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In another column is published the address recently issued by a large number of the leading colored Republicans of this state. The object of these leaders is to hold a State convention at Raleigh, on the 3rd of next month, and thoroughly organize the colored voters. They complain that they constitute the bulk of the Republican party in North Carolina (which is true) but do not get any of the offices from that party. They boldly declare that "the negro has as much right to hold office as the white man," and they are determined to exercise that right.

There is an old saying "Give an inch and take an ell," and some of the colored politicians having been given an office all the others now want one. But whether they get one or not, they will continue to vote solidly together just as their Bosses tell them. It matters not how much the colored Republicans may complain about their white leaders when election day comes they all meekly march up to the polls like "dumb driven cattle" and vote just as they are ordered by their bosses.

Quite a peculiar and amusing case is published in the last volume of the North Carolina Supreme Court Reports. It is an indictment against a man for "cruelty to animals"—for killing his neighbor's chickens which were in his garden scratching up his peas. The defendant was convicted before a justice of the peace, and on appeal to the superior court was convicted there, and on appeal to the Supreme Court his conviction was affirmed.

It seems foolish for a man to incur so much costs in fighting so frivolous a case, but we suppose his "blood was up" and that he was fighting mad. The opinion of the Supreme Court, delivered by Judge Clark, is quite a long and able one, as well as humorous. The court declares that a man has no more right to kill his neighbor's chickens which are scratching up his garden, than he has to kill his cattle that might be trespassing in his field. His only remedy is to impound them and get damage paid. That is, catch them (without hurting them) and keep them until the owner pays for whatever damage they may have done.

Durham was visited, on last Thursday, with one of the most destructive conflagrations that has ever occurred in this state. The property burned consisted chiefly of tobacco prize houses and their contents—over three million pounds of tobacco. The total value of the property destroyed was over a quarter million dollars. At one time, during the fire, it was feared that the mammoth Duke factory would be burned.

Notwithstanding this heavy loss Durham has too much enterprise to receive a set-back therefrom, and the burned buildings will no doubt be replaced by better ones.

The sudden and wonderful changes in the condition and lives of people are strikingly illustrated in the case of the celebrated Cuban girl, Miss Cisneros, whose recent escape created a sensation throughout the country. After being so long confined in a loathsome prison and in daily danger of death, or a worse fate, she is now living luxuriously at one of the finest hotels in the city of New York and is receiving as much attention as if she was a queen visiting this country. A grand reception was given in her honor, and the most distinguished men in New York were delighted to do her honor ago. And such is life!

The annual fair of the North Carolina Agricultural Society is now being held. It was opened on last Tuesday by Gov. Russell, and the exhibits are said to be numerous and very creditable. It is not the exhibits, however, that attract most persons to the fair. Many attend in order to meet friends and acquaintances, and many go there chiefly to see the side shows, which nowadays are considered the most attractive features of all agricultural (?) fairs.

The death of Charles A. Dana is a great loss to American journalism. For many years past he has been the greatest editor in the United States, and yet he was an editor who could not be held up as an exemplar. He was changeable, resentful, unrelenting in his animosities and prejudices. For thirty years he had been the editor of the New York Sun and so impressed his personality on his paper that it will be felt for years to come. He was 78 years old.

Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 1897.

"What have you got to do with Cuba, anyhow." That is the plain English of the courteously worded reply of the new Spanish ministry to Mr. McKinley's tentative mediation proposition, which was used to prevent Congress taking action at the last session that would have brought peace in Cuba long before now. Having had one cheek diplomatically slapped by Spain, it now remains to be seen whether Mr. McKinley will turn the other cheek for another slap of withdraw to them cavalierly by promptly recognizing the independence of Cuba, or even the belligerent rights of the Cubans. Present talk in administration circles indicates that at the other cheek will be turned to the Spaniards. The opinion is growing that Congress will have preempted Mr. McKinley's role the right to right by Cuba.

As though Mr. McKinley did not have enough troubles of his own, the two factions of Virginia republicans have stepped down upon him with the demand that he prepare their disputes.

After a series of false alarms covering a period of more than ten years, during which he has been eligible for retirement, it seems that Justice Field of the U. S. Supreme Court is going to retire sure enough this time. Attorney General McKenna is said to be slated for it, and a cabinet shake up is expected at the same time, when it is said may land Secretary Roosevelt in the Cabinet as secretary of the Navy and bring about other changes of more or less importance.

Attorney General Terrell, of Georgia, is now in Washington on business before the U. S. Supreme court. He says the Georgia legislature at its next session would have been marked the shooting of the negro postmaster at Lovejoy. He said: "A great injustice has been done to one of the best and most substantial people in our state. The report of the Post Office inspectors will bear out by the declaration that there was absolutely no evidence of any deep-seated purpose on the part of Postmaster Reed Hargrove to remove Lovejoy. The political aspect of the situation was entirely overlooked by the inspectors. As a matter of fact there was a conspiracy among the prominent citizens of the town, as some of the papers put it, and all such reports are unfounded aspersions upon the people. I know the citizens of Lovejoy and there is not a better community in any state in the Union. A whole town should not be made to suffer for the deed of one miscreant. The postoffice officers are anxious for the federal authorities to bring the guilty party to punishment, and every means of detection is being used to that end."

Mr. McKinley is almost in a state of panic on account of his private alliance with Chas. Boss Hanna with all his enemies has become alarmed at the influence exerted so many men who have heretofore been the most enthusiastic workers in every republican campaign, he fears the indifference will last until election day and that it will keep thousands of republicans away from the polls and he has communicated his fears to Mr. McKinley, who is now trying to devise some scheme to arouse a little enthusiasm among the Foraker republicans of Ohio. Ex-Congressman Boyd, of Ohio, who although a democrat is not taking any active part in the campaign because of his personal legal engagements, has been at Hot Springs Washington friends that the Ohio democrats have an excellent chance to win, if they can only succeed in getting out a full vote. He is confident that the republicans will stay at home, vote will break away up in the thousands, and is afraid that the same cause may largely reduce the democratic vote. He says he never saw such apathy among rural voters in a Ohio campaign as exists at this time.

Consul General Lee was in Washington this week preparing for his return to Cuba next week. He had a conference with Mr McKinley and several with Assistant Secretary Day, but did not meet Secretary Sherman at all. Still there are persons who object to the assertion that Mr Sherman has nothing whatever to do with the relations of this government with Spain and Cuba, calling it "preposterous" etc. It would be preposterous for a man who has been in Washington during the last six months, and kept his eyes open, to claim to believe that Mr. Sherman has had anything whatever to do with either Spanish or Cuban matters. The opinion is prevalent in Washington that Mr. Sherman will be froze out of the Cabinet before the first of the year. A personal friend of General Lee is authority for the statement that he will return to Virginia in the Spring and begin an active personal canvass for election to the U. S. Senate, to succeed Senator Martin.

The Dismal Swamp is now without water, save in Lake Drummond, it seems. Great fires are now raging deep down in the peat, of which it is mainly composed. Dead animals are seen in all directions.

At the Raleigh Baptist Tabernacle last Sunday night there was quite a sensation. Rev. Dr. Simms, the pastor, pitched into John Nichols, secretary of the State Fair, because the latter petitioned the aldermen to allow the bar rooms to remain open all night. The next thing to happen was that N. B. Broughton resigned as a member of the executive committee of the fair. He is superintendent of the Tabernacle Sunday school.

N. C. Cotton Mills.

[Raleigh Correspondent of Charlotte Observer.]

From advance sheets of the report of State Labor Commissioner J. Y. Hamrick, for the current year, some interesting facts are obtained. He says this State is one of the leading cotton manufacturing States of the Union and no other State in the Southern slave within 300,000 the number of spindles (save Georgia and South Carolina). The mills, one third of which run day and night, can spin more than the State's product. The aggregate horse-power is 35,500,000, capable of running 1,000,000 spindles. Wages of cotton mill operatives are never lower than those paid north and there are few laws regulating the hours of mill labor, which rest on the same basis as the laborer on the farm, in the forest and in the mine. The cotton mills are in 48 counties, and have 210,211 looms and 1,116,247 spindles besides 25 hosiery mills with 1,114 knitting machines, and two dyeing and finishing mills. In all these mills there are employed 26,775 persons, of whom 8,448 are men, 13,075 women and 5,363 children and daily is in use about 42,000 horse power.

The average wages paid cotton mill operatives (exclusive of superintendents, engineers, firemen and overseers) are $1.11 per day. Of the skilled 4,662 are women, 6,413 unskilled, 10 children, 31, the general average being 65 cents a day for men against 62 cents for 1896. Of the mills reporting 93.1 per cent say there is an increase in wages, 11.1 per cent a decrease and the remainder no change. 54 per cent charge nothing for house rent, while 16 per cent make no charge. The number of days average 11½. The mills reporting operation on an average for the year, 288 days. There appears to be no abundance of mill labor in the South. There is no antagonism between the employer and the employees. The employees are better satisfied than any other class. The labor troubles are being settled by the persons most interested and not by class favor legislation, for in answer to inquiry on this point only 5 per cent were in favor of legislation. There are no strikes, no favoritism, discrimination or unjust decision. Nearly four per cent of the mill operatives belong to religious societies. Four per cent are members of mill labor unions. Nearly all the mills have Sunday schools. The persons employed in mills who can read and write has increased from 60 per cent to 88 for the year.

There are newly constructed mills at Taylorsville, Concord, Cherryville, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Cherryville, Milledgeville, Spray, Maxton and Hunterville, seven in all. These were mills heretofore reported at Mt. Pleasant, Prosperity, Stanly, Randleman and Yadkin Falls. There are mills now in course of construction, or just completed, at Taylorsville, Stubbs, Fayetteville, Troy, Hillsboro, Rutherfordton, Albemarle and Henderson, 9 in all.

The Work of the Railroads.

From the New York World.

There are some very interesting facts shown in the annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

We have in this country 1,271 miles of railroad, 35,950 locomotives and 1,297,949 cars in use. There were 511,772,737 passengers carried during the year, of whom only 181 were killed, or only one in 2,827,174.

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As for the effect of railway operation in enriching all the rest of the people, bringing to their doors the products of a continent at considerable cost, and carrying their grain and meat and manufactures to the sea on their way to foreign markets—and that is a beneficence that cannot be expressed in figures or words. It is a crowning glory of civilization.

Asheboro Courier: There is much interest being taken in hunting gold in this county and Montgomery county. ——The Worth Store Co. has purchased 165 lbs of butter from a Mr Curtis in the last 4 months, all the product of one cow, besides furnishing in addition thereto butter for Mr. Curtis' entire family.

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T. B. Jones & Co. have been awarded the contract by the Southern Railway Company to build a railroad from Mocksville to Mooresville, N. C., a distance of 27½ miles.

Two negroes accused of arson were lynched Sunday night at Somerville, Georgia.

Address to Colored Voters.

Some of the colored Republican leaders in this State have issued an address, from which we copy the following:

"Feeling the necessity of more united action among colored Republicans of this State to enter that the original and great principles of the 'Grand Old Party' may not be lost sight of in these days of shifting parties and empty promises, we call upon all good Republicans to meet in convention at Raleigh, November 3, on account of the low registration. We estimate 125 delegates for the Republican party. We also appeal to colored men in every county in the State to see that the registration books are kept open every day, and that every opportunity is given to the voters. Work, and for God's sake, don't stay at home on election day. Every ballot counts. Let us show the white Democrats that we are not to be driven from the polls. Remember that we have a Democratic Governor to be elected in 1900, and that we have a Democratic Legislature to elect a United States Senator in 1901. Remember that we have a Democratic President and Democratic Congress. White and Democratic men have combined without distinction of color, and such men should be counted against us. The last census of 1890 rated the white and colored population of North Carolina as nearly equal. Therefore the colored people have a right to demand their share of the offices. We have been left out in the cold long enough. Let us get together and stand. We have a plan for a league organization ready to lend."

Convicts Create Setting.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 18.—Warden E. S. Wright of the Riverside penitentiary, has discovered that a number of the convicts employed in the institution have been manufacturing counterfeit 50 cent pieces.

There were shipped from Moore on last Monday, by rail, says the Southern Lumberman, 125 boxes or more than nine hundred feet, mostly mackerel. They were caught on Beaufort Saturday afternoon, and was one of the largest catches ever made there.

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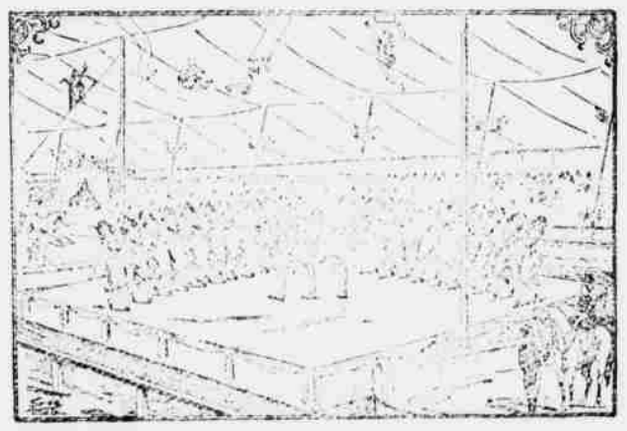

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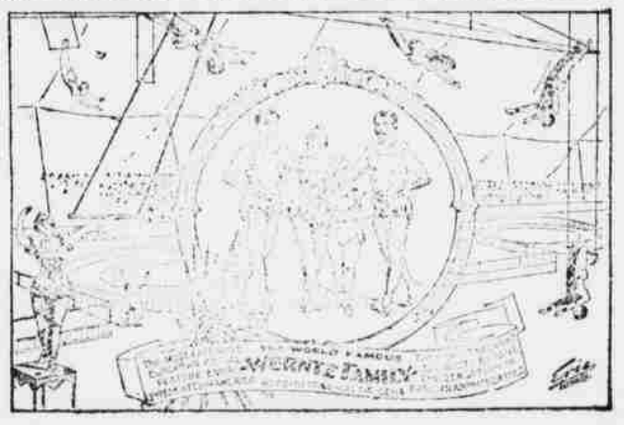

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