

A Weekly Democratic Journal devoted to the material, educational, political and agricultural interests of Halifax and surrounding counties.

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The water is so clear in the flocks of Norway that objects an inch and a half in diameter can be distinctly seen at a depth of 150 feet.

UNTIL the discovery of the gold mines in California, Russia was the greatest gold producing country, mining about \$13,000,000 a year.

STATISTICS disclose the fact that the United States consume annually about 640,000,000 pounds of wool, or about nine pounds per capita of population.

In some of the cities of Europe the cost of putting out a fire is made a charge upon the property of the person for whose benefit the fire department is called out.

The gold excitement has brought up the issue of the Alaskan boundary once more, but in a way that will compel the American and British governments to take prompt measures to define their territorial rights.

A judge down in Kentucky deserves to go to the head of the class. He charged a jury the other day as follows: "If you believe what the counsel for the plaintiff has told you, you will give your verdict for the defendant. But if you are like me, and don't believe what either of them said, I don't know what you will do."

The News and Observer says: "It comes to us from sources that we regard reliable that the penitentiary authorities abolished the old Finance committee in order to get rid of Mr. R. R. Cotton and Mr. E. T. Clark who are anxious to have the penitentiary managed properly. If this is not the reason, we have heard none other advanced."

A Dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., states that steel is now being made in that city at twelve dollars a ton—five dollars cheaper than it costs to make it at Pittsburg. It there be no mistake in the statement it won't be long before Alabama will exercise as much influence over the steel trade of the country as it now does over the iron trade.

A Report is current that Mr. D. A. Covington, Assistant District Attorney for Western North Carolina, was re-commissioned last year and will hold over for four years. It is also said that this places him under the protection of the civil service. If this is true it means that Spencer Blackburn must look for another job under Uncle Sam.

THE question of the hour in Massachusetts just now is what to do with the 74,000 extra women of that State. The men are doing most of the agitating, but it is understood that the women are back of it, and some of them have already concluded as a beginning to oppose both the bachelor candidates for Mayor of Boston. It is to be hoped that this will result in a race to the person, and that the candidate who gets there first with his blushing partner will win the municipal stake.

HOWEVER much some people may differ with President McKinley, because of his political and tariff views, all fair minded men will give him credit for being a man of peace. This was demonstrated by him in a brief speech delivered at the Grand Army banquet at Troy, New York, a day or so since, when he said: "The army of Grant and the army of Lee are together. They are now one in faith, in hope, in fraternity, in purpose, and in an invincible patriotism. And therefore, the country is in no danger. In justice, strength, in peace, secure, and in devotion to the flag all one."

A Raleigh (N. C.) special to the Washington Post says: "The most sensational affair in the history of North Carolina society occurred today, when Miss Bessie Boylan Tucker, the wealthiest young woman in Raleigh, left her home and forfeited all claims upon her share of her father's estate by marrying Mr. Edward Fellows, a young Englishman. Fellows has lived here for the past three years, and has been a leader of society in the capital city. Mr. W. R. Tucker, brother of the bride, ranks high among the bankers and financiers of the city and is a stockholder in the A. and N. C. railroad, Seaboard A. & L. and other railroads."

It Saves The Croupy Children. Scurvy, Va.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and our customers coming from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms. Many have said that their children would have died of croup if Chamberlain's Cough Remedy had not been given.—Kellam & Carron. The 25 and 50 cent sizes.

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News Notes as Called from Our State Exchanges.

Wake Forest College opened with 150 students present.

Brodie has applied to Governor Russell for a reprieve.

Charlotte Avery, the wonderful colored girl preacher, is holding a meeting in Kinston.

P. M. Brown, of Charlotte, has been appointed treasurer of Barium Springs orphanage.

The Liquor Dealers' Association, which has been in session at Durham, has adjourned.

Raleigh's waterworks have cost \$223,000 and are owned by a company mainly of Dayton, O.

Sales of wheat at the roller mills in this State are being made by the farmers at \$1 per bushel.

There is some talk of appropriating funds belonging to the State Board for the aid of public schools.

A bad suit in Buncombe county lasted over a month and the costs amounted to nearly \$4,000.

The State superintendent of public instruction virtually declares that he favors compulsory education.

The Andrews San says that G. E. Bryson, expelled from Cuba by Weyler, is a native of Haywood county.

The sale of the Cannon coal mines, which was set for September 6th, is postponed until early in October.

George Jackson, of Salisbury, was relieved of his pants by a burglar who entered his room. He lost \$250.

The reports of the brown stone industry at Sanford say the output of the Aldrich quarry is 25,000 cubic feet yearly.

The chapter of orphans from the Oxford Orphan Asylum realized \$700 in their recent trip through Western North Carolina.

Two cases of tuberculosis in cattle are reported at Greensboro and it is said one of the cows, which had been condemned, has been sold.

Superintendent Mebane has asked for additional aid from the Peabody fund. He asks for \$3,000 for the Normal and Industrial school.

The Mocksville and Mooresville line of the Southern will be completed by January 1st. It will be used as a freight line for the present.

A Populist from Granville says people down there are all busy just now swearing at the law which puts folks in jail for not paying taxes.

The penitentiary directors refused to appoint Lege Harris attorney. They say they have four attorneys on their board and don't need another.

Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, was chosen vice president of the American Branches Association for North Carolina. Brown's speech was much complimented.

The cotton mills in the State are getting extremely liberal orders for products. In no State have so large a proportion of the mills been running as in North Carolina.

Dr. John R. Moss, charged with offering to take a bribe at Henderson, has entered a plea of not guilty, and has resigned from the board of county commissioners.

Labor day has never been observed in this state. It is said the capital will be closed September 6th. The general public in this state does not even know of such a holiday.

Rev. John Burns, keeper of the State capital at Raleigh, has been arrested and bound over to court for making an assault with a knife on a colored man in the capital square.

The following are awarded Peabody scholarship from North Carolina: W. M. Starnell, of Jackson; J. N. Sims, of Hillsboro; Miss Blanch Dupuy, of Davidson; Miss Emma Cobb, of Raleigh.

The report of the labor bureau for 1897 on cotton mills in the state will say there are 27,000 persons employed in them. Gaston county leads, with 1,326 women, 688 men and 581 children. Gaston has gone to the front, as the leading mill county in the state.

J. H. Milan, the absconding ticket agent of the Seaboard Air Line in Charlotte, was caught Sunday afternoon near Morrisstown, Tenn., and was placed in jail in Morrisstown. He had been hiding in the mountains near Morrisstown.

Mial Clark, of Anson county, sold two bales of cotton in Wadesboro Monday, which he had raised 15 years ago. The cotton brought \$1 cents a pound. It is said that Mr. Clark has his stink house full of bacon and hams which he raised, some of which are five or six years old.

A very valuable book has been discovered by the secretary of state, which he will have bound and presents to the state library. It contains a complete record of all meetings of the Quakers or Friends in Pasquotank county from May, 1699, to October, 1785. It is written closely and there are 1,000 pages. It is a record of the meeting house at Symon's creek. The quaint Quaker customs are shown in many ways.

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Colored Methodists of the Newbern District Hold a Convention Here.

We are indebted to Rev. James Dean, presiding elder of the Newbern District, for the following report of the Sunday school convention, held here last week in the colored Methodist church. A good many attended from all sections of the district and many of them were quite intelligent looking people.

The District Sunday School Convention of the Newbern District of the A. M. E. Church held quite an interesting session in the city last week. The session opened on Wednesday morning at St. Matthews A. M. E. church. Rev. William Morehead, pastor, and continued by session until Friday night, when it closed with a concert of rare excellence, and a social entertainment at Emory's Hall.

Rev. James Dean, L. L. M., Presiding Elder of the district, was the president of the convention. The occasion brought to the city Rev. M. M. Moore, D. D., Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Church, of Washington, D. C., Prof. John R. Hawkins, Secretary and Commissioner of Education of the said church, of Kittrell, N. C., Rev. John W. Duke, Presiding Elder of the Palmetto District of the South Florida Conference, and all of the leading pastors and Sunday school workers of the A. M. E. Church in the Newbern District.

The proceedings were very interesting and profitable. They embraced reports from the Sunday Schools of the District, Sunday School Normal Institute work and discussions of the various phases of intellectual, moral and religious endeavor fostered by the church and Sunday school.

Kittrell Institute received much consideration with the view of awakening interest in the next endowment day for its benefit, Sept. 19th.

Much credit is due to Rev. Morehead and his congregation for their great aid in renovating their church edifice for the occasion, and to the citizens in general for their hospitality shown to the attendants of the convention.

Rev. J. E. C. Barham preached the annual sermon on Wednesday night. The sermon of Dr. Moore on Thursday night to a mixed audience will not soon be forgotten.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder is created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not diseased, too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be easily avoided.

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In the September Ladies' Home Journal Edward J. Bok notes the change of the pretty custom of wearing a small pair of slippers or a dainty slipper after a departing bride and groom—an unspoken Golden Rule. "The dainty slipper," he also says, "has been transformed into the old shoe of doubtful origin, and thrown with force and accuracy, making no end of discomfort. And this is what two pretty customs have degenerated into. They have been vulgarized and therefore, the sooner they pass into disuse the better. The sentiment of the custom has long since died and shoes are no longer omen of good luck. The modern thrower of them has transformed them into missiles with which to annoy and mortify the bride and groom. The better class of people have already begun to substitute a shower of rose petals, and this new and far more beautiful idea is rapidly being followed. We might have preserved the old custom, but we have not. Henceforth, promissory rice-throwing and the casting of old shoes at weddings, will be left to those of our modern society, into whose hands these arts have fallen, and who seem happiest when they can convert the graceful customs of olden times into practical jokes."

Everybody Says So. "Everybody says so" is the most common of all the phrases used by the masses. It is a phrase which is used to express a general opinion, and is often used to express a general opinion which is not based on any facts or reasons. It is a phrase which is used to express a general opinion which is not based on any facts or reasons.

Over 5,000 colored people at Mountville, S. C., have become worked up to a high pitch of religious excitement, and say they are taking part in the burial of Satan.

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in HIGHER Prices.

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