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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1889.

The Railway Age says that North Carolina has led the United States in the number of miles built this year.

Dr. Von DUBURG has reported a case in which tuberculosis was transmitted by the ear-rings of a girl who died of consumption to another girl. Shortly after the second girl commenced to wear the ear-rings an ulcer containing tubercle bacilli formed on her left ear, and she subsequently developed pulmonary consumption.—Call.

The Scotland Neck Democrat celebrated its 5th birthday on Thursday last. It has changed hands several times during its five years of publication but has never failed to be issued on time. It is a bright strong Democratic paper and we wish Bro. Hilliard, and his valuable paper unbounded success.

The question of Woman's Suffrage is still agitating the minds of the people, good arguments have been adduced for and against it. We doubt not that some of the fair sex would cast intelligent votes, but many would vote as their husbands do, giving no thought, whatever, to the political issue. The time may come when a woman will have the right to cast a vote, but it is yet, a far off.

The Virginia election is over, and Billie Mahone has been interested in a political grave from which his dishonest form will never rise again before the good people of the Old Dominion. The majority for the Democratic nominee, McKinney, is placed at 25,900.

The next Legislature will be largely Democratic.

It is thought that New York has gone Democratic by 15,000. Massachusetts, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska are yet to be heard from. Cook county which takes in Chicago, Ill., has gone Democratic.

THURSDAY the 28th, inst., has been set apart by the President of the United States as "Thanksgiving Day," on which the people of this great land are to offer to God thanks for their creation, preservation and prosperity.

We hope our people, who have every reason to be thankful, will celebrate that day in the most consecrated manner. No people under the canopy of heaven have a greater cause to be thankful than we. We are blessed with every earthly good, we are not visited by floods, drought or famine, neither are we subjected to those fatal diseases, yellow fever and small-pox, withal this is one of the most God-favored spots on earth. On that day all business should be suspended and the day spent in prayer and thanksgiving.

We have referred to the condition of our jail several times and are now almost afraid to mention it, for fear some of our citizens will take us up, by saying "it is good enough," nevertheless, we feel it our duty, since the old frame has been condemned by the Grand Jury, to impress upon our worthy Authorities the importance of a substantial building to be used as a prison.

We find that the old building has but one room that can be used in safety for the least of criminals. The other three rooms we find utterly unsafe, even to confine a petty criminal in. During court week there were nine men crowded into this one room, had they made an attempt to escape it would have only been the work of a few minutes for them to have knocked a hole through the rotten wall.

The view we take of the matter is this: If a man is tried, convicted and sent to prison, that prison should be sufficient to warrant his safety without having to place a guard over it, as in this case.

Should any of the prisoners now in jail, of which there are charged with murder, escape, the Commissioners would be held responsible for them. Therefore we say, though the county is in debt, she should have a safe place to confine her criminals.

TWELVE of the Lexington lynchings who were held for trial before Judge Philips, have been bound over under bonds of from one to five thousand dollars, for the action of the next Grand Jury. The other prisoners were discharged.

The Chatham Record has the following to say, which we heartily approve:

"All good citizens will approve the efforts made to bring these lynchings to justice, and it is hoped that such an example will be

made of them as will deter other men from following their example. This business of lynching has gone too far, and unless stopped will result in the total subversion of all law. Of course no one expects that any of these Lexington lynchings will be hanged, although they are as much murderers as the man they lynched, yet their imprisonment in the penitentiary would have a most salutary effect all over the State and very speedily put a stop to the spirit of mob law that now threatens the safety of society. This is the first attempt ever made in this State to punish lynchings, and deserves the approval of all law-abiding citizens. And, because no effort has heretofore been made to punish such violations of the law, the murder of suspected parties by lynchings has become more common in North Carolina than it has ever been even in the wilds of the frontiers. Let the entire press of the State unite in a demand for the severe punishment of these men, and let it be understood that the law recognizes no difference in the matter of cold-blooded murder, and our word for it, the crime of lynching in the North Carolina will soon be a thing of the past."

THE SOUTH'S MANIFEST DESTINY.

Manufacturers' Record. The whole world seems to be making a great advance movement in every line of industry. No one can study the signs of the times without being impressed with this fact, and without realizing that we are entering upon a period which gives promise of greater and more wide-reaching movements in the world's commercial and manufacturing interests than has ever been seen before. It is not in this country alone that there is almost unprecedented activity in business interests. The work-shops of Europe are crowded and many of the long-Idle plants of Great Britain are running night and day to meet the demand for iron and steel. And wherever we look there are indications of development and advancement and of gigantic enterprises that are destined to change many of the currents of the world's commerce. In this country we see almost every furnace that can ever blow in, actively at work, while rolling mills, steel rail mills and kindred enterprises are all equally as busy, and yet the consumptive demands are gradually gaining on production and causing a decrease in stocks on hand. Great enterprises, from the building of the Nicaragua canal; the construction of new railroads into rich mineral sections, the development of which means almost as great a revolution in steel making as the development of Alabama's iron interest made in iron production; the building of new ports on the Gulf that will turn the traffic of the rich populous West from its present channels, and pour a vast business, scarcely dreamed of now, through these new southern ports; the great activity in iron and steel ship-building, fully taxing to its utmost every ship-yard in the country; the certainty of closer commercial relations—and consequently a larger share of their trade—with the rich countries of Central and South America, are some of the movements that are now making themselves felt in all the varied ramifications of the business interests of this country. Just at this period, which is to mark a distinctive era in the history of the human race—an era of advancement and progress for the peoples of all nations—the South is the center of attraction. It has demonstrated that it has the advantages needed to make it the center of iron and steel production of the whole world, and that nation or that section of any nation which possesses supremacy in the production of iron and steel and in their conversion to final forms for use, will dominate and control the commerce of the world. It produces three-fourths of the cotton of the world, and it is inevitable that the South which grows the cotton is destined to spin and weave it; it has the most abundant supply and the greatest variety of timber to be found in the United States, and must become the center of wood-working interests; it has the advantage of the best climate on this continent, and of agricultural advantages, which, taken as a whole, are not equalled in productive possibilities under wise agricultural methods by any similar area elsewhere; it has a long stretch of seacoast and many rivers, enabling its products to reach the consuming markets of the world at the minimum of cost. To the fullest utilization of these advantages the South is now bending every energy, and it enters upon this at a time when the condition of the world's business interests are most favorable for making the South the controlling factor in the great advance movement. No man can picture the commanding influence of the South in the world's industrial and commercial interests ten years hence.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

Young men, you are the architects of your own fortunes; rely upon your own strength of body and soul, take for your star self-reliance, faith, honesty and industry. Inscribe on your banner, "Luck is a God." "Pluck is a hero." Don't take too much advice, keep at your helm and steer your own course, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Don't practice too much humility, think well of yourself, strike out, assume your own position. Put potatoes in your cart over a rough road, and small ones go to the bottom; rise above the envious and jealous. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination with the right motive are the levers that move the world. Don't drink, don't cheat, don't smoke, don't swear, don't deceive, don't read trashy novels. Don't marry until you can support a wife. Be in earnest, be self-reliant, be generous, be civil. Read the papers, advertise your business. Make money and do good with it. Love your God and fellow-men. Love truth and virtue. Love your country and obey its laws. If this advice be implicitly followed by the young men of the country, the millennium is near at hand.—Noah Porter.

YOUTH AND OLD AGE.

A writer who is a good observer, and has had considerable experience, thus defines the difference between the old and young: There is, he says, a wide gulf between youth and ripe old age, hence the proverb, "You can't put an old head on young shoulders." This proverb was written by an old man; youth had nothing to do with it. Youth can't believe the old man knows anything, and the old man expects continually that the young man will be along saying, "I didn't know it was loaded." The wise young man will seek the counsel of those ripe in years and experience and avoid the mistakes in life. But Young America will continue to figure in the divorce courts, and compound his debts at ten cents on the dollar. He don't want to be told that it is loaded. He prefers to find out himself. He gets there, and pays the piper gamely.—Christian Advocate.

OUR CRESWELL LETTER.

CRESWELL, N. C., Oct. 28, '89.

Editor ROANOKE BEACON:

Some months ago Mr. W. A. Spruill sold a large lot of fine timber near here, to a firm in Virginia. Said firm has engaged Messrs. Addington and Rawls to cut said lumber, and put it in Scuppernon river. They have an elegant iron track laid from the woods to the river. Mr. Addington and wife are boarding at the Tarkinton House, and Mr. Rawls and wife at Capt. A. L. Cahoon's. Both gentlemen and their wives are very clever excellent people, and make quite an addition to the society of our place.

We notice Mr. Edmund Alexander, of Washington, N. C., in our town on Saturday last, enroute for Columbia, to attend Court this week.

Mr. J. L. Phelps, (son of L. M. Phelps, deceased), of our place is now absent, attending the Edenton Fair, he being one of the Marshalls there.

Rev. R. B. Collier, of Columbia, lost a son last Friday. The same was buried at Mt. Pleasant church near here on Saturday. Mr. Mathias Owens, who has been clerking for Mr. A. G. Walker a long time, left about a week ago to go into the Commission business in Baltimore with his brother, E. A. Owens. Style of firm, Mathias Owens & Co. We wish him much success in his new enterprise.

More anon, X Y Z.

EIFFEL'S TOWER SURPASSED.

N. Y. Sun.

W. L. Judson, the inventor of a pneumatic street railway system which bears his name, has designed a tower for the world's Fair, which, on paper, is superior to the invention of Mr. Eiffel as to be practically an original conception.

It is to be 400 feet in diameter at the base, and 1,000 feet high. Two spiral incines, one for vehicles, and the other for a tramway, will wind around the outside with an 8 per cent. grade. A drive up the incline for vehicles of about 1,200 feet; or once around the tower, will bring directly over the point of starting, but 100 feet higher. Tram cars will be operated and by almost any cable system the top could be reached in twenty minutes, as is designed, running a half minute less way.

In place thereof, of being shut up in a dark elevator shaft as in the Eiffel tower, those who mount the American improvement will ascend by slow and easy stages, as if going up a mountain, the view around them expanding until at the top, 175 miles of land and water will be visible on a clear day. Tourists can either leisurely ascend on foot, on the tram car or in a private car, rigo.

The cost of the proposed structure, the chief material of which as of the Eiffel Tower, would be iron, is estimated at \$2,500,000; a sum which a revenue anything like a \$100,000 a day would liquidate long before the world's Fair was half over.

KICKERS.

St. Peter sits by the heavenly gates his hands on the strings of a lyre, and he sings a low song as he patiently waits for the souls of those who expire. He hears in the distance the chorus of song that swells from the foot of the heavenly throne, and he smiles as the music is wafted along, and warbles a lay of his own. "There is room in this region for millions of souls, who by sorrow and we were bereft; 'tis for those who have suffered the melody rolls, but the kickers must turn to the left! There is room for people who when they were young persisted in sowing wild oats, yet who boomed up their town with sinew and tongue, but the kickers must go with the goats! There is room for the people who pointed with pride to the beauty and growth of their town, who kept singing aloud its praises till they died, but the kickers will please arise down! They'd say that the music was all out of tune, and the angelic robes 'hand-me-downs,' and they'd send a jeweler to the moon to sample the gold in their crowns. So while there is room for millions of souls, who by sorrow and we were bereft, we want no complaint of the music that rolls, so the kickers must turn to the left!"—Ex.

He Would Have His Beef Tails.

A shepherd dog belonging to a citizen of Kittington recently developed a strange passion for the tails of beeves killed by a butcher living in the vicinity. The dog would take the tails as the butcher cut them from the hides, carry them home, and pile them nicely in a corner of the barnyard. He did not eat the tails but simply seemed to be making a collection of them. The pile of cow tails and ox tails finally got to be so large and such a nuisance that the dog's owner had them removed from the premises and buried. The dog was away at the time, but soon returned with another tail. When he discovered that his treasured collection had been stolen he howled dismally, and hunted all over the premises in a frantic manner for the missing property.

Knowing that the dog would soon collect another pile of the offensive tails, his owner requested the butcher and all other butchers not to let the dog have any more. The dog seemed disconsolate for a day or so. But one day his owner heard a great bawling and agonized bleating in a pen of calves near his barn. Running to the spot he found that his dog had chewed the tails off of two calves, and was busily engaged in separating the tail of a third calf when his master arrived on the scene. The dog was bound to have his collection of tails in some way, so he was at once taken in hand and tied up. Whatever gave him the craze for beef tails no one, of course, can understand.—N. Y. Sun.

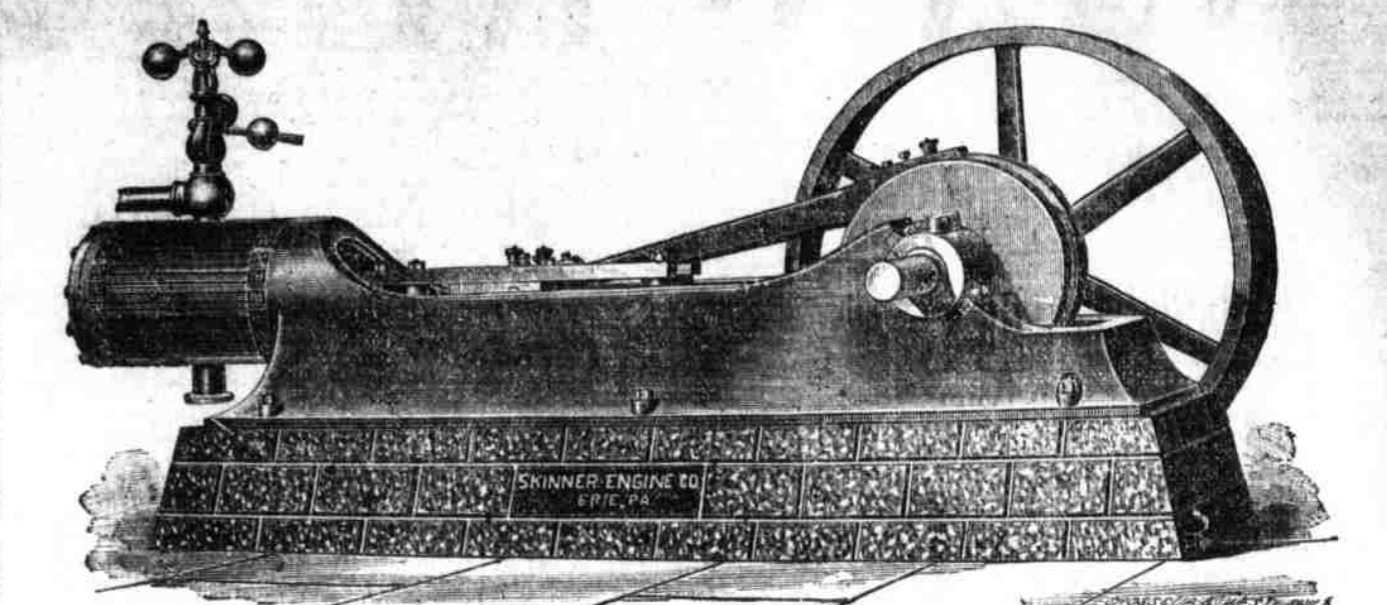
A Bird burglar.

A farmer recently discovered in his barn a bird's nest containing a pair of young swallows, says the Chicago Mail. On taking one young bird up in his hand he was astonished to see its leg very thoroughly bandaged with horsehair. Having carefully removed the hairs, one by one, he was still more astonished to find the poor nestling's leg was broken. Returning to look at the patient again next day, the leg was found bandaged as before. The next was not again interfered with for a fortnight, when it was found that the hairs were being cautiously removed, a few each day, and when all were off the callous was distinctly felt, at the union of the bone and the bird was evidently able to fly with the others.

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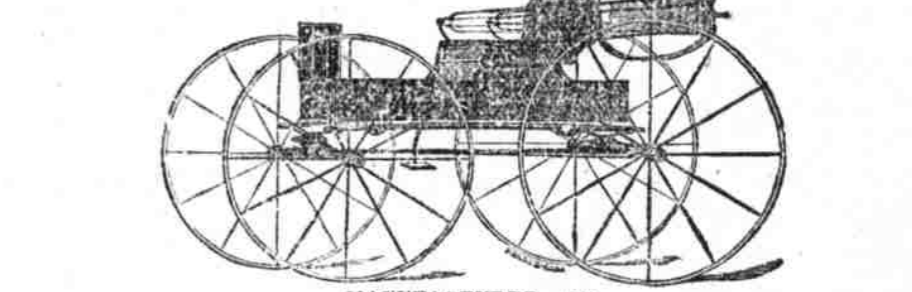
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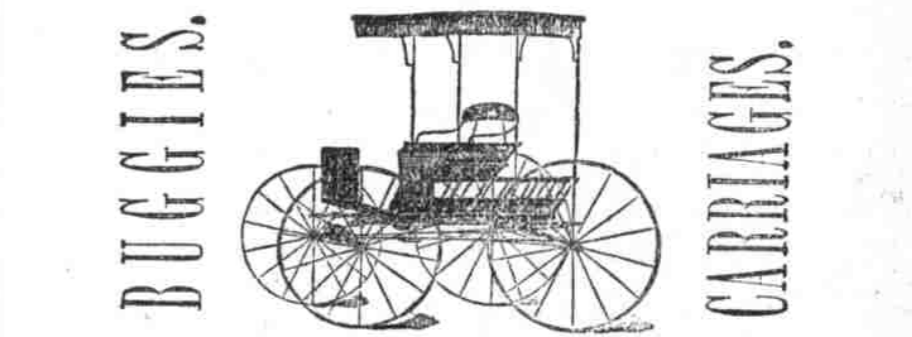
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