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BOYKIN, CARMER & Co.—Pure Chemicals
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Raleigh and Round-About

—All quiet at the Capitol.
—The new crop of tobacco, Virginia and North Carolina, is estimated at 45,000 hogsheds.
—We are indebted to the editors of the Richmond State for a very handsome illustrated Almanac.
—A party of half a dozen Germans are in Eastern N. C., prospecting for suitable location for a colony.
—The young folks of the city have a Sociable "coffee club," which meets on Friday nights at private residences.
—The ladies building committee of the church of the Good Shepherd gave an enjoyable Festival on Tuesday night.
—Sheriff Alexander, of Mecklenburg, paid \$17,483.83, the public taxes of that county into the Treasury on Tuesday.
—New Berne is to have a Grand Tournament, with ball at night. Maj. Matt Manly will act as Chief Marshal, and there will be lots of fun for flirtatious folk.
—Mr. Turner's Investigation Committee examined Gen. R. M. Henry last week; and rumor says will a tremendous "tale unfold" when the report is ready.
—We learn from Mr. Atkinson, of Apex, that the farmers club there is moving right along—new members coming every week, and growing interest manifested.
—Mr. M. F. Scarborough, of Wake county, a brother of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, tells us he is much pleased with the chufa; finds the hogs fattening rapidly, and at a cost far below that of corn.
—An interesting fact: A medical journal, on our table, says—"professional opinion among the most eminent physicians is against *bridal tours*." How long before public opinion will reach the same sensible point?
—A strenuous effort is being made to remove the Railroad shops of the Carolina Central R. R. to Charlotte and will likely succeed. They will add two or three hundred population, and a large amount of business to that city.
—When "Mine Host" Caleb Osborn announces his daily caucus on the dinner question forty members of the Legislature and several clerks make mince meat of the matters before the House; and when Dr. Blackhall says "walk in, Colonel!" about sixty or seventy members rise to a question of privilege and second the motion. In fact all the hot keepers are very cheerful over the liberal "provisions" of the "Legislative Bill" (s).
—Two men (one of whom there is reason to believe innocent) were hanged in Pennsylvania last week, while the telegraph boy with a reprieve was hammering at the jail door trying to get in. He would have been heard in time but for the shrieks of the wives and children of the victims! Governor Hartranft and the sheriff were each loudly cursed by the spectators; the one for denying his reprieve until the last moment; the other for hurrying the execution by an hour earlier than was necessary.

—Some terrible bungling in executions are reported. Hunter, hanged at Camden, was hoisted by the jerk of the rope only as high as his feet, so that two men had to haul him up, hand over fist. However, he was nine-tenths dead already from fright.

—The Charlotte Observer states that the projected branch of the C. C. R. R. from Lincolnton to Hickory is a fixed fact. Glad of it. It will put new life into both the former towns, besides adding to the business of the towns all along the route from Hickory to Wilmington. The latter port is the nearest to Asheville of any on the coast at present; and fifty miles of railway transportation is a great saving in freight.

—The Goldsboro Messenger copies, and editorially notices, the article written for this paper by A. J. Heath, Esq., but credits to the Richmond Planter and Farmer. The latter, doubtless, copied the article without credit; hence the Messenger's mis-credit. We frequently notice articles from this paper credited to some other paper, or to the "Raleigh Farmer," or "North Carolina Farmer,"—which isn't our paper at all. We rarely notice these mis-credits or the more frequent non-credit; but it is as well for our friends, while they are about it, to credit the right paper. Mr. Ennis publishes the Raleigh, or N. C., Farmer, we believe, though we do not see it.

UNITED STATES SENATOR VANCE—For the third time, Zebulon B. Vance has received the nomination of the majority of the people of North Carolina to represent them in the Federal Senate. Thrice Governor, twice nominated for the senate, but not seated therein, he finds the "third time brings the charm." On the 4th of March, prox. he will join Wade Hampton, *par nobilitate fratrum* to stand together, for Carolina, for Dixie, and for the constitution.

We speak of his election as a fixed fact, because, humanly speaking, it is already settled. Senator Merrimon's withdrawal we believe to have been in good faith; without design to play dog in the manger by favoring a "dark horse"; and so his friends understand it. The Democrats hold two thirds of the Legislature, and last night nearly every Democrat participated in the Caucus. The nomination was made by Senator Dortch, of Wayne, seconded by Mr. Speaker Moring, of the House, who as a leading supporter of Judge Merrimon prior to the latter's withdrawal, gave utterance to the general feeling that Gov. Vance's nomination should be made unanimously and by acclamation. This was done; and wisely under the circumstances.

Gov. Vance was then escorted to the Hall, introduced by speaker Moring, and delivered a capital address, not in our domain to report.

NEWLY FLEDGED—Justice Ashe being detained at home, Chief Justice Smith, and Justice Dillard, held the Supreme Court Room to themselves on Monday, and one of their first acts was to turn loose the following young lawyers:—J. T. Barron, W. W. Barber, G. S. Bradshaw, G. W. Britt, W. F. Carter, P. A. Cummings, J. A. Davis, J. H. Dobson, T. B. Eldridge, S. M. Empie, S. J. Erwin, B. S. Gay, J. S. Gibson, E. E. Gray, J. M. Gray, F. G. James, R. H. McKoy, T. H. McKoy, J. B. Martin, Z. B. Newton, B. Posey, A. G. Ricard, B. P. Ryan, F. A. Sordley, G. A. Shuford, J. P. Thomas, T. D. Turner, D. M. Vance, G. H. White, W. R. Whitson, R. C. Williamson.

WEDDINGS—Mr. H. C. Ashcraft and Miss Alice Bobbitt, at Monroe, Jan. 9th. Mr. A. W. E. Cape, of Richmond, and Miss Nannie Smitherson, of Montgomery.

THE SENATORIAL SUCCESSION—Within a brief period after the assembling of the Legislature it was ascertained that a majority of the Democratic members were in favor of the nomination of Gov. Vance to be United States Senator for the term beginning March 4th prox. On Monday last it was learned that Senator Merrimon would address the Democratic caucus the same evening. But after consultation with a few friends, he (to the surprise of many) declared he would no longer continue the contest, and wrote the following letter, which was presented to the caucus by Senator Snow as an interruption of a letter, then being read, requesting to be heard.

RALEIGH, Jan. 13, 1879.
TO THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS: My friends have ascertained that whatever may be the popular desire for my reelection to the Senate of the United States, causes and influences have been brought to bear that will prevent my reelection.

I have no desire to disturb the quiet of the Democratic party by further contest over the Senatorship, and hence beg my friends not to mention my name further now in that connection. I beg to express my most grateful thanks to friends in and out of the Legislature who have so generously and earnestly manifested interest in my behalf. I can never cease to remember them with feelings of pleasure and deepest gratitude and I venture to trust that they will not have occasion to regret the confidence that they have reposed in me.

A. S. MERRIMON.
The withdrawal of Senator Merrimon produced quite a sensation, but, so far as we have heard, the popular comment is one of praise and gratification. A possible wrangle must have wasted much time, for which the State Treasury would pay at the rate of one or two thousand dollars per day, and assuredly anything which at this period of our recuperation from the war tends to divide and distract the better and more influential classes, is to be deplored as a public calamity. It is therefore a common remark that Senator Merrimon on his return to Washington on Tuesday carried with him a far larger share of popular favor than was his when first he went to the scene of his successful labors for the State.

THE NORTHERN SOLDIERS CONVENTION—As we go to press the Charlotte Observer is at hand with full accounts of the convention of Northern ex-Union soldiers residing in North Carolina. About 80 delegates were present and a very enthusiastic session was had; the Opera House being decorated with Union and Confederate flags, wreaths, etc. A committee, with Rev. Dr. Mattoon, President of Biddle (colored) University, as chairman, made a lengthy report on the advantages of the South as a home for Northern Home Seekers, which we may republish. A State Convention in the interest of immigration was called to meet in Charlotte, July 4th. The effect of the convention must be to give a great impetus to the immigration movement, provided our people will.

NEW-PAPER NEWS—Mr. Geo. A. Warlick leaves the Lincolnton News, (which will be continued by his brother) and will take charge of a new paper at Newton. He will make an excellent paper. As will also, Col. E. R. Liles, who has withdrawn from the Wadesboro Herald to establish the Crescent, a new luminary at Lilesville. Success to both!... That excellent paper, the Fayetteville Gazette, is offered for sale... Monroe Enquirer has a fine office, and got out a handsome supplement with the Governor's Message... Mr. W. P. Bachelor has sold the Weldon News to Messrs. L. M. Long and W. W. Hall... The Asheville Republican has suspended.

CASUALTIES—Nathan Adams of Goldsboro committed suicide, with laudanum, on Thursday morning. Financial troubles... Will Cannon, aged 16, was killed in Burke by the running away of the team... Miss Mollie Huntley, of Burke, slipped on ice, and is not expected to live... At a show in Wilson a darkey shot himself in the bread basket with a pistol he had in his pocket... Geo. Sloan of Wilmington shot at a snipe and hit his comrades leg... W. W. Pegg, telegraph operator, at Greenville, S. C., loved a lass, but alas she would not reciprocate, so he went into the woods and pegged out with a bottle of morphine... Sidney, son of Mr. Geo. W. Williams, of Wilmington while on a gunning expedition lodged a load of shot in his arm. Not dangerous... Mrs. Nancy McCall, a demented old lady, was found frozen to death, near her residence in Wilkes county, on the 3d instant... A youth named Southier, in Wilkes county, put his toe on the hammer of his gun and attempted to blow down the barrel to see if it was loaded. He found out. And that is the way he passed to higher hunting grounds... Robt. McLean, clerk in a bar room at Lumberton is supposed to have met his death by a fall from the window... Bedford Brown, an employee in a Winston factory, had an arm broken and his clothes torn off in the machinery... Emory Gray of Winston, was fooling with a pistol on Christmas night; ball in leg... A little white girl and negro boy were shot in the face by another darkey who aimed at a sportive mink... Thos. Bridgman of Richmond lacerated his hand in a cotton gin...

DEATHS—At Savannah, on Friday, of congestion of the brain, James W. Lippitt, of Wilmington, aged 46. He was brought home, and his funeral largely attended... At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Rev. A. Flynn Dickson, well known in Charlotte and Wilmington... In Raleigh, Mrs. Patsy Jolley... Samuel Berryhill, aged 70, in Mecklenburg... Co. E. R. Fearington, of Chatham; fall in the streets of Durham, of apoplexy... Geo. W. Norwood of Person... In Granville, Lemuel Mitchell, aged 85... In Robeson, Mrs. Elsie McLean, aged 83... In Elizabeth City, Mrs. Emily Cooke, aged 75...

STATE PRINTING—The Legislature has reduced the price of Public Printing from 75 to 40 cts. for plain work; from \$1.50 to 80 cts. for rule and figure; from \$1 to 60 cts. for binding, and 45 to 25 for press work. At these rates we should not be willing to give bond for proper execution of the work. Yet, as there are those who offer to accept at this scale, the Legislature will do right to give it them. Later—The contract has been awarded to Messrs. Hale & Saunders, of the Observer, by vote of two thirds the Democratic caucus. Now let the State Press demand that next time the job be given the lowest responsible bidder regardless of politics. If some member of the Legislature will introduce a bill to that effect, now before another similar contest between papers is begun, he will do the State and parties, and newspapers, good service.

BOYKIN, CARMER & Co.—The members of this well known Baltimore firm, or most of them, are North Carolinians, and disposed to build up a large business in our State. This, in fact, they have already done, and there is not the least question of the extension of their trade, now that our people are awaking to the best methods of farm culture. See their advertisement.

APPOINTMENTS—R. S. Reinhart, Magistrate, Lincoln county... W. J. C. McCauley, Constable, Monroe... R. W. Colvert, County Commissioner, Wilkes county.

THE LEGISLATURE—As we foreshadowed last week, Hon. John Moring, of Chatham, a man of ability and experience, was chosen Speaker of the House. He received 38 votes in caucus to 33 for Capt. C. M. Cooke, of Franklin. Messrs. Ed. Jones, of Caldwell and Van V. Richardson, of Columbus, received flattering votes, but withdrew after the first ballot.

Col. John D. Cameron, of Orange, was elected principal clerk; R. W. Best, of Wake, reading clerk; W. A. Barrett, of Lenoir, engrossing clerk; and William Hill, of Randolph, door keeper; J. P. Norton, assistant. The senate was called to order by Lt. Governor Jarvis. Capt. R. M. Furman, of Buncombe was elected principal clerk; Platt D. Cowan, of New Hanover; Capt. J. S. Tomlinson, of Catawba, engrossing clerk; W. M. Murril, of Onslow, door-keeper; A. D. Brooks, of Alamance, elected enrolling clerk.

This ably officered the General Assembly took off its coat, and is doing some good work,—getting ready. A more economical fever has never been witnessed inside the "Granite Palace." Investigation and Retrenchment, Curial and Detail, are the topics of the streets, the hotels, and wherever Legislators most do congregate. Well, if they do not carry the thing too far and cripple, or hamper the efficiency, of the Public Service, we shall all say "Well done! Go ye home, and run for Congress. We need a little of that same pole-punching in Washington." Next week we shall summarize the Legislative work from the beginning.

RESUMPTION OF THE WRONG KIND—Mr. H. S. Howell, grocer, of Goldsboro; liabilities about \$4,000... A. C. Sanders & Co., of Raleigh, commission merchants; liabilities reported at \$25,000; assets \$3,000... Smith & Forbes, Charlotte and Boston shoe dealers; liabilities about \$130,000; assets about \$100,000... Zacharias & Co., Raleigh, have made an assignment; G. Rosenthal, assignee... R. F. Jones & Co., Raleigh; Geo. H. Snow, assignee.

RALEIGH—Rt. Rev. Bishop Atkinson delivered a learned address on the "Nature of Guilds," at Tucker Hall, on Monday evening, for the benefit of St. John's Guild. On Sunday he confirmed five persons at Christ Church, and spoke earnestly against the modern style of dancing... A bill to relieve the disabilities of ex-Gov. Holden was introduced by Mr. Norment, Republican.

A CORRECTION—We are requested by Mr. E. T. Clark, of Halifax, to state that the verses headed "Paddy's Version of Excelsior," copied by this paper and others, from the Daily News, was not composed by him, but merely copied at the request of friends, from an obscure collection by "Paul Reeves."

PERSONAL—Senators W. A. Graham, S. B. Alexander, A. H. Merritt, D. J. McCann; and Representatives John L. Brown, Edward Jones; and Bros. Cameron and Tomlinson, of the "Fourth Estate," paid pleasant visits to this office.

BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS AGREE THAT IT IS NEEDED—The newspapers of the State are urging upon the Legislature the passage of a law requiring county officers to advertise sales, &c., in the public press. The present method of advertising in hieroglyphics at the courthouse door is farcical and utterly useless. The bill introduced by Mr. Shotwell in the last Legislature ought to be adopted.

Asheville Pioneer—We clip the following from the Farmer and Mechanic and heartily endorse the sentiments therein expressed and we are glad to be able to state that the sheriff of this county has already adopted the plan of advertising all his sale notices in his county paper, and we believe he is the only sheriff in this State that has adopted that rule as a general thing.—Sielby Aurora.

Very Sad—ah!
A lady named Mary Magul ah had trouble in lighting her hair. She used kerosene, the wood being green. She used kerosene. (Pause. Then read solemnly.)—She has gone where the fuel is dry.

THE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM—A NEWS reporter yesterday paid this museum a visit, and found Col. Polk, as usual, hard at work. He, however took time to exhibit a few of the treasures of the department. The display of the various counties, in the compartment cabinets, is certainly not what it should be, though it shows an improvement over the exhibit of a few months past. The counties have been often urged to complete their displays, and in some cases paid so little attention to the requests, that it would be somewhat disheartening to one less used to overcome difficulties than the commissioner. Public spirited citizens of certain counties have shown such great energy in procuring specimens of their products or manufactures that the space allowed these counties is almost always entirely taken up. Yet there are a few counties, rich in material wealth, that make no display whatever. There is no doubt of the fact that the museum is becoming one of the features of the State, and it certainly affords the best known means of plainly putting before the public the treasures of the respective counties of North Carolina. The suggestion is made that the authorities of each county take this matter in hand and forward specimens of the mineral, vegetable or manufactured wealth from within their borders. If this be practicable it would put the museum on a plane with the finest in the country, and it would embrace within its walls a collection of what may be termed the material resources of the State.

The already fine collections of building and ornamental marbles from the western counties yesterday received an important addition. Rev. A. C. Smith, of Macon county, sent more than twenty five specimens of the marbles of the extreme western counties. Among these are some exquisitely shaded, while all are perfect in texture, and so highly polished as to show to great advantage. Among the specimens are some in color, black, blue, slate, pearl, seal brown, parian white, pale pink, bright pink, a dozen shades of brown, yellow, grey and white, blue and white, brown and white. The variegated marbles are unequally beautiful. The collection, composed of small, polished pieces, is perhaps one of the finest ever shown in the State.

Another new treasure is a hank of native silk, spun by the hands of Mrs. J. W. Caldwell, of Iron Station, Lincoln county. It is pure white and is said by experts to be unsurpassed in texture. The culture of the silk worm is one of the things which the department will strive to foster, and they greet this first specimen of the product with particular pleasure.

And now North Carolina genius comes forward, this time in the person of Mr. T. M. Burns, of Martin county. He exhibits a cotton seed planter, which, after careful examination a farmer yesterday said was the best he had ever seen. It is undoubtedly an invention of merit, and should receive attention. The farmers should visit the museum and see these things, and the members of the Legislature should study the exhibits.

Great Fire in New York
New York, Jan. 17.—A fire broke out this evening in the wholesale clothing house of Van Valkenburg & Levett, 62 Worth street, and rapidly enveloped the entire building. The two adjoining buildings are on fire, and the flames have crossed the street. The fire, after crossing to the South side of Worth street, is working through the block southerly to Thomas street, and now appears to be extending on Worth street West, toward Church and East in the direction of Broadway.

Continuance of Strikes in Pennsylvania
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 17.—In addition to the strike of miners at Cosner and Hammond collieries at Girardville, the men at Preston mines, number two and three thousand. Girard colliery, turned out this morning, claiming two months back pay, which was due them. The 5 collieries now idle comprise the entire Girardville district, and are all operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, employing about 1,000 men and boys.