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A terrible wreck occurred two miles west of Statesville last Thursday morning at 2 o'clock. The West bound passenger train of the W. N. C. rail-road while crossing the bridge over Third Creek jumped the track and fell into the water 60 feet below. The train was composed of six coaches, one of which was a sleeper and another the private car of Superintendent Bridges. The 85 passengers were sleeping quietly when the engine plunged into the creek pulling every coach with it, George Bowley, of Atlanta, and two or three others walked back to Statesville and gave the first account of the frightful wreck. Carriages were soon hauling the dead and wounded to town while the citizens were tearing away the torn up coaches in search of bodies. Twenty-four dead bodies were laid side by side in the Farmer's warehouse by noon Thursday and since then five of the wounded have died.

Mr. Bennehan Cameron saved the lives of seven by keeping them from drowning. State Auditor Sanderlin was among the number and was injured. Miss Lullen Pool held the head of her wounded mother out of the water till her strength gave way and she had to leave her mother to drown.

We have received a letter from H. B. Battle, Director of the N. C. Experiment Station, relative to the usefulness of the U. S. Weather Bureau. This Bureau was last July transferred to the Agricultural Department of the Government and Mark W Harrington appointed chief of the Bureau. The Agricultural Department of N. C. has cooperated with the U. S. Weather Bureau and are anxious for the operation of the people of the State that they may make the work profitable to the farmers. Bulletins of the condition of growing crops gathered from all parts of the State will be mailed to parties desiring such aid. fifty new display stations will be added where the forecasts of the weather for the next 24 hours will be sent from Washington by telegraph and displayed by colored flags at the station.

We hope that Boone will be made a display station soon.

The most delightful season of the year is approaching. A great many summer visitors leave too early. They should by all means stay through September and October. We learn that a number have left Blowing Rock while a few are coming in. The Messenger says that eventeen grown people, several having families with them, visited Blowing Rock from Wilmington alone. We are proud of the reputation that Blowing Rock is making as a summer resort. Thousands of dollars are left in the county by visitors, which go to our people for supplies.

Men are what their mothers make them.

Many of our people seem to forget that good roads and good schools are the most important affairs of a public nature, that demands our constant attention. Are the people of Watauga awake on these important matters? We have men who obstruct in every way possible the improvement of public roads, and it has become so that the road hands shirk the work when it is possible for them to escape, using every device and plan to escape. When they are warned to work the public roads, many of them sit on logs and fences and do very little work, and the few who are willing, have the whole burden to bear. Is it right for them to do so? We have some men who are interested in good roads and do good, honest work to keep them up. Is it right for others to shirk their duty? If all hands would do honest days work on the roads they would soon have them in good condition.

How is it about the public schools? Numbers of parents who have houses full of children fail to send them to the public schools. Some parents, at the committing others do not like the teacher, while others from pure indifference fail to send to school. This is morally wrong. In this way the children are cheated out of their rights and allowed to grow up in ignorance, while a proper application by the parents of the public schools, coupled with the responsibility to the children, this gross neglect would be corrected to a great extent. Will not parents in the future do better in this respect. Send the little ones to school every chance you have and do the best for them you can then your responsibility ends, but not till then. Would not your conscience be at ease if you could say, honestly, that you had done the best you could for your children? Wake up, and make the free schools do all they can for your children. Send them all to school this fall and winter, and prepare to do so now.

How Much Do You Read Your Bible?

It is a deplorable fact that christians as a rule neglect the reading of the Bible. It cannot be for the want of time. There is no one that but can spare a few minutes every night in the study of the Bible. It should not be for the want of interest in the Book. It is the christians guide book and points out to him the way to his final home. If there is one book that should be read and studied that book is the Bible. Intelligent reading of the Holy Word is the christians daily duty. People should never forget their duty in this respect. There are many church members who seldom look inside of the book on which they rest their hope of a better land. The Bible is not like a newspaper. It must be read while one is in the spirit. The Bible Reader suggests the following preparation for the proper reading of the Bible: Find a quiet place and get on your knees. Be still. Be still until every worldy thought takes wings. Then ask God to put your heart in tune. Wait until you are conscious of the answer. Then read, and every word that you read will awaken a response in some heart chord—the heart answering to the voice of the Lord.

Gen. L. L. Polk, President of the National alliance, is the most feted about man in the country or else he is a wooll in sheeps clothing. The Col. in his speeches over the country on alliance gatherings has been accused of indirectly favoring the third party by the papers while he declares the alliance is not in favor of the party and will not adopt it unless forced to by the old parties by proclaiming that the third party was not considered at the Ocala meeting. Now unless Col Polk is a liar and that delegation to the Ocala will come out in favor of the third party. There is nothing to fear in this State. A prominent alliancemen not a hundred miles from this place recently said "I don't want to see the third party but I believe in alliance principles." If this be true must not the third party have been dandy in the old North State.

The *State Chronicle* gives three good reasons for not having a third party.

1st. Particular pressure of state government.

2nd. Go into a minority party that can hope to accomplish nothing.

3rd. Worst of all, to surrender to the Republican party complete control of the Federal government for an indefinite period.

Mr. C. F. McKesson has gone to Taylorsville to deliver his lecture on "The Poets and Poetry of the Bible." After the lecture Will Bugle will present him with a boquet and a copy of the celebrated "Bug-a-boo" poem of Jim. Breedless, of Watauga.—Herald.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Frost in the Northwest last week did considerable damage to the growing wheat crops.

The Park Place building in New York fell in on account of the heavy machinery on the upper floors. There were up to date, 62 dead bodies found.

It is estimated that the damage done by the cyclone to the Island Martigne (belonging to the French) was one million dollars, and 278 persons lost their lives.

While bathing near Birmingham, Ala., two sisters Miss Sallie and Claudia Mosson were drowned. Neither could swim and they died in each others arms.

The Georgia House of Representatives refused by a vote of 94 to 62 to accept the Confederate Home which was gotten up by private subscription and cost $50,000.

At the Farmer's and Labor's Union Convention of Mo. held at Pertle Springs, President U. S. Hall in his address attacked the sub-Treasury Bill and the third party.

The civil war in Chili is still going on. The force of Balmaceda, the President, were defeated by the Congressionalists who took possession of Valparaiso. It is thought that the Congressionalists will be the victors.

It is reported that the alliance is after the scalps of Senators Butler, of S. C. and Morgan, of Ala. Senator Butler will not sit down however and let his opponents defeat him without having something to do. Both Senators are prominent democrats and if defeated will be greatly missed in Congress.

STATE NEWS.

New cotton is coming into market.

Gov. Holt moved into the executive mansion the 1st.

Iredell county celebrated Bicentennial last week.

There are forty-two brandy distilleries in Iredell county.

The University and Wake Forest College opened Wednesday.

Thirty counties will have exhibits at Raleigh during the Exposition.

Asheville has gone wild over the advance of street car fare from five cents to ten cents.

A fisherman on the coast caught five hundred fish at one draw that brought him $47.50.

"The wicked doth abscond when no man pursueth." Iredell Special. So righteous scamps hate the Reds.—*Star.*

Rev. R. G. Pearson and wife of Asheville, will sail from New York the 5th for Europe to be gone a year.

The R. & D. rail-road have moved their freight and passenger agents headquarters from Raleigh to Charlotte.

A negro went to Charlotte last week and bought a coffin for his brother and drished out his load with watermelons.

T. B. Kingsbury, editor of the Wilmington *Messenger*, is 62 years old and has been connected with 22 papers during his life.

Will Wynne, the bicycle rider, who left Raleigh a few days ago, has arrived in Boston, making the trip in ten days and a half.

Five citizens of Charlotte got into a row a few days ago over a fifteen cent water melon, and it cost them eleven dollars to get out of it.

E. G. Harrell wants to get a party of fifty teachers to go on a two weeks trip during the Christmas holidays to Cuba. All expenses $75.

The weather bulletin gives the condition of the growing crops as follows: Cotton 75 per. cent.; corn 86 per. cent.; tobacco 84 per. cent.

The State Board of Public charities has laid the matter of a reformatory for young offenders before Gov. Holt, who will recommend it to the Legislature.

The Gastonia *Gazette* says that a leather drummer from Baltimore almost died for the want of breath when he was shown the magnitude of the Gastonia tannery.

The youngest convict in the State was taken to Raleigh a few days ago from Orange county. He is only thirteen years of age, and was sent up seven years for highway robbery.

The national party of the Cherochee met at Asheville a few days since and nominated N. J. Smith for chief and John Lah-quitt for assistant. The election comes off to-day. They vote by ballot. The majority rule.

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NOTICE

North Carolina, Watauga county. Superior court. Bell Williams vs. Angeline Williams. Suit for divorce. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that a cause of action exist in favor of the plaintiff, and against the defendant, and it also appearing by the affidavit of the plaintiff that the defendant is a non-resident of this State. So that the ordinary process of the court cannot be served upon her. It is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made in the Watauga Democrat, for six successive weeks, commanding the defendant, Angelina Williams to appear at the next term of the Superior court, to be held for the County of Watauga, on the 12th day of October, 1891, and plead answer or demurr to the complaint of the plaintiff to be filed in this office or the plaintiff will be granted the relief prayed for in his complaint. September 2nd, 1891. Jos. B. Todd C. S. C.
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