

MOORE'S HISTORY.

We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Alfred Williams & Co., and read with much pleasure and no little instruction the first volume of Moore's History of North Carolina.

Every country should cherish the glorious deeds of her sons and perpetuate their virtues, and he is deserving of public thanks and a nation's gratitude who patiently delves into the dusty records of the past and inscribes them upon the pages of history.

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The Guilford Centennial. On the 6th inst., a meeting was held at Greensboro' to make arrangements to commemorate on the 15th day of April 1881, the centennial anniversary of the battle of Guilford Court-House.

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The Convict Case.

We take pleasure in publishing the letter of President Stamps, and hope it will be carefully read. We know him to be a Christian gentleman and one who would not be guilty of any cruelty to a fellow-man, but still we must insist that his letter does not convince us that our editorial of last week was "so egregiously unjust."

On the contrary what we then said has been most warily commended by every person whom we have heard speak of it, and they all agree that our comments were fully warranted by the verdict of the Coroner's jury. In his letter Mr. Stamps states that the convict Fries (this being the correct name and not Friel) "was undoubtedly in a gangrenous condition when he left the Penitentiary," and that he had an "ashy appearance of the face and a slight limp in his walk," and that sending him in this condition to hard labor on a Railroad was not "gross carelessness," but was only "a sad mistake."

Now as to the constitutionality of whipping convicts. Mr. Stamps urges very ingeniously in favor of it, but still we must differ with him. As he states the only punishments known to the laws of this State are "death, imprisonment, fines," &c., and we unhesitatingly assert that whippings is not known to the laws of North Carolina.

It is very true that the Constitution authorizes the Board of Directors to punish convicts for failure to work or for breaches of prison discipline. It does that which authorizes a punishment unknown to our laws? Before the adoption of the present Constitution in 1868 the punishment for larceny was whipping, imprisonment, or other corporal punishment, and now, although whipping has been abolished, yet a convict is both imprisoned at hard labor and is also whipped whenever the brutality of his keepers prompts them.

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work in this county were well treated and properly cared for, but how about those on the W. N. C. R. R. ? Were not nearly fifty of them sent back from there to the Penitentiary disabled with scurvy?

In the conclusion of his letter Mr. Stamps says that "an investigation had been ordered by the Board of Directors before Fries' death," but it must have been a very superficial one, for though his death occurred a month after his return to the Penitentiary, yet the overseer who "has tended" his death by these whippings had not then been removed from his position, and by the way is he not still retained, although Judge Seymour had him arrested and bound over to the next term of Orange court on the charge of manslaughter?

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Important to Doctors.

Mr. Enron: The undersigned, a committee appointed for the purpose by the Medical Society of North Carolina, respectfully ask you to publish the following notice, for the information of your subscribers:

"The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina will meet in the city of Wilmington, on Monday May 10th, 1880, for the examination of applicants for license."

Without a license from this Board "no person shall practice medicine or surgery, or any of the branches thereof, in any case prescribable for the cure of disease, for fee or reward."

Furthermore, he shall not be entitled to sue for or to recover, before any Magistrate or court in this State any medical bill for services rendered in the practice of medicine or surgery, or any of the branches thereof, (Laws of N. C., 1855, c. 10.)

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STATE NEWS.

Blood-Thirsty Cat.

A pet cat in Chapel Hill killed twenty-five young chickens in two days. Beat this, if you can—Chapel Hill Ledger.

Press Compliment.

We went through some forty North Carolina exchanges in some ten hours, but found the most of them as fat as Salsora and as dull as ditch water.—Wilmington Star.

Rough Passage.

Mr. J. C. Page killed a cow one day last week and took her to his house a handful of small stones, some of them as large as partridge eggs, and pieces of nails.—Wilmington Star.

Commencement Orator.

Judge Morrison has accepted an invitation, tendered by the Dialectic Society of the State University, to deliver the annual address before the two societies during commencement week.—Observer.

Negroes Returning.

We learn from a trustworthy source that a number of the ex-slave negroes who left here last Fall for Indiana have started back on foot. Experience has taught the greatest wisdom, and they pay dear for it.—Kinston Journal.

A Noble Gift.

At the recent meeting of the Orange Presbytery held at Weathersburg, N. C., a deed of nobility was performed. The Rev. J. M. Stovall was present, and he presented a noble gift to the presbytery, a fine pair of Spectacles, which he had purchased for the poor of the congregation.

A Runaway Caught.

A John Vanale, the notorious "work" man, who had been in the State Prison for some time, was caught by the sheriff of Orange county, and he was taken to the State Prison at Raleigh, N. C.

Railroad Washout.

The Air-Line road had a terrible washout, the other day. The cars were delayed for several days, and the passengers were very annoyed.

Good Financier.

Our most eminent North Carolina Commissioner gave a lecture on Tuesday last, at all the colleges, and he was very successful in his mission.

An Outrageous Affair.

A very gross outrage was perpetrated in the presence of the Female College of this county on Saturday night last. A young man of the name of [redacted] was arrested for a gross violation of the laws of the State.

Sawdust Made Valuable.

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A Convict Freed.

A correspondent of the Chapel Hill Ledger gives the following account of freeing a convict at work on the University Railroad:

On Tuesday one of the colored convicts who had been complaining of being sick, and was permitted by the authorities to be over without confinement, left the quarters about 12 o'clock in the night, and was not on duty, but was mending himself by fishing in a small stream near by, being apprised of his absence, started in pursuit of him, and when one of the guards named Lynch came up with him, he was found in a small boat, with his hands and feet full of rocks, the only weapons the guard had for his defence, he brought him down from his hiding place and conducted him safely into camp, much to the gratification and amusement of those who witnessed the scene.

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