, and it is understood that certain parties established a car manufactory at Weldon. The property is a very valuable one, but for some time before its sale, was practically abandoned. It is claimed that the water and other rights derived from this property, as well as the dividends, is worth \$1,000,000. It is to be noted particularly that the action to be brought by the law officer of the State will look to re-instate the Attorney General in full to this city for Raleigh in a few days to commence proceedings in this matter.

May 27th, 1887.

JUDICIAL CONVENTION.—We publish

the following call for a Convention of this (2nd) Judicial Convention to be held in Weldon on the 15th of June. Weldon is the proper place for the Convention to be held being accessible from all parts of the District. Here is the call:

At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the second judicial district, held in this city today, a Convention was called to meet in Weldon on the 15th day of June, to nominate a Judge and Solicitor for the said district.

SEAN WHITAKERS, Chairman.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN HALIFAX TOWNSHIP.—A friend kindly sends us the following report of the meeting at Halifax:

Pursuant to notice a meeting of the Democrats of Halifax township, was held in the Court House in Halifax on the 29th of May 1887, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention to be held on the 15th of June next. The meeting was called by Capt J. M. Grizzard; and on nomination by the same, Mr. T. N. Hill was elected Chairman of the meeting, and Edward T. Clark Secretary.

Mr. Hill then explained the object of the meeting. He then reported that the Chairman appoint the delegates. The following named gentlemen were appointed: J. M. Grizzard, R. O. Burton, Jr., W. T. Parker, J. L. Quary, W. W. Carter, J. M. Mullen, S. M. Gary, Capt. J. M. Grizzard, and H. C. Cartwright, Dr. M. A. Wilcox and John O'Brien.

It was moved and carried that the Chairman and Secretary be added to the list. Captain H. J. Carraway being called upon delivered an eloquent address in behalf of the party. Saying in the course of his remarks that he was happy at the featly exhibited to the party by so large an attendance in a township meeting.

The meeting then passed a resolution that the Secretary send a copy of the proceedings to the Roanoke News and the Enfield Sentinel with request that they publish the same.

It was a pleasant and harmonious meeting, showing that there is life in the old land yet; though so sadly down trodden.

WHITAKERS SCRAP.

Personal.—Improvements.—Ruin.—Death.—Crying Exercises of Mrs. Moore's School.

Mrs. S. P. Hilliard who has been living in the country has moved to town to live. Also Miss Blanche Hilliard, has returned from a visit to friends in Nash county. Johnnie, son of Col. W. D. Harrison, living near Battleboro, is now convalescing, from a long case of sickness brought on from exposure during his stay in Texas.

John A. Taylor, of Battleboro, intends to erect a handsome building shortly. He is now negotiating with a contractor.

A very heavy rain fell here Sunday afternoon which did some damage by washing up small cott.

It will address I chronicle the death of Paul Duncan, the youngest son of Mrs. Martha Duncan. Her eldest son died about two weeks ago. She sustains her loss with christian fortitude and has the sympathy of her many friends.

Mr. A. J. Moore's school closed last Friday. The exercises attracted large crowds from town and country. The bearing, reading and declamation by the scholars were splendid and exceeded the expectations of all. These exercises were followed by an eloquent and able address by Hugh F. Harvey, of Weldon. He entertained his large audience for two hours on the subject of Education. Being a man of fine attainments, he handled his subject well, impressing fully upon his hearers' minds the importance