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EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA

The STAR from time to time has taken occasion to express some views on one of the great-possibly the greatest-questions now concerning North Carolina. We can but refer to the subject of education. It is certain that unless we can secure a much better system of common school education than we now have that North Carolina will fall yearly farther and still farther behind all the States until they will be lost sight of, and we shall remain enveloped in the darkest night of ignorance. Something must be done. It is a constant reproach that our people are so ignorant, and the State so indifferent.

The continual discussion of educational questions must do good. The press can accomplish a great deal in bringing about a happy change by constantly agitating the subject. We are always glad to see any reflections upon our educational interests from intelligent sources. In the last number of the Wadesboro Herald there is an article on the public school system that the editor says is "from the pen of an accomplished and experienced teacher."

The writer very correctly states, as it appears to us, that "of all the measures" which the next Legislature "will be called upon to consider" there are none that "are of more importance to us as a people, and none will require more wisdom and statesmanship in their consideration than our public school system."

He declares, what the STAR indorses and we have often said, that the present system is a failure-that it is even worse than a failure, because there "is an extravagant waste of money, and an excuse with many for not educating their children." He next suggests, and most wisely and timely, that there should be prepared in advance some matured, practical and efficient system to be recommended to the Legislators. We agree that this should be done, for we know two things well: first, the ordinary Legislator has no matured views or plans of his own to offer; second, that what is done is ordinarily done hurriedly, and very imperfeetly. The best teachers in the State should cooperate in this movement, and, after full consultation, should lay a scheme or plan hefore the Legislature next winter. If this is not done, we venture to prophesy that but little of real value will be accomplished in behalf of our suffering and prostrate educational system.

Mr. C. H. Spencer, the gentleman from whom we have been quoting, makes the following judicious suggestion, which we approve of heartily. He says:

"I, therefore, move, Mr. Editor, that the State Board of Education call a State Educational Convention, to meet in Raleigh, prior to the meeting of the Legislature, to devise a system to submit to that body for its consideration, and that the call especially invite the experienced educators of our State to be present.

"Of course what they might do would be only recommendatory, but I have no doubt very glad if these teachers of experience in these matters, would share the responsibility with them as it would save them much time and trouble during their short session. Besides, who better understands and appreciates this matter than Bingham, Reinhart, Picott, the Horners and others, such as would compose this Convention? "Call them together, and I predict a wise system as the result."

We trust every editor in the State who really loves North Carolina and would see her bounding on the highway of prosperity, and who is unwilling that our State should longer continue under the shadow of ignorance and superstition, will put his shoulder bravely to the wheel and

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give Mr. Spencer's suggestion a great. | COTTON AND WOOLLEN MANUFACer momentum. If we all work in harmony large results can be secured.

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PRESIDENTIAL SPECULATIONS. Mr. Frank H. Alfriend is well known in Wilmington. He was at one time connected with this paper. He has recently been expressing his opinion as to who is the strongest Democratic aspirant for Presidential honors. George Alfred Townsend reports what he says in the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mr. Alfriend thinks it is not Thurman, but it is either Tilden or Hendricks:

"First, the State of New York—Tilden has a sure thing on that to begin with. He will get all the rotten boroughs—that is, the anti-Democratic States, New England, and the Northwest. Barnum will give him Connecticut again. Robert McLain and that same old crowd will give him Maryland. Ransom and Vance like him as well as ever, and can help him in North Carolina. Harry Watterson will get him Kentucky. He has the very best probabilities of securing Mississippi and Alabama, and the same machinery will work the same results. Now, Hendricks is an idol in Tennessee, which went solid for him at St. Louis. He can carry his own State Indiana and He can carry his own State, Indiana, and work in Pennsylvania with Wallace's help. There you have it. If Tilden doesn't get enough votes he isn't going to throw the nomination to anybody else except a sufferer in his first campaign—Hendricks. His emissaries are already out and doing work."

It may be Hendricks, for he is very popular in the South, but it is pretty certain not to be Tilden. We do not think he stands a ghost of a chance. The South and West will make the nomination without reference to what New York, Connecticut or New Jersey may say or think. If not Hendricks, it will be Thurman or Hancock. Mr. Alfriend does not think Thurman stands any chance. He has not probably been in the South since his Hamilton speech. He talks about "gentleman" George Pendleton as being next most available after Tilden and Hendricks. Our own opinion s, based upon evidences thus far evolved, that the chances are thus far in favor of Thurman, Hendricks and Hancock, and in the order we have written them. A few months may destroy their chances and bring some other man to the front. Neither Bayard nor Tilden nor McClellan have any chance, as we think, to secure the nomination. No hardmoney man can carry one Southern

Our readers will remember that Gov. Hampton made a requisition upon Gov. Rice, Radical Governor of Massachusetts, for the surrender of one Hiram H. Kimpton, a thief and a fugitive from justice, and that the latter declined to comply. Governor Hampton's demand was made, as he truthfully states, "in accordance with the Constitution of the United States and the act of Congress made in pursuance thereof." The reply of Gov. Hampton was delayed on account of his unavoidable absence. He has given the "retort courteous" at last, of which the following is an extract:

"I regret that the Chief Executive of the great State of Massachusetts should have committed so flagrant a violation of the supreme law of the land, a violation irreparable in its nature, as the State suffering thereby has no possible redress. Had you confined yourself to giving a simple refusal to surrender the fugitive, I should make no further comments upon your letter, as the lisregard of the Executive authority of one State concerns the whole people of the United States; but inasmuch as you have een fit to base your action on the ground that in your judgment the object in procu-ring the indictment against Patterson, Parker and Kimpton, "does not appear to be for the purpose of trying Kimpton for the crime charged against him, but for a different purpose," it is my duty, as the Governor of South Carolina, to add that your statement is entirely unwarranted, and o repel the unworthy imputation, as I do with indignant scorn."

The Democrats of Pender appear to appreciate the gravity of the sitnation, and the necessity of an earnest campaign. Col. Waddell must be elected, and by a crushing majority. To do this there must be activity and earnestness in the canvass. Pender has taken the right step. Who will be the first to follow the good example? A Waddell-Greenback-Democratic Club should be formed in every township in the twelve counties comprising the Third District. What are

James A. Hamilton, a son of the great Alexander Hamilton, died at Irvington, N. Y., on the 25th, in his 92d year. He was once a prominent lawyer in New York city. He leaves a son and daughter.

Mr. Camm Patterson has taken the field in opposition to Hon. John Randolph Tucker in the Lynchburg District. He is an Independent, and hopes to be elected by getting the support of Radicals and Conservative

The South has two resources to fall back upon. It can engage more ex. tensively in cotton mills, and become a large woollen manufacturer. To a considerable extent the former has been overlooked, whilst the latter has been almost entirely neglected. We have often directed attention to the advantages to be derived from embarking largely in cotton manufacturing, and have from time to time laid statistics before our readers to show how profitably it has worked in other sections of the South. The experiments both in Georgia and South Carolina have proved highly satisfactory. Those who have invested capıtal in this direction have been amply rewarded and encouraged. In many portions of North Carolina-specially in Alamance, Orange and Randolph, the cotton mills have brought fair returns to the owners, whilst several persons who have devoted their money and energies to the business have steadily grown rich.

We have before us an article that appeared recently in the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer relative to the cotton manufacturing of that flourishing

town. It says: "Our mills in the season of 1872-73 took 7,428 bales; in 1877-78 their takings were 12,792, a gain in five years of 5,364. The present season they will consume at least 15,000 bales. In 1865 there was not a mill in our city; all were in ashes, the result of the Federal torch, but on the ruins have been erected superb structures, boasting of the most improved machinery and employing thousands of workmen, who earn good wages and help swell the business of the town. All the owners are either men of Southern birth or those of the North and England who are fully identified with our land by interest, affiliation, and politics. * * * * They will consume 15,000 bales of cotton the present season. At ten cents a pound, or fifty dollars a bale, this cotton, if sent ney, of course, would be sent out of the State for supplies. It, however, passes through our mills, and, on the average, the value is increased three-fold, or to \$2,250, 000, and Columbus draws money, instead of sending it out, from Maine to California, and from the Lakes to the Gulf-a clear gain of \$1,500,000 to be added to our wealth and the standing of the State.'

There is no reason why cotton manufacturing should not be just as profitable in North Carolina as in Georgia. If the same wisdom, economy, energy and tact are used here that are employed in States south of us there must necessarily be a corresponding thrift.

England and France are now the great woollen manufacturing countries. England may at present lead in the amount she manufactures, but France is making rapid headway and promises soon to surpass her great rival. From the days of Queen Elizabeth England has been the great woollen manufacturing country of the world until within a decade or so. At present it is limited to two counties mainly, Somerset and York. But, as we have said, France is making very rapid strides. According to Galignani's Messenger she possesses 2,648,000 spindles, 25,557 power looms, and an infinite number of hand looms. According to Chambers's Encyclopædia, the spindles in Great Britain are only 2,182,000-or nearly a half million less than in France. From these figures it would appear that even already France is in the lead. We have not the statistics as to the value of the woollen products of the two countries. France may surpass Great Britain even in this particular as she does in the number of spindles.

In 1774 cloth weavers were imported into the United States. In 1840, the woollen factories were valued at \$20,670,000. Ten years later they were valued at \$43,208,-000. In 1860, just before the war, they had risen in value to \$62,000,-000. The war appears to have greatly stimulated the production, and in 1870 the woollen manufactures of this country were nearly \$200,000,-

Now, of this large business but little of it is done in the Southern States? Why? Woollen manufactures have immensely increased the wealth of England, France and the Wilmington Democrats doing for the Northern States. Why then should they be neglected in the South? Can any good reason be given? Our own State is specially adapted to sheep husbandry, if we only had proper laws to protect it. We have the water power and necessary facilities, except it be the money. Indeed, we have enough of the latter to engage largely in the business. We need diversity of employments. Surely, more cotton and woollen factories would open up a way of usefulness to tens of thousands of honest and industrious laborers who want work that will pay. The woollen industry has made stitch in time saves nine.

other countries, not better favored naturally, rich and prosperous. Why should it not increase also the wealth of the South?

Roscoe Conking has at last been safely delivered of "the greatest speech of his life." He was for hard money. He said he was in favor of reconciliation and conciliation, but thought it was dangerous to trust the rebels. But let us quote a paragraph. to see how this accomplished sophist waved the bloody shirt, which had been re-starched and freshly "done up" for the occasion. The able and mellifluous New York hard money

"Magnanimity, generosity and forgive-ness unparalleled in human annals have been the policy of the nation towards those who sought its everthrow. This is grand, majestic, Christian, but it may be carried

"It is not wise for the North nor for the South itself to hand the government over bodily to those who were lately in arms against it, and who in many instances now hold seats in Congress, gained by stifling elections by terrorism and bloodshed. It is not wise or just thus to tempt human nature. It is not safe for the habitations of the North or of the South. When pestilence smites Southern homes let the North pour out, as she now does, money and sympathy, never holding back a farthing because it is Southern, not Northern woe. This is right. But when taking political action let us be just to all, not only to ourselves, but to those, whether black or white, to whose protection we are bound by ties which would not be forgotten by an Algerine pirate or a Barbary corsair.'

American genius in the inventive field is being appreciated abroad. The United States can beat the world in machinery. This is beginning to be understood in Europe and elsewhere. The crop of cereals in Australia is immense, but there is not labor enough to gather it. An exchange

"That the crop may not go to waste, the Government has offered, through Sir Arthur Blyth, the Agent General in London, a reward of \$20,000 to the American inventor who shall produce the best machine for reaping and cleaning wheat."

Boucicault's last play, "Clarissa Harlowe," was a complete failure, and has been withdrawn. One of the reasons, as given by the New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Times, was that a brother and sister played the two leading parts-Mr. Coghlan and Miss Rosa. He says: "Although they are unquestioned artists, it doesn't seem to be just the thing for a brother to be making even honest love to his sister, and when it comes to another kind-well, I really think it verges on the

Gov. Hampton recently proposed to the Government that he would become personally responsible for the payment of whatever internal reveenue it might decide should be paid by South Carolina if the revenue felfows were withdrawn. He would have it collected and paid over. He wanted to avoid the troubles which the revenue agents were always involved in with the illicit distillers.

The outlook in Ohio is promising for the Democrats. There is a good chance of electing ten or twelve Democratic members to the next House. It is claimed that not over five Radicals will be elected. It is thought that three Greenbackers will be chosen, two from Republican districts and one from a Democratic district. But all calculations are at best but guesses before the election.

Rev. Mr. Hayden, undergoing an examining trial for the murder of Miss Mary Stannard, of Madison, Connecticut, was discharged from arrest on the ground that there was no evidence on which to hold him. During the delivery of the remarks of the justice, in ordering the discharge he said he would feel content if he was as sure of heaven and eternal felicity as of Hayden's innocence. The accused was heartily congratulated by numerous friends upon his dis-

The Metropolitan Elevated Railway will continue to make as much noise and clatter as it pleases, as the grand jury have refused to find an indictment against it. The loss is estimated at many millions to those living along its line. You cannot rent property there, as no one wishes to be subjected to the eternal noise.

Six hundred more Mormons from Europe have just arrived in New York. This makes two thousand of this class of nuisances that have "put in an appearance" on the American shore this season. While this stench and stigma are growing, our people are quietly submitting to the outrage. How long! how long!

Philadelphia quarantines all vessels coming south of Wilmington. A

COUNTY COMMISSIONSTO-Abstract of Proceedings 110 Called

The Board of County Commissioners met in called session yesterday afternoon, at 8 o'clock; present, J. O. Wagner, Chairman; and Commissioners D.S. Sanders and Dun-

and Commissioners D.S. Sanders and Dans can Hulmes, it is book and send in the Col. William L. Smills presented his special pointment from the Governor as a member of the Board, came forward and was duly sworn in managelized following the Board string called to order, tooking a communication from the committee, and pointed by the Board of Commissioners to fixed appropriate man of the Democratic Executive Commissioners to fixed appropriate man of the commissioners to fixed appropriate management of the absorbing ones. The Board of Commissioners to fixed appropriate man of the commissioners to fixed appropriate management of the commissioners to fixed appropriate management of the commissioners to fixed appropriate management of the commissioners to fixed appropriate for the first Monday of November next when the fellowing was offered by Commissioner Holene and appropriate for the expenses of registration and holding the election. The dollars and to places for registration and holding the election, five dollars each; stationers of the following minounits Registrars, each seven dellars and to places for registration and holding the election, five dollars each; stationers of the following minounits Registrars, each seven dellars and to places for registration and holding the election, five dollars each; stationers of the district to organize at once, and to establish a wanted Democratic Greenback Club in every township of the district in accordance with the repeated of the commissioners and the meeting. Resolutions was then passed calling upon all true Democratic Greenback Club in every township of the district in accordance with the repeated of the commissioners and the meeting accordance with the repeated of the commissioners and the second of the commissioners and the second of the commissioners and the commissioners are also as the commissioners and the comm Ordered. That the Board appropriate for the expenses of registration and holding the Congressional election in November, 1878; the following amounts: Registrars, each, seven dollars and for places for registration and holding the election, five dollars each; Canvassers, five dollars each; stationery and lights to be furnished by the Board.

ery and lights to be furnished by the Board, It was ordered that the petition of Chas. Murphy be deferred for action at the next

meeting of the Board. It was ordered that the order of J. F. Garrell, in favor of the First National Bank, be returned, with the explanation that the settlement has already been made for amount due Mr. Garrell up to the 1st of September, 1878.

It was ordered that Commissioner W. L. Smith be appointed a member of the Auditing Committee in place of ex-Commissioner Atkinson, and that he be temporary Chairman of the Auditing Committee during the absence of Commissioner B. G. Worth. It was ordered that the poll tax listed by F. E. Hashagen & Bro. for J. G. Hashagen, be abated, he being a non-resident. On motion, the Board adjourned until

COUNTY MATTERS.

Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Meeting of the Board of Magistrates, The Board of Magistrates met in the Court House yesterday morning, when the Committee appointed on Saturday last, to recommend suitable persons for Registrars and Poll-holders for the ensuing Congressional election in November next, through their chairman, Justice J. L. Cantwell, made the following recommendations for Registrars and Judges of Election:

First Ward-Upper Division -Registrar Oscar Fillyaw; Judges of Election: Archie Alderman, J. H. Lee, W. H. Payne, S. A.

First Ward-Lower Division.-Registrar W. H. Yopp; Judges: J. H. Strauss, L. L. Boon, A. A. Dudley, J. S. W. Eagles. Second Ward-Registrar, Thos. O. Bunt-

ing: Judges: J. C. Lumsden, R. F. Eyden, Samuel Starling, George Jackson, Third Ward-Registrar, W. L. Jacobs Judges: Jos. McLaurin, R. S. Radeliffe

James D. Dry, Allen Evans.

Fourth Ward-Registrar, James Kendrick; Judges: F. J. Lord, F. C. Singletary, Elias Halsey, John Norwood. Fifth Ward-Registrar, J. C. Millis

Judges: W. C. Orr, J. W. Hewitt, J. W. Millis, Wesley Avant. Cape Fear Township-Registrar, James Cowan; Judges: Edward Schriver, Holly

Grady, Prince Nixon, Iredell Johnson. Harnett Township-Registrar, Thomas Edens; Judges; J. T. Flowers, A. R. Black, George Harper, Thomas Franks. Masonboro Township-Registrar, B. S. Montford; Judges: Henry A. Martindale, James Waldron, John J. Hewlett, George

Federal Point Township-Registrar, J H. Horne; Judges: D. R. King, James O Wilson, A. B. Freeman, Stephen D. Keys It was ordered that the books be opened on Tuesday next, in accordance with the precedent established during the August meetings still go on in the churches. election, in which the law was construed to mean that the books should be opened thir- selling his infidelous works on the ty days previous to the day of election, camp ground, was convicted and con-Sundays excepted.

The following resolution was then offered by Justice Walker Meares, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Sheriff be requested to inform the Justices of the Peace of the township of the refusal of any Registrar to accept the position of Registrar in said township by 10 o'clock on Monday, the

The Board then adjourned.

The Oxford Orphans.

From a letter received by a gentleman of this city yesterday we learn that Mr. J. H Mills, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, with a chapter of Orphans from that institution, will give an entertainment at Smithville on the 9th instant, and at Wilmington on the 10th inst. These entertainments will be free. The places at which they will be given will be hereafter

Laurinburg's Contributions. Our correspondent at Laurinburg, N. C.

states that there was a subscription taken up at the Presbyterian church of that place. some time since, for the benefit of the reliow fever sufferers, when \$40 50 realized, which was forwarded to the Howard Association of Memphis. This makes a total of \$81 05 contributed by the citizens of that place for the sufferers.

Found Sick. The police found a young colored man sick in a flat at the foot of Princess street yesterday, where he had been allowed to lie down, and took him to the station house. from whence he was afterwards conveyed to the City Hospital. He was too ill to tell his name or residence, but he is believed to belong in Wilmington.

—It's a mighty ignorant horse that doesn't know its own fodder. — Oincinnati Breakfast Table.

Turpentine. Spirits

— Mr. Robert Coup, of Caswell, a worthy young man of M years, was thrown from his horse and hilled as he was return-ing from church is all index.

— Weldon New Cap Lockhart, the junior editor of the paper, has been seriously ill during the cast week, and we are sorry to say is at a so befor.

— Greenshave Fosteal Protestant reports 38 accessions to the Methodist Protestant Church os Backy Granit. It also reports 49 accessions to Merklenburg Circuit.

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LONG CREEK, Sept. 25, 1878.

ME. LONG CREEK, Sept. 20, 1878.

MR. Libron:—There has been a fine demonstration here to day for our distin-

guistied representative in Congress. It has

been quite miny, but still the fine hall of

Greenback Club in every township of the

district, in accordance with the repeated

recommendations of the STAR. A club

was then organized, to be called "The

Long Creek Waddell-Greenback-Demo-cratic Club." The following are its officers:

President, Bruce Williams; Vice President,

P. Montague; Secretary, B. C. Bourdeaux.

Pender has no use for hard money De-

mocracy. All of our Democrats are Green-

back Democrats, but within the Democratic

party, If William A. Allen, of Ohio, or

some other Greenback Democrat had been

run for President instead of Tilden, we

should now have him President instead of

Give Long Creek credit, Mr. Editor, for

forming the first Waddell Greenback Dem-

ocratic Club. You are aware that Colonel

Waddell was not the first choice of Pender

for the nomination at Clinton. But true to

principle, opposed to the doctrines of con-

traction and of hard money, and faithful to

the principles of the Democratic party,

those who were opposed to him at Clinton

are, since his nomination and now, first

among the foremost of those who rally

Take a handful of alder root, and a hand-

ful of dogwood root, and a handful of the

bark of persimmon root; boil with a pint of

vinegar down to half a pint; then add

very little water, a small lump of alum and

a little honey. Let the patient use frequent-

The above appeared in the Richmond

(Va.) Whig some years ago, and was said to

have been furnished by an old gentleman

of Charlottesville, who stated that he had

often known it to be used in cases of diph-

theria, and never without effecting a cure

How Telegraphic Dispatches Read

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

Among the pleasant incidents of

newspaper editing, not the least is

that of making cable telegrams in-

telligible. Here are two important

of petrollum wilt whomel clige ago.'

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of fghanstan is enhaving to enduce

pate to conclude alhaince with Rus-

serpent has been fooling with these,

but they sometimes come in this style

when the sea serpent isn't within a

An Infidel Convicted.

[Bridgewater Enterprise.]

Bottom, Highland county, Va., we

Crab Bottom camp meeting, and I

and there have been eighty-five con-

"That Cackling Old Maid."

Judge Duval, of Maryland, boarded

in Washington during Washington's

Administration at the house of a Mrs.

after they met at the capital, and

what had become of "that cackling

old maid, Jennie Gibbon ?" "She is

Three Papers in Augusta.

icle, which is the morning paper, are

about to publish a second evening pa-

per, to be called The Sentinel. It

will be furnished at the low price of

four dollars per annum, and the

sprightly Augusta News will hereaf-

The election in Maine which recently

took place, furnishes a lesson that 'politi-

cians may read with careful study. To Re-

publicans it reads these solemn words: Thy

mission of good and evil, in which the evil

hath greatly predominated, is accomplished and thy end draweth nigh. To Democrats

it reads this lesson: The National Green-

back party is your natural ally. Cherish it and receive it in your own fold, and let it

be one of your own household. To Green-

backers it says: You are to become a factor

in politics. Your vigorous youth will grow into sturdy manhaod. Cling to your Democratic brotherhood, fight your patri-

otic battle upon its strong and wide plat-form, and, if you would live long and

There are already a morning and

Mrs. Duval, sir," was the reply.

Senator Giles, of Virginia, and

From a letter received from Crab

thousand miles of the cable.

glad hearts.

It is barely possible that the sea

"Amerian steamen pereb Jeru

"Loonstantinople Depettet says

dispatches that arrived last night:

A GREENBACK DEMOCRAT.

strength for his re-election to Congress.

Cure for Diphtheria.

ly as a gargle.

The Club will meet weekly.

Mr. W. S. Webster, whose shooting was mentioned vinceria; will probably recover. He was not in the groin by a woman who was parelessly handling a pistol, as we learn that the Charlotte Ob-

- Greensboro Mirioti. North Cardins peaches took the lead in the North-enamentate this greet. They were com-mended not only for their superior quality, but for the nicely indicate with which they were partied. The appears shipped from Salem want cancelally noticed.

were partied. As a photos shipped from Salem were especially soliced.

— Charlotte Casaver: Up to last pigut the total should at debts proved before: Registal Keach a charact the Bank of Mecklenburg was about \$250,000; After as examination into all the assets he finds that he can declare a dridand of five percent, which will be done to-day.

— Salem Press: The revival in progressal the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past few weeks still continues. — Reports from the recent river freshet are very disastrons, although in some localities where the corn was planted early and

where the corn was planted early and nearer maturity, a considerable portion may be saved in a somewhat damaged condition. — A phaeton, containing Bishop Atkinson and a driver, turned over in attempting to cross a branch near Ed. Jones', Wilkes county, throwing the Bishop in water about four feet deep. He received no injury. — Jack Frost visited Ashe county and the mountain regions last week.

- Raleigh Observer: A couple of convicts were brought up yesterday from Bertie by Sheriff D. A. Watford: Ransom Roulhac, larceny, seven years; John Clark, larceny, five years. One solitary prisoner, Osborn L. Kreth, sentenced at the last term of Cherokee Court for manslaughter, five years, was brought down by D. W. Deweese. - Rowan correspondent: Corn was injured some by the same waters in consequence of too much rain. Vegetation of all kinds is making large weed and stalk. Cotton, it is thought, will be much injured by the wet weather. Corn promises an excellent crop if nothing befall it more. Great' preparations are being made to sow a large amount of wheat, and the land is being put in most excellent order. None sown yet, that I know of.

- Tarboro Southerner: We will stake the magnificent slash pines of Bertie county against California for grandeur and worth. The Dutch government paid \$600 for one tree that squared 36 inches at base and 30 inches at height of 80 feet. - Edward Belcher was acquitted last week in Greenville, before Judge McKoy and a jury, of the murder of Randal Joyner, a negro, who was killed near Farmville in July last. — We asked Judge Watts, last Thursday, if he intended to vote for joturner. He replied, "I'd see him in h-I first." - Washington (N. C.) correspondent: Little Fenner, the only son of J. T. Respass, our Senator elect, accidentally turned a pot of boiling water over on himself, inflicting a frightful scald, from the effects of which he died a few days thereafter.

- Mr. P. M. Murray, of Charlotte, was fatally shot at Rock Hill, S. C., on Tuesday last. The Observer says: L. C. Murray and Benbow got into a quarrel about some trivial matter, during the progress of which Murray struck Benbow. P. M. Murray, the brother, then took up the difficulty, threw Benbow on the ground and began to beat him. At this juncture several pistol shots were fired by L. C. Murray and Benbow. It is not definitely known who fired the first shot, but it is thought that L.C. Murray did, endeavoring to hit Benbow, whom his brother was at that time holding down and beating. When the parties were separated it was found that Benbow had not been touched, but that he had shot P. M. Murray while Mursunnw Philedellphia with 2969 casks ray was on him, inflicting an ugly wound in the breast. The wounded man was conveyed to a house near by, when it was ascertained that there was another and far more dangerous wound in the bowels.

- Goldsboro Messenger: A little girl of Dodd Spells, who lives near Huntley's, in Sampson county, was bitten on her ankle, on Saturday last, by a rattlesnake, but the efforts made to save the child's life promise to be successful. At last accounts she was doing well. A fine bull dog, belonging to Mr. Spells, heard the child screaming when struck, and in killing the snake was also bitten so severey that he died the following day. Our quiet little sister town, Mt. Olive. had a fire Sunday night, and we regret to learn extract the following: "I was at the that the store building occupied by Messrs. John A. Royall & Co. was totally destroynever saw such a time. There were ed, together with the entire stock of merchandise of the firm, valued at \$1,500. The forty penitents at the altar at once, building was the property of the David Cobb estate, and there was no insurance versions up to this time, and the on either the building or goods. - The new Methodist church at Tabernacle, Greene county, will be dedicated on Sun-day, the 13th of October, by Dr. Closs, the venerable Presiding Elder of the Newbern A noted infidel, Calhoun, who was

verted, amid the shouts of myriads of - Charlotte Observer: A postal card received on Wednesday states that Calvary Church, (Episcopal), in Henderson county, has contributed \$37 to the yellow fever sufferers. — The big compress is an object of much interest. It was at work Wednesday and pressed sixty bales. Like the mills of the gods, it grinds exceedingly small. — Mrs. Holmes, an old lady who was born in August, 1783, died in Salis-Gibbon, whose daughters were talkative and were not young. Some years bury on Tuesday morning last. She had reached an age seldom alloted to mortals. dying in her ninety-sixth year. Born in the while chatting over old times the same year which witnessed the cessation of Senator asked the Judge, then Compthe American revolution, she has lived through the whole life of the Republic.

— Dr. J. P. McCombs received a telegram troller of the Treasury, if he knew Wednesday afternoon from W. S. Webster, a sporting man who lives in this city, but who is now at Gaffney City, S. C., on the Air Line Railroad, urging him to come at once to Gaffney's, and to bring his instruments with him, as he (Webster) had been an evening paper in Augusta, and now Messrs. Walsh & Wright, the badly shot and the ball had not been extracted. No additional particulars have been received here. enterprising proprietors of the Chron-

- Asheville Citizen: Mrs. Vance, the mother of Gen. Robert and Governor Vance, is lying quite ill at the residence of Gen. Vance, on the French Broad. Gov. Vance arrived at her bedside Tuesday morning. - Franklin correspondent: It is said on good authority that our mica dealers have orders now on hand for over ten thousand pounds. The "Rocky Face, near the top of Cowee Mountain, and in view of the State Road, and the Allman Mine, are yielding handsomely. At the Hall Mine much work has been done recently to reach the vein at a new point, and it is believed a rich harvest is at hand. Many other mines are being worked with varying success. - We have in this county a most remarkable vegetable curiosity of a very strange character. Now don't say impossible, can't be, contrary to nature, etc., etc., and that your correspondent is humbugged, when I tell you we have an apple growing on a grape vine. Yes, it is growing on the vine. Grow, grew, growed there. Hundreds have been to see it. It is a fact, and I will give particulars next week. Don't be afraid to publish this, prosper, venture not upon the sea of for it is the truth. There is a vine, a stem, politics trusting to one lone plank.—E.iza-beth City Economist. and an apple all attached. A living vine, a growing, ripening apple.